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MR. G. SHAW (Headmaster).



MR. T. PERRAU (Deputy-Headmaster).

HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

It is the duty of the Headmaster and Staff of Fort Street to see that the School, with its fine record in studies and games, continues to send into the community citizens of character, properly prepared for their callings, and with their capabilities so developed that they are able and willing to serve the community at large. In recent years many of us have felt that our work is becoming harder, and, being human, we have looked outside the School for the causes. Fortunately, we have large and well organised parent bodies, whose members are keenly interested in the welfare of their sons. These people enter freely into the activities of the School, and, as we have come to know them, we have learned that they are indeed willing to share the task with us. Where then are the causes of our difficulties?

We older people fully realise that we are passing through times of plenty. Many avenues of employment are open to the boys who graduate from the School, and employers openly seek their services. Throughout their lives the boys have been denied very

little, and the amusements and recreations available to them are many and varied. Many, who obtain too much pocket money, sample adult privileges before they have carried out their obligations to home and school. All of these influences tend to give them the impression that life is easy, and industry and effort may be relaxed while they enjoy themselves.

Scientific inventions and discoveries have given us many things to enjoy, but at the same time have made the world smaller, so that all people are in closer contact with one another. This in the long run will make the fight for existence fiercer, not only among individuals, but among nations. In Australia, at present, there is a lull in the battle, but history tells us that this is unlikely to continue.

I therefore advise the boys to be not lacking in strength of character and determination, and to realise that pleasure and ease will not bring efficiency and power. All must strive to develop their physical and intellectual gifts in order to equip themselves for "The battle of life".



TEACHING STAFF.

FRONT ROW: F. Burtenshaw, K. Hurst, K. Menzies, C. Westlake, T. Perrau (Deputy-Headmaster), G. Shaw (Headmaster), G. Bohmann, G. Cameron, L. Gent, T. Perram.

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3rd ROW: K. Cunningham, G. Little, P. Hoffman, B. Goodwin, K. Barnard, E. Muhs, D. Dalgleish, J. Fletcher, R. Rasseck, J. Wells, I. Wheeler, E. Dasey, V. Ryder, E. Arnold, A. Morton, S. Saunders.

Examination Results

LEAVING CERTIFICATE, 1956 (93 Passes)

Key to the Subjects:

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| 1. English | 12. Physics |
| 2. Latin | 13. Chemistry |
| 3. French | 17. Geography |
| 4. German | 18. Economics |
| 5. Maths. I. | 19. Music (Theory & Practical) |
| 6. Maths. II. | |
| 7. Gen. Maths. | 30. Italian |
| 8. Applied Maths. | 31. Chinese |
| 9. Mod. History | 33. Japanese |
| 11. Comb. Physics & Chemistry | |

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 ANDERSON, P. W.: 1B, 3A, 5A, 6A, 12B, 13A.
 ANSOURIAN, P.: 1A, 3A(o), 5H(1), 6H(1), 12A, 13A.
 ASHBY, W. J.: 1B, 3B, 9B, 17B, 18B.
 ATKIN, R. R.: 1B, 3B, 7B, 9B, 17B.
 BAKER, J. S.: 1B, 3A, 5A, 6B, 12B, 13B.
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 TRAVERS, K.: 1A, 5H(1), 6H(1), 12A, 13H(1).
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 UHLHERR, P. H. T.: 1A, 5H(1), 6A, 12H(1), 13H(1).
 WALKER, A. F.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12B.
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HONOURS AT LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Latin: R. S. Clarke.

French: R. S. Clarke, M. C. Colless, D. R. Murphy.

German: M. C. Colless.

Maths. I.: P. Ansourian, D. G. Blair, C. W. Bradley, R. E. Challoner, D. G. Croft, C. H. Ellen, G. Fortescue, J. C. H. P. Gordon, J. C. Hughes, B. A. Peterson, R. C. C. Ratcliffe, K. Travers, P. H. T. Uhlherr, D. K. Y. Yul, R. H. Masterman, G. E. Masterman.

Maths. II.: P. Ansourian, D. G. Blair, C. W. Bradley, R. E. Challoner, D. G. Croft, J. C. H. P. Gordon, J. C. Hughes, K. Travers.

Modern History: J. H. Shailer, D. D. Short, M. G. Williams.

Physics: C. H. Ellen, G. Fortescue, N. F. Pacey, P. H. T. Uhlherr.

Chemistry: R. H. Masterman, K. Travers, P. H. T. Uhlherr.

Geography: R. W. Bennett, M. G. Williams,

Economics: R. C. Challoner, B. W. Lowe.

State Placings:

French 16th: M. C. Colless.

German 33rd: M. C. Colless.

Physics 6th: P. H. Uhlherr; *15th*: G. E. Fortescue.

Chemistry 4th: K. Travers; *7th*: P. H. Uhlherr.

Maths. I. 4th: K. Travers; *10th*: P. H. Uhlherr; *13th*: J. C. Hughes; *17th*: D. G. Blair; *20th*: D. G. Croft; *23rd*: R. E. Challoner; *44th*: R. H. Masterman; *46th*: G. E. Masterman; *49th*: D. K. Yue and P. Ansourian; *51st*: J. C. H. P. Gordon.

Maths. II. 1st: D. G. Blair; *4th*: K. Travers; *14th*: P. Ansourian; *16th*: J. C. Hughes; *18th*: C. W. Bradley; *27th*: R. E. Challoner and J. C. H. Gordon.

Economics: *18th*: R. E. Challoner.

Geography: *7th*: M. G. Williams.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Anderson, P. W.

Ansourian, P.

Baker, J. S.

Bennett, R. W.

Blair, D. G.

Bradley, C. W.

Cannon, G. C.

Catts, P. F.

Challoner, R. E.

Clarke, R. S.

Colless, M. C.

Croft, D. G.

Ellen, C. H.

Fortescue, G. E.

Gordon, J. C.

Hughes, J. C.

Jones, B. A.

Jones, J. L.

Lawrence, R. J.

Lewis, G. F.

Lowe, B. W.

McGuirk, B. E.

Masterman, G. E.

Masterman, R. H.

Munro, G. B.

Murphy, D. R.

Pacey, N. F.

Pemberton, G. M.

Peterson, B. A.

Presland, R.

Price, H. G.

Ratcliffe, R. C. C.

Rayner, A. W.

Roberts, A. M.

Rourke, J. T.

Shailer, J. H.

Sherbon, K. J.

Short, D. D.

Sproule, R. D.

Swan, W. N. J.

Travers, K.

Uhlherr, P. H. T.

Williams, M. G. D.

Worrall, D. A.

STATE PLACINGS IN AGGREGATE FOR L.C.

K. Travers, 1st; D. G. Blair, 4th; P. H. Uhlherr, 7th; P. Ansourian, 26th; G. E. Fortescue, 36th; R. E. Challoner, 60th; R. H. Masterman, 86th.

Aitken Memorial Scholarship: K. Travers.

Graham Prize: K. Travers.

John West Medal: K. Travers.

Killeen Memorial Prize: K. Travers.

Parkes Bursary Prize: K. Travers.

Gourie Scholarship: D. Blair.

Atomic Energy Commonwealth Scholarship: P. Uhlherr.

INTERMEDIATE BURSARIES

Best, G. H.

Kneeshaw, J. T.

Cope, R. E.

Mears, I. R.

Davis, G. R.

Perich, R. M.

Gibson, R. E.

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Special prizes, awarded on the results of the Leaving Certificate Examination, 1955.

1. THOMAS J. HANDLER: Killeen Memorial Prize for Dux of the School; Frederick Bridges Prize for 1st place in French; Old Boys' Union Prize for 1st place in Latin; Morphew Prize for 1st place in German.
 2. MICHAEL D. KIRBY: Lodge Fortian Prize for proficiency; V. J. Outten Prize for 1st place in General Maths.; W. Peck Prize for 1st place in History; H. P. Williams Prize for Shakespeare (aeq.).
 3. WILLIAM A. LAND: John Hunter Prize for best student entering Faculty of Medicine; Taylor Prize for 1st place in Geography.
 4. WILLIAM H. LAWSON: Baxendale Prize for English; C. H. Harrison Memorial Prize for English; H. P. Williams Prize for Shakespeare (aeq.).
 5. ROBERT L. BARNES: Bertram Stevens prize for Economics.
 6. SIDNEY M. L. NADE: Selle Prize for 1st place in Chemistry.
 7. RICHARD J. CAMPBELL: V. J. Outten Prize for 1st place in Maths. I.; V. J. Outten Prize for first place in Maths. II.; D. J. Verco Prize for Mathematics; D. J. Austin Prize for Mathematics; P. and C. Prize for 1st place in Physics.
 8. JOHN C. ROBERTS: Morphew Prize for 1st place in Japanese.
 9. BRUCE BOND: Headmaster's Prize for service to the School.
 10. C.U.O. ROBERT CLEMENTS: Cadet Prize for outstanding service in the Cadet Corps.
 11. DAVID SHORT: Johnson Memorial Prize for sportsmanship in the Senior School.
 12. MACK WILLIAMS: Evatt Memorial Prize for 1st place in History.
 13. PETER ANSOURIAN: Old Boys' Union Prize for Music.
 14. ALAN E. WEST: John Mills Memorial Prize for the Fourth Year Boy displaying outstanding qualities.
 15. RUSSELL MILLARD: Johnson Memorial Prize for sportsmanship in the Junior School.
- Fourth Year:*
16. BERNARD NEWSOM: Old Boys' Union Prize for Dux of 4th Year; Baxendale Prize for English; 1st place in Latin in 4th Year; 1st place in French in 4th Year; V. J. Outten Prize for 1st place in General Maths.
 17. JOHN SIMMONS: 2nd place in 4th Year.
 18. JOHN SLINN: 1st place in German in 4th Year.
 19. JOHN MUDDLE: 1st place in Japanese in 4th Year.
 20. DONALD WITHERFORD: 1st place in History in 4th Year.
 21. BARRY RUSSELL: 1st place in Geography in 4th Year.
 22. JOHN FIANDER: V. J. Outten Prize for 1st place in Maths. I.
 23. VINCENT LINDSAY: V. J. Outten Prize for 1st place in Maths. II.
 24. STANLEY CHEUNG: 1st place in Physics in 4th Year.
 25. BRUCE GUISE: 1st place in Chemistry in 4th Year (aeq.).
 26. ALAN RAYNER: 1st place in Chemistry in 4th Year (aeq.).
 27. RAYMOND AYRES: Bertram Stevens Prize for Economics in 4th Year.
- Third Year:*
28. RUSSELL MILLARD: Lodge Fortian Prize for proficiency in Junior School; Baxendale Prize for 1st place in English (aeq.); 1st place in Latin in 3rd Year; 1st place in French in 3rd Year; 1st place in German in 3rd Year (aeq.).
 29. ROGER COOK: Proxime Accessit to Dux of 3rd Year; Baxendale Prize for 1st place in English (aeq.); 1st place in Maths. I.; 1st place in Social Studies (aeq.); 1st place in Science.
 30. TONY STEPHENS: 1st Place in German (aeq.).
 31. NEL SCHULTHEIS: 1st place in Japanese in 3rd Year.
 32. JOHN HOPKINS: 1st place in History in 3rd Year.
 33. GEOFFREY WASHINGTON: 1st place in Geography in 3rd Year.
 34. WILLIAM PRITCHARD: 1st place in Maths. II. in 3rd Year.
 35. GREGORY HURST: 1st place in Social Studies (aeq.).
 36. CHARLES LUCAS: Bertram Stevens Prize for 1st place in Business Principles.
- Second Year:*
37. SIDNEY BLUMER: Old Boys' Union Prize for Dux of 2nd Year; 1st place in Latin; 1st place in Maths. I. (aeq.); 1st place in Maths. II. (aeq.).
 38. ROBERT LOANE: Baxendale Prize for English.
 39. ROBERT HETHERINGTON: 1st place in French in 2nd Year.
 40. PETER LEVY: 1st place in German in 2nd Year.
 41. STEPHEN ETHERIDGE: 1st place in Japanese.
 42. GRAHAM EGLINGTON: 1st place in Social Studies in 2nd Year.
 43. JAMES WARD: 1st place in Maths. I. (aeq.).

44. HARRY MILLER: 1st place in Maths. I. (aeq.).
45. ALAN NEAL: 1st place in Maths. I. (aeq.).
46. WILFRED LEVY: 1st place in Maths. II. (aeq.).
47. RONALD BENSON: 1st place in Science in 2nd Year.
48. GEOFFREY LOUDON: 1st place in Geography in 2nd Year.
- 48a. GRAHAM BROPHY: 1st place in Business Principles in 2nd Year.
- 48b. JOHN WARD: 1st place in Business Principles in 2nd Year.
54. RICHARD ANSOUL: 1st place in French (aeq.).
55. GEOFFREY GORDON: 1st place in Science (aeq.).
56. CLAS EINBERG: 1st place in Science (aeq.).

Fortian Prizes:

57. RONALD IDDON, 5th: Senior Verse — £1/1/-.
58. BRIAN GASSMANN, 3rd: Junior Verse — £1/1/-.
59. LANCE ELLIOTT, 5th: Senior Prose — £1/1/-.
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62. RAPHAEL PANETTA, 5th: Senior Art (aeq.) — £1/1/-.
63. SAMUEL CHUNG, 5th: 1st Photographic Scene — £1/1/-.
64. GEOFFREY GORDON, 1st: 1st Photographic Character Study — £1/1/-.
65. ROBERT LYNCH, 4th: 2nd Photographic Scene — 10/6.
66. ROBERT LYNCH, 4th: 2nd Photographic Character Study — 10/6.

First Year:

49. WARWICK SLADE: Old Boys' Union Prize for Dux of 1st Year; 1st place in Maths. I.; 1st place in Technical Subjects.
50. ALAN DIXON: 1st place in Latin; 1st place in Maths. II.
51. ANTHONY LANDON: Baxendale Prize for 1st place in English; 1st place in French (aeq.).
52. PETER HOPKINS: 1st place in Social Studies.
53. RODNEY KIRKPATRICK: 1st place in French (aeq.).



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SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

The School year for 1957 is drawing to a close and for some people it may have been just another year, with the same monotonous regularity. If it has been for you, then you have wasted a year of your life. Time is your own to use as you wish. If you have not used it to its greatest advantage you have wasted it, for it cannot be recalled. Our motto tells us that "Everyone is the maker of his own fortune." It is up to us to take advantage of every opportunity that knocks on our door, and opportunities knock many times each day.

For the school, as a whole, 1957 has been, if not outstanding, a particularly favourable and pleasant year. We have acquitted ourselves well in academic, cultural and sporting activities. I think too, that school morale has improved, during the year, if the increased attendance at inter and intra-school sports meetings may be taken as any criterion.



To me as captain, this year has been a wonderful and unforgettable experience, and one which I would gladly relive.

I would like to thank the Headmaster, Mr. Shaw; Deputy-Headmaster, Mr. Perrau and all members of the staff for the help and understanding which they have shown towards me. I thank my Vice-Captain, Jim Barrett; Senior Prefect, Alan Rayner, and the Prefects for their co-operation during the year, and congratulate them upon a job well done. I hope all fifth year students will be successful in the forthcoming Leaving Certificate Examination and trust that friendships formed during the last five years as "Schoolboys" will be strengthened as "Old Boys". I would like

to thank the rest of the school, for their co-operation, and express the hope that their term as the Senior Year will be as pleasant as ours has been.

I should also like to express my gratitude, on behalf of the school and for myself, to the Presidents, Officers and members of the Ladies Committee and the Parents' and Citizens' Association for their untiring work for the school. Everyone associated with the school was particularly pleased when the interior of the Memorial Hall was painted by voluntary labour from these two Associations.

We were very concerned when we learned of the Headmaster's serious illness, earlier in the year and were relieved when he resumed his duties. We trust that his recovery is permanent. Our thanks are due to Mr. Perrau and Mr. Westlake for the able manner in which they carried on during Mr. Shaw's absence. We are also glad that Mr. Bohman has been able to resume after his serious illness and hope that his health will continue to improve.

Although the Prefects for next year have not yet been selected, I wish them, whoever they may be, every success in the difficult task which is set before them. Approach it with enthusiasm, determination and a true sense of the responsibility placed on your shoulders and you cannot fail.

To the younger members of the school I tender this advice; that you take part in as many school activities as you possibly can, but never neglect your studies to do so. Life will be nothing more than what you, yourself, make of it. You must effect a balance between work and play, if you wish your school life to be full and enjoyable, as well as educational. To achieve this, you must join in the sporting and social life of the school; for the more you put into your school life, the more you will gain from it, and the knowledge you thus gain, will be broader and more useful.

No doubt you will join with me in condemning the State Government's policy to change all of Sydney's High Schools into "district schools", as derogatory and lacking in foresight. Such a move cannot fail to detract from Fort Street, much of its present prestige and tradition.

Finally, I would refer you to your Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. In Him you have a Friend, whom you can love and trust; One to whom you can turn in time of trouble or need; One who is able to rid you of all that is evil.

Best wishes for the years to come,

Geoffrey Hilder,

School Captain, 1957.

VICE-CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

The year is almost over and so another chapter in our life is complete. No—I should not have said completed because the life at Fort Street will always be foremost in our minds and governing our lives. The influence of our teachers and school companions has moulded our life in the short 5 years we have been here.

Such men as Sir Percy Spender and Justice McLelland have never ceased expressing their gratitude to the school which placed them in their high position in the world.

To the junior members of the School I say—work hard in the academic field. It is of great importance to you now. Do not, however, consider that this is all you need

do for the most successful man in life is the one who has the all-round ability. Take part in all the School activities.

Your natural abilities are few, concentrate on these and through your work help put back a minute part of that which you took out.

Even if you do not appear to be a success at school do not be downhearted. There are many opportunities in this great world of ours for the still undeveloped talents.

What you lack in natural abilities can be more than compensated by application and pertinacity and by drive and energy.

James V. Barrett (Vice-Captain, 1957).

SCHOOL NOTES

Ken Travers, the Fort St. boy who topped the State last year, has been awarded a cadetship by the Australian Gas Light Company.

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Bob Li from last year's 5th Year is now at Washington State University, Seattle, where he is doing electrical engineering.

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Sir Percy Spender, Australian representative in U.N.O. and more important, an ex-Fortian, has been appointed a judge in the International Court of Justice at the Hague.

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We are sure all members of the school appreciate the great work Mr. Anderson is doing by making "new" dusters. He could stop the serious duster shortage.

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Congratulations to Dennis Keys of 4th Year for being selected in the C.H.S. Tennis Team.

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All are glad to have Mr. Bohman back after his sickness; especially as he appears to be as well as ever.

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It is hoped that Mr. O'Sullivan continues with his plans to get the school a complete set of hurdles. All boys, particularly the athletes, thank him for beginning this scheme.

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Geoff. Roney of 4th Year is to be congratulated on his fine effort in coming second in the State Schoolboys' Golf Championship earlier this year. Recently he was selected in a school-boys' team to play Universities.

The furtive figure that can be seen flitting up the front steps at 9.20 a.m. each morning, is, I believe, Fort Street's only acknowledged ghost.

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Congratulations to Warren L. Robinson and "Ben" Gunn for gaining selection in C.H.S. Firsts and Seconds respectively. It is generally believed that size, or lack of it, is the only thing that kept "Ben" out of the Firsts.

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Attendances at dances this year were disappointing.

