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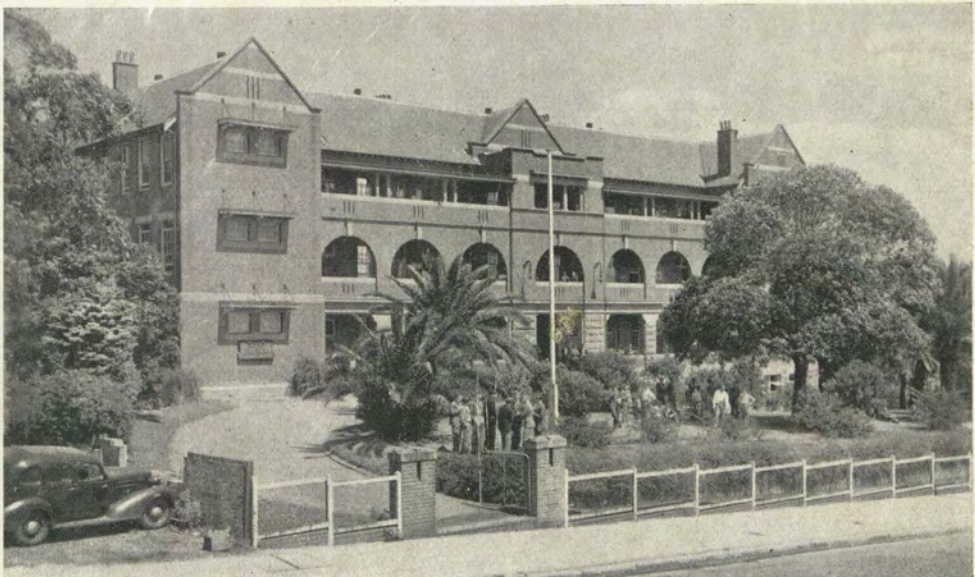
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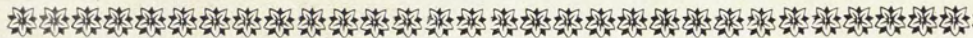
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Kilgour: Mr. Dasey.
Mearns: Mr. Cunningham.
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Editorial



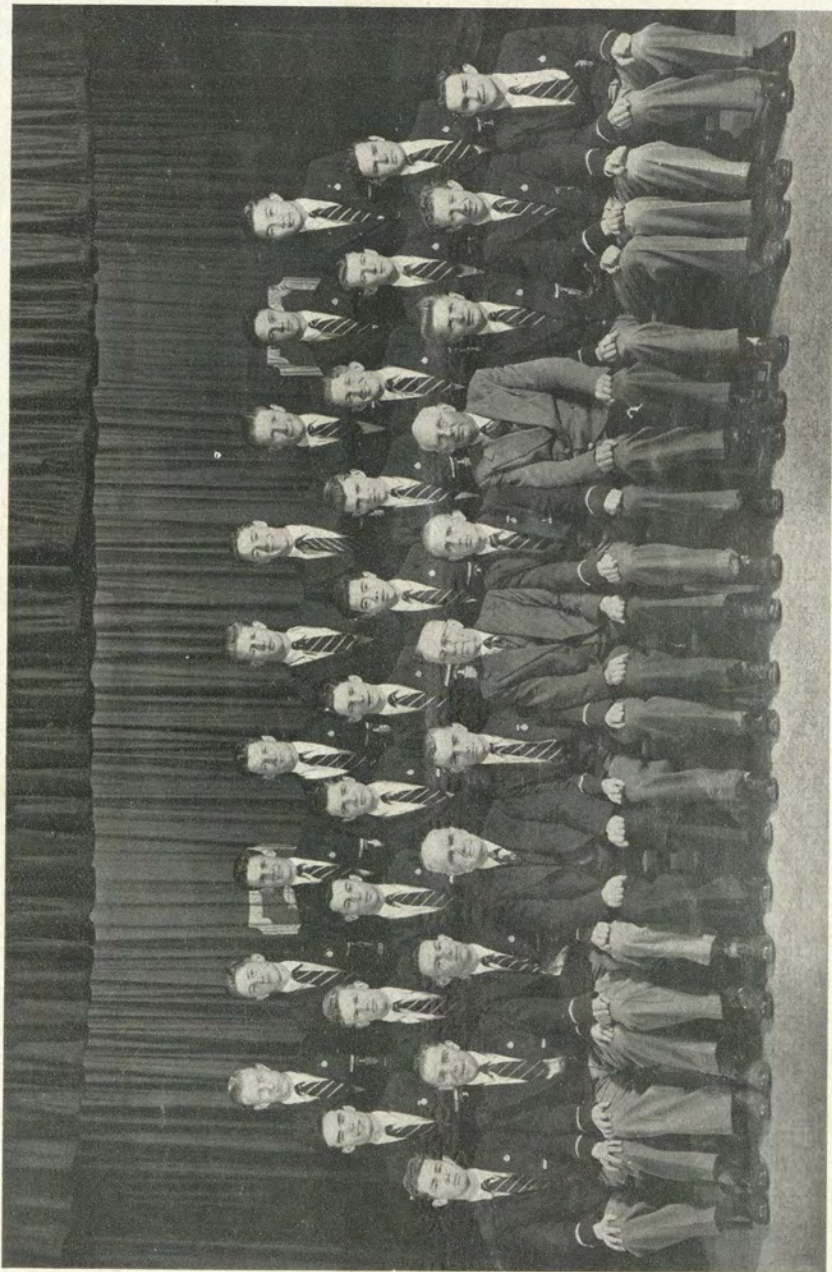
“Faber est suae quisque fortunae”
Every man is the maker of his own fortune.

It is as true to-day as it was two thousand years ago that there is no royal road to learning. Hard, constant and conscientious work is necessary in any field. With the will to work must go other qualities: love of truth, consideration for others, a kindly tolerance for beliefs and opinions contrary to our own, a spirit of co-operation, a feeling of unity with other members of the class, the school, the community.

Fort Street stands for scholarship and culture, for true sportsmanship — the ability to take victory with modesty and defeat with a smile so that the words of Mr. F. Bridges at the 1899 Jubilee Celebrations ring forth again with an ever-present challenge—

“The pupils of the present and the pupils of the future, recognising that boys who have passed through Fort Street School in the past have been distinguished by treading in the paths of honour, manliness and truth, will say in spirit, if not in words, ‘you have bequeathed unto us a legacy of fame, we would rather die than shame.’ ”





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Examination Results, 1951

1.—LEAVING CERTIFICATE

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| 1. English | 9. Modern History |
| 2. Latin | 12. Chemistry |
| 3. French | 13. Physics |
| 4. German | 17. Geography |
| 5. Maths. I. | 18. Economics |
| 6. Maths. II. | 31. Chinese |
| 7. General Maths | 33. Japanese |
| 8. Applied Mths. | |

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 COOKE, I. D.: 1B, 2B, 3A(o), 4B(o), 7B, 13A.
 COOLEY, K. R.: 1B, 9B, 13B, 18B.
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 PICKERING, W. N.: 1B, 3A(o), 5B, 6B.
 PIKE, B. J.: 5B, 6B, 12A, 18B.
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 SMALL, E.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 13B, 18A.
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University Bursaries:

G. W. Garnet, L. Seiffert.

University Exhibitions:

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Winners of Special Prizes*The Killen Memorial Prize for Dux of the School:* Leslie Seiffert.*Lodge Fortian Prize for Proficiency:* (Senior) Michael Newman; (Junior) Philip S. Bennett.*Sender Memorial Prize for Scholar displaying the finest spirit in Sport, Studies and General School Activities:* Alec Mercer.*The Headmaster's Prize for School Service:* Peter Casimir.*John Hunter Prize for best Student entering Faculty of Medicine:* Brian Field.*Verco Prize for Mathematics:* Grahame W. Garnet.*Frederick Bridges Memorial Prize for French:* Warwick R. Rourke.*Charles N. Harrison Memorial Prize for English:* Leslie Seiffert.*John Hills Memorial Prize for Fourth Year Scholar displaying outstanding qualities:* Barry Phillips.*Taylor Memorial Prize for Geography:* Brian M. Petrie.*Bertram Stevens Prize for Economics:* (Senior) David J. Fraser, (Junior) Warwick Kent.*Herbert Percival Williams Shakespearean Prize:* John Taggart.*Baxendale Memorial Prizes for English:* 5th Year, Leslie Seiffert; 4th Year, Warwick Kent; 3rd Year, John Newsom, Maurice White, aeq.; 2nd Year, David Tow; 1st Year, Robert Barnes.*Johnson Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship:* (Senior) Peter Casimir; (Junior) Ron Stacey.*Raymond Sly Memorial Prize for Music:* Ian McLeod.*Evatt Memorial Prize:* Sherrington Bohman.
Prize for Leadership and Service in School Cadets: Peter Williams.**SUBJECT PRIZES****First Year***Dux:* Robert Li*2nd:* Grahame Fell*English:* Robert Barnes*Latin:* Grahame Fell*French:* Grahame Fell*Maths. I:* Grahame Fell*Maths. II:* Robert Li*El. Science:* Robert Li*Social Studies:* Robert Li**Second Year***Dux:* David Tow*2nd:* Aubrey Egan*English:* David Tow*Latin:* Aubrey Egan*French:* Aubrey Egan*German:* Aubrey Egan*Japanese:* Graham Ogden*Maths. I:* David Tow*Maths. II:* John McEnally*El. Science:* John McEnally*History:* Kerry Campbell*Geography:* William Broadbridge*Business Principles:* Thomas Atterton*Social Studies:* David Tow**Third Year***Dux:* Philip Bennett*2nd:* Philip Southwell*English:* John Newsom, Maurice White, aeq.*Latin:* Geoffrey Chapman.*French:* Philip Bennett*German:* Philip Bennett*Japanese:* John Geldard*Social Studies:* John Newsom*Maths. I:* William Westwood*Maths. II:* William Westwood*El. Science:* Leonard Ross*Business Principles:* Brian Norris*Geography:* Charles R. Hayes*History:* Robert E. Crough**Fourth Year***English:* Warwick Kent*Latin:* Robert Easton*French:* John Brodie*Dux:* Alan Potter, John Yu, aeq.*Japanese:* David Johnston*Maths. I:* Barry Welland*Maths. II:* Paul Wassall*General Maths.:* Frederick Peisah*Chemistry:* John Yu*Physics:* Alan Potter*History:* Warwick Kent*Economics:* Warwick Kent*Geography:* Alfred Matthews

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Soon the boys of Fifth Year will be leaving Fort Street and commencing a new life elsewhere. For a few it will be a happy occasion, but most, I think, will go regretfully because it will mean the termination of their years at this school and the end of many warm friendships. Not only this but it will mean the beginning of a career in which work will be harder, the hours longer, the responsibility greater, the holidays fewer.



BARRY PHILLIPS

The greatest factor in our favour will be that we shall have spent a number of years at a school which has an unequalled reputation for the excellent character and ability of its pupils. This reputation has been established over a long period of time, one hundred and three years, by men who have reached the very pinnacle of success and achieved renown in their professions; but, above all, it has been achieved by the greater number of Fortians who have been successful to a lesser degree in their careers but who are respected as men of high moral calibre.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAIN

It is with much regret that I leave Fort Street after five most enjoyable years at this great school of ours.

As the last year quickly passes, one begins to realize that one's enjoyment has been derived from striving, with other members of the school, to uphold the traditions of Fort Street in activities such as Speech Day, Play Day and in the furthering of our sporting achievements. These traditions, I am sure, will be carried on admirably by the pupils

I would like you to ask yourselves whether, by your actions and your work, you are really fit to be deemed a Fortian? My reason for this question is that if everyone were to take a fair share in the school's sport and other activities, instead of a section as is now the case, the school would have no fears for its future.

It is now our sad duty to say good-bye to the Headmaster, Mr. Mearns and to the Deputy Headmaster, Mr. Austin. Both these gentlemen, during the last eight years, have been guiding the school which has benefited greatly from their untiring work and wide experience. Many boys, including a large number of this year's Fifth Year, have been helped considerably by their advice and criticism.

The boys of the school extend to Mr. Mearns and Mr. Austin the wish that they will enjoy good health and a happy retirement.

I wish to thank the staff and especially Mr. Farlow and Mr. Bohman for their advice and help during the last year.

I would like to thank Alan Wyatt and the Prefects for their loyal and devoted service during the last eleven months. I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with you and I think that we have achieved something worthwhile during our time.

Very soon a group of Fourth Year boys will be chosen to lead the school next year. This year's Prefects extend to this group, as yet unchosen, their best wishes for a pleasant and successful term of office.

My thanks are also extended to the members of Second Grade Football, a team which did not have a very successful season, but was a great crowd to know, for they taught me practically all I know about Rugby Union. I hope that all the players from Fourth Year in the team rise to Firsts next year and I hope especially that a certain breakaway gains C.H.S. selection.

My advice to the school is to remember at all times the school motto, because it is by your own hard work and study and not by somebody else's that you will gain success. If you prosper, the school will prosper also, but if you do not, Fort Street will not continue to be the leading High School.

"Faber est quisque suae fortunae."

—BARRY DOUGLAS PHILLIPS,
Captain, 1952.

yet to enter this school. The scholastic results and the sporting records achieved by past Fortians echo a challenge to present Fortians that "records can be beaten still."

Therefore, my advice to all Fortians is to strive earnestly to uphold the dignity and integrity of the school, and in so doing, "at all times and in all places to maintain the honour of my school; for what I am the school will be."

—ALAN WYATT.

N. R. MEARNs, B.A., 1945-52.



N. R. MEARNs, B.A.

At the conclusion of this year another of Fort Street's famous headmasters will retire from service in the Department of Education.

After becoming a pupil-teacher in 1905, Mr. Mearns graduated his B.A. in 1914, then, in 1915, he enlisted in the 20th Battalion of the A.I.F.

During the First World War our Headmaster was twice wounded and was mentioned three times in despatches.

On returning to Australia he taught successfully and was Headmaster at various schools throughout the State, until in 1945 he came to Fort Street.

Among the many improvements he has made to our School are the formation of a Parents and Citizens' Association, which has worked enthusiastically for the welfare of the School; having the rear playground levelled, with provision made for a rifle-range and gymnasium, and the restoration of the tuckshop, which action has been greatly appreciated by the boys.

Thanks to Mr. Mearns' efforts, new equipment has been provided and the School is now undergoing a complete renovation.

The State's number one headmaster was noted for the efficient way in which he conducted the School's Centenary Celebrations, but perhaps the most outstanding feature of his term of office as Headmaster is the way in which he trusted the pupils and addressed them as "gentlemen."

Mr. Mearns has maintained the high standard and academic reputation of the School, and has given the boys a training in citizenship that will stand by them in future years.

We are losing a man who has shown his determination to make Fort Street excel as a School.

—D.G.

I. S. C. F. REPORT

I.S.C.F.! Of course you have heard of it! "Inter School Christian Fellowship," an organization forming part of the "Children's Special Service Mission." This in turn is responsible for the world wide "Scripture Union," symbolized by the well-known golden lamp badge.

A feature of our Fort Street meetings is the bright singing followed by individual talks. Indeed a double helping is served at these lunch-time gatherings—a material and a spiritual one. Both are relished without dyspeptic fears, while the brevity of our speakers is always delightfully prompted by the siren's loud "Amen." A prayer meeting is held on Tuesdays, house parties throughout the year and camps every vacation.

At times, over two hundred have been present at our meetings, while nearly six hundred attended the first Fort Street I.S.C.F. Convention this year to enjoy the addresses by Dr. White (the Jungle Doctor), Mr. Langford-Smith (the sky-pilot), Mr. Campbell and Mr. Gordon. The Convention was a great

success. It reminded many of the desire to find peace and freedom from the burden of worry as recalled in the verse beginning—"I am the Way. . . ."

—R.H.

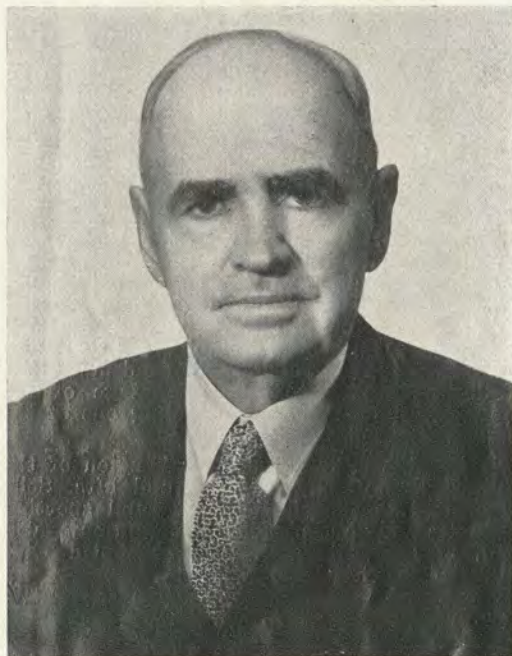
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It is important to each one of you lads to decide, as early as possible during your High School course, whether you intend to follow a technical or non-technical career. This decision once made, you can select your courses of study wisely. Your study will really mean something to you and you will have incentive to persevere.

