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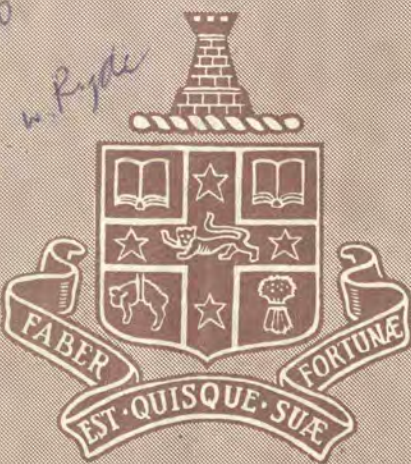
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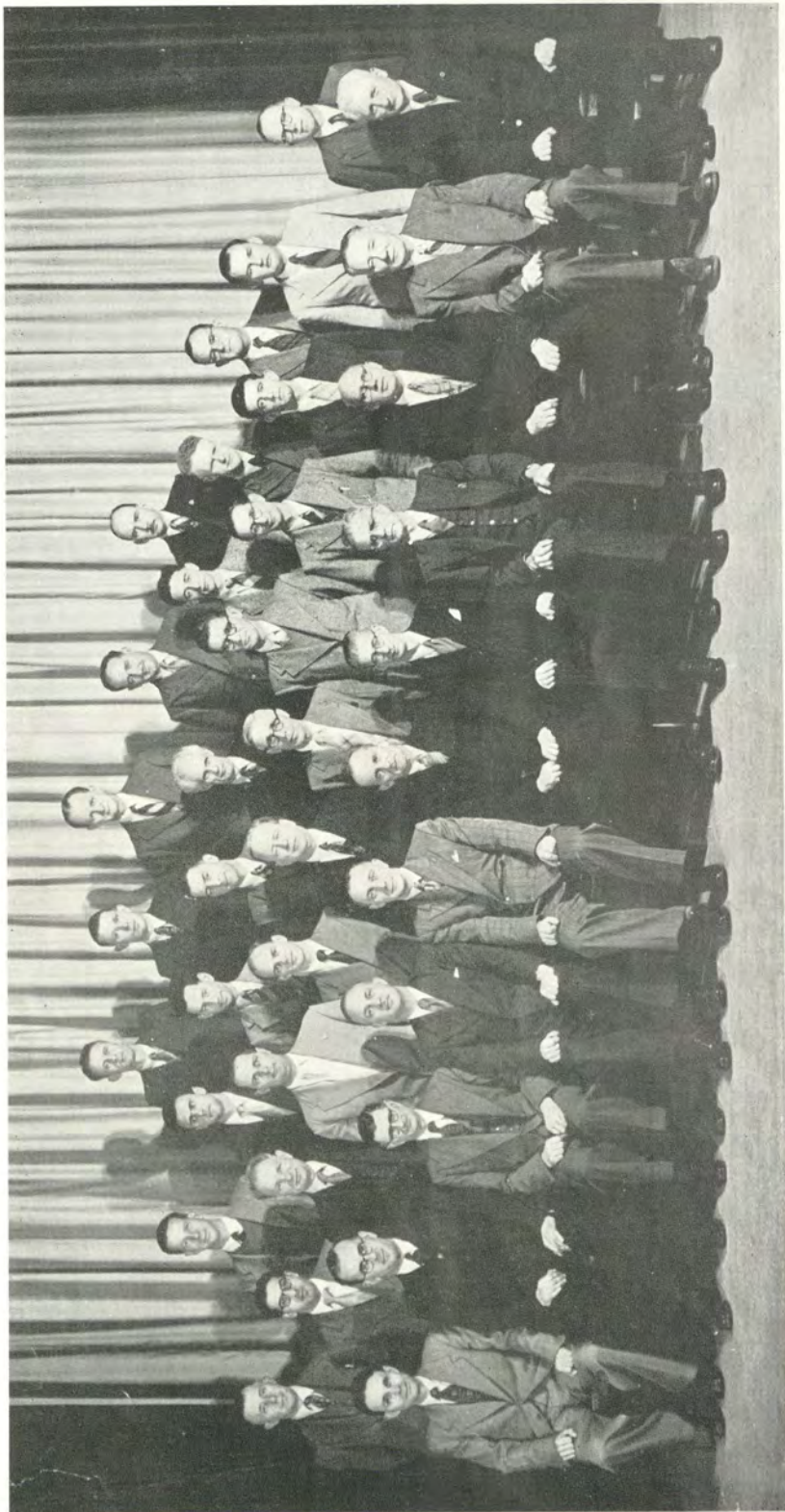
HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

This year, with the permission of our Editor, I address my message to parents and friends of the school as well as the students. Thank you for the wonderful assistance and encouragement you have all given me in the short time I have been at Fort Street. A headmaster, who has such fine bodies as the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Parents and Citizens' Association, and the Old Boys' Union, giving such valuable support to the school, is indeed fortunate. The spiritual, academic and social activities of the school have been enriched by the inspiration and assistance you have given.

The education of our adolescent lads has come under the spot-light as a result of the inquiry into secondary education recently held. Parents often tell me that there have been some remarkable changes in the schools since their youth. Fear has been banished, and the boys come willingly to school with smiling faces and inquiring minds. They are well adjusted to social intercourse with their fellows, and are keen to entertain and be entertained. Many improvements have been made in their education, but unfortunately teachers say that something has been lost. Till the students reach their Leaving Certificate, they have been protected from the competitive world

they will have to enter, with the result, that many do not realise that it pays to work for distant ends, and consequently they lack concentration, and do not relish tasks that acquire close attention to detail.

We must still continue our efforts to help our students realise that the road to success is a hard one, that it is narrow, long, and uphill all the way. We hear much from idealists about the elimination of competition from our schools. I believe that healthy competition is not harmful, for in preparing children for life, we must continually endeavour to estimate the kind of life they will be forced to live and the environment in which they will be placed. It appears that people will have to battle for existence, and enter into keen competition with their fellows for quite a few more generations, in spite of what atomic energy and politicians might do for them. The business of changing the environment is that of philosophers of insight, social economists of great skill, politicians of integrity, and scientists of sound training. There is a dearth of such men as these, for all have to travel the long hard road alone. Let us endeavour to increase their number by demanding more effort from our students at all stages of their school careers.



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 Front Row: F. Burtenshaw, E. Barker, A. Duncan, C. Westlake, T. Ferrau (Deputy-Headmaster), G. Shaw, (Headmaster), G. Bohman, O. Unicom, E. Arnold, E. Ford, D. O'Sullivan.

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Examination Results



Leaving Certificate, 1953

97 Passes

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. | 33. Japanese |
| 7. Gen. Maths. | |

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3. *French*: Chapman, G. L.; Colless, B. E.;
 Shea, P. B.; Taylor, B. A.; White, M. A.
4. *German*: Colless, B. E.; Taylor, B.A.
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 Trahair, G. B.; Westwood, W. G.
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 W. G.
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 ters, I. A. Southwell, P. B.; Thompson,
 P. G.
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FORT STREET BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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| * Andrews, E. C. | * Jeffrey, B. E. |
| * Barraclough, J. E. | * Franklin, J. A. |
| * Bennett, P. S. | * Jollow, D. J. |
| * Berry, G. L. | Ludlow, J. N. |
| * Bryson, J. P. | McWatters, I. A. |
| * Chapman, G. L. | Martin, G. A. |
| * Colless, B. E. | Morgan, M. E. |
| * Degotardi, J. C. | Newsome, J. C. |
| * Deller, P. H. | * Norris, B. R. |
| * Douglas, R. M. | * Precians, R. P. |
| * Fitzgerald, B. T. | Riemer, A. P. |
| * Geldard, J. F. | Shea, P. B. |
| * Grattan, A. | Southwell, P. B. |

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| * Taylor, B. A. | * Westlake, P. |
| Thompson, P. G. | * White, M. A. |
| Trahair, G. B. K. | Williams, P. V. |
| Travers, B. J. | Presland, C. J. |
| * Westwood, W. G. | Rutherford, N. F. |
- Candidates marked * also applied for
 Teachers' College Scholarships.

SUBJECT PRIZES, 1953

Fourth Year:

Dux: Aubrey Egan.
2nd: John McEnnally.
English: David Tow.
Latin: Ian McLeod.
French: David Tow.
German: John Davies.
Japanese: Brian Ogden.
Maths. I.: David Tow.
Maths. II.: Aubrey Egan.
General Maths.: Brian Parker.
Chemistry: Raymond Binns.
Physics: Raymond Binns.
History: Kenneth Palmer.
Geography: Philip Lindsay.
Economics: Bruce Turnbull.

Third Year:

Dux: Richard Li.
2nd: Graham Fell.
English: Rodney Groves.
Latin: Graham Fell.
French: Graham Fell.
German: Graham Fell.
Japanese: John Roberts.
Maths. I.: Sydney Nade.
Maths. II.: John Kable
El. Science: Russell Butler, Ralph Nicholls,
 (equal).
History: William Lawson.
Geography: William Lawson.
Business Principles: Rodney Groves.
Social Studies: William Land.

Second Year:

Dux: Kenneth Travers.
2nd: Brian Campbell.
English: Kenneth Travers.
Latin: Kenneth Travers, Harold Riley (equal)
French: Kenneth Travers.
German: Kenneth Travers.
Japanese: Lance Elliott.
Maths. I.: Kenneth Travers.
Maths. II.: Kenneth Travers, Brian Campbell,
 (equal).
El. Science: Kenneth Travers.
History: Terry Portus.
Geography: Colin Hatter.
Business Principles: Peter Anderson.
Social Studies: Ross Challoner.

FIRST YEAR

Dux: Peter Tow.
2nd: John Simmons.
English: John Slinn.
Latin: Donald Witherford.
French: John Fiander.
Maths. I.: Peter Tow.
Maths. II.: Peter Tow.
El. Science: Keith Luckcuck.
Social Studies: Bernard Newsom.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

Soon we Fifth Year boys will come to the end of a chapter in our lives, a chapter full of interest, endeavour and happiness. Most of us, naturally, look forward with eagerness and anticipation to what lies ahead, but not one of us, I am sure, will welcome the thought of leaving behind all the good fellowship, team spirit and intense pride that is associated with Fort Street.

Only now are we beginning to realize the difficulties and responsibilities that lie ahead



of us. However, we are reassured and given confidence by the knowledge that our period at Fort Street has ably prepared us for any eventualities. Most of us can leave with the feeling that all we have put into the School has been repaid to us ten-fold in the standard of education, the number of firm friendships we have made and the enjoyable activities in which we have taken part. So it will be understood why our feelings will be tinged with regret when we pass through the School Gates for the last time.

We would like to thank our Headmaster, Mr. Shaw, our Deputy Headmaster, Mr.

Perrau and all the members of the staff for their patience and untiring efforts during our term at Fort Street.

To the Vice-Captain, Terry Cole, and to all the Prefects I extend my thanks for their unflinching support and loyal co-operation during the last twelve months. Their leadership and demeanour has, I think, been an example to all the School. We Prefects are most grateful to Mr. Shaw and Mr. Perrau for their kindness and understanding help. We are also indebted to the Ladies' Committee for their assistance at all our functions. Without their help our social activities could not have attained the success that they did.

Next year's Prefects are, as yet, unchosen, but to them we wish a successful and worthwhile year, knowing that they will receive full support, as we did, from the rest of the School.

To the boys in the Junior School I would say that if you wish to gain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from your days at Fort Street, take advantage of all the varied activities offered you in the school curriculum. Remember, the School's traditions were formed, and are still upheld, not only in the classroom but also on the field of sport and in our personal actions. I could not wish more for you, than that your years at this school of ours be as happy, memorable and worthwhile as mine have been. I can assure you they will, if you endeavour at all times to remember the words of your pledge:— "For what I am the School will be."

Finally, it is only fitting that I should refer, in this year of 1954, to the visit of our gracious Queen, whose life itself is one of service. Let us all follow her example and serve in whatever way we can — our God, our Country, and our School.

NEIL WALTER DUNCAN,
School Captain, 1954.

VICE-CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

The School is 105 years old. Each year it renews itself; each year, Fortians passing out into a wider field leave some small part of themselves behind. In more than a century these tiny individual contributions have fused into a great tradition. I would ask every Fortian to foster and keep alive this sense of continuity which is so much a part of the School. If we do this, then the spirit of the School's first century will flourish even more abundantly in its second. To these who this

year go out into the world I commend the Old Boys' Union. By showing a lively interest in this organisation, close association with the School will be preserved to the benefit of both School and individual.

To the other members of the School I say: Mould your life and the life of the School together. Thus, when you leave you also will leave a part of yourself behind to add to the spirit and tradition that is Fort Street.

—Terence R. H. Cole, Vice-Captain, 1954



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

(By courtesy "S.M.H.")

THE ROYAL TOUR

In November of 1953, just five months after the Coronation, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. and her husband, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, left London, by plane on the first leg of the six months journey which was to take them thousands of miles around the globe on the largest and most successful Royal Tour in history.

After visiting Bermuda, Tonga, Suva and New Zealand, the Royal Couple boarded the liner "Gothic" and set sail for Sydney which was the first port of call on the long and momentous Royal Visit to Australia.

The arrival in Sydney and the subsequent tour of the Commonwealth was an event which will never be forgotten by those who saw it. Perhaps it was at the great childrens' rallies that were held throughout the tour that Her Majesty and His Royal Highness received their most enthusiastic welcome.

One such rally was held at Concord Park on Friday, 5th February, 1954, three days after the triumphant arrival in Sydney, and this was attended by the boys of Fort Street who joined with thirty thousand other excited

schoolchildren in welcoming the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Earlier in the day Her Majesty and His Royal Highness had received a tumultuous welcome from one hundred and twenty thousand other Sydney schoolchildren at various places in the city and, en route to the Repatriation General Hospital at Concord, were to meet the children of the Western Suburbs of Sydney who were assembled at Concord Park.

Fortunately, it was a fine day and after lunch the boys proceeded to the Park where they eagerly awaited the arrival of the royal couple. The Queen and the Duke were expected at 2.30 but due to the great reception all along the eight mile route, the royal cars arrived nearly an hour late. However, everybody waited patiently and when at last the royal couple did arrive a great cheer went up and was sustained from that moment until the Queen and the Duke had left the park.

Due to the excellent arrangement of lane-ways everybody had a very good view of the royal couple and, although obviously wearied by the exacting programme, Her Majesty

FAMOUS FORTIANS

A new section this year is devoted to messages of interest from famous old boys to present students.

SIR PERCY SPENDER, B.A., LL.B., Q.C.

To every old Fortian his school and its associations are a proud memory.

How often since I left the old school on the hill have I driven across the North Shore bridge and remembered the masters and the men who did so much to fashion my own life. Of them all, A J. Kilgour is etched the most clearly in my mind. Indeed it was to him that I owe so much of the opportunities that have come my way in life.

The school boy is the man of a future which he can but dimly discern. None of us knows what the future holds for us. Perhaps that is one reason why life is such a great adventure. Certainly in my youthful imaginings it never occurred to me that at sometime I might be an Ambassador for my country.

The young men at Fort Street are the new generation which is to carry Australia far into the 20th century, a century which so far has witnessed two terrible wars, catastrophic revolutions, great shifts in balance of power, the rise and fall of the tyranny of Hitlerism and Fascism, and the rise of another tyranny, Communism. So much depends upon the young men of today, what the rest of the century will reveal. Shall it be one of progress and peace, or one of war and destruction? More and more I hope that the voice of young men will be heard, who must accept the responsibilities of their country, for it is upon them that the chief burden of peace and war fall.

For Australia in particular this century presents to its young men and women great opportunities for adventure and achievement.

It is in truth a land of golden opportunity. Its wealth has not yet been in any way fully tapped. It needs the leadership of young men to bring it to its full destiny. We are a people small in population, occupying a vast country. Our purpose must be so to secure that country by increasing rapidly its population and developing its resources, that there will be firmly and for all times established an enduring Western civilisation in this part of the world.

Students must prepare themselves for this task, in whatever walk of life they choose — in industry, agriculture, the sciences, the professions, arts or commerce. But there is one special warning I want to sound. Knowledge without wisdom or ethics to govern its employment will be of little value, and indeed may be dangerous. I have lived long enough to realise that character is more important than academic achievement, and I hope that teachers who can so greatly influence young men and women, and in so doing help to lay the basis for national traditions, will give greater emphasis to character building in all our schools than I fear has been done in the past.

What the future holds for us all or for anyone of us is hard, indeed impossible, to foretell. But of this I am sure: life is a glorious adventure. Live it well, at school, at home, in the world, and you will build up a bank of warm and refreshing memories which will support you all your days.

WASHINGTON,
21st July, 1954.

H. T. ARMITAGE, C.M.G.

I have been asked by the Committee of "The Fortian" to contribute an article to be read by the present students of Fort Street School and I regard the request both as a compliment and a privilege.

First of all, to connect myself with the Old School, I studied at Fort Street for about four years — from 1891 onwards. The School was then situated approximately on the present site of the southern approach to the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The Headmaster was Mr. Turner and the Second Master, I think, Mr. Finney. The latter controlled classes in a separate building, though in the same grounds.

This separate building was for some reason always referred to as the "Practice School" though I have never known why.

To come to my article — I want to tell you boys who are at present going through Fort St. School that the school discipline and training during the formative period of your lives will give you a good grounding to become bankers in due course, if you so desire. Don't think, however, that if you wish to become a banker and get into the top ranks your education finishes when you leave Fort Street, or any other school. Actually a new part of your education commences and the

H. C. ARMITAGE, C.M.G. (Cont.)

only men who finally get to the top are those who are prepared to study and understand the theory and technique of banking as well as doing the day-to-day routine duties.

In recognition of this, the Commonwealth Bank some years ago established a special College at Kirribilli where the younger members of the staff who show promise are given a special course of tuition. They are lectured to by executives and other experienced bank officers on the higher branches of banking and also on allied subjects, such as Law, Economics, etc. Quite recently, some of the other Banks have adopted the same idea.

When I commenced banking nearly sixty years ago, one was only accepted on the staff of a bank if one passed a special Bankers' Institute examination. To-day, however, most banks regard public examinations, such as the Intermediate and the Leaving, as a good indication of a boy's educational qualifications. They particularly look at his mathe-

matical papers, as a good mathematician generally makes a good banker.