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Thanks to all those who biletted the boys from Lismore who came down to compete in the C.H.S. Athletic Carnival.

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The Fortian Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Fletcher for his much needed help and guidance in the publishing of this year's magazine.

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Mr. Shea and his cleaners have done a wonderful job this year and are thanked by all. Thanks also to the tuckshop ladies for their fine work, particularly on those hectic Mondays.

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If anyone finds meat in a rissole, keep it — a reward is offered.

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Col. Fairwether, a member of the "illustrious" Frantic Fortian Quartet, is, I believe, Fort Street's first Bachelor of the Week.



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STAFF CHANGES

School Staff Rooms are always interesting places because they contain an ever changing group of teachers.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. Unicombe on his appointment as Deputy-Headmaster of the new Epping High School, and to Mr. Milne who is now Language Master at Armidale High School. As Mathematics Master we welcome Mr. Menzies from Sydney High School.

Mr. Goode was transferred to Canterbury High and two teachers transferred their activities to different fields — Mr Hearse to Blackfriars Correspondence School and Mr. Shinkfield into the Baptist ministry at Yeoval. In their stead we welcome Mr. Dalglish from Canterbury High, Mr. Mathie from Coffs Harbour, Mr. West from Cootamundra, Mr. Little from the Research Division of the Education Department, and Mr. Bygott from Sydney High.

Several staff changes occurred during the year: Mr. Waters who came to us as an Economics Master at the beginning of the year, was seconded to the Research Branch of the Department and was replaced by Mr. Wright from Queanbeyan; Mr. Luke joined us again

for two terms; Mr. Perram helped us out during Mr. Bohman's absence owing to illness; on the departure of Mr. Morton with the Wallabies, Mr. Grant has come from Selkirk High School in Scotland.

Welcome to all new members of staff.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Once again this year the Photography Club has been very fortunate in having the benefit of the Kodak Lecture Service Division. Early in the year we said good-bye to Mr. J. R. Clucas, who for the past few years has regularly given a series of lunch-time lectures. His place was filled by Mr. A. Baxter, who has in his course covered many aspects of photography. We welcome him and look forward to seeing him again next year. The Photography Club meets at 12.40 p.m. on a Tuesday (as advertised on the quadrangle notice board with a yellow card) in the top floor science rooms. All boys interested in photography are cordially invited to attend. The Group Supervisor is Mr. R. S. Horan.

LIBRARY REPORT

This year has brought more important additions to our ever-increasing library. The purchasing of new books, together with donations, has increased the number of books by 326 to make the present total approximately 4,000.

This year we were most fortunate in receiving several outstanding donations. These were "The South Pacific Enterprises", donated by the Colonial Sugar Refinery; "The First Year", the story of the first year of the Elizabethan Theatre, which was donated by the Speech and Drama Department of the Education Department, and also "The N.S.W. Year Book", which was presented by the Government Printer. We are most grateful for these valuable donations.

Some of the new books have been purchased from the money collected from the ever-thriving company of the Forgetful, and others have been purchased from the money raised at the auction sales of worn-out books. The average cost of books purchased is now 13/8d. in comparison with an average cost of 10/7d. in 1949.

Such magazines as "Juniors' Journal", the

"National Geographic Magazine", and other popular publications of this type have proved favourites amongst the pupils. Vocational Guidance pamphlets have proved very helpful to students leaving for jobs.

With the increasing numbers of books, shelving accommodation has proved a serious problem. There seems to be no solution to the problem, as there is no room for further shelving space.

The library has been very helpful to students doing project work, as there is information available about most subjects. It has also proved very helpful to senior students in their studies.

Many thanks are extended to our most capable librarian, Mr. Barnard, who is not only of great help during the weekly library periods, but who also gives up his lunch period to keep the library open.

In conclusion, I would like to appeal to all borrowers to consider their fellow-students, and to care for the books, and to return them in time.

—R. M.

FAMOUS FORTIANS

WALLACE FREEBORN

GENERAL MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, THE ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL OF SYDNEY

In the distant future it is likely that historians will regard this half century as the period of greatest change in all history since the invention of the wheel. The horse and buggy has gone and we are now in the automotive and nuclear age, The Lee Enfield .303 is giving place to the Ultimate Weapon.

For my part, looking back, there does not seem to have been a dull moment. I was born in the Richmond River Valley in the Victorian Era just at the close of the last century when a horse drawn vehicle or a bullock dray was the order of the day, and not even a bicycle was to be seen. Later, the advent of a steam driven traction engine caused more upset to the equine population than a fox in a fowl yard.

I was privileged to attend the old Fort Street, commencing in 1913, a shy and nervous Dux of a suburban school. Fortunately I had enough rat cunning to do my Latin preparation at night, even if all other homework was ignored, so that soon I was transferred to the Boss' class (sharing a bench with Clive Evatt in "Siberia"), thus being ear marked as a candidate for a profession as against lowly commerce.

On the 4th August, 1914, we were sitting under the trees when an afternoon paper was brought in announcing that we were at war with Germany. A lad named Murphy sprang up and called for three cheers for the British Empire — later he was one of the first "Fortians" that I heard of to be killed in action. The Rabaul Contingent of August, 1914 included some of our senior students trained in the School Cadets.

In May, 1915, I managed at my third try to be accepted for the A.I.F. Then came Liverpool Camp, and after a few brief weeks we were on our way in the Troopship 'Argyleshire' — 3rd Battalion, Middle East, France, the carnage of the Somme and Pozieres — my eighteenth birthday in Fremantle on the way home in December '16.

Following discharge from the army in early '17, I had to report daily to Randwick Military Hospital for physiotherapy treatment for a war wound. I called on that grand old man Boss Kilgour at the school on its new site in Petersham, and before I knew what had happened I was a bewildered fourth year student,

attending Randwick after school — no argument!

I matriculated in Engineering, which on medical advice was changed to Medicine by Walter Selle. Wesley College — Vice-President of The Union, President of the S.U.U.A., — graduated 1923. Three years in Sydney hospitals, then thirteen years abroad, in many parts of the world.

Came World War II., and 3rd September, '39 found me in charge of an Air Raids Casualty Hospital attached to the London Hospital in the East End. Returned to join Second A.I.F. January '40, for six years — Middle East again, Darwin, and S.W.P.A. Adv. L.H.Q., then C.O. of a hospital ship — and here I am, sitting at a hospital desk. Medicine is a very satisfying profession with many facets, including administration, opportunities for travel, and the pleasure of serving suffering humanity.

Fort Street has seen all the changes mentioned in the foregoing, and many more, and continues to turn out young men well equipped to face the world with its ever changing demands. We belong to a good school, with 108 years of tradition, and which is second to none in its contribution to the community. What you do to-day will determine, to a large extent, your future in life, and your capacity to seize opportunities when they arise, for "Faber est suae quisque fortunae".

If I may presume, as requested, to give a message, and as one who is, perhaps, a link between the old and the new, not so young but not very ancient (I hope!), it is — Work hard, play hard, remember that we cannot take out of life more than we put into it, and that we should individually make the greatest possible contribution of service in our jobs, and also beyond the line of duty.

Finally, a grateful tribute to the former masters, that long line of illustrious and dedicated men who have made ex-Fortians whatever we are to-day — and a salute to the brilliant staff, your guides, philosophers and very real friends, who are putting you present day students through the same treatment in the same old treadmill.

WALLACE FREEBORN.

General Medical Superintendent,
The Royal North Shore Hospital of Sydney.

HORACE S. READ

(SECRETARY, CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES)

My vintage was circa 1917 which fact alone would seem to indicate my eligibility for the "near bomb class". Forty years is a fair stretch of time and speaking of TIME, I seem to remember something about time being a great healer.

At the moment I find greater satisfaction in the comforting thought that time may have drawn a kindly blind over my quite unspectacular sojourn at Fort Street Boys' High School, Petersham. The School building was near new (I recall even now the threats of a

sudden Nemesis that would descend in avalanche form on any boy daring to test the flow of ink in his fountain pen upon their pristine purity) I too was new or near new but there was nothing sacrosanct about my person!

When I was invited, with more kindness than reason, to write some 500 lines for the Fortian, my first reaction was on a par with that which greeted long ago an assignment of some fifty lines, a sweetly innocent, "WHO — ME ????"

On this occasion I agreed (on the other, I had no choice) because in the galaxy of **SOMEBODIES** whom the School rightly praises, there would be room for at least one **NOBODY** to praise the School. For surely it's a fact that while one may have added no lustre to the academic or sporting prestige of the School, the School had indeed made its impress upon the nobody as well as the somebody.

It is an influence which I have proved abides and as it does, it also challenges one to worthier effort so much so that one who may have proved an unworthy son as a pupil can yet prove worthy as a man.

Personally I took advantage of an Epidemic and a tramway strike to end my school days, which step was opposed by my mother, approved by my father and despite a thoroughly discouraging interview with the then Headmaster, the late Mr. A. J. Kilgour who did his terrifying best to dissuade father and son from so reckless a step! Thinking back to that hour spent in his Ashfield home, I feel that whatever I may have lacked, it wasn't altogether "guts" for the Boss (DAGS to us)

was, when on the warpath, a most formidable figure! I may say in passing that all he said on that occasion I proved right, when years afterwards, I had to make up my studies to prepare myself for my present responsible position.

Now that I am middle-aged, balding and obese (distressing trinity) I know that I cut myself off from wonderful opportunities and privileges which could have been mine. However I DID receive the impact of a great School and personalities.

I think of some of the latter with gratitude to this day, masters who left their impress upon me, George Mackaness ("Shoe-shine George") "Boxer" Roberts, "Cicero" Moody, (of 'puer bonus' fame) "Thruppence" Collins, "Soapy" Fraser, "Corney" Bauer and beloved "Joe" Taylor (or Boer War fame) just to mention a few. How is it that after 40 years such names come so readily to mind? I'll tell you; because one of the greatest contributions a worthy school makes is that made by the personalities of members of its staff. This is the influence which abides, the effect of rich personality upon a young mind and the inspiring influence of teachers who taught a right attitude to life as well as their own particular subject on the school curriculum. I get quite a thrill each morning as I journey to my office in the city to look out at the old school and note the behaviour in the train of the dozens of present pupils is worthy of the best traditions of **OUR SCHOOL**.

HORACE S. READ

(Secretary, Congregational Union of New South Wales.)

DR. H. S. WYNDHAM

(DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF EDUCATION, N.S.W.)

There were six of us, guests at luncheon with the Australian Minister in Washington. Five of us were Australians and, as we talked of this and that, the sixth, an Englishman, said—

"Tell me, you fellows — what is this Fort Street?" It was then that we realised that, three of us being Fortians, we had fallen to gossiping about the school.

"Englishmen", continued our fellow-guest, "are often laughed at because of 'the old school tie', but I've never met so clannish a crowd as fellows from Fort Street. Just what kind of a place is it?"

In a moment, there was a spate of answers, but as we sought to enlighten him, we began to realise we were failing.

What is Fort Street? Only a Fortian can really know. He must have forgathered under the fig-tree, now the property of the girls. He must have known "Siberia". Or, in later days, he must have trudged, those many mornings, up Palace Street. He must have served

the rude apprenticeship of the junior years ere he qualified to tread on the front lawn. (Or do mere juniors, these days, invade that domain of the elders?)

I qualified the hard way, for I joined my year some time before the Intermediate. It was a year proud of the fact that it had been the last First Year to begin at the Old School. The way of the 'new Fortian' is hard, I fear, but as with the 'new Australian' the day comes when he finds he "belongs". Belongs to what? It is hard to tell. But he sees the point of school jokes; he knows the stories behind the staff nicknames; he really feels it is his school as he barracks for the Firsts or wears the school colours, even if it is in Xth Grade.

Perhaps we become most aware of being Fortians after we have left school. We share in the pride of achievement of our school-fellows; we are elated at the successes of the school; we are cast down when its record is not so bright. Most of all, we become aware that we share the privilege of being a Fortian

when some of us meet and talk of the old days. If others are present, we pity their sad fate, but stifle all airs of condescension!

When all the tales are told — tales which have no point for another generation — what remains that an old Fortian can pass back to those still at school?

First, perhaps, would be the reminder that, when you hear the roll called of famous Fortians in every walk of life and in so many places around the world, you should not think of them as extraordinary mortals. What they have become, you can be, if you will. They had their fun at school. Few of them were angels. Indeed, half the funny stories among old Fortians are those which tell of the escapades of gentlemen who are now solemn judges, captains of industry or leaders in the professions. "Do you remember the day when . . ." Most of us can tell stories which begin like that.

What we also remember, and would pass on to you, is that we worked. We had our own word for the fellow who made it obvious that he worked hard but, to hold our places at Fort Street, we had to work. Looking back, we have realised that one of the most valuable things

Fort Street gave us was the habit of work.

Then as now, Fort Street was a place where talent was encouraged. We lacked a hall, we lacked even a piano and Play Day was still something for the future. Yet, in study, in sport and in many other directions in which boys can excel, opportunity was given us. There was always some member of staff who surprised us by knowing enough to help us, when we imagined French or Mathematics was the only thing he knew. Old Fortians would say that, today, you have a far greater opportunity than we to make five years at Fort Street a rich and varied experience.

When I was at school, the building was new — indeed, it was not finished — and the front fence consisted of builders' scraps. That "fence" was the subject of sour jokes and satirical verse. It was as likely to be built as the Harbour Bridge! Yet, today, Sydney has its Bridge and Fort Street its front fence. It is the duty of all Fortians to make certain that not only the front fence is kept respectable, but that what is behind the front fence is worthwhile.

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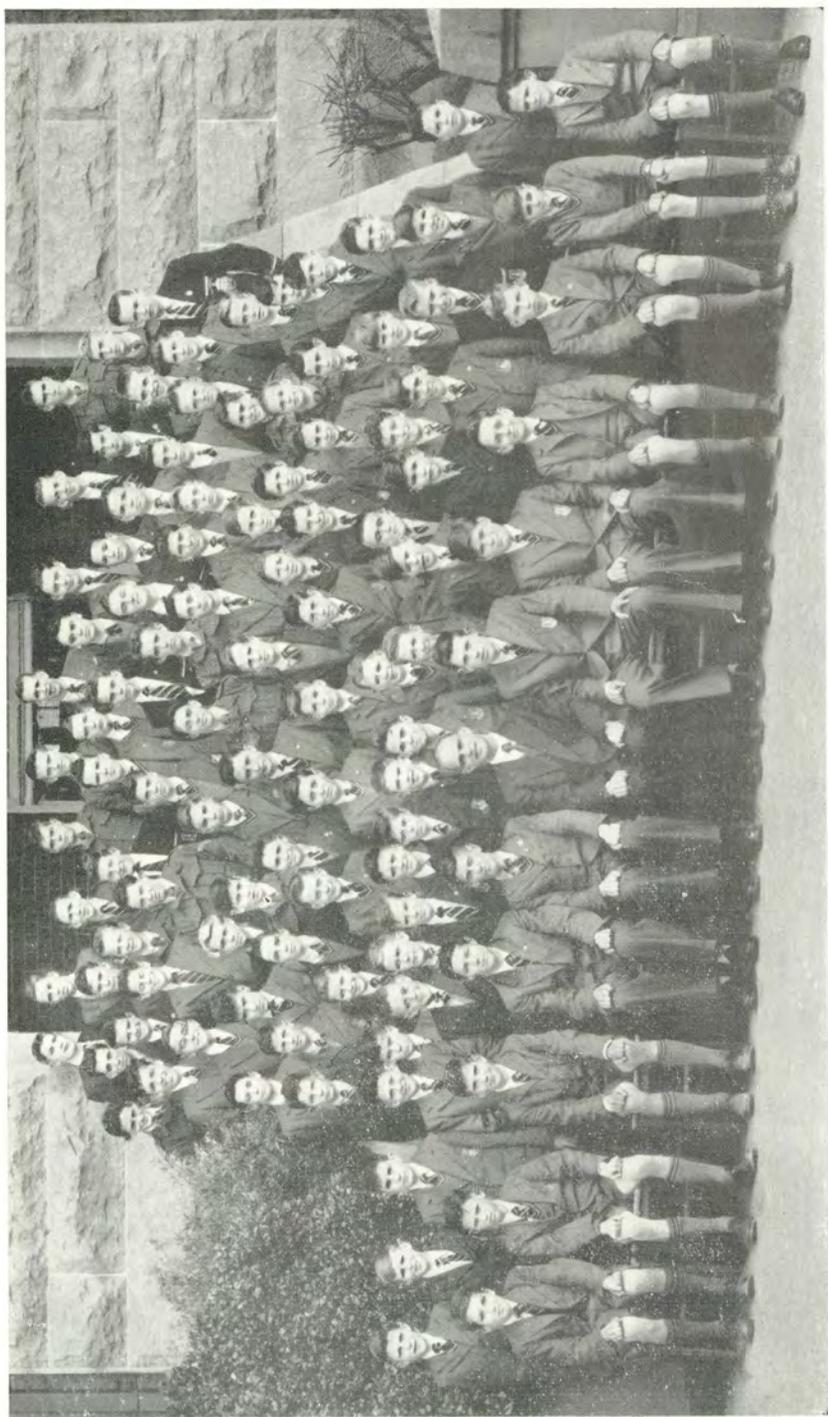
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MUSIC REPORT, 1957

In my fifth and final year on the staff at Fort Street, it is natural to reminisce a little and think on some of the things that we have accomplished together in music at the school.

Five years ago, with the encouragement and support of the Headmaster, Parents and Citizens' Association and Ladies' Committee, it was resolved to increase the status of music at Fort Street, and a beginning was made on a "Music-room Project" by purchasing our present high-fidelity gramophone. The school Record Library was given a wonderful start by E.M.I. who generously donated a splendid set of long-playing recordings, and the collection has been steadily increasing over the years. It was felt that a Musicale would help stimulate interest amongst parents, pupils and friends, and in June of 1953 the first Annual Evening of Music was held in the School Assembly Hall attended by a large and enthusiastic audience. So that Fort Street boys would develop an appreciation of high standards it was the aim to present first-class artists at the musicale, and over the years the programmes have included Neville Amadio, Terence Hunt, Paula Clarkstone, William Diamond and other well-known Sydney musicians. At the fifth Annual Evening we were proud to be use the school's beautiful grand piano purchased by the efforts of the Parents' organizations and the School at the end of last year.

Musical Education for all junior boys has been an integral part of the curriculum, and the General Cultural Courses have been designed to give the boys an opportunity to hear good music and to point the way towards a musical appreciation. It had long been the wish of the Headmaster and myself to extend this course to the Senior Years, and from the beginning of this year the three-year course has been given to 1st, 2nd and 4th years. A limited number of boys wishing to study music for the Intermediate and Leaving Certificates have had this opportunity over the last few years, and now follow the new Revised Syllabus—a splendid course of study developing all-round musicianship instead of concentrating upon instrumental playing.