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—J. E. Wells.

D. J. AUSTIN, B.A. 1919-52



D. J. AUSTIN, B.A.

When the School term finishes this December, Fort Street will have lost another of its teaching staff in the retirement of Mr. Austin. Affectionately known as "Bunny," in recognition of his prowess at multiplication (in mathematics), Mr. Austin has been associated with the School since 1919—as Mathematics Master to 1935, and as Deputy Headmaster from 1943 to the date of his retirement.

Born at Grafton and educated at Grafton District School, he began his career in 1906,

as a probationary student, but was transferred to Woodburn, on the Richmond River, in February, 1907, and to Harwood Island four months later as a pupil-teacher. From 1908-1909 he attended the Teacher's College at Blackfriars, and later the Sydney University as an evening student, where he gained his B.A. degree in 1915, and after a period of primary and secondary school teaching, he came to Fort Street in 1919.

During his term as Mathematics Master the School had outstanding success in Mathematics, a large number of 1st and 2nd Class Honours being obtained, including first in the State on four occasions.

Mr. Austin's three sons all attended Fort Street and are a credit to the School. John is now a solicitor practising in Sydney and Keith is a surveyor at Bankstown. Frank was killed during the Second World War.

Outside of academic achievement, Mr. Austin obtained considerable success as coach of the 1st Grade Rugby football team from 1929-35. During this period his team won the competition two years in succession (once undefeated) and was twice runner-up. He has regularly attended all inter-school matches at Petersham Oval and proudly claims that he has never missed a C.H.S. or school athletic or swimming carnival.

Mr. Austin was a strong advocate for the introduction of the House system in sport at Fort Street, as he considered that it would greatly increase the student's interest in sporting activities. He also gave his support to the introduction of Social Studies to the School Curriculum, the Social Period on Thursday afternoons, and the improvement of library facilities for the student.

Mr. Austin has earned the affection and respect of his pupils and, by his retirement, Fort Street loses an efficient master who has left his mark in both the academic and sporting fields of the School's history.

—D. B.

"THE REUNION"

Last year the play "Re-Union," by W. St. John Tayleur was presented by 4A for Play Day. Mr. Dempsey, who is widely known for his activities in dramatic art throughout the State, selected this play to be produced at the Conservatorium on Wednesday, 28th May. Present were the directors and ministers of education from all over Australia. This play was to be representative of cultural work in secondary schools, and it was selected because it was an extremely good production.

The actors brushed up on their movements after eight months, but even though a little nervous, they managed to bring out "Re-Union's" powerful theme, despite several mishaps. Congratulations to the actors, Alcock, Selle, Howard, Brodie, Podger and Rennie and, especially, to Mr. Ledlin of the staff and to Mr. Dempsey for this excellent production.

—A. P

SPEECH DAY

30th April, 1952

With Mr. Fisher presiding, Fort Street celebrated its Speech Day in the School Memorial Hall. After the School had rendered the School Song, Mr. Fisher opened with a fine address, and tendered apologies for Mr. R. J. Heffron, Minister for Education, who found it impossible to attend.

Thereupon was witnessed a wonderful and beautiful ceremony in which the Very Reverend, the Dean of Sydney, Dr. S. Barton Babbage, dedicated two flags—the Union Flag and our own School Colours—to the Senior Cadet Corps. Mrs. Rutherford presented the Union Flag on behalf of the Ladies' Committee, but Mr. R. D. Clements, donor of the School Colours, was unable to be present.

This was followed by an address and the Annual Report by the Principal, Mr. N. R. Mearns. In an excellent report, Mr. Mearns showed why Fort Street is famed the world wide because of its activities in sporting and scholastic venues. He emphasised the attitude of perseverance and the will to succeed, and declared the need for religious training. On behalf of the School and the staff, Mr. Mearns expressed the gratitude felt for Mr. Austin,

who will retire at the end of this year, as will Mr. Mearns.

After a rendition of "Play the Game" by the School, Captain O'Sullivan submitted the Annual Sporting Report, which showed fully the wonderful achievements of Fort Street during 1951-52. Once more, the School showed its talent in the way it sang "The Gendarmes' Duet."

Mr. J. G. McKenzie, Director General of Education, entertained the School with an address which, although making the boys laugh at his witticisms, held a deep underlying meaning. He told how Fort Street had always been a great school and emphasized the spirit of work and learning, and condemned the failure of many to take advantage of the opportunities offered by attending one of the universities.

When the School had sung "Legion of the Lost," Mrs. J. G. McKenzie and Mrs. Selle presented the scholastic prizes and sporting trophies and "blues." Thereupon an enjoyable and moving afternoon was concluded with "God Save The Queen."

—M.W.

FATHER AND SON EVENING

On the first of March, the Ladies' Committee again held the annual Father and Son Evening, in the Memorial Hall. The attendance was most pleasing, but it would have been even more so if a greater number of Senior students and their parents had attended.

The first item on the programme was the School Song, rendered by the students in the audience and ably led by the choir of 1st Year boys, under the baton of Mr. Treharne.

This was followed by a welcome to the fathers from Mrs. Selle, President of the Ladies' Committee. Mrs. Selle spoke also of the School's glorious past, and asked parents to join the P. and C. movement, to work for an even more illustrious future.

Barry Phillips, the School Captain, was the next speaker, and his topic was "The School." He showed how difficult it is to gain a reputation, and how easy it is to lose it. Examination results and the achievements of Old Boys are not the sole bases of a school's reputation; the boys in the background play an important part. He concluded by saying that studies,

though very important, are not everything; the School endeavours to teach other assets, such as self-confidence, self-reliance and self-discipline.

Mr. D. J. Austin, in replying, warned that the School must always look forward, and must never fall behind in life's race. Mr. N. R. Mearns then addressed the assembly and his theme was that "every boy can and should be a success." He emphasized that the only road to success was hard work, and that one should decide where one is going and go there!

Mr. Murphy was the last speaker of the evening, and on behalf of the fathers of Fortians, paid tribute to the School and its work and pledged the support of the fathers for School activities.

The School Choir rendered several songs during the evening, and Dexter the magician provided several amusing interludes. An excellent supper was provided, and the Ladies' Committee is to be congratulated on a very enjoyable evening.

—B.F.



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LADIES' COMMITTEE REPORT

It gives me the utmost pleasure to place before you a resume of a most successful and progressive year.

We have been particularly pleased with the attendances at the end-of-term dances throughout the year, because, quite apart from any financial gain, we feel that it is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to meet socially at the school under proper supervision. It has also been gratifying to note the attendance of so many of the masters at the dances. At this juncture we must express our thanks to Mr. Arnold who conducted our dances for so long, and to Mr. Bohman who so kindly took over the reins this year when Mr. Arnold was no longer able to carry on.

We were again fortunate to obtain the services of Mr. Colin Palmer to entertain at the Father and Son Evening, which was held in March. The hours passed pleasantly and an excellent supper was served by the ladies when all other diversions were brought to a close.

The ladies were again to the fore in providing morning tea for the visitors and masters on speech day, and it was very nice to receive a letter of thanks on behalf of the masters on this occasion. It is little gestures such as this that make our efforts a pleasure.

Our congratulations to the boys on the wonderful organisation of the Annual Ball, to which we were glad to make our contribution by taking the responsibility of supper arrangements.

A function which we are always happy to conduct is the Master's Luncheon, at the close of every year, because it gives us an opportunity to say "thank you" for the help and encouragement given to the boys in their school activities.

Through the auspices of the committee the debating team were able to entertain their visitors from Fort Street Girls' High School at luncheon.

We were privileged to present two flags and flagstaffs to the Cadet Corps, while new lino was provided for the library floor. A cheque for £29 was also given to the School for microphone equipment.

Mr. Mearns, as usual, has been most helpful to us and is never too busy to assist us when any problems arise.

Mr. Austin is always a willing supporter, and his attendance at our social functions was always welcome.

The School Captain, Barry Phillips, and his prefects could always be relied upon when we needed them and we do most sincerely thank them and the boys who have been our willing messengers at all times.

I think one of the most gratifying things we have experienced this year has been the close co-operation that we have received from the staff. We do appreciate this and hope that this friendly spirit will continue and grow.

In closing my report I wish, on behalf of the Ladies' Committee, to wish each and every one at the School the best of good fortune for the coming year.

—J. ROTHWELL, Hon. Sec.

THE ANNUAL BALL

The Sixth Annual Ball was held in the Memorial Hall on June 27th of this year.

A large crowd danced to the music of an excellent orchestra, and again our thanks are due to Miss Ann McDonald for a really splendid display of exhibition dancing. It was indeed pleasing to see so many of the Old Boys present.

We take this opportunity to extend our thanks to the Ladies' Committee who again provided a first-class supper, also to Messrs.

Westlake and Horan, who so ably arranged and conducted the Ball. I would like to mention here the fine work done by the prefects in decorating the Hall and advertising the function.

In the report on the First Annual Ball, the hope was expressed that this event would continue to be a social and financial success and so far this wish has been fulfilled. We hope and trust that the Seventh Annual Ball will be an even greater success.

—N. R.

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SCHOOL PERSONALITY

This year's school personality comes from the musical world.

Beginning at the age of seven in the Croydon School flute band, Trevor Rippingale later became leader of the Police Boys' Band, where he graduated to a semi-classical orchestra. Of recent years he has formed his own ten-piece band which gained second place in the City of Sydney Eisteddfod, 1949-50.

This versatile artist of the flute, saxophone, clarinet, piano and drums has been acclaimed for his appearances on the Amateur Hours at 2UW, 2GB and his playing in the New South Wales Youth Symphony Orchestra. Already, he has made two records for 2UW with a leading Sydney dance band.

Nor is music his only accomplishment. Football and drama also attract his interest. The former found expression in the Third Grade Premiership, 1952, the latter in the Jubilee presentation of "Ned Kelly" at the Conservatorium.

With all these interests, Trevor still finds time to be capable school prefect and present items at school functions — a commendable effort.

Such talent naturally suggests a musical career. Trevor himself hopes for a University degree and the continuance of a career in the field of modern music—so best wishes "Rip" in your future calling.



T. RIPPINGALE

EMPIRE DAY, 1952

This year Fort Street held its annual Empire day ceremony in the Memorial Hall on the 23rd of May, 1952. The ceremony was opened by Ross Jones who, in the absence of the Captain, Barry Phillips and the Vice-Captain, Alan Wyatt, pronounced the pledges of the School and the country. This was followed by the School Song.

The first speaker was the Third Year representative, Brian Andrews, who gave a brief outline of the history and growth of Great Britain and its Empire and also pointed out that the British Empire had persisted longer than any autocracy or dictatorship.

Terry Langtry then sang "There'll Always be an England" with the School singing the chorus. Following this, the Fifth Year address was given by Winwood Howard, who claimed that loyalty was the unifying factor of the Empire to-day. He showed how the

war, although so long, could not loosen this bond, and to-day Great Britain seems closer to its dependencies than ever before.

Once more Terry Langtry and the School entertained with "Land of Hope and Glory." Phillip Westlake, speaking on behalf of the Fourth Year pupils, pointed out an interesting contrast between an Asiatic and a British subject. He concluded by saying that the British Empire must be supported by each person.

This was followed by a brief address by Mr. Mearns who emphasized the need for courage and understanding. The final speaker was Mr. Austin, who congratulated the speakers and suggested that everybody should learn public speaking.

On that very suitable note, after such pleasant listening, the ceremony concluded with the National Anthem.

DRAMA FESTIVAL, 1952

Great were the preparations for, and the trials and tribulations of, the annual Festival of Drama. All was excitement as the curtain opened on Wednesday, 13th, and in no way did it abate until the last performance on Saturday evening, 16th August, 1952.

Once more Fort Street, as a whole, and the individual classes, have produced an effort worthy of our great name. Even our own Mr. Austin, who has been fortunate enough to witness many "annual play-days" admitted that this year's plays "compared very favourably" with those of former years. Mr. Fitzpatrick, recently retired from our teaching staff, honoured us with his presence and gave two days to come and judge the plays of "the Old School." Thank you, Mr. Fitzpatrick. Unfortunately, space does not permit a detailed account of all plays, but some of the more outstanding were:

- 1A. "The Princess and the Woodcutter"—A clever and amusing little comedy of errors, with R. Parker, as the Queen, taking the honours. This play opened both Play Nights.
- 2A. "Henry the Fifth Selections"—Well presented by a large cast. This play, one of the more difficult of Shakespeare's plays, was a little ambitious for such a young cast. Nevertheless, the diction was clear, and the will was there.
- 2A. German—"Ali the Cobbler"—This was another amusing presentation flavoured by the "Arabian Nights" and is the story of the triumph of a man over a rather broken-voiced woman. Graham Fell as "Ali" and Michael Kirby as "Mustapha" shared the honours.
- 2C. "The Purple Bedroom"—For a second year class, this was an excellent performance. An extremely ghostly ghost-story was presented in a brilliant manner. James White as "Bassett," the valet, and W. Lawson as "Don Pedro De Parambo" were outstanding. This play was very well received on both play nights.
- 4A. "Can Die but Once"—This was a more serious play, and as such was not received well, on the Play Day by an apparently immature audience. Nevertheless, on both Play Nights, the fine, evenly-balanced acting and the dramatic tension produced by the harrowing scenes of German occupation in Norway, were responsible for its outstanding success.
- 4B. "The Happy Hangman"—A puzzling play of Italian nature was this amusing and somewhat tragic story of a hangman who failed—once. Bob Cowley as "Beppo" the hangman was extremely good.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST!

"Trial by Jury"—Perhaps the most successful opera presented by this School for a number of years. Acted and sung in the precise Gilbert and Sullivan way, it had a magnificent reception by the pupils and parents alike, receiving no less than four curtain calls—and from a schoolboy audience!

No one could be singled out as best, but Terry Langtry as "the Usher," Terry Cole as "the Judge" and the beautiful "Angelina" (Richard Morphew) were perhaps the leaders of a very talented cast. Congratulations all!

Our special thanks go to Mr. Dempsey for his wise and experienced assistance; to the teachers who gave their time to produce these plays; and for the masters "behind the scenes" literally, as well as figuratively. THANK YOU, SCHOOL.

—M.W.

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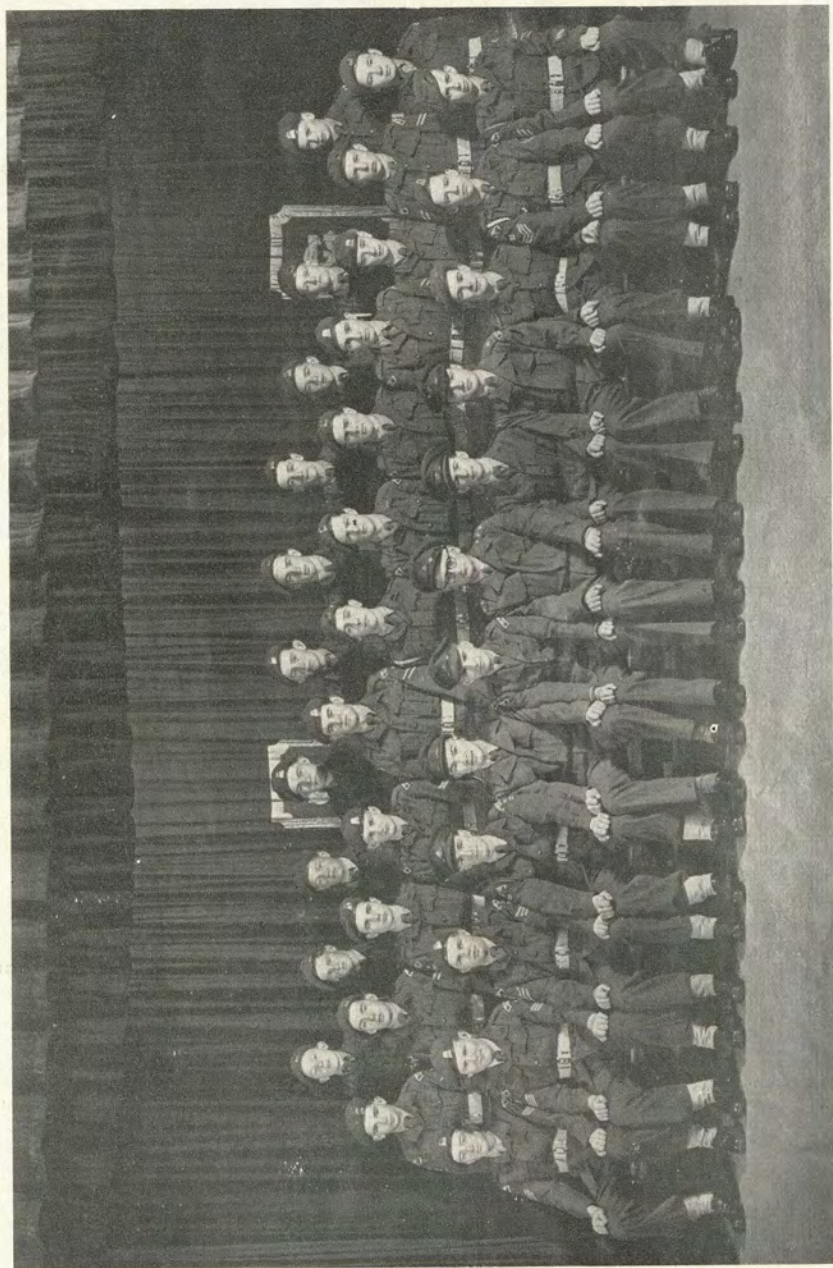
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Front Row (L.-R.): Sgt. Rutherford, Sgt. Bow, Sgt. Arnold, W/O. Allwood, Cdt.-Lt. Young Lee, Cdt.-Lt. Phillips, Capt. O'Sullivan, Cdt.-Lt. Precians, Cdt.-Lt. Howard, S/sgt. Jarrat, Sgt. Jeffries, Sgt. McIntyre.
 Absent: Lt. Colvin.