In the Commonwealth Bank all applicants who pass the Leaving Examination in the proper subjects are offered appointments, but those who have only passed the Intermediate have to go through a further special examination.

I would exhort you to always remember that the man or boy who merely carries out his allotted work and no more, usually remains a routine man all his life — whilst the man or boy who is always not only willing, but anxious, to do something more is the one who climbs the ladder of success. A willingness to work hard and efficiently is one of the greatest assets in life.

*"The little more and how much it seems,
The little less and what worlds away."*

In conclusion, I wish you all the best of success in your future careers.

REV. ALAN WALKER, M.A.

Why do we go to School? I found myself asking this question recently when for the first time since leaving Fort Street at the age of fifteen, I again stood in its class-rooms.

There are, of course, two answers to the question. Each one of us goes to school to become fit to earn a living. But there is a second, a deeper purpose. It is to become educated for living. If after a school experience we have not begun to fashion a general outlook or philosophy of life, we are ill-equipped to plunge into the world of work and to cope with the varied experiences which every one of us must encounter.

It was not until after I left school that this second fact became crystal clear to me. When it did it led me to take up the work of the Christian ministry. I saw that unless in our schools and in our society at large we offer to people an over-all view of life, then life, sooner or later, becomes a shallow and a disappointing business.

When we look round for a philosophy of life, for something which will draw the various parts of our life together giving meaning to all, we come face to face with the great claims of the Christian religion. I am a Christian today and work for its extension, because I believe there is no other faith which offers anything like the satisfactions which this faith can give to everyone of us.

First of all the Christian faith is intellectually satisfying. Its belief in a God who made us all, its interpretation of human nature, its way of life, its philosophy of history make up the noblest body of belief known to man. The Christian belief in God, which is its central affirmation, is the most credible, the most satisfying in existence. It ties up more ragged ends of human experience, it answers more fundamental problems of existence than any other view of life that is available. It is because Christianity satisfies my mind that I am a Christian.

Second, Christianity meets the needs of human life. The three basic problems we all must encounter are sin, sorrow, death. The Christian faith comes to grips with all three experiences. It offers us Jesus as our Saviour who can forgive our moral failures and enable us to overcome temptation. It tells us of a comfort which can defeat our sorrows, bringing us through them to a quiet trust in a God who loves us and cares for us. It has at its heart the great gospel of immortality, proving to us that death is not the end but merely the doorway leading to a greater life.

I wonder then, as an old Fortian, can I ask each of you how you are faring in the search for an education for living? It will only be as you face and accept the Christian faith with all its implications that you will become ready for anything.

smiled and waved throughout the long inspection.

The afternoon was brought to a conclusion when the Queen and the Duke re-entered the royal car and, all too soon, for those present, were on their way to the Hospital.

This was but one of the many tumultuous assemblies which greeted Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, personifying as they were, the intimate relationship which links a far-flung Commonwealth to the mother country.
—M.K.

I.S.C.F. REPORT

'I.S.C.F. will meet in the Music Room at lunch time . . . Yes! You have heard that familiar cry proclaimed at Tuesday assembly each week. Perhaps you wondered when the wording of the announcement would be changed. You might have pictured a doleful group of strange beings, relaxing in desks and gazing unbelievably at a tall uninteresting looking creature (under the title of 'visiting speaker'), who is waving a black book in one hand; and who, with the other hand, is producing curlsome gestures intended to clarify the latest hypothesis concerning the Theory of Evolution.

If you have imagined this, my friend, then you have been mistaken.

The Inter-School Christian Fellowship is an organisation, in school, which seeks, first, to provide a fellowship for those who would live a true Christian life; and second, to bring before boys, and girls, the claims which Jesus Christ has upon their lives.

At Fort Street on Monday, a Bible Study is held, and on Tuesday we conduct our General Meeting which attracts nearly seventy boys. The Tuesday meeting is opened with bright singing followed with a talk by a boy or a visitor, on a simple Christian topic. Every Friday a Prayer meeting, during the lunch hour, is attended by about fifteen fellows. To these times of prayer, we attribute what success has been granted us during the year.

In May and August, we held hikes to Audley and Bobbin Head, while, throughout the rest of the year, the ever-popular Inter-School Camps and Houseparties proved a great boon to the lives of many boys.

During the second term, a special series of talks was delivered by visiting speakers. These talks aimed at showing the fellows that the way back to God is through a simple faith in Jesus Christ, a Saviour and Lord; and that, only by trusting Him, can they, and we, live a fuller life.

We now rejoice in the knowledge that some boys have responded to the call of the Master, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour, and are heavy-laden; and I will give you rest."

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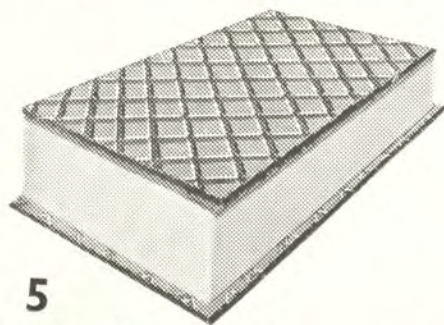
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The British Empire and Commonwealth Games

by JON HENRICKS

Vancouver was to me a very pleasant surprise. I don't know what I had been expecting of it but it proved to be a very beautiful city. University Hill, where the Empire athletes were quartered, was considered by the Canadians with whom I came in contact, to be the prettiest suburb, so I spent a few hours of my rest days sightseeing about the campus.

The houses of this suburb were mainly of softwood and two-storied. Those recently built looked very modern indeed and the few interiors that I saw showed me that architecturally, Vancouverites have a lot to teach us Australians.

I commented upon the excellence of the lawns and gardens to a Canadian friend and he gave me the secret. Those members of the community who were not civic minded enough to keep their gardens and lawns in first class condition, had it done by the local council and were then sent a bill. This seemed a little arbitrary but it has the effect of making University Hill a fairyland, and of course, the almost universal resolution of abolishing fences aided a lot.

The actual University Grounds were set aside for the exclusive use of the athletes. These included, for students living at the University which we occupied, a first-class track and field, two smaller ovals and the swimming pool and gymnasium. The swimmers' training facilities were excellent. The water was heated and was kept at a high level. The diving boards had hydraulically controlled fulcrums. The divers had a choice of either aluminium or fibre-glass boards.

We were allotted training times, certain hours of the day to each country, and this helped to keep the pool free from overcrowding. In the camp we had two recreation huts that contained T.V. sets, ping-pong tables, pictures, reading matter and were also used for dances and jazz concerts. Numerous activities were organised — sightseeing tours, visits to the theatre, dances and balls. In fact, I found that it was impossible for me to attend them all, pleasant though they were.

The transport facilities too, were good. We had only to telephone for transport at any time of day and a car would be at our disposal almost immediately.

The racing for me was something from which I haven't quite recovered. There is quite a lot of excitement attached to any race, but the exhilaration that comes from racing for your country overshadows all.

Something, whether it was the way they had of announcing the victories:

—"Victory ceremony 110 yards....."
or, perhaps the green-coated officials or the

medley of nations involved got "under my skin."

I hardly heard the crack of the pistol or the shock of the water. My first impression of the race was watching Cy Weld, my teammate, shake hands with Rex Aubrey, and then the world exploded into the familiar light of flash bulbs and click of cameras that heralded the finish of all these events.

Then we three were all watching our flag rise as the men on the results board hastily chalked up AUSTRALIA in the third position, having run out of placards.

At the end of the Games Week the athletes visibly relaxed. Jokes that had seemed puerile a few days before were now hilarious and we bent double and slapped our knees over trivialities. Souveniring became the order of the day; flags, track-suits, badges — nothing was sacred. One of the Australians struck up quite a friendship with one of the harassed police who tried to guard the flags. From him he obtained details of the beat and then promptly souvenired every flag in the British Commonwealth of Nations, while the gendarme patrolled another part of the camp.

Hearing of our compatriots exploits, Cy Weld and I decided to emulate them, and at 2 o'clock the next morning we slunk down to the Empire Pool. Having none of the native cunning and ingenuity that Australians usually display under similar circumstances we were quickly apprehended.

But the gendarmes turned out to be decent chaps in disguise and gave us a lift back to the village and furthermore mollified our quite natural disgust by telling us that we were the tenth party to be caught in the act.

The British Empire Games were originally intended to promote peace and harmony among members of the British Commonwealth of Nations as well as to provide for the athletes of each country an opportunity of competing against each other, but they do more than that. One morning at breakfast I noticed two of the South Africans eating with two of the Rhodesians. This in itself is not extraordinary, but the fact that the two South Africans were white and the Rhodesians were black was practically a miracle. Nowhere is colour consciousness more acute than in South Africa. This seemed to be mute evidence of the breaking of the barriers. Athletes will recognise and respect other athletes no matter what colour they are. Surely medals should have been awarded to these four athletes, not for winning any races, but for laughing at a stupid piece of man's bigotry and for paving the way to an eventual "Brotherhood of Men."

LIBRARY REPORT, 1954

This year, 1954, brought about several important additions to Fort Street's ever increasing library. Approximately 400 books were purchased early in the year from the proceeds of the Grand Fete held in 1953. The grant of £250 from the fete was distributed mainly amongst popular fiction works but other sections continue to grow.

Still very valuable sources of books have been the company of the Forgetful, who year by year assist with financial support, and also the many donors who continue to make their very useful and interesting contributions. The librarian especially wishes to thank J. McEnally of Fifth year and K. Seargeant, 2C, for their continued help in this field.

One very valuable and popular addition this year has been the two volumed, Australian Encyclopaedia, which has proved of great assistance, especially to senior years.

Also an attraction of interest has been the monthly copies of the "Australia Photo Review" and our thanks must go to Kodak for these excellent magazines which have proved of great help to Fort Street's many amateur photographers.

Because of the rapid increase in the number of books, space on the library shelves is becoming more and more valuable and, in order

to make room for the new books, a stack press of three hundred volumes has been placed in the music room so that books of only occasional interest will be easily procurable but will not continue to hinder the entrance of more valuable ones.

We must again thank Mr. Barnard for another very helpful year in the library. In order that more boys might be able to use the library, Mr. Barnard generously spends much of his lunch hour there and it is indeed gratifying to see a larger number of boys this year availing themselves of this excellent opportunity to borrow and consult reference books.

A debt is also owed to the industrious class librarians who are of such great assistance both to Mr. Barnard and to their fellow students.

However, it is again necessary to stress upon boys, especially juniors, that library books must be looked after carefully if they are to last, so remember, if you have enjoyed a book, return it promptly in a condition that others too may share in its enjoyment.

Use the library as much as you can, Fortians; it is an institution worthy of your fullest patronage.

—M.K.

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MUSIC, 1954

Music has now become an integral part of Fort Street; in its class-work, in its inter-school activities, and in the many functions that are part of the school's tradition.

A memorable event this year was the visit to the school of one of Fort Street's distinguished Old Boys, Mr. Neville Amadio, who, together with Mr. Terence Hunt and Miss Valda Clarke, presented a very attractive programme for "On evening of Music" held in first term.

An innovation has been the First Year Choir, whose first appearance was at the annual Father and Son Evening. This group of junior boys distinguished themselves on Play Night by their beautiful singing of some of the music from Humperdinck's opera "Hansel and Gretel", the action of which was mimed on the stage. In this way, some of the work done by the first year boys in class has been presented in public, giving added interest to the singing lessons.

The school choir has grown in size and quality. Their most effective singing was at the Evening of Music when they sang three songs from "The Tempest". These songs were also sung to illustrate a lecture given to the Leaving Certificate Year by Mr. Tunley on The Importance of Music in "The Tempest." The Choir paid the annual visit to Petersham Congregational Church on Student Sunday, and on Play Night sang "Gay Vienna," an arrangement of Strauss' Emperor Waltz. A number of senior boys have come forward to swell the ranks of the Tenors and Basses, and on Play Night sang in four parts, some well-known Sea Shanties. These older boys have practised hard, and in June represented the school in the Combined Choral Concert. Richard Morphew has proved a very reliable accompanist, and his excellent work has been appreciated by both choir and conductor.

Over a hundred senior boys took part in a special Children's Anzac Day Service in Hyde Park, where they sang in a large combined choir on the steps of the War Memorial.

A move has been made towards the formation of a school orchestra, for on Play Night a group of enthusiastic instrumentalists played the Gavotte from "Mignon" as an overture to the programme. It is hoped that this group consisting of three violins, flute, clarinet, recorder and piano, will be the fore-runner of a larger school orchestra in the future.

Once again our Headmaster, Mr. Shaw has encouraged music at Fort St. in every way, and his enthusiasm has been strikingly shown in the magnificent microgroove gramophone which he designed this year for the school. This instrument has given much pleasure to Mr. Tunley and the boys, and will occupy pride of place when the Music-Room Project is complete.

Thus, many of the hopes of last year are being realised through the enthusiasm and co-operation of many Fortians who have given up much of their spare time for music. To these boys Mr. Tunley is sincerely grateful.

CHESS CLUB, 1954

This year we did not do particularly well in the Inter School Competition as there were no Fourth or Fifth Year boys playing "A" Grade. Our "A" Grade team, consisting of F. Pacey (3A), D. Blair (3A) captain, D. Marshall (3B), M. Colless (3A) and G. Fortescue (3A) nearly defeated the winners, Homebush, in the first round and should do well next year.

We only entered one "C" Grade team, which consisted of Thrush (5th), Murphy (3A), O'Connor (2D) captain, Barret (2D) and Rutter (2B). This team came third in its division.

David Blair, our only representative in the New South Wales Junior Chess Championships, was seventh in the Under 16 section.

We would like to thank Mr. Townsend for his work in organising the club this year, and Mr. Shea and the cleaners for their kind assistance in enabling us to play competition matches in the classrooms on some afternoons.

—D. Blair.

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STAFF CHANGES

Our best wishes go to Mr. Ledlin who left in July to enter the retail grocery business. In his place we have Mr. Anderson, formerly of Canterbury Junior High. Mr. Neuhaus was transferred to Maclean High School where he accepted position as English Master. Mr. Fletcher from Narranderra has replaced him. Mr. Hogg has gone to Ireland under the teacher exchange system. The English staff welcome Mr. Kellett on his first appointment after teachers' college.

Mr. Unicomb from Narranderra comes here in the capacity of Maths Master. He replaces Mr. Farlow — at present Deputy-Headmaster at Richmond. Another change in the maths staff was the replacement of Mr. Veness who is now at Canterbury Junior High by Mr. Rider of Gosford High.

Mr. Barker who came from Gunnedah has replaced Mr. Roberts who after a long period as master here supposedly retired, but then took up a place on the staff at Homebush.

Mr. King, the popular district counsellor has been replaced by Mr. Elliott who we hope will have pleasant relations with Fort Street.

8th ANNUAL BALL

The Eighth Annual Ball was held on July 16th, 1954, in the School Memorial Hall, proving to be a great social success. It was very pleasing to see a large crowd of Fortians in attendance, both present students and Old Boys. We were also happy to see our sister school very pleasantly represented.

An excellent orchestra provided us with some very fine music, to which we danced most happily.

I am sure that all present would like to thank Messrs. Westlake, Rider, and Bohman for their invaluable help in making this function a most enjoyable success. As usual, Mr. Bohman acted very competently as M.C.

A special word of commendation must be added for the prefects who did a wonderful job in transforming our usually dingy hall into a gay and colourful ballroom.

We shall agree most heartily that the standard of enjoyment set at the Eighth Annual Ball was at least equal to that of the Seventh, as challenged by our friends last year.

—G.S.



WHY THE ELEPHANT NEVER FORGETS

ONCE upon a time there was a little elephant called Edgar. Every week Edgar's mother gave him some money to bank and, because he was only a little elephant who loved to play, she would tie a knot in his trunk so he wouldn't forget.

One day Edgar met a cunning old monkey who asked him the reason for the knot. When Edgar told him, the cunning monkey said, "I'll undo the knot in your trunk, because it is hard for you to play like that, but to make sure you won't forget I'll tie a knot in your tail instead."

Edgar agreed, but, because he only had a tiny tail and could not see it anyway, he forgot about the bank and the monkey persuaded him to spend the money. Then, when all the money was gone, the monkey went on his way, and it wasn't until poor Edgar, who was now quite tired, sat down and his tail hurt, that he remembered the money and the bank.

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REPORT OF THE PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents and Citizens' Association has been actively engaged throughout the year working for the welfare of the school and planning to provide further amenities for the boys. Only the highlights of our activities can be touched in this brief report. The memorable Fete, held towards the end of last year, put the Association on an excellent footing. The proceeds of almost £1,000 were put into the hands of the Headmaster — and Mr. Shaw has had no difficulty in making good use of the money.

The outstanding function of the year for which the P. & C. was responsible, was the Evening of Music held in April. Mr. David Tunley arranged the programme, and the artists who so generously assisted — Messrs. Neville Amadio, Terence Hunt, David Tunley and Miss Valda Clarke — provided us with music of superb quality. The School Choir was excellent in its rendering of a number of songs from Shakespeare.

At the May meeting Dr. Morven Brown gave us an interesting talk on educational trends. This was followed by an enlightening discussion which showed the keen interest taken by parents in these matters.

Preparations for the next Fete to be held in March, 1955, have received the attention of the Committee for the past few months and,

if careful planning means anything, it should be at least as great a success as the last one. The organisation of the Fete is a combined effort, the Ladies' Committee joining forces as on the previous occasion.

Arrangements have been completed for a Barbecue and Dance to farewell the Fifth Year boys on October 23rd. This is a function in which the Old Boys' Union is combining with us, the Ladies' Committee assisting, and should be something worth talking about.

What the P. & C. would be without the assistance of the Ladies' Committee could not bear thinking of, so we would like to take this opportunity of acknowledging their never failing kindness in helping us at all times.

Mr. Shaw has always made himself available, often at considerable cost to himself, to assist us, and by his attendance at our meetings has shown unflagging interest. We are more grateful to him than words can say.

In conclusion, our best wishes go out to every Fortian now at school, and to everyone who will be an Old Fortian next year, we would say: "The best of luck, and may the School be as proud of you as you are of the School."

—H.E. Morphew, President.