But the true indication of the state of Music in a school surely lies in the quality of work performed by the pupils themselves. Fifteen years ago, Fort Street's reputation was very high indeed, through the inspiring and enthusiastic work of the music-teacher, Mr. Darryl Bailey, and it was my hope that the school could once again reach this standard. But before high standards can be reached, foundations must be laid, and support from the boys forthcoming and maintained. The formation of the 1953

Fort Street School Choir was very tentative, for so many boys had no idea of the pleasure that good choral work can bring, and were not only "suspicious" of the Choir, but indeed, were highly sceptical! Our membership reached thirty-five, including eight or nine senior boys. (Last year's membership reached a record of nearly 200). Great credit is due to those few senior boys in the early years, for they began a tradition of our tenor and bass singing at the school, now one of the best features of our choral work. The hard work done by all the choirs has reaped its reward. Over the years every member has had an opportunity to sing at the Sydney Town Hall, either at the Combined Choral Concerts or the Individual Choirs' Festival — occasions which, I am sure, will never be forgotten by those who took part in them; while three broadcasts, two recordings, numerous school functions and various suburban concerts have been happy and memorable events. On those occasions when the Fort Street Choir has performed outside the school it has always been particularly gratifying to hear the audience remarking not only on the good singing, but also on the splendid bearing of choir members. During this year one of my ambitions has been realized — the formation of a School Madrigal Group. These musicianly and enthusiastic boys who have been willing to give up a great deal of time for practice have given performances touching professional standards. All the choral work at Fort Street has been quite voluntary, and rehearsals held before and after school, lunch-times, and on three occasions for senior boys in holiday time. It is perhaps this very sacrifice of leisure that has helped create the atmosphere of fellowship and friendliness in the choir, and a spirit of co-operation so essential in music making.

Undoubtedly we could never have achieved what we have without the unfailing support from our Headmaster, Mr. Shaw. Himself a musical enthusiast and a discerning listener, he has done everything possible to further the cause of music at Fort Street, and my sincerest thanks go to him for all his help. I would also like to express my appreciation of the support given by Mr. Perrau, various staff members and parents to the musical ventures of the school. Last, but most certainly not least, my thanks go to all those boys who have helped in building up the music tradition at Fort Street. I shall always look back with great pleasure to these five years at the school, and hope that music at Fort Street will continue to develop for the education and pleasure of the boys, and the increasing fame of the school.

—D. E. Tunley.



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FAREWELL TO MR. MORTON

It was with mixed feelings that in September of this year, Fort Street farewelled Mr. (Al) Morton, as he was about to embark on what we hope will be a successful and enjoyable tour with the 1957-8 Wallabies Rugby Union team.

With mixed feelings because, although we all were glad to see Mr. Morton gain such a high honour, none of us wanted him to leave our school, as in his too short stay here, he has done much for the school and the boys. Perhaps the pinnacle of his achievements was the way he improved and rejuvenated the previously forgotten Gymnastics Squad, which gave a splendid performance at last year's fete.

His advice, coaching and pre-season calisthenics (after the initial numbness had left) were of great help to all boys in the higher grade football teams.

Mr. Morton is not a Sydneysider, originally coming from Canberra, where his football career was nurtured. There, while attending Canberra High School, he played in its First Fifteen as half-back, and once, playing as five-eighth, captained a combined A.C.T. Schoolboys' Team. On leaving school, he migrated to Sydney and, playing

as centre, he gained selection in St. George's First Grade Team, after a riotous rise through the minor grades. He stayed at this club for two years and then made a double change going to Randwick and moving to the wing.

It was here at a club that plays open, attractive football, that he stepped into Football limelight by being the leading try-scorer during the 1956 season (at one stage scoring 10 tries in 3 matches). This was due, not to good fortune, but to a natural spectacular style of play, that always captures the crowd's imagination.

This year he was selected to play for Australia against the touring world champions — the All Blacks — and was one of the select few to cross their line during their tour. His two sterling performances in these tests earned him the supreme honour of being regarded as one of the "certs" to gain selection in the team to tour the British Isles.

Mr. Morton is a fine example for all boys to follow, and, since he will be away from Australia for seven months, we can do nought but repeat what was said at the official farewell, and wish him the best of luck.

—D. Morgan.

I.S.C.F. REPORT

"To God be the glory! great things he hath done!

So loved he the world that he gave us His Son;

*Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in."*

God hath truly wrought great things for I.S.C.F. throughout this year. It has been a memorable one for all who have attended its meetings, outings, camps, house-party and picnic.

General meetings, held regularly during the lunch-hour each Tuesday, have endeavoured to cater for the spiritual needs of some ninety boys, who gathered in the Music room to participate in some bright singing, conducted by one of the boys, and listen to an interesting and authoritative speaker — a visitor, teacher or senior student.

The theme: "To know Christ and Make Him Known" formed the basis for each talk. Prayer and the guidance received through such, has been responsible for the success of these meetings. Prayer Meetings are held regularly each Friday at lunch-time.

Bible studies every alternate Thursday have been under the capable supervision of one of the teachers, who raised many enlightening thoughts for discussion by the group.

We are sincerely appreciative of the attendance of three enthusiastic teachers at our meetings. Mr. West, in particular, has acted as School Councillor for our I.S.C.F. at Fort Street and has also been responsible for the conducting of Bible Studies.

Outside activities have been extended somewhat this year so as to include each boy in some way or another. The I.S.C.F. was well represented at a Science Week-end held early in the year. Those who attended cannot speak too highly of this occasion. The highlight of the year was a House-Party at the "Grange", Mt. Victoria. Undoubtedly this opportunity will be repeated. Other events include a barbecue picnic to Lane Cove National Park with Strathfield Girls' I.S.C.F.

We are grateful for God's guidance and rejoice that we may assist Him in drawing others unto Himself. "And, if I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32.)

"O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;

And give Him the glory! great things he hath done!"

There is a place for you in I.S.C.F.

Richard Clarke (Leader).

LODGE FORTIAN No. 649 U.G.L. OF N.S.W.

Lodge Fortian, whose members consist of ex-students and past and present teachers of Fort Street Boys' High School, has once again had a very successful year.

The Worshipful Master for 1957, Wor. Bro. E. Bruce Scribner, was installed in the Chair

of the Lodge as Worshipful Master by his predecessor, Wor. Bro. Gordon L. Ross, in March of this year. Both Bruce and Gordon completed their school career in 1932, the former being a prefect and a member of the School's Debating Team, which won the Hume Barbour Trophy for that year. Gordon Ross captained the 1st grade tennis team of 1932 and is now the Municipal Engineer and Town Planner for the Ashfield Municipal Council.

During this year the Master has made it his aim to visit any lodge in which the Master was a Fortian and in October last held a "Back to Fortian" night, when we were all delighted to meet again many old schoolmasters and friends.

On April 29th the various School Lodges held their Annual Combined Meeting, which proved a highly successful function. The meeting was attended by nine school lodges, viz., Lodges Sydney High School, Fortian, Torchbearer (Shore), Old Sydneians (Grammar), Wyvern (Newington), The King's School, Scots, Cranbrook and Knox. Lodge University of Sydney was also represented.

Lodge Fortian meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at the Masonic Temple, Castle-reagh Street, and is always pleased to see Old Boy members of the Craft and ex-teachers and their friends. The Secretary is Mr. A. Stanley, who is not only an old boy (1904-05) but was a member of the Staff from 1920 to 1953.

The Lodge would like to congratulate the Headmaster, the Staff and the boys on the fine academic results of 1956 and trust that the results may be even better for 1957. Particularly do we congratulate Ken Travers, David Blair and Peter Uhler, who came 1st, 4th and 7th respectively in the State in the Leaving Certificate Examination, and Michael Kirby and Russell Millard, who won the Senior and Junior Lodge Fortian prizes in their school year.

CAREERS CORNER

At present there is very little demand for boys for commerce and industry, possibly on account of the rather large number of people unemployed. The usual mail of two to three hundreds requests for boys has dwindled to about a dozen. However, the top-grade students are still in great demand for the scholarships and cadetships mentioned last year: Commonwealth and State Public Service, the Teaching Service, New Guinea Cadetships, Agricultural Science Cadetships, BHP Cadetships, Forestry Cadetships, Soil Conservation Cadetships, Coal-mining Engineering Scholarships, Railway Engineering Cadetships, and a few large firms are also offering excellent opportunities. Details of these openings may be had on application.

So far there have been no requests for boys for Law or Pharmacy.

—J. E. Wells, Careers Adviser.

DRAMA FESTIVAL, 1957

On the 15th and 16th April, Fort Street fourth year with Burwood Home Science presented G. B. Shaw's satire, "Androcles and the Lion." The play was produced at the Elizabethan Theatre in conjunction with the Secondary Schools' Drama Festival and was received enthusiastically by the audiences.

Acting laurels went to Russell Millard who earned high praise for a delightful performance as Androcles. He provided much of the humour so necessary to the production.

Ken Wardrop expertly cast as the vain, aristocratic Caesar, won applause for some excellent acting.

The Editor, Dennis Craney, although still having trouble with his gestures, was very impressive.

Other good performances were given by Ross Cope who, although nervous was good as the Roman Captain, John Parker, Michael Raihl as Ferovius, Robert Allaburton as the Lion, Duncan McIntyre, Warwick Allen and Peter Parkes.

The play was also performed successfully on 27th September at the Old Boys' Play Night.

—G. Hurst.

36th ANNUAL PLAY FESTIVAL

The 1957 Play Festival was, traditionally, a great success. On Friday, 16th, and Saturday, 17th August, a total of six plays were presented to pleasingly packed houses.

The newly-instituted "Best Actor" Awards, awarded by Mr. Dempsey of the Education Department, were presented on the Saturday evening by Mrs. H. S. Wyndham, wife of the Director-General.

The musical programme, under the direction of Mr. Tunley, surpassed even the high standard established in recent years, and we look forward with pleasure to hearing more from the Madrigal Group.

The plays selected by Mr. Dempsey for presentation at the evening's performance were as follows:—

Abu Hassan Pays His Debts:

Presented by a combined 1c-1d cast, and produced by Mr. Little, this spectacular effort was very pleasing to eye as well as ear. Impressive scenery, however, was not all this play had to offer, and Alan Brudson's performance in the title role earned him the award for Best Actor of First Year.

All For Bassanio:

This interesting experiment, abridged and adapted by Mr. Anderson (himself the author of several successful productions) from "The Merchant of Venice" was highlighted by the performances of D. Bradley (the Best Actor of Third Year) and G. Raffell, as Portia and Shylock respectively. Unfortunately, the lack of stage space placed severe restrictions on the large cast.

Let Justice Be Done:

Probably the most humorous play presented on either evening, "Let Justice Be Done", offered, among other things, two hilariously comical policemen (R. Blyton and

A. Morris), a Hollywood-type Columbus (J. McGregor) and a Guy Fawkes (A. Skelton), suitably penitent for failure to blow up the Houses of Parliament.

The presentation was by 2C, and Mr. Little's clever production was again evident.

The Bespoke Overcoat:

An ambitious production undertaken by Mr. Dasey and a small cast of 4A boys, "The Bespoke Overcoat" was perhaps the outstanding success of the Festival.

The two principals, Russell Millard and Ken Wardrop, shared the award for the Best Actor of Fourth Year.

The play, written in the Jewish idiom by Wolf Mankowitz, was technically very demanding, and praise is due to the "Mike Room" staff for their skilful and effective handling of the presentation.

The Vendetta:

Another outstanding success, and again written in a foreign idiom, this 2D production was characterised by the all round strength of its cast.

Ian Gardiner took out the Second Year Best Actor Award for his performance as "Antonio", while L. Schwer and R. Hitchcock provided some entertaining buffoonery as a pair of not over-intelligent Corsican peasants.

The Dragon That Was Different:

Some refreshingly different modern production techniques and a cast of some twenty-four 1A boys combined to earn this play a place on the Saturday evening programme.

Both cast and audience entered into the general tone of frivolity that prevailed throughout, but both seemed to find the stiltedly-rhymed dialogue a trifle wearisome in parts.

—K. W.



SCENES FROM "ANDROCLÉS AND THE LION"

OLD BOYS' DANCE

The Old Boys' Union held their second dance at the School Memorial Hall on June 30th. It was rather better attended than the dance of the previous year as well as being more successful. This dance, if given a greater boost by the Old Boys' Union with a little more advertising and perhaps with a deal more attention on the part of Senior School could become one of the major social attractions on the School agenda.

It may be suggested that the proximity of the School Ball to the date set down for this dance be watched. It is felt that an increase in attendance could well result.

—L. G. Cooper.

LADIES' COMMITTEE

Throughout the year the members of the Ladies' Committee have been very successful in playing their part in the many school functions that devolve upon them.

I would like to mention the Christmas Luncheon at which as well as entertaining the staff, representatives from other High Schools were present for the first time. The welcome to the first year mothers was well attended and was a very pleasant function.

The Father and Son evening was held again this year. Its popularity was indicated by the attendance of some six hundred fathers and sons.

The Passing Out Parade of the school cadets was held at 11 a.m. on the 26th October, 1956 and the farewell to 5th year students was arranged for the afternoon of the same day. The school cadet band made its first appearance at the Passing Out Parade and must be congratulated on the standard of their performance.

I would like to record the Committee's appreciation of the boys' approach to the feeling of Anzac Day. The ceremony contained an emotional depth which is so often lacking.

The end of term dances have been held and although not as well attended as in former years they were quite enjoyable. The school ball was a social success.

We were pleased to serve refreshments at various school functions including Speech Night, Inter-School Debate, Passing Out Parade, Anzac Day and Play Night.

A new activity within the Committee is the development of the Dramatic group. This group which started as a play reading group has grown under the direction of Mrs. Hughes. As well as providing entertainment to the committee the dramatic group has presented plays to other schools and charitable organizations.

We would like to thank Mr. Shaw and members of the staff for the courtesy and co-operation to our committee throughout the year.

R. Eglington, Hon. Secretary.

PREFECTS' DANCE

The Prefects' Dance took place once again in the Memorial Hall on the 12th April. Fine music and entertainment together with supper was enjoyed and Mr. Hoffman did a grand job as M.C.

An opportunity should be taken here to congratulate Ian Gunn, Jack Nolan and Col. Fairweather who gave an outstanding rendition of a very popular song. It is hoped such a performance will not be repeated.

Although rather poorly attended a pleasant evening was spent.

L.G.C.



FORTIAN COMMITTEE.

BACK ROW: R. Malouf, R. Millard, R. Gibson, R. Cope, G. Hurst, B. Gassman.
 FRONT ROW: L. Cooper, K. Wardrop (Literary Editor), D. Morgan (Editor), Mr. J. Fletcher (Master-in-Charge), J. Parker (Business Manager), W. Allen (Sporting Editor), J. Bagnall.

FAREWELL TO FIFTH YEAR

On Friday, 25th Oct., 1957 the School held its annual farewell to 5th Year celebrations. The day commenced with a combined Church service at 9.00 a.m. and was followed by the Cadet Passing Out Parade. The school was honoured by the attendance of Mr. McKnight, an Old Boy of the school who is now Secretary for the Army. Mr. McKnight paid us a special visit from Canberra for this function.

In the afternoon the Fourth Year's farewell to Fifth Year function was celebrated.

With R. Millard as Chairman, the first toast was to the Queen. This was followed by a toast to the School. Geoff Hilder (School Captain) and Jim Barrett (Vice-Captain), proposed the toast. Hilder laid emphasis on all that the School had done for this 5th Year and Barrett in a particularly stirring speech gave us what he considers are our duties as Fortians in upholding the School's fine tradition.

It was extremely unfortunate that our Headmaster, Mr. Shaw, was unable to attend this function owing to illness and we all wish him a speedy return to good health. In his absence our Deputy Headmaster replied to the toast to the School.

The next toast was to the departing 5th Year with K. Wardrop and T. Stephens proposing the toast. Alan Rayner, our Senior Prefect responded.

Least, but not last (an admirable phrase, Mr. Perrau!) we drank a toast to the Staff. N. Clark and J. Dowd thanked their masters for the guidance and tuition they had been given at the School and expressed a hope that through their good teaching they might obtain good results in the Leaving. Mr. Westlake, acting Deputy Headmaster, and the member of the Staff, replied to this toast.

We would all like to add our thanks to the Ladies' Committee for carrying out such a splendid job in arranging the catering for the day and we feel that perhaps that toast to them at the conclusion of that magnificent afternoon was equally the most important of the day.

Our thanks are also extended to R. Barnard and R. Allaburton for the entertainment they provided.

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PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

This year has been one of tangible achievement brought about by the wholehearted co-operation of the Headmaster, his deputy and the staff with the Parents and Citizens' Association.

The Assembly Hall assumed a new guise. The transformation was completed in time for the Annual Evening of Music. This very successful function provided a varied musical programme arranged by Mr. Tunley. Mr. Tunley used the School Choir, the Madrigal Group, the grand piano and visiting artists to give the large audience great pleasure. The standard of music in the School is now such that Fort Street Boys' High School takes its place among the top schools in the State in this field and for this we sincerely thank Mr. Tunley.

The Department of Education has been most helpful in assisting us with our programme of improvements this year although the department tempered its co-operation with the disturbing news of newly-constituted areas for pupil intake.

Attendance at our monthly meetings has steadily increased and we are now able to

say we are a really representative group.

Mr. H. Morphew relinquished his position as president of the P. & C. Association this year. Mr. Cash, the honorary secretary, and Mr. Bevan, the honorary treasurer, did not seek re-election. Mr. J. Wright replaces Mr. Morphew as president and Mr. Adcock was elected to the position of treasurer.

Visiting speakers have been featured at our meetings and included Mr. Tunley, Mr. K. Bruce, the Blind Book Society, Dr. George Mackaness and Mr. T. Payne, Inspector of Schools.

Executive officers of the P. & C. Association were guests of the School at Speech Night, Anzac Day Service, Play Night and the Passing Out Parade of School Cadets.

The Parents and Citizens' Association is proud to be part of Fort Street Boys' High School. On behalf of the Association I congratulate the students on maintaining the fine record of the School in the class-room and on the field of sport and I thank the Headmaster and staff for looking after the welfare of our boys.

C. E. Lindsay (Honorary Secretary).

EMPIRE DAY, 1957

Empire Day was celebrated this year in the School Memorial Hall on Friday, 24th May. At the commencement of the ceremony the School Song together with pledges of sincere devotion to God, Queen and Country were rendered before J. Dowd read to the assembled pupils a message from the President of the Royal Empire Day Society.

The headmaster after a few remarks brought forward R. Outhred of Second Year who delivered the first speech of the ceremony. The topic he discussed was the beginning and growth of the British Commonwealth of Nations. He maintained that although colonies had achieved total independence they elected to keep a close and faithful relationship with Great Britain.

T. Stephens of Fourth Year furthered the discussion and informed the audience of the present-day attitude of the countries within the British Commonwealth of Nations. His speech, as that of the former speaker, was most inspiring.

G. Eglington concluded with a view on the future of this great band of nations. Perhaps a little optimistically he argued that while countries were united in such a way their strength and goodwill would endure great hardships. Again a most comprehensive speech.

The National Anthem and the loyalty and devotion it included, I'm sure, gave vent to a general expression of gratitude for the peace and well-being of all the nations under the banner of The British Commonwealth of Nations.

L. G. Cooper.

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ANZAC DAY

On Wednesday, 24th April, the commemoration of Anzac was held at the School.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Lieutenant-Colonel H. A. Hind, Commanding Officer, second Cadet Brigade. He was met on the front lawn by the Headmaster, after which he inspected the Cadet Guard of Honour. The School watched the ceremony from the verandahs.

The annual "Assembly for the Commemoration of Anzac" commenced in the school hall at 11.30 p.m. After the School Song and Loyalty Pledge the chairman made a few remarks and announced the first hymn, "The Recessional". A student then read a short prayer, which was followed by the hymn "O God Our Help".