FORT STREET CADET UNIT

The Unit has had a very successful year. We were fortunate to maintain our members, although one hundred cadets is not good enough for a school like Fort Street. The rifle range will be in action next year (it is to be hoped), and this should be an added attraction. The School colours were presented to the Unit by the Ladies' Committee and Mr. Clements (father of one of the cadets). At a very impressive ceremony in the School Hall on Prize Day, the flags were solemnly blessed by the Dean of Sydney, Dr. Babbage, and presented to the Unit by Mrs. Selle, President of the Ladies' Committee, and Mrs. Rutherford—a staunch supporter of the Fort Street Cadet Unit.

A Cadet Unit Band has been formed and has proved successful. A Guard of Honour selected from Fort Street and Canterbury Cadet Unit was present on the occasion of the visit of His Excellency, Sir John Northcott, for the centenary of St. John's Church of England, Balmain. The Fort Street Cadet Unit was invited to form a guard of honour on Sunday, October 19th, for His Excellency, the State Governor, at Petersham Congregational Church. The Unit Band functioned for the Balmain ceremony and supplied the music on October 19th.

The following cadets were successful at the 1951 courses:

Potential Officers: Sgt. N. Rutherford, Sgt. M. Bow, Sgt. D. Allwood, Sgt. P. Chinn.

Potential W.O./Sgt. Course: Cpl. A. Taylor, Cpl. W. Bottomley, Cpl. G. Batt.

Sigs Course: B. Fitzgerald, J. Dash.

The following description of the Annual Camp has been written by Staff Sgt. Jarratt.

FORT STREET CADET CORPS

After a very enjoyable train trip, on which countless lunches were consumed, the Unit arrived at Bathurst and soon settled in on Mt. Panorama, where the grand scenery provided a suitable background for an enjoyable camp. Also present at the camp was the corps' old friend, S/M Barr, whose assistance was readily tendered and gratefully accepted.

Among the various souvenirs collected by the Unit were several rabbits, a hare and (from a Q-store check) many empty blank cartridge cases. An exciting weapon demonstration was presented, in which the Unit was nearly annihilated by a faulty 3in. mortar bomb, apparently loaded with lolly paper instead of the customary neonite charge. (Present at the loading of the bombs were several Fort Street Cadets). A parade was held at which L/Col. J. P. O'Sullivan officiated and in which various bands succeeded in putting all cadets out of step. Finally, the camp broke up and the Unit entrained at Bathurst with dirty shirt collars, muddy boots and black webbing for Sydney and home.

I wish to thank officers and cadets for their splendid work during the year.

CHESS CLUB, 1952

This year we lost the capable services of Mr. Treharne as master-in-charge of chess, and the Chess Club was fortunate to have so able a replacement as Mr. Townsend.

The "A" Grade Team, consisting of T. Trahair (captain), P. Watkins, B. Welland, J. Thomson and J. Davis, did well this year to be runners-up in the competition. The team, unfortunately, suffered an early loss against Trinity, which prevented it from being nearer the winner, Grammar. Trahair and Watkins represented the School in the annual school-boy match against the University, both winning, while B. Welland was reserve.

As has become customary, we entered two teams in the "C" Grade competition. The first team reached the final after winning its zone, but was defeated in the play-off. The second team did remarkably well in coming fourth in the zone, considering that the team is made up entirely of First Year boys with comparatively little experience.

"C1" consisted of Tow (3A), Harrison (3A), Peck (3B), Cooksey (2A) and Andrews (3A).

"C2" was drawn from Pacey (1A), Blain (1A), Marshall (1C), Fitton (1C) and Coless (1A).

In the Championships (Australian Junior) held at Adelaide in January, P. Watkins, our only representative, was placed equal eighth in a strong field.

In the N.S.W. Junior Championships held in August, the School had four entries. The placings gained were:

B. Welland—8th in the under 18 section.

P. Watkins—1st in the under 16 section.

Pacey and Blair—4th and 7th in the under 14 section.

In conclusion, the three teams would like to thank Mr. Shea and the staff of cleaners whose kind co-operation enabled the teams to do so well.

T.T.

LIBRARY REPORT

The year has seen a marked improvement in the number and quality of books in the library. We can now boast of 3,987 volumes, an increase of 273 on last year. In this respect, the library wishes to express its gratitude to those students who have so generously donated a total of 46 books. A book donation is always gratefully received. It is, incidentally, a splendid way of showing your appreciation of benefits enjoyed during your school years. This is especially so when it is realised that in spending £150 this year, the average cost per book was 13/2, as compared with 10/7 in 1949.

Mr. Farlow's Mathematics Library continues to thrive under Fourth and Fifth Year librarians. Every aspect of the subject, be it history, problems, tricks or riddles, is there to tempt the borrower. The systematic filing of maths. honours questions and answers too, affords good practice for the energetic student as well as providing a valuable source of information.

During the year the folders on topical subjects have been further expanded with cuttings taken from "quality papers" throughout the world. These folders, by providing accurate and unbiased information about world conditions, are rapidly becoming a useful collection. Likewise of constant interest have been the school magazines, National Geographics and vocational pamphlets.

The Library is one of the School's highlights and for this we are indebted to Mr. Barnard, who each day, gives up most of his lunch hour so that boys may borrow or consult references. For this service the School is deeply grateful.

In conclusion, a word to "The Company of the Forgetful," to whose absent-minded ways can be attributed many of our good books. Return that book promptly, so that others, as well as you, may benefit from the proper use of the library.

—A. P.

DEBATING REPORT

The Debating Club this year has functioned fairly successfully under the capable guidance of Mr. Barnard. With a membership of about 30 fourth and fifth year students (which increased considerably for the debate against the girls from Burwood), we have held weekly meetings in the library during General Assembly. Activities include debating, impromptu speaking, and speech training, all of which, we feel will benefit us in later life.

We have had mixed successes in Hume Barbour debating, but have not disgraced the School. The senior team, made up of W. Howard (capt.), A. Lane, D. Podger and G. Johnson was defeated by Homebush and Parramatta, but won against Hurlstone.

The junior team (M. White, P. Westlake, J. Bryson, R. Douglas and T. Trahair) won their zone competition, winning against Homebush and Parramatta, but going down to Hurlstone by one point. They then entered the semi-finals, but were beaten by Sydney

High and North Sydney High. We extend our congratulations to the winners of both competitions.

However, we must, once again, report that the girls are superior to boys in debating. Fort Street Girls again defeated our Senior team and Burwood Home Science junior team defeated our junior team at a social debate at the School. At a return debate held in our own hall—after which the Ladies' Committee provided one of their famous afternoon teas—the Fort Street Senior girls did it again, proving to the delighted audience of Fourth Year boys and prefects from both schools that "Science has not become a menace." This state of affairs must cease at once. We appeal to all boys of the school, interested in public speaking as a fascinating and beneficial hobby, to join forces with the existing members that never again may we have to print the words: GIRLS BEAT BOYS.

GORDON KEITH MITCHELL, B.A.

At the end of 1951, Mr. Mitchell, who, during his three years at the School, had become greatly respected, gained promotion. The boys, particularly those from 3A, were dismayed to learn of his departure.

Mr. Mitchell passed the Leaving Certificate in 1929 from Canterbury Boys' High School. He graduated in Arts and commenced teaching at Manly Intermediate High School about 1935. About five years later he was transferred to Farrer Agricultural High School at Nemingha where he remained about six years. His next appointment was Senior Secondary

Assistant to Canterbury Junior High School whence he came to Fort Street in 1949 as Assistant Master of Mathematics.

He was always interested in cricket and while he was here took an active interest in coaching grade teams, being the coach of the Premier Third Grade during his last year at the School.

This year, Mr. Mitchell became Master of Mathematics at Hay War Memorial High School and simultaneously assumed the responsibilities of matrimony. The School as a whole congratulates Mr. Mitchell.

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MR. F. FITZPATRICK

Frank Fitzpatrick began teaching in 1922 and was appointed to the English and History Staff of Fort Street Boys' High in 1931. He went into voluntary retirement during this present year.

During his long service at Fort Street, Frank did a solid job in and out of the classroom, in the doing of which he endeared to teachers and students of two decades. Many students owe their proficiency in and love of English to him and, in view of the importance of English, they probably owe their careers to him.

Nor did the classroom walls limit the scope of his activities. Long will be remembered the excellence of his dramatic productions on Play Night. Who, amongst those lucky to be pre-

sent, will forget "The Riders to the Sea," "The Good and the Bad," "Birds of a Feather?" He showed his continued interest in Play Day by performing, to general satisfaction, the arduous duty of judge at this year's Play Days.

As Master in charge of swimming, Mr. Fitzpatrick performed long and ably.

As an example of his versatility may be mentioned his building of two houses and his winning of first prize for weaving at the Sydney Show.

Frank was always a popular and co-operative member of the staff, which suitably farewelled him on his departure into retirement and wished him health and happiness near the waters of Berowra.

MR. KEITH McLELLAN

Towards the end of last year, the School was unfortunate in losing Mr. McLellan, a most capable and popular P.E. teacher. Mr. McLellan has followed many famous footballers by entering the English Rugby League.

Because of his unassuming and friendly manner, every person connected with the School knew Mr. McLellan as a personal friend. His career has been outstandingly brilliant; even in Third Year he was captain of Cleveland Street Boy's Intermediate High School and later a Prefect at Sydney Boys' High. At sport he had great success, and so, it was not surprising that he took a three-year P.E. course in which he gained distinction. He was appointed as assistant P.E. master at Fort Street in 1950.

Keith McLellan was one of Australia's finest field athletes. He represented New South Wales in the Australian Championships at Adelaide. As a Rugby Union centre

he represented Eastern Suburbs in the Grand Final of 1951, and was unlucky not to gain Australian selection. But the watchful eye of Mr. P. O'Rourke had already noted Mr. McLellan as a likely success in English League and so his future was assured. He received a tempting offer to play with the Leeds Rugby League Football Club.

In addition to this he has become an instructor of Physical Education at Ilkley co-educational school, but hopes to be transferred to Leeds after the summer vacation.

Before his departure, Mr. McLellan was married to Miss Gwen Maston, and the School wishes both Mr. and Mrs. McLellan the greatest happiness in their future life in England. Fortians are sure that they will hear more of Mr. McLellan in the sporting world, and they sincerely hope they have not seen the last of the man who left a deep impression on Fort Street, both as a coach of a Premier 1st XV and as a man.

THOMAS EARL McLAREN

This year Mr. McLaren left the School after a comparatively brief period at Fort Street and was transferred to Grafton High School.

In his earlier days, Mr. McLaren taught in the Primary School Service for eleven years, at the same time taking his Arts course the hard way through the Evening course.

Later he served through World War II with the R.A.A.F. He afterwards decided to try his hand at secondary school work, being appointed to Fort Street.

This year he transferred to Grafton High School and is at present studying for his M.Ec. degree, in which study the School wishes him every success.

MR. E. COLVIN

Served in the English Navy during the early part of the war, and later was sent overseas with the 2nd N.Z.E.F. He was New Zealand boxing champion, holding the New Zealand Amateur title and later fighting successfully as a professional. He served with the Australian Army P.T. & Recreation Corps before coming to Fort Street. Mr. Colvin has coached Peter Cox, Australian long jump champion and has been official coach for the Wellington Soccer Football Association, and also official referee for the Wellington Boxing Association.



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Absent: J. Newsom.

STAFF CHANGES

A hearty welcome to Mr. T. Clyne, who once again returns to Fort Street. As an able member of the Science Staff, Mr. Clyne is relieving during Mr. Roberts' absence abroad.

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From Honowhenu College, N.Z., comes enthusiastic Physical Training Instructor, Mr. E. Colvin. Our best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Colvin in your Cape Town home.

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New members to the Mathematics Staff include Messrs. R. Cummings and I. Hodge, who replace Mr. K. Mitchell and Mr. T. McLaren.

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The place of Mr. Fitzpatrick (resigned) has been taken by Mr. G. Hogg from Tamworth. Welcome to the Language Staff to Mr. E. Townsend who comes from Wollongong to replace Mr. Woodhouse.

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We extend best wishes to Mr. Krippner and welcome in his place on the Commercial Staff, Mr. K. Hurst of Manly.

On behalf of the School we wish to express appreciation to our weekly visitor for religious instruction, the Very Reverend, the Dean of Sydney, Dr. S. Barton Babbage, who carries with him our best wishes for his future work in Melbourne.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

The Photographic Club has had a regular series of meetings this year at which Mr. B. Townsend of Kodak's Lecture Service Division has given a most instructive course on the art of picture composition, exposing, developing, printing, enlarging and toning. No boy who expects to own a camera should miss this course which is designed to start him off with a sound technique and save him many snapshot failures. Mr. Goodman and Mr. Horan have supervised the meetings and on behalf of the boys thank Kodak Ltd. for the expert help of Mr. Townsend.

What we really need is a fitted-up dark room to practise our new skills. Here's hoping.

Literary Section

No school magazine is complete without literary contributions and it is fitting that this, the fiftieth volume of the "Fortian," should contain the first Literary Section for several years.

To those whose contributions have been printed, congratulations; to those who did not quite make the grade, best wishes for next year. Your enthusiasm was heartening and will, it is hoped, inspire others to the realization that sporting achievements and scholastic results are not the only reflections of school life—that literary expression, too, has a claim to these pages.

The awarding of prizes has been a further incentive and in this respect the Committee expresses its appreciation to Angus & Robert-

son Ltd and Sparta Products for their generous donations.

This Literary Section is yours Fortians! It is presented to you as a beginning; its survival is a challenge; its possibilities—a magazine tradition!
—G.H.

LITERARY AWARDS

Verse:

Senior: A. Lane, 5A.
Junior: D. Dwyer, 3B.
Sub-Junior: J. Webster, 1B.

Prose:

Senior: J. Newsom, 4A.
Sub-Junior: J. Breach, 1C.

Art:

Colin Hatter, 1D.
R. Cunningham, 2C.

ON BYRON

O Thou who laid thy hand
Upon the name of ocean deep;
Whose soul destroyed to weep
Away thy sorrow's sand.
Nor yet in vain they band
With earth disdained to keep,
For in thy roaming thou didst reap
The sacred right to stand
Among that happy group of men,
Which paid the price required by Him.
The price, to have the world condemn,
To set at naught and count as sin.
He loves the Truth who for its sake
Will give his love, his life, his fate.

—A. Lane, 5A.

THE SEA

Oh, hear me, rolling restless sea
Cloaked with an air of mystery,
Ye, who has dragged down in your mighty
grip
Our gallant men and sturdy ships.
Ye, who has challenged these pioneers
With untold dangers and countless fears,
With mystery of the lands beyond
And with adventure, so ye beckon'd.
What secrets do your depths possess
We mortals can but only guess
Of sunken ships and pirates' treasure,
Of deep ravines, of unfathomable measure.
Down in your deep, dark depths, so icy cold
Ye keep your secrets, still untold.

—D. Dwyer, 3B.

THE SNAIL

All across the garden wall,
Silvery and bright,
There's a line where a snail
Took a walk last night.
He came from the rockery
For something to eat,
And those would be his footmarks,
If a snail had feet.

—J. Webster, 1B.

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A DYING MAN

—? Where he was he had no idea. He had a vague recollection of passing through an empty vastness, limitless and deep. Stillness hung above him like a poisonous vapour.