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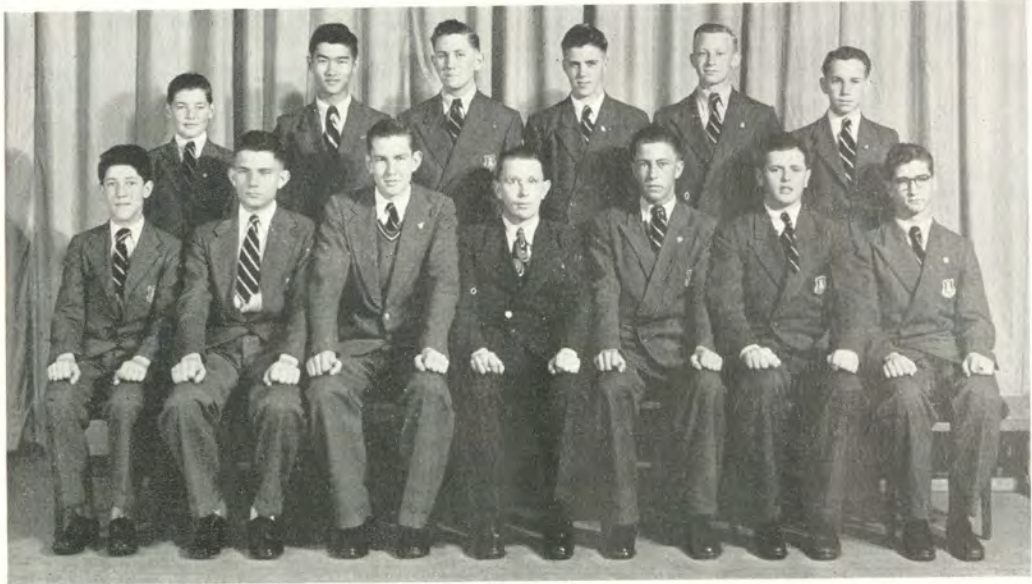
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J. A. Williams, B.A.

Fortians learnt with much regret this year of the passing away of Mr. Williams who was Headmaster of this school from 1926 to 1934. He began his teaching career in 1885 as a pupil teacher at Stockton, near Newcastle. In 1889 he entered the Fort Street Training School and was elected captain of his session. After obtaining a B.A. degree at Sydney University he taught at many schools in N.S.W. In 1911 he was appointed the first headmaster of Sydney Technical High School, developing it in eighteen months to a first-class high school.

In 1926, on Mr. Kilgour's retirement,

Mr. Williams became headmaster at Fort Street. A quiet, capable organiser, he possessed the rare gift of being able to delegate authority in such a way that he soon won the respect and co-operation of the Staff. That he had the school working in the best possible manner is shown by the complete lack of need to cane boys in the eight years he was at Fort Street.

Throughout the whole term here, Mr. Williams revealed himself as a practical man possessing a high degree of organising ability and an unusually keen insight into character. In short, he was a true democrat and a great headmaster.

ANZAC DAY

On Friday, 23rd April, Fort Street held its Commemoration of Anzac Ceremony in the School Memorial Hall.

The guest speaker, Major-General I. N. Dougherty, C.B.E., D.S.O. and Bar, ED., B.Ec. was met at the school gate by a cadet Guard of Honour which he inspected.

After singing the hymns "The Recessional" and "O God Our Help," the school listened attentively to an inspiring address by Major-General Dougherty. In his speech Major-General Dougherty spoke about what to remember on Anzac Day.

"Anzac Day is a part of Australian tradition. Its real purpose is a Sacred Day of Remembrance."

He told us that: "Australia entered the war for three major reasons:

- (i) To help England;
- (ii) Because we shared the universal dislike of the German system of Government; and
- (iii) Because Australia would not exist now unless the war was won by the British forces."

"This war was fought by mostly young men only a little older than yourselves. These were not fighting men but young (and also old) men who enlisted to help Britain. Although they came to Gallipoli with every intention of killing all the Turks they could, they developed a sincere respect for the Turks, because they, although enemies, respected the rules of war. They PLAYED THE GAME. You young people should make this your motto."

"This war, the result of which meant much to all the world, meant a greater deal to Australia. The men who enlisted came from

New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. They were not recognised as Australians but as natives of their respective states, since this was only 15 years after Federation. But now, mainly as a result of this war, Australians really think of themselves as Australians. Anzac, though always thought of as a fighting body, was the force that welded Australia into a nation. Although other nations were fighting and lost more men than the Anzacs "we will remember them."

"From their gallantry we should take an inspiration. Success in life is not a matter of rank or wealth, but to be a good mate, honest, true, and trusted is to be successful. Decency counts. Remember this! If you are doing your best and not letting your mates or your country down, you are carrying out the same spirit that was carried out by the Anzacs. Think of this and remember Gallipoli."

Concluding his address, Major-General Dougherty again expressed his faith, as he had throughout his address, in the boys and girls of today in this country, being the leaders of the world of to-morrow.

"Keep the Spirit of Anzac."

This speech was followed by the solemn ceremony of Remembrance which was received with due respect by the boys after this stirring address. Later that afternoon Fort Street boys ably tutored by Mr. Tunley, supplied the tenor and bass sections of the childrens' choir at the childrens' commemoration of ANZAC DAY held at Hyde Park. This choir was congratulated on its good performance by the Governor-General of Australia, Sir William Slim.

—S.N.

LADIES' COMMITTEE

This has been a very successful and happy year. First of all I would like to say thank you to our President, Mrs. Selle, and our Treasurer Mrs. Cullen, who will in future be unable to carry on her duties. There were many functions held at the school during the year. Last October, we combined with the P. & C. Association to hold a fete followed by a barbecue and dance. Altogether we raised the sum of £989 which will be used to purchase equipment for the school.

The End-of-Term dances have been well attended and seem to have been very much appreciated by the boys and girls. Special mention must go to our band of caterers who worked very hard at all functions.

The Father-and-Son night, held in March, set a record for attendance. I do feel this is a very special occasion, particularly for first year boys. A dinner was arranged for the Masters, and as a farewell to Mr. Roberts who was with us for so long. Once again we were able to provide afternoon tea for the debating team and their guests from our sister school.

Many happy and enjoyable outings were arranged by members of the Committee. I would like to thank all members for attending the meetings so regularly and for always being so willing to respond to any calls made upon them to carry on the work.

—J. Cooksey, Hon. Sec.

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DRAMA FESTIVAL, 1954

The smell of grease-paint, the glare of the footlights and the roar of an applauding audience have become deeply ingrained in Fort Street tradition, as was shown at our Annual Play Festival held on Wednesday, the eighteenth and Thursday the nineteenth of August.

Although fifteen plays were presented in all, the general standard did not quite reach the peak set last year, though the two days were highlighted by plays ranging from high drama in "Chichi Kaeru" to farce in "The Proposal" and melodrama in "Castle Frontenac."

Our adjudicator this year was Mr. Barker whose detailed comments were appreciated by actors, audience, and producers alike.

Those actors who appeared at the night performances were faced with the biggest audiences in Fort Street's history thanks to the efficient organisation of Mr. Ford.

In his speech on Play Night, the Headmaster, Mr. Shaw, paid special tribute to the teachers who acted so ably as make-up men; the hard-worked producers; Mr. Hearse's capable band of scene shifters; and last, but by no means least, the actors.

The school joins with the Headmaster in offering them our sincerest thanks. Following is a brief comment on the plays that appeared on Play Nights.

"Chichi Kaeru."

The best play performed at the Play Festival, this scene from a controversial Japanese drama was expertly done by the Japanese language boys. The way in which the atmosphere of the excerpt was developed in a foreign tongue was truly remarkable. Acting honours were evenly divided throughout and a special word of praise must go to the boys who created the lifelike scenery. Congratulations to Mr. Wells and the boys, and thanks to Mr. Dempsey for his help in the production.

2A—"Then Enchanted Shirt."

The large cast of this amusing comedy seemed to enjoy the proceedings as much as the audience. A good female impersonation was done by R. Clark as the Queen; and W. McCulloch as the Chamberlain was "hammy" but good. The play quite deserved its place on Saturday night's programme.

4A—"Castle Frontenac."

This expertly cast satire on the old fashioned melodramas, won the newly instituted award for the best class effort. The production, by the author, Mr. Bohman, was fast and snappy, all members of the cast getting their share of laughs. Unfortunately it appears that certain sections of the audience took particular instructions given to them too literally, so that the villain, as played by M. Kirby will be hissed 'til his dying day.

4B—"Masks."

This technically demanding play was quite well done and deserved its appearance on Friday night. On that occasion the actors for the first time received the lighting support they required so greatly. Good interpretations of their parts were given by J. Kable as "May" and R. Wright as "Brown" and the lighting mechanics' work must be highly commended.

4C—"The Proposal."

Tchekov's famous comedy was exceptionally well performed in the traditional manner. Acting honours went to D. Kirkham as "Ivan" and this character completely dominated the stage though good support was given by K. Dash as "Natalya" and D. Crapp as "Stephan". The production was excellent though attention was diverted from the action at times by an overcrowded stage.

4th Year—"Selection from Henry VIII."

Another drama which proved successful on its night performances was well done by its somewhat "experienced" cast. Acting honours going to R. Cooksey as "Wolsey" though the whole cast proved themselves very capable actors.

JAPANESE PLAY

Boys from Fort Street Japanese language class twice presented in Japanese a play at the Conservatorium of Music, on 23rd July, 1954. This play called "Chichi Kaeru" (Father Returns), was one of a group of foreign-language plays sponsored by the Education Department during U.N.E.S.C.O. International Drama month.

The play caused a sensation when it was first presented in Japan in 1920, because it suggested that a worthless father could be rejected by his family.

Parts were played by the following boys:

Elder Son	W. Lewis
Father	G. Winefield
Mother	R. Clark
Younger Brother	J. Barnes
Daughter	N. Wilton

Costumes were lent by the Japanese Ambassador and Mrs. Edstein, a Japanese war-bride. The Ambassador also lent a magnificent hanging scroll depicting Mt. Fuji. Mrs. Edstein also assisted in dressing the cast and taught them to squat and to bow.

Language training was greatly helped by Major Mason, recently returned after seven years in Japan. The Major also did the Flower arrangements.

Dramatic training was done by Mr. Dan Dempsey of the Education Department.

The scenery was built by the boys themselves.



From the Japanese language play "Chichi Kaeru" (Father Returns).

Both audiences received the play with enthusiasm, and many messages of congratulations were received. Two members of the cast have been offered parts at the Theatre for children. The "Sun" drama critic stated that he was "surprised, amazed, astonished," at the plays presented. "Woman" magazine devoted a colour-illustrated article to the performances.

The play was again presented on three occasions during Play Week, and was awarded first place. On these occasions costumes were lent by Mrs. Edstein and Mrs. Smith and the hanging scroll by another Mrs. Smith. These three Japanese ladies also dressed the cast.

On every occasion the audience was enthralled; whether adults or young people, the fact that they were so absorbed, and had no difficulty in following the plot, is a tribute to the excellence of the acting and the beauty of the decor.

It is one play we shan't forget.

—J. E. Wells.

SCHOOL NOTES

Our thanks go to Mr. Shea for his constant care of the school and his interest in the boys, especially for his help in social functions.

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We welcome Mrs. Bartholomew, Mrs. Starr and Mrs. Goswell to the Tuck Shop and thank them and Mrs. Fuller for the very good service they have given the school, especially on Play Night.

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The Athletics team would like to thank Mr. Kellett for his great assistance in training this team.

Also to Mr. Kellett and Mr. Barnard go the thanks of the debating teams.

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It is pleasing to see the continued interest in the school shown by Messrs. Christmas, Austin and Stanley, who attend many of the school functions.

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Mr. Anderson's son, David (A P. E. Teacher at Homebush) was a member of the Empire games Fours and Pairs rowing crews. The Fours were successful.

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Mr. Hogg is doing well at Omagh Grammar School, Northern Ireland. He sends his best wishes for the success of "The Fortian" of which he was previously Master-in-Charge.

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The School and Ladies' Committee have suffered a loss in the resignation of Mrs. Lindsay as caterer, a position which entailed looking after the refreshments at all School dances and functions.

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The "Fortian" committee would like to thank Mr. Fletcher for his assistance in publishing the magazine and would at the same

time like to offer our congratulations on the occasion of the birth of his first child in September this year.

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Mr. Neuhaus, now English Master at Maclean High School, sends his wishes. Profiting from his experience at Fort Street he has instituted a Play Festival at Maclean.

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Ivan Petch of third year deserves credit for the constant attention he has given to the Hall lighting and the stage. We would like to thank Mr. Cull for his excellent arrangement of the stage lights on Play days and nights.

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Congratulations to John Barrass of Fourth year on his splendid effort in coming second in the Schoolboys' Open Golf Championships held at Bonnie Doon during the August vacation. He had a round of 75.

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The Railways Department has recognised Mr. Ford's talents as a cartographer and has appointed him to draw all maps for its week-end tours.

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Congratulations to Mr. Kellett on the announcement of his engagement to Miss M. Cahill, daughter of Mr. F. J. Cahill, M.L.A.

Robert O'Donnell, an Old Boy who left in 1945, is now prominent, playing such starring roles in the National Opera Company as Almaviva in "The Barber of Seville." He recently accompanied the Company to New Zealand and completed seasons in Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane. At school, Bob was one of our best footballers as well as a star each year at the Dramatic Festival. Every year from First to Fourth, he played a female part; not until Fifth Year was he able to appear in a male part — as a villain. He was the original Lady Caroline in the melodrama, "Castle Frontenac," which was revived this year. After leaving school, Bob continued his singing and won the Tenor Championship at the City of Sydney Eisteddfod. He has many times revisited the school and given his services at school functions.

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The resignation of Mr. E. Ledlin during the year to enter a business life, was much regretted by both staff and students. Mr. Ledlin, as a teacher of English, gave invaluable service to many boys from Honours boys in Fifth Year to the humblest First Year boy. Each year too, he proved a very enthusiastic and efficient football coach with the Junior Grades. He will be remembered too for his skill as a producer of plays for Play Nights. "Reunion," "Judgment" and "The Purple Bedroom," were some of his successes. Every activity he undertook, he did with conscientiousness, enthusiasm and efficiency.

His popularity with staff and students was shown by the numerous presentations he received and the function in his honour given by the staff.



SENIOR DEBATING TEAM.
 Back Row: M. Lawson, T. Cole.
 Front Row: W. Peck, Mr. K. Barnard,
 J. McEnnally.



JUNIOR DEBATING TEAM.
 Back Row: R. Cooksey, W. Land.
 Front Row: G. Hill, Mr. J. Kellett, M. Kirby.

DEBATING, 1954

For only the second time within ten years the Senior Debating Team succeeded in defeating the Fort Street Girls' Team in the second of two inter-school debates held this year. The team on that occasion was Warren Peck (capt.), Terry Cole (2nd speaker) and Max Lawson (Whip). It was the fine speech of Max Lawson, our whip, that won the debate for us. He is to be congratulated on a very fine effort.

The team was not so successful, however, in the Hume-Barbour competition. Perhaps a little more luck and more preparation could have seen us win, not lose, all three debates. The team was coached by Mr. Barnard, and drew its members from Warren Peck, Max Lawson, John McEnnally, Terry Cole, Barry Springthorpe and Graham Berry.

This year the Junior Debating Team was moderately successful and won against Homebush and Parramatta, but were beaten by the narrow margin of two points by Hurlstone. With our score of two wins and a loss we finished joint leaders of our section with Hurlstone and Homebush. On the count-back Hurlstone was adjudged winner, with Fort Street runner-up. Congratulations Hurlstone! Next year we hope to do a great deal better.

The team consisted of Robert Cooksey (capt-whip), Michael Kirby (2nd speaker), Graham Hill (1st speaker) and William Land (reserve) with Mr. Kellett as coach.

This year we entered two teams in the City of Sydney Eisteddfod. The "A" team consisted of William Lawson (1st speaker), Michael Kirby (2nd speaker) and Robert Cooksey (whip), with William Land (reserve-coach). This team convincingly won the final of the Junior Teams Competition by beating Sydney Boys' High School who were winners of the K. R. Cramp Shield. Other successes were against Balmain Teachers' College, Randwick Boys' High, and Sydney Grammar School. This team should go far towards winning the Hume-Barbour Competition next year. The "B" team, although not as successful, made praiseworthy showing by beating St. Ignatius and Sydney Grammar School "minims." Next year our teams are expected to do better.

It is proposed to start a Discussion Group next year. We hope to have visiting speakers and foster a spirit of discussion and debating through the school.

—W.L. & W.P.

EMPIRE DAY, 1954

This year Fort Street held its annual Empire Day celebration in the school's Memorial Hall. After opening the ceremony, the headmaster called on school captain, Neil Duncan, to take the chair.

Neil read the Empire Day speech of the Earl of Gowrie, V.C., President of the Empire Day movement. As usual there were three speakers. The first of these, all of whom were from 4th year, was Graham Hill, who gave an address entitled "The Commonwealth and This Changing World." The essence of his speech was a short description of the manner in which British Commonwealth relations have been modified and adapted to suit the changing framework of the Commonwealth. He drew together the threads of the Statute of Westminster of 1931 and the transformation of the Empire to the British Commonwealth of Nations. In his talk Hill stressed the elasticity of the framework of the Commonwealth, instancing the cases of India, Pakistan, and Ceylon. Taken all round this speech was a very creditable performance.

Kipling's "Recessional" was then sung in the true Fortian manner. Robert Cooksey then addressed the audience on "The Spirit of the Empire." Cooksey's speech was an excellent piece of work. The theme of Cooksey's

address was the spirit of the Empire which binds us together, even though we are of different races and creeds, and makes us fight for certain common principles. He recalled the cases of men travelling for days to enlist when war broke out. He mentioned the great enthusiasm and loyal devotion with which Her Majesty the Queen was received on her recent tour of many parts of the Empire as an example of the allegiance of many peoples to the Crown. It was indeed a fine speech.

The following item was the hymn "O God Our Help," followed by Michael Kirby's speech "The Empire and You." In this speech, delivered with Kirby's customary fire and vigour, the Commonwealth was likened to a tapestry, united at all times. The glorious past of the Commonwealth was recalled. Kirby cautioned us to live up to the high standards set by our forebears. Let us take to heart Kirby's advice ". . . work hard and earnestly." This speech was a very fine, well-delivered address."

The standard of the speeches this year was very high and the school, especially the three speakers, is to be congratulated on the high standard maintained.

