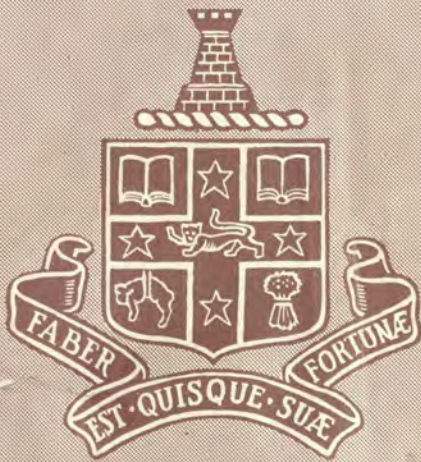




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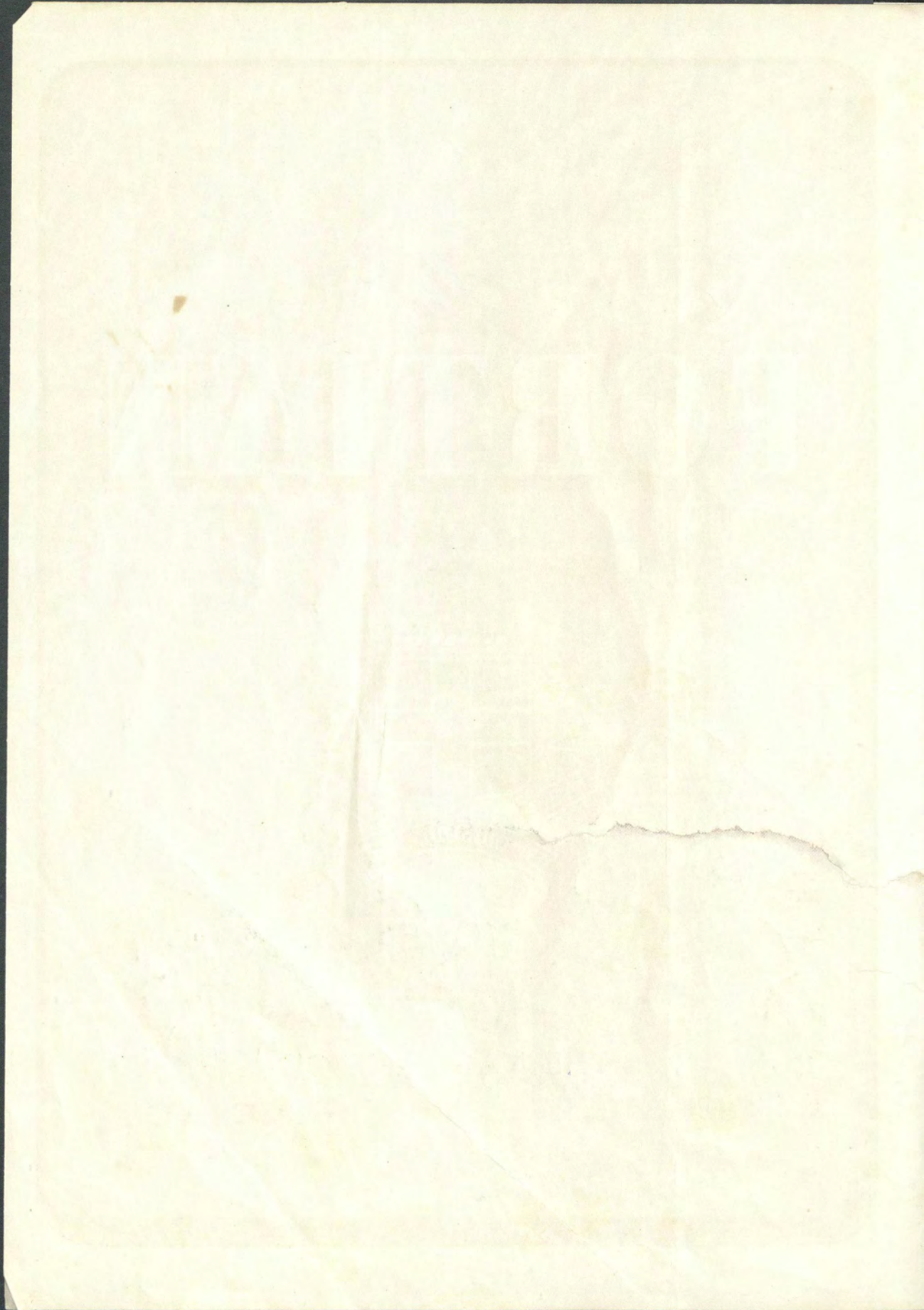
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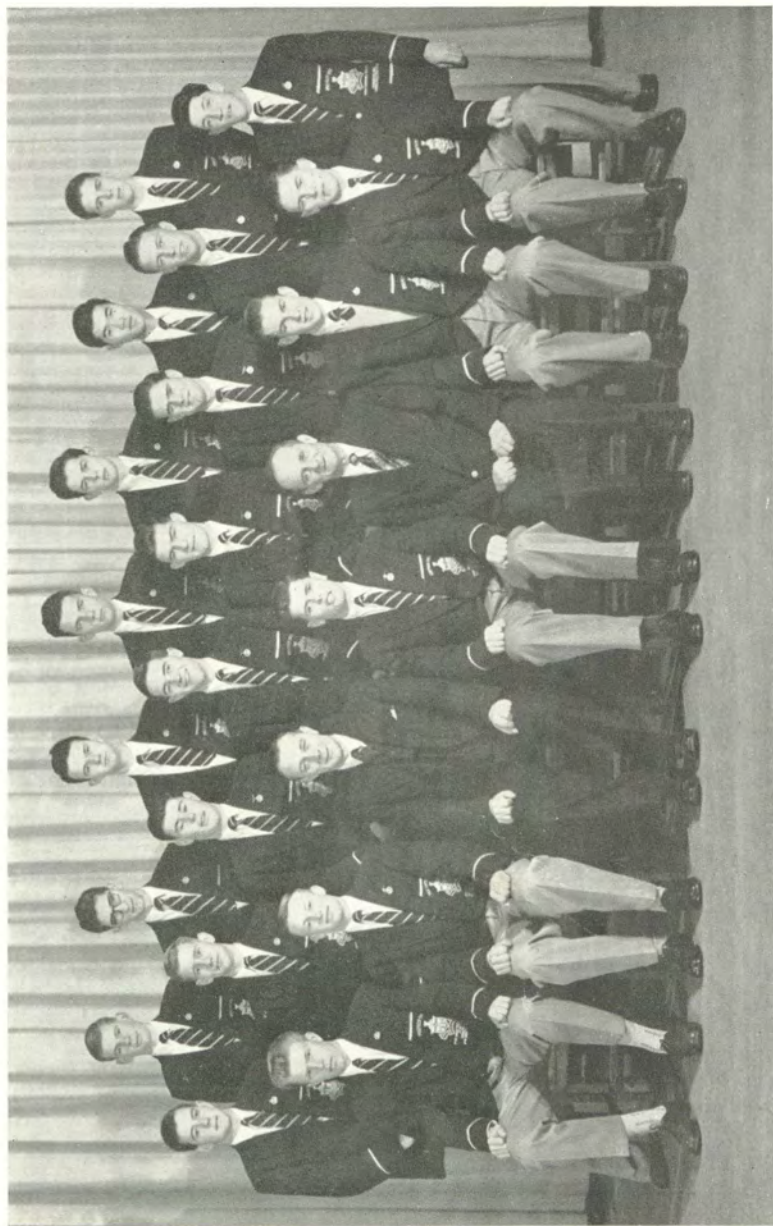
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Examination Results

Leaving Certificate, 1954

102 Passes

Key to Subjects:

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

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 BELLHOUSE, John H.: 1A, 2H(2), 3H(2)(o), 5B, 6B, 9B.
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 BERRY, Graham S.: 1A, 3A(o), 5B, 6A, 12A, 13A.
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English: A. E. Armstrong, M. D. Maxwell.
French: J. Bellhouse, L. P. Bennett.
Latin: J. Bellhouse.
German: J. W. Davies, G. M. Jerogen.

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Physics: R. A. Binns, A. F. Egan, G. E. Greenham, J. H. McEnnally, D. Tow.

Chemistry: B. J. Macdessi, W. A. Peck, A. G. Pike.

Economics: T. R. Cole, G. J. McKimm.

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 G. M. McEnnally.

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1954 SPEECH NIGHT

The following prizes are those presented at the 1954 Speech Night and were all earned in 1954 with the exception of those based on Leaving Certificate results which are of necessity those of 1953.

List of Prize-winners

William Westwood: Dux of the School in 1953; the Lodge Fortian Prize for Proficiency; the Vercoe Prize for Mathematics; the Prize for Maths. I (presented by Mr. V. Button); the Prize for Maths. II (aeq.).

Phillip B. Southwell: The Killeen Memorial Prize; the John Hunter Prize for the Best Student entering the Faculty of Medicine.

Geoffrey Trahair: Prize for Maths. II (presented by Mr. V. Outten, acq.).

Richard Li: The Lodge Fortian Prize for Proficiency (Junior) in 1953.

Kenneth Travers: The Lodge Fortian Prize for Proficiency (Junior) for 1954; the Baxendale Prize for English in 3rd year.

Philip Westlake: The Headmaster's Prize for School Service in 1953.

Neil Duncan: The Headmaster's Prize for School Service in 1954; the John Hills Memorial Prize for fourth year displaying outstanding qualities in 1953.

Peter Shea: The Charles N. Harrison Memorial Prize for English in 1953; the Herbert Percival William Shakespearean Prize, 1953.; the Baxendale Memorial Prize in English, 5th year, 1953.

Michael Kirby: The John Hills Memorial Prize for 4th year.

David Lindsay: Year Student for 1954 (aeq.)

Brian Taylor: The Frederick Bridges Memorial Prize for French; prize for German (presented by Mr. H. Morphew).

Graeme Hurd: Taylor Memorial Prize for Geography (shared).

David Jallow: Taylor Memorial Prize for Geography (shared).

Reginald Shuker: Taylor Memorial Prize for Geography (shared).

David Bradley: The Bertram Stevens Prize for Economics (shared).

Bruce Cleary: The Bertram Stevens Prize for Economics (shared).

John Bragg: The Bertram Stevens Prize for Economics.

Robert Cooksey: For 1954 Junior (aeq.).

Robert McGregor: The Baxendale Memorial Prize for English in 4th year.

Robert Mitchell: The Baxendale Memorial Prize for English in 2nd year.

Lionel Cooper: The Baxendale Memorial Prize for English in 1st year.

John Thomson: The Johnson Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship (Senior).

Bruce Bond: The Johnson Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship (Junior).

Michael Bow: Prize for Leadership and Service in the School Cadets in 1953.

Ronald Flanagan: Prize for Leadership and Service in the School Cadets in 1954.

Maurice White: The Warren Peck Prize for History; prize for General Maths. (presented by Mr. V. Outten).

John Kable: Prize for Maths. II in 4th Year presented by Mr. V. Outten.

Graham Brodie: Prize for Maths. II in 4th year (presented by Mr. V. Outten).

Brian Colless: Prize for Latin (presented by Old Boys' Union).

Ian McWatters: Prize for Chemistry (presented by Old Boys' Union).

Richard Morphew: The Raymond Sly Prize for Music in 1953.

John Geldard: Prize for Japanese (presented by Mr. H. Morphew).

SUBJECT PRIZES

FOURTH YEAR

Dux: Thomas Handler.

2nd: Richard Campbell.

English: Robert McGregor.

Latin: Thomas Handler.

French: Thomas Handler.

German: Thomas Handler.

Japanese: John Charles Roberts.

Maths I.: John Kable.

Maths. II.: Graham Brodie.

General Maths.: Thomas Handler.

Chemistry: Richard Campbell.

Physics: Richard Campbell, John Court, Ross Thomson (shared).

History: John Bragg.

Geography: Robert Barnes.

Economics: Robert Cooksey, John Bragg (aeq.).

THIRD YEAR

Dux: Kenneth Travers.

2nd: Frank Pacey.

English: Kenneth Travers.

Latin: Kenneth Travers.

French: Kenneth Travers.

German: Peter Uhlherr.

Japanese: Lance Elliott.

Maths. I.: David Blair.

Maths. II.: Kenneth Travers.

El. Science: Frank Pacey, Graeme Fortescue (aeq.).

History: Henry G. Price.

Geography: Colin Andrews.

Business Principles: John Sharp.

Social Studies: Robert Li, Ross Challoner (aeq.).

SECOND YEAR

Dux: Peter Tow.

2nd: Vincent Lindsay, Bernam Newson (aeq.)

English: Robert Mitchell.

Latin: Donald Whitford.

French: John Simmons.
 German: Vincent Lindsay.
 Japanese: Geoffrey Barnes.
 Maths. I.: Bernard Newson.
 Maths. II.: Anthony Mercier.
 El. Science: Peter Tow.
 History: Neville Wilkinson.
 Geography: John Huntley.
 Business Principles: Richard Horne.
 Social Studies: John Simmons.

FIRST YEAR

Dux: Roger Cook.
 2nd: Kenneth Wardrop.
 English: Lindon Cooper.
 Latin: Anthony Stephens, Donald Morgan
 (aeq.).
 French: John Parker.
 Maths. I.: Denis Craney, Gordon Harvey
 (aeq.).
 Maths. II.: Roger Cook.
 El. Science: Anthony Stephens, Bruce Aston
 (aeq.).
 Social Studies: Gregory Hurst.

PRIZES AWARDED TO CONTRIBUTORS
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Literary Section, Prose. (Senior) John Davies;
 (Junior) Ross Cope. Verse (Senior) William
 Ruxton; (Junior) Graeme Fortescue.
 Art Section: Junior, Colin Hatter (Drawing).
 The Photographic Section (prizes given in
 cash). Scene: 1st prize, Denis Pout; 2nd,
 Brian Andrews.
 Character Study: 1st Prize: Ronald White;
 2nd prize: William McFarlane.

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During the early part of the year, the school was very fortunate in being visited by Mr. Justice McLelland, a distinguished old boy of the school. He was school-captain in 1922, and this was the first time that he had returned to Fort Street in 33 years. He delivered an interesting and useful address which was full of advice based upon his own experiences. He said that those people who made a success of their lives, were usually all-rounders rather than specialists in the one department. One final point on which he dwelt for some time was that school-children ought not to rationalize and waste their time by bringing up a feeble excuse to clear their own conscience when they should be studying.

Congratulations to Tom Handler of 5th Year who won the Latin Reading Competition arranged by the Classical Association of N.S.W. This was the first competition of its kind in N.S.W. It was held at the University and was open to all secondary school students.

Jon Henricks, who was, until last year, a member of Fort Street, has continued his successes during the year. He is now in training for the 1956 Olympic Games and we take this opportunity of wishing him every success at that most important of all sporting meetings.

Raymond J. Harrison, an old boy of the school who obtained his M.Sc. and Doctorate in Science in record time, has been awarded

a post doctorate fellowship at North Western University, Illinois, U.S.A. to carry out research on new painkilling drugs.

STAFF CHANGES

This year has seen a number of changes in the staff. Our congratulations go to Mr. Barker who has been elevated to the position of Inspector and to Mr. Claridge who left us to become Language Master at Drummoyne High School. Mr. Claridge has been replaced by Mr. Wheeler from Wagga High School while Mr. Luke has come to help the science department.

Mr. Kellett was transferred to Grafton High School, Mr. Cummins to Kempsey High School, Mr. Sherwin to Ashfield Junior Technical, and in their places we welcome Mr. Milne from Manly High School, Mr. Howlin and Mr. Reichenbach from Teachers' College.

Mr. Townsend left the teaching service in September to go into business and he has been promptly replaced by Mr. Hoffman, who has just returned from a year's teaching in France.

Our 1954 school counsellor, Mr. Elliott, has been transferred to Newcastle Teachers' College where he is lecturing in Education. His place has been taken by Mr. Ingle, who, we hope, will enjoy his association with Fort Street.

On the Manual staff our congratulations go to Mr. Dwyer who has been appointed a Master at Lithgow High School, his place being taken by Mr. Clark. Mr. Plummer has been replaced by Mr. Saunders.

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FAMOUS FORTIANS

HARRY HOPMAN

As Captain of the School Tennis Team, charged on Wednesday of each week with the "very important" job of arranging fares and tickets for the team's travel that day I usually found it very interesting to occupy not only the 11 a.m. class recess with those duties, but also a large part of the English lesson (under Jimmy Baxendale's care) that followed.

Late arrival for his class, as you can imagine, was not an infrequent occurrence and he spared none of the fine English at his command to warn me that I could ill afford to (my language this time) "swing the lead" so regularly when my future, academically, was so unpromising. "Think of your future, Hopman," he would counsel, "You will never get anything out of tennis. I would not cavil if I thought you could get a trip overseas out of it like J. O. Anderson or Gerald Paterson (Australia's leading players at that time) but you must be one of the tennis aces to go places like those fellows."

At that time I had no thought of going places in any association with tennis. I must confess that most of the time I was at School I did not look beyond the twenty-four hours of each day. I certainly spent no time as far as I can remember, thinking of what job or profession I would take or follow once I became an "Old Fortian".

But once I did leave school and, with my father's assistance, make up my mind that I wanted to play tennis for a few years to see if I could make good at the game, I know that I worked hard at it. I never missed an opportunity to practise with someone better than myself or to hit against a brick wall my

father built at home at the side of the court he had also built, even though at times it meant getting up early in the morning or playing in semi-darkness after I had arrived home following a day's work in a sporting goods store. I know, too, that I spent many an evening out on a training run when I might have been more pleasureably occupied taking a girl to the pictures, perhaps. That I now realise I trained too hard and often did not have sufficient reserve to go through a long and tiring tournament, is beside the point. I am telling you the foregoing simply to lead up to a couple of observations to which I would like to draw your attention.