Huge, grey, gaunt and naked trees stretched appealing arms to a remote moon. By the faintest crimson mistiness he could see thin gossamer threads, hanging beautifully from lifeless limbs; but in their very beauty he could perceive an awful horror. Drab, colourless; thick, strangling lifelessness. Stretching on for many miles and sloping over gentle hills, the nightmare forms ran on, drenched in shadowed shadow and in lightless light; groping. Profound loneliness and terror were surmounting.

Near at hand was emptiness. Strangely attracted he waded towards it, brushing off tempestuously the clutching threads. Ascending an incline he stood on the brink. Before him, touchable, was nothing, enveloping and inky black. Around him and above him was it, enfolding him, blotting out the very moon. The only sound to break the layers of quiet was the faintest roar of troubled waters. A steaming vortex whirled below him.

An eternity of torment was the feeling back to cold light. He found the comfort of a boulder and a night of mental anguish. The dawn must certainly be soon coming.

It burst upon him suddenly, bringing with

it fresh menace. Behind him was the whirlpool, and before him, amongst the gnarled trunks and the fetid slime writhed strange reptiles, revelling in the mushy ooze. The sunlight, reflected, coruscated from their horny backs. Drifting above in the swirling vapours were bat-like birds, shining claws clutched about some hapless animal.

A move from him and he had betrayed his presence. Scenting prey and fresh blood they wheeled towards him. Cruel talons were distended and in every beaded eye lay gleaming malice. He uttered a cry of dismay and turned, running up the slope in a vain attempt to seek escape. The whirring of giant wings was about him and harsh grating calls filled his ears. His foot struck a stone and he fell, he stumbled on and fell again. Talons like steel sank deep into the flesh of his thigh, more in his neck, like a vice. In desperation he screamed, the grip tightened and in agony he screamed again. He rose to stagger on, a ponderous weight was bearing down on his shoulders, the blood was streaming from his torn leg.

Realization came, for behind him lay nothing and before him lay his reward. Came a crumbling of earth, the grip was released, the water and jagged rocks of the abyss below slipped up to meet him . . .

—J. Newsom, 4A.

ANZAC DAY

The barriers bent as they came to bear,
The policeman shouted, "Back, Back there!"
The marching men came down the Place,
Gleaming smiles on every face.
For these are the men of the First World War
The Somme Campaign and even before.
Their crinkled features tell of years
Of bloodshed, murder, war and tears,
Sixteen across, short and tall—
Everyone of them—heroes all,
Rows of medals on everyone
Glitter and gleam as they strike the sun.

Suddenly sounds the crash of drums,
And round the corner a brass band comes.
Their gaudy uniforms—red, green and blue
Command the picture with their hue.
Brilliant sunshine off the brass,
Darted and gleamed like polished glass.
The Drum-major's whistle tore the Place,
And drums took up the marching pace,
Then scores of trumpets loud and blarey
Sounded the tune of Tipperary.

Next the men of the last World War
Jungle green their uniforms are—
These men have fought on Libyan sands,
In Crete, Sicily and other lands.
From Buna, Gona, on the Kokoda track
To the top of the Stanleys. On the way
back
Past the Bank they hear a greeting
"The little Digger"—a sight and fleeting
And down the Place and past the Cenotaph,
"Eyes right—Hats off"—A hush for the
sleeping.

These are the men of a nation young,
They are proud of their heritage, their
birth.
They can truly say, "We've caught the torch
Which from your failing hands you flung."
—V. Haynes, 5A.

THE LAST OUTPOST OR HONIARA HOLIDAY

Whosoever has been attracted by Travel Posters depicting verdant South Sea Isles and shining sands, dulce dancing girls and horrifying headhunters, banish all such misrepresentations from your poor deluded minds. More exotic are "worms and epitaphs," and "wholesome herbs, swarming with caterpillars," for the Islands as I found them at close range were nearly as disappointing as fourteen pairs of half-hose and a handkerchief for Christmas.

Mistake me not, for there are few more pleasant spots for a happy sojourn holiday brief—and brevity is the soul of wit; few less pleasant for a lengthy residence. From an aeroplane—steel-benched and bovine though it be—the Islands have an aspect of lavish beauty, studding the bluest of blue seas with an artistic carelessness of green chains and snakes, and porraceous solitary islets. At first sight indeed, nothing could appear more enchanting than these beauty spots of the Pacific's lovely cheek, even when one is suffering from acute nostalgia on one's first absence from his homeland.

"Fasten seat belts, please," the warning flashed, and we sat back in our steel benches and scudded across the top of four large huts—the city of Honiara, capital of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate. Jeep transport supplied by the "Cream Scream"—and its colour and its volubility are never in doubt—carried us rapidly over the somewhat battered "B" class road—with all apologies to the civil engineer—and brought us presently to the semi-demi-macadamized main thoroughfare of Mendana Avenue, named after the bold and intrepid discoverer of these Isles of Delight.

The town itself belied its appearance from the air—I discovered there were five huts. No, I must not be cruel, for I really did enjoy my stay there—there were six, in addition to the residency, where dwells His Honour, the Resident Commissioner, affectionately known as the Res. Com., or just, H.H. Again there were the Guadalcanal Club and the Hotel Woodford, where dwell the population in their waking hours, and which are known together as the Pub-and-the-Club. Then we have the homes of the white population, which totals about fifty souls, where mattresses are most in demand.

Now we come to the facts of which future Honiara visitors must beware. For the surfer we have minute, but man-eating Medusae, crocodiles and sharks to keep the sport lively, three-inch rollers and sickly, tepid water. Driven from the ocean by the first and last of these, we entered the Bonagi River, after navigating the upper reaches of Mendana Avenue, which, in several places, is inundated by cool streams. For the watercourse of the Bonagi, we recommend strong boots against the stony bottom, a well-armed patrol against crocodiles porosus, and an outboard motor against the current. With these, and two in-

defatigable "boys," we spent some pleasant hours by the beauteous Bonagi.

"Beware of platitudinous ponderosities" says the poet; in Honiara the last word becomes "papaws." Steer a course well clear of the coral-bottomed bay of Guadalcanal if you have an aversion to these succulent fruits. Fortunately, I have not, even now, after sampling them raw, stewed, baked, mashed, diced, sliced, spiced and riced and with or without custard.

Which words bring back tender memories: Thomas Thursdays is our No. One "boy"—he is in his mid-twenties, but until his beard is grey, he will be a boy. Gilbert, "he of the hairdo and the teeth," Gilly is second on the payroll. Both boys come from Ysabel, sister island to our own Guadalcanal, and are devout Seventh Day Adventists, refusing to smoke, drink or chew disgusting Betel-nut; clean they are, happy, recognised as about the best on the Island, darkest of copper in colour, with the frizzy hair that is not confined to New Guinea, and the white teeth common to most of the dark races.

They speak, that is "tok-him" Pidgin English—that imbecilic attempt to simplify the Queen's English by putting all the words back-to-front. Of course, its never-ending humour keeps it popular with both white and native—both realise its stupidity and enjoy using it for the reason. An integral part of the language is the word "belonga," which finds its place in such delightful atrocities as "basket-belonga-terousers," which is a pocket. If we are asked to "look-him longa Lamp-belonga-Jesus," you do not go to church, but merely look at the sun. The "Cream Scream" being a superior variety of jeep, is said to "win-him that fellar jeep, belonga Mist"—and you order "four stewed papaws, two with, and two without custard" by telling Thomas to "bring-him stop two fellar sitewed papaws longa cus-tard, and two more fellar sitewed papaws no more." Beef is rendered "bullamakau" (bull or mashed cow), and a sausage is dignified as "bullamakau-banana," and when cooked properly ("him now") is "number one." or if superlatively done, "number number." And so on—a fuller list supplied on application, if "Punch" has lost its, and "Humour," its.

And so we say "farewell" to the hidrosifying heat, and the putrefying vegetation, the reeking volcanic sands, and the malevolent Malaria mosquitoes and chafing chiggers, the "B" class roads and porcated Avenues, the flowerless jungle and the lifeless surf. Never let it be said I scorned you, Blessed Isles, but never was a pilgrim more thankful to reach his home again than I was when the unlit avenues of Sydney followed the Harbour Bridge out of the welcoming drizzle and the plane broke our bones in its rejoicing to be home, too. And I leave you to ponder on the cruel inexactness of Travel Posters, while I pack for my eagerly-awaited second trip to Honiara.

—W. Filewood, 5B.

BOB AND THE BUSHFIRE

Bob was six. He had lived in Gippsland all his life. Now he was standing on the verandah of the Leslie homestead. Far away in the distance a great volume of smoke belched out from behind a clump of spotted gum. "Look!" cried Bob to his grandfather who had joined him. "Fire!" he exclaimed, "a real bush fire, the first I've ever seen."

"Not a bush fire Bob," his grandfather said, "just a grass fire perhaps." Bob's face fell; he had been looking forward to the thrill of smelling the acrid tang of the smoke and the sight of the flames licking around the paper bark and gum trees. When his grandfather said it was not a bushfire he was wrong. Just how wrong was proved when Bob's father came racing down the narrow track, gravel and stones leaping from beneath Thunder's hoofs. As he came nearer, Bob could see he was dirty and dishevelled. This did not strike the boy as peculiar until he noticed that his father's boot was burnt and he had a dead ewe across the saddle. It did not look anything like a sheep at first because it was shorn—shorn by fire. Its eyes were burnt out and its skin was covered in angry looking blisters.

That night as they sat down to the evening meal, Bob's father confirmed his theory about the fire. The days passed. All waited in awe for the day when a rider would come to the station on a foam-covered steed. Three days later they heard the horse. Bob's mother was just in time to see a black stockman pull his rearing, plunging horse to a jolty halt. "Fire, missus!" he yelled, dug his spurs into the horse's side and was gone in a cloud of red dust.

As Bob lay in bed he could see the flames leap and fall like warriors in battle. Then followed three hazardous day's of fire fighting. Mr. Leslie lost two hundred sheep. At the end of it all Bob's mother said: "I suppose it will be flood next."

—J. Breach, 1C.

WISHES

I wish I had a jumping frog
I'd call him Milly May;
I wish I had a golliwog
To play with all the day.
I wish I had a bicycle,
Then I'd go whizzing by;
I wish I had an aeroplane,
To go up in the sky.
I wish I had a whistle,
I'd blow it all the day;
I wish I had a wishing well,
I wonder would it pay.

—W. Swan, 1B

EPITAPH

'Twas morning, and all was still
Save for the noise of that band
Of soldiers who mourned their mate
Claimed by this foreign land.

He had died defending his homeland,
A brave man: courageous and true,
A mate you could always be proud of
He was one of the chosen few.

—W. Ruxton, 3B.



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Here he comes now! He seems pretty happy to-day doesn't he? By jove, a ten-foot leap on to the dais—must be athletics soon!

"Good morning, gentlemen; well now, did we have any trouble with last night's homework? We did?. Now that was a very easy problem, one that I would expect fellows of your intelligence—the cream of the city's manhood—just to fly through. Who got it out? Well, who didn't get it out? Very well, pay attention those who couldn't; the rest of you go on with what you're doing.

"Now Number 7. An omnibus weighing that many tons, climbs a hill of slope this, in so and so many seconds. Prove that the reaction of the wheels is such and such. Well now, here is our bus on the hill. Now, now, Bottomley stop assaulting Stevenson with that ruler; they're expensive you know, and very hard to get. Now this bus is doing 25 m.p.h. It's not a very fast bus is it? Why I remember when I used to have a motorcycle, we did at least thirty—yes, Bellhouse, it had a belt drive and

square wheels. Ah, but they're rotten things—you get all wet and cold and muddy—besides a car is much better to take your girl friend to the pictures in—don't you think Buckman? You don't? What a pity, I thought you were so intelligent. Give Oatway a poke will you please: he's dead to the world. Lovett! I didn't say to push him through the wall. Just a little nudge was all that was needed.

"Well, this bus climbs the hill in sixty seconds and we have to find the reaction of the wheels. Yes, it is a pretty steep hill. I cannot think where it could be, unless it's Petersham or perhaps Mount Kosciusko. Would you like to climb Kosciusko? Why, I thought husky young fellows like you would revel in such exercise. I remember when I was a boy I walked twenty miles every week-end. Yes Hastie? Was that the bell? Oh, well, we'll finish the problem next day. Carry on please gentlemen!"

—A. Buckman, 4D.



THE CITY

The city is a place of toil,
Of industry and noise,
With many griefs and sorrows,
And hardly any joys.

It looks so bleak and dirty,
With smoke stacks rising high
Like melancholy statues
Reaching to the sky.

In the darkness of the evening,
When the stars come out to play,
The buildings stretch to their utmost point
Like ghosts along the way.

—B. Kimberley, 3B.

THE BUSHLAND

The love of country, bush and dale,
Of eucalyptus strong;
The lingering waft of wattle gay,
And magpie's joyful song.
The luscious green of soft, cool grass
Rolls out in endless plains;
The yawning boughs of spreading gums
Their splendour never wanes.

The silver lakes with rock-strewn beds,
Like winding streamers run;
The crystal waters twist and turn
And sparkle in the sun.
The sea-blue sky and lazy clouds
That drift away the day;
A placid picture seems to make,
And yet the sky turns grey.

The towering mountains climbing high
Against the azure sky,
Seem fit to reign above the earth,
While 'neath them subjects lie.
From early morn till eventide,
Great wonders never cease;
The majesty of native bush
Will evermore increase.

—T. Cupit, 3B.

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN

In their 56 to 73 years of existence, the Gilbert and Sullivan operas have proved to be the most profitable theatre properties yet created, in any language, but any observer who followed their first production and watched the complete flop it made, would have been convinced this pair would never make box-office. The first opera was "Thespis" or "The Gods Grown Old" and was produced in 1871.

Disheartened by the failure, the pair parted. Gilbert returned to writing worthless melodrama, while Sullivan returned to composing hymns, of which perhaps the best known is "Onward Christian Soldiers," and oratorios. These same oratorios, incidentally, were one reason for Sullivan's disinclination to write too many operas. He believed that his time should be occupied with serious music rather than light, gay operettas.

But they were brought together again by Richard D'Oyly Carte, who later became their financier and in a sense their manager. The result was "Trial by Jury," a curtain raiser in the Royalty Theatre in Soho, and it was an instant success.

D'Oyly Carte then formed a syndicate with four wealthy friends, to finance Gilbert and Sullivan, and they brought out "The Sorcerer," which was a moderate success.

"H.M.S. Pinafore," one of the better known of their operas, was then produced, in 1878, at the Opera Comique, but attendance was very poor indeed, and those concerned were despairing, when Sullivan, who was conducting music at Covent Garden, put a selection of "Pinafore" airs on his programme. This gave the opera a push-off and soon the money began to roll in. "Pinafore," then, was staged in Boston, U.S.A., and was an instantaneous success.

From then on their success was assured. They wrote opera after opera, including the "Pirates of Penzance," "Mikado" and "The Gondoliers."

But the amazing part of all these productions was that neither of the men liked the other; in fact they declared at least four times, that they would dissolve their partnership, before they finally did so in 1896, just after the opera "The Grand Duke" was written. This work only ran for 123 performances and was never revived.

Sullivan was knighted in 1883, but not Gilbert. Queen Victoria did not approve of him. He had mocked the courts in "Trial by Jury." He had mocked the clergy in "The Sorcerer." He had ridiculed the navy in "Pinafore," the army in "The Pirates" and "Patience" and the whole House of Peers in "Iolanthe." But

he was eventually knighted by Edward VII in 1907.

These days, the performance of the operas is exactly the same as it was when they were first acted and sung. The actor to-day makes exactly the same movements as the original actor, in a particular part. Every gesture is kept faithful to tradition.

Gilbert's satire still carries its full meaning, and many, many (too many) years of swing and "be-bop" have not buried the popularity of these operas. Now that the copyrights have run out on Gilbert's librettos, films will probably be made of the operas. The outcome of this is doubtful, but if the films are anything like the originals, they will achieve immediate popularity.

In London, near the Thames, there are two separate monuments, some distance apart, for these men, but no joint memorial can be erected to them, as during their association they only felt dislike and envy for one another. But the true memorial for these two geniuses may be found in the capacity houses and overwhelming enthusiasm to which a Gilbert and Sullivan Company always plays.

—D. Harper, 3C,
and R. Barnard, 4C.



I HAB A CODE IN DE DODE

Yesterday I awoke with a joyous feeling of contentment. It was Monday! All around I could hear murmurous sounds, a scuffling up and down the hall, a yawn from my father's room and a scream from my sister's where the baby was attempting to force a glass of water down her back. These are the sounds our household makes while preparing for the daily grind. But I, I just snuggled back into the pillows, picked up the latest medical magazine on how to cure a cold and commenced reading.