Before giving his address Lieutenant-Colonel Hind commended the School Cadet Corps and said it was one of which the School could be justly proud.

He then went on to deliver an inspiring address on Anzac and its meaning for us.

The address was followed by the hymn "Abide With Me". The chairman then announced the Ceremony of Remembrance. The School stood to attention while the Cadet Guard of Honour took the order "Slope Arms". "The Dead" by Rupert Brooke was then read by a student, after which the "Last Post" was sounded. On the last note, the Guard came to "Rest on Arms Reversed"

and all heads were bowed for one minute silence. The silence was broken by an extract from "The Fallen" read by a student. The Guard returned to the "Present Arms" position, as the "Reveille" was about to be sounded.

The ceremony was closed with the singing of the "National Anthem".

SCHOOL BALL

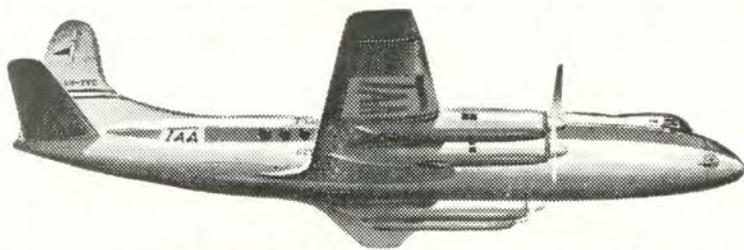
The Eleventh Annual School Ball was held on July 5th of this year in the newly-painted School Memorial Hall. Many thanks are extended to the band who provided some fine musical entertainment, to Mr. Horan who did an excellent job as M.C. for the night and to the Ladies' Committee who assisted admirably with the supper. Thanks are also extended to the Social Committee who decorated the hall for the occasion.

On the whole the Ball was well attended and we were pleased to see Old Boys in attendance with the students of the Senior School. Unfortunately members of the Junior School were remarkably conspicuous by their absence. It is hoped that this will be remedied in future years.

The Ball, probably the most important social function of the year, went off extremely well and an excellent evening, I'm sure, was enjoyed by all present.

—L. G. Cooper.

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**DEBATING.**

FRONT ROW: K. Luckuck, D. Cribb, Mr. L. Gent, B. Russell, G. Thomas.
 BACK ROW: R. Allaburton, P. Parkes, G. Hancock, J. Bagnall.

DEBATING, 1957

Unfortunately neither the senior nor the junior team was particularly successful this year.

In the Hume-Barbour Competition, the senior team, comprising Garth Thomas (1st speaker and captain), Keith Luckuck (2nd speaker) and Douglas Cribb, who rejoined the team this year as a very able whip, with Barry Russel as reserve, debated three times. The team won against Drummoyne High, but we regret to say, lost to Macquarie High and Homebush High. Nevertheless the team enjoyed all the debates against such fine opposition.

Owing to the pressure of study occasioned by the approaching Leaving Certificate, the team did not enter the City of Sydney Eisteddfod this year.

So far as social debates go, we lost our first debate with Fort St. Girls' high and our debate at Lismore. In the second debate with our sister school, however, we were victorious.

Mr. L. E. Gent deserves the sincere thanks of all the team for his helpful suggestions and encouragement.

The Junior Team: John Bagnall (1st speaker), Robert Allaburton (2nd speaker),

and Peter Parkes (whip and Captain), with G. Hancock as our 4th speaker won their first debate against Macquarie High but lost to Drummoyne High and Homebush by narrow margins. Our thanks go to Michael Kirby, a well-known ex-Fortian for his capable adjudicating of two of these debates.

The team entered the Eisteddfod but was defeated in the second round by Knox Grammar School by one point.

Unfortunately, there were no social debates for the team to enjoy.

It is felt that these debates have given the team much needed experience and assistance for the coming year's debates.

We are deeply indebted to Mr. Horan for his kind assistance so far as transport is concerned.

It is to be hoped that there will be potential and able debaters in the coming fourth year.

From the "Chronicle" of Elizabeth Charters, comes this challenge.

"To know how to say what others only know how to think is what makes men poets or sages, and to dare to say what others only dare to think, makes men and martyrs or reformers, or both."

FATHER AND SON EVENING

On Saturday, 30th March, the Ladies' Committee held their Annual Father and Son Evening in the School Memorial Hall.

Proceedings were opened by the Acting Headmaster, Mr. Perrau, who proposed a welcome to the visitors and expressed his regret at the absence through illness of the Headmaster, Mr. G. C. Shaw.

Musical entertainment then commenced with an excellent performance of two folk songs by the First Year Choir under the baton of Mr. Tunley.

The School Captain, Geoff Hilder, addressed the audience, his subject being "The School". He stressed the importance of taking part in all school activities, both academic and sporting, and pointed out that in so doing the pupil could bring honour to the School as well as credit to himself. In reply, Mr. Morphey, President of the Old Boys' Union, recalled many humorous episodes from his own days at the School.

Mr. Westlake spoke next upon "The Fathers", emphasising their responsibility to ensure their sons' steady application to academic work. Dr. Gatenby replied.

Entertainment for the remainder of the evening was provided by Bob Murphy (comedian), Peter Crane (pianist), and the Gymnastics Squad under the guidance of popular Alan Morton.

The singing of the School Song concluded an enjoyable programme and all adjourned to an excellent supper provided by the ladies.

—R. L. M.

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OLD BOYS' UNION

Between the two World Wars and during 1946/49 a regular feature in "The Fortian" was a page devoted to activities of the Old Boys' Union and notes about ex-students. This not only served to inform pupils of the existence of the Union and the benefits attaching to membership of it, but more importantly illustrated the close association of the Union and the School.

Though no article has been published since 1949, the Union has had a continuous existence since that date and is perhaps now more closely linked with school interests than for some considerable time.

The Union is controlled by an energetic Committee headed by the President, H. E. Morphew (1917), who is supported by J. H. Fisher (1923) and J. Dick (1948) Vice-Presidents; A. R. Cotter (1948) Secretary; A. Birchell (1947) Treasurer; and D. Cash (1955), W. Cleary (1947), T. Cole (1954), W. Dutton (1955), R. Flanagan (1954), R. Joseph (1950), P. Lindsay (1954), G. McKimm (1954), H. Merriman (1947), J. Moore (1956), R. Reid (1950), A. Spargo (1950), N. Sweet (1950), R. Tate (1947), and D. Weinberg (1914). The Patrons are Sir Percy Spender, Sir Garfield Barwick, Dr. H. V. Evatt, and Messrs. C. H. Christmas and G. C. Shaw.

Membership of the Union has increased over recent years but is still far short of a minimum commensurate with the age and traditions of Fort Street. At present members number about 400 of which slightly less than 300 are financial. However new membership this year represents 30% of the total financial membership and there is evidence of a growing interest in the Union, particularly among older Fortians. The new members enlisted from students leaving school, has been increased from 30% in 1949 to 60% over the last 3 years. Present students are urged to join in even greater numbers, and more importantly, to retain their membership over the years. Subscriptions are 5/- for the first year after leaving school, 7/6 for the next 4 years, and 15/- thereafter, and may be forwarded to Box 4209, G.P.O., Sydney.

The Committee has adopted a two-fold policy — to give members more for their subscriptions and to draw closer to the School. The Annual Ball at which Judge Renshaw was Guest-of-Honour, conducted with the assistance of the O.G.U. was again a social and financial success when held in April. Three years ago the Union reintroduced an annual dance at the School Memorial Hall in first term for the younger members of the Union and senior students. This year the function was a success but not as much as the 1955 dance. The Union by tradition holds two formal Supper Dances each year, one in the Winter and the other at Christmas. The Supper Dance held in September was an enjoyable evening held at the Parramatta River Power Boat Club. A

ladies auxiliary has greatly assisted in making the Union's dances the success that they have been this year. The Union also contributes to the attendance at the School Ball each year.

The Annual Dinner has been reinstated by the Union and has rightly established itself as the Union's most important function of the year. This year Sir Bertram Stevens was the Guest-of-Honour and a large gathering of Fortians ranging from the year 1891 to 1955 gathered at the Hotel Australia to pay tribute to the school which moulded the various patterns followed in later life. Last year the Union inaugurated a dinner in honour of the retiring fifth year which was held in the School Hall and proved successful. Functions of a similar nature known as Senior Dinners were held annually between the Wars, the last recorded one being in October, 1937. Last year's function was unique in that the subscription of fifth years to the Dinner was treated as also being their subscription to the Union for the succeeding year. Another Dinner is planned for this year.

This year a Drama Club was formed in conjunction with the O.G.U. and in September presented its first production to a large audience in the School Hall on a programme supported by plays by the School and the Ladies' Committee. The Club hopes to produce another play early next year and urges all present students interested in drama to join this group on leaving school. An Old Fortians Dramatic Society was successfully conducted in the Twenties, the last record of it being in 1933.

Last year the Annual Golf Day was reintroduced and was held again this year when trophies were awarded. The day has yet to gain the status of those held in the 1930's. An attempt was made early this year to form an under-21 Rugby Union team to compete in a special competition with teams of other O.B.U.'s, which failed due to lack of support. The N.S.W. Rugby Union has advised that another attempt will be made to promote the competition next year and all present fifth years who are interested should contact the Secretary to ensure the success of this activity in 1958. A team was formed in 1948 and competed successfully in a Junior competition.

This year also the Union is holding its first Car Trial-Barbecue and hopes to hold a summer barbecue and a beach day as in past years. A tennis day is also planned for the first time.

Circulars have created a lot of interest among members this year as they now take the form not only of a diary of events but of news and reports concerning Fortians and the School. The Union in October published its first printed magazine "Faber Est" which has stirred many Old Boys into an awareness of the Union's importance. A copy of this 16-page Magazine is in the School Library, and

it is intended to publish it twice yearly without charge to members.

The Union has assisted the School by awarding prizes each year, by helping to paint the Memorial Hall and by helping at the Fetes. The Union is also taking a leading part in the present negotiations with the Education Department on the new school boundaries. The Union also aims to help pupils obtain positions

after leaving school. Last year the Union donated £50 towards the cost of the new piano and is planning to make further worthwhile monetary contributions to the School.

However the Union is only as strong as the members make it and all Fortians should be proud enough of their school to join the Union and help preserve its traditions and eminence and their own friendships and associations.

CHESS CLUB

This year Room 8 has been busy at lunch-times (as well as after school), and the three chess-sets have had very heavy use. We hope to be able to provide more next year for the members of the Club.

Fort Street entered five teams in the Inter-school Competition this year, and this is an improvement on 1956. It was pleasing to see so many First Year boys joining the Club; if this continues, we will have to enter two Beginners' Teams next year.

It must be admitted that the standard of chess is not very high, so that we can announce no wins for any of the teams. However, there were some good individual performances: W. Beddoes (B Grade), T. Ball (C Grade).

V. Houghton and T. Fitzpatrick (Beginners) both won three of their five games. The most successful team was the Beginners' Team, which came third in their division, scoring 14 points to their opponents' 11.

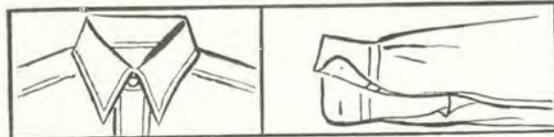
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LITERARY SECTION



Harken to the whistled notes!
 In shrill high tones the piccolo gloats
 With merry laughter.
 His piercing notes ring clear,
 And shrieking in one's very ear
 Say: "This is the music, have no fear,
 That you are after."

Now the trumpets tell their story!
 Let them pour out brazen glory
 On the waiting air.
 Their grandeur, exalting, swelling,
 On the emotions dwelling, dwelling
 As the chords, with rapture vast impelling,
 Reverberating there,
 In the quietness hover, hover
 And the symphony is over, over . . .

R. Cook, 4A.

AWARDS

Verse.—Senior: R. Cook, 4A.

Junior: T. Dunn, 1C.

Prose.—Senior: A. Stephens, 4A.

Junior: J. Ayling, 2A.

SYMPHONY

Listen to the violin's lilting strain!
 Let the honeyed notes pour forth again
 From trembling strings.
 The exquisite melody symphonious,
 The delightful tune euphonious,
 Combine to sweetness all harmonious —
 Enchant the music kings!

Attend the throbbing of the drums!
 Hear the low pulsation as it comes
 In rhythmic measure.
 As far-off jungle drums cry out for war
 The brash tympanies crash to music in a
 crescendo-roar.
 The palpitations of the drum's loud under-
 tones outpour:
 A beating pressure.

Hear the flute take up the twisting tune
 As if to senerade some lover 'neath the moon
 With harmony supreme.
 With deftness few can match
 The flute twists 'round the catch;
 And in the depths behind the opened hatch:
 The music of a dream.

ECONOMICS WITHOUT TEARS

I think it is agreed that to the average person, Economics is something of a mystery; indeed it seems to be generally regarded with the same mixture of awe and curiosity with which a first year regards the prefect's room. So I now intend to let the economic cat out of the bag and reveal to the uninitiated, some of the mysteries which are daily celebrated in Room 5. To do this is quite a foolhardy deed, for, in dispersing the mists of rumour about it and revealing it as something which, contrary to the popular superstition, has nothing to do with the Black Arts of dealings with the Devil, I run the risk of being exiled into the bleak wastes of Chemistry, the alternative to this subtle subject, or of having my yearly paper made the object on which the High Priest of Economics will vent his fury. But let what will be, be — it is the duty of every good Fortian to enlighten the masses, even at the cost of his own exam. average.

Economics was invented during the Dark Ages of Adam Smith, one of the greatest masters of circumlocution ever to flourish. Adam, in his book "Death of Nations" outlined the two types of Economy, rampant at that time. However, sad to say, Adam was a capitalistic pig and in all probabilities a tool of Wall Street, so it remained to Groucho Marx in his great work "Das Kopital" to describe the only system under which workers are not squashed under the heel of the aforementioned capitalistic swine.

Another early economist was Ben Hur Brown, who, working with T. R. Malthus, propounded the world-shattering theory that "If people continue having children, population will either fall or remain level or rise." This caused so much controversy that Ben Hur had to flee the country and met a gruesome end when he was finally excommunicated by a Papal Bull. Malthus, however, continued undaunted and his labours in that age of ignorance are best described by St. John as: "the light which shineth like the darkness, and men comprehend it not." This quotation also aptly describes the present state of learning in 4F at the moment.

One of the most important mysteries of Economics is Economic Language. This means that a word in English does not mean the same in Economics. Take for example the word "demand". In English the word means "to ask forcibly" — but any economist will tell you that you cannot economically demand anything unless you have the money to pay for it. Therefore, when the Economics teacher demands that I give up the piece of chewing-gum which I have been shyly masticating behind my exercise book, he should first produce the money to back up his demand. Now, since the piece of 'chewey' is of immense sentimental value to me and since my life will be desolate without it, it would clearly cost a great sum of money, which the teacher will have to produce, before he can demand it. You must agree all this is very economic and logical, but does it work in practice? No! My treasured confection is brutally hurled in the garbage bin and I am given one hundred lines for the good of my soul. Obviously there is no justice in the world.

However, there is one great advantage to Economic Language. This is best illustrated by the following example: An uninitiated one goes to the tuckshop to buy with sixpence some lollies to chew in French. But . . . An economist goes to the local non-competitive market of comestibles with six units of un-specialised purchasing power to expend them on a limited commodity range, according to his individual scale of preferences. The advantage of Economic knowledge here is obvious. Perhaps the most important gesture of Economics is the economic problem. This, as any 4F student will tell you — I don't think — is the problem of choice. But to me the only problem in Economics is how to get comfortable enough on school chairs, which (I am sure), were designed by a sadist. Rival Economic Systems are important too, but very simple. The whole thing is a plain case of comrades of the downtrodden working class versus bloated capitalists and their pagan god, Hire Purchase. The third fundamental is Division of Labour. This, I shall make clear once and for all, does not refer to recent disturbances in the A.L.P. but means that a surgeon does not dig gardens for a living, while a gardener does not take out peoples' tonsils. No doubt Adam Smith could have explained it better.

If you have followed my essay, you should be now no wiser about Economics than when you began to read. That is as it should be, for I, after eight months of it, am in the same state of blissful ignorance. So if Chemistry or Physics are overtaxing your mentality to the point where you don't know a gamma particle from a penumbra, equip yourself with a cushion, an alarm clock and a bag of indigestibles and come to Room 5. There relax, and let Economics sweep over your mind like a mist, protecting you from electrons and their sordid ilk; let the soothing voice of Mr. Goodwin murmur softly in your ear the happy tale of National Finance, let Index Numbers steal softly through your being like a drug, till you are floating aloft on a billowy cloud of Production and Exchange, wafted along by the gentle breeze of Circular Flow in the Unplanned Economy. Here, in the words of the poet, you will:

*"Fade far away, dissolve and quite forget
What thou in Chemistry hast ever known,
The heartache, the fever and the fret,
There where men sit and hear each other
groan."*

A. R. Stephens, 4A.

THE BATTLE OF THE KINGS

The Mako and the Marlin are a-fighting to the end,
A thrilling fighting spectacle, they leap and twist and fend.
At first it seems the Mako wins, it is but all deceit,
The Marlin leaps, the Marlin falls, with Mako at his feet.

But on it goes, the fiendish foes would circle to get near,
The Mako with his razor teeth, the Marlin with his spear.
But as it is in every fight, the deadly blow comes soon,
The Marlin strikes a fatal spot, with nature's own harpoon.

Terry Dunn, 1C.

A VOYAGE INTO THE DEPTHS

All was ready. The great silver orb hung shimmering in the midday sun, a few feet above the blue sea. The gulls screeched in the azure sky, and the soft swishing of the ripples on the side of the boat seemed to whisper a warning. The sailors fled onto the deck, on the side where the orb hung. A hawser creaked and the diving bell began to enter the water. A cheer rose from the mouths of those who watched, and the sphere was lost to sight.

Alfred Jorgensen sighed as the watery world appeared through the small porthole. Slowly the orb was descending. Small fish came in sight, gazing wonder-stricken at this intruder on their domains. Some of the most inquisitive of them followed the bell down a few fathoms, but they left it, feeling the pressure becoming too great for their liking.

The water became darker; larger fish could be seen — sharks and stingrays, and sometimes a baracuda or two. All passed the sphere without seeming to notice it. Alfred gasped in amazement at the beautiful colours and huge fierce teeth of the baracuda. But soon they were gone.

The water became a dark greeny blue, and again the smaller types of fish began to abound. But, as before, they too disappeared. The water became nearly black, and then completely black. Strange shapes flitted back and forth in the searching light of the lamp.

Alfred switched off the light, and saw a thing not many men have seen. Lights were everywhere. White lights, green lights, blue and pink, moving quickly in the darkness of the silent sea. Each light belonged to a living creature, a fish—not a fish as we know it, but a strange, gaping-mouthed, half-blind eyed monster with superstrong bones to resist the tremendous pressure that they must bear. In the inky blackness these fish live out their lives, never seeing the sun or sky, as other fish do. All they know is the glare of innumerable lights in the darkness, and perhaps the ugly spectacle of their neighbours.

Alfred sighed deeply and pulled the bell rope. Slowly the bell began to rise, leaving behind it, till another time, the realm of complete darkness, and of bright lights. It had completed its voyage into the depths.

John Ayling, 2A.

"ELVES AT PLAY"

On a cold and chilly night,
In the dim and fading light,
'Mid the glowing embers fire-elves play their
game;

When the hardwood logs still spit and
splutter,

And the flames are all a-flutter,
They build castles in the redness of the flame.

