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MR. G. C. SHAW, B.A.



MR. T. E. PERRAU, B.A., DIP. Ed.

### HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

I have been asked by your Editor to write a message, and in doing so I have chosen to address it to the students. You are the people who give Fort Street High School meaning and life, and you alone provide the means whereby this school can influence the life of the community. The value of Fort Street to the State can only be measured in terms of your personalities.

As Fortians you have inherited a glorious capital—a great moral and intellectual tradition which has been built up by those who have gone before. Are you increasing this, or are you content to keep it written up on honour boards which are referred to on Speech Days and special occasions? You must be careful not to live too much on the memories of the great men of the past who worked here, complacently hoping that you will go from strength to strength without having to exercise their virtues and industry. It is my sincere hope that you will endeavour by hard work to add to this inherited capital and refrain from dissipating it in idleness.

Only self-discipline, industry and efficiency will fit you to make a worth-while contribution. You will be rewarded for sincere effort, since if you add to the capital of the school, you will increase the value of your own personalities and thereby enrich the social life of the land in which you live. When you read, "Fort Street 1849", remember that very little of the story has been told.

*"Our world is young,  
Young, and of measure passing bound;  
Infinite the heights to climb,  
The depths to sound".*



STAFF, 1953.

Back Row: R. Sheen, E. Muhs, R. Cull, J. Veness, M. Dasey, T. Neuhaus, A. Reichel,  
 Second Row: R. Claridge, G. Hogg, S. McKay, R. Horn, L. Gent, E. Arnold, K. Barnard, G. Sherwin, J. Hearse.  
 Third Row: E. Ledlin, E. Townsend, F. Burtishaw, J. Coroneos, K. Hurst, H. Marks, B. Goodwin, R. Cummins,  
 J. Wells, K. Cunningham.  
 Front Row: D. Tunley, B. Farlow, C. Westlake, B. Roberts, T. Ferrau (Deputy-Headmaster), G. Shaw (Headmaster), G. Bohman, A.  
 Duncan, D. O'Sullivan, E. Ford.

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# School Officers, 1953

Headmaster: Mr. G. C. SHAW, B.A.

Deputy-Headmaster: Mr. T. E. PERRAU,  
B.Sc., B.Ed.

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B.A.

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Mr. L. E. Gent, B.A.  
Mr. G. D. Hogg, B.A., Dip. Ed.  
Mr. E. Ledlin, B.A.  
Mr. T. F. C. Neuhaus, B.A., Dip. Ed.

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Mr. F. L. Burtenshaw, B.A., Dip. Ed.  
Mr. R. Claridge, B.A.  
Mr. K. Cunningham, B.A.  
Mr. R. Horan, B.A., Dip. Ed.  
Mr. S. M. Mackay, M.A.  
Mr. E. S. Townisend, B.A.  
Mr. J. E. Wells, B.A., Dip. Ed.

## *Department of Mathematics:*

Mr. B. N. Farlow, B.Sc., Dip. Ed. (Master).  
Mr. J. Coroneos, B.Sc., Dip. Ed.  
Mr. R. H. Cummins, B.Sc., Dip. Ed.  
Mr. J. Hearse, B.A.  
Mr. E. C. Muhs, B.A., Dip. Ed.  
Mr. S. Noake, B.A.  
Mr. A. Reichel, B.Sc., Dip. Ed.  
Mr. A. W. Stanley, B.A. (retired May).  
Mr. R. A. Sheen, M.A.  
Mr. J. H. Veness.

## *Department of Commerce:*

Mr. A. Duncan, B.Ec. (Master).  
Mr. E. Ford, B.A.  
Mr. B. W. Goodwin, M.Ec., Dip. Ed.  
Mr. K. E. Hurst, B.Ec.

## *Department of Music:*

Mr. D. E. Tunley, D.S.C.M., L.T.C.L.

## *Department of Science:*

Mr. B. H. Roberts, B.Sc. (Master).  
Mr. R. G. Cull, B.Sc., Dip. Ed.  
Mr. H. Marks, A.S.T.C.  
Mr. A. Reichel, B.Sc., Dip. Ed.

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Mr. D. O'Sullivan, Dip. P.E.  
Mr. G. A. Sherwin, Dip. P.E.

## *Department of Manual Training:*

Mr. R. H. Renshaw, B.A.  
Mr. W. M. Robinson.

## *Prefects:*

School Captain: I. Moutray.  
Vice-Captain: P. Westlake.

Prefects: 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, N. Rutherford, P. Southwell, T. Trahair, W. Westwood, M. White.

## *"Fortian" Committee:*

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Sports Editor: R. Stacey.  
Business Manager: T. Cole.

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W. Easton.  
A. Egan.  
R. Flanagan.  
W. Jones.  
J. McEnnally.  
I. McLeod.  
D. Tow.

Master in Charge: Mr. G. Hogg.

## *House Masters:*

*Christmas:* Mr. Bohman.

*Kilgour:* Mr. Dasey.

*Mearns:* Mr. Cunningham.

*Williams:* Mr. Horan.

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**Back Row:** B. Fitzgerald, P. Burgess, W. Westwood, R. Cowley, J. Barraclough, G. Martin,  
**Centre Row:** M. Bow, J. Bryson, P. Bennett, P. Southwell, J. Ludlow, W. Kocass, R. Douglas, M. White,  
**Front Row:** V. Levi, G. Clay, Mr. T. Perrau (Deputy-Headmaster), I. Moutray (Capt.), Mr. C. G. Shaw (Headmaster), P. Westlake  
 (Vice-Capt.), Mr. B. Farlow (Master-in-Charge), J. Henricks, T. Trahair.

## Examination Results

### LEAVING CERTIFICATE, 1952

#### Key to Subjects:

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

- AITKEN, A.: 1B, 3B, 6B, 13B, 17B.  
 ALCOCK, R. L.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 12A, 13B.  
 ASTON, J. M.: 1B, 6B, 17B, 18B.  
 BRODIE, J. H.: 1A, 3A, 5H(1), 6H(2), 12A, 13A.  
 BUNTING, K.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13A.  
 BURNS, B.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B.  
 CANSICK, P. A.: 1B, 3B, 6B, 12B, 13B.  
 CHRISTOPHER, D.: 1A, 3A(o), 7B, 9H(1), 13A, 18A.  
 CRAIG, D. C.: 1B, 5B, 6A, 12H(2), 13H(2).  
 CURRY, R. J.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 9B, 18B.  
 DAGGETT, R. F.: 1B, 3A(o), 9A, 17B, 18B.  
 DAVIS, J. M.: 1B, 5H(2), 6H(2), 12A, 13A.  
 DICKENS, B. W.: 1B, 3A(o), 7B, 9B, 17B, 18A.  
 EASTON, R. A.: 1A, 2H(2), 3A, 7B, 9H(2), 18A.  
 FILEWOOD, L. W.: 1A, 2A, 3A(o), 6B, 13A.  
 FORBES, K. D.: 1B, 2B, 3B(o), 5B, 6B, 9B.  
 FROST, J. G.: 1B, 7B, 9B, 17B, 18B.  
 FURST, P. J.: 1A, 3B, 6B, 12B, 13B.  
 GARDINER, R. R.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 13A, 18B.  
 GRAY, A. H.: 1B, 3B, 5A, 6A, 12A, 13A.  
 GRAY, J. F.: 1B, 3A(o), 5B, 13B, 18B.  
 HALL, J. T.: 1B, 3B, 6B, 9B, 18B.  
 HAYNES, V. H.: 1H(2), 3B, 7B, 9H(2), 17B, 18B.  
 HICKS, J. W.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6A, 12A, 13B.  
 HILLMAN, R. J.: 1B, 3B, 7B, 9A, 17B, 18B.  
 HOLT, R. J.: 1B, 3B(o), 5B, 6B, 12H(2), 13A.  
 HOWARD, W.: 1H(1), 2A, 3A(o), 5B, 6A, 9H(2).  
 JAMIESON, W. F.: 7B, 9B, 13B, 18B.  
 JARDINE, I. M.: 3B, 5B, 6B, 17B.  
 JARRATT, P. C.: 1A, 9A, 17A, 18A.  
 JEFFREY, B. E.: 1B, 5B, 6B, 12B.  
 JENKINS, B. R.: 1B, 3A(o), 7B, 9A, 13B, 18A.  
 JOHNSON, J. S.: 7B, 9B, 17B, 18B.  
 JOHNSTONE, D.: 1B, 3A(o), 6B, 18B, 33A.  
 JONES, R. F.: 1B, 3B(o), 7B, 9A, 17B, 18A.  
 JOSE, R. H.: 3B, 7B, 9B, 18B.  
 KAN, P.: 5B, 6B, 12B, 13A, 31B.  
 KENNY, P.: 5H(2), 6A, 12A, 13H(1).  
 KENT, W. G.: 1A, 3A(o), 5A, 6B, 9H(2), 18A.  
 KIDD, P. S.: 1B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13B.  
 KING, G. R.: 1B, 3B, 9B, 18B.  
 KRISHNAN, C.: 1B, 9B, 17B, 27B.  
 LANE, A. J.: 1B, 7B, 9B, 17B, 18B.  
 LE SERVE, J. S.: 1A, 3B, 9A, 17B, 18B.  
 LEVI, V. A.: 1B, 3A, 7A, 9B, 17B, 18B.  
 LINDSAY, K. C.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13B.  
 LONNON, R. G.: 1B, 3A, 5B, 6B, 9A, 18B.  
 McCAULEY, B. J.: 1B, 3A(o), 5B, 6B, 12A, 13A.  
 McLAUGHLIN, W. D.: 3B, 7A, 9B, 13A, 18B.  
 McLENNAN, B. K.: 1B, 7A, 9A, 13B, 18A.  
 MACNAMARA, H. C.: 1B, 3B(o), 7A, 9B, 17B, 18A.  
 MALOUF, M. M.: 3B, 5B, 6B, 13B, 17H(2).  
 MARTIN, B. R.: 1B, 3A(o), 5B, 6A, 9B, 18B.  
 MATTHEWS, A. W.: 1B, 7B, 9B, 17A, 18A.  
 MELVILLE, H. J.: 3B, 6B, 12A, 13B.  
 MEULMAN, R. B.: 5B, 6B, 12H(2), 13A.  
 MEWES, B. T.: 1B, 3A, 5B, 13A, 18A.  
 MILLAR, H. F.: 1B, 3A(o), 5B, 6B, 13A, 18B.  
 OLDS, G. B.: 1B, 7B, 17B, 18B.  
 PEARSON, B. J.: 1B, 3A, 5B, 6A, 12H(1), 13A.  
 PEISAH, F.: 1A, 2A, 3A(o), 7A, 9H(2), 18A.  
 PENDER, W. C.: 1B, 3B, 7B, 9A, 17B, 18A.  
 PHILLIPS, B. D.: 1A, 3A(o), 5A, 6B, 12A, 13A.  
 PODGER, D. N.: 1B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 18B.  
 POTTER, A. J.: 1A, 5H(1), 6H(1), 12H(2), 13A.  
 PRECIANS, G. L.: 7B, 9B, 17B, 18B.  
 REED, G. E.: 1B, 5B, 12A, 13B, 17B.  
 RENNIE, P. G.: 1B, 2B, 3H(2)(o), 7A, 9B, 18B.  
 RIPPINGALE, J. T.: 1B, 3B(o), 7B, 9A, 17B, 18A.  
 ROWE, R. S.: 1B, 3B, 9A, 17B.  
 RUSA, V. A.: 1B, 4B(o), 5B, 6B, 9B, 17B.  
 SELLE, W. A.: 1B, 3B(o), 5B, 6A, 12A, 13A.  
 SHARAM, A. W.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 18B.  
 SHARP, J. E.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13B.  
 STEEN, D. K.: 1B, 3B(o), 6B, 17B, 18B.  
 TAN, K. T.: 5B, 6B, 12A, 13B, 31B.  
 THOMAS, R. F.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 9A, 18A.  
 THOMPSON, P. A.: 1A, 3A, 9H(2), 18B.  
 VICKERY, B. J.: 1B, 3B, 5H(2), 6H(1), 12A, 13A.  
 WASSALL, P. W.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 13A, 18A.  
 WELLAND, B. A.: 1B, 5H(2), 6H(2), 17B, 18B.  
 WHITESIDE, J. C.: 3B, 7B, 9B, 13B, 17B.  
 WILD, J. D.: 3B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13H(1).  
 WILLIAMS, L. G.: 1B, 3B, 9A, 17B.  
 WYATT, A. E.: 1B, 3B, 7B, 17B, 18B.  
 YU, J. S.: 1B, 3A(o), 5H(2), 6A, 12A, 13H(2).

### LIST OF PRIZES FOR YEAR 1952

#### SPECIAL PRIZES:

- Killeen Memorial Prize for Dux of the School:*  
Alan Potter.
- Lodge Fortian Prize for Proficiency.—Senior:*  
Alan Potter. *Junior:* Ray Binns.
- The Headmaster's Prize for School Service:*  
Barry Phillips.
- John Hunter Prize for Best Student entering the Faculty of Medicine:* J. S. Yu.
- The Verco Prize for Mathematics:* Alan Potter.



*The Frederick Bridges Memorial Prize for French:* Peter Rennie.

*The Charles N. Harrison Memorial Prize for English:* Winwood Howard.

*The John Hills Memorial Prize for Fourth Year Student Displaying Outstanding Qualities:* Phillip Westlake.

*The Taylor Memorial Prize for Geography:* Dennis Gum.

*The Bertram Stevens Prize for Economics.*—Senior: Robert Easton. Junior: B. Merrill.

*The Herbert Percival Williams Shakespearean Prize:* Reginald Holt.

*The Baxendale Memorial Prizes for English:* 5th Year, Winwood Howard; 4th Year, Ross McEwan; 3rd Year, John Davies, Ray Binns (ex aeq.); 2nd Year, William A. Land; 1st Year, Kenneth Travers.

*The Johnson Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship.*—Senior: Kenneth Muller. Junior: John Thomson.

*The Raymond Sly Memorial Prize for Music:* Ian McLeod.

*The Evatt Memorial Prize:* Warwick Kent.  
*Prize for Leadership and Service in the School Cadets:* Barry Phillips.

#### SUBJECT PRIZES

##### FIRST YEAR

*Dux:* Kenneth Travers.

*2nd:* David Blair.

*English:* Kenneth Travers.

*Latin:* Ross Challoner.

*French:* Kenneth Travers.

*Maths. I:* David Blair.

*Maths. II:* Kenneth Travers.

*El. Science:* Robert Bennett.

*Social Studies:* Kenneth Travers.

##### SECOND YEAR

*Dux:* Graham R. Fell.

*2nd:* Richard C. L. Li.

*English:* William A. Land.

*Latin:* Graham R. Fell.

*French:* Graham R. Fell.

*German:* Graham R. Fell.

*Japanese:* John C. Roberts.

*Maths. I:* Graham R. Fell.

*Maths. II:* Clifford N. Budge.

*El. Science:* Richard C. I. Li.

*History:* George Horrigan.

*Geography:* Robert Clements.

*Business Principles:* David O'Malley.

*Social Studies:* William A. Land.

#### THIRD YEAR

*Dux:* Ray Binns.

*2nd:* Warwick Easton.

*English:* John Davies, Ray Binns (ex aeq.)

*French:* Aubrey Egan and David Tow (ex aeq.).

*Latin:* David Tow.

*Maths. I:* Ray Binns and David Tow (ex aeq.)

*Maths. II:* John McEnnally.

*Science:* Colin Simpson.

*Geography:* Colin Simpson.

*History:* Colin Simpson.

*German:* Aubrey Egan.

*Business Principles:* Geoff. Barwick.

*Japanese:* Winston Lewis.

*Social Studies:* Warren Peck.

*General Proficiency.*—Junior, Ray Binns.

#### FOURTH YEAR

*Dux:* William Westwood.

*2nd:* Philip Southwell.

*English:* Ross McEwan.

*Latin:* Geoffrey Chapman.

*French:* Brian Colless.

*German:* Brian Colless.

*Japanese:* John Gellard.

*Maths. I:* Timothy Trahair.

*Maths. II:* Geoffrey Chapman.

*General Maths.:* Brian Taylor.

*Chemistry:* Timothy Trahair.