The first is that I think every young fellow at school should try to get around sometime to giving more thought to his future than most schoolboys do and certainly more than I did. I found a life that suited me but I think I was very fortunate in having the advice of my father who was a school master and therefore was able to give me something I did not appreciate he had at the time—expert advice. I do realise it would have been so easy to fall into something unsuitable to my temperament, my ability to study hard perhaps, and a number of other factors.

The second observation is one I like to try and stress to young tennis players and I know is applicable to any one in any sport and in any walk of life. I tell these young and ambitious tennis players that if they expect to go places in the tennis world they must be prepared to put something into the game in the form of hard work, concentration, and a lot of time, if they wish for some of the plums in return.

GEORGE FOSTER

One of the problems that inevitably face a Fort Street High School boy, or for that matter, any high school boy, is the determining of his future career. At the risk of being howled down, I would suggest that more of you might give a little thought to very big opportunities coming shortly with the introduction of television in Australia. This will create careers of a varied nature and provide work for technicians, artists, executive staff, writers, camera and film experts and, of course, it will require the services of all types of tradesmen.

It is well to think about entering an industry where it might be possible to get a footing at its inception. I recall when I left school at the end of 1930 that radio was in its very early stages and I think it was as a result of being chosen as the representative of Fort Street and N.S.W. high schools to speak to another school boy in England by radio

telephone on Empire Day, that I first became interested in this new source of entertainment as a career. It had been my intention to become a pharmacist but due to the Depression I was forced to abandon a University career and I applied for my first job after leaving school. Brothers, these were the tough days! I remember I purchased my copy of the Sydney Morning Herald at 4 a.m. I reached the advertising office, where a job was vacant, at 5.30 a.m. and found I was the 200th boy in line, the majority of us with our Leaving Certificates.

As a result of experience gained from the regular Fort Street weekly school concerts and Fort Street play days, I was able to get a break a little later in the entertainment field and specialised in comedy, so I have the school to thank for supplying me with the foundations of a future career. Since leaving

school I have met many men who can thank the old Play Days and the Debating Society for helping them on their way in both the acting field and the realms of law and salesmanship, and I do suggest that you should take advantage of those occasions when your school can give you the opportunity of appearing in public, to speak, act or debate. A barrister is just as much an actor in front of a jury as is Sir Laurence Olivier in front of an audience. The emotions they both portray are exactly the same.

Perhaps at this stage of your life you have not made up your mind for certain about your

future and anyhow, careers are sometimes switched from one profession to another. My very good friend and school mate, Alf Goran, one of Sydney's leading criminal barristers, who, incidentally, like myself, was a member of the Fort Street Debating team, became a school teacher first and then decided to become a barrister. The purpose of my message is mainly to draw your attention to the field of entertainment and I would like to see more Fort Street boys at the head of our important entertainment industry, particularly the new medium of television, which can create so much that is worthwhile for the nation.

BRIGADIER FRANK S. LEWIS (Salvation Army)

The request for a message for inclusion in this issue of "The Fortian" has caused me to take a long look back over the now more than 30 years since I became an Old Boy of "The School on the Hill." What ghostly (please note that the third letter is not 'a'!) memories of the past come crowding in when one attempts that. Of the teaching staff, and their injunctions for us to take as a pattern those celebrated Fortians who had gone before us to make a name in service in various walks of life; of one's fellow-students, some of whom (typified by Mr. Harry Hopman whose message is also in this number) also became renowned; over and above all, of that dean of all 'Heads' A. J. Kilgour, ever emphasising the higher aspects of life for which our school-days were to prepare us. Who could ever forget his booming challenge if we indicated any falling short. "Lad, is that up to Fort Street standard?"

Nearly half of those intervening years have been spent by me outside Australia, on

missionary service in the great land of India. There, the background of my school training was of considerable assistance in my endeavours to bring others, so many of whom had so few of the advantages given to me and to you, to get the very best out of life.

Yes, that is the praise-worthy aim of us all, Fortians of the past or of the present, to get the best of everything in life. But may I remind you that the only certain way of achieving that end is to put **into** life the very best of which we are capable — of a truth, it is service that brings satisfaction.

I am glad to learn of the active group of the Inter-school Christian Fellowship in your midst — something we didn't have 30 years ago — and I would commend it to you as offering the way of life that will bring you the greatest satisfaction now and in the days ahead, because of the knowledge that "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." We may not all be great, but we can all be good, Fortians.

I.S.C.F. REPORT

"I.S.C.F. will be on to-day . . ." Of course you have heard this announcement and if you have never come along, you have probably wondered what goes on at their various activities.

The Inter-School Christian Fellowship is run by a group of boys whose aim is to present Jesus Christ to other boys in the school. Not Jesus Christ as a great teacher but Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the Saviour of the world.

This year at Fort St., I.S.C.F. history has been made with the opening of an I.S.C.F. library which contains many interesting books. The library is open every Monday at lunch time. On Tuesday the General Meeting is held; about 60 boys attend these meetings which open with bright singing and at which

someone, either one of the boys or a visitor, speaks. These talks are simple and "down to earth." During second term we conducted a series of talks under the heading of "After Conversion What?" Every second Thursday a Bible Discussion Group is held, and on Friday we hold a Prayer Meeting.

During the year House Parties and Camps are held. At the beginning of this year, we had an outing to Stanwell Park on the South Coast. During third term we expect to have an outing with Fort St. Girls' I.S.C.F.

We rejoice in the fact that many boys have accepted Christ, and we echo the cry to the school.

"Christ lives and satisfies."

D.E.

LIBRARY REPORT, 1955

Owing to the school fete held earlier this year, quite a large sum of money was spent in purchasing new books. We now have approximately 3,500 books in the library, but we are concentrating on improving the quality of the books rather than on increasing the number by buying new books in great demand and discarding books whose binding is faulty or which are badly knocked about. The books discarded are sold at popular auction at the end of each year to raise funds for new books. The reason that they are discarded is that binding is uneconomical, costing on an average 13/5 per copy, and therefore it is cheaper to buy new books and only the more expensive books are repaired.

The Australian "Juniors' Journal" is given to us by the Education Department and the "Australian Photographic Review" by Kodak. We buy the "National Geographic Magazine", "Wheels", "Outdoor and Fishing" and "Sea Craft". All these magazines have proved very popular among the students.

A considerable number of books in the last

couple of years has been put into stock where they can be used if necessary. Such books are in little demand compared with other books and comprise non-fiction books such as histories and autobiographies.

A serious problem is shelving accommodation as there is little or no room in the library for further shelves.

Over the last vacation, students borrowed 963 books. During the term about 800 are normally out.

In the last year a Frontier Edition of Idriess's books has been added to the library and also a set of 6 volumes from the popular science library published by Collier. Biggles and William books are still exceptionally popular among the juniors and several have been bought in the last year.

This year a number of fiction books has been donated to the library and we would sincerely thank those who have given them, and would deeply appreciate the gift of any popular fiction books given to us."

—R. C.

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SCHOOL CHOIR.

MUSIC REPORT, 1955

The notable feature of this year's music at Fort Street has been the splendid choral work done by various groups of boys. Foremost is the school choir, which has been steadily growing in size and quality over the past three years. The excellent work done by these boys was rewarded earlier in the year by our choir being chosen to take part in the Individual School Choirs Festival at the Town Hall — a considerable honour as the programme only allowed for eleven schools to participate. The choir also sang at the annual Musicale and Play Nights, and as this report goes to press the boys are preparing to record a programme with the A.B.C. Perhaps the outstanding feature of Fort Street's choir this year has been the efficiency, size and enthusiasm of the tenor and bass section. A junior choir of about twenty boys took part in a very beautiful Easter Carol Service at St. David's Presbyterian Church, Haberfield, as well as singing at the annual Student Sunday Service at Petersham Congregational Church. A most enjoyable concert was presented at the Earlwood Baptist Church in August by forty boys from the school choir. The programme included choral items, and solos given by William Lawson (baritone), Peter Bergman (soprano), Ian Johns (violin), Richard Morphew (piano), and Robert Allaburton (elocution). At these functions many people have noted and remarked on not only the excellent performances, but also on the splendid bearing and enthusiastic spirit displayed by the boys, and in both these ways Fort Street's reputation has been greatly enhanced. We have been particularly fortunate in our accompanist, Richard Morphew, whose technical command and musician-

ship has been an invaluable support for the choir.

The annual Musicale held in July was again a very great success in every way. The guest artists included Paula Clarkstone (soprano), Alison Terry (piano), Gladys Guest (elocution) and the Lyric Harmonists (vocal octet).

On both Play Nights a group of instrumentalists played the Minuet and Trio from the "Surprise" Symphony by Haydn. Peter Ansourian, who has recently joined the school, played a violin solo Hungarian Dance by Brahms, and added greatly to the strength of the instrumental ensemble.

The School's record library was enlarged by a gift from E.M.I. at the beginning of the year. Nearly £50 worth of records was given as a mark of their interest and esteem of the work being done in music at Fort St. This wonderful gesture has been very much appreciated by the school, and the excellent recordings (nearly all microgroove), have given great pleasure to all concerned.

Throughout the year our Headmaster, Mr. Shaw, has shown great interest in the school's music, listening to many of the choir rehearsals, coming to all of our concerts away from the school, and encouraging and helping us in every possible way.

One of the greatest ideals in life, and a true indication of Character is that of Service. Those boys, who have voluntarily given up time and energy to make music at Fort St. what it is, will take away from their school life, not only a cultural background and lasting interest, but also the memories of a year of great loyalty and fellowship.

—D. Tunley.

DRAMA FESTIVAL, 1955

The drama festival, a notable event in each Fort Street year, was held on Wednesday and Thursday the seventeenth and eighteenth of August, in the Memorial Hall. The evening sessions were held on Friday the nineteenth and Saturday the twentieth.

Fifteen plays were presented this year, and although all were quite good, they did not attain the standard reached last year. The plays ranged from a delightful fairy-tale — "The Knave of Hearts," to an enthralling drama by Eugene O'Neil — "Where the Cross is Made."

Many thanks go to our two adjudicators, Mr. Fitzpatrick, a recently retired teacher from our staff, and Mr. Hughes who is co-director of Drama in the Education Department. The comments given by these two gentlemen were appreciated by all. Thanks go also to the teachers in the make-up room, to Mr. Hurst and Mr. Ford for their efficient handling of the sale of tickets, and to the scene shifters led capably by Mr. Hearse.

Unfortunately space does not permit a detailed account of all plays, but those which appeared on Play Nights, were as follows:—

1B "The Knave of Hearts"—This clever and amusing little fairy-tale was enacted to show that the Knave of Hearts was not a knave, but a hero. Two outstanding features of this play were the spectacular costumes and stage sets, and the excellent acting on the part of J. Houston, who handled the difficult part of The Lady Violetta really well. This play opened the programme on both nights.

2A "Magic in a Mirror"—This technically demanding play was quite well done and fully deserved its appearance on Saturday night. Special mention must be given here to the

effective stage lighting produced by the hard working boys in the microphone room. The three spirits, A. Keighran, K. Colless and K. Wardrop acted their parts very well.

2C "Peter and the Wolf"—Again Mr. Cunningham, this time using the pen name of "W. R. Iggles," wrote and produced a delightfully entertaining vaudeville show. This very funny show was compered in a most polished manner by B. Spencer. Special mention must be given to R. Banner for his hilarious acting as Le Oiseau.

4C "Where the Cross is Made"—The atmosphere created by the actors and stage effects in this drama of sea life by the noted American playwright Eugene O'Neil was quite tense. It was a difficult play but the key emotional role played by G. Price was executed in a realistic manner.

4D "Scenes from "Henry IV" (part 1.)—Shakespeare is always difficult for amateurs to act, but owing chiefly to good production and the acting of G. Fortesque in his role of Sir John Falstaff, these scenes proved to be good entertainment. Mention must be given here to the fast work by the scene shifters, who, except for a few minor errors, such as leaving a tree on stage in a tavern scene, greatly reduced the pause between scenes.

Prefects — "The Adventure of the Kind Mr. Smith"—This play adapted from a short story by W. J. Locke, (by the producer Mr. Bohman), was well acted by really polished actors. W. Lawson as Aristide Pujol" and M. Kirby as "Mr. Smith" gave superb performances and were well supported by an excellent cast including a most life-like "Bald Iggles" drawn by Spencer. —J. R.

CHESS CLUB, 1955

Four teams were entered in the Inter-School Competition by Fort Street this year. However, no notable successes were recorded. The "A" Grade team did not live up to expectations, mainly due to the lack of interest of some of the players. The team consisted of F. Pacey (4A), (Captain), D. Blair (4A), D. Marshall (4D), G. Fortescue (4A) and P. Pinnock (5th). The competition was won by Grammar.

We entered two teams in "C" Grade. The "C" team was successful in reaching the finals by winning its division, but was defeated in the play-off. It consisted of J. Rutter (3B) (Captain), D. Murphy (4A), J. Simmons (3A), J. Dowd (3A) and C. Ellen (4A). The "C2" team also did well, coming fourth in the division. It comprised

G. McLelland (1A) (Captain), P. Levy, (1A), T. Hughes (2B), S. Zwadski (1A), and M. Diesendorf (1A). This team shows promise for the future. We also entered a team in the Beginners' Grade, but it did not meet with success.

D. Blair and D. Marshall represented the School in the New South Wales Junior Chess Championships, playing in the Under 16 Section, but were unplaced in a big field.

We would again like to thank Mr. Townsend for his work in the Club this year, and Mr. Shea and the cleaners for their co-operation when competition matches were played at home.

—D. Blair.



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DEBATING, 1955



SENIOR DEBATING TEAM.

Standing: W. Lawson, W. Land.
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This year our Senior Team had a moderately successful year. In the Hume-Barbour Competition it won its zone, beating Homebush, Hurlstone and Parramatta by comfortable margins. However, in the semi-final, held at Sydney High, we were narrowly defeated by North Sydney.

Because of pressure of school work attendant upon the approaching Leaving Certificate, this team did not enter the City of Sydney Eisteddfod in an endeavour to repeat its success of last year. Our only social debates were the traditional two against Fort Street Girls. We equalled the record of last year's seniors by winning the second. The topic was "This is a Woman's World" in which we took the negative. The girls, ever skilful debaters, won the first. Both debates were followed by fine refreshments, for which we wish to thank the ladies responsible.

The team consisted of William Lawson (1st speaker), Michael Kirby (2nd speaker), Robert Cooksey (capt.-whip) and William Land (reserve). Mr. L. S. Gent was master-in-charge, and to him we tender our thanks for his helpful suggestions.

Our Junior Team had an unfortunate season. Several changes early in the competition

did not allow them time to settle down together and blend their styles. Perhaps this cost them a win in their section. They did not win a debate, being defeated by Homebush, Hurlstone and Parramatta in the K. R. Cramp Shield competition.

This team entered the City of Sydney Eisteddfod. They were unfortunate to be defeated narrowly by Scots College in the first round. Valuable experience gained in this year's debates will stand the team in good stead for next year's competition. The team was made up of B. Munro (1st speaker), G. Price (2nd speaker), W. Swan (whip), and G. Lewis (reserve). Mr. Gent was also master-in-charge of this team.

Three boys from Fort Street entered the School's Oration Competition. They were Michael Kirby, Robert Cooksey and Wesley Saxby, of whom the last two reached the finals. Robert Cooksey was placed 4th.

The debating of the School has not shown as much improvement as was expected. To next year's 4th and 5th years this will be an achievement to strive for, a challenge to overcome, for, as Seneca said:

"Speech is the index of the mind."

—W.A.L.

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FATHER AND SON EVENING

The Annual Father and Son Evening was held by the Ladies' Committee on Saturday, 16th April in the School Hall.

The School Choir opened the evening with the School Song after which came the "Welcome to the Visitors," proposed by the Chairman, Mr. G. C. Shaw, Headmaster, on behalf of the Ladies' Committee.

David Lindsay, the School Captain, then addressed the gathering, the subject being "The School." He stressed the importance of being in all the school's activities right from first year and the advantages of teamwork in these activities. Mr. Perrau replied.

Mr. Shaw spoke next on "Fathers". He maintained the need for Fathers to help and encourage their sons in school and sport and above all, to gain their confidence. This was responded to by Mr. Walter Forbes.

Entertainment for the evening was supplied by the School Choir, Mr. Tunley, Richard Morphew (a fifth year student), Billy Hearn (comedian) and George Herd (juggler).

The ladies again provided an excellent supper and the new seating arrangement for the evening was an outstanding success. Everyone enjoyed an extremely pleasant evening.

F.P.

NINTH ANNUAL BALL

The Ninth Annual Ball, which was held on Friday, 22nd July, 1955, provided a delightful evening of social entertainment for all who attended. The School Memorial Hall was crowded with both students and Old Boys and it was a pleasure to see a number of the junior school also in attendance.

During the evening the Ann McDonald College of Dancing entertained us with a grand display, and as usual, the orchestra provided excellent music and entertainment.

The heartiest thanks of all present go to the Ladies' Committee which provided a very fine supper, and also to Messrs. Rider, Unicorn, Reichenbach who, by their inestimable help, made the evening the success it was. Our special thanks go to Mr. Reichenbach who was a very capable M.C.

In an address, the Headmaster commented on the wonderful work done by the Prefects in beautifying the hall and I'm sure that the gaiety of the decorations added greatly to the gaiety of the evening.

D. Croft.

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J. E. Wells.

LADIES' COMMITTEE

It gives me much pleasure to be able to present a resume of a very successful and happy year. The first event was the Fete, which was held in March, organised by the P. & C. Association, Ladies' Committee and Old Boys' Union and which showed a net return of £1,024. We wish to thank all those who assisted in every way and by their splendid team work made this fete one of the most successful events undertaken by Fort Street Boys' High School. A special vote of thanks must be given to the ladies of our Committee who were untiring in their efforts in the many functions organised prior to the fete to help augment the funds.