On a crisp and coldish night,
By the moon's clear silver light,
The snow-elves dance and sing whilst at their
play.

With the fir-trees sparkling brightly,
And snow-bells tinkling softly,
The king departs, aboard his speeding sleigh.

G. W. Roney, 4B.

VENGEANCE

Silence . . . a deep, tangible silence lay like a blanket over the jungle, hemming him in, suffocating him, it seemed. The silence seemed to bounce in waves against Johnnie's tired, pent-up nerves so that he felt like screaming to end it all. It was the silence before a storm, this time, one of man's making.

Then, forgetting this, Johnnie was gripped with a pent-up fury against his enemy, akin to the one which had gripped his heart as he had left the scene of the murder — Johnnie spat in disgust and anger at this recollection

— for that's all it was, murder! Twenty terrorists had swept down on his tiny patrol, and although they had put up a gallant fight, they had been overcome. Johnnie had been left for dead with the bodies of his mates. The terrorists then dispersed and Johnny had followed the one who seemed to be the leader. But somehow, Johnnie knew not how, the terrorist was aware that he was being followed.

And Johnnie lay, that moment, in the wet, stinking undergrowth knowing that any moment he might get a bullet in the back, unlike the one which, a few moments previously, had passed by his left ear.

Far away, some bird gave a raucous cry; the sun streamed through the trees, in places, like a searchlight, showing up a few birds and other wild life here and there going about their own business, taking no notice of him; above him another beautiful bird, glided round in lazy spiralling circles, watching him with intent, searching eyes. "He knows," thought Johnnie bitterly. "He knows where we are. What wouldn't I give for his knowledge right now!"

Then, suddenly, his prayer was answered as he caught sight of a figure adroitly climbing a tree about fifty yards away. Carefully he lined up his sights. The rifle cracked and bark flew from the tree not an inch from the head of the figure. At this sound, myriads of birds, so many that he would not have believed it had he not seen them, flew up, squawking and screeching. Then came a fusillade of shots from both weapons, frightening the birds still further. Bullets whistled through the air, one actually hitting a bird slower than its fellows, in its attempt to escape the noise and confusion. Several bullets came to land in nearby trees with a dull "plop", but at last one, better aimed than the rest, crashed into his chest.

Despite the agony he managed to pull the trigger once more; and through his reeling senses, through blurred and fast-dimming eyes, he saw the figure falling to the ground, and he heard the scream of pain and the sickening thud of a body.

As he slipped from this life to the next, Johnnie knew; his mates were avenged.

As the echoes died away, the birds continued their rudely disturbed song.

D. Blair, 3B.

SEADOGS

Ahoy ye lubbers, come off with me,
We'll fight and toil in the raging sea,
In storm and calm all ships will flee.
Come off, I say, and seadogs be!

The Spanish gold is ours I say,
If brains are used with swords to slay.
The seas will all be ruled our way,
So off with me ye'll come this day!

Come join the land of seadogs brave,
To make the Spanish dogs behave;
We'll roam the seas on wind and wave,
No more at home to sweat and slave.

J. Westlake, 3B.

THE SEA AND THE SKY

The blue waters of the Pacific and yellow sands of Bori greeted him. It was a perfect day, with scarcely a cloud in the azure sky and the ocean as peaceful as Magellan had seen it for the first time. The tiny silver plane, a mere speck in the deep blue of the heavens, soared over the bay towards the beach, against which the waves rolled gently. Lazy coconut palms were swaying and bending gracefully in the breeze, as if providing the gentle rhythm for an enchanting native love-song. Beyond them was jungle, dark green and mysterious.

Here was Bori, one of those typical Pacific islands, where vegetation was prolific, and time passed swiftly without notice. A human paradise. There were those majestic hills rising up from the sea, for Bori was originally of volcanic origin, but, except for a few red patches of soil here and there, the hills were lushly decked with the green growth that Mother Nature had bestowed on them.

At the controls was a young man whose name was Peter Legarton. He had gentle blue eyes and brown hair, which the sea breeze ruffled. He was wearing an open-necked shirt and a light blue suit, and, from his appearance the opinion would be formed that he had "not a worry in the world."

Peter Legarton was a doctor, and had been practising for some years now in a Sydney suburb. He was popular with his clients and was well-known throughout the district.

It all began a few days ago, while he had been reading some old papers in his drawer. After checking his figures many times, he was astonished. It was only three days off. With all possible speed, he had now been able to reach Bori, his objective. What a hurry he had been in! And perhaps just as well.

The beach came up to meet him. There was the small runway, half covered by sand, with its dilapidated marking flags still standing. The plane landed without mishap and came to a stop in front of the palms.

Opening the door, he once more stepped out onto those golden sands which he had so often walked along before. The jungle enticed him to penetrate its leafy foliage, and Peter followed a path well-known to him, by pandanus palms, overhanging vines and trees and plants of exotic colours, reflecting sunlight in a myriad of shades and hues, plants which curved and entwined their boughs over his head, forming an archway that almost obscured the blue sky.

Now he came to a clearing on a low hill, and beheld to his joy his objective, the purpose of his visit to Bori. A magnificent building, an edifice of steel, gleaming aluminium and marble, confronted his eyes. A low, round dome served as a roof, from which projected a number of weird and unearthly instruments. The walls were of steel, containing, however, few apertures, and the entrance had, on either side, huge marble pillars. The whole stood about sixty feet high and about five hundred

feet in diameter. Beside it was a small hut which contained living quarters and a supply of food but was constructed of wood. A rude contrast. The whole seemed slightly grotesque, and yet was a novel sight in the middle of a jungle. How strange indeed! And yet unique for man's exacting handicraft to survive in a realm of Nature's creation.

Peter strode up to the massive entrance. His heart beat violently within him.

Here was the structure before him, silent as the grave. No sound, no movement or evidence of life suggested the slightest effort of human handiwork. The silence of eternity. A prevailing hush had fallen. Even the murmuring of the distant sea became quiet and the tropical birds had almost ceased their raucous cries. The pillars were an imposing sight. Glaring white in the sun, they were forbidding Man to be bold and enter their hallowed presence. Peter felt somewhat guilty at disturbing this everlasting peace. Then, regaining his former courage, he pressed some switches on the wall. Immediately a ponderous circular door opened with a low rumbling sound, sliding gently back out of sight. With a feeling of doubt and partly of apprehension as a premonition of something awful, Peter stepped in.

To his relief everything was in order. The large switchboards were still intact and untouched; the controls which he had set seven years earlier were in their usual position. Tentatively, Peter pulled a switch. A flashing green light indicated that correct contacts had been made. From his coat pocket Peter drew a chart and checked each lever carefully. He set the stability levers and when the satellite came within the gravitational pull of Eklon, he set it on its new course. Then he cut off transmission.

In the prime of his life, Peter had been a brilliant nuclear physicist. But alone, he had made far greater discoveries than any he had ever published to the world. He had journeyed through outer space by a process of matter-transmission, which he alone had devised; he had discovered the very source of life, the essence of the human cell. He could unravel the secrets of the future with a new science he had discovered, in this secluded laboratory on an uninhabited island in the far South Seas; but he was afraid to proclaim these wonders for the sake of peace; true, many would think him to be insane, but he cared not for such trivial matters.

But he did not desire that his secrets should be lost forever. He had indelibly engraved his findings on metal sheets and had placed these in a spherical satellite, which was not out of the groping hands of Man, though billions of millions of miles away in space . . .

Pleased with himself for having reached Bori in time, Peter rested and dined in his lonely hut. Yet he did not feel lonely; Bori was friendly to him.

He closed his eyes and went to sleep.

When he awoke, the sun was setting over the sea. Majestic clouds were illuminated in rich purple and gold, broken only by the silhouette of the graceful pandanus palms. The

water lapped gently against the beach, and golden beams of sunlight played on the waves in the far distance. Brightly plumaged birds flew to their nests, and gradually everything became quiet. The last few beams were reflected on to the scintillating sea and the golden sands, and then all was still.

Soon the moon came up, a pale, silvery orb illuminating the water. Peter hummed a native song to himself, one full of grace and beauty, of harmony and peace. He had conquered the stars, which now shined down at him, mere pinpoints of light. He had ventured into the realm of hypothetical science. Yet the night around him rendered something unreal, abstract; and yet beautiful. The coolness of the summer night, out in the South Seas, gave Peter a thrill of adventure. He remembered experiencing that same kind of thrill in his youth.

"What a wonderful night!" Peter mused. The splendour of it had infused him with an indescribable joy, that had made him feel younger; that spirit of exhilarating youth once more burst aflame within him.

Yet — fickle Mother Nature! — How was he to know that Bori, which had been the culmination of his dreams, his visions, his ambitions and his successes, the island of golden sands, of warm sea breezes, of magnificent sunrises and sunsets, the island where Man had no want, was to be destroyed by an earthquake and a tidal wave in a few days' time, and he alone would survive?

B. Andrews, 3A.

TYPES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

It is certain that at least two main types of nuclear weapons have been tested during the last ten or twenty years. Undoubtedly, the two A-Bombs dropped at Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 proved to the world the power concentrated in these minute particles — the nuclei.

However, it is generally believed that actually there are three main types of nuclear weapons.

The first type which opened the nuclear age is the A-bomb sometimes called the fission bomb. This consists of fissile material such as Uranium 235 or plutonium (an artificial radioactivity element discovered at the University of California, U.S.A.). An ordinary A-Bomb consists of a few grams of U 235 or Plutonium. The A-Bomb makes use of the fact that the disintegration (fission) or "chain-reaction" of U 235 contributes enormous quality of heat energy. The first bomb tested had an explosive power of about 20,000 tons of T.N.T.

The next is the Hydrogen or fusion bomb. This type depends on a fusion process in which various forms of hydrogen (e.g., deuterium and tritium) react to form helium with the liberation of heat energy. It is because of this that sometimes it is called a thermonuclear bomb. But for this reaction to take place, there has to be an initial temperature of several millions

of degrees of centigrade. This is overcome by the fact that the A-Bomb could produce such high temperature. Therefore the hydrogen nuclear fuel is placed round the A-Bomb — the amalgamation of the fuel and A-Bomb form the H-Bomb. The fission of the A-Bomb ignites the hydrogen nuclear fuel thus producing explosive power many times greater than the A-Bomb itself. One of these H-Bombs could destroy any city in the world.

The third and most advanced is called the fission-fusion-fission bomb. This third type is believed to have been made and tested by the American scientists. It consists of an H-Bomb surrounded by a shell some inches thick of uranium. As we can see from the name the first interaction of the bomb is fission of U 235 or Pu 239 which produces the high temperature for the fusion of various forms of Hydrogen or hydrogen nuclear fuel and on the contrary the reaction causes the fusion of the outer shell of U. 238. (U. 238 is much cheaper than U. 235.)

These three types of bombs illustrate the main characteristic of nuclear reactions. Although these bombs are constructed as guided missiles, warheads of bombs and in rockets, they serve the same purpose, delivering great destruction.

These bombs are so destructive that they cause one nation to think twice before the creation of war against another, so, deadly though they may be, they seem to offer some hope for at least a long period of uneasy peace.

Wong Soon-Seng, 4C.

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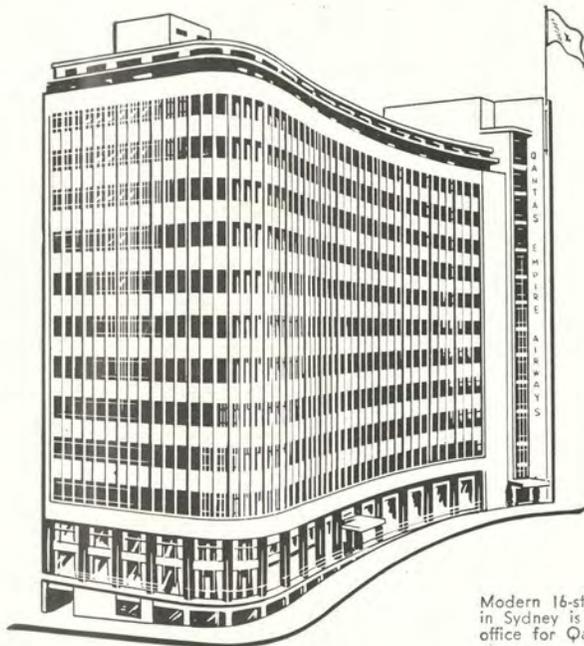
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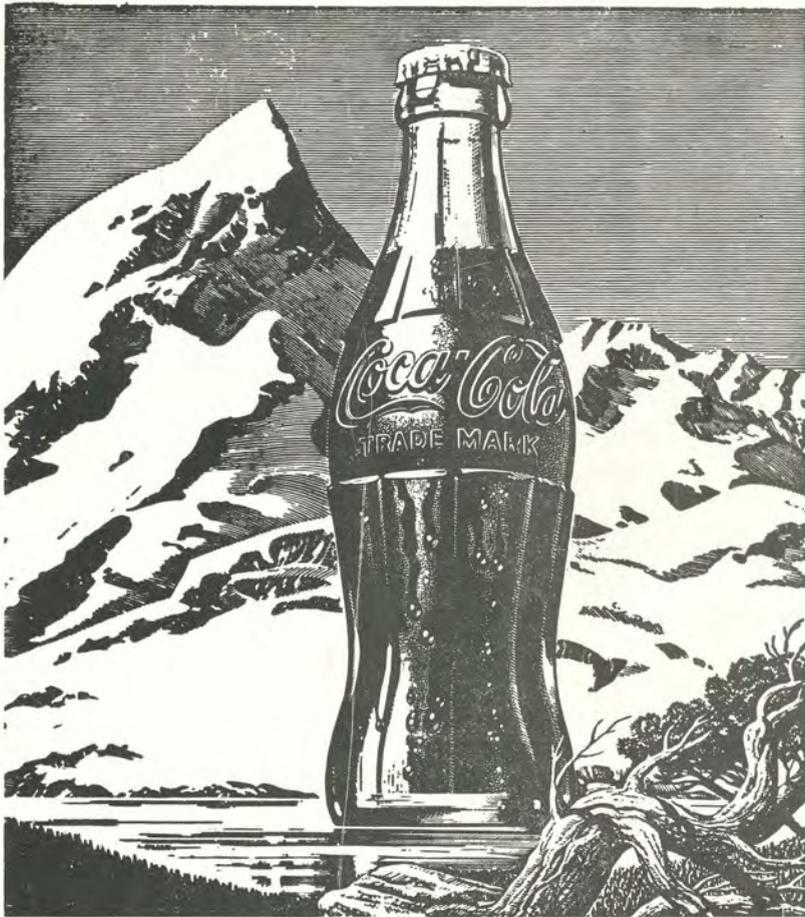
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"REMEMBER?"

Jungle. The dank, dense jungles of New Guinea, 1942. He sits on a tree root, the bloom of youth still in his cheeks, a tousled sandy mop of hair tumbling over his frowning brow, a scraggly growth fringing his lips, doing its best to conceal a fighting jaw. It is raining, but he takes no notice of the streams of water cascading from the rim of his battered hat, down his faded jungle greens to soak into the already sodden earth. For he is thinking: of home, of war — just thinking.

Then, with an air of finality, he firmly grips the rifle by his knee and moves over to platoon headquarters. He will shortly be going out with a fighting patrol. Others have assembled at this place. The enervating conditions of life in the jungle have left their marks on the faces of these soldiers: their cheeks are sunken, their eyes mere hollows in countenances that are drawn, grey and haggard. They look too exhausted for a dangerous mission of this kind. Yet, at a word from the patrol leader, a young corporal, the men wearily struggle to their feet, hump their packs and begin another long and hazardous patrol over the backbreaking steps and razor-back ridges of the Kokoda Trail. The platoon is soon left behind and now the men, with their hands tightly clutching the cold but comforting stocks of their weapons, head into the unknown — enemy territory. They advance warily through country overgrown with bush vegetation, but now the gaily plumed birds, which inhabit the tree tops have become quiet. An ominous silence, broken only by the muffled tread of the grim-faced little party, hangs on the thick air.

Suddenly the traditional peace of the valley is shattered by the high-pitched staccato chatter of an enemy machine-gun. Instinctively the patrol goes to earth. The corporal cautiously peers over a liana entwined log. Another burst blares from the hidden gun, but this time a slight blue haze of smoke is wafted into the moist atmosphere, indicating the enemy position. After the necessary fire control orders, the section settles down to a steady shot for shot battle. The entire valley reverberates with the harsh cacophony of modern war — the dull thuds of rifles, the whining of a thousand scraps of death-bearing metal, the heavy concussion of hand grenades, the insistent rattle of automatic weapons.

He lies in a muddy depression, pale and frightened, his hands fluttering weakly from ammunition pouch to rifle, his eyes staring wildly at the grotesque corpses now littering the churned up track.

An abrupt searing pain shoots up his thigh — hit! Another bullet catches him in the breast. Jumbled thoughts race through his darkening mind. A huge, crushing weight is pressing down on his brain: he seems to be going over, over the brink into the screaming abyss of madness.

But swiftly his brain clears, his thoughts slip back into joint. He half rises to his feet, pointing his rifle vaguely in the direction of the enemy. Tracer bullets stitch the air. They pound into his body again and again. The forest rises up in a mighty surge of whirling green sea before his eyes, it flashes by, and is gone.

* * *

It is ten years later. Time has inexorably rolled on and the epic struggle for New Guinea is now finished. The forests have fallen silent; the scars of war have now been effaced by creeping growth. The proud, impassive jungle has resumed its eternal sway: it stands tall, straight and awful just as it stood ten thousand years ago.

Neville J. Clark, 5A.

A CHANGING ROAD

It was a mere bush track, its humble beginning an isolated forest homestead. An avenue of gums, lofty monarchs of the outback, reared their dappled boughs to the moist morning sky, while slender saplings struggled heavenwards towards the warmth of the sun.

Widening as the forest trees became more scattered, the track emerged into a highway which had the appearance of a tired, dusty old traveller as it looped and twisted its way into the blurred distance. What a contrast it afforded to the little bush track. In place of the cool chequered shades and early freshness of the bush, the highway, uncharted, gleamed in the direct rays of the overhead sun. The fields on either side were parched and powdered with a fine dust which spiralled skywards with each stray breeze. There was no sound save the restless whirring of grasshoppers on the wing. It breathed a spirit of helplessness into the air. A few stunted trees drooped dejectedly and rocky patches thrust ugly heads through the barren earth.

The road inclined sharply and the travelling became more arduous. But when at long last the summit of the hill was reached a glimpse, far-distant, of a burnished ribbon of road unwinding beside the wooded bank of a meandering river, brought a feeling of refreshing peace. A faint breath of cool air alleviated the dry, arid heat.

Sometimes the road of life is not easy to travel, as on the dusty highway, hopes are shattered at each corner. But there is still always ahead of us, around but another corner, the cool, green shades that are the happiness we seek.

M. Burnell, 3B.

"TICKETS PLEASE"

"Where is it? Oh, where can it be?" I thought as I groped feverishly in my pockets. "I'm sure I didn't leave it at home."

"Tickets," I heard the train inspector say again. "Tickets please." The words echoed and re-echoed through my mind, seeming to stare at me from the faded leather of my seat.

What would he do, I wondered vaguely. Put me off the train? Fine me? And I hadn't a penny on me! He'd probably take me to the Police Station or something. There'd be an awful fuss and bother, I know that at least.