*Physics:* William Westwood.

*History:* Sidney Harmer.

*Economics:* Barry Merrill.

*Geography:* George Simons.

## THE FATHER AND SON EVENING

The Annual Father and Son Evening was held in the Memorial Hall on March 14th. The function proved a great success although the absence of many senior boys and their parents was disappointing.

After the singing of the school song, Mrs. Selle, the President of the Ladies' Committee, welcomed the visitors and introduced the Chairman for the evening, Mr. G. C. Shaw, our new headmaster.

The first speaker was School Captain, Ian Moutray, who in his speech on "The School", stressed the important part school life plays in the completion of a boy's character and the development of those mental traits so essential in his post school life.

In his reply, Mr. T. E. Perrau, the new deputy headmaster gave a very interesting address in which he urged students to make the most of their years at Fort Street and

to "forge a strong chain" of character, link by link during their school life.

The subject of "Fathers" was the theme of the headmaster's address. Mr. Shaw urged the fathers to help their sons and he reminded them of their responsibilities to the school as well as to their sons.

Responding on behalf of the fathers Mr. Day expressed his appreciation of the duties of a father and in conclusion he pledged the support of all the fathers of the school.

Amusing interludes in the programme were provided by a variety artist and a magician. A vocal duet by John Roberts and John Dowd and a pianoforte solo by Richard Morpew, was enjoyed by both fathers and sons.

After an excellent supper, for which the Ladies' Committee must be especially congratulated, the company stood for the Queen and drew to a close a most enjoyable evening.

—WARREN JONES

## SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

Fortians, we come to the end of another year of school activity. We Fifth Years are on the threshold of a new career, and a new road lies before us. Life will be very different, the way will be harder and we will have to train ourselves to become independent and useful citizens in the community. Whatever the road is and however hard it is our Fort Street education will help to overcome all obstacles.

School days at Fort Street finish all too soon. First Years think what a long time it is before they are the senior boys of the school. It is not long at all First Years! Take my advice—give the school of your best both in the school room and on the playing field. The happy pupil is not only the one who is first or second in his year, but the one who enjoys all activities of school life.

As pupils of Fort Street, we are in turn part of our nation. In the past the nation has had many Fortians as leaders. We are apt to think that we are insignificant among the millions of other peoples in Australia but if we are to carry on the traditions of the school, we as students, must train ourselves to be capable of leadership in the community and the nation. We must remember that the students of to-day are the men of to-morrow and that the education received at this school is to prepare us for our whole life. Therefore each Fortian has a responsibility—whatever he is, the school will be!

We would like to thank the members of the staff for the time they have spent in preparing us for our studies. We welcome our new Headmaster Mr. Shaw and our Deputy

Headmaster, Mr. Perrau, and trust that under their capable guidance Fort Street will attain to even greater successes.

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Mr. Farlow for his advice and



IAN MOUTRAY

direction to the prefects during the year, to Phillip Westlake who as Vice-Captain has been a tower of strength to me and to the prefects for their willing co-operation and dependable service throughout the year.

My last thought to you is that whatever paths we may be called upon to take, let us walk along them with the greatest friend of all—the Lord Jesus Christ.

—IAN MOUTRAY,  
Captain, 1953.



## VICE-CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

As the year draws to a close two disappointments are uppermost in my mind. The first is the lack of school and house spirit during the past year. You all know the great tradition which surrounds Fort Street's history over the past century. We of the present fifth year remember the centenary celebrations of 1949, during which it was brought to our notice the great part being played by Fortians in the community. This splendid record should continue, and it will so long as each Fortian accepts his share of proving his worth in school life and so later in community life.

My second disappointment is rather a natural one felt by all Fifth Years—the thought of leaving behind us five full, beneficial and enjoyable years of school life. Indeed, we have almost crossed the first major hurdle of our lives. To face a new life or a new occupation is always awesome, but we are fortunate in being able to face it with a certain degree of confidence and reassurance as for the last time as students, we pass through the gates of what will always remain Our School.

—PHILLIP WESTLAKE,  
Vice-Captain, 1953.



**MR. A. W. STANLEY, B.A.**

Mr. Stanley finished his school days at Fort Street on Observatory Hill in 1904-5. At the youthful age of a little more than fifteen years he entered the teaching service in 1905 when he served as Primary Teacher at Rookwood, Thornleigh and Hornsby and attended Sydney Teachers' College in 1908-9.

After serving at Burwood, Kurri, Glen Innes, and Temora High, he returned to Fort Street as a member of the Science Staff in 1920.

As an evening student Mr. Stanley completed his Arts degree in 1922 and four years later changed to the Mathematics Staff.

Headmasterships of Intermediate and District Schools of Yass, Temora, Bega were among the many offered to Mr. Stanley who for health reasons declined these promotions. In this respect, the loss of other schools was our gain, for of forty-eight years of service in the Department of Education, thirty-three were spent at his much loved Fort St.

Mr. Stanley will be remembered not only as an efficient teacher, but also as a master who took an active part in school activities—as Union and School Treasurer, assistant Sports Master, master in charge of tennis, liaison officer to the Ladies Committee—and during that period as a master who never failed to attend in all fetes, dances and similar school functions.

On the 24th May, 1953, Mr. Stanley retired and Fort St. said farewell to one of its finest masters. Though we would that you were still with us here, we wish you and your gracious lady many years of continued happiness together. The building no longer sees you but thirty years of students will remember you as their master and friend.



**MR. B. H. ROBERTS**

At the end of this year Fort Street will farewell one of its oldest personalities, Mr. B. H. Roberts, who has been Science Master since 1929.

In 1911 Mr. Roberts began his career as a demonstrator in science on the staff of Blackfriar's Training College and at the same time attended University lectures. After graduation as a Bachelor of Science in 1914, he was appointed in February of the following year to North Sydney Boys' High. Thus began a teaching career that has seen service at Albury Boys' High (1920-21), Mudgee High (1921-7), South Newcastle Boys' High (1928) and Science Master at Fort Street in 1929.

Since 1934 many offers of promotion have failed to tempt Mr. Roberts to accept appointments elsewhere and now, after twenty-four years of service in our school, he looks back upon the past—to the days when there were very few science room facilities and when the Memorial Hall a far less pretentious building in the quadrangle. He thinks of his swimming and soccer teams—back to the days of Jack Williams and Charlie Harrison and a multitude of other friends down through the years.

Last year we bade Mr. Roberts bon voyage on his trip home to England. Early this year he returned to us, enriched by memories far off even beyond Fort Street days. Soon we will again bid him farewell—this time for a longer period. Even so, Mr. Roberts will long be remembered as a kindly, well-respected master who takes with him our best wishes both to himself and his charming wife for many years of happiness together.

## FORTIAN MEMORANDA

By L. N. Rose, M.A.

Your school at Petersham stands on the oldest highway in Australia — Parramatta Road. On its southern side between the present Crystal Street and the foot of Taverner's Hill was Hammond Hall Farm, a 100-acre grant by Lieut.-Governor Grose in 1793 to John White, the Chief Surgeon of the First Fleet. The farm was named by White after his patron, Admiral Hammond. The school is on this farm. In 1828 this grant was purchased by Dr. Robert Wardell, the barrister co-worker with the Statesman William Charles Wentworth, in movements for the extension of freedom in our young colony.

Dr. Wardell, by purchase, acquired 2000 acres in the Petersham District, between Parramatta Road and Cook's River. His home stood where Petersham School now is, and the site of his lodge, called Petersham Cottage, is now occupied by the main building of Fort Street.

In 1834, whilst riding over his estate, Dr. Wardell challenged three runaway convicts, and was shot dead. His large estate passed to his three sisters living in England, and in 1848 a Partition Deed was drawn up by James Norton, the leading solicitor of the colony, dividing the Petersham Estate, as it was called, between the three heirs, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Priddle.

James Norton had been a friend and neighbour of Dr. Wardell and lived on the opposite side of Parramatta Road on his magnificent 230-acre estate of Elswick. The street opposite Fort Street's front gate — Elswick Street, and Norton and Marion Streets named after husband and wife, are reminders of these early pioneers. The first sale from the Petersham Estate was made in 1848 to William Charles Wentworth, founder of our University and our State Parliament. He pur-

chased 25½ acres for £100, and the 12 acres of Petersham Park is part of this area. The second purchase was by James West, a farmer, who in 1849, for £150, bought Dr. Wardell's home and 5 acres surrounding it. On 26th February, 1850, a third sale was made to a successful George Street pork butcher, a native of Alsace-Lorraine—by name Philip Andreas. He bought Petersham Cottage and a rectangle of exactly four acres on which it stood for £350. This is the main part of the present Fort Street area. This purchase was almost contemporaneous with the opening of Fort Street Model School on the 1st April, 1850.

Philip Andreas resided at Petersham Cottage till his death. It was bequeathed to his widowed daughter, Mrs. Murray, and the Government resumed it in 1913 to build the Fort Street Boys' High School. For the four acres and also the 19 square perches fronting Andreas Street in the south western corner of the school playground, the Government paid to the Murray Family £8,820. The main building, to house over 500 students, costing £20,487 was completed in 1915—one hundred years after Governor Macquarie built the military hospital now occupied by Fort Street Girls' High School. The boys under Fort Street's first High School Headmaster, Alexander James Kilgour, B.A., LL.B., moved out to the new school at Petersham in July, 1916. Norwood Street, which crossed Palace Street and joined Crystal Street (both named after the Crystal Palace re-erected at Sydenham, Surrey, in 1854) was re-named Fort Street by the Petersham Council.

On the Leichhardt side of the road, on the western corner of the Elswick Estate, William Taverner kept the district pound, and in 1834 opened the Old Boy Horse Inn and so his name lives on as Taverner's Hill.

## I.S.C.F. REPORT, 1953

"Why believe I am what I am?"—this and other perplexing questions are answered for you on Tuesdays and Fridays in the Music Room where I.S.C.F. meets. The Inter-School Christian Fellowship is a group OF the boys, run BY the boys and working FOR the boys.

At 12.45 p.m. the meetings begin with bright singing which is followed by a talk. The latter is usually presented by one of the boys, though we have a visiting speaker every alternate Friday. Dr. Howard Guinness was speaker at our largest meeting this year, held in the Assembly Hall, Friday, 31st July. About one hundred and fifty boys were present, a tribute to the wide publicity given to the meeting by the "blotter campaign" which provided a novel way of ensuring that every

boy received a copy of the principles of I.S.C.F.

Prayer meetings are held in the "dog box" at lunch-time every Thursday and on these rests the success of all our meetings. Throughout the year and during vacations house parties and camps are held, and at these all present have a most enjoyable time swimming and hiking.

I.S.C.F. caters for the spiritual needs of the boys and challenges you with the question:

*"What will you do with Jesus  
Neutral you cannot be,  
Someday your heart will be asking  
What will He do with me."*

D.G.M.

## SPIRIT OF ANZAC

Under the guidance of their school captain the boys of Fort Street took part in a ceremony for the commemoration of Anzac on 23rd April.

The atmosphere of solemnity created by "The Recessional" was sustained during the prayer for the fallen and the singing of "Abide with Me". It was thus to an audience conscious of the reverence of the ceremony that Fourth Year student, John McEnnally, delivered his stirring Anzac Day challenge—a challenge inspired almost thirty-eight years ago when a large force of infantry stormed the coast of Gallipoli.

"On that day, Australian and New Zealand troops were destined to gain for themselves and their country, glory which never shall be forgotten."

John praised Australian troops as men magnificent in battle, friendly and co-operative during peace time. He recalled the many stories of Australians who have undergone tremendous hardship so that their wounded mates could be withdrawn from the danger area and made comfortable; of men who, though they could scarcely remain awake, have stayed up all night to tend a comrade who had suffered a grave injury.

"No matter how tough the going, and how difficult the situation, Australians have always tried to keep their chin up and smile. Often when a man was wounded on the field, he would make a jest to his friend, and, with a "Don't worry about me," tell him to go on. Perhaps this man had received his death wound and was lying in a final agony, but he had the loyalty and the fortitude to allow the cobbler to advance and keep his country.

"In many cases a man had to bear great suffering and hardship, but he willingly sacrificed himself in order to save his country—a gesture that we who are left shall ever remember."

There was a challenge for the school in this glorious courage, a challenge to carry over the spirit of Anzac to our activities.

"In the Australian digger we have a fine example of co-operation. It is an example we should be proud to follow. Not only on Anzac Day but throughout the whole year we should strive to co-operate with our school mates and teachers. Life becomes much more enjoyable and useful if we use each opportunity we have to help our fellows.

"We should follow in the steps of the Anzacs in comradeship. At school we have a golden opportunity to make friendships for the rest of our lives. At school we see our friends daily and we should endeavour to keep our friendships bright and untarnished and not marred by small petty grievances.

"Anzac Day has been set aside so that we can remember, the great price so many of the soldiers paid for freedom. They have left behind a great tradition of which we are proud. In return we should try to become men who are capable of continuing that tradition. This is a challenge from those who gave their lives for us. It is for ourselves to decide whether we shall, by our conduct, further enhance the tradition which the Men of Anzac began so nobly."

This stirring address was appropriately followed by the solemn observance of the Ceremony of Remembrance.

### N. R. MEARNS

Fortians have been saddened by the passing of their former Headmaster, Norman Ross Mearns, B.A., who retired in December, 1952, after forty-seven years' service in the N.S.W. Department of Education, which he entered in 1905 as a pupil teacher. During his teaching career he was headmaster of high schools at Broken Hill, Grafton, Lismore and Newcastle before coming to Fort Street Boys' High School in 1945.

In 1915 Mr. Mearns enlisted in the 20th Battalion of the A.I.F., where he served with distinction. For meritorious

service he was thrice mentioned in dispatches and promoted to captain. Later he was transferred to the 2nd Battalion H.Q. After the Armistice he became Assistant Director of Education in charge of all the A.I.F. depots in England.

Fortians remember Mr. Mearns as a kindly administrator, imbued with a keen sense of duty and a ready sense of humour. A firm believer in democracy, he tried to inculcate in the boys the spirit of self-government. To us he was essentially an officer and a gentleman.

## MUSIC, 1953

This year has been one of great activity and stimulated interest in the music department. Music has regained its former place on the junior curriculum, and interest in the musical life of the school is growing rapidly.

First and foremost must be mentioned the choir. This enthusiastic group, composed mostly of junior boys—with a few seniors who are conscious of their small numbers, has done some very fine work, not only at the school, but at various other public functions.

Bass and tenor members of the choir were invited to take part in the Children's Commemoration at the Anzac Memorial on April 24th., which they did most ably.

"Trial by Jury", that outstanding success of the 1952 Play Festival, was reproduced in April this year at the Secondary School's Drama Festival, and once again, the whole cast did an excellent job, and received all-round congratulations for its production. We take the opportunity here of thanking Messrs. Cunningham, and Tunley, who so capably produced and directed the opera. Thanks also go out to the Conservatorium High School Orchestra for their readily tendered assistance.

The school's first Musicale for a number of years was held in the Memorial Hall on the evening of May 29th., for the purpose of raising the status of music at the school, and of raising funds for the purchase of essential music room equipment. The evening, arranged by Mr. Tunley and assisted by a sub-committee, was of a very high standard, and it proved a financial success. The Musicale received excellent support from parents and

friends, who, we are sure, had a most enjoyable evening. It was here that the choir made its most impressive performance, and the appreciative audience judged it very highly.

A month later the choir sang on the evening of June 28th in a Special Students' Service at Petersham Congregational Church. The congregation was delighted with the excellence of the singing, and the choir has been asked to sing again at a similar service.

Play Night usually provides an opportunity for musical items, and here the choir sang two brackets of four songs. It opened with "Hail to Winter Bold" sung with great vivacity, and later in the evening rendered three other items: "Wee Cooper O' Fife", a traditional Scotch melody, "Barbara Allen", an old English ballad, and finally the well-known sea-shanty "Johnny Come Down To Hilo".

In this way, the choir has progressed steadily to take its place among High School choirs. The effort is due mainly to Mr. Tunley, to whom we express our deep appreciation for the immense amount of work he has done for us and music at Fort St. Thanks to his untiring efforts and the interest and encouragement of the Headmaster, Mr. Shaw, our music is gradually developing towards a standard of which we can be justly proud. And why not Fortians? Make the most of the musical opportunity offered to you—sing in the choir and enjoy its fellowship, polish up those instruments, and who knows 1954 may see the birth of our School Orchestra.