The Father and Son Evening was an unqualified success and was very much enjoyed, particularly by the first year fathers and sons.

The Christmas Luncheon given by the Ladies' Committee to the Masters was also a very happy event.

Once again we were pleased to serve afternoon tea to the debating teams of Fort Street Boys' and Girls' High Schools.

The end of Term Dances are always very popular and well attended.

It gave us great satisfaction to assist the boys by catering for the Annual School Ball which is always one of the biggest social functions of the year. We wish to record a special vote of thanks to the ladies who

assisted throughout the year on these occasions.

The Annual Election of Officers meeting was very well attended. Mrs. Selle, for health reasons, did not seek re-election as President. We thank Mrs. Selle for her untiring work during her six years as President and hope to maintain the high standard of service which she has set us.

We also wish to express to Mrs. Cooksey, our former secretary, our thanks for the valuable services she rendered.

Mrs. D. Lindsay was elected President for the coming year. Mrs. Morphew was re-elected Treasurer (unopposed), Mrs. W. Scott was elected as Secretary and Mrs. Harvey as Convenor of Catering.

We would like to thank Mr. Shaw for the courtesy and co-operation which he has extended at all times to the members of the Ladies' Committee and we are looking forward to another successful year in our work for Fort Street Boys' High School.

Prior to the election a presentation of a silver engraved tray and a cut glass vase was made to Mrs. Selle.

The committee decided unanimously to endow a prize to be known as the Elvie J. Selle prize for Physics, to be awarded annually to a Fifth Year student. A cheque was handed to the Headmaster — Mr. Shaw, for this purpose.

N. Scott, Hon. Secretary.

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PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

In this report of the Parents and Citizens' Association we wish, first of all, to acknowledge the fine spirit of co-operation shown by the Headmaster and Staff in all of our activities. Mr. Shaw has attended our meetings regularly and has been most helpful in keeping us posted with school affairs.

The outstanding event of the year was the Grand Fete held on 19th March. It would seem that everybody connected with the School—teachers, scholars, the Ladies' Committee, parents and the Old Boys' Union—worked together with the single aim of making the Fete a great success. As a result of this effort a cheque for £1,020 was handed to Mr. Shaw to be spent on school amenities.

The third Annual Evening of Music was held on 17th June, and again was a most successful function. Mr. David Tunley, as on the previous occasions, arranged the programme and secured the visiting artists.

The need for a new piano has been felt for some time, and it has been decided to secure one as soon as funds have been raised. The

Ladies' Committee and our Association are joining with the School in this project.

Our monthly meetings have been occupied with the business of "trying to get things done" to the School to make it a congenial place for our boys, but this has not been an easy matter, because of the many commitments of the Department. However, we are thankful for what we have, but will continue to press for further improvements.

Visiting speakers to our meetings have included Mr. R. Ingle, District Counsellor, who spoke on Vocational Guidance; and Mr. E. Benson who gave us a talk on Television.

In conclusion we appreciate the opportunity offered to us by the "Fortian" Committee to tell of our activities in this fine magazine, and on behalf of our Association we extend best wishes to every pupil of the School and trust that each and every one of them will ever remain mindful of the ideals and traditions with which they have been imbued at this fine old School.

H. E. Morphew, President.
E. M. Cash, Hon. Secretary.

EMPIRE DAY

On Friday, the 27th of May, the annual Empire Day Ceremony took place in the School Memorial Hall. The Ceremony began at 11.30 with the School Song and Loyal Pledges, and the Sport's results. After making a few general remarks on conduct and other important matters, the Headmaster asked David Lindsay, the school captain, to take the chair.

The latter then read out the message of the late Earl of Gowrie, V.C., P.C., G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O. and President of the Empire Day Movement, in which he expressed his sad feelings at having to retire from his position of Governor-General of Australia. However, he indicated the joy that the Royal Visit had caused, and the pleasure that the Queen and the Duke experienced here, and also said that he had enjoyed his Presidency of the Empire Day Movement.

The speeches, given, as usual, by three boys from 4A, then followed, with the hymns, "O God our Help," and "The Recessional" sung by the whole school in the intervals between them. George Lewis delivered the first address, which was entitled "The Inspiration of the Past". After giving a brief description of the Roman and following invasions, and the unification of Britain, Lewis traced the rise of Britain and its empire from that time up to the present century. Next he described the effects of the two World Wars on Britain and

how they have reduced her to mediator between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S. He concluded by again stressing his theme:

"What an inspiration the founders of the British Empire have given us, and what a heritage has been left us! During the three centuries that have elapsed since Britain made her first attempt at colonization, she has built up the greatest, the richest and the freest Empire ever known. We should be proud of the men who blazed the trail."

The second, by Ross Challoner, was called "The Empire in the World Today." Ross commenced by pointing out that Britain's power had declined and was now only the third greatest in the world, and went on to show how firmly India, Pakistan and Ceylon had adhered to Britain, although all these countries, including Britain, have suffered many increases and decreases in power. After this he discussed the achievements and also the problems (Kashmir and S. Africa) of the Empire, the cautiousness and sagacity of Britain's foreign policies, and finally the unique position the Empire held in the world of today.

The third speech was presented by Dave Croft and was entitled "What the Empire Means to You". He began by pointing out that the hardships our ancestors underwent were not in vain because of the present extent of the Empire. Then he stressed that our Em-

pire, unlike that of the Romans, is held together by friendship and mutual understanding—"Its members are completely independent but they all find strength through unity under the British Flag." He gave a good illustration of this alliance in the Second World War—"When Britain declared War on Germany in 1939, the members of her Empire came immediately to her aid." He went on to say that the Empire is dependent upon everyone doing his share and stating that otherwise it cannot maintain its important position in the world. He concluded his address by telling us what we are to do to help the Empire maintain its position and power—"We must realize that we are no better than anyone else — that colour of skin and

language make no difference. We have a job to do in our school which will benefit our Empire as well as us and we must make a complete success of it. Remember that our success and the success of the Empire depend on us — the leaders of to-morrow!"

Each of the three speeches was expressed well and left us with a lot to think over about our great Empire. Graham Southwell, the School Vice-Captain, thanked the three boys for the trouble they had gone to to prepare their speeches and congratulated them on the success they had achieved in presenting them.

The ceremony was concluded with the National Anthem.

M. Colless.

ANZAC DAY

The Anzac ceremony was held in the School Memorial Hall on Friday, 22nd April. The guest speaker was Lt./Colonel J. P. O'Sullivan, Commanding Officer, Second Cadet Brigade, who inspected a guard of honour and was introduced to the prefects shortly after he arrived at the school at eleven o'clock. This was watched by the students from the balconies of their respective floors.

After a recess lasting twenty minutes, the school marched into the hall and the ceremony began with the usual School Song and Loyal Pledge. After a few remarks by the Chairman (Mr. Shaw), the two hymns, "The Recessional" and "O God Our Help" were sung. B. Spencer, a fifth year student read a short prayer.

Then followed a stirring address by Lt./Colonel O'Sullivan in which he gave us a brief summary of what happened on the first Anzac Day. He began by explaining why Gallipoli was attacked, namely to get through to Istanbul and take possession of the Narrows of Bosphorous, so that the allied fleets could enter the Black Sea and attack the enemy from behind.

He then showed that the venture was a failure, because the tide carried them south of the intended landing spot and there was no beach to fight on, but cliffs to climb with the enemy at the top.

Thus most of the soldiers were dead or wounded before they reached the top, and only isolated parties penetrated several miles into enemy territories. Yet some even caught sight of the distant Narrows, the desired goal, but

had to return because of lack of support. He remarked that several bitter campaigns were fought, e.g., Lone Pine, and also that the Turks suffered just as heavily as the allies, but, as they were fighting for their own territory, they fought desperately and gained a lot of respect from the allies. They finally withdrew from Turkey completely.

He concluded by expressing the thoughts which came to him when he saw the flag at the front of the school: how there were 7 points on the biggest star, one for each State and one for Australia, and how appropriate it was to place a Union Jack in one corner, reminding us of our allegiance to Britain.

At the end of this address, the hymn "Abide With Me," was sung. After this Mr. Shaw announced the "Ceremony of Remembrance," whereupon everyone stood and came to attention and a small Cadet guard of honour marched to the front of the Assembly, where it took the order "Slope Arms." Graham Fell then read "The Dead," a poem by Rupert Brooke and the Last Post was sounded. On the last note the guard came to "Rest on Arms Reversed" and one minute's silence was observed. Then another poem, "The Fallen" was recited by Warren Dutton, the guard came to "Present Arms" and "The Reveille" was sounded. The assembly was concluded with the National Anthem.

On that same afternoon, Mr. Horan took a group of boys whose fathers had been in the war to an Anzac Service in Hyde Park.

—M. C.



FORTIAN COMMITTEE.

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THE PREFECTS' DANCE

Although it was not as well attended as the "Fete" Dance, the 1955 Prefects' Dance provided an evening of enjoyment for all those who did attend. Indeed, without the presence of Fort Street girls, it would not have been a success. The catering was excellent, and under the capable supervision of Mr. Bohman as M.C., the dance ran smoothly.

A feature of the dance was that the Prefects sat in a group along the front of the Hall below the stage, instead of sitting at the back of the Hall as was usually the practice.

The orchestra was very good and provided excellent music.

—D.C.

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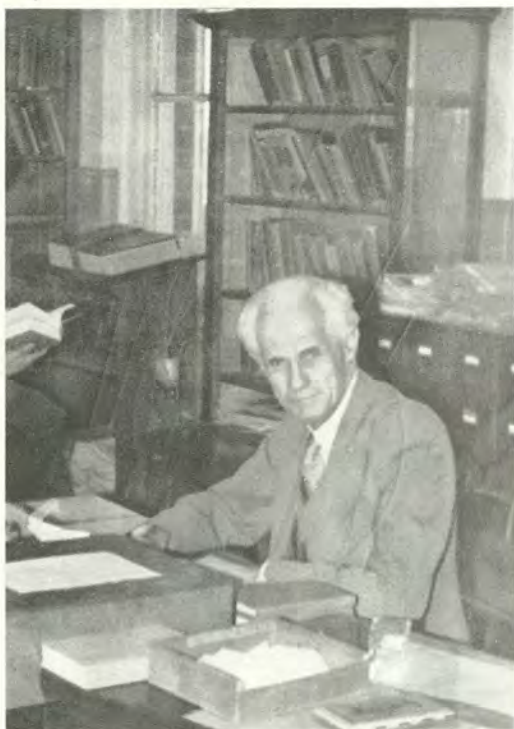
Congratulations to all the prize-winners. The standard was high, and your efforts show considerable skill. It is hoped that those who failed to win this year will try even harder next year, and accordingly, the standard will rise even higher.

—D. C.



"JACARANDA AVE., GRAFTON."

J. Bissell, 1C.
2nd Prize Scene.



"OUR LIBRARIAN."

R. Wright, 5B.
1st Prize — Character.



A CAT NAP YAWN.

R. G. Wright, 5B.
2nd prize — Character Study.



REFLECTIONS OF CLOUDS ON LAKE GEORGE.

S. Rajaratnam, 5th Year.
1st Prize — Scene.

“THE QUESTION”

The whited foam of yonder waves
As they are spent on our dear shore,
The azure blue of yonder sea,
The deep dark blue of summer's sky,
The deep rich red of yonder cloud
Above the golden setting sun,
In all its glory up above
To me is naught compared with thee,
The suntanned skin and deep brown eyes,
Thy pitch black hair and rose-red lips,
The loving bliss of thy sweet kiss,
Thy charm and ever-loving smile;
Thou angel of such love divine,
Be mine for evermore?
“Wilt thou?”

Ross Challoner, 4A.

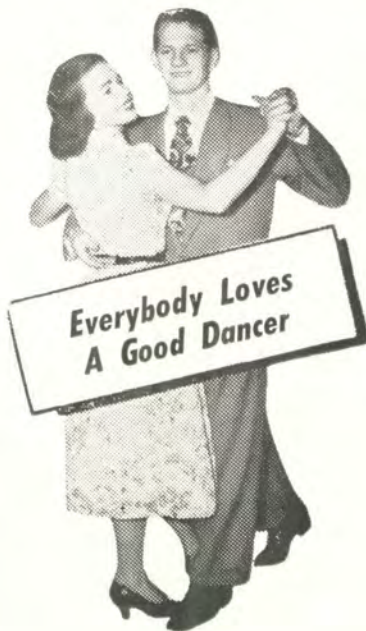
ON AEROPLANES

Winging onward through the sky,
Metal monsters swoop and dip,
Surging forward, soaring high,
Sunlight gleams on each wing tip.

Pounding, throbbing, in the wind,
Birds afrighted by the sound,
Yet in fascination pinned,
Wheeling downward to the ground.

Man dwarfed by the mighty wings
Stands and stares at what he sees.
In his head wild music rings,
Until at last the vision flees.

R. Millard, 2A.



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LITERARY SECTION

This section of any school magazine is always the most interesting not only to members of this school, but to all readers of our magazine.

The committee thanks all those who contributed articles, and congratulates those who won prizes or whose work merited inclusion. Nevertheless it is felt that from a school with the numbers and reputation of Fort Street the entries should be both more numerous and, excluding those published, of a higher standard.

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AWARDS

Verse.—Senior: G. Hill, 5A. Junior: C. Spencer, 3C.

Prose.—Senior: No Award. Junior: K. Wardrop, 2A.

Art.—Senior: P. Uhlherr, 4A. Junior: G. Cotis, 1E.

THE BORDER

The rain blew up along the River Weevil from the East; it turned to ice the bitter night, stung the asphalt walks and pitted the paint on the wooden seats. A constable came quietly by in his heavy rain-coat, gleaming like wet macadam, moving his lantern here and there in the dark spaces between the lamps.

The short dark man crouched shivering in the shadows, frost glistening upon his bushy moustache. Barely two hundred yards away a sentry-box marked the border between the Russian held sector of Berlin and the rest of the world. To the dark figure in the shadows, a political refugee, that sentry-box was the division between freedom and death.

Somewhere in the night a drunken voice lifted in a rather unmelodious lyric.

Little puffs of vapour spurted from his nostrils each time he breathed. The refugee clambered over a pile of war rubble, his heart thumping with the exertion. Not fifty feet away the Russian sentry rubbed his chilled fingers.

Only twenty yards to freedom . . . fifteen . . . twelve . . .

Suddenly a challenge rang through the night air. Without even looking back the refugee started to run, knowing that freedom was never to be his.

Two rifle shots rang out. On the second the man crumpled to the ground, clawing at the swirling snowflakes which had begun to fall. Another shot rang out. The refugee winced and then lay still.

The rain blew up along the River Weevil from the East . . .

K. Wardrop, 2A.

"TO EVENING"

When the slow cadence of day draws to its conclusion,

When night like a relentless stream rolls ever towards

Its quiet estuary, with ebb and flow, moving on
From light to darkness—we hear then no uproar

No hurried confusion, nothing but placid quietude.

No sounds disturb the beauties of the night:
The chevaliers in shining armour, as if in a mood

Of playfulness, fret the clouds with their gleaming light.

Like day, night too, with its soft, haunting melody

Fades away to a dawn of life and light.

A hustle now. Hurry, Hurry its time! Urgency
Creeps into our modern existence without a fight.

Would that the very quiet and peace of night
Were carried over to the speed of modern life.

Graham Hill, 5A.

RELIEF

The giant relentless hands of the pendulum clock moved slowly to the hour of four o'clock on a wet June morning. The room was lit only by four candles, which threw grotesque and eerie shadows on the surrounding walls; outside a clammy, misty fog enshrouded the towering city.

The sole occupant of the room, a neat, squat little man, glanced at the clock — 3.45 a.m. Fifteen minutes! At exactly four o'clock all he had to do was press that button on the wall, and the building would erupt with an explosion unequalled in that city. True, he would be striking a blow for his Cause, but he would also be killed.

At four o'clock exactly he pressed with a wet finger the small button of destruction.

He waited. The tension in the room was terrific. Even the four walls seemed to be closing, crushing in on him. To his ears came a faint whining sound, and then the elevator doors were thrown open and the lift-boy called:

"You rang, sir?"

Anger, surprise and then understanding lit the face of the would-be executor. He had pressed the wrong button! He had pressed the elevator button!

Suddenly he threw back his head and guffawed.

"Why, yes, I did. Ground floor, please."

As he stepped out of the lift he said brightly.

"Lovely morn, isn't it?"

Then the neat squat man walked out into the darkness.

G. McManus, 2D.

BUSH CALL

Softly, slowly, the shadows slipped by;
 The moon in its splendour rose into the sky,
 The dew, like a carpet of silvery sheen,
 Spread out its mantle and covered the green,
 The stars were cold pinpointsof light in the
 sky,
 The wind, in the gumtrees had started to sigh,
 When at dawn in the clearings where mopokes
 are found
 The spirits collected and gambolled around.

They mixed up the magic of rock, shrub and
 sea,
 Whose stark splendid beauty is awing to see,
 The magic of trees and the strange mountains
 tall,
 And in this they welded the bushland's strong
 call,
 The call of "tall grass" land and wide rolling
 plains
 That makes you return there again and again,
 And as the sun lifted the dark cloak of night,
 To a waterfall's music, the spirits took flight.

Colin Spencer, 3C.



P. Uhlherr (4A).

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THE POWER OF MUSIC

In all the arts there is some strange quality which fascinates the interested.