The ceremony concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

W.L.



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FATHER AND SON EVENING

The Ladies' Committee held their Annual Father and Son Evening on Saturday, 13th March in the School Memorial Hall.

The First Year Choir under the baton of Mr. Tunley opened proceedings by singing the School Song. This was followed by an excellent speech by Mrs. Selle welcoming the visitors. During her speech she emphasized the importance of English in a boy's education. She then introduced the chairman, Mr. Shaw.

The School Captain, Neil Duncan, then addressed the audience, the subject of his speech being "The School". He explained why it is that the years a boy puts in at High School are the five most important years of his life. He gave reasons why many people think the years immediately following school are the most important, but pointed out that at High School a boy not only acquires a scholastic education but also a social training.

In replying, Mr. Perrau praised the School in general for its achievements both in its school work and the field of sport.

Mr. Shaw spoke next and his topic was "Fathers." He emphasized that a child should never be forced into a position that is not of his own choice.

A response was given by Mr. McIntyre who assured the Ladies' Committee of the support of the fathers in all school activities.

Several enjoyable interludes were presented throughout the programme by "Buster" Noble, J. Gunn, Richard Morphew — a fourth year student, Mr. Tunley and the school choir.

An excellent supper was provided by the ladies and a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

—J.K.

CAREERS ADVISER'S CORNER

The business world is becoming more exacting in its requirements; the demand for boys who hold the Leaving Certificate is increasing rapidly, and the demand for pre-Leaving boys is less.

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Requests for articled clerks and apprentice pharmacists are still very few.

Boys leaving this year who seek positions are advised to consult the Careers Advisers and read through the correspondence from firms requiring staff, before going in search of employment. It may save you time and trouble. This correspondence may be seen at any time during school hours.

—J. E. Wells, Careers Adviser.



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Photographic Competition

This year, as an experiment, a photographic competition was held. The return, considering that the idea was quite new, was very pleasing. Quite a few high class entries were received. Our judge, Mr. Hinchliffe, from the Commonwealth Bank Camera Club, spoke very highly of the best entries:

"The boys who are the 'Authors' of the prize-winning prints and those I have subsequently selected for exhibition, are capable of developing into top-grade photographers, either as amateurs or professionals and I would like to congratulate them for their efforts."

The Commonwealth Bank Welfare Officer, Mr. Land, is to be thanked for donating the prizes. It is to be hoped that more such competitions will be conducted in the future.

—R.C.



"FRECKLE", R. WHITE (1C).
1st Prize — Character Study.



"GALSTON", D. POUT (1B).
1st Prize — Scene.



"STUDIOUS MISS."

W. McFarlane (3C).

2nd Prize — Character Study.



"THE SNOWY RIVER AT JINDABYNE."

B. Andrews (5E). 2nd Prize — Scene.

EXTRACTS FROM MACBETH

Shakespeare is not always out of date as the examples given below will show:

"... for it is a knell

That summons thee to heaven or to hell."

9 a.m. bell

"I am afraid to think what I have done,

Look on't again I dare not."

Improperly done homework.

"Approach them like the rugged Russian bear."

P.E. Teacher

"You have displaced the mirth, broke the good meeting with most admired disorder."

Teacher sending boy to office.

"I'll send my prayers with him."

Sympathetic mate.

"My former speeches have but hit your thoughts."

Lecturer at assembly.

"... take forth paper, fold it, write upon't read it, afterwards seal it and again return to bed; yet all this while in a most fast sleep."

French homework.

"Some say he's mad."

Mr. "_____?"

D. Elder — 4B

THE MUSICALE

Fort Street's second musical evening of recent years was held on Friday, 30th April, 1954 in the School Memorial Hall. A capacity audience heard several distinguished artists.

Mr. Terence Hunt, the N.S.W. director of musical education in schools, opened the programme with a rendition of two enjoyable compositions by Handel.

Mr. Hunt was followed by Fort Street's own music teacher, Mr. David Tunley who played three piano pieces by Liszt and Chopin and as encore, a rather tempestuous piece by the modern Hungarian composer, Bartok.

Then, Miss Valda Clarke added her delightful soprano voice to the programme. Miss Clarke deserves special congratulations because at very short notice she consented to replace Miss Paula Clarkstone, who was unable to attend.

Last but certainly not least, was an old boy of the school, Mr. Neville Amadio, principal flautist of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Amadio played the very beautiful "Concertino" by Chaminarde.

After interval the School Choir conducted by Mr. Tunley, rendered three songs from "The Tempest". These were greatly appreciated and an encore was given.

After the Choir, Miss Clarke re-appeared and after two more items was followed by Mr. Amadio. Mr. Hunt then sang several Negro spirituals, bringing a very enjoyable programme to a close.

—M.K.

LITERARY SECTION

This section is possibly the most important in the magazine as it reflects the literary ability of our students. Self-expression is one of the main aims of modern education and it has been pleasing this year to see not only the increased number of entries, but also the high standard of some of these.

Congratulations to those who won prizes and to those whose work merited inclusion.

The thanks of the committee go to all those who contributed articles, and we look forward to an even better section next year.

AWARDS

Verse.—Senior: W. Ruxton, 5B. Junior: G. Fortescue, 3A.

Prose. — Senior: J. Davies, 5A. Junior: R. Cope, 1A.

Art. — Junior: C. Hatter, 3C.

REMEMBRANCE

The wintry wind wails through the war-torn trees

Standing stark, grim sentinels against the dim horizon.

While in that far cold climate dying lay
The snow around them darkened by their blood,

Heroic advocates of freedom universal.
Then as fate's black-soled messenger draws nigh

To beckon, bony-finger'd, those who fell
And leads them to the recesses of eternity
The drums sound out the sombre rolls
In mourning for those valiant parting souls
Whose sacrifice supreme enabled here,
Their loved and cherished ones to dwell in peace.

Their deeds will ne'r be dimmed by time
Their name ne'r be forgotten.

They stand immortal e'er to be
Severed, unmembered, honoured, blessed.

—W. Ruxton, 5th Year

IT WILL COME

With darkness came the pangs of hunger and the uncontrollable fear of the unknown. Still he stumbled on, regardless of the merciless pain and torture he was giving his already battered limbs stained with the blood of such a fight to the death as formerly existed only in the most horrible and meaningless nightmares.

Nightmares. He had gone through many in his time, had often undergone the queer, terrifying feelings accompanying such dreams. But now he was going through it all in actual fact. The unspeakable terror, the strained staring of the eyes, the forced breathing that sent a racking pain through his body with each movement of the lungs, the cold sweat that dripped continuously down his face — all

this was true. And yet all this was nothing compared to the pain he caused himself as he stumbled through the undergrowth, cutting and bruising himself at every moment. But he hardly felt this at all. The only thing he felt was the terror that activated his every movement, that gave him fresh strength and determination when normally exhaustion would have caused him to halt.

But that was it. He could not stop. He mustn't. The death that awaited him would be upon him almost immediately once he gave in. He knew that eventually they must get him. They were not human, they would follow no matter where he went and they would kill him in the end. Nevertheless he ran with all his might, just as the drowning man clutches at the feeble straw.

The dismal old owl hooted at him mournfully. The two big eyes stared at him with what seemed like pity, for it knew there was no escape for him. He was doomed. Death hung about him, keeping pace with him and playing with him as a cat does with a mouse.

"Shut up, you blasted wretch, can't you!" Berserk, he stooped down, picking up a rock, and hurled it at the owl, which with a flutter of wings was gone, eerily sailing off to a higher branch. Screaming and sobbing, he ran about in circles, the terror gone, insanity in its place.

Then with a sudden swoop two unearthly winged creatures bore down on him from above. Short piercing cries of terror rent the air, and the moon, as if unable to endure witnessing the scene, disappeared momentarily behind a long stretch of clouds. The darkness was more intense, more eerie, more fitting for this act of human carnage.

The moon appeared once more, seeming to gaze down on the prostrate form slowly oozing forth blood. The Martians were gone, their work completed.

—J. Davies, 5A

THE WATERFALL

Foam blown high, and endless shouting,
Cries of the bushland round surmounting,
Throwing yourself with pride and glee,
Water cascading eternally.

Throughout the ages, countless years,
Thy music fell on forest's ears,
But now you stand, revealed to all,
O mighty, majestic, waterfall.

The sun shines on your glistening back,
Your feet in the mystic gorges track.
While round about the birds sing free,
Your life goes on eternally.

—G. Fortescue — 3A

SUNDOWN

Sundown in the dead heart of Australia . . .
 Long lights and shadows deepening the undulating expanse of sand dunes to the dark blue colour of a sea. A sea. A mockery to the residents of the area, for there are many children in this area who have never seen rain. But there is a river; a thin trickle, eighty yards wide, the colour of milky tea. In the big droughts it vanishes into thin air.

But the river is there now, and the birds know. A flight of parrots wing by. Above, the trees are alive. Dead trees alive with the fluttering of the galahs.

There is something else on the downs.

An old dingo lopes to the stream; running as a dog whipped and hated. Two or three quick laps of the water, and he is off again, a shadow in the pervading darkness.

Away, the brassy neigh of a stallion leading his pack of mares and foals home, rings clear.

A boundary rider is silhouetted against the mauve of the sky; slowly moving along the horizon.

The shadows are deepening — the night darkening; as all is at rest.

—R. Cope, 1A

DEATH SENTENCE

The stark, grey walls of the prison were silhouetted against the cloudy, throbbing backdrop of the tortured sky. The dark, ominous clouds raced across the sky and the deep roar of the thunder seemed to shake the very floor on which I was standing.

I stood staring up at the prison which was framed by the bars of the window of the death cell. My gaze wandered to the silent outline of the gallows which stood between me and the main prison building. In my stomach I could feel a knot which seemed to increase in volume until it threatened to choke me with its intensity, and I pressed my face against the cold steel of the window, gasping for breath. Tiny beads of sweat began to stand out upon my temples and a sickening feeling began to rise up from the depths of my stomach, while a cold shiver ran down my body. I turned from the window and sat on the rough seat in the corner. I looked at the man in the cell with me, and I could not help but feel pity for this poor deserted creature.

He sat nervously on the edge of the bed staring at the opposite wall with that look that only a man conscious of impending doom, of approaching death, can wear.

My mind went back to my home. I saw my wife, my children, flash before my eyes, but then, from the end of the hallway I heard the dull thud of footsteps. They grew louder, louder until they were beating against my brain with maddening intensity. The gallows were waiting; it would not last long. I said a silent prayer and then the warden said: "Ready, chaplain?" I nodded and walked behind the condemned man down the hall. My fingers shook nervously as I went to minister at my first hanging.

—G. Pemberton, 3A.



C. Hatte
3C.

ON BOILS

I can feel it coming. When I roll my head, I can feel it tender. If I run my hand around my shapely neckline, it is rudely knocked off course just on the turn into the straight. And what is this mysterious stranger? Why, my old companion, a little boil!

It has a great future. Day by day it will grow larger and larger, and sorer and sorer, until it reaches a magnificent climax. Then it is my complete master. I am afraid to move my head for if I do it does not approve and protests in a most forthright way, to my sad discomfort. At this stage, it is a beautiful sight. For miles (or almost miles) around can be seen a spectacular panorama of glaring

redness. This perfect view can be seen from the summit of the white mountain rising elegantly in its midst.

But alas, it is only a volcano. It shows off its power and then bursts. The worst is over. The lava flows out in a never-ending stream until it exhausts itself and at long last comes the core.

I sigh with relief. And why not? Soon it will be all healed and I shall once more be ready to accept another visit.

Last year the callings were often and "horrific." I decided to outwit them. Every week for two months I went to visit my doctor so he could jab a vicious needle in my arm. And the result? As at the beginning of this little bit—"I can feel it coming"—not destined for such a rosy future as last year but still "coming" all the same.

—R. Campbell, 4A

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The hill was steep, I heaved a sigh,
With brewery smells, the air was high,
The building loomed up vast and old
Stored with wonders yet untold.

Rows of boys, both small and great,
trudge their way to the school gate,
I looked with awe up at the tallest,
Feeling quite the very smallest.

Within the gate some pals I found,
And soon I heard the buzzer sound,
Within the classroom, rules were read,
Which mystified my muddled head.

The western staircase was taboo,
The eastern one would have to do.
But which was east and which was west
I simply had to do my best.

For each new subject, another master
Surely here we'll all learn faster.
In spite of all on my skinny chest
I'm proud to wear the Fort Street crest.
—B. Aston, — 1A

TO SONIA

Your hair is like the sun,
When with the tinted clouds of morn,
All red and gold, he doth adorn
Himself: and, putting night to scorn,
Proclaims the day begun.

Your eyes are like the stars.
Twin living pools of radiant light
Which for my glad heart's more delight,
Shine brightest in the blackest night
No fault their beauty mars.

Alas, you're like the moon!
Inconstant is your changing mind,
Your hidden heart is still to find
Though yet that heart to mine I'll bind
I fear 'twill not be soon.

—R. Cooksey, 4A



He has a strong face, courage and determination written in every line. His well-known black homburg is jammed down over his high domed forehead. His keen, piercing blue eyes gaze out from beneath bushy eyebrows. His short, thick nose, straight set, surmounts a strong mouth clamped firmly around a familiar cigar, with a jutting jaw adding character to his distinguished face. He has the voice of a great orator, inspiring to hear. Now eighty, he still retains his great strength of character, keen sense of humour and qualities of leadership which fitted him for his role as leader and saviour of the British people during World War II.

Even now he is still able to deliver, on occasion, a magnificent speech such as those which gave hope and courage to British people in the dark days of the war. He is a truly great historian and statesman. It is often said that 'the moment produces the man'. This is surely the case with Sir Winston Churchill.

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THE WAVE

Onward, ever inward
Comes the rushing tide.
Rolling ever onward
The moon it's only guide.
Its foe, the vaunting sea wall
Flings out its rocky breaks;
Tis mock'ry shouts the water
As for this wall it makes.

The swell now rises forward,
Dragging the ocean deep,
And it roars a fearful challenge
To the wall as it starts to leap
"Why, 'tis a trick," cries the water,
As it trips on the stones beneath,
And stumbles and falls to the sea-bed
'Mid groans and cries of grief.

Hear how it crashes downward,
Onto the rocks below;
See how it is drawn outward,
Away from its rocky foe.
See, with its greatness subsided
How it edges away from the fall,
To join the sea, and to rush again
Towards the great sea-wall.

—C. Hatter, 3C



AN OLD SALT'S TALE.

He sat on the coil of rope, sucking at his pipe, while several of us lads sat around, eager for yet another of his stories.

We saw his face light up as he thought over several grand adventures of the sea. Then he settled down, relit his pipe and began his story;

"I remember it clearly now. It was in my younger sailing days. There were five of us on a forty-three foot pearling lugger — I can't quite remember her name. "Sailfish," I think it was. She wasn't much of a boat by any standard, but we thought the world of her. When you've been in a boat a couple of months it seems to become part of you—. Anyway we struck a bit of bad luck and were forced to cart saddles and things for a big saddle-making firm here in Sydney town. It so happened that on this certain trip we had to take a fairly large shipment over to New Zealand — Auckland to be precise. It would have been a normal run I suppose, if we hadn't run into that storm. A Tasman storm it was, and in all my days at sea, I've never encountered anything like it. Just thinking about it makes me realise how lucky I am to be alive. It was our second night out. The wind, which had been blowing steadily from the west suddenly veered to the south and the barometer began to drop alarmingly. We knew what we were in for, and made what we thought were necessary arrangements.

Suddenly, it hit us. It was no ordinary storm but a fully-fledged cyclone. Within a quarter of an hour all around was bedlam. Huge waves smashed across the small yacht and we tried vainly to let out another sea-anchor. Suddenly a huge wave, fully twenty-five feet high appeared and crashed upon the ship. The helmsman was dashed overboard to his death, the steering assembly reduced to driftwood and our lofty mast was toppled. I was dashed with terrific force against the cabin, the knock breaking my leg. They hurried me below and one of my mates patched me up and rigged up a splint on my leg.

After raging for three hours, during which the boat was tossed about like a cork, the cyclone abated as quickly as it had begun. The ship, almost a complete wreck, drifted around for three days before it was sighted by a clipper ship bringing tea from Ceylon to New Zealand. They picked us up and some fancy doctor on board examined my wound. It had turned septic, so he gave me the choice of keeping my leg and dying, or losing it and hoping for a chance of living. I took my choice and pulled through, but it was a high price to pay.

Yes, just because of one storm at sea I now carry a wooden leg with me everywhere I go.

—B. BOND, 3C

THE STRAIT OF MESSINA

Looking towards Sicily from my native Calabria, on a summer day, one would be struck by the beautiful scenery which lies within that band of sea separating Sicily from the mainland. Its incomparable blue waters are of a deeper blue than that of the sky above them. Sailing boats often appear as ornamental white dots adding variety to that blue colour.

On the opposite side the Sicilian coast looks enchanting with its green orchards of orange trees and colourful Messina scattered alongside it.

To this well known holiday resort tourists come from all over the world to enjoy the scenery of this place where nature has revealed its beauty. In summer time when the almost tropical heat would make many people feel uncomfortable, it is there that one finds relief with a constant cool breeze coming from the twinkling waters of the Strait.

The Strait is about 20 miles in length and its width varies between 2 and 15 miles. The two main cities alongside it, Messina on the Sicilian coast and Reggio di Calabria on the mainland, are about 10 miles apart and their only means of transport is the train-ferry. This being a ferry which, besides carrying passengers and goods, carries two train carriages loaded with goods and motorists who wish to go across and take their vehicles with them.

The Italian Government has recently allocated £70m. for the construction of a bridge across the Strait. This bridge, which will be completed in eight years' time, will be the longest of its kind in the world. It will be double-decked, the top deck being for pedestrians and vehicles while the bottom one will be used for railway purposes.

Despite its beauty the Strait of Messina has a contrast: two strange phenomena which for centuries have made the Strait mysterious and interesting. From these phenomena, which are mysterious to many people even to-day, many myths arose.

The first phenomenon is the Fata Morgana: an optical illusion which, resembling a desert mirage, consists of an apparent vertical elongation of an object situated on the opposite shore. The reflected object is almost always observed from the Calabrian Coast and it usually represents the city of Messina which appears to be on the waters in the middle of the Strait.