The first thing I gleaned from this most enlightened journal was that in order to procure complete immunity from this obnoxious germ, I must stop breathing through my nose and mouth. This seemed to me, in my weakened state, a very sound scheme, so I tried it out. A few seconds later several drawbacks suggested themselves to me.

The second plan was to call a doctor. I telephoned the family medico and was a little surprised when his wife answered. She coldly informed me that Dr. Jones was in bed with a severe attack of nostril bronchitis. I humbly thought of my own code in de dode and sadly read on to find that the author of this be-

nighted rag had bettered his previous suggestion of calling in a doctor: "Call in a couple; no, make it three," he said, "and then you can play bridge."

As I have neither the necessary wit nor the knowledge in the latest in under-hand methods to be able to make bridge pay, I went on to the next suggestion: It was an urgent plea to avoid crowds. I found this one easy enough. Anyhow, whoever heard of crowds in bed! The next paragraph convinced me that the author was a raving lunatic. He actually advocated changing heads regularly. I thought that everyone knew that changing heads involves a very serious operation, and also the co-operation of the other head's owner. Obviously, that one was no good.

I tried to read the next helpful suggestion, but found that in some strange way my eyes were filling with water and my head was drooping lower and lower. I felt a wave of weariness wash over me and swallow me up. When my father popped his head into my room to say good-bye, it was all I could do to mutter in response, "So long slave," before I sank into blessed oblivion.

—J. Henricks, 4B.

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SCHOOL NOTES

We express our sincere thanks to Mr. Hogg for the capable manner in which he has undertaken the responsibilities of supervising the preparation of the Fortian.

To Mr. Shea goes our thanks for the fine work which he does in and out of the School.

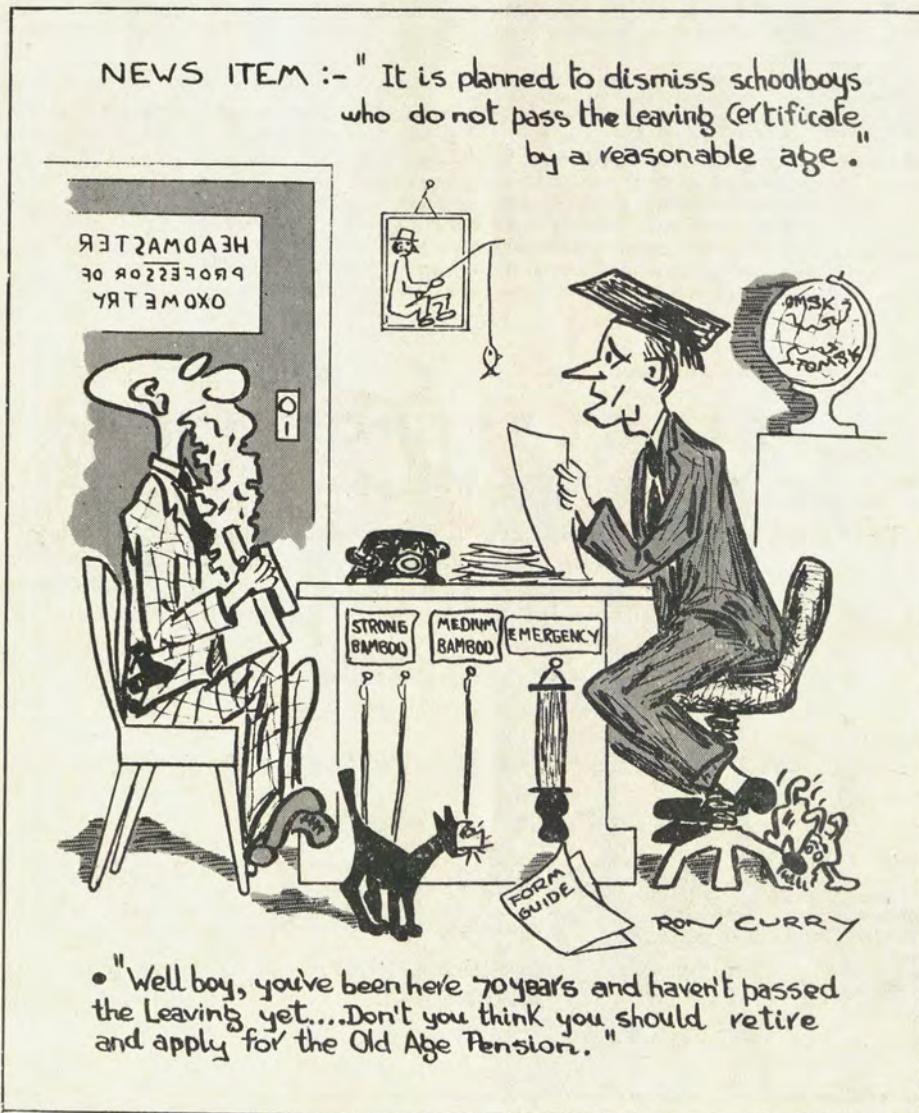
Thank you Mrs. Nineas for your wonderful service in the tuck shop, and also to your "right-hand-man," Mrs. Feller.

We express deepest sympathy at the death of Mr. Brodie, well-loved and remembered by all who were privileged to meet him.

Mr. Burtenshaw, in his usual excellent fashion, has produced the first-class photographs for the Fortian this year. We thank you, Mr. Burtenshaw. Notice the new picture of the School?

Unnoticed and unobserved, Alan Potter has done some fine work in the library.

Armidale School is to be congratulated on the wonderful reception given to our football teams when we visited them early this year. We hope our reception to their athletes was almost as pleasing.





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On behalf of Fort Street we wish to express appreciation to "The Rotary Club of Teaneck", New Jersey, U.S.A., for their generous goodwill gift subscription to "The Fortian."

Congratulations to ex-Fortian John Dart whose football prowess has been displayed against the Fijians in Armidale.

Congratulations and best wishes to our new Captain and Prefects for 1953—R. Baker, J. Barraclough, P. Bennett, M. Bow, J. Bryson, P. Burgess, G. Clay, R. Cowley, R. Douglas, S. Durkin, B. Fitzgerald, J. Henricks, W. Kocass, V. Levi, J. Ludlow, G. Martin. I. Moutray (Capt.), N. Rutherford, P. Southwell, T. Trahair, P. Westlake (V.-C.), W. Westwood, M. White.

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KILGOUR HOUSE REPORT

Kilgour House enjoyed a very successful year, winning the Frank Austin Memorial Cup for Athletics, the Hannan Cup for Aquatics and the Old Boy's Rugby Cup.

This year there has been a marked improvement in the team spirit of the house members, and the successes of the younger representatives augurs well for the future.

Kilgour's most notable victory was in the Aquatics, which had previously been the weakest aspect of the House's sporting activities. However, a great deal of Kilgour's superiority in swimming this year was due to the record-breaking Jon Henricks, and to a lesser extent, versatile Kevin James.

Our footballers continued their success of last year, and were victorious in 2nd, 3rd 4th and 5th Grades, as well as winning the aggregate point score. Representation in the Grade teams was good, with K. James, B. Hynard and B. Jenkins being C.H.S. representatives.

This year the House proved exceptionally strong in athletics, and was fortunate in hav-

ing K. James, J. Dorsett and N. Duncan, who were the most successful athletes in their respective divisions. The success of the Kilgour relay teams emphasised the strong team spirit, and was partly responsible for Kilgour being the champion House.

Tennis, this year, was much weaker than usual, although the House was well represented in 1st Grade by R. Jones and R. Easton, Ross gaining representative honours once again.

With the cricket season as yet unfinished, it is not known whether Kilgour will be successful in this sport, although at the moment they are doing well in all grades. The House, as in other sports, is capably represented in the Grade teams, with R. Jose, R. Jones, B. Hynard and W. Jamieson in the first XI.

In conclusion, I hope that next year Kilgour will continue to reign as the dominant house, and with such members as Jon Henricks, John Dorsett and Neil Duncan continuing at school, it appears as if this wish will be fulfilled.

—B. Jenkins, House Captain.

CHRISMAS HOUSE REPORT

Thanks to the combined efforts of all members, Christmas House again won its share of the House Competitions.

Our victories included the First and Sixth Grade Premierships and two first and two seconds in the tennis grade competition. Our small success in the Swimming Carnival was compensated by our gaining second place in the aggregate score in the Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to the Juniors who won their section by a wide margin. Bonner, Craney, Deaton and Barsley as the main point scorers, deserve special mention. Barsley won seven events. These boys promise a strong foundation for building Christmas into a leading house in athletics.

With the coming cricket season it is hoped that Christmas will show a marked improvement in its standard of play, especially if talent can be enticed away from the Enfield swimming pool.

—Lindsay Coleman (House Capt.)

MEARNS' HOUSE REPORT

Although not winning any sporting cup this year, Mearns House made up for this by maintaining the high standard of sportsmanship and enthusiasm in all sporting events. It showed that it was, and is, always a strong force to be reckoned with, by continually finishing close to the winners in each division.

The House is acquitting itself very well in cricket, K. Muller captaining the 1st XI, while B. Olds, V. Levi and H. Millar are also members of the team.

In Aquatics, Mearns finished a close second to the winners, Kilgour, but G. Martin, P. Lindsay and D. Lindsay were champions of their respective divisions.

The only sport in which Mearns showed its supremacy this year was in water polo. Mearns could only finish third in the tennis competition, and more enthusiasm must be shown if the House is to achieve greater honours in this sport.

The House finished a close second in the inter-house football, and in the 1st XV, Barry Olds, who gained representative honours in the C.H.S. 1st XV, was an outstanding leader, while Ian Moutray was vice-captain of this team, also captaining the 2nd C.H.S. XV. In addition, F. Peisah and H. Millar were selected for C.H.S. teams. Muller, Kidd, Malouf and Le Serve also played in the 1st XV.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the House members for the fine co-operation dur-

ing the year. It now rests with the rising juniors to regain some of Mearns' lost prestige, so that we may once more regain the title of Premier House, and remember, this can only be done by teamwork and close co-operation, never by individual effort. If we remember this, Mearns House will always be a House of true sportsmen.

—H. Millar, House Captain.

WILLIAMS' HOUSE REPORT

With the conclusion of this year's activities, Williams House, taken as a whole, was not outstanding at any one sport, but maintained its reputation as a fair all-rounder.

Williams' failure to do better at the Athletic Carnival was due to the lack of enthusiasm in the novice events. In winning two relays and gaining third place in another, we showed we had some good athletes, but did not give them ample support.

The Swimming Carnival saw us fall into third place. In the Novice Event, Williams, with good house spirit, kept amongst the leaders, but with good swimmers such as James and Henricks, Kilgour House soon forged ahead to win. The highlight of the carnival, for Williams, was the last event, when our keen supporters saw our senior relay team break the record in defeating the strong Kilgour team.

Our football teams, however, were below our usually high standard and it will be the task of the junior members to see that there is marked improvement in subsequent years.

Williams were narrowly beaten into second place in both tennis and water-polo, and a little more determination would see us at the top of both these sports.

Unfortunately, at the time of writing, the cricket competition has not been finished, and I can merely hope that our teams come up to expectations and fulfil their obligation as sportsmen and gentlemen on the cricket field.

We were well represented in the C.H.S. football and cricket, having J. Thomson and G. Reed selected for football, and G. Reed and A. Wyatt for cricket. Williams was fortunate to have such a fine sportsman as Graham Reed in their ranks this year.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the house for its fine co-operation throughout the year and also to remind our members of our House motto—STRIVE AND THRIVE—hoping that our younger members will elevate Williams House to an appropriate superiority.

—Alec Sharam, House Captain.



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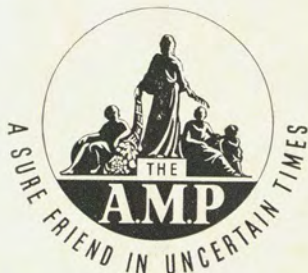
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Sportsmaster's Report

Congratulations Fort Street on the splendid record in sport for 1952. It surpasses all records for any year since Fort Street entered the C.H.S. competition in 1912. This year's record stands as a challenge for future years.

1952 RECORD

The Brilliantshine Shield (C.H.S. swimming).

The Macmaneny Shield (Aggregate points for C.H.S. football).

The First XV, undefeated Premiers.

The Third XV, Premiers.

The First XI, leading in C.H.S.

The Second XI, leading in C.H.S.

C.H.S. Football Representation:— K. James, F. Peisah, B. Olds, B. Jenkins, G. Reid, B. Hynard, H. Millar, I. Moutray.

C.H.S. Cricket Representation:—A. Wyatt, and G. Reid.

R. Jones has been selected for the Linton Cup Tennis trials.

John Henricks has made a name for himself in the swimming arena by winning the Australian 880 yds. Championship, the N.S.W. 1,650 yds. Championship, the N.S.W. 440 yds. Championship and by breaking the 100 yds. all-schools record (60.3 secs.).

The following boys were successful in obtaining their Junior R.U. Referee's Badge: L. E. Abbott, P. Cansick, R. J. Curry, J. T.

Hall, J. W. Hicks, K. D. Forbes, G. P. Guergens, W. Kocass, R. G. Lonnon, J. H. Ludlow, F. M. Parker, F. Peisah, G. E. Reid, P. W. Rigg.

The School is grateful to Dr. Vanderfield for conducting these examinations and it is to be hoped that these boys will go for their Senior Badge and become first-class referees.

School Blues, 1952

Football: G. Reid, B. Olds, K. James, I. Moutray, K. Muller, B. Jenkins, R. Doggett.
Cricket: A. Wyatt, G. Reid, K. Muller, R. Jose.

Life Saving: G. MacIntyre, K. James, B. Dickins, G. Young Lee.

Tennis: R. Jones, A. Sharam.

Swimming: J. Henricks.

Basketball: K. Muller, K. James, R. Sharpe, G. Young Lee, B. McCauley.

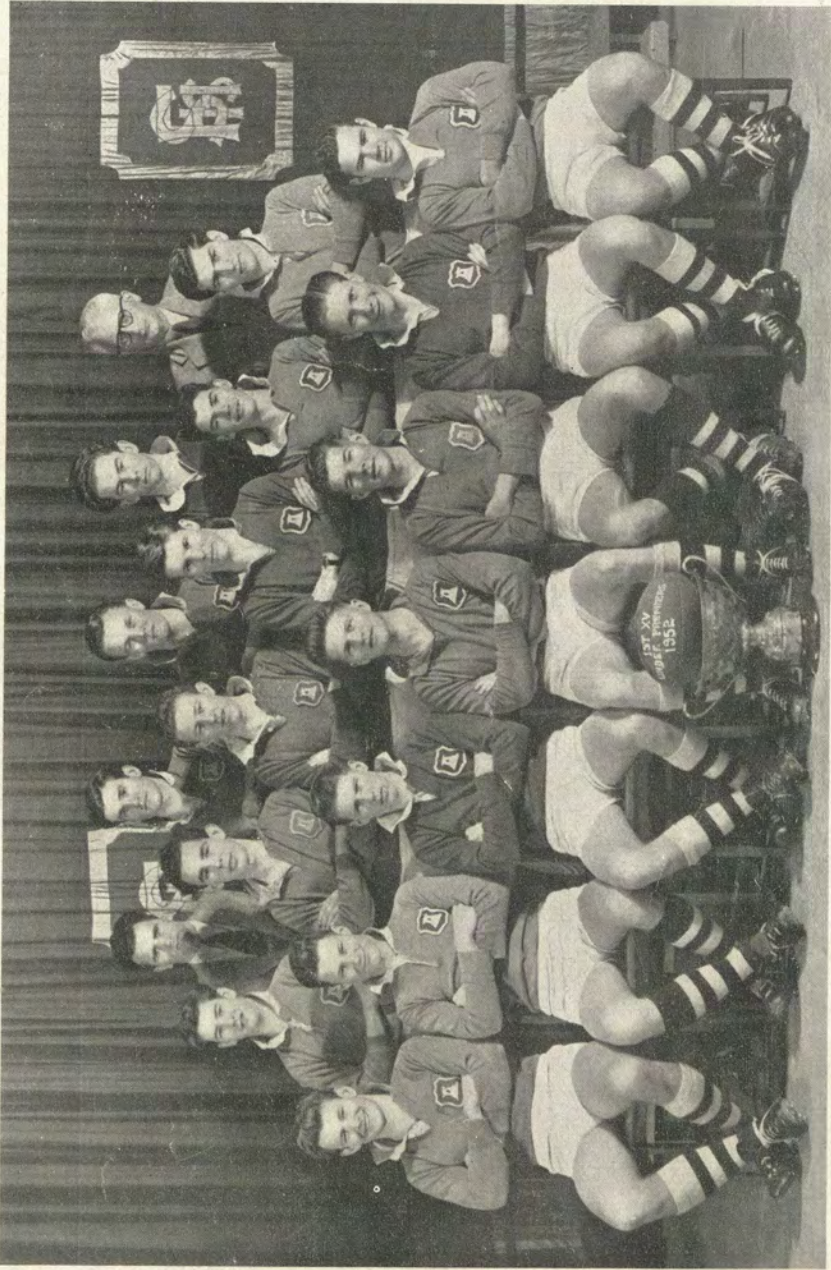
Chess: T. Trahair.