May I offer some advice to those who, finding that music has some power over them, would learn more about it. If you have never seen an opera, I would advise you to pay a very little sum to see one of the works to be performed at the Empire Theatre in the near future. If your pocket only allows for one visit, I would suggest that it be to Puccini's "Madam Butterfly", a very spectacular and grand work if this is performed as it should be. I think you will most certainly agree that it has a mystic power. At the magnificent "Love Duet", which brings to a close the first Act, if you close your eyes, so that you will not be distracted by the magnificent stage decor, you should experience a certain thrill as I did; and I will go so far as to say that the music brought tears to my eyes. Again at the soft and lovely "Humming Song", which ends Act II., you should be attracted by the same power.

On the other hand this sad and magnificent story might not be to your fancy. Then in that case, at the first opportunity, go to a performance of the operetta "Die Fleidermaus" by Johann Strauss. This is much lighter, but still has a power of its own.

Another form of music is ballet. There are two forms of ballet, classical ballet and modern ballet. The more enjoyable, I find, is classical ballet. Ballet music has a charm of its own and it seems even more beautiful when the grace of dancing meets the eye. The carefully planned steps of the choreographer, and the strenuous hours of practice by the soloists and corpe de ballet, with the rehearsals of the orchestra all come together to give and create a magnificent atmosphere. If, after you have been to the opera as I begged you previously, and you have enough money for one more visit, save it! Although you will be tempted to go to another presentation when you have heard the voice of the great Rine Malatrasi, save your money until the Borovansky Ballet comes to Sydney. They will perform at the Empire too, and I urge you to go and see the wonderful ballet by Adam, "Giselle." It has a very simple story, but simplicity makes it all the more lovable and the music is fantastically beautiful. I have seen the ballet six times, and I could see it another sixty times, because the power of the music casts a spell over me.

Modern Ballet is much more abstract, and if you had the chance to see "Los Tros Dioblos", you would see what I mean. In my opinion it has not as much atmosphere about it as the classical ballet of the Petipa school.

Then there is the symphony. This is a sonata for orchestra with all the elaboration and extension permitted by the larger resources. Josef Haydn was the father of the

sonata, and he established the form of the symphony. He, himself composed numerous symphonies, the most famous one being the Fifth Symphony or "The Surprise." Ludwig van Beethoven added a chorus to Haydn's form and thus established the choral symphony. Beethoven's famous Fifth Symphony and Ninth Symphony should be heard by the reader before he can form an opinion. The Symphony is probably the best loved of the Nine, because it is the most human in its qualities. When you hear it you imagine the struggle of an individual with fate, the alternations of hope and despair, and the final triumph. The Symphony IX. or the "Choral Symphony" is the last of the immortal group. It stands prominently among all the other works of its class by the combination of voices and instruments. This composition has in the final movement a magnificent choral work. The poem selected by Beethoven to be the text for this moving section was Schiller's "An die Fruede", the "Ode to Joy". The words have great power within them and are most enjoyable. The more recent compositions, such as the Symphony No. II. op. 40 by the contemporary English composer Malcolm Arnold are also interesting. The style of this is very original and the ease with which the composer surmounts the difficulty of symphonic writing is very pleasing. Although the music with its unusual harmony, is entirely different from the classical style, it has the power to invigorate an audience.

Another form of music is the choral form of writing. We mainly associate Johann Sebastian Bach with this style of music. The Chorales of Bach all have a deep religious atmosphere about them. If you have never heard one of Bach's works, next time (probably at Easter), a performance of either the "St. Matthew" or "St. John Passion", is given, go and listen to it. Many people who have drifted from the right way of life, have been inspired by these great works and have been welcomed back into the Church circle. At Christmas time I entreat you to pay a visit to the Sydney Town Hall, where every year a number of performances of Handel's great oratorio the "Messiah" are given. His great work never loses its charm although it is performed so regularly. The famous "Hallelujah Chorus" is perhaps the best known of all the anthems from this work. Another composition which is very beautiful is Handel's "Ode for St. Cecilia's Day".

Just as the artist with his brush paints life onto his canvas, just as the poet with his pen writes life onto blank pages, just as the actor with his voice speaks life into so many pages of lines; so does the musician write notes of joy and sadness, smiles and tears on a five line staff, giving us music which fills us with awe, and which has that mystic power which makes it so wonderful.

Richard G. Morphew, 5D.

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EDUCATION IN FRANCE AND AUSTRALIA

Although secondary education in France is somewhat different from that offered in Australia, it is obvious that pupils in both countries go to school without apprehension or fear and that they mostly enjoy the five or six years they spend in high school. Being only new to this country and to its schools but having spent all the years prior to my coming here in France, I now propose to make from my own experience a few comparisons of the life of a schoolboy in both countries.

The two major points of difference are the number of subjects studied in senior years and the way in which the leisure time is spent. First, the French pupil has a much wider choice of subjects from which he studies about seven or eight (mathematics counted as one), even though one of these may be optional at the Baccalauréat itself. This provides for a much more extensive education than the Australian boy acquires, with his five or six different subjects. Of course, the latter has time to make a deeper study of his topics, but I think that emphasis should be laid on the variety rather than on the intensive study of a few subjects during pre-university school years.

As for sport, the Australian has wonderful opportunities to participate in many sports and receive adequate training in the school itself. I can't remember this being the case in France where each school has only a very limited number of teams to represent it and where organised sport in general takes very little part in the school activities. Again, for social activities, Australian schools are much better provided and social functions of all sorts are common features throughout the year, but they are only rare occasions in France where the prize-giving day is just about the main event of the year. This is perhaps, due to the size of most French high schools which are often large institutions catering for a much greater number of boys than they do here. For this reason again, the boys themselves seldom, if ever, take part in organizations such as, for example, the making of a magazine like this one which is produced exclusively by the pupils.

Here in Australia, the school day is something that begins at nine o'clock and ends at three fifteen, and during that time, the boys do not leave the grounds for one moment and after a few years, they become an integral part of the institution. This is not the case in France, because there, the school day has a long break of two or three hours around noon, when the boys return to their families, forgetting all the adventures of the morning — the second part of the day is then much more lively than it is here and, especially during hot summer afternoons, pupils succeed far better than they do here in assuming a look of interest on their faces. But this long break for lunch, however desirable, is an impossibility for Australian city schools since these cities are so extended in area, whereas the French pupil can usually walk home from his school because of the concentration of the

cities. The Australian has to travel miles for the purpose and the waste of time would be too great. He therefore remains in the school for his leisure time becoming more attached to the place while the French enjoys a closer family life.

To sum up, the French boy gets a wider and somewhat stricter education while the Australian has a better opportunity to develop interests outside the curriculum.

P. Ansourian, 4A.

"LIFE"

Life is like a river stretching endlessly
From source to mouth, winding slowly
With a purpose through lush undergrowth
And o'er serene terrain, or wandering aim-
lessly

Its way through barren land and isolated
Wilderness, and half way through its course
It may meet another stream which shares
With it the icy winds and stony beds and
Loneliness. It may dry up through lack
Of rain or freeze to ice in cold and lifeless
Part; It may be friendly with everything
From smallest fish to giant tree.
And as it nears its end it dreams of
All the land it has traversed,
And all that is to come.

L. G. Cooper, 2A.

WAITING

The seconds ticked slowly by . . . David wiped the hot perspiration from his forehead, loosened his clothing and lay back in his warm blanket.

Every now and then, he would hear the sharp crack of the pistol shatter the night silence.

He kept asking himself why he was so nervous. He shouldn't be, he thought, other people had gone through much worse things than this. His stomach was churning. He felt sick. He had not eaten a thing for hours.

He huddled closer to the corner, and wrapping his blanket around him. He tried to sleep. But each time his head seemed to explode, as the pistol was fired!

Peering through the darkness, he could just see his other friends. Most of them were sleeping trying to forget what they had to face.

Then suddenly the loudspeaker in the room blared out eight names, one of which was David's . . . he rose slowly, and quietly walked to the door with the other men.

They were led outside. Huge lights blazed down on them. David's head throbbed. He put up his hand to shield his eyes from the glare.

They were all ordered to undress. Each man knew what was to happen . . .

David had only one bitter thought as they lined up: he was on the end, he had the worst position.

His heart was madly pumping the blood through his nerve-racked body, as the pistol was raised and fired!

David cut the water perfectly and came up swimming his easy powerful stroke — he was all right now — he felt good, so he settled down to swim his half mile — his first race!

Russell Carnell, 3A.



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ART SECTION

"THE TAJ MAHAL."

P. Uhlherr (4A).
1st Prize — Senior.



"THE OLD DIGGER."

G. Cotis (1E).
1st Prize — Junior.



"A STORM"

A leaf rustles and falls, a bird alights
And is gone. Only silence remains in that
Expectant spot. A silence not of the night,
No restful, sleepy silence, but as though a wild
cat

Stalking her prey were nearby pacing the
veldt.

For everything is waiting . . . watching . . .
for the lion to pounce.

The thunder roars, swells and dies back to
that silent

Hesitation. Again the leaves rustle restlessly
around.

Then quiet . . . a silver flash of light glitters,
And like a flare wanes and then is dead.

But silence no more. The wind whispers, then
falters,

Then rages howling through the leaves of
golden red.

And then the gentle rain drips slowly down,
And with its gentle touch peace soon is found.

Graham Hill, 5A.

DAWN REVEALS A LAKE

As the first rays of the tropic sun splashed
the eastern sky with gleaming gold and
turquoise, the thin miasma of mist which
hung over the placid waters of the silent lake
began to rise, revealing a number of things
that floated on its unruffled surface. A giant
water lily with thick, circular leaves, each as
large as a table, lay upon the calm diamond-
like substance, whilst over the snow-white
blossom a humming-bird, a living ruby with
an emerald breast, hung motionless on whirring
wings, its three-inch bill probing the
nectary for honey. A log, or what appeared to
be a log, had a curious trick of submerging
and reappearing in another place.

The lake became bathed in sunlight as
Apollo's great golden chariot swung across the
blue, and became the usual hive of activity,
as another day was born.

C. Lucas, 2D.

"AN EARLY MORNING DRAMA"

The rusty bells of the ancient town clock eerily chimed the hour of midnight, as a solitary figure, a constable, paced slowly along the deserted streets, moving his lantern here and there in the dark space between the lamps.

The gloomy shape of a large fort-like building loomed up in front of him through the mist. That the building was a gaol was announced by the dull, metal sign on the heavy iron gates. As the constable moved towards the archway a sharp challenge rang out. He grunted a reply and the gates clanged open, admitting him to what was obviously a courtyard. This was a broad, square area covered with cobblestones, which magnified the sound of the constable's footsteps as he walked briskly over to a rain-sodden stone building that led up to a sentry box on the wall. A few moments after the constable had disappeared from view a squad of soldiers, carrying their rifles at the slope, appeared through a stone archway and marched towards the far wall. Behind them marched a small detail of men, amongst whom was handcuffed a man. The main squad halted about 30 yards from the wall, but the detail marched on towards the rampart. The handcuffed man was placed unprotesting with his back against the wall and blindfolded. Having completed this task, the detail marched towards the archway, leaving the condemned man.

What seemed to be an eternity of time passed; then the officer in command of the firing squad gave his orders:

"Ready — aim — fire!"

A hail of bullets bit viciously into the hapless offender, whipping the blindfold from his sweat-stained face. He sank slowly to his knees, and then crumpled like a sack of potatoes to the ground.

Then the swirling mist blotted out the scene . . .

Russell Millard, 2A.

"IF ONLY . . ."

Jim Forrest was a mechanic at one of the large aircraft construction factories. The factory itself was a hive of activity, for a new jet fighter was in the final stages of assembly. At last, after months of research, checking the specifications, adjusting the various sections of the fuselage, the gleaming aircraft was brought in for a final check. This was where Jim fitted in. It was his job to check the fuel pipes of completed aircraft. He was proud of his advancement in the firm, for this was a responsible job, but, on this bright Spring morning, he found the job somewhat boring. It seemed to him that watching the erection of the recording instruments was much more interesting than checking fuel leads, so he made a hurried 'check' handed in a report that all the leads were connected, then rushed outside.

"Besides," he thought, "the construction gang wouldn't slap this together. They'd make sure everything was O.K."

Lunch was eaten quickly, as all the employees engaged on the new fighter's con-

struction were anxious to observe its performance. Paper work could surmise the 'plane's effectiveness, but flight would prove it.

The aircraft, settled low on the tarmac, its wings swept back at a sharp angle, and its blister-like cockpit reflecting the sun's rays, looked like a silver dragon. From out of the hangar office walked the test pilot, with several officials accompanying him. The pilot heaved himself into his seat, and slid the cockpit canopy closed. All was ready.

As its engines whined to a high-pitched crescendo of sound, the 'plane began to move. It gathered speed as it moved down the runway. Suddenly it shot upward, and its wheels folded up into the wings and nose. Several hundred eyes followed the wide arc it performed as it circled the field, then shot across the factory buildings. Four times it flew over the field, gathering speed at every pass. During the fifth pass, the double-boom reached the watchers' ears as it broke through the sound barrier. With the grace of an eagle in flight, it clawed upward into the blue dome of the sky, until it was only a far-distant speck. Then came the final test—a power dive.

Down, down, down hurtled the 'plane slicing the clouds aside like a knife. The watchers saw it scream into sight. Then it happened. As the fighter levelled out, a dull "whoosh" echoed round the field, and a streamer of flame spurted out from the 'plane. A second later, a shattering explosion smote the spectators' ears, and the wings dissolved into flying metal and wire. The fuselage of the 'plane hit the ground at well over 400 miles an hour, and disintegrated. There was very little left, other than a carpet of smouldering wreckage.

Jim turned away, horrified, but as he did, he overheard two other employees talking.

"Musta' been a fuel leak. Fred saw a 'plane do the same in the war. If only the officials 'ud check all the 'plane, instead o' just the engine.

Those words hit Jim with a terrific impact: "If only the officials would check all the plane!" They had not checked the fuel leads personally, but he should have, and did not. What would the outcome of the investigation be? He did not know, but he wondered.

G. Barnes, 3B.

NIGHT

Flocks of birds fly overhead,
Winging slowly home to bed.
With sleepy cries they flap their wings,
While far away a church bell rings.

Night folds her cloak o'er fields and streams,
And all the world sinks into dreams.
Deep in the wood, owls swoop about
Seeking mice, which venture out.

Soon no sound is to be heard,
As night embraces beast and bird.
And so the darkness holds its sway
Till dawn leads in the flushing day.

W. Beddes, 3C.

UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY

Rather than by spearing fish, a much surer way of proving your ability as a skin diver, is by taking underwater photographs.

For a start, a simple box-camera, with a push-button shutter, rather than a lever operation is quite suitable. Now to make it watertight. A plastic lunch box with a small hole through which the button is pushed has proved watertight. A balloon is cemented around the inside of the hole. Roughen the sides of the box with a coarse file around the join. This gives the plasticine sealing a better grip. The only trouble is that the plasticine must be removed after each snap to change the film.

Another method is with a piece of glass and some plastic lunch wrapping. The glass is circular and has a diameter of about one inch greater than the longest cross-sectional diagonal of the camera. The lunch wrapper is made into a cylinder about fifteen inches long and open at both ends. Its diameter is slightly larger than that of the glass. The seam is double folded, and stitched closely four or five times. Plenty of Tarzan's Grip is smeared over the seam to make it completely watertight. Now the glass is fitted in one end with a margin of about three quarters of an inch. It is stuck with Tarzan's Grip. There will be a lot of crinkles, but pressed flat and smothered with glue, they will be watertight. The camera is placed inside with the lens to the glass, of course. The plastic behind the camera is bunched together and tied in a knot. Bunched and tied tightly, there will be no leakage.

Now to take a picture. The camera is loaded with super XX film, for submarine light is not bright. The camera must be held very steady, so try to wedge yourself between two rocks. However, if you live at the beach or go there by car, you can take weights heavy enough to sink you. Divide these weights among a couple of helpers, and all swim out to the spot at which you wish to take a photograph. Take a deep breath and quickly hook these weights onto your belt. When you hit bottom, steady yourself and shoot. Then release sufficient weights to enable you to float again, and your friends can pick them up.

With a little practice, some excellent landscapes and action shots can be taken.

A final word of warning! Be sure that all the weights slip on and off the belt easily. There is no worse feeling than to be in twenty feet of water, gasping for air, and tearing off a weighted belt before you can reach the surface.

J. Nolan (4C).

A VISIT TO THE DURANBAH EXPERIMENTAL STATION

Just before entering "Oak Avenue" on the road to Brisbane from Murwillumbah you will find a turn-off with a sign which shows one word, "Cudgeen". The mileage is not there any more, it has been worn off by wind and storm. This road twists and turns for about three-quarters of a mile, then suddenly, from behind the lantana bush can be seen a panorama of the Tweed Valley from "Oak Avenue" to Tweed Heads. After passing this magnificent view the white gate of the Duranbah Experimental Farm comes into view.

On arriving, we were met by the officer in charge of the Experimental Station.

After a lecture on the gradual drop of banana prices and the decrease in "bunch top" disease over the past years and the increasing number of acres under bananas, we were conducted around the eight acre plot. As soon as we left the packing shed which had served as a lecture hall, someone turned on the irrigation and we were very nearly drenched. First we saw the bananas. We were shown the various sizes of the plants, the sexes of the bunches and the plastic bags.

These plastic bags are wrapped around the banana bunches and keep out pests, frost and also provide warm temperatures for the bananas to ripen in. These bags along with other inventions now commonly used, originated at Duranbah. They are now experimenting to find which are the best, red, green or blue plastic bags.

A method of pest control was this. When the banana plant has borne fruit it is cut down and the "suckers" which have grown at the bottom allowed to grow. It is not completely cut down but left about a foot high. Then another six inches is cut off. This is put aside while pest killer is put on the remaining stem, then the top part is put on again. The pests get onto the killer but can't get out and are killed.