The ancient inhabitants of the South Italian Coast, as well as some people to-day, believed that this phenomenon was a fairy whom they thought lived above the sky on a cloud and that every now and then she would come down with her fairy kingdom on to the waters of the Strait, a place well-liked by the gods and supernatural beings.

The other phenomenon is the famous myth of Scylla and Charybdis known as two sea-monsters and greatly feared by sailors in antiquity. Scylla was believed to have six heads, twelve feet and a voice like the yelp of a puppy. She dwelt in a cave in a high rock on the Calabrian Coast (nearby the rock where Scylla was supposed to dwell now stands a small town which was given the same name), out of which she stuck her heads fishing for marine creatures and snatching the seamen out of passing ships. Within a bowshot was another rock under which dwelt Charybdis, who three times a day sucked in and spouted out the sea water. (In Homer's "Odyssey" we read that between these rocks Odysseus sailed and Scylla snatched six men out of his ship). It was believed that at one stage Scylla was a beautiful maiden beloved by the sea-god Glaucus and changed into a sea-monster by the jealous Circe, an enchantress who lived upon the island of Aeaëa. But once more there is a scientific and simple explanation for these strong beliefs.

It is believed that many thousands of years ago Sicily was joined to the mainland and as the years passed a change in the crust of the earth took place gradually separating Sicily from Italy and consequently the Strait became the joining place of two different seas (viz., the Ionian and the Tyrrhenean seas) which have a difference in water levels of 300 ft. This joining difference produces currents and whirlpools which as a fact, cause considerable difficulties especially in a strong wind.

Many years ago when ships were only small boats, and whenever they happened to cross the Strait in windy weather, they would eventually sink and the blame was laid on Scylla for having sunk the ship in order to feed herself with the sailors.

The main current runs from S. to N. and the subsidiary currents in the reverse direction. They generally alternate every six hours, and are affected by the sun, the moon and the winds. When the current runs from S. to N. the level of the water in the Strait falls from six to eight inches, and rises as much with the other current: when they are specially strong they tear seaweed from the bottom, and sometimes throw up fish with atrophied or abnormal eyes and with organs for the production of phosphorescence. Some 140 kinds of fish are caught in the Strait and they are especially rich in plankton.

To many people who visit this place it seems beautiful, pleasant and full of memories which will never be forgotten. But for some peasants whose knowledge is no more than that handed down to them by their fathers, the Strait of Messina with its natural beauty and its contrasts remains as mysterious as ever.

SKIING IN VICTORIA

By Warren Peck, 5A

Although skiing has been a winter sport for over one hundred years, the first ski-club was not formed till 1860. Australia has the honour of having the first ski club in the world, for the Kiandra Ski Club was founded a few years before the famous Christiana Ski Club in Norway. Australia has very extensive snow fields in the Snowy Mountains and the Victorian Alps. During this year's September Vacation I went on a skiing holiday to Mount Buller, which is situated at the western extremity of the Victorian Alps and is the scene of the Annual Victorian Skiing Championships. Snow was falling, and the whole mountain was covered with a thick blanket of snow, when we arrived at the Chalet on the evening of Friday, 3rd September.

Next morning, after a delicious breakfast, we prepared to go skiing. Although it is not absolutely necessary, it is very advisable to have special ski clothes. Water-proof socks and mittens are essential while a wind jacket, scarf and special ski pants are also necessary. Wearing the proper clothes, it is impossible for anyone to feel the cold, and indeed I was never cold during the whole week. The Skiers require special boots and skis must be waxed to make them run smoothly. We then carried our skis to the bottom of the most popular ski-run known as 'Bourke Street.' As I had never been on skis before, I was wondering

what it would be like, but to my great surprise, I found skiing remarkably easy.

The first thing you must learn in skiing is to walk, turn and climb on skis. Walking is very easy since the skis do not sink into the snow. To climb a hill on skis you cannot go straight uphill as the skis would slip backwards. So the usual method is to zig-zag up the slope. Then you learn to ski down short slopes and since snow had just fallen the surface was rather slow and I mastered the essentials of downhill running by lunch-time. After lunch more snow fell but it soon stopped and I spent the afternoon on longer and longer downhill runs. That evening we were shown films at the chalet on how to ski the expert's way.

Next day the snow was still falling but the whole group of us went out skiing again. Everybody was very surprised when I skied down 'Bourke Street,' which falls three hundred feet in as many yards without a fall. Elated by this success, I spent the rest of Sunday getting better control and learning to make small changes in direction. Monday dawned very misty and as yet, I still had not been able to catch a glimpse of the magnificent scenery. After a few runs down 'Bourke Street' I moved up to the next run, which is called 'Little Baldy' because of the absence of any trees on the slope. From the top I caught a glimpse of the summit of Mount Buller through the billowing clouds which surrounded it. I spent the morning learning how to stop suddenly without sitting down or falling over. In the afternoon the clouds lifted for the



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first time allowing us to see some of the magnificent scenery of jagged, snow covered peaks. A sudden cold snap however, made 'Bourke Street' treacherously fast and one skier broke his leg. I fortunately survived without any accidents.

Tuesday dawned a perfect cloudless day and Ernst, our host, organised an all day trip to the summit in the snow tractor. After a ride over the snowfields, we left the tractor at the bottom of the summit pyramid, and began to climb to the summit carrying our skis. The sun was so hot that most of us wore only a cotton shirt and pants and one gentleman was seen skiing only in pants. The view from the summit was indescribably grand. Snow capped mountains lay to the north, east and south. We could pick out many other skiing resorts including Mount Buffalo, Mount Hotham, the Bogong High Plains and Mount Bogong, the highest mountain in Victoria. Because of its height and the clarity of the atmosphere, Mount Kosciusko, which is over one hundred miles away, could just be seen. To the west stretched the fertile Goulburn River Valley, many thousands of feet below. The view from the summit is so extensive (it covers over twenty thousand square miles), that in summer a permanent watch is kept for bush-fires from a hut on the top. After a satisfying lunch, as the sky began to cloud up, we reluctantly left the really magnificent view, to ski down the thousand feet to the chalet, which we did without a spill.

On Wednesday morning I learnt how to make slow speed turns, which are executed by a series of turnings of the body, and the transference of weight from one ski to the other. The high speed turns are really only controlled skids but require a great degree of co-ordination, balance and skill, and can only be executed by experienced skiers. That afternoon I unfortunately had a spectacular fall at a rather high speed. A partial collapse of a very thin crust of snow, as I skied over it, threw me off balance and I fell heavily. I emerged with an injured thumb which curtailed my skiing operations as I could not grasp a stock in my left hand.

On Thursday morning, I was compelled to do a bit of study by the thought that the Trial Leaving was only two weeks away. But the call of the snow and fresh air was too great to resist and that afternoon I walked up to the summit again. That night the first-class skiers gave an exhibition of night skiing on 'Bourke Street' which was floodlit for the occasion. But all good things must come to an end and on Friday we had to say farewell to our many friends at Kooroora Chalet and leave for Melbourne.

It was a most enjoyable holiday, and one I shall remember for a long time. I found skiing very easy and very quick to learn, but the one thing that makes all the difference is this: on the snow everybody is everybody else's friend and I have never met a more cheery group of people. I can assure you with confidence, that if you ever go skiing, you will remember it as the most enjoyable holiday you have ever spent.



THE SECRET OF CULTURED PEARLS

Japan is to-day leading the world in what is one of the most interesting and lucrative branches of the pearling industry — the artificial cultivation of pearls.

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FORT STREET CADET UNIT

Fort Street has maintained its high standard of efficiency for the past year. The numbers have dropped considerably and the unit strength is now sixty. In a school like Fort Street we should have no difficulty in maintaining our complement of one hundred and twenty cadets. School cadet units were limited to a quota based on enrolment in June, 1953, as the officer and N.C.O. material for National Service Training should come from cadets.

Members are enrolled, not enlisted. They do not take the oath of allegiance but they are expected to—

“Well and truly serve our Sovereign the Queen, to faithfully discharge their duties according to law, to always act in a manner becoming gentlemen and to avoid at all times, actions which may bring disgrace and dishonour to their parents, their school or their unit.” (Standing orders for Senior Cadets.)

The Anzac Day ceremony was the best Fort Street has witnessed for many years. A Guard of Honour was inspected by Major-General I. N. Dougherty, C.B.E., D.S.O. and Bar, E.D., B.Ec.; who gave an address in the Assembly Hall. The “rest on arms reversed” was carried out with due solemnity and precision and, as Major-General Dougherty said, would bring credit to any trained group of soldiers, performed as it was by the Fort Street Unit.

The rifle range was in use frequently and quite a number of cadets have become pro-

ficient under the expert instruction of W.O.2 McLaughlin from the Australian Regular Army.

The Annual Camp was held at Holsworthy West, and from the viewpoint of training, one could not wish for better. The unit was trained in handling the weapons at the disposal of an Infantry Platoon:—3 inch Mortar; Bren; E. Y. Rifle; and 2 inch Mortar. A very interesting morning was held at Greenhills when the heavy weapons were brought into action. W.O.2 McLaughlin was satisfied with the training and Fort Street Cadet Unit was



trained to go into action as a Platoon — thanks to the capable tuition during the camp. He took a personal interest in Fort Street Unit and was very proud of them.

We appreciated the visit of our headmaster who saw us at our worst — in working dress or "Giggle Suits," all misfits of course.

Congratulations to Lt. F. C. Johnston and Lt. B. R. Davis who graduated from Duntroon last year. Lt. Johnston is attached to Ordnance H.Q. at Liverpool and paid us a visit during Camp. Lt. G. Precians has completed his course at the Officer Cadet School and it is nice to see these Cadets do well after leaving the school. Cadet-Under-Officer N. Duncan represented the School at Canberra on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty, the Queen. The following C.U. Officers were successful at their course at Singleton, Dec., 1953; N. Duncan, B. Smith, D. Stark, L. Evans, A. Lane.

At Glenfield, May, 1954.

Vickers: L/c. B. Mason; P. Sorby.

3in. Mortar: L/c. Battenbury.

Sigs.: L/c. W. Hamilton.

The march past was the finale of the camp, the salute being taken by Major-Gen. Dougherty, who congratulated us on our department. We felt like fully-fledged soldiers. A number of parents expressed the opinion that they would

like to see a "Fort Street Cadet Unit Band." When we get one hundred and twenty cadets we shall have a band. Perhaps some kind



admirers will come forward with the necessary finance.

Our thanks to Capt. Silcox and the staff of No. 8 especially W.O.2 McLaughlin for a very successful year.

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SPORTSMASTER'S REPORT

Viewing the performances this year, in the light of matches won, the results look poor indeed. Winning games, however, in any school is not, or should not, be the only objective to strive for. The cultivation of true sportsmanship among its members is the aim of all organised sport, and in this sphere Fort Street performed admirably. Since the MacManamey Shield was presented in 1916 for C.H.S. football, Fort Street has won it twelve times — a record no other High School can claim. Congratulations on winning the Brilliantshine Shield (C.H.S. Swimming) for 1954.

Jon Henricks has brought world-wide fame to his school and to Australia by his achievements.

Empire Games 110 yds. and 220 yds. champion and record holder; N.S.W. 110yds and 220 yds. champion and record holder: American 110 yds., 100 metre and 220 metre record holder in long course; Ranked world fastest in 100 metres in F.I.N.A. Handbook, 1953; Australian record of 56.2 is awaiting recognition as a world long course record.

Congratulations Jon, from your school.

C.H.S. Cricket Representation, 1953: J. Hart, P. Southwell, B. Garforth.

C.H.S. Football Representation, 1954: J. Thomson, N. Duncan, R. Stacey, G. Stewart.
School Blues for 1954.

Football: R. Flanagan, D. Lindsay, G. Stewart, J. Thomson.

Cricket: B. Garforth, P. Short, R. Hales, Tennis: A. Armstrong, R. Mork.

Water Polo: P. Lindsay, P. Rigg, D. Grimes. Athletics: N. Duncan, R. Stacey.

Swimming: J. Henricks, P. Lindsay.

Life Saving: N. Harrison, I. Randell.

Basketball: B. Lau, N. Chong.

Debating: W. Peck, W. Lawson, M. Kirby, R. Cooksey, W. Land.

The Junior Referee's Course was conducted by Constable Freeman and the following boys were successful in obtaining their badges. M. Kirby, G. Atkin, J. Rourke, J. O'Malley, R. Parker, R. Muhs. These boys did splendid work in refereeing the house and class games. They were a tower of strength and due to their capable refereeing a high standard of football was maintained in the inter-school class competition.

A keen interest was created in house football due to the minor competition between Homebush, Canterbury, North Sydney Technical High School and Fort Street class teams. The captains of the Fort Street teams held their teams together until the grade teams took our best players. Our class teams gave a good account of themselves and judging by the enthusiasm this minor competition fully justified itself although the teams had to travel as far as Tempe and Chatswood. It was a pleasure to see these teams in action and I regret that they were not properly fitted with jerseys like the other schools. Can we do something about it for next season?

I wish to thank the Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster and the staff for their assistance during the year and due to their combined efforts we had a pleasant year in the realm of sport. Allow me to congratulate you, boys, on your co-operation and splendid spirit during the year.

—D. O'Sullivan, Sportsmaster.

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THE HANNAN MEMORIAL CUP (Aquatics)	114	202	192	219	
Swimming	76	74	82	104	
Water Polo	79	81	63	89	
TOTAL	269	357	337	412	Williams House
THE LADIES' COMMITTEE CUP (Cricket)	1093	1177	629	1288	Williams House
THE OLD BOYS' RUGBY CUP	1560	2617	1460	2640	Williams House
THE R. L. HEAD MEMORIAL CUP (Tennis)	240	338	381	338	Mearns House
THE ROSE CUP (All Sport)—					
Athletics	16.6	15.4	10.9	17.1	
Aquatics	19.6	26.0	24.5	29.7	
Football	30.2	50.6	28.2	51.0	
Cricket	39.2	44.2	22.5	46.2	
Tennis	5.6	7.8	8.8	7.8	
TOTAL	111.2	142.0	94.9	151.8	Williams House
THE LODGE FORTIAN CUP (Four Major Sports)	105.6	134.2	86.1	143.0	Williams House

HOUSE REPORTS

CHRISTMAS HOUSE REPORT

We have not been so successful in sport this year however our Juniors and Juveniles shone in all sports, particularly in Athletics. It was also pleasing to note that there was a great deal of support for the competition given by the non-competition cricket. The house competitions have not yet been decided, however, we are hopeful of reasonable success. We have only one representative in the First XI — Bryce Corderoy. See if you can improve upon that next year, Christmas.

Football: I am sorry to report that we did not have one representative in the First XV., however, we had quite a few of our house in the lower grades. I trust that next year we will have a large number of representatives in the First XV. and also in the other grades.

We were unsuccessful in the Swimming Carnival due mainly to the lack of Senior Competitors, however, we had the U-13 champion, I. Anderson in our house. We have two representatives in 1st Grade Water Polo, Brent Baker and Terry Cole.

Athletics: Our Juniors and Juveniles were outstanding in Athletics this year. We had the U 16 champion, B. Bond and the U 14 champion, G. Davis in our house. The display of our juniors augers well for the future.

Tennis: Our junior grades also were successful in Tennis this year. Our senior grades were unsuccessful and we must try to do better in the higher grades next year. Alf Armstrong and Bristow were our two representatives in the First Grade Team.

Basketball: We supplied two representatives in First Grade Basketball — Nelson Chong and Peter Chu. Both of these boys were outstanding and a valuable acquisition for Christmas.

Cole was our only representative in the Senior Debating Team.

Summing up, it seems that, although we were not outstanding this year we will be the outstanding house in two or three years time. We can expect to win all the House trophies then, but try and succeed in the coming years.

—T. Cole, House Captain.

KILGOUR HOUSE REPORT

Members of Kilgour House played a prominent part in all phases of school sport and maintained our high traditions of sportsmanship, ability and house spirit. However, there are still some boys who could show a little more enthusiastic in the school's sporting activities and put all their heart into their competitions. In my opinion the most import-

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ant component of any man's character is true sportsmanship — it is up to you to instil it in your character.

Football: Kilgour provided no fewer than eight players and two reserves in our First XV and Neil Duncan and John Hart both won C.H.S. selection. We also won house competitions in several grades.

Cricket: The First XI contained six representatives of Kilgour House and Barry Garforth, captain of the Firsts, also gained C.H.S. selection. Although the House competition is not yet completed, Kilgour has chances of being successful in several grades.

Aquatics: We are very proud of the fact that Jon Henricks, the fastest swimmer in the world, is a member of Kilgour House. Jon together with Don Grimes and R. Gerrie helped us to do so well in our Annual Carnival and at the C.H.S. meeting. Henricks and Grimes (capt.), were also members of the First Grade Water Polo team and both gained selection in C.H.S. teams. Our most outstanding member in Life Saving was Noel Harrison, a member of the Arthur Parker Cup team.

Athletics: We gained third place in the Annual Athletic Carnival, only fifteen points behind the winners. Our star performers were D. Grimes, N. Duncan and K. Goodwin, Congratulations to Goodwin, who, in clearing 4ft. 9½in. in the Under 13 High Jump was the only boy to break a record.

In concluding I would like to thank every boy who took part in this year's sporting activities. Remember it is not the winning of the game that counts, but the spirit in which you compete.

—Ron Flanagan, House Captain

MEARNS HOUSE REPORT

Mearns House had no really outstanding sportsmen this year and did not gain major honours in either the Swimming or Athletics Carnivals, but the keenness and sportsmanship of all members was, I think, unsurpassed by any of the other houses.

The junior division at both carnivals was our strongest and if the juveniles had been more proficient we may have been much closer to the winners. Next year if this high standard of sportsmanship is kept up and the juveniles give more support to the juniors — who will then be seniors, and can follow their example, Mearns House should once more gain the supremacy that it has held in previous years.

Football: Muhs, Milton and Lindsay were members of the School's 1st XV. Other members of the house fill positions in other grades, and all were good players as well as good sportsmen.

Cricket: No member of Mearns House was successful in gaining selection in our 1st XI but several were selected to play with minor grades. Mearns did well in House cricket this season.