## LIBRARY REPORT, 1953

This year the library maintained the high standard set in previous years, both in quality and quantity. The number of books added to the library in 1952 and up to May 1953 totalled 439 bringing the total number of volumes in the library to 3,502. This averages out to about 5.2 books per pupil. During the year, however, many books in the fiction section have had to be discarded due to dilapidation. The library would like to encourage the donation of books during the year. Such donations are a great help as they permit the library to divert its resources to other spheres.

The library newspaper cutting file is proving more and more invaluable as it grows larger. Also of interest to the student is a good collection of National Geographics, Vocational Guidance pamphlets, school magazines and International Affairs booklets. These magazines are a great help to the student doing project work.

The reference section of the library provides an excellent service for students. School pupils are strongly recommended to this section in which can be found material on almost every subject. This section is being constantly added to in order to provide an ever wider range.

Our librarian, Mr. Barnard, deserves much credit and thanks of the whole school for the very high standard the library has attained.

The library would like to thank the Company of the Forgetful for financial support during the year. These students should remember however that they are causing inconvenience to their fellow-pupils by keeping out books which others require. So please borrowers, remember to take of the books and to bring them in on time.

—B.C.

### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

This year the Photographic Club has again been very fortunate in having the helpful lectures of Mr. B. Townsend of the Kodak Lecture Service Division. His instructions on picture composition, exposing, printing, developing, enlarging and toning have been much appreciated and keenly followed by the members of the club. Boys who own a camera or who expect to own one would be advised to take advantage of the lectures and become members of the club. We thank Mr. Horan and Mr. Goodwin for their help in supervision of the meetings.

We still need a fitted-up dark room in which to carry out our work. Any suggestions?

—C. Turner.



"Oh joy unbounded!"  
Final scene from "Trial by Jury."

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## SCHOOL PERSONALITY

This year's school personality is our world champion swimmer Jon Henricks.

Jon first came into prominence as a swimmer when he won the State under 16, 110 yards title. He later competed in the Australian Championships and came third in the under 16, 110 yards event. Earlier he had shown his capabilities by taking three firsts, two seconds and a third place.

The next season, after careful coaching, he won the State 440 and 1,650 yards events. At the end of the 1951-52 season Jon was faced with the problem whether to concentrate on long distance or sprint events. After careful consideration he chose the latter. The choice was well justified when in January 1953, he broke the world one minute record by covering the distance in 59.4 secs.

This year's achievements have been the result of careful coaching and planning. Five Australian records have been broken—the 110 yards in 57.2 secs.; 100 yards in 52 secs.; 55 yards in 26.3 secs.; 200 yards in 1 min. 56.4 secs.; equalled the 220 yards record of 2 mins. 9.8 secs. Jon swept the pool at the Combined High Schools' Carnival and for the second time won the Session Shield for Fort Street.

On his recent tour Jon won two titles in Japan and while at Singapore he swam the 110 yards in 56.9 secs. a time which would break his Australian record by .3 seconds.

Jon, who trains at Tattersall's indoor pool during the winter, still finds time to represent the school at water-polo and to be a very popular prefect.

Through hard work he has become one of the most classical stylists seen in Australia. He hopes to represent our country at the next Empire Games and then to compete for the Empire against the U.S.A. at Los Angeles.

Fort is proud of you Jon, and wish you continued success in your swimming career and future life.

### SCHOOL NOTES

Our thanks to Bill Land whose successful appearance with the Quiz Kids won for the school a donation of five pounds.

Once again our appreciation to Mr. Shea for his assistance at school functions.

The tuckshop delicacies have remained at their usual high standard. Thank you, Mrs. Ninnes and Mrs. Fuller.

We express our appreciation to Armidale for their generous hospitality to our footballers. We were pleased to welcome their athletes during the C.H.S. Carnival.

We wish to thank Mrs. W. R. Pringle for her very useful gift to the Library of 10 vols. of Chamber's Encyclopaedia and 20 vols. of International Library of famous literature—both valuable reference sets. Thanks also to William for having discharged the heavy task of bringing the volumes to school.



JON HENRICKS

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## CHESS CLUB, 1953

This year Fort Street entered four teams in inter-school competition. The "A" grade team did not do so well this tournament mainly because of the lack of concentration by some of the players. The team consisted of P. Watkins, W. Thomson, D. Tow, W. Peck and G. Berry. We were unfortunate in not having the services of T. Trahair this year. Trinity won the competition by a clear margin of points.

Three "C" grade teams were entered also in the competition, the 1st team comprising of Pacey, Blair, Colless, Marshall and Fitton. This team won its competition without losing a match. The other two teams although not doing so well, were encouragingly comprised of promising First Year players.

Only three players represented Fort Street in the Schoolboy Chess Championships, these being Pacey, Blair, Colless, who played in the Under 14 section. Pacey won the Championship without losing a game and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate him on this splendid effort and wish him the best of luck in the future. He, together with others will prove very valuable assistance in the future competitions.

We would like to thank Mr. Townsend for his valuable work throughout the year, and

also Mr. Shea and the cleaners for their valuable assistance when matches were played at home.

—W. Thomson.

## THE ANNUAL BALL

The Seventh Annual Ball was held in the Memorial Hall on July 3rd this year. A large lighthearted crowd danced to the music of an excellent orchestra in the brightly decorated school hall. Congratulations are in order to the prefects for their fine work in decorating the hall and to Messrs. Farlow, Westlake, Cummings and Bohman who so excellently arranged and conducted the function. We take this opportunity to also extend our thanks to the Ladies' Committee who again provided a delicious supper.

A splendid display of exhibition and square dancing was given by the Ann McDonald School of Dancing.

The large attendance of old boys was very pleasing and many old friendships were renewed. Indeed it will be a challenge to the Eighth Annual Ball to equal the high standard of enjoyment attained by this year's function.

—R.F.

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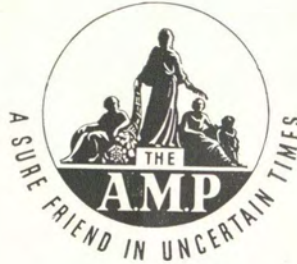
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## EMPIRE DAY

The Empire Day ceremony was held this year on 22nd May. The School Captain as chairman began the proceedings with an introduction to the meaning of Empire Day, and the school led by the choir sang "Advance Australia Fair".

The Earl of Gowrie's message to the children of the Commonwealth was read by Phillip Bennet of Fifth Year. The message stressed the importance of Coronation Year and the privilege of serving such a Queen as Her Majesty Elizabeth II. This message was followed by massed singing of "The Recessional".

Fourth Year student Barry Springthorpe spoke of the invisible but binding forces of Empire. He referred to the harmony of its members and to Britain's fight for world freedom with the Commonwealth's ever willing support.

In his address, Ian Frazer emphasized the strength of the Empire in the adversity of two World Wars. This speech was appropriately followed by the anthem "Jerusalem" by the school choir.

Britain's contribution to world freedom was well expressed by John McEnnally, who recalled the Englishmen who have fought for freedom not only on the battlefield but against slavery, poor factory conditions and other such social evils.

The ceremony concluded with the singing of the National Anthem — a tribute to the

## LADIES' COMMITTEE

This year has been a very busy as well as a most successful year and the committee members have been able to help the boys in many ways.

The Father and Son Evening was again a great success and it was very pleasing to see so many ladies present to help with supper.

The term dances were very well attended and I am sure the new system of serving supper has been appreciated by the girls and boys.

We have joined with the Parents and Citizens Association to provide equipment for the music room.

We were very happy to assist the boys by catering for the Annual Ball.

We welcomed Mr. Shaw as Headmaster and Mr. Perrau as Deputy Headmaster at the beginning of the year and we are very grateful to them for their help and co-operation at all times.

Our thanks to the members of the staff and the boys for their help during the year and we would like to offer our best wishes to you all for the future.

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## DRAMA FESTIVAL, 1953

Had you walked into Room 8 on the morning of Wednesday, 12th August, you would have been confronted with a mass of grease-painted faces and outstanding costumes, for this was the first day of our Drama Festival of 1953. Yes, that day was the culmination of many hours of hard work and organisation by not only the actors but also the teachers in charge of all the arrangements.

Nevertheless, these hours of toil were well

The School is indebted to Mr. Fitzpatrick, of whom we have already spoken, Mr. Dempsey, whose vast experience was of enormous help in the production of the plays, and, the last but not least, to the scene-shifters, organisers (especially Mr. Hearse and Mr. Ford) and to the teachers in the make-up rooms.

To all of you, our sincerest thanks.

Below is a brief comment on the plays which appeared on Play Night:



"If faint, you're feeling., recline on me"  
Usher to Angelina  
"Trial by Jury"

worth while because this year, Fort Street's plays, each and every one of them, were well up to the great standard set in former years.

In my opinion, Mr. Fitzpatrick was faced with the most difficult task of all—that of judging those plays which were to appear on the evening performances. However, once again he gave his views and constructive criticism on each play and although it was not possible for all the plays to be put on at the evening performances, each and every performer had the satisfactory feeling of a worthwhile contribution to Drama Festival, 1953.

### 1A: "The Palace of Variety".

This attempt to take the audience back to the Music-Hall days was very well done by the First Year class and the musical items provided a very pleasing break in between the more serious plays of the night. Although the performance had to be split up into various sections for the evening performances, it lost none of the appeal. Much praise must be given to the author "Tray Corney" (Mr. Cunningham).

### 1C: "The Stolen Prince".

A play in the traditional Chinese style, this



performance was very well produced. Its unusual qualities added greatly to its appeal and it was well worthy of the evening performance.

3A: "*Richard III*".

This play, together with that of 4A, provided the more serious drama of the festival. All four actors were extremely good but R. Cooksey as the "Duke of Clarence" took the honours. The all-round production and good acting of this play was fully deserving of the applause it received on both evenings.

4A: "*Judgment*".

Although this was a more serious play, it was very well received by the audience on both day and night performances. Again the acting in the play was splendid, with Ron Flanagan, who played the leading role as "Tiny" giving a really fine performance. You could feel the tension being built up all through the play, right up until the final curtain. I. Fraser also deserves a word of praise for his role of "Steve". All players and people associated with this play must be commended on their fine performances.

4B: "*Moggy, The Cat Burglar*".

A comedy, by Eric Coplans, this play was very pleasingly presented and a delightful character portrayal was given us by L. Hunter who played the part of a Cockney cat-burglar. L. Bennett as "Jennings" and M. Lawson as "Aunt Agatha" also earned a

special mention for fine work. This play thoroughly deserved its night performance.

4D: "*The Referee*".

This play proved to be one of the highlights of the Drama Festival. A comedy wound around an annual football "Derby" and a referee with a double, this play supplied great scope for McKimm, as Colonel Wortlebury, to show his natural ability for comedy. G. McKimm, and P. Truda as "The Referee" and his double, stole the honours from a very capable cast. The illness of two of the actors provided a great handicap on both the evening performances but the play still managed to get a great round of applause from the audience on both nights.

—N. DUNCAN.

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—J. E. WELLS,  
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## DEBATING REPORT

The Senior Debating Team has had a very successful year. In the Hume-Barbour competition the team reached the final round undefeated.

The team debated against Hurlstone Agricultural High, Homebush High and Parramatta, and took a day off to visit Newcastle for the second round. The Senior Team was coached by Mr. Barnard and drew its members from Phillip Westlake, Bob Douglas, Maurice White, John Bryson and Andy Reimer.

The Junior Team although it did not reach the peak of success to which the seniors attained, was not disgraced. Their first debate was against Homebush High, and the Fort Street team, though raw and inexperienced, was beaten only by a narrow margin. Fort Street's defeat of Hurlstone and Parramatta in the next two debates, were hopeful improvements but unfortunately the team did not reach the second round. Nevertheless valuable experience has been gained and it is hoped that next year the Junior Team will be able to emulate this year's Senior Team. The boys from whom the team was chosen were Warren Peck, Barry Springthorpe, Noel Harrison and John McEnnally.

For the first time within about ten years, the Boys' team succeeded in defeating the Girls' team in one of the two inter-school debates held this year. It was a famous victory,

but we did not manage to win both debates, for when the Girls' team visited us in the second term, they restored tradition by winning.

—John McEnnally and John Bryson.

## STAFF CHANGES

A hearty welcome back from his trip home to England to Mr. B. Roberts who is enjoying his final year at Fort St., prior to his retirement.

The Maths. staff welcomes many new masters this year—Mr. R. Sheen from Randwick replaces Mr. C. Kester now Maths.-Science master at Moree; Mr. J. Veness from Ashfield Junior Tech. replaces Mr. Austin. The place of Mr. A. Stanley, recently retired, has been taken by Mr. J. Coroneos of North Sydney Boys' High, while that of Mr. I. Hodge, transferred to Armidale, has been filled by Mr. A. Reichel from Richmond.

From Cowra we welcome Mr. S. Mackay who replaces Mrs. T. Hunt on the Modern Language staff.

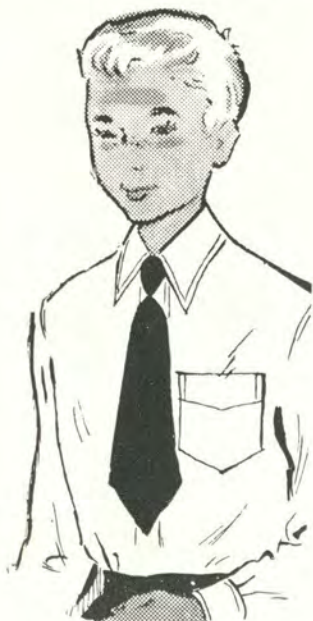
In the Music Department the place of Mr. F. Treharne was taken by Mr. S. Tunley.

A special welcome too, to Mr. S. Noake, whose frequent visits to us are much appreciated.

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## FORT STREET CADET UNIT

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Fort St. Cadet Unit has again had a very successful year, but it is hoped that with increased numbers, next year will be even more successful, especially when we are so fortunate in having a headmaster who is keenly interested in the corps.

Despite its size, the Unit has become renowned for its deportment and drill and was chosen on several occasions throughout the year to form a guard of honour for His Excellency, the Governor, Sir John Northcott. One such occasion was at the Church of England on Sunday, August 16th.

The school was treated to an excellent display of drill during the Anzac Day ceremony in the Memorial Hall, when the guard performed the stirring "rest on arms reversed".

Fort St. Unit further enhanced its reputation by its contribution to the Coronation Celebrations at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

A guard of honour and an exhibition of arms are planned for the School Fete in October.

This year, too, saw practices on our own rifle range.

On the Q-store side, a great increase and variation in the types of arms took place. Our thanks to the staff at 8 Cdt. Bn. Leichhardt, especially to Capt. Silcox and W. O2. Dunley.

The following cadets were successful at 1953 courses:

*Potential Officers:* Cdt. Und. Off. P. Westlake, Sgt. R. Flanagan, Sgt. M. Biddlecombe, Cpl. B. Corderoy.

*Potential W.O./Sgt. Course:* Cpl. N. Duncan, L/Cpl. I. McLeod, Cpl. L. Evans.

*M. MG. Course:* Sgt. M. Biddlecombe, L/Cpl. D. Cash.

*3 in. Mortar Course:* Sgt. R. Flanagan, L/Cpl. G. Collett.

*Sigs. Course:* Cpl. J. Hodges, L/Cpl. C. Higgins.

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

The Unit left on Monday, 17th August, and after an enjoyable train trip arrived at Singleton. Accommodation under canvas, training skills and manoeuvres were all interesting experiences. A parade was held at which Lt./Gen. Berryman took the salute and the Fort St. Unit marched past in fine style. During camp many friends were made, especially with Trinity College with whom we had our main manoeuvre. We found them and others of the G.P.S. units to be a fine group of fellows and enjoyed meeting them.

The camp broke up on Monday 24th when we entrained for Sydney and home.