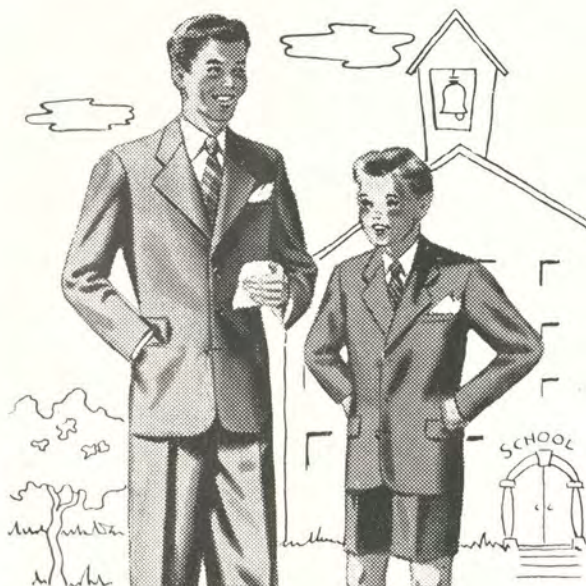
Paw paws, pineapples, hemp, mangoes, avocado pears and monstero deliciosas are also grown at Duranbah.

The inspection complete, we went back to the packing shed and were given a "hand" of bananas each and instructions on the date of the next field day.

The field day was organised by the Tweed Valley Carnival Committee which also organised scenic tours, visits to the Condong sugar mill, a dairy farm, the T.A.M.C.O. rutile works at Kingscliff and a procession. This was the Carnival's first year and it is hoped to make it an annual event.

Graham C. Eglinton, 1A.

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FORT STREET CADET UNIT

The object of cadet training is to give a foundation in military knowledge and discipline and to provide future leaders by developing in them self-confidence and self-respect. They learn to control themselves and others and to develop a sense of citizenship and patriotism. A student at an educational establishment (where a cadet unit has been formed) may join provided he reaches 14 years of age in the year he joins and has attained a minimum height of 4 ft. 9 ins. Fort St. needs at least fifty conscientious recruits to bring the Unit up to strength.

We have completed a year of valuable training and a high standard of efficiency has been attained — thanks to the co-operation of the C.U.O.S. and N.C.O.'s. Special tuition was carried out by W.O.2 McLaughlin at the range practices on the Thursday afternoons and every cadet was shown how to use the .22 Rifle accurately.

The Annual Camp was held at Singleton and 100 cadets attended. The training was continuous and the weather was favourable for

outdoor work with the exception of the night manoeuvre when thunder and lightning brought to a sudden end a battle of major tactics at 2100 hours. The meals were enjoyed by all. A special liking for the "Camp Pie" in its various disguises was a feature of the Fort St. Unit.

The following cadets qualified at the Instructional School, Holdsworth in May.

L/Cpl. J. Bourke, M.M.G.

L/Cpl. I. Hume, Signals.

L/Cpl. A. Wood, Signals.

L/Cpl. A. T. Crapp, 3 inch mortar.

L/Cpl. H. Penrin, 3 inch mortar.

Congratulations to Sgt. W. Ashby, Cpl. J. D. Evans, Cpl. J. C. H. P. Gordon, Cpl. W. R. Hamilton and Cpl. A. R. Thomas on their selection to attend the P.O. Course at Singleton, Dec. 55.

A very impressive scene was witnessed at the Anzac Day Parade in the School Memorial Hall when Colonel J. P. O'Sullivan, M.B.O.,

delivered an inspiring address. The scene was solemn when the "Last Post" was sounded and the special guard came to "Rest on Arms Reversed". As the flags drooped all heads bowed low in reverence for those who had fallen in two great world wars. The silence was broken by the shrill sound of the "Reveille" as the flags were raised by the gloved hands of the C.U.O.S. A memorable ceremony was brought to a close as the guard and flag party marched off.

On October 27th a Ceremonial Parade was held at the school. Lt. Colonel J. L. A. Kelly, D.S.O., took the salute and inspected the Unit. The following cadets received cups:

C.U.O., R. K. McGregor — the best C.U.O. for the year.

C.S.M., R. B. Clements — outstanding work for the Unit.

Cadet Cottam — best marksman for the year.

Cadet W. Allen — the most improved cadet in Signals.

Cadet G. O. Barnes — the most improved cadet in Plat. I.

Cadet R. L. Walton — the most improved cadet in Plat. II.

Cadet S. G. Kitching — the most improved cadet in Plat. III.

Certificates of efficiency were presented to the retiring C.U.O.S., Sergeants and Corporals.

Thanks to Capt. Silcox and the staff of No. 8 Cadet Bn. who looked after the interests of the Unit during the year. We are especially grateful to W.O.2 McLaughlin for his outstanding work as an instructor — we lost him just before the Annual Camp. He is doing the S.M. Course and we hope to have him with us again next year. We are grateful to Captain Crawford for the C.B.C. St. Mary's Band on the Passing Out Parade. Thanks to all those interested in the Unit for a successful year.



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CADET CAMP

The camp this year was held at Singleton, this meaning quite a long train journey; to be exact, 4½ hours to get there and 5 hours to come back. Unfortunately our instructor, W.O.2. McLaughlin, was not able to attend so the instruction was all (?) done by our officers. Our one, and only, night manoeuvre was marred by torrential rain, but like good soldiers, or Fortians, we continued on through all the mud, slush and blanks. Most of the other nights were all spent clustered around a movie screen seeing such films as "On Moonlight Bay" or some other "thriller!"

Most cadets had experience in both attack and defence in our mock battles. Unfortunately our supply of blanks was limited so they were reserved for our two main attacks, namely our night manoeuvre and the "big show" held on Monday. However, there were many "blankless" battles held by the various platoons.

There was a field firing demonstration which we marched to in the short time of 80 minutes. On the way back we took a short cut and saved three-quarters of an hour. Among

the more interesting demonstrations were those of the bren gun carrier, the "Staghound" scout car and the firing of the bren from the hip.

The cadets themselves fired the bren gun while the corporals and higher N.C.o's fired the Owen gun, much to the consternation of the cadets who were looking on. *

The food was good, compared with that which we had last time we were at Singleton, but quite a few people disliked the apparent excess of (ugh!!) Camp Pie, which we had, at an average, of once every three meals.

On the Sunday afternoon the unit visited Singleton itself, a visit which everyone, and especially the milk bar owners, enjoyed. While waiting for the trucks to deliver us back to camp we acted as a constant source of humour for two girls who gazed down on our ranks from a window above the shop opposite us.

From this brief account, for it would take pages to give a detailed one, it can be seen that the 1955 Camp at Singleton was one which was enjoyed by all who attended it. I hope !!

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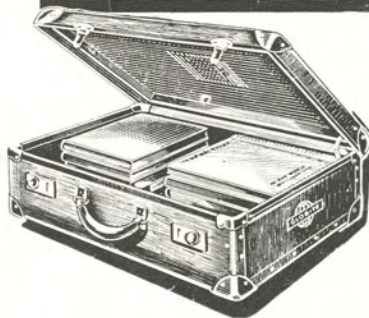
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SPORTSMASTER'S REPORT

This year has been a very pleasant year in the realm of sport. The coaches had the confidence of their teams and a true spirit of sportsmanship seemed to pervade the school. The fifth year students set the example and the rest of the school fell into line — congratulations Fort Street, on a successful year.

The 1st XV were a credit to the school and just missed out on the premiership by a few points. They beat the winning team (S.H.S.) early in the season and had a record number of players in the C.H.S. Team. The Sixth Grade are to be commended on their improvement during the season. The first XI have won their Zone and we wish them the best of luck in the Zone finals. The Second XI, Third XI, Fifth XI and Sixth XI got close to winning their Zone and are to be congratulated on their fine display during the season.

C.H.S. Football Representation, 1955: D. Lindsay, A. Milton, G. Southwell, W. Dutton, R. Wright.

C.H.S. Cricket Representation, 1955: G. Southwell, R. Hales, A. Rayner.

School Blues for 1955:

Football: D. Lindsay, A. Milton, G. Stewart, G. Southwell, W. Dutton, A. Rayner, R. Wright.

Cricket: G. Southwell, R. Hales, A. Rayner, R. Wright.

Water Polo: P. Jackson, D. Lindsay, B. Baker.

Swimming: D. Lindsay, K. Webber.

Athletics: S. Rajaratnam, P. Hiob.

Basketball: D. Yue, R. Chan, J. Roberts.

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

Constable Freeman conducted the Junior Referee's Course and the following candidates obtained their badges: L. Barnard, R. Spencer, D. Watt and J. Fiander. These boys did splendid work in the house games and in refereeing the inter-school class games. When a boy goes on the field wearing his Junior Referee Badge, he demands the co-operation and respect of his fellow-students.

A minor competition was run between Homebush, Canterbury, North Sydney and Fort Street, in football. The Captains of the Fort Street teams were outstanding in managing their teams and a very happy football season resulted. We need football jerseys for the house teams and let us hope something will be done in this respect for the 1956 season.

I wish to thank the Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster, and Staff for their assistance during the year and with the co-operation of the boys we had a very pleasant year.

D. O'Sullivan, Sportsmaster.

	Christmas House	Kilgour House	Mearns House	Williams House	
THE FRANK AUSTIN MEMORIAL CUP (Athletics)	211	240	143	104	Kilgour House
THE HANNAN MEMORIAL CUP (Aquatics)					
Swimming	125	86	81	92	
Water Polo	176	66	88	132	
Life Saving	54	52	51	60	
TOTAL	355	204	220	284	Christmas House
THE LADIES' COMMITTEE (Cricket)	1040	1081	970	731	Kilgour House
THE OLD BOYS' RUGBY CUP	2250	1970	2145	1936	Christmas House
THE R. L. HEAD MEMORIAL CUP (Tennis)	342	428	360	230	Kilgour House
THE ROSE CUP (All Sport)—					
Athletics	18.1	20.6	12.3	9.0	
Aquatics	33.4	19.2	20.7	26.7	
Football	43.4	38.0	41.3	37.3	
Cricket	40.8	42.4	38.1	28.7	
Tennis	7.5	9.2	7.9	5.4	
TOTAL	143.2	129.4	120.3	107.1	Christmas House
THE LODGE FORTIAN CUP (Four Major Sports)	135.7	120.2	112.4	101.7	Christmas House



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HOUSE REPORTS

CHRISTMAS HOUSE

Although Christmas House did not have a year of outstanding successes this year, we have held our own with the other houses.

The house well deserves congratulations for its sheer enthusiasm and constant hard work, without which it would not have attained its present standard — a tribute to its own team work.

Our major success this year was the winning of the Swimming Carnival which was held under very adverse conditions. Competition was keen and thanks go to Wayne Ashby, Russell Cornell, Warren Barr, Jim Copson and Ian Anderson, who were our main point-scorers. On the water polo side, our only first grade representative, Brent Baker, kept Christmas' name in the team. More members appeared in the lower grades.

In the 1st XV, Dave Cash, Bruce Bond and Peter Anderson played their best for the house as well as for the school. The lower grades, however, had more than their fair share of Christmas House members. Players of house football acquitted themselves and played hard to gain their well-deserved wins.

The House Cricket Competition although unfinished shows some promise for Christmas. The 1st XI was another grade team in which there was only one Christmas player — John Barras. We'll have to do better in future, Christmas!

In the athletics carnival this year Christmas provided strong competition and it was not until the end of the day that the winners pulled ahead in the point score leaving Christmas second. Congratulations, Kilgour! And congratulations to Warwick Allen, Bruce Bond, Robert Chambers, our main point scorers, and also to Dave Barsley, the Junior Champion of the School.

Representing us in first-grade tennis were Brent Baker and Kevin Cooper making half the team.

All other spheres of activity in the school had quite a sprinkling of Christmas House members. Thanks to all those who represented us in basketball, debating, chess and the school choir.

We are also greatly indebted to Mr. Bohman, our House-Master, Dave Cash, Richard Campbell and Robert Cooksey for their incessant valuable support and enthusiasm.

And so to all Christmas House members I would say that this year has been good—let's make next year better!

—Malcolm Biddlecombe (House Captain).

KILGOUR HOUSE REPORT

This year Kilgour House was quite successful, winning the Athletic Carnival by a good margin, and making a good showing in those events which were swum at the Swimming Carnival.

Our win in the Athletic Carnival was brought about not so much by the superiority of our individual athletes, as by the superiority of our team spirit. We excelled in the team events; gaining the majority of the placings in the house relays, and winning more than our share of the tug-o-wars. Graham Fell, Kilgour House vice-captain was the Senior Champion this year.

Football: Five Kilgour boys played throughout the season in the 1st XV; they were: R. Hales, P. Jackson, M. Johnson and W. Dutton. One member of Kilgour represented the School in the C.H.S. team. We were also well represented in the lower grades. There was no house competition this year, but members of Kilgour House were prominent in the minor competition against other schools.

Cricket: Kilgour had three players in the 1st XI: D. Dunne, R. Hales and J. Halliday, and a good percentage of the players in the lower grades were Kilgour members. The house competition has not yet been completed, so no results can be given.

Tennis: Kilgour House representatives in the First Grade were G. Fell and D. Dunne. Many of the players in the lower grades were from Kilgour also. The boys in the house competition did well.

Water Polo: Peter Jackson was the only member of Kilgour House with the First Grade team this year, but we had quite a few players in other grades who will, no doubt, win a place in the Firsts next year.

The boys of Kilgour House would like to thank Mr. Dasey most sincerely for his very willing and often much needed assistance and guidance.

In conclusion, I want to thank each and every boy of Kilgour House for the co-operation he has given Graham Fell and myself thus making this year such a happy and successful one for us all. You have only to maintain the house spirit and sportsmanship you showed this year and you will never be very far from the top. However, to merely maintain it, is not enough, you must always try to improve it.

W. Dutton, House Captain.

MEARNS HOUSE REPORT

Members of Mearns House can feel very pleased with themselves this year, because, although unsuccessful in the athletic and swimming carnivals, we have excelled in sportsmanship and courage. Most pleasing of all, a tremendous increase in house spirit was very noticeable and gratifying to myself and all concerned with the well-being of our house. I feel sure that if this spirit continues to increase, highest honour and glory must come our way.

Remember, public honours may be bestowed upon the winner, but an even greater satisfaction may be obtained by the courageous fellow who, although unsuccessful, does his best.

Our football and cricket teams are shining in the current competitions, and, although the results are not yet finalised, results to date point to a very pleasing outcome.

The school's first fifteen contained a large percentage of Mearns members. Lindsay (Captain), McGregor, Parker, Lawson, Milton and Rayner were selected, and of these, Lindsay and Milton gained first grade C.H.S. honours.

Rayner and O'Malley were our representatives in 1st grade cricket, with Rayner being selected in C.H.S. first XI.

Lindsay, Lackenby and McQueen have held our banner well in first grade water polo.

Hope runs high for the future when we note the large number of our men included in the lower grades.

Heartiest congratulations to all these boys, and may we see even greater numbers in the school teams in future years.

On behalf of the entire house I would like to thank Mr. Ford, who acted so ably as House Master, and whose keen interest and enthusiasm made such a difference at the carnivals and house meetings.

A special word of thanks to Robert McGregor, who was our greatly respected vice-captain.

Last, but not least, thanks to all the Prefects and boys who helped the house in any way. Their efforts were greatly appreciated.

In conclusion, a word to the few who consider the athletic and swimming carnivals as a good opportunity for a day at home. Even if you do not compete in the events, go along and cheer till you are hoarse for Mearns House. Show the other houses exactly what house spirit can do.

Good luck, Mearns, and keep trying.

Garry Parker, House Captain.

WILLIAMS HOUSE REPORT

Although not excelling in any sport, Williams House sustained a good standard of sportsmanship throughout the year and was a force to be contended with in all activities. The re-allocation of students into Houses left Williams deficient in athletes and the job of maintaining Williams' standard in the field of sport fell on a few.

A good overall effort brought us very close to Christmas House in securing second place

in the Annual Swimming Carnival. Our swimmers swam in consistent rain gaining a deal of minor places with points for the House. Keith Webber was outstanding and honoured the House by being co-senior champion.

The House football competition proved Williams hard to beat and the cricket at the time of writing being unfinished cannot be commented on.

Athletics proved disastrous for the House as it fell into last position. However, thanks to John Read, the under 14 years of age champion, for compiling a good number of points in our small total. Our congratulations also on his performance at the C.H.S. carnival.

Williams had a fair sprinkling of members in grade teams, Graham Southwell being successful in gaining C.H.S. 1st grade representative honours in both cricket and rugby. He captained the C.H.S. XI. Bob Wright played for the C.H.S. 2nd XV. and Arthur Rayner gained selection in the C.H.S. XI.

My thanks to House Patron Mr. Horan who gave his valuable time to aid us greatly, and to Brian Spencer our Vice-Captain who did grand work.

Only a little more effort and a little more eagerness in coming forward with your services, house-mates, and Williams House will again as last year be the Premier House, ever following our motto—

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Gordon Stewart, House Captain.