Aquatics: We won the Junior division at the Swimming Carnival and were greatly aided by David Lindsay. The senior pointscore was won by Phillip Lindsay but still Mearns was

only third in the total pointscore. Phillip and David Lindsay represented us in the 1st Water Polo team, and both played in the North v. South Harbour matches. Others in lower grades should provide good material for the firsts next year.

Athletics: Although we had a keen division and a very good Junior team we were only fourth in the total. The best athletes were Palmer, Muhs, Moore, Muddle, and D. Lindsay.

Tennis: Ray Mork was a member of 1st grade and Moore of 3rd grade. All House teams played well and must be congratulated.

Debating: Warren Peck and Max Lawson represented us in the School Senior debating team. Michael Kirby and Bill Land were in the Junior Team.

Mr. Ford, who was this year House Master, did a splendid job, and next year when his leadership takes effect, Mearns House should be at its greatest.

—P. Lindsay, House Captain

WILLIAMS HOUSE REPORT

Congratulations on Williams House 1954's fine sporting record. It is pleasing that Williams House has displayed such great spirit in all phases of sport and the members are to be congratulated for their zeal and willing co-operation.

This year we were victorious in both the swimming and athletic carnivals. Our victory was due to the fact that we gained a multitude of minor placings, especially in the novice events. We were endowed with few good swimmers and it was only through dogged determination that we were so successful.

Unfortunately, at the time of writing, the results of the house cricket competitions have not been finalised and I can only hope that our teams come up to expectations and fulfil their obligations as sportsmen and gentlemen.

The house competition was very short-lived and coupled with the conditions under which the competition was conducted, any efforts to predict "who won what" would be merely "flights of fancy."

A. Rayner, P. Short, G. Southwell, J. Thomson, R. Stacey and K. White were Williams House representatives in the first XI.

We also had good representation in first grade football, our members being R. Spedding, J. Rogers, G. Stewart, P. Truda, Y. Telif, J. Thomson and R. Stacey of which G. Stewart, J. Thomson and R. Stacey gained representations in the Combined High School teams which visited Duntroon.

I would like to thank Mr. Horan for his untiring and invaluable assistance in all house activities and also David Tow for assisting in the athletic carnival.

As the House is forever gaining new members to whom we must pass on our responsibilities, I remind them of our house motto. "Strive and Thrive" hoping that these members will maintain William's House high standard.

—Ron Stacey, House Captain

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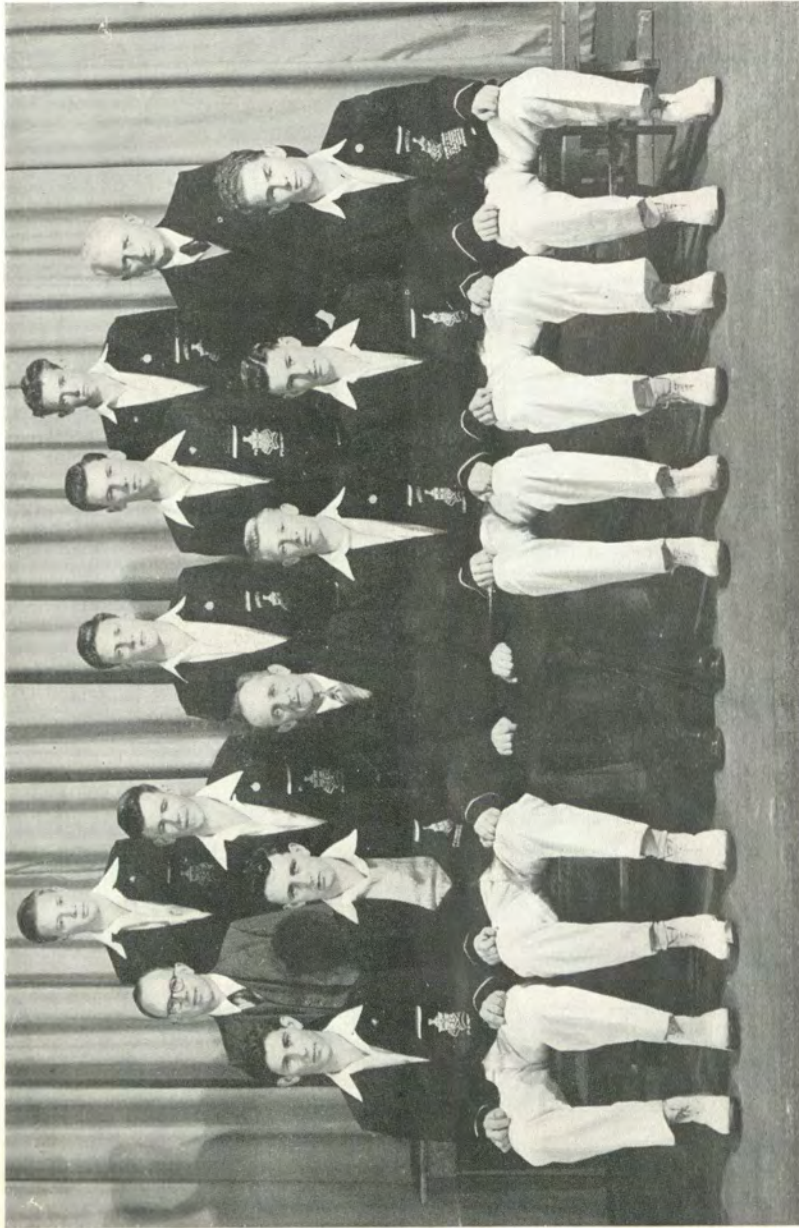
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1st XI CRICKET.

Back Row: P. Short, A. Rayner, Mr. D. O'Sullivan (sportsmaster), B. Corderoy, W. Jones, K. White, Mr. R. Hales, J. Thomson.
Centre Row: Mr. K. Cunningham (coach), B. Garforth (capt.), Mr. Shaw (Headmaster), G. Southwell (vice-capt.), R. Hales, J. Thomson.
Front Row: B. Glover, B. Garforth (capt.), Mr. Shaw (Headmaster), G. Southwell (vice-capt.), R. Hales, J. Thomson.

CRICKET

FIRST GRADE CRICKET

The first eleven has high hopes of again contesting the final of the C.H.S. competition, as it finished the term leading in its zone.

Of the three matches played, two were won on the first innings, while the other was washed out when a win seemed probable.

B. Garforth was captain of a side which had both batting strength and variety in attack. Others in the side were G. Southwell (vice-captain), B. Corderoy, R. Hales, P. Short, W. Jones, A. Rayner, B. Glover, R. Hart, K. White and J. Thompson.

Against Canterbury, Thompson and Garforth dismissed the side easily but rain washed out play before the match could be completed. The match against Hurlstone was evenly contested on a wet wicket and resulted in a narrow win for Fort Street.

The game with Parramatta proved most interesting. Parramatta seemed set for a good score but White bowled well and Parramatta was all out for 89. Fort Street lost two quick wickets but Hales and Short added 89 for the third wicket.

We would face a tough match in the final, but we feel we have the all round ability to do the job. In concluding, the team would like to thank Mr. Cunningham for the time he has spent helping us to further our cricketing ability.

SECOND XI, 1954

The second XI is faring very well this season and seems to have the best chance among our six grade teams of winning the premiership.

The strength of the team lies mainly in a few batsmen who score runs quickly and consistently, and our opening bowling attack.

Captained by Ron Flanagan, the team comprised Ron Stacey, Peter Marshall, Richie Muhs, John Barras, Bob Wright, Warren Bond, Kevin Harris, John McEnnally, Geoff Greenham and Bill Broadbridge.

Our first game against Homebush was washed out on both days. The next match against Canterbury saw only one day's innings owing to rain. Fort Street declared their innings closed at 5 for 120 and Canterbury had lost 1 for 15.

We gained an outright win against Hurlstone. Fort St. scored 9 for 131 (Barras 24, Flanagan 23), while Hurlstone were dismissed for 28 and 45 (Flanagan 4 for 14 and 6 for 10, Stacey 4-19, 2-7).

Another outright win was registered against Parramatta, after we had scored 173 (Muhs 40, Bond 27, Harris 21).

We dismissed Parramatta for 48 and 48. (Flanagan 6-12 and 7-22, Stacey 4-26 and 2-24).

So the second eleven has built up quite a formidable record and leads in its division. The team seems to enjoy the game and plays in a happy-go-lucky manner. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Duncan for his keenness and helpful advice as coach.

THIRD GRADE CRICKET

This year's Third XI was drawn from W. Dutton, J. Halliday, J. Trinder, K. Winters, W. Saxby, I. Coughlan, D. Cash, D. Murphy, L. Abbott, D. Pearsall, P. Pinnock, G. Fell, P. Van Gelder, R. Reeson, and was captained by G. Parker.

Although, with only half the season completed, the results have not been spectacular, the team is looking forward optimistically to the outcome of the final point score. If keenness, sportsmanship and enthusiasm help to win a competition the Thirds would certainly prove victorious.

We have had two very exciting matches, one against Sydney High, when victory was tantalisingly near, but unluckily for Fort Street, Sydney's last batsman scored a risky run in the last over which made their score 72 and the result was a tie. The second of these exciting matches was against Homebush, in which we were unlucky to lose by the narrow margin of four runs, the score being Fort Street 83 (Halliday 23, Coughlan 17) and Homebush 87.

Fort Street had decisive wins against North Sydney Tech. and Randwick. Unfortunately the matches against Canterbury and Penrith were drawn because of rain.

The team's batting was reasonably good, the best batsmen being Halliday (77 runs) and Saxby (69). The bowling was of exceptionally high standard. The leading bowlers were Coughlan (7-35), Trinder (6-41), Saxby (9-81), Parker and Murphy. The fielding on all occasions was lively and reliable and wickets were well kept by K. Winters, who improved during the season. As a whole the team has gained much useful experience and we are looking forward with confidence to the remainder of the season.

To its coach, Mr. Muhs, the team extends its thanks.

FOURTH GRADE CRICKET

Fourth Grade had a fairly successful season, suffering only one defeat in five matches — Randwick. Wins were recorded against High, Homebush, North Sydney Technical and an outright win against Penrith. We were unfortunate not to have matches against Canterbury and Parramatta — washed out.

The team consisted principally of Short (captain) Barsley, Wolsey, Portus, Barnes, Irvine, Fortescue, Shepherd, Madden, Caldwell, Speight, and Worrall. Barsley was the outstanding bowler, taking 31 wickets at an average of 5. Short was the most consistent batsman, scoring a total of 196 runs in 6 innings, including three not outs, for an average of 65.3. Portus kept wickets efficiently, at times very well.

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

FIFTH GRADE CRICKET

So far this season Fifth Grade has not met with much success. The most pleasing feature of the team's performance has been the improvement and as the season has progressed each match has become tighter. Good early stands in the opposing teams have made it



difficult for the boys at any time to be really master of the situation.

The stock of the team has been Fisher (captain), Murray (vice captain) Bevan, Horner, Chandler, Flippence and Devine, while the other members have been drawn from Horne, Robinson, Williams, O'Connor,

Howlett, Shelton, Marshall, Fairweather, Ellen, Bass, Rayner and Watt.

The majority of the players are playing grade for the first time and an endeavour has been made to let all who might make good have a chance. The first two matches, against Penrith and Sydney High, were sound first innings defeats for us, but the following three, as the team took more shape, against Randwick, Homebush and North Sydney Technical High, resulted in a closer defeat. The best batting results were Flippence 32 (Randwick), Bevan 19, 28 (Homebush), Chandler 25 (Homebush), Howlett 17 (North Sydney Technical High), and the best bowling performances Devine 5 for 16 (Penrith), Murray 6 for 64 (Randwick) and Fisher 5 for 48 (Homebush).

SIXTH GRADE CRICKET

After a rather inconsistent start, 6th Grade cricketers are now showing that they possess sufficient ability to hold their own against most schools.

The first half of the competition revealed talent that will eventually be an asset to the school cricket.

Day and Jones showed style, while hard hitting batsmen such as Keys, Anderson and McMonnies scored most runs.

Chambers and Jones have been the most consistent bowlers.

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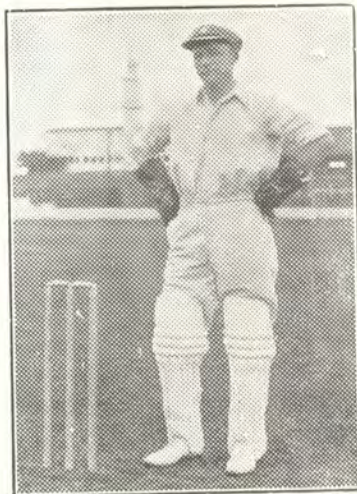
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FOOTBALL

FIRST GRADE FOOTBALL

Fort Street, this season, had promise, at the beginning of being a premiership team, however, this promise was not borne out, not through lack of ability but through lack, in the main, of good team spirit which lack became manifest after our first defeat.

Perhaps it is being charitable to say that injuries to certain members of the team early in the season caused our poor showing. I feel that that is not the whole story. An unwillingness to train hard and a "don't care" attitude on the part of very few of the team members was enough to throw out of gear the working of the team as a whole.

However, I must congratulate the majority of the team on a very fine effort which did credit to the school. In some games it was necessary for some of our players to display extreme tenacity and doggedness to avert debacles. To this majority I extend my congratulations on a job well done.

Points about individual players:

Thompson, J. (Captain) five-eighth. A very fine footballer who would be an asset to any team — always played the game. A hard runner — exponent of kicking, either for the line or over the opposing backs. A rare sportsman.

Flanagan, R. (vice-captain) lock. A hard working forward who was always forcing the opposition. His determination and tenacious play could well be copied by most other forwards. A reliable goal-kicker, especially from touch.

Grimes, D. second row.

Hart, J. outside centre.

Greenham, G. breakaway. A really good reliable breakaway. A hard player who seldom missed his man. A 60 minute player.

Stewart, G. breakaway. A player who by next season should be one of Fort Street's best footballers. A player who fights every inch of the way until the final whistle and never gives up.

Dutton, W. prop forward. A keen hard-working forward who was unfortunately injured early in the season. Because of his tenacious play and spirit he must do well next year.

Lindsay, D. prop forward. A brilliant forward who was undoubtedly the "form" player of the entire season. His ability, sportsmanship and tenacity were unsurpassed, not only in the Fort Street team, but possibly by any in the competition.

Truda, P. prop forward. A powerful bullocking forward who revelled in the hard going and was always to be found in the middle of the play. An asset to the team lacking only in experience.

Hunter, J. hooker. A valuable hooker who got us our share of the ball — a good forward in the open who invariably backed up — a 60 minute player.

Spedding, R. half. A very good half back. An asset to any team under different conditions than the 1954 season. A tricky and deceptive player who really put his heart into the game. It is a pity he tended to neutralize his good condition before going onto the field.

Stacey, R. inside centre. Played centre but actually a brilliant winger who could not be afforded in that position. An unselfish player who had power, the attribute of always trying to beat his man after causing him to be tackled in possession.

Milton, A. second row. A good hard forward who has to decide whether he wishes to be a good footballer or not — plenty of ability and inherent sense of anticipation but must concentrate on playing football for the whole 60 minutes.

Duncan, N. winger. Plenty of ability and initiative — a first class winger with an uncanny sense of anticipation, sidestep off either foot and a confusing change of pace.

Garforth, B. full back.

The team would like to thank Mr. Sherwin for his invaluable assistance throughout the season.

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1st XV FOOTBALL

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 Front Row: G. Stewart, N. Duncan, J. Thomson (capt.), Mr. G. Shaw (Headmaster), R. Flanagan (vice-capt.), R. Stacey, R. Spedding.

2ND GRADE FOOTBALL REPORT

Without ever rising to great heights, the second grade team had an enjoyable and successful season, filling third place in the competition. This is a fine tribute to the team's coach. Mr. Cull, as the Seconds lost four of their first six matches, but fortunately only one of these losses occurred in a competition match. This was to Sydney High, who were premiers and had a brilliant undefeated second; to them we offer our heartiest congratulations!

Unfortunately, the forwards did not find their best form until the closing matches. This was partly due to the many replacements in the early part of the season. However, in the latter part of the season they combined well and rucked most effectively, while the backs were always a safe, speedy combination. Best games of the season were against Homebush, Sydney Tech., and North Sydney. Of these, Sydney Tech. Victory in this close match would have made Fort Street second. However, the season was concluded with a brilliant victory over the eventual runners-up, North Sydney.

Very small, but rugged and quick, McGregor proved a reliable hooker, and his amazing short bursts from lineouts were an inspiration to the team. He was capably supported in the front row by the speedy Cole and rugged Makdessi, Lawson and McKimm,

the two second-rowers, did some good, solid work, the former, "Big Bill," excelling in the lineouts. Breakaways, Fisher and Parker, served the team well with their determined tackling. Both are very light but speedy, and Parker was probably the best tackler in the team. Harrison, as captain and lock, led his team capably and held the forwards together. On the whole, the forwards improved considerably as the season progressed, but were lighter than many opposing packs.

Among the backs, half-back Jackson gave good service from the scrum-base, and his tackling improved immeasurably during the season. Bond, as vice-captain and five-eighth, inspired the team with many glorious goal-kicks. Centres Jones and Evans, made scores off speedy and penetrating moves, while their tackling was deadly. Wing-threequarters, Palmer, Telif and Rogers, ran well, Telif being exceedingly tricky with his amazing runs, and Rogers being the team's leading try-scorer. Fullbacks, Hales and Rigg, were always safe in their tackling and handling, while their kicking was deep and accurate.

Altogether, the 2nd XV. had a good season and gratefully thanks Mr. Cull for his consistently helpful coaching.

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THIRD GRADE

Third Grade had a successful season, being defeated in only three matches. The winning of the competition was regarded as of less importance than the education of players for the future and the providing of players like Palmer and Makdessi for the higher grades. Equally important was the fact that the players played as a team, played keenly and enjoyed themselves.

Phillip Lindsay, until his accident, was an inspiring captain who made his presence and leadership felt. The team missed him later.

Southwell was the principal goal kicker, a brilliant yet safe full back. He should do well next year.

Wright as five-eighth promised well for the future and when in form was really good.

Rayner was the versatile player, as half or centre. As goal kicker he was indispensable.

Collett in the centre was the best tackler in senior teams. McQueen did well as half and centre.

Cash, Pinnock and Saxby as wingers performed ably and promisingly.

Hodges, as roving lock, saved his side on numerous occasions.