Johnson Memorial Prize, Senior: K. Muller, Junior, J. Thomson.

I wish to thank Mr. Mearns and Mr. Austin for their assistance and keen interest in the sporting activities of the School and I feel this year's success is a great tribute to them on the eve of their retirement. I wish to thank the grade coaches and the staff for their loyal co-operation and the boys for their splendid achievement in sport for 1952.

HOUSE CUPS

	Christmas House	Kilgour House	Mearns House	Williams House	Winners
THE FRANK AUSTIN MEMORIAL CUP (Athletics)	192	270	108	164	Kilgour House
THE HANNAN MEMORIAL CUP (Aquatics)					
Swimming	146	241	194	178	
Water Polo	46	78	114	72	
Life-Saving	151	124	122	83	
TOTAL	343	443	430	333	Kilgour House
THE LADIES' COMMITTEE CUP (Cricket)	790	921	1054	869	Mearns House
THE OLD BOYS' RUGBY CUP	2592	4271	2229	1980	Kilgour House
THE R. L. HEAD MEMORIAL CUP (Tennis)	352	103	208	331	Christmas House
THE ROSE CUP (All Sport)—					
Athletics	15.6	22.1	8.9	13.4	
Aquatics	22.2	28.5	27.7	21.6	
Football	37.6	61.8	32.3	28.3	
Tennis	10.6	3.1	6.3	10.	
Cricket	32.6	38.0	43.5	35.9	
TOTAL	118.6	153.5	118.7	109.2	Kilgour House
THE LODGE FORTIAN CUP (Four Major Sports)	108.0	150.4	112.4	99.0	Kilgour House



FIRST XV, 1952
 Back Row (L.-R.): Mr. Colvin (coach), P. Kidd, J. Thompson, G. Reed, Mr. O'Sullivan (sports-
 master),
 Centre Row (L.-R.): B. Hynard, B. Jenkins, R. Daggett, L. Coleman, J. Watson, M. Malouf,
 Front Row (L.-R.): K. James, H. Millar, J. Moutray, B. Olds (capt.), R. Cowley, K. Muller,
 F. Feisab.

FOOTBALL

FIRST GRADE PREMIERS

With 198 points for, and 46 against, Fort Street gained First Grade Premiership honours for the second year in succession.

The early attainment of a team spirit, an intelligent understanding and unselfish co-operation between the backs and forwards were responsible for their runaway victories. Most teams, too, underestimated the grand pack of forwards and based their strategy on negative tactics designed to stop will-o'-the-wisp backs.

Of the many thrilling encounters, the matches against our traditional rivals, Sydney High and competition runners-up Parramatta, deserve special mention. Both these games were played in the true spirit of football with quarter neither given nor received by either side. Fort Street wore well and their tenacious fighting spirit inspired them to well deserved victories.

Players:

F. Peisah, Hooker: Tough forward; out-hooked all opponents and proved a big factor in team's success.

B. Olds, Front Row Forward (Capt.): Spearheaded team into toughest rucks and welded pack into compact striking force. His firm, but good humoured manner established him as a popular and indisputable leader.

B. Jenkins, Front Row Forward: A sterling prop, invaluable in tight situations; toiled hard and shirked nothing.

S. Malouf, Second Row Forward: Tremendously strong, gave great thrust to scrum and tightened up line-outs.

R. Cowley, Second Row Forward: Splendid player, developing individual style combining the unexpected with the brilliant.

K. James, Breakaway: Powerful forward; surprising turn of speed made him key man in the team.

Daggett, Breakaway: Speedy and versatile; fearless and resourceful through season; thoroughly dependable.

Coleman, Lock Forward: Solid tackler; outstanding line-out specialist.

B. Hynard, Half-back: Speedy dive pass; good understanding with five-eighth and hooker; periodic solo escapades foolhardy and unfruitful.

I. Moutray, Five-Eighth: Indefatigable worker; electrifying runs; handled ball superbly; splendid kicking. As V.C., was a source of inspiration with his courageous tackling and "never say die" spirit.

J. Thompson, Inside Centre: Rugged player; chose to play second fiddle to Reed in interests of the team.

G. Reed, Outside Centre: Best all-round player in C.H.S. Football, prolific point scorer (95 of 198 gained—8 tries, 8 penalty goals, 21 conversions). His calculating football brain, skilful kick, deceptive changes of pace and

clever dummy pass show promise of a brilliant football career.

P. Kidd, Wing Three-quarter: Fearlessly accepted the limited opportunities not exploited by Reed.

H. Muller, Wing Three-quarter: Excellent cross-field kick; strong runner.

J. Watson, Fullback: Safe handler; cool under pressure; strong, accurate kick.

H. Millar, Fullback: Sound attacker; useful side kick and swerve.

The Firsts express thanks to J. Hart, A. Rusa, R. Curry, J. Le Serve as reserves and A. Wyatt for valuable assistance throughout the season.

C.H.S. Representatives:

1st XV: B. Olds, F. Peisah, G. Reed, K. James.

2nd XV: I. Moutray, J. Thompson, B. Jenkins, B. Hynard.

Fort Street won the following matches:

Trial Matches:

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Annual Matches:

v. Armidale H.S.: 17-6.

C.H.S. Competition:

v. S.T.H.S.: 31-0. v. P.N.S.: 8-3.

v. N.S.H.S.: 22-8. v. R.H.S.: 20-0.

v. A.H.S.: 17-6. v. H.H.S.: 16-0.

v. C.H.S.: 22-3. v. N.S.T.H.S.: 13-5.

v. S.H.S.: 13-6. v. H.A.H.S.: 14-0.

In conclusion, we would like to express to Mr. Colvin, our coach, our sincere thanks for the able coaching that has taken us to Premiership honours.

SECOND GRADE FOOTBALL

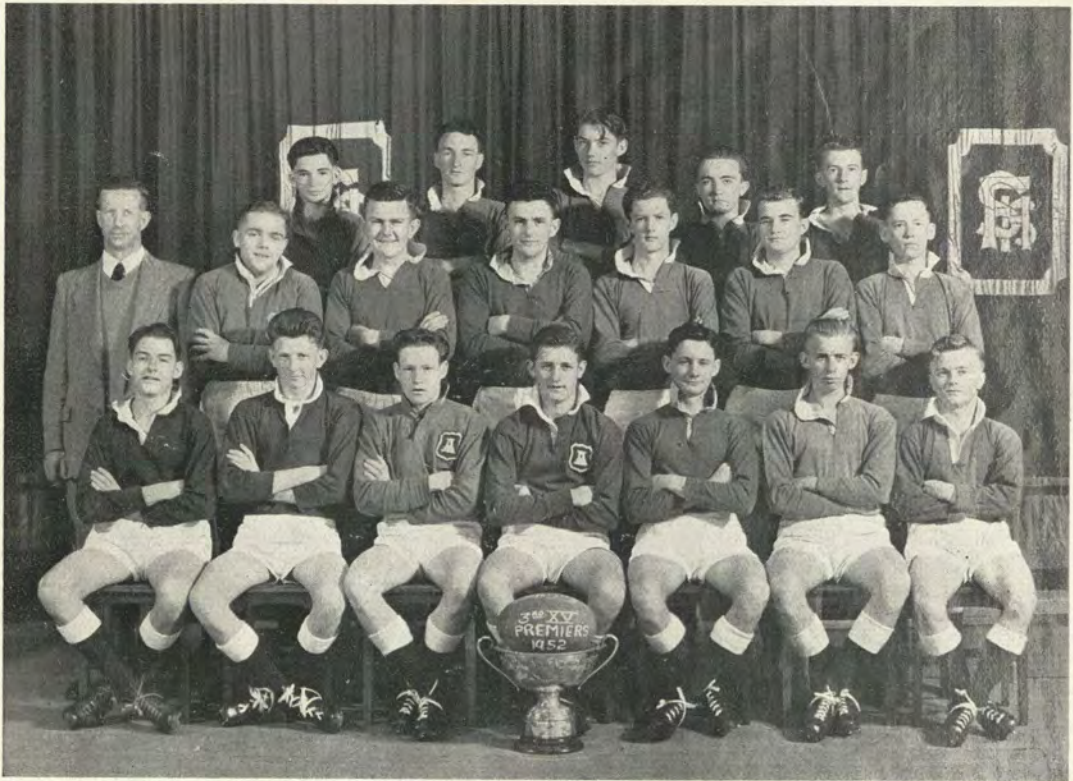
For the 2nd XV, the 1952 season has been one of earnest endeavour, having tasted the fruits of victory and the more health-giving pills of defeat.

The team was only successful in winning two matches, and drawing two, but it is noteworthy that these victories were against the premiers and runners-up. We drew with the team that was third, and had we not risen to the occasion and defeated Hurlstone in our last match, the School would not have won the 1952 Championship.

The team was composed of J. Watson (capt.), J. Hart, P. Cansick, G. Johnson, K. Bunting, G. Clay, R. Baker, J. Le Serve, V. Levi as backs, whilst the forwards were T. Trahair, R. Curry, R. Groves, B. Watson, W. Kovass, K. Forbes, J. Ludlow and R. Gray.

Special mention must go to our hefty forwards for the grand job they have done this season. The backs, however, due to many changes, never really settled into a sound combination.

Mr. Reid was an able and efficient coach, and should have achieved more success than we brought him. We would like to thank him for his keen and persistent efforts to weld us into a team.



3rd XV. PREMIERS, 1952

Back Row (L.-R.): G. Precians, M. White, D. Allwood, B. Frecklington, R. Baker.
 Centre Row: Mr. R. G. Cull (coach), R. Jose, B. McCauley, F. Harmer, B. Fitzgerald, B. McLennan, B. Jeffries.
 Front Row: G. Hall, K. Fountain, R. Elliott, R. Gooch (Capt.), T. Rippingale, G. McIntyre, C. Presland.

THIRD GRADE FOOTBALL

PREMIERS, 1952

Thirds had a good football season. You will say, "Naturally—they won the competition." But you do not know the Thirds, my friend.

In the first place they had glorious football weather. Every day was almost ideal, with a clear sky and very little wind, and every match day gave them a good hard game with very little difference between either side. But good weather and hard games are not everything. If the competition is not played in a spirit of good sportsmanship, the most enjoyable football is lost. Third Grade was fortunate in the teams of fine chaps which they met.

Bob Gooch captained his side well from the position of five-eighth. He was very safe and his team mates had confidence in him, especially when the opposition was pressing hard. His half-back, Presland, gave him every support, although he would do better to vary his play slightly. We shall see more of Presland next season.

The backs were made up of R. Baker, G. Hall, K. Fountain, M. White, B. Frecklington, F. Harmer and B. Fitzgerald. All played well. This is no idle statement. You must remember that this team is a premiership side and they must have played well to have achieved this honour.

The forwards were a tough bunch and time after time broke the confidence of the opposition. Often the break did not occur until the second half, thus showing they knew the value of sustained pressure.

The forwards included B. McLennan, G. McIntyre, R. Jose, B. McCauley, B. Jeffrey, D. Allwood, J. Gray, G. Precians, T. Rippingale and R. Elliott.

In addition to the competition matches, Third Grade played a St. Joseph team which they defeated and also a team from Newington ("New"), which defeated them.

Altogether, they had a most enjoyable season and were sorry when it was over. In conclusion, the team would like to express its sincere thanks for the help and advice tendered by the coach, Mr. Cull, who was a tower of strength throughout the season.

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FOURTH GRADE FOOTBALL

Fourth Grade won seven out of ten competition matches, as well as three practice matches, drew against Hurlstone, and were defeated by Randwick and Sydney High. They tied for third place in the competition, scoring 198 points to 71 against.

The team began with high hopes, and won its first six matches so convincingly that it was reluctant to experiment with position. However it was unhappy behind the scrum, even in victory, and, at last, defeat by Sydney High induced Elvin to play five-eighth. He proved a real stimulus to the team. Spedding made a first-class half, and Cooper a sound dependable full-back.

The backs, who were probably the fastest in the competition, now came more into their own. Stacey and Dorsett, two splendid spectacular centres, scored eleven tries each, and Duncan, whose flashes of speed on the wing were a delight, scored seven.

Among the forwards, Flannagan, Garforth, Findlay and Milton were outstanding, and were ably supported by Hemmings and Henson in the front row. Delmos, who began the season as a novice, grappled quite well with the problems of hooker. Williams was happier in his old position and with his fellow breakaway, Taylor, frustrated many an attack. Lindsay and Tuckey were valuable replacements in two matches.

Stacey deserves special mention. He excelled throughout the season in all departments of the game, and with goals, conversions and tries reached the fine total of 84 points.

The team is to be congratulated on its performances and on the spirit of co-operation and enterprise it developed during the season.

Horrigan as wing was a prolific scorer. He attacked and defended well, but dropped passes at critical moments.

Evans proved a determined runner and defender on the opposite wing.

Parker was not a success as fullback but proved very useful elsewhere. He is the best tackler in the team and with more experience will be an excellent centre.

Johnson, with more enthusiasm and training, would be a good centre.

Jones was always a trier and is a sound centre.

Bond was the find of the season and will be an outstanding five-eighth. He can initiate movements, run trickily and determinedly and is an excellent goal kicker. He topped the scoring list.

Turney will be an excellent half.

The forwards could seldom be faulted and many times were let down by the backs. McGregor, as well as being a good hooker, was, considering his size, the best player in the team.

Lindsay was always a powerful strength to the team, rallying the forwards with his advice and showing the way.

Dutton was an excellent forward.

Hill improved as the season advanced and he gave more attention to the ball and less to the opponents. Pattison was a good breakaway. Stewart's injury robbed the team of its most spectacular player. He should be a great forward in years to come. Dutton excelled in his position of roving lock, bobbing up when most wanted. Lawson, Barnes and Saxby also did their best.

We look forward to a successful Fourth Grade season.

FIFTH GRADE FOOTBALL

Fifth Grade had a successful season, losing only two matches and defeating the competition winners, Manly, in the second last match. But for injuries near the close, we may have won the premiership. We did our share in making Fort Street the leading football school.

The team's success was due to constant attendance at practice, to enthusiasm, attention to coaching instructions and to a good team spirit.

Southwell captained the team and though he was replaced as five-eighth, he proved a reliable fullback and his line kicking was very commendable.

SIXTH GRADE FOOTBALL

Although not amongst the leaders of the competition, Sixth Grade had a pleasant and interesting season. Our few defeats, mainly by narrow margins, were fully compensated by the fine team spirit shown on all occasions.

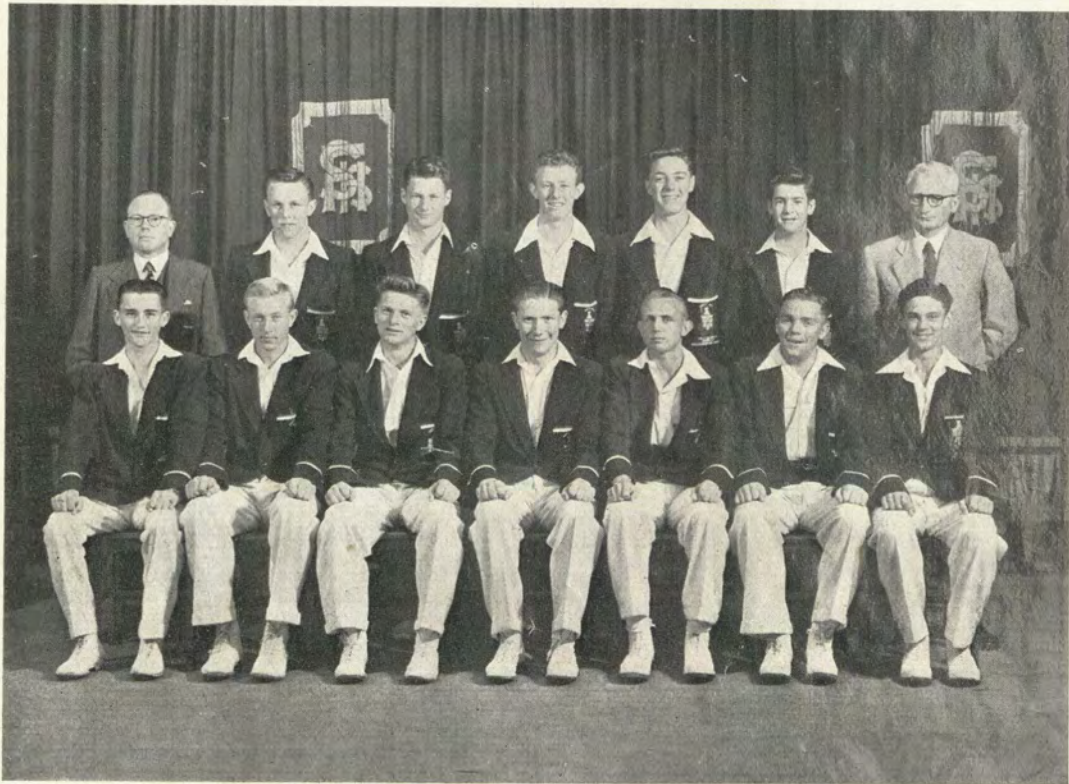
Able led by Captain Barsley, with Bonner second in command, the players, Clements, White, Palfreyman, Booker, O'Malley, Evans, Shepherd, Fortescue, Parker, Webster, Gardiner, Williams, McGovern, Bligh, Miller, Anderson, Nade, Wood, Portus, Ferguson, Turnbull and Freeman, showed commendable enthusiasm and should acquit themselves well next season.