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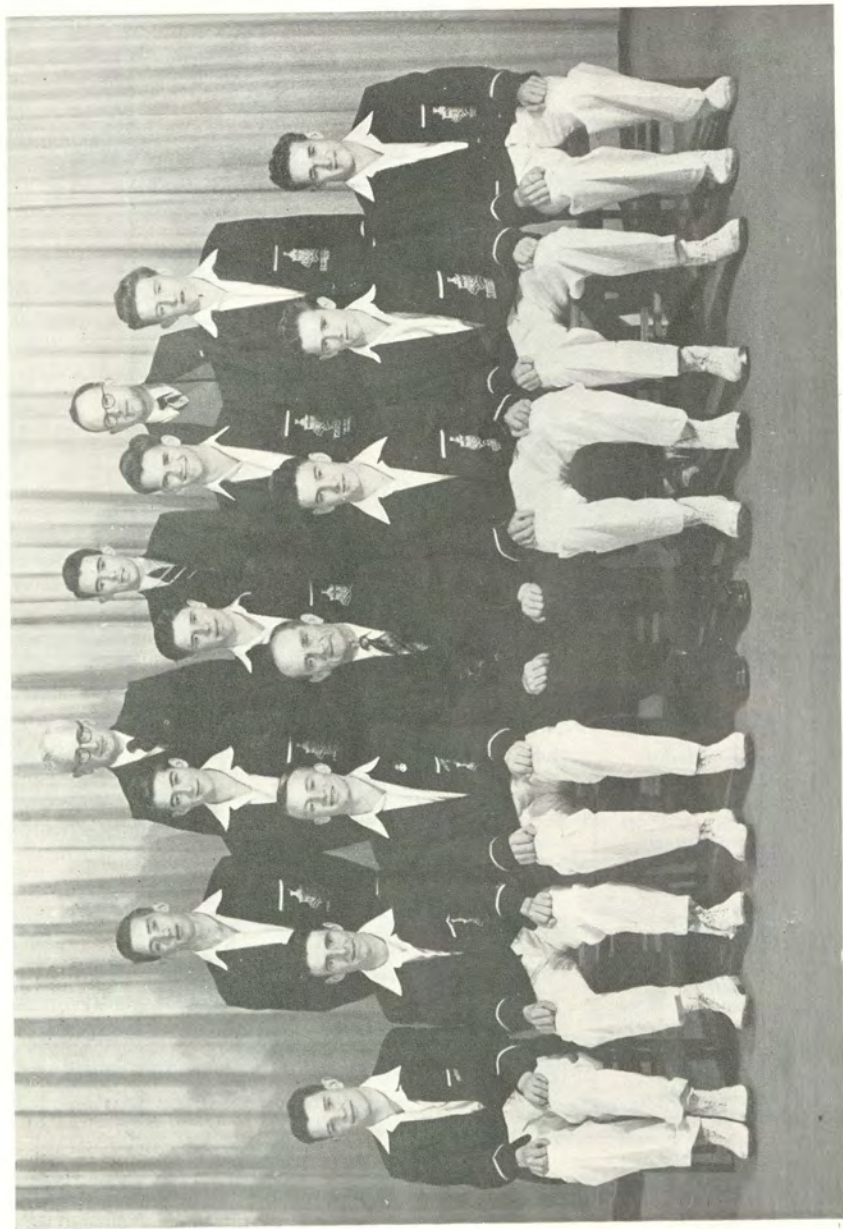
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FIRST GRADE CRICKET.

Back Row: Mr. D. O'Sullivan, G. J. Atkin, Mr. K. Cunningham,
Middle Row: D. Dunne, T. Trinder, J. Halliday, R. Wright, D. O'Malley,
Front Row: D. Short, J. Barras, G. Southwell (Capt.), Mr. G. Shaw, R. Hales, A. Rayner,
D. Barsley.

CRICKET

FIRST-GRADE CRICKET REPORT

The First XI is captained by G. Southwell, and the Vice-Captain is R. Hales, both of whom have batted very well.

Special mention must be made of Rayner and Trinder, our two slow spinners, who are mainly responsible for the cheap dismissals of our opponents. Rayner has taken the phenomenal number of 29 wickets in three matches at an average of 5.2 runs each. R. Wright, the wicket-keeper, has ably assisted the slow bowlers and has featured in 17 dismissals so far. Unfortunately Rayner injured his bowling arm during the off-season.

A brief resume of the matches is given below:—

Fort Street 5-167 dec. (G. Southwell, 41; R. Hales, 36; J. Barras, 30; D. Short, 30; A. Rayner 20 n.o.) defeated Canterbury 96 (A. Rayner 6-33) and 4-90 (R. Hales 1-4) on the first innings by 71 runs.

Fort Street drew with Hurlstone (no play due to rain).

Fort Street 6-121 decl. (R. Hales, 56; G. Southwell, 49) and 0-6 defeated Parramatta, 64 (A. Rayner, 5-24) and 62 (A. Rayner, 4-18) outright by 10 wickets.

Fort Street 3-102 decl. (R. Hales, 53; G. Southwell, 26) and 0-12 defeated Penrith, 44 (A. Rayner, 7-19; D. Barsley, 3-11) and 69 (A. Rayner, 6-28; R. Hales, 3-7) outright by 10 wickets.

The School is particularly lucky in having such a neat and accurate scorer as G. Atkin, whose score-sheets were admired by officials of the N.S.W.C.A.

If Fort Street does not lose to Homebush, the Firsts will be the winner of the Western Zone and will play the winner of the Eastern Zone in the final.

SECOND GRADE CRICKET

After completing the first four rounds of the competition the second eleven is in third position, behind Canterbury and Homebush.

After a shaky beginning, the team soon settled down and, although there were no really outstanding cricketers they developed an excellent team-spirit, thus becoming a formidable combination.

The team consisted of B. Bond (captain), G. Parker (vice-captain), W. Saxby, G. Fortescue, M. Wolsey, A. Milton, R. Barnes, J. Irvine, W. Dutton, G. Fell, P. Pinnock, B. Munro, R. Clements and L. Madden.

Owing to wet weather, the seconds had no practice before the first match. This resulted in a batting collapse in the first innings against Canterbury. This could not be regained, and Canterbury won on the first innings, the scores being Canterbury 7 for 105 and 2 for 16 defeated Fort Street, 41 and 108. Saxby was our only batsman to strike form, scoring 23 not out and 64 (including a 6) in two dashing innings.

The second match, against Hurlstone, was washed out on both days.

In the game against Parramatta, Fort St. played much better to win outright, scores being Fort St., 96 and 2-19 defeated Parramatta, 56 and 56. Milton dominated the bowling in this match, taking 9 for 26 and 5 for 27. Parker 30, and Bond 29, were the most successful batsmen.

Another outright win was recorded against Penrith. Scores being Fort St., 101 (Fortescue, 40) defeated Penrith 39 and 25 (Wolsey 5 for 11; Pinnock, 4 for 3; and Milton 4 for 9).

All members played keenly and the fielding was always excellent.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mr. Duncan for his helpful assistance as coach, also Barry Macarthur for acting as scorer.

THIRD-GRADE CRICKET.

The following boys played in the 3rd Grade team during the season: McGregor (Capt.), Barnes, Bennett, Cash, Clements, Court, Elder, Ellen, Fell, Fortescue, Griffiths, Gordon, Hinshelwood, Madden, Pinnock, Shailer, Speight, Travers, Winter, Worrall.

The most exciting match of the season was the match against Homebush. Fort St. had to win this match to win the zone competition. Homebush were the winners by four runs.

The team lacked good opening batsmen, after the promotion of Barnes and Fortescue to second grade. Whenever runs were needed, however, there were always boys to score them. Bennett, Griffiths, Gordon and Fell, all scored well.

Pinnock, Court, Travers and Speight were successful in obtaining many wickets.

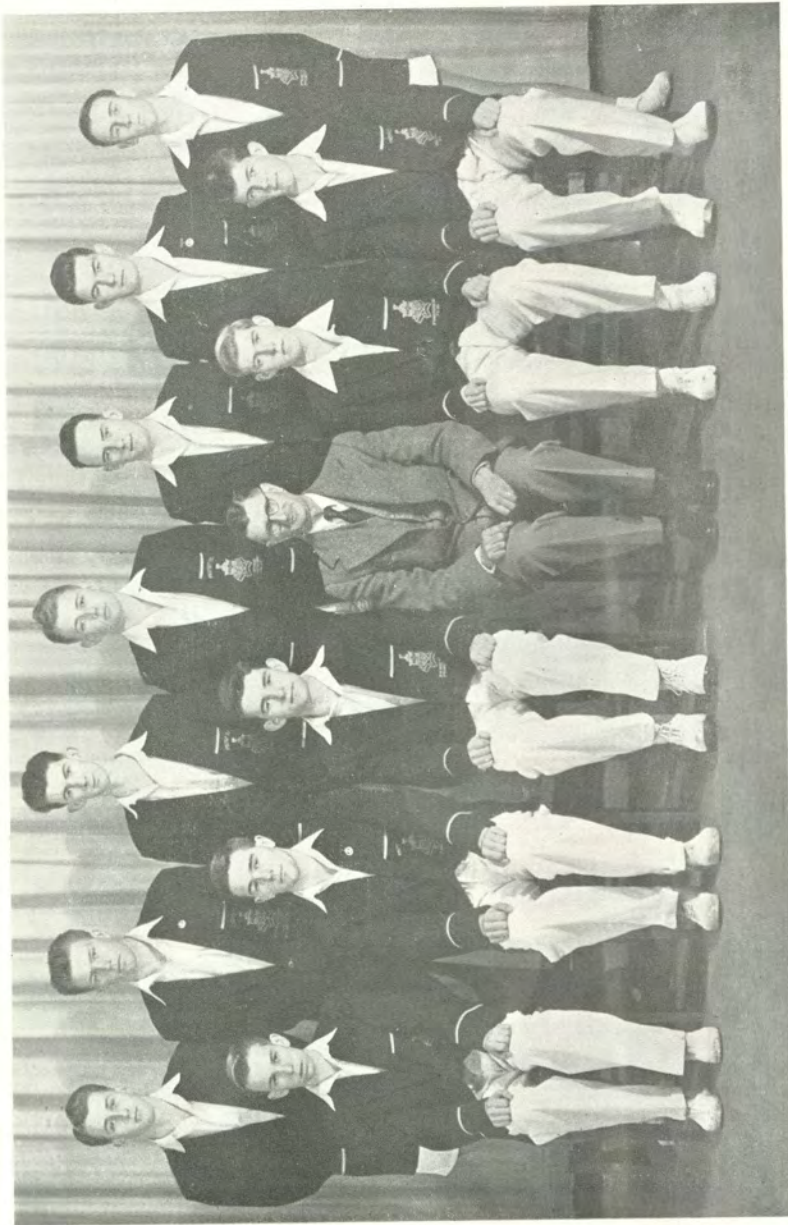
The high place in the zone competition obtained by the team was due to the keenness, enthusiasm and sportsmanship of all its members. E.M.

FOURTH GRADE CRICKET

Of the three matches played this year Fort Street has won one and lost two. All games have been decided on the first innings. The team, with the return to two-day matches, has this year given an all-round improved performance. In the final match the determined effort made by the team in compiling a total of 170 was most commendable. This was by far the best "team" effort.

The best of the year's performances have been Bevan 91 (against Homebush), Murray 53, Bass 28, Murray 3-3, Fisher 3-5 (against Parramatta), and Devine 4-11, Rayner 4-12 (against Canterbury).

The team has consisted of the following players: Fisher (Captain), Murray (vice-Captain), Rayner, Bass, Bevan, Devine, Chandler, Shelton, Robinson, Ritter, Flippence, Fairweather, Atkin, Williams, Howlett and Barrett.



2nd GRADE CRICKET.

Back Row: J. Irvine, A. Milton, B. Munro, G. Fortescue, W. Saxby, W. Dutton, P. Pinnock,
Front Row: R. Barnes, G. Parker, B. Bond, Mr. A. Duncan (Coach), K. Murphy, M. Wolsey.



5th GRADE CRICKET.

Back Row: J. Adam, J. Hopkins, J. Anderson, D. Keys, J. Irvine.
Front Row: D. Day, G. Hamilton, N. Jones, K. Hurst (Coach), R. Chambers, R. Millard, B. Flood.

5TH GRADE CRICKET

To date 5th Grade has had a most successful season. Undefeated during the first half of the season, they have now qualified to meet their equal co-leaders Homebush, in the final of the Western Zone — the winner of this match will meet the winner of the Eastern Zone in the final.

This group has moulded into a real team, rather than as a group of outstanding individuals. Nevertheless batsmen such as Hopkins, Flood and Keys show considerable ability, while the bowling of Chambers, Hamilton, Flood and Irvine shows promise of class.

The team's coach is well pleased with both the loyalty of the team and their attention to practice. K.H.

CRICKET SIXTH GRADE

Members of this team were—G. Cole (Capt.), G. Englefield (V.-Capt.), J. Austin, J. Church, J. Cosgrove, R. Edwards, R. Gibson, G. Halcomb, G. Henderson, G. Hurst, K. Jeffrey, N. McCarthy, K. Mullette, J. Parker.

At the time of writing, 6th Grade has only played two matches, the third against Hurlstone being abandoned owing to rain.

In the first game against Canterbury which was only set down for one afternoon, we were beaten on the 1st innings by the narrow margin of 6 runs. The team gave a very

scratchy performance as this was the first time they had played together.

By the time we met Penrith, we had had time to select a rather good team. Our bowlers had the opposition in trouble, dismissing them



for 33 and 35 in reply to our 56 and 4 for 59. Best bowling figures were obtained by G. Cole (6 for 5), R. Edwards (6 for 13), and G. Halcomb (6 for 13). Top scorer in each innings was the opener, R. Gibson with 16 and 24.

The players are to be commended for their excellent team spirit and enthusiasm throughout the season. They have learnt many points from this year's competition and should be an asset to the School in the future.



1st GRADE FOOTBALL.

Back Row: G. Parker, W. Dutton, W. Lawson, M. Johnston, R. Hales
Middle Row: Mr. O'Sullivan (Sportsmaster), A. Rayner, B. Bond, P. Anderson, P. Strauss, D. Cash,
P. Jackson, Mr. G. Rohman (Coach)
Front Row: R. Macgregor, G. Southwell, Milton, Mr. G. Shaw (Headmaster), D. Lindsay (Capt.),
G. Stewart, R. Wright.

FOOTBALL

FIRST GRADE FOOTBALL

The First Grade had a successful and very enjoyable season. It came third in the competition and had the distinction of being the only team to defeat Sydney High (14-3), the eventual winners. With a little good fortune we might have won the competition. More important, the Fort St. players have had a season full of strenuous competition and enjoyable companionship. They acquitted themselves with credit on and off the field and were a splendid advertisement for their school. Seven of the players were selected to try out for representative honours and five of them were selected for the Combined High School teams which played the Royal Military College at Duntroon and the Associated Schools.

Much of the credit for the success and sportsmanship of the team goes to its captain, David Lindsay who ably led his team, inspired them, held them together and made them a happy co-operative unit. Deservedly he was selected in the C.H.S. First Team. Lindsay did not miss a grade match in five years at school and played two years in the First Grade. He was an untiring breakaway, equally good in offence and defence.

Arnold Milton, also in his second year in the First Grade was a C.H.S. First Grade representative. A spectacular player, he showed just how the position of roving lock should be played. He saved his side on innumerable occasions.

Graham Southwell, the full-back also played for the C.H.S. First Grade. His safe handling and intelligent line kicking gave the team confidence in their last line of defence.

Bobbie Wright was 5/8th for C.H.S. Seconds. Throughout the season he was an intelligent five-eighth not always well supported by his back line.

Warren Dutton, two years in First Grade, won selection for the C.H.S. A good forward, he played harder and more determinedly in the second half of every game.

Art. Rayner was unlucky to miss C.H.S. selection. His passing from the scrum was quick, accurate and reliable.

Gordon Stewart had to play on the centres though probably better as breakaway. He was unfortunate in his injuries and unlucky to miss selection, but when in form was a dashing attacker.

David Cash won his place on the wing when Stewart was injured during the Sydney High match. He scored a try and then by his strong tackling and running kept his place in the tea.

Micky Johnston, though not as constant as he used to be, was at his best a good tackler and likely to score.

Ron Hales on the other wing did not quite fulfil the hopes we had in him, but neverthe-

less he never let his side down and earned his constant place.

Robert McGregor was a splendid hooker. His pessimism was dampening at times but it did not affect his play. Though small he played as though he were mighty and for sheer determination must be applauded.

Peter Strauss, a new recruit, was a solid prop. once he had conquered his desire to mix it. We were glad to have his cheerful company.

Bill Lawson, popular second rower, invaluable in line-outs, found in his last year what football really was. We badly wanted him to score a try but he often just missed, though he tried very hard.

"Chesty" Bond our most prolific scorer, was invaluable as a goal keeper and always liable to score himself. He should be good next year.

Peter Anderson and Peter Jackson did not play in the firsts as frequently as the others but it was not through lack of real talent. Anderson should be a great advantage to next year's team. Jackson is a utility player, who could not disgrace himself in any position.

This was a good team. While we hope its members will pass the L.C. we'd be happy to have them in First Grade again.

The team would like to thank Mr. Bohman for a very pleasant and enjoyable season. Most of the team has been coached by him for more than one year, several for five, and we consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have been associated with him on the football field. No sufficient praise of his coaching efforts may be made in the limited space of the magazine, as the overall result may not be obtained until the boys have entered District Football which most will do next year.

SECOND GRADE FOOTBALL TEAM

Although this team was not amongst the leaders in the competition, the standard of football was considerably high with the team playing its best football against the better teams. However, the team enjoyed the season's football and coaching of Mr. Reichenbach. The forwards caused many defeats through the failure in keeping up on the ball and rucking. The backs combined fairly well but did not shine because of the forwards' downfall.

Comments on players:—

Props: J. Holder and P. Webb rucked well.
Hooker: E. Laurie was "tough" and won his share of the scrums.

Second Rows: M. Biddlecombe and W. Saxby added weight to the scrum.

Lock: R. Dring as vice-captain cover defended well.

Breakaways: P. Pinnock and W. Ashby tried hard.

Half: Bradshaw fed the backline and tackled with determination.

Five-eighth and Captain J. Evans played well in patches.

Inside Centre: MacQueen ran strongly and was a gem in defence.

Outside Centre: R. Soutar found many openings and handled well.