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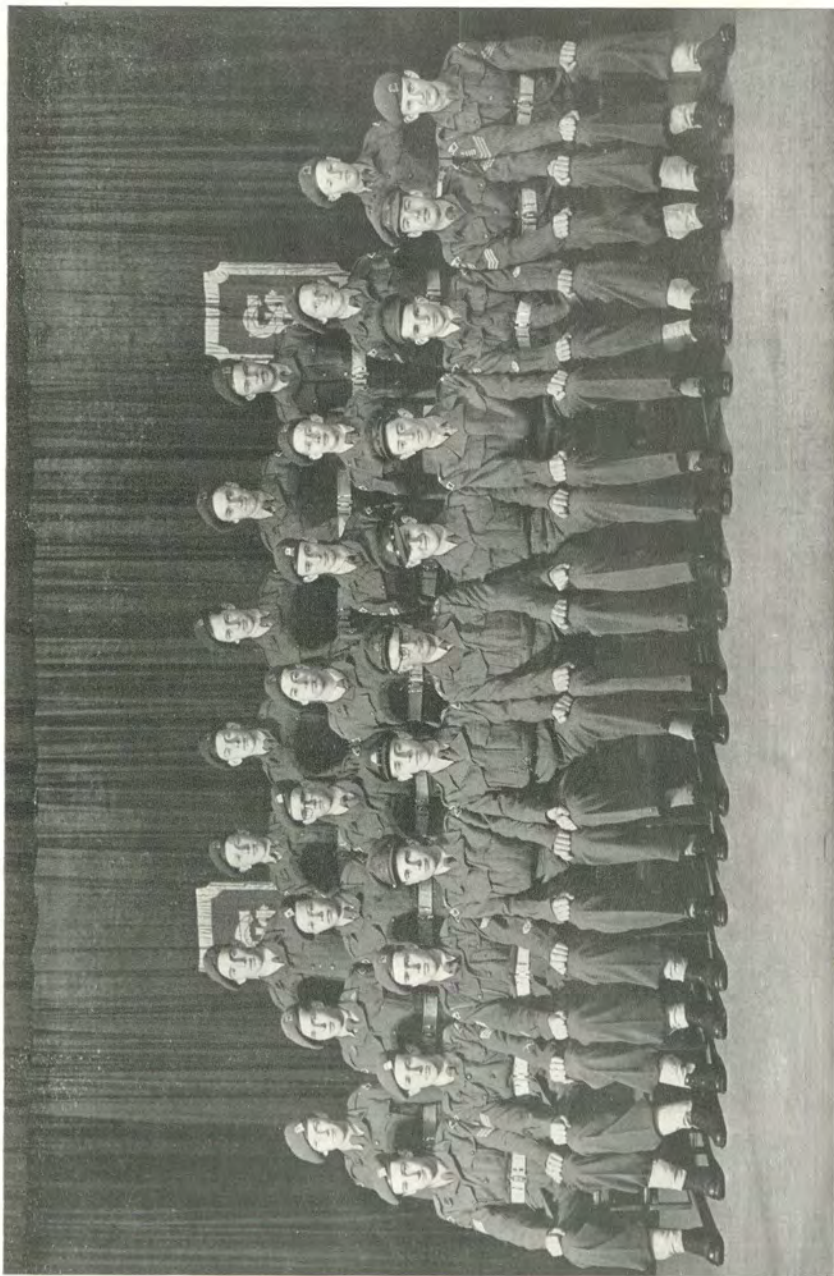
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 Bow, Cdt. Und. Off. Rutherford, W/O. White, S/Sgt. Hall, Sgt. Bryson.

## Literary Section

Although there was a pleasing increase in the number of entries to the Literary Section, it is disappointing that only one contribution merited an award. Unfortunately many contributors concentrated on quantity rather than quality. It is not length that gives your writing literary value. Have something worthwhile to say and express yourself clearly and concisely. That is the basis of good writing whether it is prose or verse.

We are looking forward next year to a great improvement in the standard of this section.

—G. H.

Awards:

Verse: W. Ruxton, 4 B.

Art.—Senior: K. Groves, 5 A. Junior: C. Hatter, 2C.

### EPITAPH

Dedicated to Those Who Fell

In lands afar,  
and countries strange,  
they fought for us,  
that we might live.  
They paid the price;  
—that price supreme;  
and gladly died  
for those they loved.  
They died,—that we  
might dwell in peace,  
and unafraid  
of all those things  
which they had fought  
—and beaten  
And yet — And yet;  
Was it in vain?  
I think it not,  
for though they're gone  
and we are left,—  
with memories  
We have those things  
for which they died,—  
Our children!—Theirs!  
and all that they held dear.  
And though they be  
so far away, —  
they lie in peace—  
for we are free.

W. RUXTON (4 B.)

### A SAILING RACE

The hot sunlight beat down on the cool green water and reflected off the dazzling white canvas of the five sailing craft, which, dipping their bows to the seas, lay moored close to the starting line. Their crews made a frantic last minute check of gear already inspected a thousand times. Around the marked out course the spectators waited in their pleasure crafts; the excitement could almost be felt through the hot still air. At a

signal the boats moved to the line to await the starter's gun.

At last it came and like snowy swallows the five vessels swept forward, their crews straining every muscle to get the wind of their rivals. Close-hauled to the wind, the leading craft began to leave the others far behind. Now the vessels were past the first marker buoy and beating along with every inch of canvas set to the breeze. One of the competitors was overtaking the leader and every second made the gap between them less. Among the remaining vessels the positions were hard to judge, three were bunched up together and the crews strove to coax every knot out of their craft. Suddenly there came a crack and one was enveloped in canvas—an over-strained mast snapped off close above the deck.

Only four left but already they had rounded the last buoy and were setting sail for the finish. Excitement was at its peak and the crowd had abandoned all attempt at self-control. Frenzied cheers came from the densely packed ferries. Five yards to go — the leading yacht was being overtaken—the two hulls were almost level. The strain on the faces of the crew could not be seen, but could be well imagined as the grim struggle reached its climax. Yes, the second boat would surely win but an unlucky puff of wind from nowhere laid both vessels aback with canvas flapping feebly. In an instant they had recovered, but the delay was fatal for the third vessel now following close on their sterns, overtook them and raced home the winner.

P. SNIDER (3 C.)



—A. Groves.

## HONG KONG

A casual glance at the map of the world shows that Hong Kong is as it were a tiny speck of a star in the mighty Milky Way of the Universe. On account of its position and scenic beauty, it is rightly called the "Pearl of the Orient."

Hong Kong is an island of thirty-two square miles situated near the mouth of the Pearl River in South China. It has been a British colony since 1840 and it includes the Kowloon Peninsula and the New Territories, having altogether an area of four hundred square miles. Its prosperity rests on the fact that it is an entrepôt where the raw materials from China were formerly exported and manufactured goods were imported. Now there is hardly any large scale dealing with China, though it still can maintain its prosperity of commerce. There are aeroplanes landing and leaving, there are wharfs lining the coasts, the harbour is deep and wide, ferries run to Kowloon and buses serve the land routes.

The climate is of sub-tropical type. From August to September typhoons sometimes sweep over Hong Kong, though casualties are seldom reported. Typhoon is a term best translated literally from the Chinese character meaning "strong wind." There are many scenic spots—visitors have called Repulse Bay the Riviera of the East."

A small fraction of the inhabitants makes up the class of householders. They enjoy all the comfort modern science can give. Refrigerators, radios and motor cars are considered essential. Air conditioning will soothe them

on days of 90 degs. while household utilities and servants render it unnecessary for them to cross the threshold except for pleasure at the theatres or beaches. They live rather excluded—half-way up the hills.

The merchants and business men are but a small part of the population. In times of peace, business transactions are plentiful and orders are abundant. It is a bright and prosperous time. Money flows across the counters as a bore enters an estuary. Indeed they are so innocent of how to prevent the tide that they too spend their money like water by living no less luxuriously than the land owners. When the market is dull, however, there is hardly any business done and some of the merchants can hardly make both ends meet. Some of them become bankrupt and have to retire from their grandeur and go to live in a small house in the squatters' area. It is indeed tragic to see them fall from respectability to misery.

The wage-earners have the busy routine of offices, and the daily rush for conveyances. Nor, after work do they always find comfort or repose in their over-crowded homes—they have become used to the noise and the surroundings. Shops are usually established on a family basis. Every member helps to earn whatever he or she can in his own honest way. Thrift is the only means of existence. Some of the wage-earners are factory workers, conductors, manual workers and the like. Their wages are low, just enough to keep them from starving.

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The floating population, the fishermen, live in boats or junks, their only property. Sometimes they fish individually, but when the season is right they join together and sail out to sea. Their experience tells them where most fish gather. These fishermen have to fight against the development of modern scientific methods and some of them have turned junks into barges transporting goods to and from the big steam ships anchored in the harbour.

In education the responsibility falls almost entirely upon the missionaries and priests though many schools receive a government subsidy. Most of the private schools are ill-managed and their fees are high. In spite of vigorous efforts by the government to establish new schools, the number of children who require education is still high. The Hong Kong University is the sole institution at tertiary level. Its best and most popular faculty is medicine.

In religion, Hong Kong is one of the few countries in Asia where freedom of religion

Thus the people in Hong Kong enjoy the privilege of seeing the cultures of both East and the West. Few places on earth can boast of this because they can see only one side of the picture, but in Hong Kong the cultures of East and West melt into each other and become one.

W. CHAN (4 B).

#### THE RANGES

Clothed in their mystic cloak of blue,  
The distant ranges rest.  
Far away from the seaman's view  
Far from the seagull's nest.  
Deep amid their scraggy cliffs,  
The calling echoes ring.  
And deep from the endless rifts  
The eternal waterfall sings.  
Unknown by most, disturbed by none,  
The thwarts of explorer's zest,  
While the world around them marches on  
The ranges in past glories rest.

G. FORTESCUE (2 A.)



is allowed. The majority of the Chinese here adhere to their traditional family observances. There are about thirty thousand Christians who administer schools, organise homes for the aged, blind and orphans and supervise hospitals.

Nearly all sports are seen in Hong Kong. Football is the most popular game. The players, though amateurs, can stand their ground against visiting European teams. In table-tennis the local players took the world by surprise when champions were twice beaten on a visit there. Swimming is popular though limited by the season, basketball teams have toured abro'd while softball, baseball, badminton, track events, golf and yachting are also favourites.

#### THE SEA

Her never ending waters roam,  
In endless motion round our land,  
From shore to shore does stretch the foam,  
Her gift bequeathed to yellow sands.

In angry fury waters crash  
'gainst cold grey rock and tropic reef,  
Or gently surge or softly wash  
The sun drenched beach in cool relief.

The endless rollers lift their might  
With white capped crests and curving  
green,  
And break in myriad jewels of light  
That fill with joy the summer scene.

R. BENNETT (2 A.)



## *You can't eat a Moose at a meal...*

Nobody would seriously try to eat a whole moose at one meal, for that animal is often 7 feet tall and weighs 1,000 pounds.

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## SPORT'S DAY

At Fort Street sport is quite the thing,  
When Wednesday comes around,  
The boys all make a happy sight,  
En route to sporting ground.

They look so smart in uniform,  
The old school tie so neat,  
With well trousered, and polished shoes,  
Upon their "dainty" feet.

A scramble for the dressing room,  
A muffled roaring sound,  
The boys rush out in football togs,  
And wildly dash around.  
Oh, what a different sight to see,  
Where are those boys so neat?  
What knobbly knees, and what sized boots,  
Fit on those "dainty" feet?

The whistle blows, the game is on,  
The referee's not slow,  
Fort Street is there to win or lose,  
For the game's the thing you know.

G. HORNER (1 A.)

## SECOND-HAND SHOPS

Recent fortune in finding a much needed book in such a small place made me think of the usefulness of second-hand shops. They sell everything from fishing rods to bedsteads, from bicycles to watches. Things are stored there that you would think could never have had any possible use.

They are such delightful places. We usually find old folks there—searching for little treasures at bargain prices. As we wander in and around the furniture or bookshelves, or whatever may be there, we think back many years. A large piece of Elizabethan furniture, a bedstead takes our eye. In this bed the Archbishop of Canterbury is supposed to have slept. (Second-hand shops are always making such extravagant claims). We look carefully at the beautifully carved legs and the magnificent curtains and are carried back through the years to the splendour of the court.

The Queen, attended by her ladies, taking hours to dress in her finery, her long frills and very stiff collar. The gentlemen in their silks and satins and their short well padded breeches. Much false hair too was the usual thing. This was the time when England ruled the seas; Drake singed the beard of the Spanish king at Cadiz and defeated the fabulous Armada; and when lion-hearted Grenville fought the Fifty-three. Such is the bravery of Englishmen!

A hearty slap resounded on my back from the friend whom I had arranged to meet outside the shop quite fifteen minutes before. What a lovely bed, and what memories it had brought. I could not bring myself to leave without buying something. I made a lay-by on the bedstead. It's not as big as usual and really was quite cheap! Such is the usefulness of second-hand shops.

N. HARRISON (4 A.)

## THE GNOMES

I sat on a log in the bush one day  
Where the ants and the frogs do roam  
I rose up and saw right in my way  
A small little babylike Gnome.

He would run and then jump and then laugh  
and then say  
"Hi diddle dum diddle dum diddle dee."  
Then he ran right away and started to play  
With another gnome smaller than he.

I sat there and watched for a little while  
And they played to their heart's content.  
They looked up and gave me a bright little smile

And then on their way they went.

I followed them over the hills and the vales  
I followed them down in a glen  
And then I saw them go by a herd of snails  
That's the last I saw just then.

## IT'S MURDER

"Wheeeee —"

A piercing scream woke me from my slumbers. It was about four o'clock in the morning and still dark outside. Rain was beating on the roof. Then suddenly: "Wheeeee —" A blood-curdling scream, even more terrible than the last drove all thought of sleep from my mind. I quickly rose, and sneaked across towards that part of the house whence the yell had come. Serene silence. By now I was really worried — perhaps the whole family had been murdered in their sleep. I glanced at the darkened dining-room. No sound. Panic gripped me. I borrowed the poker from the fireplace and forced myself onwards towards my parents' room.

Then I nearly faltered — there was a streak of light shining under the door. Clenching the poker tightly in my right hand I quietly took hold of the door knob and flung open the door. There staring at me from the bed with cold greedy eyes was my two-months' old brother prematurely demanding his six o'clock feed.

F. PACEY (2 A.)

## SCHOOL

School is considered by every young boy

A thing that is not essential,  
Why who wants to know about Henry VIII  
Or what's meant by "A Zero Potential"?

Why must we learn to parse or to find  
The cube of a hundred and eight?  
Draw parallel lines without using set-squares,  
Or to make some potassium sulphate?

Some of these things may be useful to know  
On very rare occasions,  
But I'm sure they're all as useless as trying  
How to solve those quadratic equations.

Although at school we build up our knowledge  
And knowledge makes us no fool  
In years to come as in years gone by,  
Little boys will never like school.

K. TRAVERS (2 A.)

## CALM SUMMER NIGHT

What a glorious day it has been! Hot, with scarcely a cloud in the vast panorama of clear sky! What a week it has been! And now the twilight is falling. Still, all things come but to pass by. The sun has almost completed its semi-circle and is now slipping slowly past that house on the hill. The shadows are lengthening, little by little on the surface of the harbour.

The sunset! Magnificent and overwhelming in its beauty, wondrous and full of fire in colouring which is flung out over the whole sky, even tingeing the waves far out to sea. Oh, what messenger could tell of the beautiful day to come more wonderfully than this? Gradually the sun sinks leaving behind little streaks of scarlet which mingle with the grey now stealing over the heavens until one by one they merge into a velvety black.

On all sides buildings become silhouettes, and then the outline dims until all that testifies to their presence are the yellow patches of light that shine from inside. The heavens with myriads of stars, are not so different from the land beneath, with its thousands of lights. And so to bed till morning in the Bowl of Night, has flung the stone that puts the stars to flight."

B. BRIDGES (3 A.)

## POEM

I love this great brown country,  
where beasts and birds live free,  
I specially love the bushland,  
which is a home to me.

I was born in this fair country,  
this country of "Down Under"  
and often when I sit down by  
myself, I stop and wonder . . .

—at the beauty of this bushland,  
which so many fail to see  
and I feel oh so happy  
and so glad that I am free.

My abode may not be very grand  
for 'tis only a wooden shack,  
but to my mind, it represents  
all that counts in this great Outback.