What could I do? Maybe — maybe we'd reach the next station before he got round to me. Then I could get off and catch the next train. I'd be a bit late, but it'd be worth it.

I was just convincing myself that everything would be all right when I remembered that today was the day of the Exams. No. No good.

There! He'd reached the lady in the opposite seat. In a moment he'd be finished. I watched with apprehension as he turned to me. Look calm, I thought, and groped again. Look as though you couldn't care less.

"Come on, son, where's your ticket," sounded the voice of the ticket inspector. And then — yes, there it was. In *that* pocket.

"Righto," grunted the man and moved off.
J. Wilke, 1A.

OVERSEAS VISITORS TO FORT STREET

During the Unesco Education Seminar, held in Sydney early in 1957, Fort Street was honoured by a visit from three Japanese professors of English. These gentlemen spent considerable time recording Japanese conversation and literature on the school tape recorder, for the use of the Japanese classes. They also conducted several lessons in Japanese. They were Professor Kuroda of Tokyo University of Education, Professor Ogawa, of Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, and Professor Hoshiyama, of the Medical University of Japan.

A similar courtesy was paid us by Professor Matoré of the Sorbonne, Paris, and M. Ravet, head of the Language Teaching Department of Unesco, who spent some two hours at the school, and made a very interesting recording of French conversation, and of selected passages of French poetry and prose.

These two recordings will be of great value, for they will provide language students of the school with excellent models of good French and Japanese speech.

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Vivi was a huge, gross woman with hairy limbs and great hands. A puckered scar across her cheek pulled her mouth into a perpetual leer. It was life, this time, for the brutal murder of a three-months-old-baby, and she had the usual 'good behaviour' record behind her, but Vivi was yearning for her old profession.

The Plan was simple yet daring. One wall of her cell faced a court-yard, at the opposite end of which was a small side entrance in the great stone wall surrounding the prison. This entrance was for the staff and was never heavily guarded, especially at night, as there was no way for inmates to reach the court-yard, except by the officials' offices. The wall of the cell facing this yard was of two brick faces, with a wide cavity between. With a nail-file, Vivi had been laboriously cutting away at the mortar of the inner wall, until the

bricks could be removed and replaced at will and the cracks filled with bread. She then stole three knives from the gaol kitchen (together with some forks and spoons, to hide their intended use from the authorities), and kept these cunningly concealed in the cavity. Every night, she would carefully remove the bricks, squeeze her head and arms through the hole, and cut away the tougher outer wall, with the knives, sharpened on the chain supporting her hard bunk.

When this was complete (leaving just enough mortar to make the outside look natural), she placed all the pepper she had pilfered each day into a strip of rag soaked in the ammonia for cleaning her cell, and fashioned a vicious bomb.

Now, the hour had come. The night was ideal for escape, dark and moonless. She crawled into the cavity, and, then, with one hairy paw, smashed out the bricks. Then out into the shadowy courtyard, she ran softly, crouched low to the ground. A shot rang out behind her and the solitary guard sent a beam of light across the courtyard. As she flashed past him, Vivi hurled the bomb with all her force at his astonished face which twisted up in agony and became a horrible purple mask.

Vivi ran out the gate and across the moors as the rattling groans of the guard died away in the distance.

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"AS IN ADAM . . ."

The eerie light of a flickering candle casts huge, strangely menacing shadows upon the shabby walls. The slightly stooped figure of a man rises slowly from an untidy pile of papers, revealing a prematurely old face, heavily lined, yet radiating great intelligence. As he thinks of what he is about to do his pulses throb with anticipation but his mind is clear. Would it work? Could it work? He does not know. A thousand times he has told himself that man cannot conquer nature, cannot conquer time; and yet . . .

With trembling fingers he reaches for the switch. The moment has come. Almost immediately a steady drumming sound becomes audible to his straining ears, rapidly increasing in volume, unrelenting, becoming louder, louder . . . He screams uncontrollably with the excruciating pain, rolls wildly about the floor, clutches his bursting eardrums, every muscle of his tortured body racked with the unbearable pain. God! Is there no pity? At last, mercifully, he collapses into unconsciousness. And the sleep he sleeps is not of this world, but of another, far beyond the comprehension of such a paltry being as man.

Seemingly aeons later, the light of consciousness begins to filter into his numb brain and eventually he awakes. Somehow he feels bitterly cold and so he opens his heavy eyelids, fully expecting himself to discover that it had all been some unpleasant nightmare.

The unspeakable scene which meets his horrified eyes chills his heart to the very core — barren, infertile craters, dirty-green sand, complete absence of all signs of plant or vegetable life, violent winds in whose path nothing could remain. Speechless, he despairingly clutches and unclutches his frozen hand in the sand until suddenly his feverishly groping hand encounters something. Unbelieving, refusing to believe, he gazes at the book which he now holds in his hand.

Somehow, he feels — somehow — this book must provide the key. As he roughly turns the ancient pages he sees it is a diary, and continues quickly flipping the pages until he reaches the last entry. Being a scholar, he knows many scripts and so, somewhat laboriously, he soberly begins to translate.

"18th July, 18,000 A.D. — The end of our beloved earth is at hand. For centuries now the sun has been burning itself out, and soon it, and we with it, will die. Already millions of my people are dead, and even now my own end is fast approaching. But I am not afraid; for, was it not written somewhere in the annals of the long forgotten past that 'as in Adam all die?'"

He drops the book through his trembling fingers. Unable to contain himself any longer, he breaks down and screams hysterically at the top of his voice, his pitiful screams echoing mockingly in the vast craters, and in that bitter moment he finally realises that he is the only human being left upon his beloved earth. And now there is nothing left — nothing but the years to come and the loneliness . . .

R. Millard, 4A.

THE CITY

He alone could make the decision. He alone had the power that should belong to no one man. And yet he need not carry this burden. It was not yet too late. The deciding factor was the image that glowed on the vision screen . . .

The City stood there, gigantic in its size, beautiful in its jagged relief, a monument to Man. In the centre were the man-made pinnacles, twentieth century minarets, their graceful lines of steel and concrete soaring to the sky. Around them clustered the lowlier buildings, paying homage to the god-like structures whose height seemed to defy the very earth they were built on. And behind was the highway, a dull white river pouring into the city its torrent of steel, an artery through which the life-blood of the city flowed. And in front, the harbour, a dull grey expanse, its surface ruffled by a thousand ships, large and small, each fulfilling its purpose in its own bustling or ponderous way.

There were the people, too — the unseen hands that turned the City's wheels, the polygamous, polyglot hordes, each person an actor in his own personal drama, each a tiny cell in the massive body of the City.

How could he? he thought. How could he wipe out the City whose image was on that screen? All that was needed was the simple movement of a muscle, a message from the brain. But how could he reduce to rubble those slender towers that so many men had striven for years to build? What sort of monster was he that he could extirpate every living creature within the City's boundaries, could deprive every person of the joy of living that he coveted so dearly, or could destroy the whole colourful cosmorama that was the City?

With an effort of will he brought himself back from those thoughts. He had warned himself against this. For what were those buildings but stark black fingers clutching for that which was unattainable — impious babels to appease the vanity of the Mammon-worshipping plutocrats; what was the highway but a device that poured more gold into the pockets of the money-hungry magnates. Why, the whole City was nothing but a pasteboard facade concealing the poverty and squalor of the exploited people. As for the people, is it not true that in every life there is more pain and sadness than happiness? He would almost be doing them a favour in freeing them from the struggle of living.

High above the City, a single sphere curved away from the single plane, and plunged with ever increasing speed into the heart of the City.

In the plane the vision screen glowed white as a brilliant, searing flash engulfed that which was on it and a seething cloud, like a giant red flower, unfolding, swelling, with incredible swiftness, encompassed the City, while a single man watched unbelieving, shocked at the enormity of his crime against Man.

D. Craney, 4A.

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A. R. STAFFORD,
Secretary.

JERUSALEM

Extracts from a letter received from Mrs. Neridah Brandstater, who is living in Beirut where her husband is a lecturer at the American University Hospital.

We made Jerusalem at Easter. There was a lull in the political situation. Three days before our departure demonstrations were rocking the major towns, the borders closed, air services suspended, and tourists in there were at the mercy of fanatical Commos and nationalists opposed to Westerners. With much regret we cancelled our proposed trip and decided to spend it at the beach with Sue and Kerry. But suddenly Jordanians decided to calm down, a new cabinet was formed, and their troubles brewed quietly over Easter. Today new riots are raging, the cabinet has resigned and poor young Hussein faces a renewed threat to his throne.

All was quiet in Jerusalem. We flew down on Thursday afternoon and returned Sunday night. Not a moment of our time was wasted. We sacrificed sleep in order to see as much as possible. The old city doesn't sleep during these festive seasons and one finds services being conducted in the pre-dawn hours and well attended by pilgrims and tourists. Four thousand pilgrims packed into that tiny city. They came in buses from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Turkey, and flew in from all parts of the globe. This year all the Eastern and Western churches celebrated Easter at the same time, and what a colourful sight it made. Hotels couldn't cope with the influx and we saw families rolling down their sleeping mattresses in churches. Nobody minded, the priests continued with their chantings and incense and the congregation stepped over the slumbering peasants.

The holiest places are always crowded and it is difficult to forget the surging masses, the noise, and imagine events as they might have been in the days of Christ. Most of these spots are now lavishly decorated with gold, with nothing original left. However, the Garden Tomb, Gethsemane, Mt. of Olives, are still in a natural state, and it is in these spots that a certain atmosphere is felt. Some Protestants believe that a tomb outside the present city walls is Christ's tomb. A pretty garden has been made around it, and the hill of Calvary overlooks it. The set-up looks authentic, especially to Protestants. On Easter Sunday morning we attended a service there at 7 o'clock. Hymns we sang, like "Lo in the grave He lay", "Jesus Christ is risen to-day" took on a new and real meaning.

On these guided tours the guide always says that tradition says so and so happened here, and it always casts an air of uncertainty in one's mind, and rightly so. But these events did take place in the vicinity. Bethlehem, Bethany, the river Jordan, the Dead Sea, have not changed. We visited all these places and more, and after three days were saturated with knowledge.



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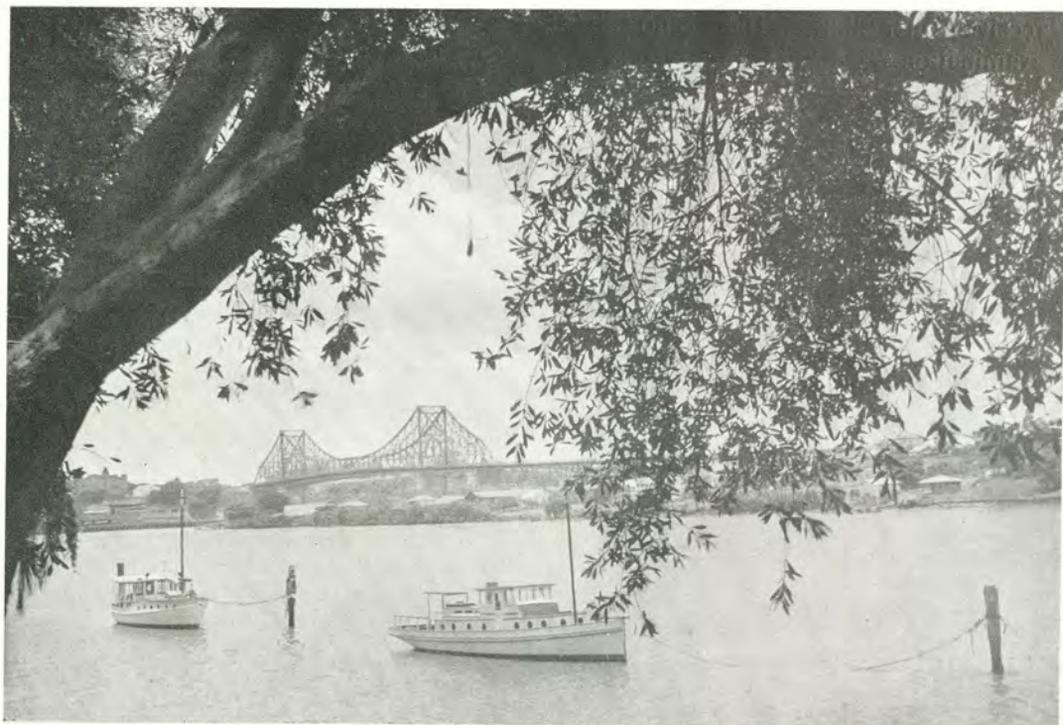
PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The response to this year's Photographic Competition was quite pleasing, although, as is usually the case, the predominance of entries came from boys in the junior years. The winning entries are of quite a high standard, and it is to be hoped that a similar number of entries of this calibre will come to hand next year.

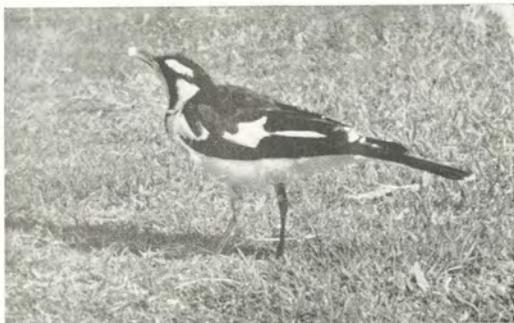
We should like to thank Mr. Phil Ward for his most valuable assistance in judging the many entries. He remarked that an unusually high number of commendable entries was received for judging purposes, and this made his task very difficult.

We should, in closing, like to thank all who entered the competition, especially, of course, those who were successful, while hoping that next year more of our colleagues will be seized by a burst of enthusiasm, and will thus enter the competition.

R. E. C.



"BRISBANE RIVER". 1st Prize Scene, G. Gordon, 2A.



"BILLY"

2nd Prize, Character: R. Allaburton, 4E.



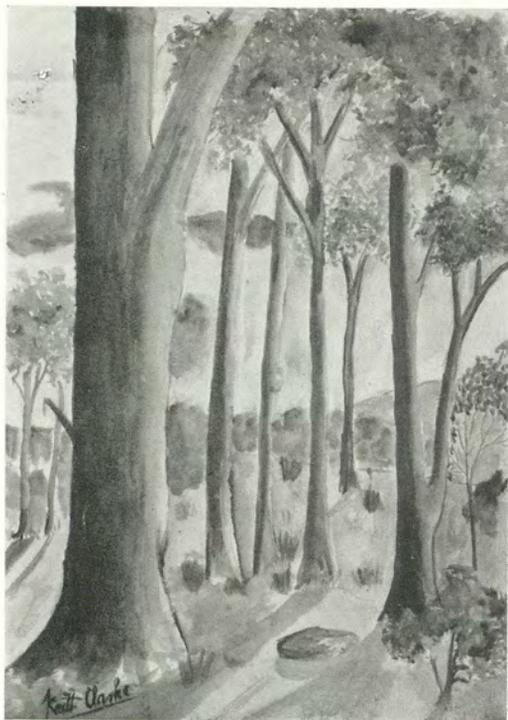
"SHADOWS IN THE DOMAIN"

1st Prize, Scene: N. Hunter, 2E.



"BEST FOOT FORWARD"

1st Prize, Character Study: B. Croaker, 3A,



ART SECTION

This drawing, by Keith Clarke of 1B, was the outstanding artistic contribution this year.

"An "action" photograph from this year's annual cadet camp. Two N.C.O.'s are shown preparing to fire the first intercontinental ballistic missile from a 3in. mortar. (Is this the answer to Russia's challenge?)



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 3rd ROW: L/Cpl. Israel, Cpl. P. Simons, L/Cpl. R. Banner, L/Cpl. K. Colless, Cpl. W. Allen, L/Cpl. T. Johnston, Cpl. N. Jeffreys, L/Cpl. N. Schultheis, L/Cpl. D. Herne, Cpl. D. Morgan.
 2nd ROW: Cpl. R. Millard, Cpl. R. Ferrier, Cpl. G. Sims, L/Cpl. W. Thomas, Cpl. M. West, Sgt. G. Winefield, Cpl. D. Kent, Sgt. K. Clark, Cpl. Jones, Cpl. R. Walton, Cpl. Morris.
 FRONT ROW: Sgt. A. Crapp, W.O. II R. Scott, C.U.O. D. Medley, C.U.O. G. Barnes, Lieut. R. Howlin (2 1/C), Captain D. O'Sullivan (O.C.), C.U.O. B. Russell, C.U.O. P. Hunter, C.U.O. N. Clarke, Staff/Sgt. N. Wilton.

FORT STREET CADET UNIT

Co-operation of Officers, N.C.O.'s and O.R.'s has led to one of the most successful years of training that Fort Street Cadet Unit has undergone for some time. Drill and weapon training have reached a high standard of efficiency, and at Range Day many cadets were successful. We were thankful to retain our R.A. instructor, W.O. McLaughlin, whom we did not lose to the National Service trainees. As always, he has been invaluable to instruction. Lieut. A. Morton was replaced by Lieut. R. Howlin.

Our present strength has been increased to 130, which includes our band. 120 cadets attended the annual camp at Singleton, which, even though there was a complete absence of "blanks", was a success. The food was very good, and seemed to have no ill-effects on members of the unit.

The May Specialist Course produced the following results.

Cpl. M. West, Signals (who obtained first place in the course).
 L/Cpl. W. Thomas, Signals.
 L/Cpl. M. Raihel, M.M.G.
 L/Cpl. R. Banner, M.M.G.
 L/Cpl. G. McManus, 3in. Mortar.

Sgt. K. Clark, Drum.
 L/Cpl. K. Colless, Bugle.
 L/Cpl. W. Miller, Bugle.
 L/Cpl. R. Colclough, Bugle.

CUPS FOR 1957

Outstanding Service: Sgt. A. Crapp.

"Q" Efficiency: S/Sgt. N. Wilton.

Best Marksman: Sgt. L. Perrin.

Signals: Sgt. R. Wood.

Band: Cadet N. Forbes.

Specialist "Vickers": Cadet J. Milburn, Cadet W. Palmer.

Efficiency, No. 3 Platoon: Cadet B. Jones.

Efficiency, No. 4 Platoon: Cadet D. Simpson.

The following cadets have been selected to attend the P.O. Course at Singleton, November 27th to December 5th, 1957.

Cpl. W. Allen, Cpl. B. Austin, Cpl. R. Millard, Cpl. G. Sims, Cpl. P. Simons, Cpl. M. West.

Our appreciation of the splendid work done by Capt. Cooper, W.O.2 McLaughlin (our instructor), Sgt. W.O.2 Henry (band) and No. 8 Cadet Bn. cannot be adequately expressed in words. "Nice work, Fort Street".

ANNUAL CAMP, 1957

This year Fort Street Cadet Unit again made its annual trek to Singleton for a week's camp. Under the guidance of Captain O'Sullivan and Lieut. Howlin, we conducted a week's training in fieldcraft and elementary manoeuvres. The drill and dress was of such a standard that the Camp Commandant congratulated Fort Street on being the smartest unit in camp.

A condensed battle training course was conducted by W.O.2 McLaughlin, despite difficulties involved by complete absence of "blanks", necessitating the use of whistles for "gunfire". However, "Mac" made it up to us on Field Firing Day, by providing sufficient rounds for us to riddle "obscure" targets until our rifles became red-hot.