Left Wing: B. Jones was hard to stop but found it hard to stop others.

Right Wing: E. Rosen handled well and ran hard—tackling could improve.

Full-back: D. Short had a strong kick and could be depended on in defence at all times.

The team would like to thank coach Mr. P. Reichenbach, whose keenness and able coaching was an inspiration to the team.

—J. Evans and R. Dring.

THIRD GRADE FOOTBALL

Although 3rd Grade did not finish well up in the competition table it acquitted itself well against some much bigger and stronger teams. In a few games, which it lost by a small margin, it seemed that luck was against our team. The team would like to thank Mr. Cull for his constant help and guidance both at practices and matches. Many boys tried out for the 3rd's and for two of them it was a stepping stone to higher grades. The team as a whole enjoyed the season despite its defeats.

The teams usually comprised:—

Forwards:

Campbell — always alert, tackled gamely.

Dash — won his share of the ball.

Atkin — Good prop, made some good runs.

Fortescue — Inspiration to his team, chief line-out man, hard to stop.

Collins — much improved player, always backed up well, strong tackler.

Wildie and Spencer — both played some good games at lock.

Nade, Williams and Chang — Although small each did his part and was quick to pick up a loose ball, as breakaway.

Backs:

Palfreyman — good little half-back.

Hinshelwood — could penetrate well, but tended to forget about the rest of the team.

Barrass — Brilliant attacking centre, hard to stop, despite his size.

Court — much improved player who tackled well, towards the close of the season.

Lackenby, Shailer and Thackeray — Each had his good day.

Barsley — played only one game, owing to injuries, scored five points.

Millar — "Torchy" developed into a good full-back. He was a good leader and worked as hard as any player on the field.

FOURTH GRADE FOOTBALL

The team started the competition well with inspiring football, remaining unbeaten for the first few matches, some of which were very good scores, but after meeting the strong Randwick team who played good football to beat us 3-0, the team became straggly. The team has definitely improved this season winning at least half its matches, compared with a win and a draw last season. The forwards played good football throughout most of the season.

W. Robinson: Vice-Captain, tackled and ran well as Lock.

R. Chanler: Added great strength to the pack as second row.

J. Hilder: Outside-Centre — ran well and scored most of the tries.

J. Gordon: Five-Eighth — attacking link of backline — good kicker.

R. Atkin: Full back — kicked and ran well — determined tackler.

W. Bass: Front Row — excellent in lineouts and rucks.

R. Pegg and J. Webster: Gave regular supply of ball from scrums.

B. Cartwright: Nippy half-back — good passing and tackling.

West: Added great strength to scrum and rucks.

P. Wick: Front Row — able in all departments of game.

B. Ritter: Wing — Fast and solid runner — good defence.

C. Spacov: Wing — reliable and determined.

A. Raynor: Excellent in defence — positional play, good.

J. Bourke and B. Brown: Sure tacklers and speedy running.

R. Devine: Especially good in defence.

W. Williams: Played well as utility player.

J. Copson: Captain — inspiration to team with strong and determined play.

The team would like to express its thanks to the coach Mr. Coroneos, whose keenness and attention were an inspiration to the team.

J.C.

FIFTH GRADE FOOTBALL

Fifth grade finished the season with six wins and five losses thus gaining 12 points out of a possible 22. Most of the matches were very close and hard fought and the team itself was at no time really disgraced.

Our worst defeat was 0-17 against Manly High and our best wins 23-0 and 17-0 over Randwick High and North Sydney Technical High respectively.

The forwards at times lacked fire and too repeatedly let the opposing forwards break through lineouts and rucks by not packing tightly enough. The backs, although good, indi-

vidually, did not combine well enough to be really dangerous. The defence of the team improved considerably.

The team was:

Carrington: A good forward. Excellent tackler.

Barr: Hooker. Always tried hard.

Geddes: Good forward.

Cope: Used his height in lineouts.

Read: A fast hard-running forward.

Davis: Team's most improved player.

Allen: His transfer from the backs to the forwards proved successful.

Morgan: Captain. Led team capably. Tireless forward.

Hamilton: Sound utility player.

Singleton: Very plucky half. Gave good service.

Gardner: His brilliant tackling inspired the team.

Malouf: Stood out in attack and defence.

Goodwin: Very fast centre. Always hard to tackle.

Chambers: Winger. Scored several tries.

Radley: Tricky winger.

Millard: A very safe and reliable full-back.

Our thanks to all reserves and our coach, Mr. Rider.



SIXTH GRADE FOOTBALL TEAM.

Back Row: E. Woods, K. Mulette, T. Johnston, B. Cridland, D. Champion.

Middle Row: W. James, J. Whitehall, T. Walker, G. Hurst, W. Barr, D. Cooper.

Front Row: B. Miller, M. Carnegie, J. Parker, Mr. O. Unicomb (Coach), R. Gibson, W. McKenzie, K. Jeffrey.

SIXTH GRADE FOOTBALL REPORT

Sixth Grade enjoyed a reasonably successful season, winning seven matches, drawing one, losing three and finishing with a total of fifteen points. The team developed during the season into quite a sound combination. The backs were speedy, and sometimes brilliant in attack, while the forwards, rather weak early, improved with each performance. The defence was at times inadequate, although this was counteracted by some superb attacking movements. The backs gained their share of the ball on most occasions, and using this to full advantage, scored many tries. Champion, the outside centre, created a school record, scoring 101 points in the eleven competition matches, a splendid effort.

The team consisted of:—

McKenzie.—A safe full-back.

Walker.—A speedy winger who was at his best in the open.

Whitehall.—Also a fast flanker.

Champion.—A grand attacking centre, and the team's goal-kicker.

Gibson.—A good all-round centre.

Miller.—An extremely tricky little five-eighth, and wonderful defender.

Parker.—The half-back who served his team well with clean, accurate passes to the inside backs.

James.—A solid, hard-working forward.

Jeffrey.—A player who proved effective as both back and forward.

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Mullette.—A back early, he proved to be an outstanding flank forward.

Cooper.—A true attacking breakaway.

Cridland.—Used his weight to advantage in scrums.

Woods.—A forward who ran well in the open.

Johnston.—Was a great asset in lineouts.

Barr.—A solid front-row forward.

Carnegie.—A good hooker who won the majority of the balls from scrums.

Miller.—A reliable full-back, with a good kick.

Hurst.—A hard-working forward.

We would like to thank Mr. Unicomb for his splendid coaching, which was greatly appreciated by the entire team.

—J. P.



1st AND 2nd GRADE TEAMS.
 Back Row: Rbt. Li, J. Irvine, J. Moore, R. Li (Senior).
 Front Row: D. Dunne, G. Fell, Mr. Westlake, Mr. Wheeler, K. Cooper, B. Baker.

TENNIS

FIRST GRADE TENNIS REPORT, 1955

The First Grade tennis team emerged from the competition without having won a match. However, many of the matches were close, and the team was never decisively defeated. The team played better in the latter half of the season when the pairings were altered and some combination was achieved.

Comment on Players—

B. Baker. Plays a hard, fast, all-round game. Possesses particularly good, flat drive, but has a tendency to be inconsistent in service and service return.

K. Cooper. Plays a sound all-round game. Hits firm, well-placed, ground strokes and has

a deep service. A consistent volleyer but he has the tendency to rely too much on the "drop-shot."

G. Fell. What he lacks in orthodoxy he makes up for in determination. A player with forcing ground strokes, effective volley and smash and an amazing ability to run around his backhand. In all, a hard player to beat.

D. Dunne. Captain of the team. Has a strong forehand drive and fast first service.

The team would like to thank Mr. Wheeler, the coach, for his help throughout the season and would like to wish him the good fortune of having a better team next year.



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SCHOOL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1955.

The boys Under 15 school tennis championship was won by J. Johnston of 3D, who defeated J. Irvine of 2B in a close final.

The open division was won fairly easily by K. Cooper of 5B who defeated D. Dunne of 5A.

SECOND GRADE TENNIS, 1955

The pairs were: Richard Li (capt.) and Robert Li; James Irvine and John Moore.

This team showed great promise at the beginning of the season when it beat Hurlstone Agricultural High School in a practice match for the loss of only 2 games. Unfortunately this was the end of its winning streak. It lost to Homebush in the next match by 4 games. This was lightly shrugged off when the latter team became the ultimate premiers but there can be no excuse for the humiliating defeats. The fine form shown at the try-outs never returned, the lack of confidence and combination, the erratic displays of stroke-making being pitiful to watch. We suggest the team in the years to come have regular practice sessions to develop their combinations and to strengthen their weaker strokes. Only by doing this will they lift the standard of tennis at this great school out of the depths into which it has fallen.

—R. L.

THIRD GRADE TENNIS

The team had a very successful season, finishing in second place in the competition. The only defeats suffered were at the hands of Homebush (the eventual winners), and Manly.

The team consisted of J. Johnston, R. Kerwand, C. Fairweather (Capt.), and D. Murray. All members of 3D.

Comments on players:

J. Johnston: Powerful forehand drive. Smashes and serves well. Hits all shots hard and cleanly.

R. Kerwand: Reliable all round player. Effective smashes and ground strokes.

C. Fairweather: Volleys well. Strong backhand. A good net player.

D. Murray. A most consistent player. Accurate toss and placements. Good retrieving shots.

FOURTH GRADE TENNIS

Although Fourth Grade finished 6th in the competition, we had a very enjoyable season. We were beaten by some strong teams such as Canterbury (competition winners) and North Sydney High. All members played well throughout the season.

J. Anderson:—A good first service with a strong forehand and consistent backhand.

J. Irvine:—The most consistent player in the team. He is a good base-line player.

N. Jones:—A steady serve and good forehand.

D. Keys:—A good all-round player with strong overhead shots. He is a good net player.

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Back: B. Munro, P. Hiob, S. Chung.

Middle: R. Chan, D. Yue, D. Croft, F. Pacey.

Front: R. Ratcliffe, G. Griffiths, P. Catts, Mr. P. Reichenbach (Coach), J. Roberts, W. Brightman, E. Seidel.

BASKETBALL

Two teams were entered in the inter-school competition, and both were rather successful.

First Grade was unfortunate to be beaten in the second round. The most outstanding scorers were Ron Chan and Dickie Yue, who were backed up by excellent teamwork all round. Early in the season, the team gained valuable experience in an invitation game with the Dragons (Chinese students). The Dragons' captain, Brian Lau, an ex-Fortian, coached 1st Grade in the Metropolitan Schoolboys' Tournament, but the team was beaten in the championship game by a far superior side. First Grade also won a number of invitation matches, including one with Sydney Teachers' College.

Second Grade began the season with many new players, but rapidly improved, only losing one of its games. What the players lacked in individual skill, they made up with fine team-work, and their system of defence was particularly effective. As this team will form the nucleus of next year's 1st Grade, the prospects for 1956 look bright.

—J.R. (5A).

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GYMNASTICS.

Back: R. Masterman, M. Colless, R. Breech, R. Carr, P. Fairhall, P. Waites.
 Front: D. Croft, J. Kable, K. Winters, Mr. P. Reichenbach, J. Holder, W. Hamilton, R. Soutar.

GYMNASTICS REPORT

Although the gymnastic squad has not been as active in the past year as it was last year, its members received great praise for the meritable display which they carried out at the School Fete. While training for their display the boys showed great keenness and they are to be commended on the spirit they have

shown in giving up their leisure time for the School.

There is a lot of latent talent in the school and I am sure that if we start training seriously, early next year, great credit will be brought to Fort Street and to the members of its squad. D.C.

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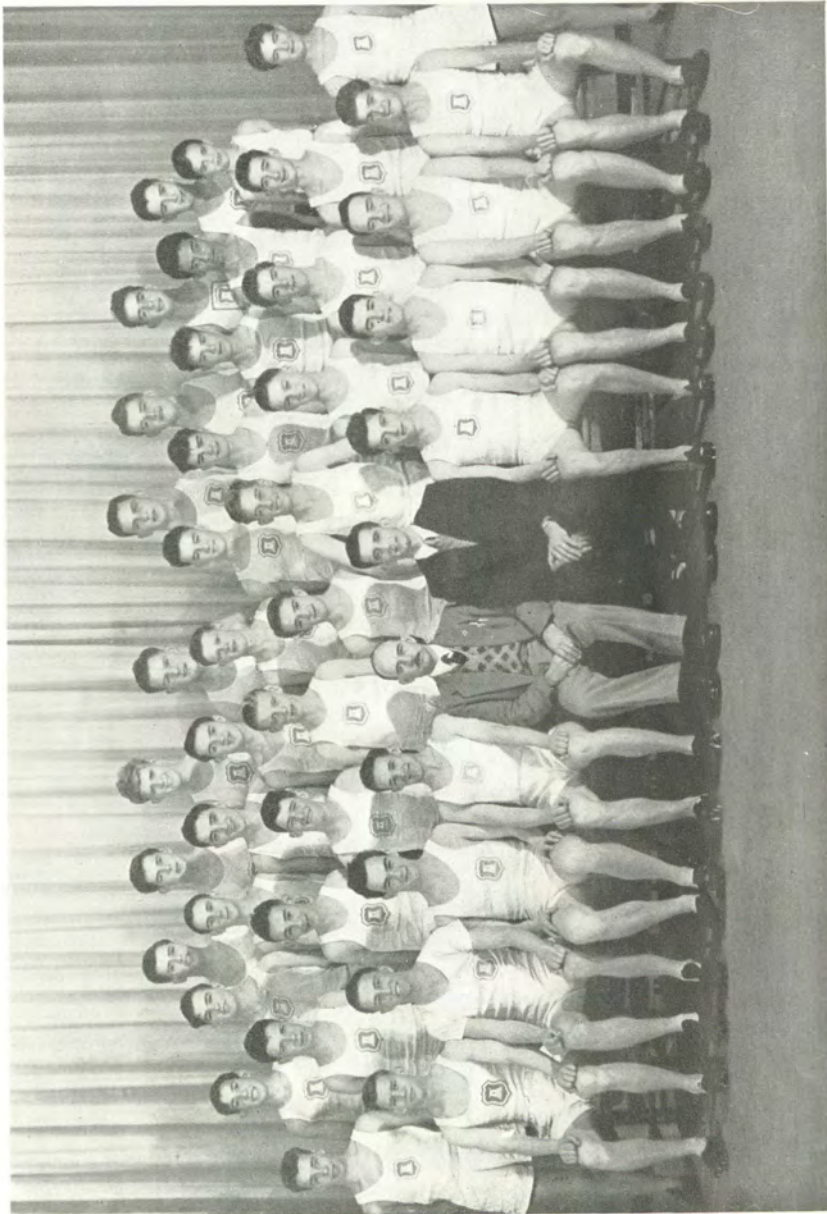
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C.H.S. ATHLETICS.
 Back Row: D. Lindsay, I. Lackenby, R. Dring, R. Chandler, P. Hiob, G. Fortescue, T. Johnston, R. Westley.
 2nd Row: R. Atkin, W. Robinson, P. Pinnock, K. Webb, B. Jones, J. McQueen, R. Hales, J. Reed, K. Goodwin, S. Rajarathnam, G. Loudon.
 3rd Row: J. Evans, L. Cremer, C. Blair, K. Mullette, M. Hudson, A. Rayner, W. Allen, W. Levy, R. Hinselwood, C. Bradley, R. Chambers.
 Front: D. Cash, G. Fell, J. Moore, D. Barsley, J. Wells (Carnival Manager), R. Horan (Coach), J. Holder, B. Bond, W. Saxsby, M. Wolsey.

ATHLETICS

45th Annual Athletic Carnival

On the 10th and 11th of August this year Petersham Oval was once again the site for our very successful athletic carnival. The weather was fine, and the competition keen. The strength of House spirit was shown by the large numbers of entries for both Novice and Championship events.

Grahame Fell must be congratulated for his splendid effort in gaining the most coveted honour of Senior Champion. S. Rajaratnam created a new record for the hop, step and jump, with a leap of 42 feet 1 in.

D. Barsley showed great ability when he "scooped the pool" in the under 16 section. An excellent performance was also put up by J. Read in the juvenile section.

Kilgour House came out winners of this year's carnival with Christmas House runners-up. The committee of B. Bond, N. Brown, P. Hiob and J. Moore under the guidance of Mr. Wells gave us, this year, one of the most interesting carnivals that the school has had.

—M.W.

RESULTS:

House Competition:

1. KILGOUR HOUSE, 240 points.
2. CHRISTMAS HOUSE, 211 points.
3. MEARNS HOUSE, 142½ points.
4. WILLIAMS HOUSE, 103½ points.

Division Champions:

- Senior: G. Fell (Kilgour), 26 points.
 Junior: D. Barsley (Christmas) 36 points.
 Juvenile: J. Read (Williams) 22 points.

Senior:

- 100 yds.: J. Moore, 1; G. Fell, 2; D. Cash, 3. Time: 11.1 secs.
 220 yds.: J. Moore, 1; G. Fell, 2; R. Hales, 3. Time: 24.3 secs.
 440 yds.: G. Fell, 1; P. Pinnock and G. Mulhearn, 2. Time: 53.8 secs.
 880 yds.: G. Fell, 1; G. Mulhearn, 2; P. Jackson, 3. Time: 2 mins. 15.2 secs.
 1 mile: G. Fell, 1; G. Mulhearn, 2; J. Haseler, 3. Time: 5 mins. 8 secs.
 Broad Jump: S. Rajaratnam, 1; W. Saxby, 2; R. Hales, 3. Distance: 20 ft. ¾ in.
 Hop, Step and Jump: S. Rajaratnam, 1; R. Holes, 2; B. Bond, 3. Distance: 42 ft. 1 in. (Red).
 High Jump: S. Rataratnam, 1; B. Bond, 2; Porter, 3. Height: 5 ft. 6½ ins.
 Shot Put: P. Hiob, 1; D. Lindsay, 2; J. Irvine, 3. Distance: 37 ft. 6 ins.
 House Relay: Williams, 1; Christmas, 2; Kilgour, 3.
 Senior Champion: G. Fell, 26 points.