Of the forwards, Pearsall was almost certainly the most consistent, fast and dangerous. Simon and Grant were also great forwards. Tibbs, Laurie, Parker, Jones and Graham were hard-working.

Palmer and Makdessi finally left us for the Second Grade. They had made great progress during the season, and became a very good back and forward respectively.

The team members are to be congratulated on their constant attendance at practice and their excellent conduct on and off the field. They enhanced the reputation of the school.

FOURTH GRADE

Fourth Grade had an enjoyable season, scoring 113 points to 76 against. Most of the teams were evenly matched and as a result

Many of the games were very exciting. Luck appeared to go against Fort Street in two or three of the close games.

The forwards played well throughout the season and more than held their own in most games. Their cover defence was particularly good. Early in the season the backs relied too much on individual efforts, but later they developed into a good combination.

Forwards

Anderson: Always on the ball. Often made good runs.

Turnbull: Won his share of the scrums.

Dring: Used height to advantage in lineouts.

Parker: Surprisingly fast. Improved vastly.

Peakes: Sound Lock.

Gordon: Good breakaway, solid tackler.

Goodwin: Excellent tackler, good in attack.

Millar: Always tried hard. Has improved considerably.

Jones: Successfully hooked in several games.

Backs

Shepherd: Gave good service from scrum base.

Evans: Vice-captain and five-eight. Was outstanding in both attack and defence until hampered by a leg injury.

Ashby: Strong running centre. Had ability to penetrate.

Barsley, Captain: Was an inspiration to his team. Brilliant attacking centre. Scored 83 points.

Carney: Very determined winger. Hard to tackle.

Woods: Fast winger. Good positional player.

Short: Reliable fullback. Accurate kicker.

Chaplin: Reserve winger. Good tackler.

The team would like to thank Mr. Rider for his able coaching throughout the season.

FIFTH GRADE

Fifth Grade this year suffered the loss of a smart five-eighth, and their back line men were small. These seem the main reasons for their failure to gain more victories.

And so the typical game went like this: The opposition would score in the first half. Our men would rally then, and the breakaways, Copson and Brown and the lock, Robinson, would lead the other forwards, Curick, Webster, Readford, Chandler, West in a hard aggressive struggle. Rarely did they fail to score in the second half, putting forward their best, working as a team, and enjoying it.

The backs failed as a rule to be a combined aggressive or defensive force. Fairweather, despite his size, was a good all-rounder on the wing; Bevan, though often unable to get the ball out showed ability to penetrate; Hilder gained plenty of ground by some excellent runs, as did Rayner and the reserve Dennis in his few matches, Gerrie though somewhat unpredictable, caused the opposition some worry both as a rucker and kicker. Fisher, the half and captain, though sometimes slow behind the scrum, showed good judgment, and rarely missed in defence. Howlett was a keen and generous trier. Early in the season, Williams played some excellent games as full back, especially by extremely accurate kicking; Whitehall, later, though not so outstanding as a kicker, nevertheless kicked reliably and, was a slow, particularly daring and successful tackler.

Gardiner, for such a small boy, was an inspiration to the team as a tackler; Pegg, another very small boy, provided both humour and good hooking for the team.

The boys played hard, they never gave in, and they were all good mates. The coach congratulates and thanks them for a most enjoyable season.

SIXTH GRADE

Sixth Grade although not so well up in the competition, thoroughly enjoyed their baptism in grade football. The team was never badly beaten in any match, though a number of times closely contested games were lost by lack of determination during the 1st half. This we feel sure will be remedied in 1955 and teams that won the points from us this year will find themselves well below us in the com-

petition. We remember with pleasure:—
Kitching, Carrington. Our two inspiring front rows.

Hughes: A good hooker and tackler.
Morgan, Barr: Two fast breakaways always on the ball.

Cope, Simon: whose rucking was most valuable in the second row.

Geddes: Our hard rucking lock.

Singleton: A fast nippy half.

Goodwyn: A good kicker and tackler as five-eight.

Davis, Gibson: Two valuable utility backs.

Flood, McMonnies: Two dangerous wingers.

Solomon: A fast full-back and solid tackler.

BASKETBALL

1st Grade basketball had a very successful season. Although there was no regular competition, we managed to get some games with Teachers' Colleges and some High Schools. Our hardest game was against combined teachers' colleges, whom we managed to beat 32-28. Brian Lau played well throughout the season and George Jerogin improved out of sight.

2nd Grade improved through the season and should form the nucleus of next year's first grade.

—Nick Savelieff (5C)

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THE SCHOOL TENNIS TEAMS.

Back Row: D. Murray, J. Johnston, R. Kerwand, R. Li.

2nd Row: B. Ritter, J. Irvine, L. Smith, W. Thompson, A. Cobbin, J. Moore.

Front Row: B. Corderoy, J. Thomson, A. Armstrong, Mr. R. Claridge, R. Nork, B. Glover.

TENNIS

1ST GRADE

Although First Grade did not finish among the winning teams, it had a very enjoyable season. We had three wins (Hurlstone, North Sydney and North Sydney Tech.), losing to Homebush by one game and suffering losses to Canterbury, Sydney and Sydney Tech. while rain washed out two matches which we had good prospects of winning.

The players, R. Mork (Capt.), A. Armstrong B. Bristow and J. Thomson would like to thank Mr. Claridge for his interest and assistance throughout the season and for his handling of a tournament at the end of the competition.

R. Mork: A player with sound strokes; service is good but return of service on the back-hand at times erratic.

A. Armstrong: A good all-court player playing well throughout the season.

B. Bristow: A player with good ground-strokes although volleys at times inconsistent.

J. Thomson: Played steadily throughout competition although smash needs improvement. Should be the mainstay of next year's team.

2ND GRADE

2ND GRADE was unfortunate in narrowly losing their first two matches but settled down and recorded good wins over Nth. Syd. High, Hurlstone, Manly, Randwick.

The pairs, Thompson-Cobbin, Glover-Corderoy combined well and appreciated the advice of Mr. Claridge throughout the competition.

Comments on Players:

A. Cobbin: Plays a hard game based on a powerful service. Possesses good forehand drive and smash but backhand is unsteady at times.

W. Thompson: Hard forceful player with very effective service and smash. Backhand volley inclined to be unreliable at times. Drives quite steadily.

B. Corderoy: Essentially baseline player with excellent forehand and backhand drive. His service is reliable but smashing has been inconsistent.

B. Glover: Plays well on the net winning many points with accurate smashes and volleys. Service is sound but backhand is erratic. Forehand steady.

THIRD GRADE TENNIS

Although finishing only 6th in the competition the 3rd grade team played well and were beaten by some very strong teams.

John Moore: Hits hard on all strokes and played well throughout the season.

Robert Li: Although small, Bob hits quite hard and was the most consistent of the team.

Les Smith: Plays a good flat game but back-hand is perhaps a little inconsistent; benefited from experience gained throughout the season.

Jim Irvine (capt.): Hard forehand and first service; plays quite consistently.

FOURTH GRADE TENNIS

Fourth grade had a very successful and enjoyable season. We came third after having a setback earlier in the season through illness. We were lucky in having two capable reserves in Flippence and Witherford.

R. Kerwand:— A good all round player with strong overhead shots. He is a good base line player.

B. Ritter: A good first service with a strong forehand.

D. Murray: The most consistent player in the team with an accurate lob.

J. Johnston (Captain): A forceful player with good ground shots and first serve.



THE GYMNASIUM SQUAD.

Back Row: R. Carr, A. Lane, N. Duncan, M. Biddlecombe, B. Smith, W. Hamilton, B. Ogden.
 2nd Row: R. White, P. Reakes, J. Hodges, W. Broadbridge, R. Stacey, R. Spedding, P. Waites.
 Front Row: C. Higgins, P. Mason, D. Croft, J. Kable, Mr. G. Sherwin, J. Thomson, T. Hitchens,
 B. Glover, K. Winters.
 Seated: P. Hines.

GYMNASTICS REPORT

During the last two years gymnastics has become very popular with many of the boys.

A special gymnastic squad operated last year and carried out 2 public displays for which they received much commendation, their exhibition during Health week being particularly meritorious.

This year the standard is much higher and the number wishing to become members of the squad is considerably greater. At the present time one squad is in full operation with a second squad due to start.

It seems quite likely that a third group may come into operation.

The keenness and spirit among the boys is a credit to themselves and the school as all practice, which is very exacting is carried out during lunch hours or after school.

Three exhibitions outside the school are planned in the near future at Dee Why, Five-dock and Concord and I feel the boys will do much credit to Fort Street on these occasions.

Thank you boys, and congratulations on your keenness and loyalty to the group.

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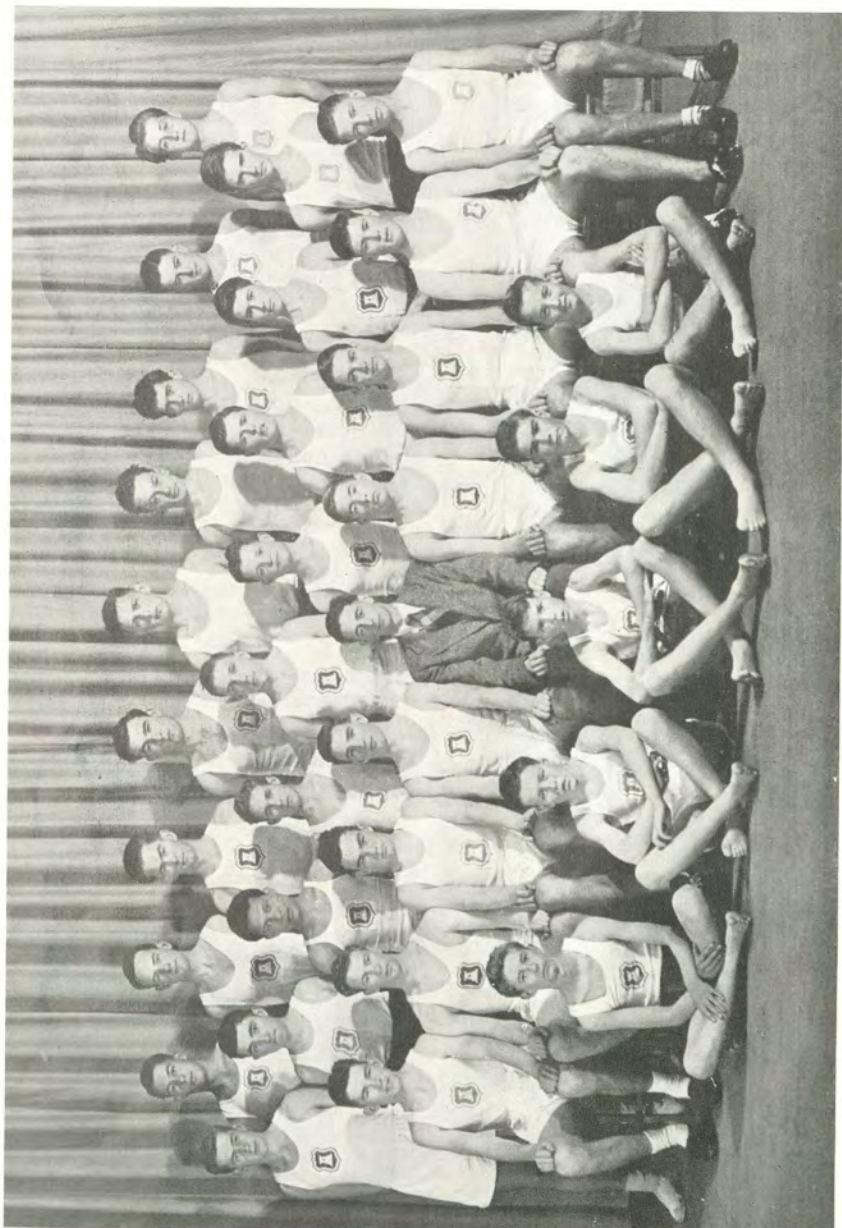
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2nd Row: R. Muhs, J. Soltesz, Y. Telif, D. Barsley, T. Cole, D. Short, D. Lindsay, C. Chaplin, G. Davis.
Front Row: B. Bond, R. Stacey, J. Moore, N. Duncan, Mr. J. Kellett, K. Palmer, R. Whittaker, G. Stewart, G. Foll, G. Stewart, G. Foll.
Seated: R. Chambers, J. Bevan, K. Goodwin, J. Read, D. Ward.

Athletics

44TH ANNUAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

There were good entries in both the Championship and Novice events at the 44th Annual Athletics Carnival which was held at Petersham Oval in fine but windy weather on Wednesday, 11th and Thursday 12th of August.

The Senior section proved itself our strongest with Stacey outstanding in the sprint races and Grimes and Cole in the longer distances. Stacey also won the broad jump and the hop, step and jump competitions with very good jumps in each.

Grimes with 2mins. 11 secs. and Cole with 4mins. 59secs. did well in the 880 yards and mile respectively.

In the Under 13 division, K. Goodwin set the only new record of the carnival with an amazing leap of 4ft. 9½ inches in the high jump. He also won the 100 yards and the broad jump, thus scoring the possible of 18 points to be the Under 13 champion.

An exhibition walk was held with Tibbs "running" away the winner from Harrison. This was a very interesting event and was held over 440 yards.

The interest of the school was held because of the closeness of the points, Williams finally winning by the narrow margin of 4 points after the mile which was held on the following Monday afternoon.

The committee comprising M. Biddlecombe, R. Hales, M. Johnston, and W. Lawson, must be commended on their excellent management of the carnival.

RESULTS

House Competition

1. WILLIAMS HOUSE, 185 points.
2. CHRISTMAS HOUSE, 181 points.
3. KILGOUR HOUSE, 169½ points.
4. MEARN'S HOUSE, 118½ points.

Senior:

- 100 Yards: R. Stacey 1, N. Duncan 2, K. Palmer 3. Time: 10.7 secs.
 220 Yards: R. Stacey 1, N. Duncan 2, K. Palmer 3. Time: 24.4 secs.
 440 Yards: R. Stacey 1, N. Duncan 2, K. Palmer 3. Time: 55.6 secs.
 880 Yards: D. Grimes 1, T. Cole 2, P. Jackson 3. Time: 2 mins. 11.5 secs.
 Broad Jump: R. Stacey 1, N. Duncan 2, W. Saxby 3. 20 ft. 11½ ins.
 Hop, Step and Jump: R. Stacey 1, G. Collett 2, R. Hales 3. 40 ft. 11 ins.
 High Jump: Y. Telif 1, R. Atherton 2, B. Parker 3. 5 ft. 2½ ins.
 Shot Put: P. Hiob 1, N. Duncan 2, R. Stacey 3. 32 ft. 2½ ins.
 Mile: T. Cole 1, D. Grimes 2, R. Stacey 3. Time: 4 mins. 59.1 sec.

House Relay: Williams 1, Mearns 2, Kilgour 3. Time: 48.6 secs.

Tug-O-War: Kilgour 1, Williams 2, Christmas 3.

Senior Champ.: R. Stacey, 34 points.

Champ. House: Williams, 66 points.

Under 16:

100 Yards: J. Moore 1, G. Stewart 2, M. Johnston 3. Time: 25.6 secs.

220 Yards: J. Moore 1, G. Fell 2, M. Johnston 3. Time: 59.6 secs.

440 Yards: G. Fell 1, J. Moore 2, G. Stewart 3. Time: 59.6 secs.

880 Yards: C. Chaplin 1, J. Wood 2, I. Lackenby 3. Time: 2 mins. 30.9 secs.

Broad Jump: B. Bond 1, R. Wright 2, G. Southwell 3. 17 feet 5 ins.

Hop, Step and Jump: B. Bond 1, D. Lindsay, B. McEwan (equal) 2, 36 feet 4 ins.

High Jump: B. Bond 1, S. Goodwin 2, G. Franklin 3. 4 feet 10 ins.

Shot Put: D. Lindsay 1, J. Irvine 2, B. Bond 3. 36 feet 3¼ ins.

House Relay: Mearns 1, Christmas 2, Williams 3. Time: 52.1 secs.

Tug-O-War: Kilgour 1, Williams 2, Mearns 3.

Under 16 Champ.: B. Bond, 20 points.

Champ. House: Mearns, 51 points.

Under 15:

100 Yards: D. Barsley 1, J. Muddle 2, J. Wood 3. Time: 11.4 secs.

220 Yards: D. Barsley 1, J. Wood 2, G. Hilder 3. Time: 25.4 secs.

Broad Jump: J. Muddle 1, D. Barsley 2, C. Fairweather 3. 17 feet 3 ins.



Under 15 Champ.: J. Muddle, 22 points.

Champ. House: Williams, 35 points.

High Jump: J. Muddle 1, B. Shepherd 2, D. Bradley and C. Breach 3. 4 feet 7 ins.

Shot Put: J. Muddle 1, R. Parker 2, J. Wood 3. 35 feet 5½ ins.

House Relay: Williams 1, Christmas 2, Kilgour 3.

Under 14:

100 Yards: J. Bevan 1, D. Flippence 2, C. Blair 3. Time: 12.2 secs.

220 Yards: J. Bevan 1, D. Ward 2, D. Flippence 3. Time: 29.6 secs.

Broad Jump: G. Davis 1, J. Copson 2, D. Flippence 3. 15 feet 4 ins.

High Jump: G. Davis 1, I Barnes 2, J. Bevan 3. 4 feet 5½ ins.

Shot Put: J. Soltész 1, J. Copson 2, G. Davis 3. 35 feet 1 in.

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

Tug-O-War: Christmas 1, Williams 2, Mearns 3.

Under 14 Champ.: G. Davis, 17 points

Champ. House: Kilgour, 31 points.



Under 13:

100 Yards: K. Goodwin 1, J. Reade 2, R. Chambers and A. W. Allen (equal) 3. Time: 12.6 secs.

Broad Jump: K. Goodwin 1, W. Allen 2, R. Schwarz 3. 15 feet 1 in.

High Jump: K. Goodwin 1, J. Warrener 2, C. McMonnies 3. 4 feet 9½ ins. (record).

House Relay: Williams 1, Kilgour 2, Christmas 3. Time: 57.5 secs.

Under 13 Champ.: K. Goodwin, 18 points.

Champ. House: Kilgour, 31 points.