And though financially poor,  
Still I'm free to stay or roam,  
And my heart always fills with pleasure  
At the thought of my "Home, Sweet Home."

W. RUXTON (4 B.)

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## Sportsmaster's Report

Congratulations Fort Street on winning the Macmaneny Shield (C.H.S. Football) for the third year in succession and the Brilliantshine Shield (C.H.S. Swimming) second year in succession.

### 1953 RECORD

1st XV, undefeated Premiers.  
 1st XI, leading in C.H.S.  
 3rd XI, leading in C.H.S.  
 C.H.S. Football Representation: J. Mout-ray, B. Levi, J. Thomson.  
 C.H.S. Tennis: J. Barraclough.  
 Congratulations to J. Hart, G. Berry, G. Chapman and G. Baker. We are grateful to Constable Freeman for conducting the course.

### School Blues for 1953

Football: R. Cowley, J. Moutray, G. Clay, V. Levi, F. Harmer.  
 Cricket: J. Hart, P. Southwell, V. Levi, B. Garforth.  
 Tennis: J. Barraclough.  
 Water Polo: G. Martin.  
 Swimming: J. Henricks.  
 Basketball: C. Chong, J. Henricks, J. Arnold.  
 Debating: J. Bryson, P. Westlake.  
*Johnson Memorial Prize*  
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 Junior: R. Stacey.  
*Jon Henricks*  
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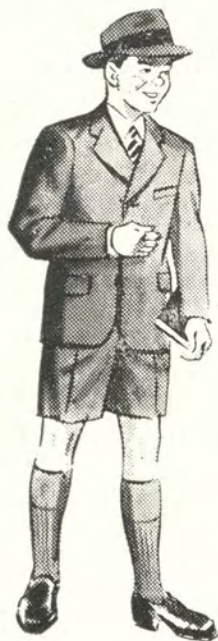
Fort St. played Gosford High School on Anzac Day and were lucky to win 14-13. The second game with Gosford resulted in a draw. The 1st. XV and an 8 stone 10 team had a very enjoyable trip to Armidale—the firsts drew with Armidale High School—6 all.

Fort St. and Sydney Teachers' Colleges started a basketball Competition last March—now the competition includes Homebush, Canterbury and North Sydney Technical High School. This is an innovation and next year we hope to see the competition well established. Fort Street Class Teams played Canterbury and North Sydney Tech. in football towards the end of the season—the results showed that the teams were well balanced and the enthusiasm shown by the boys warrants many games of this type in the future. We need a wider field of inter-school competitive sport in the high schools.

I wish to thank the Headmaster and Deputy Headmaster for their assistance and keen interest in the sporting activities of the school. I congratulate the grade coaches and members of the staff for their splendid co-operation during the year. Due to their efforts we had a successful year in the realm of sport. The Fort Street boys are to be commended for their sportsmanlike spirit.

	Christmas House	Kilgour House	Mearns House	Williams House	Winner
THE FRANK AUSTIN MEMORIAL CUP (Athletics)	161	227	92	180	Kilgour House
THE HANNAN MEMORIAL CUP (Aquatics)					
Swimming	117	214	190	215	
Water Polo	110	78	108	78	
Life-Saving	36	21	31	33	
TOTAL	263	313	329	326	Mearns House
THE LADIES' COMMITTEE CUP (Cricket)	1358	791	580	1060	Christmas House
THE OLD BOYS' RUGBY CUP	2542	1998	1579	2048	Christmas House
THE R. L. HEAD MEMORIAL CUP (Tennis)	232	178	302	232	Mearns House
THE ROSE CUP (All Sport)—					
Athletics	14.6	20.6	8.4	16.4	
Aquatics	21.4	25.4	26.7	26.5	
Football	49.8	39.2	30.9	40.1	
Cricket	53.8	31.8	23.0	42.0	
Tennis	7.4	5.6	9.6	7.4	
TOTAL	147.0	122.1	108.6	132.4	Christmas House
THE LODGE FORTIAN CUP (Four Major Sports)	139.6	126.5	99.0	125.0	Christmas House

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 T. Cole (Business Manager), R. Stacey (Sports Editor), A. Egan.

### CHRISMAS HOUSE REPORT

If keenness and active participation in sport is of any consequence, then Christmas House looks back on a successful year.

There was no brilliant sportsman in the House but by sheer enthusiasm and honest striving we were well able to acquit ourselves in school and representative sport.

The skill shown by the Juniors and Juveniles promises well for future successes.

*Cricket:* Although the house competition is still in progress we seem assured of a reasonable amount of success. We have few, but capable representatives in the First XI—Bob Cowley and Bruce Corderoy.

*Football:* We won only one premiership in house football, a less successful effort than in former years, but it was heartening to see so many of our house in the IV, V and VI Grades. Clay and Cowley were members of the victorious 1st. XV and both won selection in the C.H.S. teams.

*Aquatic:* The Swimming Carnival produced one Christmas age-champion, Wayne Ashby, in the under fourteen group. Many minor places went to our house and we congratulate all those who tried. In Water Polo our representatives are Clay and Arnold.

*Athletics:* Christmas gained third place in the Annual Carnival. George Clay was our senior star, whilst younger members of a high standard were: Barsley, Deayton and Bonner.

*Tennis:* With additional courts available this sport was popular. First Grade included John

Barracrough and Alf Armstrong, the former also playing in C.H.S. Tennis.

Our thanks to all those boys who worked for success. You have made this year a memorable one.

—House Captains.

### KILGOUR HOUSE REPORT

This year has been a mixed one for Kilgour. In athletics and swimming, we have achieved much, but in the House Competitions, in football, cricket and tennis, we have failed. Of twelve, Kilgour will receive two premierships, Second Grade Football and Fourth Grade Cricket. Don't be disheartened, chaps, pull a little harder next year, we'll scoop the pool.

We had an outstanding win in the Athletic Carnival, scoring a 40 points lead over the second place-getters, Williams House. Stars for Kilgour were Johnny Dorsett, Senior Champ., Neil Duncan and all of the Juvenile group, who gave a most encouraging display.

In swimming, our big star was Jon Henricks, the world's fastest swimmer. Jon won every Senior title for which he entered, and repeated this in the C.H.S. meeting, when Fort Street won the Senior Point Score and the "Brilliantshine Shield" again. Also prominent in our swimming line up was D. Grimes, who will be one of our mainstays next season.

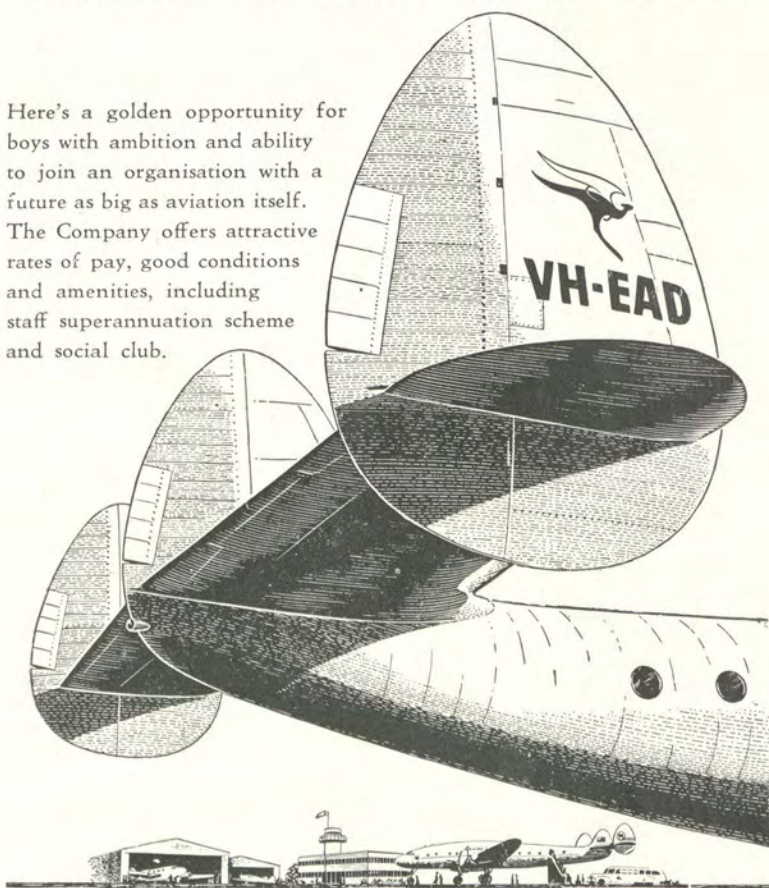
Turning now to School Sport. Kilgour supplied seven of this year's 1st XV. This includes C.H.S. rep. Frank Harmer. Another, "Pep" Jeffries would have gained C.H.S. honours, but for a poisoned leg.

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In the First XI, Kilgour supplied four players, including Dicky Hart, our only C.H.S. rep., fast bowler and useful bat.

We did not manage to be represented in First Grade Tennis, but in the First Grade Water Polo, we have three men, C.H.S. representation going to Henricks and Grimes.

In a more intellectual sphere, Kilgour supplied Bob Douglas, a member of our Senior Debating Team, which this year, the first for quite some time, fought out the Hume Barbour Competition Final with Sydney High.

The greatest disappointment this year, was the lack of interest and enthusiasm displayed by the Seniors at the various carnivals. Without active interest on the part of Seniors, the House cannot function properly. The Junior boys, especially 1st. and 2nd. year, set an example which it is to be hoped will shame the others into some action. The Juniors have done an excellent job, but the job is too big for them alone. It is the duty of every Senior to pitch in and back his House to the limit. If this is done, if interest is present and maintained, if a little effort is put into every House activity by every boy, then Kilgour will rightly be the Premier House.

—B. Fitzgerald and P. Hassett.  
House Captains.

### MEARNS' HOUSE REPORT

Playing a prominent part in all phases of school sport, Mearns' House once again upheld its long standing traditions of sportsmanship, ability and true house spirit.

Mearns' House was well represented in the Premiership First XV.: Moutray (capt.), Kocass, Levi and Milton. Moutray and Levi gained C.H.S. honours. As in previous years Mearns maintained its high standard of house football, finishing well up in the house competitions and in the over all point-score.

Two members of Mearns' House represented the school in the First XI.: Levi as captain and Macdonald wicket-keeper.

Although our athletes were rather unsuccessful in the School Athletic Carnival, they showed by their keen interest and ability to strive hard, that they are endowed with the spirit of losing as well as winning. It is heartening to notice the ability of some of our Juniors. Moore is a bright hope for the future.

In aquatics J. Martin and the Lindsay brothers swam well. Mearns finished third in the Swimming Carnival. Martin (capt.), D. Lindsay and McIntyre represented Mearns in first grade water polo.

In tennis, Mearns must realise that success depends not only on ability but also on a true house spirit and constant practice. Norris was our outstanding player and gained selection in the First Grade team.

1953 saw a successful year for Mearns' House. We, as house captains, would like to thank all members for their co-operation on and off the field and we are confident that with the promising juniors and the true Mearns' spirit, this house will live up to its name in the years to come.

V. LEVI, W. KOCASS,  
House Captains.

### WILLIAMS' HOUSE REPORT

Although the final results of the house sports are not known at present, it is evident that Williams has again been well to the fore.

The highlight of the year was the Annual Swimming Carnival, at which Williams narrowly defeated Kilgour. Congratulations, Williams, for the fine spirit you displayed. Although we had no outstanding swimmers, the number of entries was high and, to show that each individual effort counts, Williams won by a margin of only two points.

Unfortunately, the general attitude at the Athletics Carnival was different. Although we secured second place, there was not the same team work and the effort was left to a comparatively small group of boys. Remember, Williams, if you cannot be in it, support those who are. Our most successful athlete was Ron Stacey. Besides being Junior Champion, Ron performed splendidly at the C.H.S. meeting.

In weekly inter-house sport, Williams performed creditably. On the football field, excellent teamwork was shown, and, as a result, we carried off the honours in First, Third and Fourth Grade. Although less successful in tennis and cricket, we were well represented in the grade teams. In the First Grade XV premiership team, we were represented by T. Trahair, R. Stacey, J. Thompson and B. Trotter. Of these J. Thompson and T. Trahair were selected for C.H.S. representation.

In water polo, Williams formed a good portion of the team. Trahair and Rigg played in C.H.S. teams.

Congratulations to Alan Wilson who did the school honour by winning both the N.S.W. Juvenile half-mile and one mile paced Championships.

In closing may we remind you that you belong to Williams' House. If each of you remember this, you will bring to Williams the honour it deserves.

M. WHITE, N. RUTHERFORD,  
House Captains.





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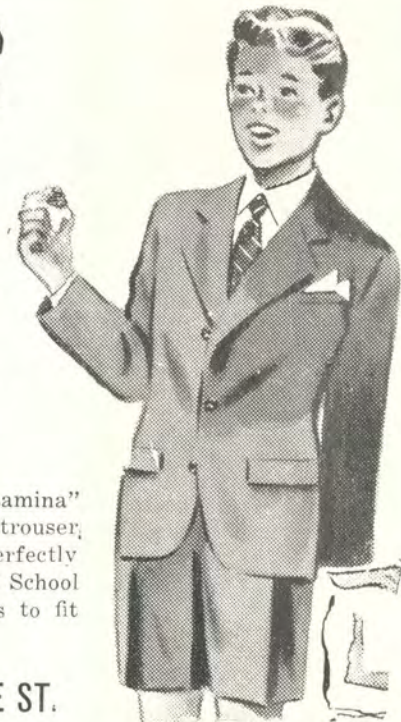
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# FOOTBALL

## FIRST GRADE FOOTBALL

For the third successive year, First Grade has won the Premiership and takes the honours as an undefeated team. Such success is largely explained by their completely unselfish attitude which always considered the team as more important than the individual player.

The score of 133 points for and 41 against together with the defeat of our two strongest rivals, Sydney High and Hurlstone is evidence of prowess of Fort Street's team. Our ability to fight back when sorely pressed turning desperate defence into overwhelming attack often forced the weakness in the opposing side. This was brilliantly seen in, the defeat of Sydney High at McKay Oval.

Moutray: Five-Eight. As captain moulded players into a strong team; fast evasive runner; fine example to teammates.

Cowley: Lock. Rugged, tough forward; backline speed and versatility; exceptional cover defence; unorthodox but brilliant passing.

Jeffries: Hooker. Reliable player, especially in attack.

Trahair: Prop. forward. Indefatigable work in defence and attack.

Trotter: Prop. forward. Good, keen forward; strength and doggedness asset to team.

Grimes: Second row. Tenacious, barging forward; always gained ground.

Hart: Second row. Excellent work in new position; hard straight runner- straight through the opposition.

Clay: Breakaway. Sure tackler, speedy capture of opponents, well deserved C.H.S. selection.

Kocass: Somewhat disappointing; experience may display latent ability.

Milton: Utility forward. Determined and vigorous.

Hynard: Half. brilliant football brain, puts team first, keen understanding with five-eight, perfect passes.

Thompson: Inside centre. Very fine player, dangerous in attack or defence.

Levi: Outside centre. Team player, small in stature but big in ability and courage, adept interceptor of passes, tricky runner with bewildering side step and swerve.

Dorsett: Winger. Fast runner, good positional player, improved handling will add to his skill.

Duncan: Winger. Hard player, solid tackler, seeks openings, experience will improve positional play.

Stacey: Winger. Handling and speed unsurpassed in penetrating opposition; an asset to the team.

Harmer: Full back. Brilliant positional player; safe handler; cool kicker.

Baker: Hard rucking forward; uncanny sense of anticipation; experience at tight play an asset.

Those players who gained C.H.S. selection were Cowley, Moutray, Thompson, Clay, Levi, Trahair and Harmer.

## FOOTBALL — SECOND GRADE

The second grade team had a very enjoyable season of football this year. At the beginning of the trials they showed great promise in all their matches of developing into a Premiership side. Unfortunately, injuries and other obstacles intervened and the team was forced to draw on the reserves. Many of the best players had to drop out, and although defeated by North Sydney High in the first round, the team was not at all discouraged. They went on for a succession of victories and at one stage were in a winning position. At the vital moment however, injuries again caused our downfall and with one match to be played, were runners-up. Of the thirteen matches played Fort Street won nine, drew one and lost three, to finish fourth, an admirable effort for a second grade team in this school.