Perhaps the most outstanding event was the all-day field manoeuvre conducted by the C.U.O.'s and resulting in almost complete annihilation (?) of the attackers. Proceedings were enlivened by the use of Aldershot grenades and a Verey pistol. The following night, a check-up for "souvenirs" was held. It yielded sufficient material to replenish the stock of the Australian War Museum.

The climax to the training was the silent night attack, arranged by W.O.2 McLaughlin. It went off without a hitch. This was a feat of which we are all very proud, as we were informed that Fort Street was one of the first Cadet Units ever to have done it.

A certain Oriental-type officer brought discipline to an all-time "high" by such innovations as compulsory shower parades, drill after hours, etc., etc. The same officer contributed to "Operation Fungus", which resulted in the cadets receiving mushrooms with their cocoa for supper. The homing instincts of a piece of tank tread again were evident, as it showed up for the fourth year in succession, this time in the bed of one of the C.U.O.'s [RHUBARB!!]

This limited space prevents detailing of other features of the camp: the Lantern Stalk (in which only two cadets were successful in breaking through the defence); traditional Owen firing by senior N.C.O.'s; record time for dropping and packing of tents; The Concert; all of which went to make up a highly successful camp.



1956 DUNTROON R.M.C. ENTRANTS.

In 1956 Fort Street obtained the largest number of entries to the Military College, Duntroon, ever obtained by any school.

These are: STANDING: J. Gordon. SEATED: W. Hamilton, B. Bond, P. Anderson.

SPORTSMASTER'S REPORT

Fort St. has maintained its tradition in the realm of sport for 1957. The 2nd XV. won their zone and were beaten by Sydney High in the zone finals. The Fourth XV were leaders in their zone and were beaten by Manly in the finals. In the cricket 5th Grade made the finals. 2nd XI. finished second in their zone.

C.H.S. Football Representation: W. Robinson, I. Gunn.

C.H.S. Tennis: D. Keys.

C.H.S. Water Polo: W. Barr.

School Blues, 1957.

Football: W. Robinson, I. Gunn, A. Rayner.

Cricket: G. Howlett, J. Barrett, D. Murray.

Water Polo: W. Barr, G. Geddes.

Swimming: R. Carnel, G. Geddes, W. Barr.

Athletics: K. Luckuck, R. Cody.

Basketball: G. Hilder.

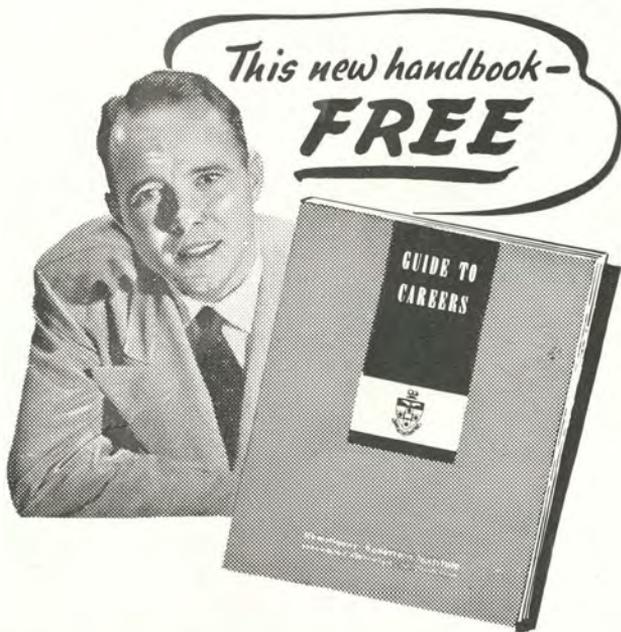
Tennis: D. Keys.

A very enjoyable trip to Lismore was experienced by the football teams. Congratulations on bringing back the Cup. W. Robinson, Ray Young and Bob Young obtained their Junior Referee's Badge — Congratulations. Owing to the increased fares House Football Games with outside schools had to be cancelled this year, much to the regret of our House Teams.

I sincerely thank the Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster and Staff for their co-operation during the year. Thanks boys for a good year in sport.

	Christmas House	Kilgour House	Mearns House	Williams House
THE FRANK AUSTIN MEMORIAL CUP (Athletics)	223	197	166	138 Christmas
THE HANNAN MEMORIAL CUP (Aquatics)				
Swimming	253	207	186	150 Christmas
Water Polo	20	40	20	50 Williams
Life Saving	56	54	52	66 Williams
TOTAL	329	301	258	266 Christmas
THE LADIES' COMMITTEE CUP (Cricket)	1033	1241	1107	732 Kilgour
THE OLD BOYS' RUGBY CUP	3288	3110	2778	2775 Christmas
THE R. L. HEAD MEMORIAL CUP (Tennis)	262	293	310	272 Mearns
THE ROSE CUP (All Sport)				
Athletics	18.7	16.6	13.6	10.7
Aquatics	28.5	26.0	22.3	23.0
Football	44.0	41.6	37.2	37.2
Cricket	37.6	45.2	40.3	26.7
Tennis	6.9	7.7	8.2	7.2
	135.7	137.1	121.6	104.8 Kilgour
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CHRISMAS HOUSE REPORT

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The winning of the Athletic and Swimming Carnivals was due to the efforts of both individuals and teams.

Athletics: In Athletics Christmas produced no less than four age group champions. These were:

- R. Cody (Senior Champ.).
- W. Allen (Under 16 Champ.).
- T. Beale (Under 15 Champ.).
- M. Borland (Under 13 Champ.).

Team spirit and co-operation was magnificent with the result that Christmas was successful in the Under 16 relay, the Junior tug-o'-war, and the Juvenile tug-o'-war. New records were set by Allen and Benson. In the High jump Allen cleared 5 ft. 8 ins. and set new figures of 39 ft. 8 ins. in the Hop, Step and Jump. Benson broke the under 15 high jump record with a 5 ft. 3 ins. effort.

Swimming: Two age champions emerged from the swimming carnival, they were: L. Carnell (Senior Champion) and W. Barr (Under 15 Champion). Barr was outstanding and set new records in the 110 yds. champ. 68 secs; 120 yds. champ. 2.45 secs.; 440 yds. champ. 5.35 secs.; 55 yds. champ. backstroke. 39.6 secs.

The Under 15 Relay team slashed the existing record by seconds and will be unbeatable next year. A record was also set in the Under 13. 30 yds. Life Saving of 55.2.

Anderson, Brown and Cridland, to mention a few, swam well and collected valuable points.

Football: Congratulations Christmas members for winning the House Football competition. W. Allen, J. Barrett and R. Cody represented Christmas in 1st Grade Football.

Cricket: Four members of Christmas house gained selection for the 1st Grade cricket team. These were: J. Anderson, J. Barrett, F. Bevan and R. Cody.

Life Saving: Christmas gained record place in the life saving competition. E. Bryden was the only member to receive the Bronze Medallion.

Water Polo: Barr, Cridland and Brown represented Christmas House in 1st Grade Water Polo. Barr captained the team and all three boys played brilliantly throughout the season.

Tennis: Anderson was our only representative in 1st Grade Tennis and it is hoped that more members will succeed in playing Grade Tennis in the future.

Finally, on behalf of Christmas House, I would like to thank Mr. Bohman and the Prefects: T. Barrett, C. Cremer, N. Clarke and F. Barnes upon their valuable co-operation and assistance throughout 1957.

R. Carnell,
House Captain.

KILGOUR HOUSE REPORT

Congratulations must be given to Kilgour House for their fine sporting activities during the year. Recorded figures show that Kilgour was the Champion House for 1957. This was only achieved when each member realised that team spirit, good sportsmanship and enthusiasm must be maintained for any great success.

Events in the Athletic Carnival revealed this determination, when Kilgour was the Champion House in the Senior division. Place-getters in the carnival were:— 100 yards novice — R. Gale (2nd), 100 yards championship— C. Fairweather (1st) and G. Hilder (2nd), 220 yards championship— G. Hilder (2nd) and R. Kent came 3rd in the 440 yards championship. G. Hilder also gained 2nd place in broad jump and hop, step and jump and 3rd place in the discus. R. Gale gained first place in the shot put and javelin (in which he set a record) and in the discus G. Horner gained 2nd place. The house was successful in the senior relay and for the sixth time in succession the senior tug-o'-war.

Special mention must be made of our Captain, Geoff Hilder, who not only proved himself co-operative and outstanding in everyday life, but also in the sporting realm.

The results of the swimming carnival once again showed Kilgour's prestige. Achieving 2nd place in the final point score, we maintained constant determination and team spirit right throughout the carnival. This determination was strongly brought out in the junior school when Kilgour was declared champion of the juvenile division. G. Geddes and I. Gardiner had a successful day. Greg was the under 16 swimming champion and Ian the under 14 champion.

Senior participants who gained first places were M. Dennis in the 220 yards novice and I.G. in the senior dive. Other place-getters were R. Fisher, R. Kerwand and G. Horner.

In first grade Football G. Hilder and I.G. were the only representatives. I.G. represented the School in C.H.S. football.

In first grade Cricket, Kilgour was represented by five determined players. They were G. Howlett, C. Fairweather, B. Flood, D. Day, and G. Horner. Kilgour were also victorious in the House Cricket Competition.

G. Hilder and I.G. were the only representatives for the School in first grade Basketball; however, there are many promising young players who will possibly make the first grade team in future years.

We would like to thank Mr. Dasey for his help and co-operation throughout the year which resulted in Kilgour's great success.

I would like to offer my own congratulations to the seniors for their constant participation and ultimate success, and for the great determination of the junior school in sporting activities. Throughout the year, Kilgour representatives have revealed keen school and team spirit which does, and always will result in still more success for the glory of the immortal Kilgour.

Ian Gunn (House Captain.)

MEARNS' HOUSE REPORT

Once again I am afraid that the Captain of Mearns' House is not able to report that we have won a swimming or an athletics carnival. However, we did at least lead the point-score in both carnivals for a while, proving we are as good as the best when we try, and I feel sure an effort that lasts all the carnival and not just half of it must result in final victory, not in two third places, which although by no means disgraceful were disappointing after our early leads.

Greatest house spirit was displayed by the junior school and if as much was present among the senior boys we would certainly be an outstanding house. You young fellows stick to it — keep your house and school spirit as strong throughout your schooling as it is now and I have no doubt that in two or three years Mearns will lead the field in everything.

In house cricket we came second, in football third, and we won the tennis. We were strong in all three, and on this solid foundation we can now build a great sporting reputation.

First grade football had four Mearns' boys—Lindsay, Malouf, Millard and Morgan, with nobody quite sure whether Rayner was in Mearns or Williams.

Macarthur and Murray were our first grade cricket players and we made up half the members of first grade tennis with Keyes and Merlino.

Pritchard was a credit to the house in first grade basketball and Lindsay, McDonald and Phillips played first grade water polo.

Our best performers in the swimming carnival at Cabarita were Luckuck (senior), Porter (under 16), McDonald, who set a breast-stroke record, and Phillips (under 15), Morgan (under 14) and Leo, Metz and Morgan (under 13). Mearns was the champion under 13 house and Leo was the under 13 champion swimmer.

In athletics our best performer was Keith Luckuck, who was senior champion and set a new 880 yards record. Muddle performed

well also. Ogden, Mulette and Johnston were outstanding under 15 with Moran our best under 14 runner.

In nearly every Mearns' house report since I have been at Fort Street mention has been made of up and coming juniors. They seem to be up and coming in the junior school and gone in the senior school. What happens to them I don't know, but I do feel sure that if they developed and tried as they should, not only would Mearns house be supreme, but the school in general would be a great power in inter-school competition.

And to those who do not compete, I say, still attend the carnivals. A few years from now you will certainly be sorry when your memories of school include no moments of cheering your mates on to victory. The picture shows are open six nights a week, but there are only four carnivals each year.

Another thing in favour of our house is the driving personality of our house master Mr. Ford. No teacher in the school could lead us so capably, so now it is up to you boys entirely. Try harder and you must succeed — you have the ability.

I would like to thank you all for your ready co-operation, thank the other prefects who helped me so much, and wish every one of you the very best of luck.

John Nolan (House Captain).

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WILLIAMS HOUSE REPORT

Although we were unsuccessful this year in the field of sport, Williams House must be congratulated for its unrelenting enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship. In spite of a lack of talent the house spirit was always apparent.

At the Annual Swimming Carnival, although not figuring prominently in the aggregate point score, we had numerous individual successes. Jim Webster and D. Whitby brought honour to their House by taking off the two blue-ribbon events — the Open and the Under 16 55-yard Championships, and our Senior relay also took off the honours.

Williams House had only a mediocre success in the Athletic Carnival, although M. Turnbull was the Under 14 Champion and W. Robinson won the Open Mile. Congratulations must go to them and also to J. Read, who figured prominently in his age group and who also had outstanding success in the Combined High Schools Carnival, winning the Under 16 220 yards and coming 2nd in the 100 yards.

In the First XV., Williams had fine players — Rayner, Robinson (Captain), Simpson, Spacov and West. Warren Robinson also

gained representation in the C.H.S. 1st XV. and was appointed Vice-Captain, an honourable achievement.

G. Roney (Captain) and R. White were our representatives in the School Golf Team and both proved valuable players.

At the Life Saving and Water Polo we were the outstanding House and J. Whitehall was a member of 1st grade Water Polo.

In the Senior Debating, Garth Thomas and Barry Russell were forceful speakers and were always able to hold their own.

Academically, members of Williams House acquitted themselves very ably and Ken Travers brought honour to himself, his House and his School, in the 1956 Leaving Certificate, by coming top of the State; Peter Uhlherr must also be congratulated as he gained 7th place.

On behalf of Williams House, I would like to thank Mr. Horan for his untiring and invaluable assistance in all House activities, and also to Allan West who has greatly helped me during the past year.

Although not a completely successful year we can at least say — We Fought Hard.

Jim Webster,

House Captain.

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1st GRADE CRICKET.

BACK ROW: I. Anderson, R. Cody, D. Day,
B. Cunningham (Coach), J. Murray, G. Horner, B. MacArthur, B. Flood,
Mr. D. O'Sullivan (Sportsmaster),
FRONT ROW: G. Howlett, J. Bevan, Mr. G. Shaw (Headmaster), J. Barrett (Capt.), C. Fairweather.

CRICKET

CRICKET 1st XI.

The First Eleven had a reasonably good season after a bad start.

Sent in on a wet wicket against Homebush it lost, but thereafter gave a good account of itself.

The match against Penrith was drawn when a win was likely, the Macquarie match was lost when it might well have been won, while the game against Hurlstone resulted in a good win.

J. Barrett was Captain and he handled the team generally quite well, though sometimes his field-placing needed more imagination.

D. Murray was the team's best batsman and G. Howlett the best all-rounder. Graeme's performances are worth mentioning. They were: 21, 22, 13 and 40, and 5-60, 5-40, 3-60 and 2-52.

R. Cody played well with the new ball, while B. Flood, with slow off-spinners was often troublesome.

G. Horner came into the side later, as an opener, but scored 15 not out, 40 and 42.

The team was keen and improved greatly as the season went on. They always gave the appearance of being well turned-out, and the out-cricket and running between the wickets was not the high standard set by the school in recent years.

We should like to thank Mr. K. Cunningham for his experienced coaching. We enjoyed our cricket and we learnt a lot.

SECOND GRADE CRICKET REPORT

At the end of the fourth round (when this report was made) the second grade team was reasonably high up in the competition, being second in Zone 2. The team suffered only one defeat and that was in the first round against Homebush, the Zone leader. Since then, Fort Street has improved considerably and recorded convincing wins against Hurlstone and Macquarie, and still has an excellent chance of reaching the Zone semi-finals. The best performances of the season were:

Batting: R. Chambers 46 and 57 (n.o.), R. Pegg 40 and R. Fisher 38.

Bowling: J. Irvine, 6 for 13 and 7 for 18, A. Rayner, 4 for 13 and J. Neale, 5 for 32.

THIRD GRADE CRICKET

The 3rd XI, this year did not meet with as much success as last year's team, however, the boys have been trying hard throughout the season and have always given of their best.

In the first match against Homebush — a one day affair — the team was unlucky to lose on the first innings, as time was the main factor of Fort Street's defeat.

Result: Fort Street 7 for 130 (Gale 34 n.o.), lost to Homebush 144 (Harvey 5 for 32, Gardiner 3 for 8).

The second match against Canterbury was washed out on the second day, with Fort Street being in a moderate position.

Result: Fort Street 6 for 55 drew with Canterbury 73 (Gale 4 for 16, Gardiner 2 for 3).

The match against East Hills was our worst defeat of the season. We were defeated by a completely better side and only due to stubborn batting by Fort St. without registering many runs, averted an outright defeat.

Result: Fort Street 57 and 8 for 52 lost to East Hills 123. (Devine 7 for 27, Radley 3 for 16.)

The last match of the pre-football season, gave the team its first victory. This time the team played with complete unity and having gained the upper hand played with greater enthusiasm.

Result: Fort Street 6 for 159 dec., (Adams 55, Marshall 54), defeated Drummoyne 98 Morgan 6 for 18) and 46 (Devine 6 for 16, Marshall 4 for 23).

The most catches taken by Harvey (5) and Yum (3) and these two were the most consistent fieldsmen in the team.

This year's team was comprised of the following boys: J. Adams, L. Cooper, R. Cope, R. Devine (Capt.), R. Gale P. Gardiner, G. Harvey, J. Hopkins, A. Marshall, C. McMonnies, D. Morgan, J. Morris, J. Radley, B. Ritter, A. West and D. Yum.

Thank you all for a very pleasant and enjoyable season, and on behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. Muhs, for his coaching and umpiring throughout the season.

R. Devine.

4th GRADE CRICKET REPORT, 1957

Although the team did not meet with the success of last year in 5th grade, we enjoyed this season just as much.

During the season the team comprised G. Cole (Capt.), G. Halcomb (V-Capt.), M. McCarthy, I. Miller, D. Keys, K. Jeffery, G. Englefield, G. Hurst, P. Boyle, L. Jezzard, K. Mullette and J. Parker.

The first match was unfortunately a one-day affair. We were beaten on totals by Homebush but not disgraced.

The second match against Canterbury was washed out on the second day; we had unluckily amassed our largest total this season of 6 wickets for 193.

In the third match we were again beaten by East Hills. At one stage we were 4 wickets for 7 runs but Cole, Jeffery and Englefield saved the day for Fort St. to go to 96 runs.

At last we were successful. In the fourth match we beat Drummoyne outright.

During the season the best batting averages were taken by M. McCarthy — 36.7, G. Cole — 29.0 and K. Jeffery, 26.3 runs while G. Halcomb top-scored with 81 runs.

The bowling honours were held by L. Jez-zard with an average of 11.0 runs. D. Keys 13.0 runs and G. Cole 13.3 runs.

On the whole the fielding was fair.

Last but not least, on behalf of the team I would like to convey our gratitude to Mr. Hurst for guiding, helping and taking an interest in us throughout the past season.

G.C.

FIFTH XI.

Fort St. (5 for 143); Homebush (9 for 136).
Fort St. (1 for 10); Canterbury (84) match drawn owing to rain.

Fort St. (71); East Hills (8 for 166).

Fort St. (9 for 207); Drummoyne (185).

To date 5th Grade has had a reasonably successful season. The first match against Homebush was won by a narrow margin of 7 runs, the next match against Canterbury was drawn owing to rain. The match against East Hills was lost on the first innings.