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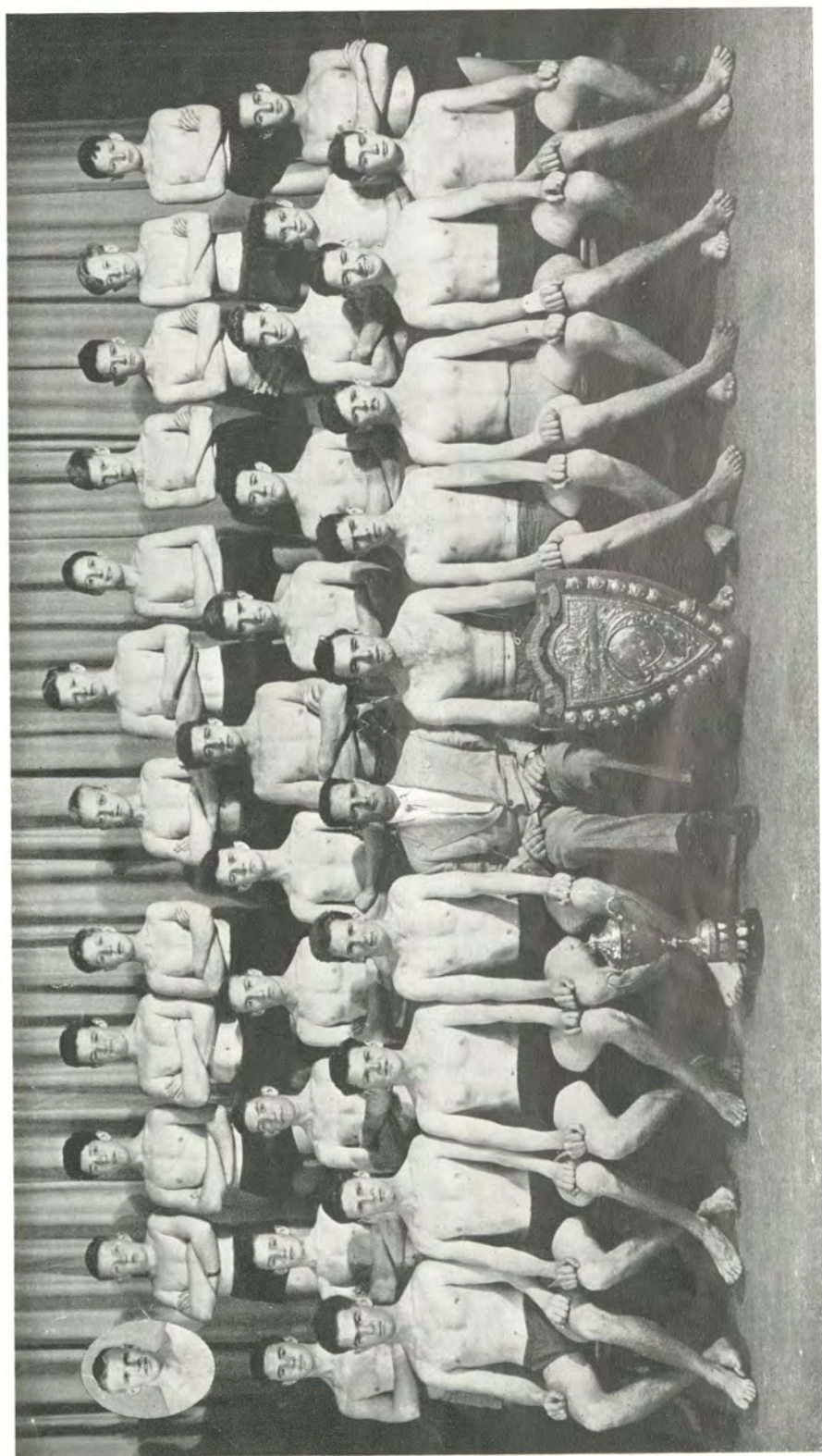
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 2nd Front Row: W. Ashby, S. Walsh, L. Smith, S. Goodwin, R. Cooksey, W. Thompson, G. Davis, J. Hunter, J. Copson, B. Thomas, P. Jackson.
 Front Row: J. Thomson, W. Jones, K. Webber, P. Rigge, Mr. G. Sherwin, D. Grimes, P. Lindsay, D. Lindsay, N. Harrison, B. Baker.
 Inset: J. Henricks.

Swimming

62ND ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 62nd Annual Swimming Carnival was held in good weather at Cabarita on the 24th of February. Williams House was again victorious, recording 219 points, with Kilgour House once more runners-up with 202 points.

A greater total number of entries was taken, however the increase in entries was mainly in the Under 13 division, the Seniors setting a very poor example.

Owing to the very high standard set at last year's carnival no records were broken. Much of the glamour was taken from the carnival when Jon Henricks — now the Empire Champion — was unable to attend, as, at that date was unable to attend, as, at that date he was he was swimming in the Australian Championships in Melbourne.

Mr. Wells proved a very competent substitute for Mr. Neuhaus, and the committee — G. Southwell, K. Webber, B. Baker and D. Lindsay, did well to run the carnival smoothly — the last event actually finishing before the scheduled time.

It was a very successful carnival and must offer a challenge to following ones.

RESULTS:

House Competition

1. WILLIAMS HOUSE, 219 points.
2. KILGOUR HOUSE, 202 points.
3. MEARNS HOUSE, 192 points.
4. CHRISTMAS HOUSE, 114 points.

Senior:

- 55 yds. freestyle: P. Rigg 1, P. Lindsay 2, D. Grimes 3. Time: 29.7 secs.
 110 yds. freestyle: P. Rigg 1, P. Lindsay 2, D. Grimes 3. Time: 1 min. 13 secs.
 220 yds. freestyle: P. Rigg 1, P. Lindsay 2, I McQueen 3. Time: 2 mins. 46.8 secs.
 440 yds. freestyle: P. Lindsay 1, P. Rigg 2, D. Grimes 3. Time: 5 mins. 52 secs.
 880 yds. freestyle: P. Lindsay 1, D. Lindsay 2, P. Rigg 3. Time: 12 mins. 10 secs.
 110 yds. breast stroke: P. Rigg 1, P. Lindsay 2, D. Grimes 3. Time: 1 min. 39 secs.
 110 yds. Butterfly: P. Rigg 1, P. Lindsay 2. Time: 1 min. 34.2 secs.
 55 yds. backstroke: P. Lindsay 1, P. Rigg 2, W. Thompson 3. Time: 36.8 secs.
 Underwater Swim: W. Chan 1, P. Lindsay 2, P. Reakes 3. Distance: 55 Yards (equals record).
 Senior Dive: N. Harrison 1, P. Lindsay 2, W. Chan 3.
 165 yds. Medley Relay: Mearns 1, Williams 2, Christmas 3.
 220 yds. House Relay: Williams 1, Kilgour 2, Mearns 3.
 50 yds. Life-Saving: N. Harison and W. Thompson 1, P. Lindsay and D. Grimes 2, W. Chan and P. Taylor 3.
 Senior Champ.: P. Lindsay, 46 points.
 Champ. House: Williams, 83 points.

Under 16:

- 55 yds. freestyle: D. Lindsay 1, K. Webber 2, P. Jackson 3. Time: 30.1 secs.
 110 yds. freestyle: D. Lindsay 1, K. Webber 2, P. Jackson 3. Time: 1 min. 11.2 secs.
 220 yds. freestyle: D. Lindsay 1, K. Webber 2, P. Jackson 3. Time: 2 min. 49.8 secs.
 440 yds. freestyle: D. Lindsay 1, K. Webber 2, P. Jackson 3. Time: 5 min. 59.6 secs.
 55 yds. breast stroke: W. Jones 1, R. Soutar 2, D. Lindsay 3. Time: 48 secs.
 55 yds. butterfly: D. Lindsay 1, W. Jones 2, Time: 45 secs.
 55 yds. backstroke: D. Lindsay 1, R. Cooksey 2, B. Baker 3. Time: 43.2 secs.
 220 yds. Relay: Mearns 1, Williams 2, Kilgour 3. Time: 2 mins. 25.6 secs.
 Junior Dive: R. Soutar 1, G. Atkin 2, T. Miller 3.
 40 yds. Life-Saving: Maitland and Bridges 1. Time: 69.9 secs.
 Under 16 Champ.: D. Lindsay, 42 points.
 Champ. House: Mearns, 72 points.

Under 15:

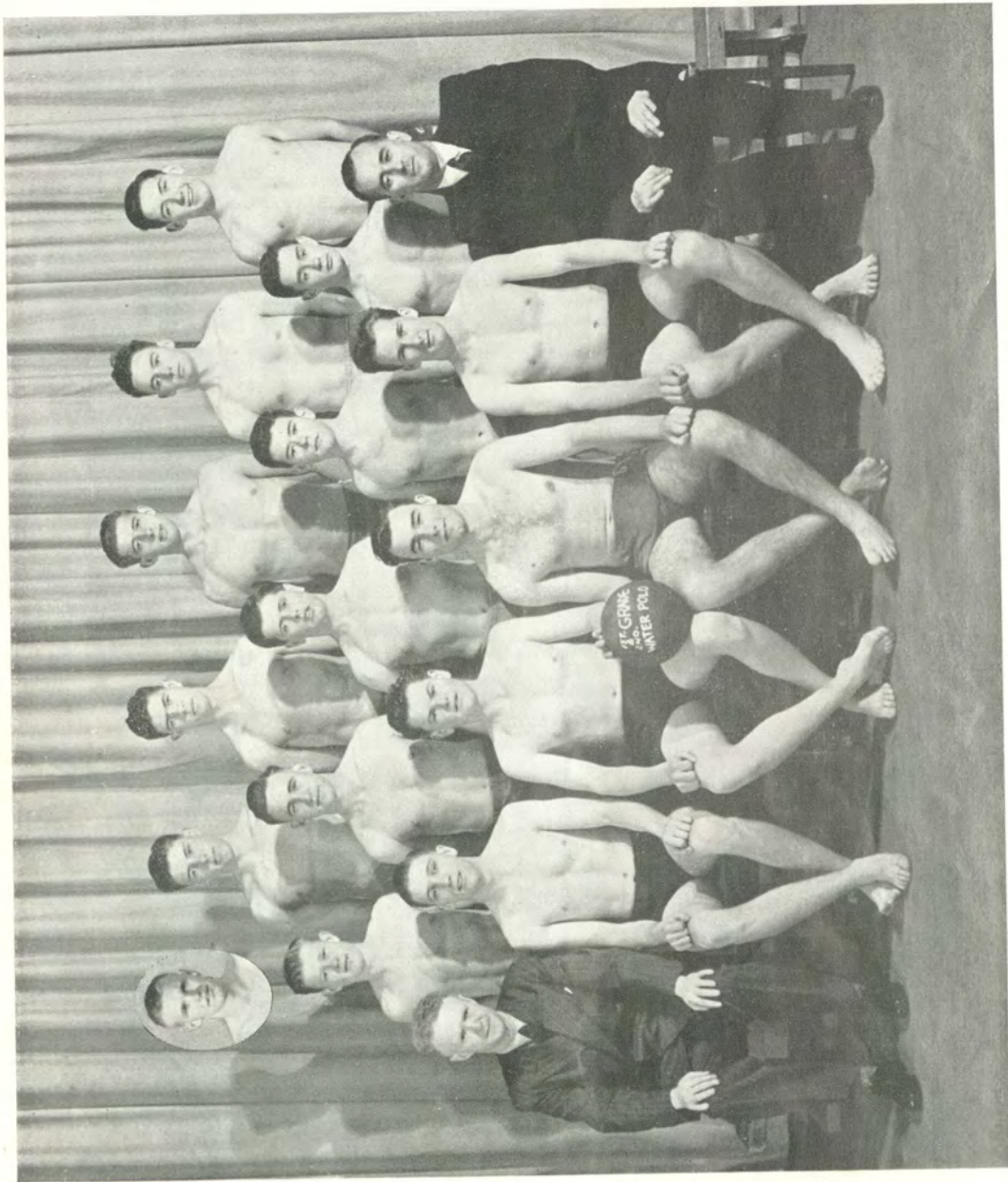
- 55 yds. freestyle: S. Goodwin 1, W. Ashby 2, S. Walsh 3. Time: 34.2 secs.
 110 yds. freestyle: W. Ashby 1, S. Walsh 2, S. Goodwin 3. Time: 1 min. 21.6 secs.
 220 yds. freestyle: S. Walsh 1, W. Ashby 2, S. Goodwin 3.
 440 yds. freestyle: S. Walsh 1, W. Ashby 2, S. Goodwin 3.
 55 yds. breast stroke: S. Nade 1, J. Palfreyman 2.
 55 yds. backstroke: S. Walsh 1, A. Rayner 2, R. Jones 3.
 40 yds. Life-Saving: T. Miller and R. Jones 1.
 220 yds. House Relay: Kilgour 1, Williams 2, Mearns 3.
 Under 15 Champ.: S. Walsh, 22 points.
 Champ. House: Williams, 55 points.

Under 14:

- 55 yds. freestyle: R. Gerrie 1, J. Webster 2, B. Bevan 3.
 110 yds. freestyle: R. Gerrie 1, J. Webster 2, P. Sadler 3.
 220 yds. freestyle: R. Gerrie 1.
 55 yds. breast stroke: R. Gerrie 1.
 55 yds. backstroke: R. Gerrie 1, J. Webster 2.
 Juvenile Dive: P. Sadler 1, K. Fitzpatrick 2, J. Nolan 3.
 220 yds. House Relay: Christmas 1, Kilgour 2, Mearns 3.
 Under 14 Champ.: R. Gerrie, 30 points.
 Champ. House: Kilgour, 44 points.

Under 13:

- 55 yds. freestyle: I. Anderson 1, J. Geddes 2, R. Hughes 3.
 110 yds. freestyle: I. Anderson 1, J. Geddes 2, R. Hughes 3.



1st and 2nd GRADE WATER POLO.

Back Row: P. Truda, P. Lindsay, W. Thompson, A. Armstrong, N. Harrison.
Inset: J. Henricks.
Centre Row: R. McQueen, P. Fisher, D. Lindsay, J. Hunter, B. Baker.
Front Row: Mr. J. Hearse (coach), T. Cole, K. Webber, D. Grimes (capt.), P. Riggs, Mr. E. Barker (coach).

55 Yds. backstroke: G. Davis 1, K. Jamieson 2, J. Sweetnam 3.

55 yds. breast stroke: All Competitors Disqualified.

220 yds. House Relay: Kilgour 1, Christmas 2, Williams 3.

Under 13 Champ.: I Anderson, 12 points.

Champ. House: Christmas, 36 points.

C.H.S. SWIMMING CARNIVAL, 1954

For the third successive year Fort Street won the Senior Point Score Trophy. However, no competitor in any other division was successful although the Under 16 Relay Team was placed fourth and several boys entered finals.

Jon Henricks swam brilliantly (although not "flat out") breaking one record: swimming the 55 Yards Freestyle in 27.1 seconds to lower his previous record by .1 sec. He won the 440 yards, 220 yards, 110 yards, 55 yards and 110 yards butterfly — surely a great effort.

The Senior Relay Team: J. Henricks, D. Grimes, P. Lindsay and P. Rigg won its event, while P. Lindsay was placed second in the backstroke and P. Rigg was placed in the breast stroke.

The large attendance of schoolboys was thrilled by Henricks' performances and the cheer squad rose to the occasion.

WATER POLO REPORT

There are 48 boys playing water polo with the school squad and four teams play competition matches each Wednesday. Practices are held at Cabarita Baths on Monday afternoons and the school wishes to thank the management of the baths for granting this privilege. Fort Street has had a successful half season. The first team is undefeated and is one point below the leading team, Manly, (a match was drawn against Homebush).

The second team is undefeated and shares the lead with Tech. High. The thirds have won one match and drawn another. The fourth

grade side is used as a training team, being varied each week to give all players some match experience. The team has had only one defeat.

The first grade side has scored 32 goals to 4 against them. D. Grimes and J. Henricks were selected in the C.H.S. representative team.

The lower grades contain some very promising players and the coaches anticipate fielding strong teams during the next year. A number of beginners have recently joined the squad and are receiving tuition.

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FAREWELL TO FIFTH YEAR

On Friday the 22nd October, we once again said farewell to Fifth Year as they left for the Student Vacation before the Leaving Certificate. This year Fourth Year arranged a party in the School Memorial Hall with Fifth Year as their guests. This was a new function and was managed very capably by the chairman, David Lindsay. After an inspiring speech by our Captain, Neil Duncan, entitled "The School", Graham Fell and William Lawson of Fourth Year gave words of encouragement, advice and best wishes to the departing boys. John McEnnally and Max Lawson, both of Fifth Year, after thanking the previous speakers, praised the staff for all that they had done for them over the past five years. This was replied to by members of the staff.

Kevin Cooper commenced the entertainments with two songs. A very humorous sketch was presented next by three Fifth Year boys, P. Truda, G. McKimm, and G. Greenham. The afternoon ended with "Elegy written in the Prefects' Room," by Ron Flanagan, and the Fifth Year Song. Both of these touched on those little mannerisms of the staff which make our School life brighter and even more interesting.

On the following Saturday night, a barbecue and Dance was held. This, the best function for Fifth Year before their final examination was well attended and enjoyed by all, despite the rain. Boys who have been with us for five years are now preparing for the big test. Best of luck in the examination and all your life that is to follow.

R.J.C.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Second and Fourth Grade Cricket Teams for being Premiers in their competitions.

To First and Second Grade Water Polo for gaining third and second place respectively.

C.H.S. ATHLETICS, 1954

This year Fort Street was very successful at the Combined High Schools' Athletic Carnival. Our achievement in gaining fourth place in the aggregate point score was considerably better than in past years. Our strongest division were the sprints. Ron Stacey, the school champion sprinter, won the Senior 440 and 220 yards and was placed second in the 100 yards — Neil Duncan was second in the Second Division of the 100 yards. The Senior Relay Team, consisting of Stacey, Duncan, Muhs and Palmer, was placed second to Sydney High.

In the Under 15 division, D. Barsley was successful in the First Division of the 100 and 220 yards. J. Muddle won the Broad Jump and was second in the Second Division of the hundred. The relay team in this section gained second place.

The Under 13 boys were also quite successful. K. Goodwin was second in the First Division 100 yards and K. Read won the Second Division. This relay team was victorious in the 440 yards relay.

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