### Forwards:

G. McIntyre (capt.): Hard rucking front rower, led his team well throughout the season.

J. Dash (vice capt.): Won majority of scrums, strong forward.

D. Goodsir: A very solid tackler, continually on the ball.

G. Martin: A line-out specialist using his weight to good advantage.

B. Fitzgerald: A speedy forward and safe handler.

P. Taylor: An excellent breakaway, hard tackler.

K. Cooper: Outstanding tackler, and tricky runner.

R. Flanagan: Ranks amongst the best goal kickers Fort Street has produced.

### Backs:

C. Presland: Good service from scrum base.

P. Williams and A. Ellis: Shared the honours as five-eight.

M. White: Excellent in defence, good handler.

P. Hassett: Most determined runner and tackler in the team.

B. Frecklington: Speedy, bustling centre.

M. McGregor: Brilliant try-getting winger.

B. Garford: Proved a very safe full-back.

B. Vincent, G. Hall, M. Bow and P. Muhs, made up the reserves and played their part well.

The team would like to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the coach, Mr. Sheen, whose keenness and attention was an inspiration to the team.



**FIRST GRADE FOOTBALL**

Back Row: Mr. G. Sherwin (Coach), W. Kocuss, J. Dorsett, D. Grimes, F. Harmar, A. Milton, Mr. D. O'Sullivan (Sportsmaster),  
 Centre Row: T. Trahair, B. Trotter, R. Cowley (Vice-capt.), Mr. G. Shaw (Headmaster), I. Moutray (Capt.), J. Thomson, J. Hart,  
 Front Row: V. Levi, R. Stacey, B. Jeffreys, B. Hynard, N. Duncan, Mr. G. Clay.

### THIRD GRADE FOOTBALL

Third Grade has enjoyed a good season's football. Although the team finished fifth in the competition, the experience gained should benefit them in future seasons.

The forwards were: J. Greenham, T. Presdee, M. Biddlecombe, J. Delmas, G. McKimm, P. Fisher, R. McBride, P. Lindsay and T. Shuker. Delmas, a sound hooker was well supported by props McKimm and Biddlecombe. Presdee and P. Lindsay of second row played well in the open, while McBride was the mainstay in lineouts. Fisher and Greenham were two speedy breakaways. Our backline was strengthened when Mac. Lindsay joined the team. Mac was the find of the season and his determined running was a great asset. R. Spedding captained the side from the half back position. His partner Harrison generally played a good game, while B. Wyatt tackled well in outside centre. R. Muhs one of the brightest players, shone at straight running and solid tackling.

In conclusion, we thank Mr. Cull for training the team.

### FOURTH GRADE FOOTBALL

Fourth Grade, despite its failure to win the premiership lost only one match during the season and played a magnificent draw with the premiers, Randwick, a much heavier team.

Fourth Grade is looked on as the main feeding ground for the First and Second Grades. Next year will see many of the Fourths helping to win the premiership for the school.

Lindsay was an inspiring captain, who progressed from a fairly slow prop to a fast and opportunist breakaway.

Little McGregor hooked well and by his courage and determination won the admiration even of his opponents.

Hill became in the late matches an enterprising and fast forward.

Jurgens and Lawson contributed their pace and height respectively.

Stewart as breakaway played many doughty games.

B. Parker was the utility man, a good breakaway and centre and the best tackler of the team.

Turney played a consistent game as half and on one occasion I remember, saved his side from defeat.

Bond was a versatile player who had to play five eight but could have played anywhere. His goal kicking was very helpful.

Jones as centre defended most courageously and made many piercing runs—a most improved player.

The same improvement was noticed in Johnson who, unfortunately, was unable to play in later games.

The wingers, Harrigan and Evans were fast and valiant.

Hales as fullback was the find of the season, and seldom gave us any anxiety.

As a roving lock, Deayton never played a bad game and, either in attack or defence was the right man for the job.

Pearsall will be a good winger. Thanks are due to Bolton, Hunter, G. Parker for their consistent attendance at practice and matches. Their turn will come.

A good team both on and off the field—a team which it was a pleasure to associate.

### FIFTH GRADE FOOTBALL

Although not amongst the leaders of the competition, 5th Grade performed very creditably.

Barsley, who so ably led the team, was the great force of the side. His indefatigable energy, football finesse and determination was a source of inspiration to all. He was well supported by both backs and forwards among whom Anderson, Clements, Reakes, Rayner, Shepherd and Evans are worthy of special mention.

Most marked was the fine team spirit which was displayed on the field and at training. This augers well for a more successful season next year.



DARAN PATTISON

### OBITUARY

The untimely death of Daran Pattison was a sad shock to his classmates and his teammates. As a member of the 5th Grade football team, he had won the admiration of his fellows by his consistently good play, his tackling, dash and enthusiasm. He has been much missed this season in the Fourth Grade, and his memory has been kept green by recollections of his excellence as a player and a dependable and likeable team mate.

—G.B.

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## SIXTH GRADE FOOTBALL

The Sixth Grade found its feet too slowly to distinguish itself as a team. It seldom achieved the co-operation and determination that makes a team victorious. Nevertheless at times it gave a very good performance. It won three matches and drew with Homebush, and at other times a win was tantalisingly near. It is to be especially congratulated for its play against Manly and Parramatta.

We remember with pleasure the following:

Pegg, who hooked so well and was so consistently up with the ball;

Bevan, who took over the position of full-back, and whose defence and kicking proved sound and accurate;

Fisher, who learned to get the ball away smartly behind the scrum;

Copson and Barr our dour breakaways, who spoiled many a movement;

Hilder who so often stopped too soon, but nevertheless scored a number of exciting tries; Horner and Robinson our solid second-row forwards;

Geddes our keen lock who was always heart and soul in the game;

Fairweather, a good fast winger and centre; Webster and Readford, two effective front-row forwards;

Flippence, a valuable back;

Williams, our captain, an excellent player, as full-back and five-eight, whose kicking, positional play, and soundness of defence were on many occasions an inspiration to the team.

Altogether the season was a most enjoyable one, and a splendid spirit was shown by the team, a reminder that football can be played for pleasure as well as for victory.



## CRICKET

## FIRST GRADE CRICKET

The First Eleven has had a highly successful season so far, finishing at the top of the Western Zone. It will play the two leaders in the Eastern Zone, Manly and North Sydney to decide the premiership.

The team lost its first match by a narrow margin, but settled down to a good combination, and from then on was untroubled.

V. Levi, wicket-keeper-captain led the side well and the fielding was usually high class.

J. Hart secured representative honours because of his consistent opening bowling.

The best batting was that of P. Southwell, who did not play grade cricket last year. He opened the batting and made 11, 30 n.o., 31, and 62.

The best all-rounder was B. Garforth with 50 n.o., a 5-13 and 4-20.

Unfortunately the First Eleven is like our own Australian XI—it lacks a good leg-spinner. It is to be hoped that boys will concentrate on this interesting phase of the game, a phase where players last longer than in any other. *Scores:*

Fort St., 133 (J. Hart 54, V. Levi 26) lost to Sydney 162 (J. Hart 7-27).

Fort St., 1-58 (P. Southwell 30 n.o.) drew with Hurlstone 77 (J. Hart 8-33, B. Garford 2-5).

Fort St., 5-69 (R. Cowley 28 n.o.) beat Parramatta 53 (J. Hart 3-15, B. Garforth 5-13).

Fort St., 8-90 (P. Southwell 62, B. Garforth 50 n.o.) beat Canterbury 118 (J. Hart 4-13, B. Garforth 4-20).

## SECOND GRADE CRICKET

The Second XI has had an undefeated but extremely unlucky season. The team has not been beaten but rain has robbed them of outright wins on three occasions and will make winning of the competition very difficult. Ian Moutray captained the team which drew its members from Burgess, White, Barwick, Flanagan, Stacey, Bennett, Rutherford, Corderoy, McDonald, Short, Glover, Dunstan and Harris.

The first game against Sydney High resulted in a win for Fort Street by 102 runs on the First Innings with Moutray, Short, McDonald and Bennett starring.

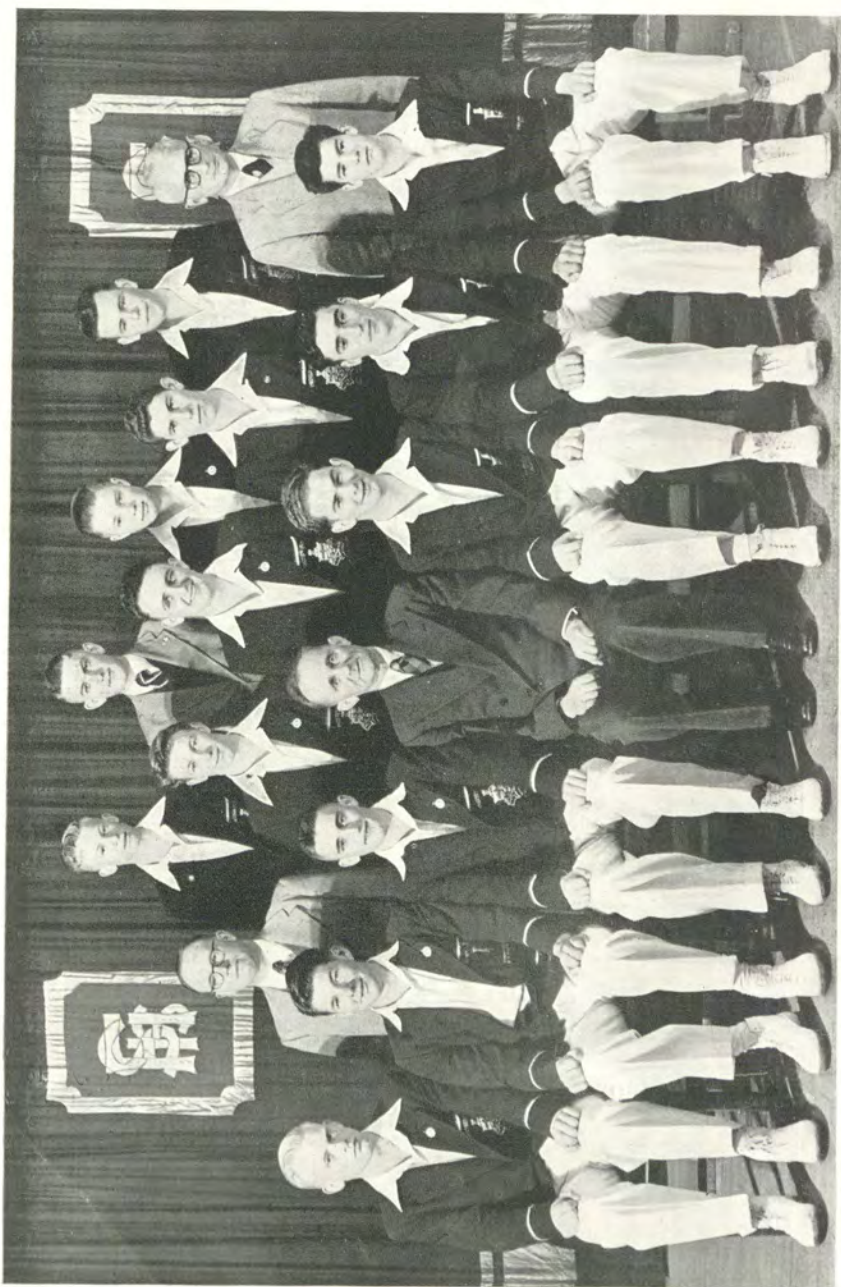
Then came the three drawn games due to rain. Firstly against Hurlstone High when Fort Street scored 112 runs and had Hurlstone 5-17 (Bennett 2 for 0, Burgess 2 for 1) but play was abandoned because of rain.

There was no play on the first day against Homebush High. The second day Homebush were dismissed for 108 (Dunstan 3 for 31) and Fort Street were 0 for 98 at the end of the game (McDonald 48 n.o., Dunstan 37 n.o.) These 98 runs were made in 35 mins. batting time.

Against Parramatta rain again restricted play to one day. Fort Street scored 180 runs (Stacey 30, Burgess 26, Flanagan 22 n.o.) and had Parramatta 2 wickets down for 24 at the end of the day.

Fort Street 67 and 7 for 166 defeated Canterbury 53 in the next game (Flanagan 4 for 13 and Moutray and McDonald each scored 47).

If a team ever deserves to win the competition the SECOND XI does.



**FIRST GRADE CRICKET**

Back Row: G. Southwell, T. Sinclair (Scorer), P. Short, B. Corderoy,  
 Centre Row: Mr. K. Cunningham (Coach), R. Stacey, B. Garforth, B. Glover, Mr. D. O'Sullivan (Sportsmaster),  
 Front Row: P. Southwell, R. Cowley, V. Levi (Capt.), Mr. G. Shaw (Headmaster), J. Thomson, J. Hart, B. Hynard.

### THIRD GRADE CRICKET

Third grade may be excused if they feel a little pride in their performances to date and justified in some confidence as to their ability to win the premiership.

In the first half of the competition they have had two outright victories, two first innings wins and one favourable drawn game. With three matches to play they lead their nearest rivals by 5, 9, and 10 points respectively.

The most outstanding performance has been given by the captain K. White, who has from 71 overs taken 39 wickets at the cost of 140 runs. In addition he has scored 138 runs at an average of 46 runs per completed innings.

Fine performances also came from R. Hales 200 runs, W. Jones 123 runs and J. Barras 99 runs. Other players have all contributed their share and generally speaking the group has been moulded into a fine team.

The coach is particularly pleased with the fighting spirit and co-operation of the team and their attention to practice.



### FOURTH GRADE CRICKET

Although Fourth Grade did not do very well in the competition this year, the team has gained much experience and promises to do much better next season.

The team has mainly consisted of Short (capt.), Barsley, Butler, Irvine, Fortesque, Fisher, Clements, Portus, Caldwell, Bennett, Chandler and Bonner.

Of the five matches already played this year, two were drawn and three lost. In the first match, against High we were defeated by 48 runs. Against Hurlstone we were again defeated in a very close game by 12 runs. The match against Homebush was drawn. Owing to rain the match against Parramatta was drawn with Fort Street in a good position, Short scoring 76 runs. In the last match against Canterbury we were defeated by 14 runs. Wickets were kept by Portus and Chandler. The fielding was ragged although it improved as the season progressed.

To Mr. Duncan goes our sincere thanks for the help and guidance he has given us throughout the season.



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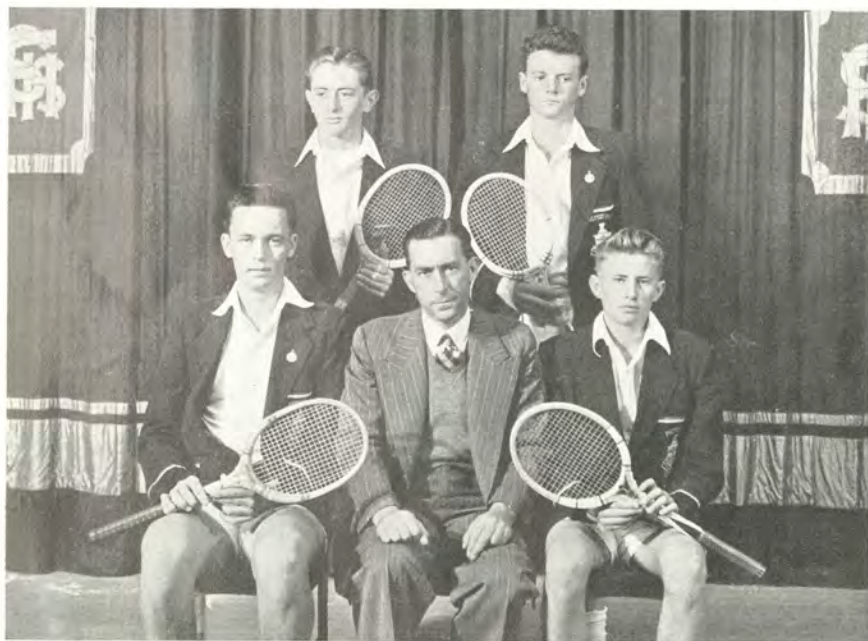


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## FIRST GRADE TENNIS

Back Row: N. Rutherford, J. Barraclough.  
Front Row: W. Westwood, Mr. R. Claridge (Coach), B. Norris.