Under 16:

- 100 yds.: D. Barsley, 1; M. Wolsely, 2; J. Muddle, 3. Time: 11.0 secs.

220 yds.: D. Barsley, 1; J. Muddle, 2; M. Wolsely 3. Time: 24.0 secs.

440 yds.: D. Barsley, 1; R. Dring, 2; R. Hinshelwood, 3. Time: 57.0 secs.

880 yds.: D. Barsley, 1; R. Dring, 2; R. Hinshelwood, 3. Time: 2 mins. 25.6 secs.

High Jump: C. Bradley, 1; J. Evans, 2; J. Muddle, 3. Height: 4ft. 10½ ins.

Broad Jump: D. Barsley, 1; J. Evans, 2; G. Hudson, 3. Distance: 18 ft. 2 ins.

Hop, Step and Jump: J. Evans, 1; J. Muddle, 2; R. Dring, 3. Distance: 38 ft.

Shot Putt: G. Fortescue, 1; J. Evans, 3; J. Muddle, 3. Distance: 35 ft. 1 in.

House Relay: Christmas, 1; Mearns, 2; Kilgour, 3.

Junior Champion: D. Barsley, 36 points.

Under 15:

100 yds.: G. Davis, 1; A. Rayner, 2; R. Westley, 3. Time: 11.9 secs.

220 yds. G. Davis, 1; R. Westley, 2; C. Blair, 3. Time: 27.2 secs.

440 yds.: G. Davis, 1; L. Cremer, 2; C. Blair, 3.

880 yds.: R. Atkin, 1; G. Davis, 2; L. Cremer, 3. Time: 2 mins. 29.9 secs.

High Jump: G. Davis, 1; W. Robinson, 2; K. Denniss, 3. Height: 4 ft. 6 ins.

Broad Jump: G. Saltez, 1; G. Davis, 2; J. Bourke, 3. Distance: 15 ft. 11½ ins.

Shot Putt: J. Bourke, 1; R. Chandler, 2; R. Gale, 3. Distance: 33 ft. 10½ ins.

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

Under 15 Champion: G. Davis.

Under 14:

100 yds.: J. Read, 1; K. Goodwin, 2; R. Banner, 3. Time: 11.2 secs.

220 yds.: J. Read, 1; P. Coutter, 2; R. Chambers, 3. Time: 25.8 secs.

Broad Jump: W. Allen, 1; J. Read, 2; Millard, 3. Distance: 16 ft. 1 in.

High Jump: W. Allen, 1; J. Read, 2; D. Champion, 3. Height: 4 ft. 6½ ins.

Shot Putt: K. Goodwin, 1; W. Allan, 2; J. Read, 3. Distance: 39 ft. 2 ins.

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

Juvenile Champion: J. Read, 22 points.

Under 13:

100 yds.: W. Levy, 1; K. Mullette, 2; G. London, 3. Time: 12.9 secs.

Broad Jump: A Bennett, 1; T. Johnson, 2; K. Mullette, 3.

High Jump: S. Dickson, 1; R. Benson, 2; A. Bennett, 3. Height: 4 ft. 3 ins.

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

Under 13 Champion: Bennett.

C.H.S. ATHLETIC CARNIVAL, 1955.

Again this year Fort Street met with much success in the Combined High Schools' Athletics Carnival at the Sydney Cricket Ground. We gained the very meritorious position of Fourth in the aggregate point score. In the senior events we met with success in the field events. S. Rataratnam won the hop, step and jump and came third in the high jump. P. Hiob, won the shot put and B. Bond won the second division high jump.

In the under 16 section, D. Barsley finished second in the 100 yards and 220 yards. We were most successful in the under 14 division with J. Read coming 2nd in the 220 yards and 3rd in the 100 yards. K. Goodwin won the 2nd division 100 yards while W. Allan was second in the 220 yards and 1st in the Broad Jump. The relay team won and created a new C.H.S. record of 50 secs. Congratulations, under 14's. In the under 13's the relay team came 3rd and W. Levy finished 3rd in the 2nd division 100 yds.

Congratulations to the C.H.S. team for bringing the school so many honours.

—M.W.

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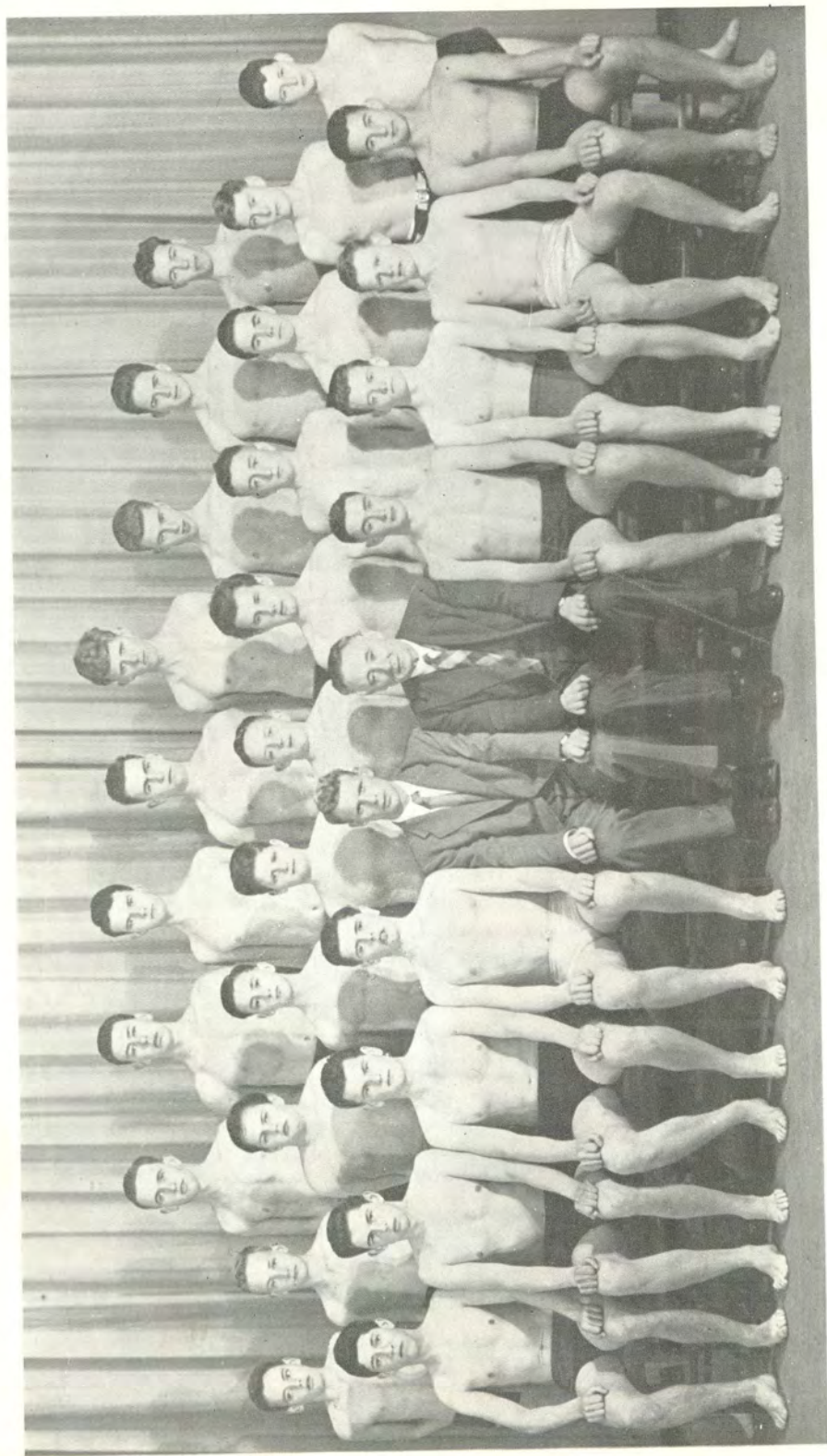
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Middle Row: J. Whitehall, C. Phillips, B. Cridland, B. Palfreyman, W. Barr, G. Geddes, R. Jones, M. Williams, W. Ashby, D. Whitby, J. Fitzpatrick,
Front Row: S. Nade, I. Lackenby, K. Webber, D. Lindsay, Mr. P. Reichenbach (Coach), Mr. E. Ford, (Carnival Manager), B. Baker, R. Soutar, J. McQueen,
 P. Jackson.

SWIMMING

63rd ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 63rd Annual Swimming Carnival was held at Cabarita Baths on the 25th of February, 1955. It was unfortunate that, owing to inclement weather, the much awaited carnival was attended only by those boys who wished to gain a position in the C.H.S. Swimming team.

Although hampered by the weather, Mr. Ford and his committee J. Moore, B. Bond, E. Seidel and J. Gordon, did splendid work in the impromptu rearranging of the carnival. After many years of victory Williams House was at last defeated by last years "tail-enders" Christmas House, which scored 125 points to Williams' 92.

The highlights of the carnival were: Remarkable efforts of the members of the Under 13 division, keen competition in Senior Championship and finally the "execution" of the Flying Mollberg.

Let us hope that next year's carnival may be blessed with more favourable weather.

M.W.

RESULTS:

House Competition:

1. CHRISTMAS HOUSE, 125 points.
2. WILLIAMS HOUSE, 92 points.
3. KILGOUR HOUSE, 86 points.
4. MEARN'S HOUSE, 81 points.

Senior:

55 yds. freestyle: K. Webber, 1; D. Lindsay, 2; P. Jackson, 3. Time: 29.0 secs.

110 yds. freestyle: K. Webber, 1; P. Jackson, 2; D. Lindsay, 3. Time: 1 min. 8.7 secs.

220 yds. freestyle: K. Webber, 1; P. Jackson, 2; I. Lackenby, 3. Time: 2 mins. 46.5 secs.

440 yds. freestyle: K. Webber, 1; P. Jackson, 2; J. McQueen, 3. Time: 6 mins. 10.9 secs.

880 yds. freestyle: D. Lindsay, 1; K. Webber, 2; J. McQueen, 3. Time: 12 mins. 49.4 secs.

110 yds. breast-stroke: D. Lindsay, 1; D. Yum, 2. Time: 1 min. 45.3 secs.

110 yds. butterfly: J. McQueen, 1; D. Lindsay, 2. Time: 1 min. 43.0 secs.

55 yds. back-stroke: D. Lindsay, 1; B. Baker, 2; R. Cooksey, 3. Time: 40.7 secs.

Senior Dive: R. Soutar, 1; P. Jackson, 2. Senior Champions: D. Lindsay and K. Webber. 28 points.

Champion House: Mearns, 40 points.

Under 16:

55 yds. freestyle: W. Ashby, 1; R. Jones, 2; K. Smith, 3. Time: 32.2 secs.

110 yds. freestyle: W. Ashby, 1; L. Smith, 2; R. Dring, 3. Time: 1 min. 20.6 secs.

220 yds. freestyle: W. Ashby, 1; R. Dring, 2; S. Nade, 3. Time: 3 min. 20.1 secs.

440 yds. freestyle: R. Dring, 1; M. Williams, 2; F. Pacey, 3. Time: 8 min. 22.5 secs.

55 yds. breast-stroke: B. Palfreyman, 1; D. Yum, 2; T. Millar, 3. Time: 54.2 secs.

55 yds. butterfly: M. Williams, 1; S. Nade, 2; B. Spencer, 3. Time: 52.7 secs.

55 yds. back-stroke: R. Jones, 1; T. Millar, 2; C. Hutter, 3. Time: *No time taken.*

Junior Dive: J. Nolan, 1; R. Atkin, 2; P. Reakes, 3.

Under 16 Champion: W. Ashby, 18 points. Champion House: Mearns, 26 points.

Under 15:

55 yds. freestyle: J. Copson, 1; R. Carnell, 2; J. Evans, 3. Time: 33.5 secs.

110 yds. freestyle: J. Copson, 1; R. Carnell, 2; R. Atkin, 3. Time: 1 min. 18.8 secs.

220 yds. freestyle: R. Carnell, 1; J. Copson, 2; P. Catts, 3. Time: 3 mins. 6 secs.

440 yds. freestyle: W. Barr, 1; R. Carnell, 2; P. Catts, 3. Time: 7 mins. 8.3 secs.

55 yds. Breast-stroke: P. Catts, 1; R. Wildie, 2; R. Atkin, 3. Time: 59.5 secs.

55 yds. back-stroke: R. Carnell, 1; J. Copson, 2; J. Nolan, 3. Time: 40.8 secs.

Under 15 Champion: R. Carnell, 24 points. House Champion: Christmas, 64 points.

Under 14:

55 yds. freestyle: I Anderson, 1; D. Whitby, 2; G. Geddes, 3. Time: *No Time Taken.*

110 yds. freestyle: I Anderson, 1; G. Geddes, 2; D. Whitby, 3. Time: 1 min. 34.2 sec.

220 freestyle: W. Barr, 1; S. Whitehall, 2; G. Geddes, 3. Time: 3 min. 25.0 secs.

55 yds. breast-stroke: G. Geddes, 1; Time: *No Time Taken.*

55 yds. back-stroke: G. Davis, 1; R. Hargrave, 2; J. Fitzpatrick, 3. Time: 50.8 secs.

Juvenile Dive: J. Fitzpatrick and R. Dyer (draw), 1; Wylie, 3.

Under 14 Champion: G. Geddes, 14 points. Champion House: Kilgour, 36 points.

Under 13:

55 yds. freestyle: C. Phillips, 1; K. Brown, 2; B. Cridland, 3. Time: 34.7 secs (*Record*).

110 yds. freestyle: W. Barr and C. Phillips (draw), 1; G. Spencer, 3. Time: 1 min. 27.7 secs.

55 yds. breast-stroke: B. Thomas, 1; R. Dunn, 2; B. Herring, 3. Time: 62.4 secs.

55 yds. back-stroke: J. Whitehall, 1; W. Barr, 2; J. Pike, 3. Time: 44 secs. (*Record*).

Champion: C. Phillips, 12 points. Champion House: Christmas, 15 points.

C.H.S. SWIMMING CARNIVAL, 1955

This year we sadly missed our "hero" of previous years, Jon Henricks. Although several boys entered the finals our only places were: 5th in the Senior Relay, the team consisting of B. Baker, P. Jackson, D. Lindsay and K. Webber; and 3rd in the Under 13 relay, in which our team was W. Barr, K. Brown, C. Phillips and B. Cridland. Congratulations must be given to Manly for their splendid performance at the Carnival.

This carnival showed us that we must make every effort to try and raise our swimming standards. Our cheer squad was always full and gave our competitors a tremendous incentive by their hearty barracking. May we have more successes at next year's carnival, Fortians!

M.W.

WATER POLO REPORT

Water polo is proving very popular as a summer sport in the school. There are fifty boys enrolled this year with a large percentage from the junior school. This is very pleasing to see and speaks well for future years. Because of the lack of facilities and time, it is unfortunate that only 28 boys get a game on the Wednesday afternoon.

Fort Street's grade teams have had a very bad run. Although the players in first grade are good as individuals, the combination is lacking. They have only won three matches.

Second grade have only won two matches. This is mainly because they are not up to the other schools in swimming ability.

Third grade have been fairly successful, winning four matches.

The attendance at training, which is held at Cabarita Baths, is very disappointing when only 15 boys attend. Let us hope this improves in future seasons. It must be realised that Fort Street boys do not have the swimming facilities available as do the schools on the coast, therefore training is of utmost importance.

As coach I think the season has been an enjoyable one. I congratulate the boys on their sportsmanship and spirit even in defeat. My thanks go to David Lindsay, Captain of the first grade, and the players under him for their co-operation and help.



P. REAKES.

OBITUARY

The sad and sudden passing of John Peter Reakes, popularly known to his class and team mates as Peter, cast a gloom amongst his associates. As a Fortian he will be remembered for his sportsmanship and keen interest in school activities. Having shown great promise and excellent team spirit as a member of Fourth Grade Football team last year, his daring, hard and clean tackling, zeal and inspiration were sadly missed by this year's Second fifteen. He was also an active member of Fourth Grade Water Polo team, the Gymnastics Squad and School Cadet Unit. He leaves memories that will live long in the minds of those who knew him.



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FAREWELL TO FIFTH YEAR, 1955

This year's farewell was again arranged by the fourth year students.

During the latter part of the morning on Thursday, 27th of October, a passing out parade of cadets was held on the school front lawn. An excellent band was supplied by the Christian Brothers' High School. On this occasion, trophies won by the cadets were presented by Lt.-Col. J. L. A. Kelly, D.S.O., commander of No. 2 brigade. Many guests were present at this outstanding function.

In the afternoon, 4th and 5th years attended a tea-party in the school hall where the boys excelled in their speeches, and Mr. Arnold urged the 5th years to join the Old Boys' Union after leaving school. Although there were many speeches the boys were never bored by them. Richard Morpheu of 5th year provided delightful entertainment on the piano and likewise did Peter Ansourian (4th Year) on his

violin. The fifth years ended the function by putting on an excellent comedy on the stage but their best bit of humour was that of the Prefects' will, in which they dedicated appropriate presents to the teachers.

To complete the farewell, 4th years arranged a dance on the following night when Old Boys were also present. The dance was a grand success and an excellent note on which to finish the farewell.

Congratulations to the 1st XI, who, after beating both Homebush and Manly, are now the 1955 Premiers.

After a recent audition with the A.B.C. our school choir has been engaged by the A.B.C. to broadcast on the 5th December from 2BL at 1.30 p.m.

Autographs