CRICKET

FIRST GRADE

The First Eleven has established a substantial lead and stands an excellent chance of winning the competition. Three matches have been won outright and one on the first innings.

The team comprises K. Muller (Capt.), A. Wyatt (Vice-Capt.), G. Reed, G. Thirkettle, W. Jamieson, R. Jones, R. Daggett, B. Olds, B. Hynard, V. Levi, R. Jose and H. Miller (12th).



FIRST GRADE CRICKET, 1952

Back Row (L.-R.): Mr. Cunningham (coach), G. Reed, H. Millar, R. Daggett, R. Jones, B. Hynard, Mr. O'Sullivan.

Front Row (L.-R.): V. Levi, G. Thirkettle, B. Olds, K. Muller (capt.), R. Jose, W. Jamieson.

Alan Wyatt's fast bowling has been of a very high standard and his 32 wickets in the four matches have cost only 139 runs. R. Jose has also been very successful, especially with the new ball, while G. Thirkettle's slows and R. Daggett's spinners have come to light just when needed. Wyatt (twice), Jose and Thirkettle have all secured the hat-trick.

With the bat G. Reed with 23, 26, 36 and 96, and K. Muller 51, 21, 37 and 28 n.o., have been outstanding and they have received good

support from B. Olds, R. Jones and G. Thirkettle.

The fielding and running between wickets at first a little ragged, have improved greatly under the inspiration of Muller's imaginative captaincy.

Fort Street, 9-169 beat Parramatta 25, 45 outright.

Fort Street, 139 beat Homebush 69 and 6-67.
Fort Street, 144 beat Canterbury 43 and 94.
Fort Street, 5-200 beat Hurlstone 30 and 40.

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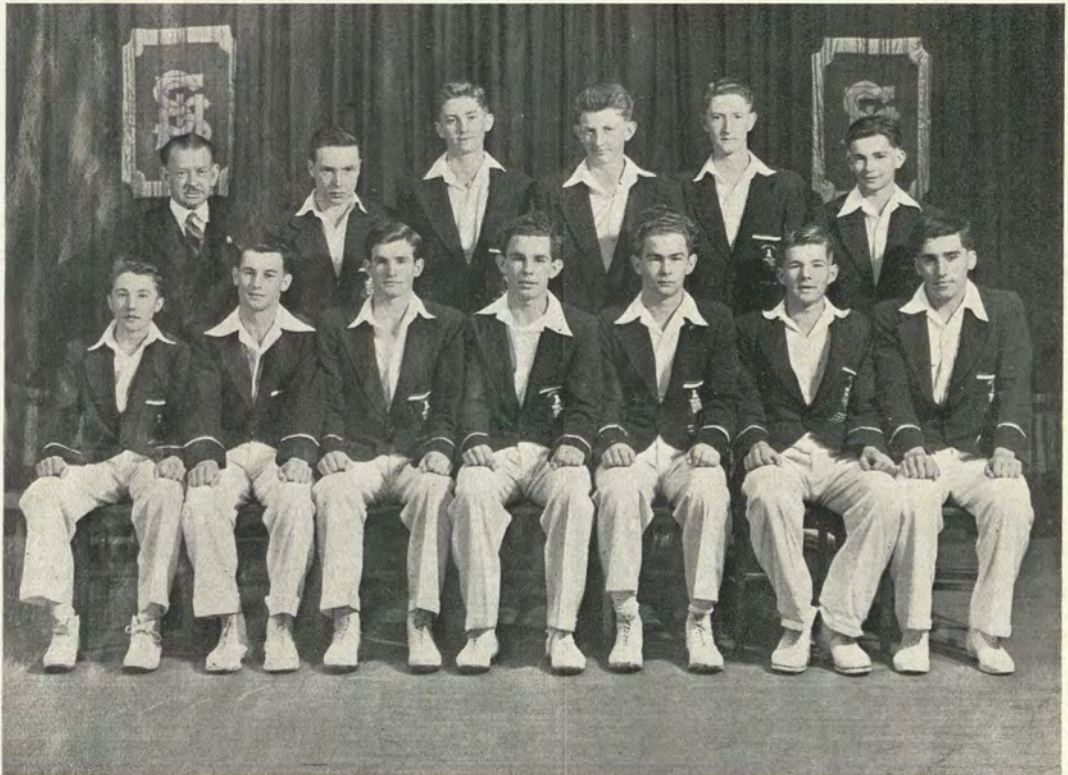
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SECOND GRADE

This year we are again fielding an outstandingly strong 2nd XI. The team was ably led by Barry Jenkins and coached by Mr. Kester, and it was evident that our strength lay in team-work, the match against Homebush being an example of this. Homebush forced us to bat on a rain-damaged wicket and the stumps fell in quick succession until the score was 9 for 106, whereupon Kidd and Jenkins

P. Kidd, P. Thompson, J. Charker, P. Cansick, R. Easton, R. Cowley, J. Hart, J. Thomson, K. Fountain, H. Millar, M. White and A. Richardson.

Opening bowlers, Kidd and J. Thomson, were well supported by Hart and P. Thompson with the new ball, but the slow bowlers were unreliable. The batting array, Charker, Hart, Cowley, Easton, Cansick and Millar, was for-



SECOND GRADE CRICKET

Back Row (L.-R.): Mr. Kester (coach), P. Thompson, K. Fountain, A. Richardson, M. White.
Front Row (L.-R.): J. Charker, P. Cansick, P. Kidd, B. Jenkins (capt.), J. Thomson, R. Cowley, J. Hart.

became associated in a partnership that carried the score to 143. With Homebush batting on a perfect wicket the following week, Fort Street, by brilliant fielding and accurate bowling and field placing, were able to limit Homebush to the small total of 4 for 127. Of the 43 overs bowled, 17 were maidens!

The team consisted of B. Jenkins (Capt.),

midable, if not brilliant, whilst Jenkin's wicket-keeping was impressive. With ten of this year's First XI leaving school, it appears likely that the bulk of 1st Grade will come from this year's 2nd Grade.

To Mr. Kester go our sincere thanks for the help and guidance that he has given us, and without him our success would not have been.

THIRD GRADE

Third Grade had a fairly good season and finished second to Homebush. We have an outside chance of winning the competition, but all three matches in the re-draw will have to be won.

The team throughout the season consisted of Garforth (Capt.), Dunstan, Short, Corderoy, Flanagan, Stacey, Taylor, McEnally, Harris Smith, Cooper and Broadbridge.

Our first match, a victory over Parramatta, was followed by our first and only defeat, by Homebush. Against Canterbury we were unlucky in not gaining an outright win, while the match against Hurlstone was yet another victory for Fort Street.

Wicket-keeper Corderoy was always safe, and the fielding, ragged during the first two matches, improved considerably as the competition progressed.

The team enjoyed a happy season with Mr. Hodge, who has always been keenly interested and who gave valuable advice throughout the season.

FOURTH GRADE

With a fairly successful season to date and three matches to play, Fourth Grade promises to do well in the competition.

The team has consisted of White (Capt.), Hales, Southwell, Short, Jones, Bond, Stewart, Lindsay, Coughlin, Trinder, Butler, Paterson, Fortesque and Saxby.

With time a prominent factor our first match against Parramatta resulted in a draw, our second against Homebush was a defeat—although an outright loss was averted. A change in our fortunes came with a win on the first innings against Canterbury and it was only time that prevented an outright win in the Hurlstone match.

The position of wicket-keeper was filled throughout the season by Bond and White. The fielding of the team was satisfactory but there is still need for improvement.



TENNIS

FIRST GRADE PREMIERS

This year Fort Street finished well up in the first grade competition, being defeated only by the winners, Homebush, and the runners-up, Canterbury.

The team was composed of R. Jones (Capt.), A. Sharam, J. Barraclough and W. Westwood. Of these, Barraclough and Westwood will be at school again next year, and should form a solid backbone to the team.

Results in the competition were:—

- v. North Sydney: 7-1.
- v. Canterbury: 2-6.
- v. Sydney High: 4 sets 44 games to 4 sets 43 games.
- v. Randwick: 5-3.
- v. Homebush: 3-5.
- v. Hurlstone: 8-0.
- v. Manly: 7-1.
- v. Sydney Technical, Nth. Sydney Technical washout.
- v. Parramatta—walkover.

R. Jones was chosen in the Combined High Schools team which defeated Newcastle High Schools by 29 sets to 3 sets.

The team had a very enjoyable season and would like to thank Mr. Stanley for his assistance.

Comments on the players:

R. Jones: Captain and mainstay of the team. A good all-round player who follows his strong serve and deep drives to the net whence he hits his volleys and smashes with great finesse.

A. Sharam: A good attacking player who uses a fast first service and a top-spin forehand to reach the net where he plays best. His backhand was often unreliable.

J. Barraclough: Played very consistently throughout the competition. Possesses a very reliable all-court game, and should be the mainstay of next year's team.

W. Westwood: A good baseline player possessing an excellent forehand drive and a fair backhand. His service and overhead could stand improvement, however.

SECOND GRADE

The Second Grade's performances did not come up to expectations this year, due mainly to the lack of a stable team. We were unfortunate to lose the services of Neil Rutherford

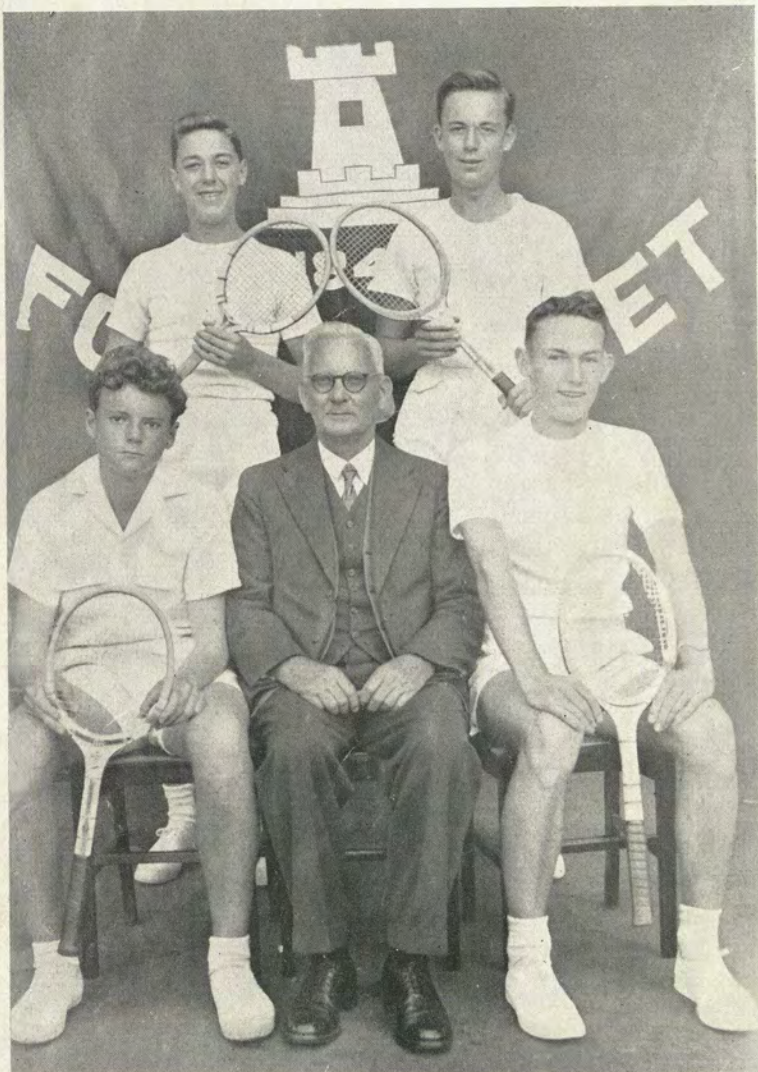
through illness; however, this cannot be used as an excuse, because his position was filled quite capably by L. Blanchard and K. Lindsay.

Comments on individual players:

R. Easton (Capt.): A fine baseline player

sesses a good first service and smash. Lacks concentration.

L. Blanchard: Performed quite well during the season, however, his second service is rather weak.



FIRST GRADE TENNIS

Front Row (L.-R.): J. Barraclough, Mr. A. W. Stanley (coach), A. Sharam.
Back Row (L.-R.): R. Jones (capt.), W. Westwood.

with a hard, accurate forehand drive and service. Backhand volley could stand improvement.

W. Selle: Sometimes inconsistent, his weakness being his backhand volley and smash.

N. Rutherford: A very consistent player, but more attention is needed to his service and network. Should make 1st Grade next year.

W. Jamieson: Inconsistent at times but pos-

THIRD GRADE

Although the Third Grade did not win the competition, it had a very enjoyable season, having three wins and four losses; two matches being washed out. The team consisted of Arnold, Martin, Lindsay and Glover. Valuable assistance was given throughout the season by the reserves, Blanchard and Armstrong. The pairings finally chosen were

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Arnold and Martin, Lindsay and Glover.

Martin: Most consistent player in the team, with a good forehand and backhand, but serving and smashing could be improved.

Arnold: Inconsistent at the start, but improved greatly towards the end. Backhand and volley inconsistent at times.

Lindsay: Played consistently throughout the season. He justifies his inclusion in the team. His service and smash could be improved.

Glover: Essentially a baseline player with a good forehand and a reliable backhand and volley, but service is a trifle inconsistent.

Results:

- v. North Sydney: 5-3.
- v. Canterbury: 2-6.
- v. Sydney High: 0-8.
- v. Randwick: 2-6.
- v. Homebush: 4 sets, 30 games to 4 sets, 35 games.
- v. Manly: 7-1.

v. Hurlstone: 6-2.

Matches against Sydney Tech. and North Sydney Tech. were washed out.

FOURTH GRADE

This year we did not fare so well but the opportunity was taken to give two 1st year players, Brennon and Li, valuable practice for next year.

Comments on players:

Irvine (Capt.): He played a steady game, but ground strokes could be improved.

Barras: Rather erratic at times but played better at end of season when he combined with Li.

Brennon: Played a fair game and should do well in 4th Grade next year.

Li: Improved during the season and performed very creditably in the last two matches.

41st ANNUAL ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

This year the carnival was held at Peter-sham Oval on the 18th and 19th of September. It was to have been held early in the previous month, but owing to bad weather it had to be postponed. The night before the carnival rain fell and this softened the track appreciably. Unfortunately, there was a persistent wind blowing during both days and naturally this did not improve the times.

The carnival would have been a greater success had more entered. Once more the number of entries from the senior school was poor, but the juniors supported their houses well.

Our thanks are due to the Sportsmaster, Carnival Manager and Committee, and also to the staff who so ably supported this event. An unusual, but much appreciated feature of the day was the supplying of free drinks to everyone by Canada Dry Pty Ltd.

Results:

HOUSE COMPETITION

- 1st: Kilgour, 270 points.
- 2nd: Christmas, 191½ points.
- 3rd: Williams, 164 points.
- 4th: Mearns, 107½ points.

Senior:

- 100 yards: J. Sharp 1, K. James 2, K. Muller 3. Time, 10.9 sec.
- 220 yards: J. Sharp 1, K. James 2, P. Kidd 3, Time, 23.9 sec.
- 440 yards: L. Coleman 1, J. Sharp 2, P. Kidd 3. Time, 35.7 sec.
- 880 yards: L. Coleman 1, B. Jenkins 2, J.

Aston 3. Time, 2 mins., 16.3 sec.

Mile: G. Thirkettle 1, G. Clay 2, B. Jenkins 3. Time, 5 mins., 8 sec.

Broad Jump: K. James 1, K. Muller 2, G. Young Lee 3. 20 ft. 6½ inch.