## TENNIS

## FIRST GRADE

This year Fort St. was unlucky being narrowly beaten by Canterbury and Sydney High in the first two matches and thus running third.

The players were J. Barraclough (captain), W. Westwood, N. Rutherford, B. Norris.

The following were the players:

*J. Barraclough:* A forceful player with a good serve and accurate volleys, but at times inclined to lack concentration.

*W. Westwood:* Played consistently well throughout the competition. He has a good forehand drive but serve is sometimes a little erratic.

*N. Rutherford:* Although at times inclined to be inconsistent he played an aggressive net rushing game. He possesses a good first serve.

*B. Norris:* Played a very consistent game combining well with his partner.

John Barraclough was selected as a member of the team representing Sydney High Schools, which visited Newcastle and defeated the Northern Districts' team.

## SECOND GRADE

Owing to unavoidable changes made in the team at the start of the season, Second Grade

did not settle down till fairly late in the competition. The team was unfortunate in meeting the Canterbury, Homebush and Sydney High teams while in this unsettled state and we may otherwise have given a better account of ourselves. Over the whole competition our results were quite good, the team winning four matches, drawing one and being only narrowly beaten in one other.

The team finally chosen consisted of R. Monk, W. Thompson, A. Armstrong (Capt.) and P. Southwell with B. Glover as reserve. In the last few matches Mr. Claridge took the opportunity of allowing Cobbin and Glover to gain competition experience for next year by including them in the team and with Thompson, should be valuable members of our teams for next year.

We express our appreciation to Mr. Claridge for his handling of the teams and for his organisation of the tournament held at the conclusion of the season.

## Comments on players:

*R. Monk:* A player with a good style and sound strokes. His service is good, but his return of service on the backhand is at times inconsistent. He should figure prominently in the first grade team next year.

*A. Armstrong:* A good forehand and steady backhand and volley. Smash sometimes unreliable. Sound service.

*P. Southwell:* A player with a good style who has the ability to do well.

*W. Thompson:* Hits the ball hard and deep when on his game. Inclined to be erratic. First service very effective.

### THIRD GRADE

Although third grade was not among the winning teams, the members of the team played well and have gained valuable experience for next year. Third Grade this year was restricted to players under fifteen years of age.

The players:

*B. Baker:* Powerful all-round play. Ground shots very effective.

*J. Irvine (Capt.):* Very strong first service. Hits all shots hard and cleanly.

*G. Southwell:* Very good in all departments of play. Consistent throughout the season.

*B. Dunn:* Very consistent player. Accurate first server.

*McKellar:* Good backhand, sometimes inconsistent. Overhead shots need strengthening.

### FOURTH GRADE

This year Fourth Grade did very well, winning six matches and running third to Randwick and North Sydney in the competition.

The players were John Moore (Capt.), Robert Li, David Shoot, Denis Brennan and Reserve—Garry Pemberton.

*Robert Li:* Good drives and volley, steady serve and smash.

*D. Shoot:* Very consistent all-round player.

*D. Brennan:* Good reliable player, shows promise.

*J. Moore:* Reliable player, forceful forehand, good serve and smash. Plays well on net.

At the end of the season a tournament was conducted, the results of which were:

Senior Singles: J. Barraclough.

Senior Doubles: J. Barraclough, W. Westward.

Junior Singles: G. Southwell.

Junior Doubles: G. Southwell, G. Fell.

## BASKETBALL

With two teams entered in the regular competition, basketball has come into greater prominence as a school sport. Both groups have been very successful, the Firsts especially, since they are at present undefeated in the summer competition. Team members are

very enthusiastic and make the most of their training periods. It is hoped that exhibition matches planned for this term will further encourage new members.

The team combined well, played a fast, open game, resorting to tight man-to-man defence



### FIRST GRADE BASKETBALL

Back Row: J. Thomson, R. Flanagan, J. Hart.

Centre Row: W. Kocass, W. Westwood, J. Henricks, D. Crispo.

Front Row: K. Brines, J. Ludlow, Mr. G. Sherwin (Coach), J. Arnold, N. Chang.

only when hard pressed. Forwards Kocass, Crispo and Brines were fast in attack, broke quickly and scored many goals. Westward and Chong, as centres, provided strong links between backs and forwards. Ludlow, a capable captain, and Arnold as backs, were sound

in defence and initiated many goal-scoring movements.

The players would like to thank their coach, Mr. Sherwin, for his able support throughout the year and Mr. Shea for his assistance in the use of the hall.



#### FIRST GRADE WATER POLO

Back Row: J. Arnold, J. Jewell, Mr. B. Farlow (Coach), D. Grimes, D. Lindsay.  
Front Row: T. Trahair, J. Henricks, G. Martin, G. Clay, G. McIntyre.

## WATER POLO

### FIRST GRADE:

Fort Street is again with the leaders in the first grade water polo competition. The team, which was chosen from Clay, Henricks, D. Lindsay, Martin, Grimes, Jewell, Arnold, Trahair and McIntyre, has played five matches having won three, drawn one and lost one.

The speed of Henricks and Lindsay gave Fort Street a great share of the ball from the swim-offs and Martin, playing as centre-back, started many goal scoring movements. Our forwards—Henricks, Lindsay, Grimes and Jewell often outswam their opponents and exploited many opportunities to the full. The backs were very solid in defence, stopping many determined attacking movements while Clay was very reliable in goals. Don Grimes, who came this year from Albury, headed the goal scoring total with twelve goals in six matches.

### SECOND GRADE:

Our second grade team is now in an excell-

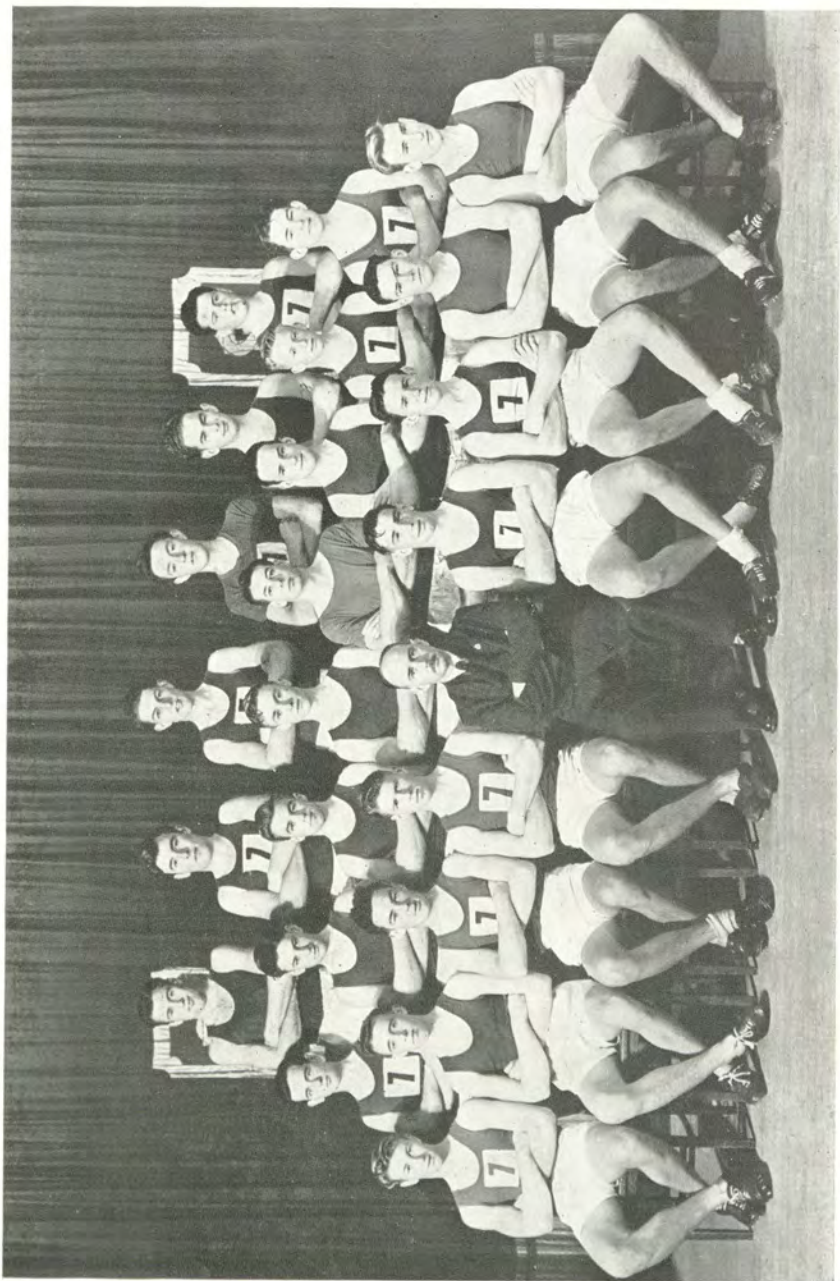
ent position, and if they maintain their present form they should finish among the leaders. This team, which serves as a stepping-stone to first grade, is coached by Mr. Hearse and is chosen from McIntyre (capt.), P. Lindsay, Goodsir, Westlake, McKinnon, Baker and Rigg.

### THIRD GRADE:

Although third grade have not done well in the competition, the players are obtaining valuable experience that will be most helpful in the higher grades. They have played five matches having won one, drew one and lost three. The team was chosen from Rigg, Bow, Degotardi, Armstrong, Baker, Jeffrey, Newson, Box, Yoemans, Cole, Hunter, Webber and Kocass.

All the players would like to express their thanks to Mr. Farlow and Mr. Hearse for their interest and valuable assistance.

—TERRY COLE.



**C.H.S. ATHLETICS TEAM**

Back Row: J. Dorsett, D. Grimes, R. McBride, R. Atherton, J. Thomson, D. Lindsay, M. McGregor, R. Hales, I. Fraser, G. Clay, R. McKinnon, W. Saxby, G. Southwell, W. Bond.  
 Centre Row: R. Stacey, I. Deayton, J. Moore, I. Moutray, Mr. J. Wells (Manager), N. Dunnean, R. Flanagan, B. Trotter, J. Hill.  
 Front Row: (Names not explicitly listed in the caption for the front row, but the image shows 10 men in singlets with the number 7.)

## ATHLETICS

THE 43rd ANNUAL ATHLETIC  
CARNIVAL

*Petersham Oval—Wednesday and Thursday  
5th and 6th August, 1953*

This year's Athletic Carnival was held over only one and a half days. As a result some events, which had been part of the previous year's programme, had to be omitted. These were namely, all NOVICE events in the FIELD EVENTS and the HURDLES.

On the night before the Wednesday, 5th August, some heavy rain fell, which washed out all the tracks and it lay all morning in several big pools on the Oval. This rain naturally softened the track and, together with a persistent wind all throughout the carnival, removed all possibility of record times. Only one track record was broken; this was in the Under 14, 220 yards, which was won by Bardsley in 25.5 secs.

Ron Stacey broke John Dorsett's H. S. & J. record, created last year, with a jump of 39 feet 0 ins.

The Carnival went off without a hitch and much praise and thanks must be given to all the Masters and Teachers and the House Committee.

The Carnival, however, would have been a greater success if more House spirit had been evident and once again the Senior School was poorly represented. Let us, therefore, hope that next year not only the competitors but also the spectators will show a keen interest in their School Sports.

## RESULTS

*Final Results:*

1. KILGOUR, 227 points.
2. WILLIAMS, 180 points.
3. CHRISMAS, 161 points.
4. MEARN'S, 92 points.

*Senior:*

100 yds. Champ.: G. Clay 1, J. Dorsett 2, J. Thomson 3. Time: 11.0 secs.  
220 yds. Champ.: J. Dorsett 1, G. Clay 2, J. Thomson 3. Time: 25.4 secs.  
440 yds. Champ.: J. Dorsett 1, G. Clay 2, B. Vincent 3. Time: 56.3 secs.  
880 yds. Champ.: B. Vincent 1, G. Clay 2, J. Dorsett 3. Time 2 mins. 20.5 secs.  
Open Mile: D. Grimes 1, G. Clay 2, B. Trotter 3. Time: 5 mins. 13.0 secs.  
Broad Jump: R. Edwards 1, J. Dorsett 2, R. McKinnon 3. Distance: 19 ft. 4 ins.  
Hop, Step and Jump: R. McBride 1, R. Edwards 2, J. Dorsett 3. Distance 40 ft. 8½ ins.  
High Jump: J. Dorsett 1, R. Edwards 2, B. Trotter 3. Height: 4 ft. 11 ins.  
Shot Put: G. Clay 1, W. Westwood 2, R. Cowley 3. Distance: 29 ft. 5¾ ins.  
House Relay: Williams 1, Kilgour 2, Mearns 3. Time 51 secs.  
Senior Champ.: J. Dorsett, 30 points.  
Champ. House: Kilgour, 66 points.

*Under 16:*

100 yds. Champ.: R. Stacey 1, N. Duncan 2, I. Fraser 3. Time: 11.4 secs.

220 yds. Champ.: R. Stacey 1, N. Duncan 2, D. Grimes 3. Time: 23.8 secs.

440 yds. Champ.: R. Stacey 1, N. Duncan 2, D. Grimes 3. Time: 57.0 secs.

880 yds. Champ.: D. Grimes 1, R. Stacey 2, T. Cole 3. Time: 2 mins. 13.1 secs.

Broad Jump: W. Saxby 1, R. Stacey 2, N. Duncan 3. Distance: 19 ft. 0¾ ins.

Hop, Step and Jump: R. Stacey 1, N. Duncan 2, R. Flanagan 3. Distance: 39 ft. (rec.).

High Jump: R. Atherton 1, J. Parker 2, L. Presdee 3. Height: 5 ft. 2½ ins.

Shot Put: R. Flanagan 1, R. Stacey 2, J. Barraclough 3. Distance: 36 ft. 7½ ins.

House Relay: Kilgour 1, Williams 2, Mearns 3. Time: 50.4 secs.

Under 16 Champ.: R. Stacey, 36 points.

Champ. House: Kilgour, 65 points.

*Under 15:*

100 yds. Champ.: J. Moore 1, R. Hales 2, J. Wood 3. Time: 11.7 secs.

220 yds. Champ.: R. Hales 1, J. Moore 2, M. Johnson 3. Time: 26.8 secs.

Broad Jump: G. Southwell 1, I. Deayton 2, R. Hales 3. Distance: 17 ft. 10 ins.

High Jump: J. Hill 1, I. Deayton 2, W. Maitland 3. Height: 5 ft. 1 in.

Shot Put: J. Hill 1, D. Lindsay 2, J. Irvine and R. Hales aeq. 3. Distance 37 ft. 6¾ ins.

House Relay: Christmas 1, Williams 2, Kilgour 3. Time: 53.6 secs.

Under 15 Champ.: R. Hales, 13 points.

Champ. House: Kilgour, 35 points.

*Under 14:*

100 yds. Champ.: D. Barsley 1, J. Sharp 2, J. Evans 3. Time: 11.7 secs.

220 yds. Champ.: D. Barsley 1, J. Sharp 2, J. Evans 3. Time 25.5 secs. (rec.).

Broad Jump: R. Muddle 1, D. Barsley 2, J. Evans 3. Distance: 16 ft. 11½ ins.

High Jump: J. Evans 1, R. Muddle 2, R. Shepherd 3. Height: 4 ft. 7½ ins.

Shot Put: D. Barsley 1, P. Anderson 2, J. Gordon 3. Distance: 36 ft. 5½ ins.

House Relay: Williams 1, Christmas 2, Kilgour 3. Time: 58 secs.

Under 14 Champ.: D. Barsley, 22 points.  
Champ. House: Christmas, 46 points.

*Under 13:*

100 yds. Champ.: J. Bevan 1, A. Rayner 2, I. Barnes 3. Time: 13.3 secs.

Broad Jump: D. Flippence 1, K. Davies 2, I. Ferrier 3. Distance: 14 ft. 3½ ins.

High Jump: I. Barnes 1, P. Griffiths 2, K. Dennis 3. Height: 4 ft. 1 in.

House Relay: Kilgour 1, Mearns 2, Christmas 3. Time: 61.9 secs.

Under 13 Champ.: D. Flippence, 9 points.