High Jump: J. Henricks 1, G. Young Lee 2, K. Muller 3. 5 ft. 3 in.

Shot Put: K. James 1, J. Henricks 2, K. Muller 3. 36 ft. 8 in.

Hop, Step & Jump: K. James 1, K. Muller 2, J. Whiteside 3. 41 ft. 1 in.

Relay: Kilgour 1, Williams 2, Christmas 3.

Tug-o'-war: Mearns 1, Williams 2, Christmas 3.

Champion House: Williams.

Senior Champion: K. James.

Under 16:

100 yards: J. Dorsett 1, F. Harmer 2, J. Thompson 3. Time, 11 secs.

220 yards: J. Dorsett 1, L. F. Harmer 2, J. Randell 3. Time, 24 secs.

440 yards: J. Dorsett 1, R. Edwards 2, M. Malouf 3, Time, 56.6 secs.

880 yards: A. Ellis 1, J. Dorsett 2, M. Malouf 3. Time, 2 mins., 23 secs.

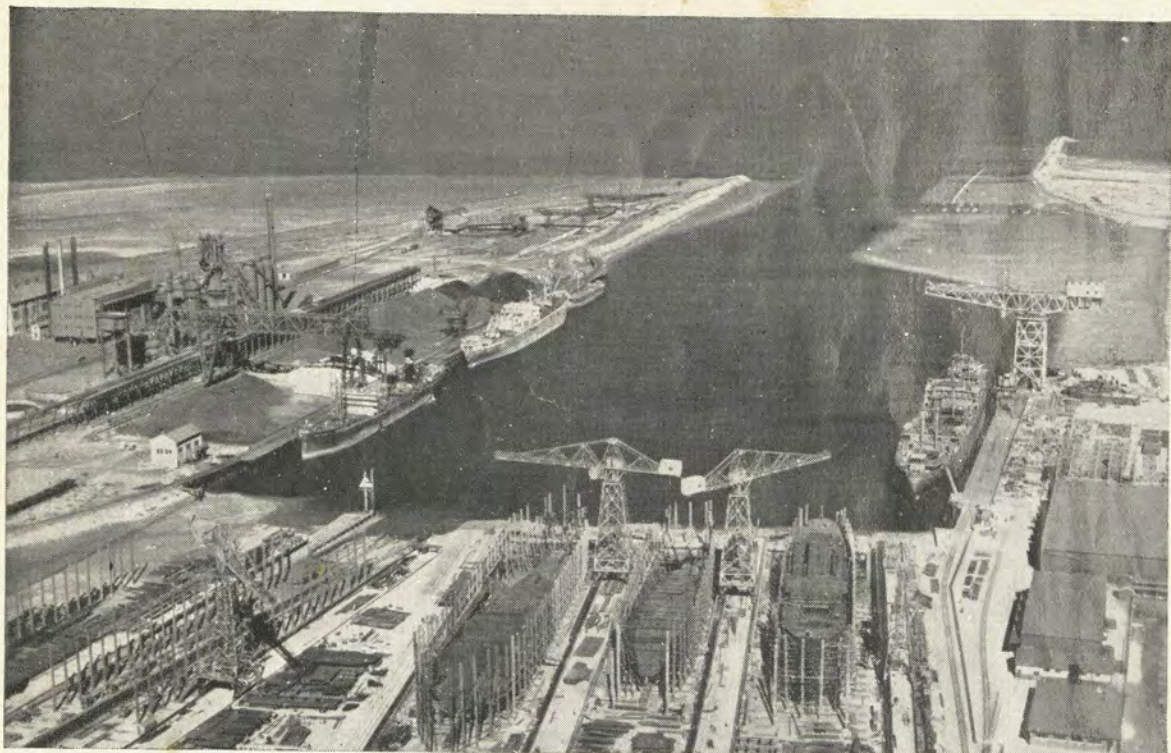
High Jump: J. Dorsett 1, R. Edwards 2, J. Thompson 3. 5ft.

Broad Jump: J. Dorsett 1, K. Randall 2, R. Edwards 3. 19 ft. 8½ in.

Shot Put: M. Malouf 1, J. Thompson 2, B. C. Vincent 3. 38 ft. 6¼ in.

Relay: Williams 1, Kilgour 2, Mearns 3.

Hop, Step & Jump: J. Dorsett 1, R. Edwards 2, V. Levi 3. 38ft. 11 in.



The B.H.P. blast furnace plant (at left), Shipyard and fitting-out wharf at Whyalla, S.A.

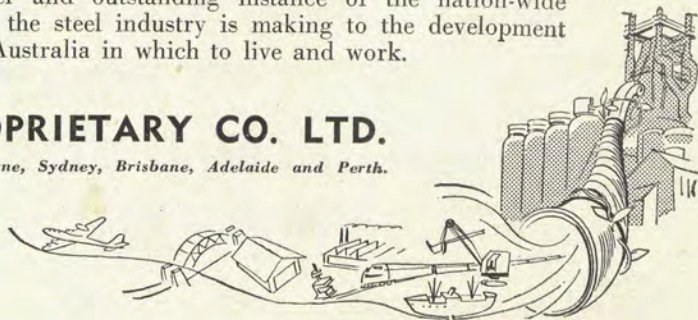
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Under 15:

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220 yards: N. Duncan 1, R. Stacey 2, C. Craney 3. Time 25.2 secs.

High Jump: J. Atherton 1, I Frazer 2, N. Duncan 3. 4 ft 8 in.

Broad Jump: N. Duncan 1, R. Flanagan 2, G. Collet, 3. 17 ft. 5 ins.

Shot Put: R. Flanagan 1, I. Frazer 2, N. Duncan 3. 34 ft. 7½ in.

Hop, Step & Jump: N. Duncan 1, R. Flanagan, Deaton (aeq) 2.

Relay: Kilgour 1, Christmas 2, Williams 3. Time, 53.9 secs.

Champion House: Kilgour.

Champion: N. Duncan.

Under 14:

100 yards: B. Bond 1, Deaton 2, P. Bonner 3. Time, 11.5 secs.

220 yards: Caldwell 1, Canney 2, Fell 3. Time, 28 secs.

High Jump: Deayton 1, B. Bond 2, Maitland 3. 4 ft. 9 in.

Broad Jump: Deayton 1, Bond 2, Hill 3. 16 ft. 5 ins.

Shot Put: Bond 1, Hill 2, Lindsay 3. 37 ft. 5½ ins.

Relay: Christmas 1, Mearns 2, Williams 3. Time, 58.2 secs.

Champion House: Christmas.

Champion: Bond. *W.*

Under 13:

100 yds: D. Barsley 1, J. Sharp 2, J. Wood 3. Time, 12.8 secs.

High Jump: Bradley 1, Evans 2, D. Barsley 3. 4 ft. 2 in.

Broad Jump: D. Barsley 1, Evans 2, Cartwright 3. 14 ft. 4 in.

Relay: Williams 1, Mearns 2, Christmas 3. Time, 74.8 secs.

Champion House: Christmas.

Champion: D. Barsley.

—N.R.

60th ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This year, we were again fortunate to have perfect weather for our Annual Swimming Carnival at Cabarita Baths, on the 4th March, 1952.

Keen competition, especially amongst the Juvenile division, was evident, although the main interest was centred on our champion, Jon Henricks. No boy can now deny that Jon is the greatest swimmer in the history of our School. His performances fully justify this worthy praise.

A feature, which is to the disadvantage of the School, is the absence of well-trained divers. The diving events were again a source of enjoyment to the School, as our "divers" endeavoured to show just how good they really were.

The unusual display of Mr. Arnold and Mr. Neuhaus, together with a group of boys from our victorious Arthur Parker Cup Team, made many realise just how great an asset are these two masters. They gave a very fine exhibition of scientific swimming, which included somersaults, rolling log, boating, water wheels and methods of rescue.

One unpleasant feature, however, was the lack of competition in the seniors. Did Jon Henricks scare them away? Surely not!

It is to be hoped that the fine work of the organizing committee will be emulated next year and that the senior school attends and competes in greater numbers.

WATER POLO, 1952 FIRST GRADE

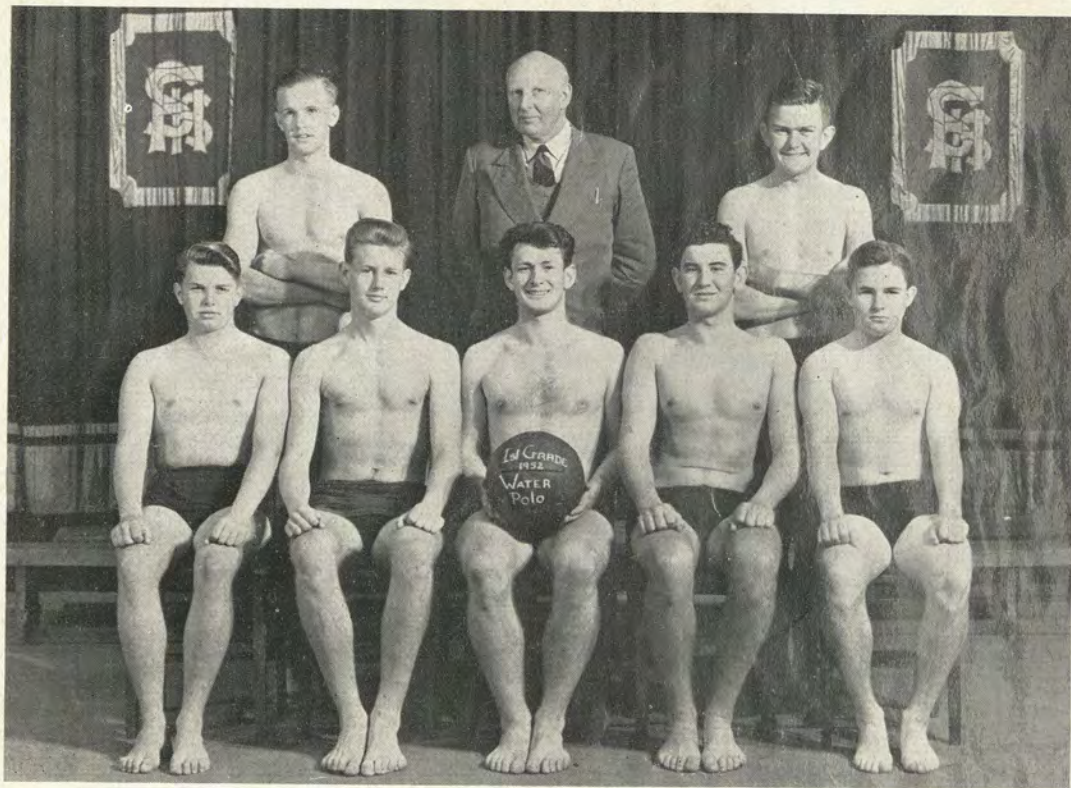
Following the retirement of Mr. Rose, Mr. Farlow ably took over the coaching of the 1st Grade team, which consisted of Henricks, Martin, Arnold and Bunting, forwards, and James (Capt.), Trahair and McCauley, backs, while Wright, though a little carefree, was very reliable in goals.

Henricks speed and handling gave Fort St. a great share from the swim-offs and James as centre-back controlled the ball well and started many goal-scoring movements by feeding the ball to our forwards, Arnold, Henricks and Martin, who always exploited their opportunities to the fullest. McCauley and Trahair were generally safe and sure and often featured in attacking movements. Due to illness, Bunting, a valuable member of the team, was unable to play in some matches.

At present the team are in second place, having had three wins, one draw and one loss, and if they continue to hold their good form in the remaining matches could be premiers again. The team worked as a whole and functioned smoothly under the experienced direction of Mr. Farlow.

2ND GRADE

Once more Fort Street fielded a 2nd Grade team to serve as a stepping stone for juniors to 1st Grade. This team was coached by Mr.



FIRST GRADE WATER POLO TEAM

Back Row (L.-R.): J. Henricks, Mr. B. N. Farlow (coach), B. McCauley.
 Front Row (L.-R.): J. Arnold, K. Bunting, K. James (captain), G. Martin, T. Trahair.

Hearse and though not in a winning position in the competition, it has proved itself a test to the leading teams in close, keenly contested games.

The team, drawn from Jewell, Lindsay, Malouf, McIntyre (Capt.), McLennan, Melcille, Westlake, Wild, Wrenford, Young Lee and Forbes, has had one win, two draws, one loss and one bye.

Throughout the season, constant training at Cabarita and unquenchable enthusiasm have helped both teams to maintain their standard of water-polo.

If we wish to attain a higher standard of water-polo we must get a larger number of boys contesting the places in the teams. Any promising swimmers who wish to play an interesting game and wish to represent the

School should see Mr. Farlow at the beginning of the swimming season.

	1st	2nd
v. Sydney Tech.:	Won 4-3	Lost 2-3
v. North Tech.:	Lost 0-6	Drew 3-3
v. Manly:	Drew 2-2	Drew 1-1
v. Parramatta:	Won 6-1	Won 3-2
v. Hurlstone:	Won 8-0	Bye
	20-12	9-9

Both teams would like to thank Mr. Farlow and Mr. Hearse for their interest and the pleasant times they enjoyed with them while under their supervision, and thank the Water-nolo Association for making available referees for some of the matches.

T.T.

LIFE-SAVING

Demonstration Tour, 1951

Thanks to the co-operation of the Department of Education with the Royal Life Saving Society and the generous assistance of Mr. John Butt it was again possible for a school-boy team of life-savers to make a thousand mile tour of country districts demonstrating life-saving and scientific swimming. Fort

Street having the best life-savers provided the team which was composed of G. Stanford, B. Smith, G. Young Lee, J. Butt, K. James, G. McIntyre and J. Arnold under the supervision of Mr. J. Butt and Mr. E. T. Arnold. Jantzens generously donated costumes for all members of the team.

On Sunday, 2nd December, as arranged all



ARTHUR PARKER CUP TEAM

Winners, 1951-52.

Standing: E. T. Arnold (Coach), K. James, G. Young Lee, T. Neuhaus (Coach).
Sitting: J. Arnold, B. Dickens (Instructor), G. McIntyre.

members of the team met at Parramatta High School at 7.30 a.m. After a pleasant but comparatively uneventful trip Young was reached about 4 p.m. Here most of the boys discovered with pleasure that they were to be billeted by girls.

After a good demonstration the team passed on to Cootamundra where it was the guest of the Rotary Club. Here the local inspector, father of two members of previous victorious Arthur Parker Cup teams, welcomed the boys. Another good demonstration and a social evening and next morning practically every boy was a cot case. However, by the time Temora was reached they were fit for the demonstration and a good meal. During the meal a local garage generously repaired a puncture free of charge so that no time was lost.

On to Griffith, Leeton and Narrandera giving demonstrations, meeting Old Boys and being generously received everywhere. After the demonstration at Narrandera the party set out at noon for the trip to Canberra, 220 miles away. The Federal Capital was reached about 9 p.m. Here it was the guest of the Department of the Interior and was given a

most interesting tour of Parliament House. A demonstration was given in Canberra in the morning and another in Goulburn in the afternoon. From the blistering heat of the irrigation area the team had passed to the cold of the mountains. At Goulburn and at Mittagong demonstrations were given in drizzling rain and almost freezing rain.

Returning to Sydney from Mittagong on the afternoon of Saturday, 8th December, the team prepared to sleep for a week.

STATE TEAMS

Almost immediately after return from the demonstration tour Fort Street Arthur Parker Cup Team was chosen to represent New South Wales in the Trenchard Miller Shield Competition. Considering that they were given two weeks to learn entirely new drill they acquainted themselves remarkably well.

Three of the touring team John Butt, George Young Lee and Geoffrey McIntyre, were chosen to represent New South Wales in the Londond Trophy Competition in which they did remarkably well.

In the nation-wide competition for the Australia Cup John Butt secured second place.

LIFE-SAVING FILM.

Thanks to the generosity of Jantzens and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayers an educational film on life-saving was made at the pool at the Lady Gowrie Convalescent Home during the Christmas vacation. Because of their proficiency Fort Street Demonstration team was chosen as the performers in this film which is now available for circulation throughout the world.

ARTHUR PARKER CUP, 1952

In the Arthur Parker Cup Competition for 1952 Fort Street was represented by B. Dickens (Instructor), K. James, G. Young Lee, and J. Arnold. Having been on the country tour and also in the making of the

film the land drill was familiar to all these boys but it needed constant practice to keep fit and the water drill needed much polishing. Thanks to Mr. Neuhaus the team reached such a standard that it won the competition so that now in ten attempts to win this coveted trophy Fort Street has won it for the eighth time.

DEMONSTRATION TOUR, 1952.

A school boy demonstration team is to tour country districts in December. Fort Street's team will give a demonstration at Enfield Baths on the morning of Saturday, 8th November, and as the result of it hopes to secure selection for the tour.

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