Champ. House: Kilgour, 32 points.

*C.H.S. Athletics:*

Congratulations to Fort St. representatives who were successful in C.H.S. Carnival—J. Dorsett (High Jump); R. Stacey (100 yds., 220 yds., 440 yds. and Broad Jump); N. Duncan (100 yds.); J. Hill (High Jump); J. Moore (100 yds.); J. Muddle (Broad Jump); D. Barsley (100 yds.); Under 16 Relay Team.



**C. H. S. SWIMMING TEAM**

Back Row: — Goodwin, J. Arnold, N. Harrison, P. Riggs, I. Deayton, G. Walsh, S. Nade,  
 Centre Row: R. Gerrie, J. Webster, W. Ashby, R. McKinnon, W. Jones, —, Webber, D. Lindsay,  
 Front Row: G. McIntyre, P. Lindsay, J. Jewell, J. Herricks (Capt.), Mr. T. Neuhaus (Manager),  
 I. Randall, G. Martin, D. Grimes, T. Frahair.

## SWIMMING

### THE 61st ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 61st Annual Swimming Carnival was held in perfect weather on March at Enfield Baths. Williams 215 points narrowly defeated Kilgour 214 points. It was a very exciting finish to an outstanding carnival—probably Fort Street's best ever.

Jon Henricks was the school's outstanding swimmer breaking 6 records and winning 9 events. David Lindsay also broke 2 records in the Under 15 Division. In all 11 records were broken.

The scientific swimming demonstration was again excellent. However besides proving Fort Street has some outstanding swimmers, the carnival also showed how much we are lacking in good divers. The "Flying Oomph" was performed excellently by the divers much to the delight of the spectators.

Our congratulations to Mr. Neuhaus, the staff and the carnival committee for conducting a carnival that will take some bettering.

Following are the results:

#### HOUSE COMPETITION

1. Williams, 215 points.
2. Kilgour, 214 points.
3. Mearns, 190 points.
4. Christmas, 117 points.

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

#### Senior:

- 55 yds. freestyle: J. Henricks 1, G. Martin 2, C. Lovett 3. Time 26.7 secs. (record).  
 110 yds. freestyle: J. Henricks 1, G. Martin 2, G. Jewell 3. Time 59.3 secs. (record).  
 220 yds. freestyle: J. Henricks 1, G. Martin 2, G. Jewell 3. Time 2 mins. 22.5 secs.  
 440 yds. freestyle: J. Henricks 1, G. Martin 2, G. Jewell 3. Time 5 mins. 8.1 secs.  
 880 yds. freestyle: J. Henricks 1, G. Martin 2, D. Lindsay 3. Time 10 mins. 58.0 secs.  
 110 yds. breast stroke: J. Henricks 1, G. Martin 2, G. McIntyre 3. Time 1 min. 43.9 secs.  
 110 yds. butterfly: J. Henricks 1, G. Martin 2. Time 1 min. 24 secs. (record).  
 55 yds. backstroke: J. Henricks 1, G. Martin 2, G. Clay 3. Time 34.7 secs.  
 Underwater Swim: J. Henricks 1, G. Martin 2. Distance 55 yds. (record).  
 Senior Dive: R. McKinnon 1, R. Box 2, I. Frazer 3.  
 Medley Relay: Mearns 1, Kilgour 2, Williams 3. Time 1 min. 51.6 secs.  
 220 yds. Relay: Kilgour 1, Mearns 2, Williams 3. Time 2 mins. 15 secs. (record).  
 50 yds. Life-saving: G. Martin and G. McIntyre 1, I. Randell and W. Thompson 2, J. Henricks and J. Arnold 3. Time 1 min. 17.2 secs.  
 Senior Champion: J. Henricks, 48 points.  
 Champion House: Kilgour, 86 points.

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*Under 16:*

55 yds. freestyle: P. Rigg 1, G. Barwick 2, I. Randell 3. Time 32.3 secs.  
 110 yds. freestyle: D. Grimes 1, P. Rigg 2, G. Barwick 3. Time 1 min. 16 secs.  
 220 yds. freestyle: P. Lindsay 1, D. Grimes 2, P. Rigg 3. Time 2 mins. 55.6 secs.  
 440 yds. freestyle: P. Lindsay 1, D. Grimes 2, P. Rigg 3. Time 6 mins. 8.4 secs.  
 55 yds. breaststroke: D. Grimes 1, P. Rigg 2, I. Randell 3.  
 55 yds. butterfly: P. Rigg 1, D. Grimes 2, N. Harrison 3. Time 41.1 secs. (record).  
 55 yds. backstroke: P. Lindsay 1, P. Rigg 2, J. Hodges 3. Time 38 secs.  
 220 yds. Relay: Williams 1, Kilgour 2, Mearns 3. Time 2 mins. 20.6 secs. (record).  
 Junior Dive: N. Harrison 1, R. Soutar 2, J. Hill 3.  
 40 yds. Life-saving: I. Randell and W. Thompson 1, J. Dorsett and B. Henson 2, N. Harrison and T. Cole 3. Time 62.1 secs. (rec.).  
 Under 16 Champion: P. Rigg, 26 points.  
 Champion House: Williams, 78 points.

*Under 15:*

55 yds. freestyle: D. Lindsay 1, K. Webber 2, I. Deayton 3. Time 32.7 secs.  
 110 yds. freestyle: D. Lindsay 1, B. Baker 2, I. Deayton 3. Time 1 min. 15.2 secs.  
 220 yds. freestyle: D. Lindsay 1, K. Webber 2, B. Baker 3. Time 2 mins. 47.8 secs. (record).  
 440 yds. freestyle: D. Lindsay 1, B. Baker 2, S. Nade 3. Time 5 mins. 52.6 secs. (record).  
 55 yds. breaststroke: D. Lindsay 1, W. Jones 2. Time 49 secs.  
 55 yds. backstroke: D. Lindsay 1, B. Baker 2, I. Deayton 3. Time 43.5 secs.  
 220 yds. Relay: Williams 1, Mearns 2, Christmas 3. Time 2 mins. 40.6 secs.  
 Under 15 Champion: D. Lindsay, 40 points.  
 Champion House: Mearns, 48 points.

*Under 14:*

55 yds. freestyle: W. Ashby 1, S. Walsh 2, R. Gardiner 3. Time 36 secs.  
 110 yds. freestyle: W. Ashby 1, S. Walsh 2, S. Goodwin 3. Time 1 min. 31.4 secs.  
 220 yds. freestyle: S. Walsh 1, W. Ashby 2, D. Short 3. Time 3 mins. 22.9 secs.  
 55 yds. breaststroke: P. Bonner 1. Time 51.4 secs.  
 55 yds. backstroke: S. Walsh 1, W. Ashby 2, L. Chapman 3. Time 47.8 secs.  
 220 yds. Relay: Kilgour 1, Williams 2, Christmas 3. Time 3 mins. 6.2 secs.  
 30 yds. Life-saving: T. Millar and L. Chapman 1.  
 Under 14 Champions W. Ashby and S. Walsh, 20 points.  
 Champion House: Christmas, 46 points.

*Under 13:*

55 yds. freestyle: R. Gerrie 1, J. Webster 2, R. Fisher 3. Time 42.6 secs.  
 110 yds. freestyle: R. Gerrie 1, R. Fisher 2, G. Horner 3. Time 1 min. 46 secs.

220 yds. Relay: Williams 1, Kilgour 2, Mearns 3. Time 3 mins. 18 secs.  
 Under 13 Champion: R. Gerrie, 12 points.  
 Champion House: Kilgour, 36 points.

## C.H.S. SWIMMING CARNIVAL, 1953

Fort Street finished 3rd in the total point score and 1st in the Senior point score. Manly 130 points beat Fort Street for 2nd place by one point in the aggregate. We also finished 5th in the Junior competition. Individual results were:

## SENIOR:

J. HENRICKS: 1st in 880 yards freestyle, 1st in 440 yards freestyle, 1st in 220 yards freestyle. Time: 2 mins. 15.9 secs. (C.H.S. record), 1st in 110 yards freestyle. (C.H.S. record). 1st in 55 yards freestyle. (C.H.S. record). 1st in 100 yards butterfly.  
 J. HENRICKS, G. MARTIN, G. McINTYRE, G. JEWELL. 2nd in 220 yards medley relay.  
 J. HENRICKS, G. MARTIN, G. JEWELL, C. LOVETT. 2nd in 220 yards relay.  
 G. MARTIN: 2nd in 55 yards backstroke.

## UNDER 16:

P. LINDSAY: 1st in 55 yards backstroke.  
 D. GRIMES: 4th in 55 yards breaststroke.  
 P. RIGG:  
 P. LINDSAY, D. GRIMES, P. RIGG, I. RANDELL: 1st in 220 yards relay. 1st in 220 yards medley relay.

## UNDER 14:

D. LINDSAY: 3rd in 440 yards freestyle. 4th in 220 yards freestyle.

## UNDER 13:

P. BONNER: 4th in 55 yards breaststroke.  
 Jon Henrick's performances were magnificent and he scored nearly 60 points for the school. The roll up of Fortians was probably the best ever and the cheer squad did a good job.

—R. F.

## ARTHUR PARKER CUP, 1953

Fort Street again won the coveted Arthur Parker Cup, the life-saving trophy for team work. The competition is open to all schools in New South Wales. Fort Street has competed for the past eleven years and has won nine times in all. This is due to the inspiring work of Mr. Arnold and Mr. Neuhaus and the co-operation of the boys, both factors contributing to the high standard of efficiency achieved.

So keen was the competition for selection that it was finally decided to enter two teams, graded chiefly on efficiency and speed in the water. Team "A", which won, composed of P. Westlake (Instructor), G. Martin, W. Thomson, I. Randell, and N. Harrison. Team "B", which secured third place, was composed

of R. Douglas (Instructor), B. Henson, J. Dorsett, G. McIntyre and P. Taylor.

It is regretted that only one other school—Paddington—entered a team so the competition was not as keen as it might have been.

At the conclusion of the land drill it appeared that Fort Street "B" team might win as it had proved itself the most efficient in that section of the work. However, the superiority of the "A" team in the water was so great that not only was the leeway made up but a distinct lead established.

The team members wish to congratulate Paddington on their keenness and wish them greater success in the future.

This was the last occasion the competition was contested under the old conditions. Practically all the activities in still water life-saving having been taken over by the Australian Life Saving Society with its new and improved methods. New conditions of competition will be devised with the emphasis less on land drill and more and more on efficiency in the water.

W. THOMSON (4 B.)



**ARTHUR PARKER CUP — LIFE-SAVING**  
 Back Row: W. Thomson, Mr. E. Arnold (Coach), I. Randell.  
 Front Row: G. Martin, P. Westlake (Instructor), N. Harrison.

#### LIFE-SAVING DEMONSTRATION TOUR DECEMBER, 1952

As in 1951 the Royal Life Saving Society decided to sponsor a tour of country districts by a team of school boys to demonstrate life-saving and scientific swimming. Fort Street Boys' High School was selected to provide the team which, as selected by Mr. Arnold, the master in charge, was composed of Brian Dickens, Kevin James, George Young Lee, Geoff McIntyre, John Arnold, Ian Randell, Bill Thomson and one old boy and ex-school captain, John Butt, now a student at the Teachers' College. The team was accompanied by Mr. John Butt, Senr., who acted as Public Relations Officer.

The tour which covered a distance of just on 1000 miles by cars was made possible by the co-operation between the Royal Life Saving Society which provided the money, the De-

partment of Education and Mr. Butt who made his car and services available. Swimming costumes in the school colours were donated by Jantzen's.

As arranged, on the morning of Sunday, 30th November, half the team set out from Mr. Butt's home and half from Mr. Arnold's, the two cars meeting at Koala Park. A slight error in choice of route to Windsor caused some delay and rough going but in spite of this the journey to Singleton via Putty was completed by 1.30 p.m. After lunch a demonstration, the first of the tour, was given to a small but interested crowd at Singleton Pool, claimed to be the first country pool in New South Wales. It is a peculiar pool, the slope being from side to side instead of from end to end. The demonstration concluded, the team

were the guests of the swimming club and baths manager at a delightful afternoon tea. We then pushed on (not literally) to Muswellbrook where we were met by the boys who were to billet us.

The following morning at 9 a.m. we commenced our second demonstration before a large and appreciative audience of school children, teachers, swimming club members and prominent citizens. Here, as elsewhere throughout the tour, with Mr. Arnold's young son, Peter, as patient, John Butt demonstrated the Australia Cup swim of about 400 yards fully clothed including shoes but excluding coat while the remainder of the team demonstrated scientific swimming.

From Muswellbrook we proceeded to Mudgee, a full day's drive over pretty rough roads. Our visit to Mudgee coincided with a mass visit of students from Wellington so the headmaster called the Catholic schools to his assistance and much to the delight of the team most of the billeting was done by girls. We are indeed grateful to these non-departmental schools for their co-operation. The pool at Mudgee is brand new and the people are to be congratulated on having such a good pool in such a delightful setting. For demonstration purposes the team here did not have the services of Geoff McIntyre and Brian Dickens who were enjoying the doubtful pleasure of sitting for the Leaving Certificate Honours French paper at Mudgee High School.

After a late start from Mudgee and a record-breaking run we arrived at Wellington just in time to give our demonstration as scheduled. After the show, given before an enthusiastic crowd it was a hungry team that sat down to dinner at Bill's Cafe at 4 p.m.

Orange was the next stop. Here we arrived rather late. Once again our visit coincided with that of another school, Homebush having sent a team of cricketers. We didn't mind this as there was a dance at Orange High School and a good time was had by all.

At Orange the demonstration was given in one of the worst country pools in New South Wales. However, it was a good demonstration before an interested audience. Once again we were late getting away because Mr. Butt and Mr. Arnold were taken off to inspect and give opinions on various sites for the new pool which the Council has promised the citizens.

After the late start we made good time to Grenfell, having to sacrifice dinner once more so that we could keep faith with those waiting for us. The people of Grenfell were particularly grateful at being placed on the itinerary and gave us a royal welcome including afternoon tea.

The following day, a "scorcher", we set out on the longest run — about 200 miles to Yass

via West Wyalong with a demonstration at the latter enroute. West Wyalong was easily the best pool visited on the tour. It is magnificently built with a marble bottom, situated in a pleasant green park with a background of poplars. Here we were the guests of the Rotarians for lunch.

Having arrived at Yass at 6 p.m. a little late we went to our various billets, some like Bill Thomson and Ian Randell being fortunate to be taken miles out per brand new Hummer to a farm.

Next morning punctually at 9 a.m. the demonstration was begun. It was a poor pool and the weather was cold, and a drizzling rain was falling. However, this did not "damp" the ardour of the audience which was probably the most appreciative of the tour.

From Yass we set out for Crookwell via Rye Park along dirt roads made greasy by the rain. At Rye Park the boys were regaled with a magnificent lunch at a farm house, previous arrangements for same having been made by Mr. Arnold through friends and relatives in the district.

At Crookwell to which we seemed to travel sideways in the mud we could not give a demonstration at the pool. It was raining and there was no shelter for the audience. We didn't mind for Crookwell was living up to its reputation of being notoriously cold. However, we gave land drill demonstrations and showed a life-saving film.

During the night Mr. Arnold's car was stolen but as the thieves mistook the tail light wires for the ignition they didn't get far and the car was recovered in time to make a punctual start for Wollongong. After lunch (?) at Robertson, Mr. Butt's old home town, we proceeded down the beautiful Macquarie Pass (having adjusted the brakes up top) to arrive at Wollongong at 2 p.m. Here for the first time on the tour the demonstration was given in salt water and quite a few of us could demonstrate the float, Mr. Arnold being the only one who could do it in fresh water.

The following Sunday morning, 7th December, we set out for home and on arriving in Sydney each boy was delivered right to his own doorstep.

Before concluding I would like to thank, on behalf of the whole team, Mr. Arnold for training us to the point of perfection so that we were selected for the tour; Mr. Butt, for the use of his car and services; Capt. Type, Secretary of the Life-Saving Society, for organising the tour, and all those who gave so generously of their hospitality wherever we went. I also trust this article will encourage Fortians to become efficient life-savers. You will never regret it and the school looks to you to carry on the traditions of your Alma Mater.

IAN RANDELL (4 A.)