The last game was against Drummoyne, and was won by a fine team effort.

Best batting performances were: Adrian Worrall's 54 and 36, John Beale's 50 and John Stewart's 30.

Best bowling performances were: Adrian Worrall's 4 for 15, Russell Clark's 2 for 8 and John Church's 3 for 21.

The team is indebted to Mr. Horan, the coach, for his interest and encouragement throughout the season.

The team consisted of: J. Church (Capt.), A. Worrall (V-Capt.), J. Beale, H. Boulton, R. Clark, L. Edwards, J. Groat, G. Gilmour, R. Kirkpatrick, J. McGregor, U. Poom, J. Stewart, K. Harrison, N. Moore and S. Saunders.

J. Church (Captain).

6th GRADE CRICKET, 1957

Commencing the season with a first innings loss to Homebush we were not too hopeful for the future. Nevertheless we fought hard and were rewarded with first innings wins over Canterbury and East Hills.

We were unfortunate to lose our fourth match by 6 runs to Drummoyne.

However, it has been a fairly successful season for our team.

B. Dubos topped the batting averages with an average of 40. Then followed G. Holmes 24.6, J. Harper 10 and J. Cummine 8.0; these last two batsmen doing far more work for the team than their averages suggest. J. Black took the bowling honours with an average of 6.6 runs per wicket.

The fielding standard was generally good with D. Porter doing an excellent job behind the stumps.

Our team has not yet fully moulded together but with concerted practice should greatly improve next season.

B. Dubos, 1A.



2nd GRADE CRICKET.

BACK ROW: J. Irvine, W. Robinson, G. Hailstone, G. Hamilton, B. Russell, R. Millard.
FRONT ROW: R. Chambers, R. Pegg, Mr. Wheeler (Coach), A. Rayner, N. Jones.
ABSENT: R. Fisher (Captain), J. Neale.

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1st GRADE FOOTBALL.

BACK ROW: J. Simmons, C. Spaccv, W. Allen, R. Cody, A. West, J. Read, R. Malouf.
 2nd ROW: Mr. D. O'Sullivan (Sportsmaster), R. Kerwand, A. Rayner, H. Simpson, D. Morgan,
 R. Lindsay, R. Millard, Mr. A. Morton (Coach).
 FRONT ROW: C. Fairwether, J. Barrett, W. Robinson (Capt.), Mr. G. Shaw (Headmaster),
 G. Hilder, I. Gunn, O. Yum.

FOOTBALL

FORT STREET 1st XV. REPORT

1st Grade did not have as much success as was expected this season, finishing 5th in its division and scoring 107 points as against 160 points scored against it.

The forwards developed into a very solid pack and was one of the best packs in the division. The team's weakness, however, lay in the inability of the backs to form one cohesive unit, even though they had great potential and there were many fine individual performances.

Despite a few losses, the team spirit was very good and Fort St's. high standard of sportsmanship both on and off the playing field was maintained.

During the middle of the season 1st and 2nd grade had the pleasure of going to Lismore, where everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves as a result of the Lismore people's great hospitality. Fort St. just managed to score a try in the final few seconds of the game, thus enabling them to defeat Lismore High 1st grade 16-14.

Seven players, Robinson, Gunn, Rayner, Malouf, Hilder, Simpson and Barrett were selected to represent the Western Division in the Combined High Schools' trials, Robinson eventually being selected as vice-captain of the C.H.S. 1st XV. and Gunn being selected as vice-captain of the C.H.S. 2nd XV.

Points on individual players.

Warren L. Robinson — Captain — Lock — As a Combined High representative from 1956 "Robbie" was a natural selection as captain. If the team failed it was not due to him for he was generally the best player on the field and tried hard to inspire the team to emulate his efforts. He made the forwards great but the backs no one could inspire.

Geoff Hilder — Vice-Captain — Winger — Although Geoff did not have as good a season as last year, he was responsible for many strong runs along the wing and many fine tackles, throughout the season. As vice-captain he was always trying and inspired the backs on many occasions when the situation was grave.

Alan Rayner — Half-Back and Five-Eighth — Alan had a very good season this year and throughout the season his great determination and courage in both running and tackling, inspired his team mates and saved the team on numerous occasions.

Ian Gunn — Hooker — "Ben" proved himself to be the best hooker in the Western Division this year and thoroughly deserved his C.H.S. selection. The team always had the major share of the ball while he was hooking and he was always able to be found wherever the play was toughest.

Jim Barrett — Prop. — Jim proved to be one of the best forwards in the team, doing a lot of good work in tight play and shining in his line-out work, where he made many fine bursts.

Alan West — Prop — "Westy" removed all doubts as to his ability this season, and played the best football of his career. He thoroughly deserved his place in the team, his lack of pace being balanced by his determination.

Robert Lindsay — 2nd Row — Bob was another forward who came through the season with flying colours. After early doubts, Bob quickly settled down and played tough, hard football and should be one of next season's star players.

Con Spacov — 2nd Row — Con had a particularly good season this year, playing consistently good hard football. He was always on the ball and tackled well and his efforts at Lismore contributed a lot to the team's win.

Donn Morgan — Breakaway — Donn showed great determination and courage in his initial year in the higher grades. He proved to be a very brainy player who ran well with the ball and was a great opportunist. With a little more weight, Donn could prove to be one of the best loose forwards in the competition next year.

Roger Malouf — Breakaway — Roger is another player who should star next year, as he was one of the stars this season. His great determination and "tank like" runs and goal kicking were great assets to the team. He was a little unlucky in not making one of the C.H.S. teams but with an improvement in his tackling he should be selected next season.

Colin Fairwether — Five-Eighth, Centre — Col had a very patchy season, sometimes playing brilliantly and other times playing not so brilliantly. This can be attributed however, to his continual switching of positions. He is very fast off the mark and has a good football brain, and once he settles down to one position he should develop into a very good player.

Ronald Cody — Winger — "Tex" also had a patchy season although his play reached great heights on some occasions. He was very fast and determined and often tackled very well.

John Read — Winger — John began the season well, lost confidence mid-way through and came good at the end. He has a lot of ability and could develop into a great finisher of movements with his terrific pace and determined running.

Warwick Allen — Outside Centre — Warwick had a fair season this year but fell below

expectations. He has "tons" of natural ability and made many glorious runs and tackles during the season. Once he realises his ability and adopts a determined attitude he will develop into a very fine player.

Harry Simpson — Full Back — Harry proved a great asset to the team, saving the team on numerous occasions and initiating many fine backline movements. He ran very well and was one of the team's best tacklers.

David Yum — Half-Back — Although he came on the scene late, Dave proved to be the "find" of the season. His courage was never bettered and his long penetrating runs and fine tackles inspired the whole team on countless occasions.

Russell Millard — Five-Eighth — Russell proved himself to be a very capable player and was having a successful season until injuries and constant knocks forced the coaches to omit him from the side, despite his great courage, thus saving him for next season.

John Simmons — Breakaway — Although rather raw, by great determined tackling, John was able to force his way into 1st grade, but after showing promise, a shoulder injury upset him for the remainder of the season.

Reg. Devine—Back, and Ron Kerwand—Utility Player — were able reserves, with their strong running and determined tackling relieving the pressure and sharpening the attack when ever they were called upon. Reg Devine's great solo effort when he scored the match-winning try, seconds from the final bell, at Lismore was a typical example of both his and "Rally" Kerwand's style of play.

Robert Pegg, Grahame Hamilton and Winston Readford each played one game in 1st grade.

The team would like to thank its coaches, Mr. Morton and Mr. Bohman for the work that they did in coaching the team. Both men got on extremely well with the boys and their efforts were greatly appreciated by the whole team. The team would also like to congratulate Mr. Morton on his selection in the touring "Wallaby" team and wish him the best of luck while overseas.

The team's thanks are also extended to Mr. Rassack and Mr. Rider for their help and advice during emergencies.

Warren Lewis Robinson.

2nd XV., 1957

Only bad luck in losing three key players cost Second Grade a win in the final. Even without the regular half, five-eighth and wing, they were only beaten 12-6 by Sydney High.

This was due mainly to the superiority of our comparatively small pack of forwards.

However, they had some satisfaction in winning their zone. The best and toughest match was against Hurlstone in the last round. Altogether Seconds scored 202-31 during the season.

It is not possible to single out any outstanding player in the team:

In the backs McMonnies showed he was the best half in the competition; Devine was one of the top centres, as was Hamilton. Chambers showed out well as five-eighth, and there was no stopping (once they were started) Muddle, Read and Yum on the wings. When called upon to show his ability as fullback Gardiner proved his soundness.

Carrington was an excellent lock and Kerwand at breakaway proved a very hard man to stop. However, without the best front-row in the competition some of the scores might have been closer. Although blamed for many things, Medley and Geddes were really quite tame and even harmless. Other forwards to shine were Simmons at breakaway and Webster, Wardrop and Davis in the Second-row.

Devine was the top tryscorer and Kerwand led the total scoring.

The team would like to thank Mr. Rassack for his valuable coaching.

R. Pegg.

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2nd GRADE FOOTBALL.

BACK ROW: G. Geddes, P. Gardiner, J. Ruddy, W. Readford, G. Davis, J. Bowness.
 CENTRE ROW: J. Muddle, J. Simmons, G. Hamilton, R. Chambers, C. McMonnies, K. Wardrop,
 D. Yum.
 Front Row: R. Kerwand, A. Carrington, R. Pegg (Captain), Mr. Rassac (Coach), D. Medley,
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THIRD GRADE

Third grade had a highly enjoyable and somewhat successful season. We came equal second in zone A with a total of 18 points out of a possible 24.

The premiership could well have been ours with sterner tackling among the backs. However the sportsmanship was of the highest standard and team spirit was tremendous, a tribute to our astute coach Mr. Rider.

The team throughout the year comprised:
Backs:

- J. Roberts — Safe fullback possessing particularly long kick.
- J. Bowness — Fast winger with effective if somewhat unorthodox defence.
- R. Gale — Hard running winger or centre.
- R. Westley — Determined and game winger.
- J. Nolan — Outside-centre. Scored many opportunistic tries.
- B. Flood — Inside-centre. Improved greatly towards close of season.
- J. Singleton — Captain and five-eighth. Set a good example with his tireless play. Always a danger with his neat side-step.
- A. Marshall — Game half. Gave excellent service. Solid cover defence.

Forwards:

- W. Readford — Strong lock. Hard tackler.
- J. Wells — Consistent breakaway in attack and defence.
- B. Ritter — Hard working breakaway or prop.
- G. Davis — Second-rower. Line-out specialist.
- D. Francis — Second-rower. Used weight to advantage.
- C. Lucas — Always tried hard. Good forward in open.
- K. Wardrop — A heady prop who excelled in the tough play.
- J. Ruddy — Non-stop prop. Promoted to second grade late in season.
- T. Hughes — Outstanding hooker. Won ball 5-1 at times at least 2-1. Scored 60 points with accurate kicking. Vice-Captain.
- K. Luckuck — valuable utility forward.

Our thanks go to Mr. Rider for the interest he took in us, and to the reserves, who with their limited chances showed plenty of skill and gameness. They included: J. Radley, K. Clarke, G. Howlett, R. Cope, N. Wheeler, C. Wright, B. Mayhew and D. Curry.

4th XV. FOOTBALL REPORT

Fourth Grade had a very successful season finishing as Zone Premiers and equal Runners-up in the Competition to Manly. We were defeated only twice during the season, once by Homebush 9-3, and the other by Manly in the semi-final, 3-0 (a penalty goal).

The scores of the matches were as follows:

- v. Drummoyne — Won: 37-0.
- v. Parramatta — Won: 37-3.
- v. Hurlstone — Won: 37-3.
- v. Canterbury — Won: 32-0.
- v. Homebush — Lost: 3-9.
- v. East Hills — Won: 11-5 (non-competition).

- v. Parramatta — Won: 40-6.
- v. Drummoyne — Won: 17-0.
- v. Canterbury — Won: 19-3.
- v. Homebush — Won: 13-6.
- v. Penrith — Won: 22-0.
- v. Macquarie — Won: 9-6.
- v. Hurlstone — Won: 12-0.
- v. Homebush — Won: 9-5 (Zone play-off).
- v. Manly — Lost: 0-3 (Semi-final).

Points for: 298 (76 tries, 26 goals, 4 penalty goals, 2 field goals).

Points against: 44 (9 tries, 2 goals, 6 penalty goals).

We were unfortunate to lose Denis Champion in the second game of the season and his services were greatly missed, both as a goal-kicker and player. At no stage through the season did we find a centre to fill his position.

Thanks go to our coach, Mr. Coroneos, as his coaching was a great asset throughout the year. He organised the "Best and Fairest Player Competition" from which six players received cups. They were:

- R. Gibson — 21 points — 1st.
- B. Cridland — 20 points — 2nd.
- W. James and B. Miller — 19 points — 3rd.
- K. Mulette and J. Whitehall — 18 points — 4th.

D. Champion was also given a cup for the "Best and Fairest Player" of Fifth Grade, 1956.

- B. Miller — Captain — Five-eighth and Lock — Always an inspiration to his side with his clever running and elusiveness.
- K. Mulette — Vice-Captain — Centre and Breakaway — A very determined tackler and solid runner. A thorn in the side of the opposition always.
- B. Cridland — Prop — The most improved forward in the side, a tower of strength in all forward work.
- I. Herron — Hooker — A very tough and vigorous forward as well as winning more than his share of the ball.
- C. Phillips — Prop — Strong in all phases of forward play, with plenty of initiative and determination.
- K. Brown — Second Row — Developed remarkably as the season progressed. Always on the ball.
- W. Staude — Second Row — Showed great improvement with every match. A very tough hard-working forward.
- P. Woods — Breakaway — The outstanding player of the side in early matches, but faded out at the end of the season.
- T. Johnston — Breakaway — Line-out expert, and very hard to stop when in possession. A prolific try scorer.
- W. James — Half — A very elusive player, and grand trier; has a beautiful pass and is a clever runner.
- K. Jeffrey — Lock and Five-eighth — A very safe handler, with plenty of football brains and ability. Set his backs going well.
- R. Gibson — Centre — The greatest try scorer in the side, who was always dangerous in possession and very fast. A solid tackler.

- J. Whitehall — Winger — Very determined player and fine centre kick, and very hard to get past.
- M. McCarthy — Winger — Showed tremendous improvement during the season, and always was safe.
- I. McKenzie — Full Back — A very fine fullback and was rarely overshadowed by his opponent. A safe handler.
- G. Spencer — Winger — A great little winger who shows an amazing amount of football ability.
- G. Hurst — Forward — A very useful and hard-working forward who was always on the ball. Plenty of dash.
- B. Lino — Forward and Winger — Has shown great improvement during the season. A fine turn of speed.
- D. Champion — Centre — By far, the greatest scoring machine in the side; a very determined and hard runner and good goal kicker. His injury in the second match of the season was a great calamity. However, we are all pleased to see him so well again.

The coach wishes to congratulate the fourth grade side on their highly successful season. The team at all times played vigorous football of a high standard, and their try scoring record, 76 tries for 8 against, bears evidence of this.

FIFTH GRADE FOOTBALL

Although 5th Grade didn't win the premiership we had a good try. We came 3rd in our Zone (Zone A) 5th Grade won about 50%

or more of its games and mostly played good hard football. We thank Mr. Howlin, our coach for spending his time in training us. We had very many pleasant hours with him.

Below are brief comments on the players:

- De Cressac — A steady player, always up with ball.
- McRae — A good tough forward.
- Rudd — A good hooker, hard tackler.
- Gardiner — A hard working forward.
- Watson — Outstanding forward, a good line-out man.
- Brown — Good 2nd rower, good in line-outs.
- Ross — Solid lock, hard tackler.
- Jennings — A quick hardworking breakaway.
- Gallagher — A quick hard working forward good in defence.
- Robinson — Solid hard working forward.
- Thompson — half and Captain.
- Faram — A speedy five-eighth and good in low tackling.
- Beale — A hard runner, top scorer, good swerver and tackler.
- Blyton — Plays well as back or forward, good in defence, hard tackler.
- Kirby — Made many good runs, solid in defence.
- Buckle — Good light winger, good dodger.
- Worrall — A very good full-back and is good as full-back or centre.
- Stewart — Good winger, places his kick in the right places.
- Blake — Looked dangerous at all times.
- Houghton — Good hard player and tackler.
- McGregor — Keen player.
- Schultheis — Determined lightweight player.



4th GRADE FOOTBALL.

BACK ROW: M. McCarthy, B. Cridland, P. Woods, T. Johnston, B. Lind, C. Phillips, J. Staude.
 2nd ROW: J. Whitehall, M. Herron, G. Halcomb, D. Champion, I. McKenzie, G. Hurst.
 FRONT ROW: K. Brown, R. Gibson, B. Miller (Capt.), Mr. J. Coroneos (Coach), K. Mulette, K. Jeffrey, G. Spencer.

SIXTH GRADE FOOTBALL REPORT

Although this team became a sound combination towards the end of the season, the lack of an aggressive back-line meant that many promising movements failed to result in tries. Only two matches were won; we defeated Parramatta 9-3 and Penrith 6-3. Most of the other matches were close contests.

The general standard of play was satisfactory and some members of the team later should develop into players of merit, notably the captain, Garry Leo, who played consistently well and Michael Holt who tackled with determination.

The following comments are necessarily brief:

Austin — a neat five-eighth.
 Cleland — versatile centre.
 Mason — wily half.
 Porter — hooker, reliable and competent.
 Dubos — solid forward prepared to assist the back line.
 Greenland — back, fast with good swerve.
 Kerr — forward, always on the ball.
 Booker — full-back, sound in defence.
 Bragg — full-back, neat, good tackler.
 Camp — sound forward; improved as season advanced.
 Borland — reliable and willing forward.
 Huntley — lock, a useful utility man.
 Metz — forward with a deceptive run.
 Croaker — useful as forward or back.
 Campbell — fast back.
 Dunbar — capable half.
 Pattison — willing forward.
 Brunson — a good forward who was always in the picture.

LISMORE TRIP — 1957

On Wednesday the 22nd of May, at the invitation of Lismore High School's ex-Fortian headmaster, our first and second fifteens and debating teams left Sydney to compete against Lismore boys on the sports field, in the debating hall, and on the dance floor.

At Hornsby, we were joined by Hornsby Girls' High sporting and debating teams, who competed against the Lismore girls.

The long train journey of over 18 hours passed quickly, and we reached Lismore at about 2 p.m. on the Thursday. After an enthusiastic welcome from the school's 1,500 pupils, we were introduced to our billets, who took us a little later to the Town Hall, where we attended a civic reception given by the Mayor of Lismore.

At 8 p.m. on Thursday night, we attended a dance, where we all appreciated the natural friendliness of our hosts and hostesses. Towards the end of a very successful evening, the Lismore captain instructed all school-spirited girls to ensure that no Fort St. footballer reached home before 1 a.m. This task was very capably performed, as any of those who were hopelessly lost in the small hours of the morning will agree.

The next day, Friday, was devoted to inter-school competition.

At 9 a.m., Fort St. narrowly lost a hard game of basketball to a more experienced team from Lismore. The scores were very close throughout, and only in the last few minutes did Lismore draw away to win 27-23

We had our revenge a little later, however, when in the 2nd grade Rugby Union match, Fort St. ran out the winners by 19 pts. to nil. For Fort St., Gardner shone in the backs, as did Geddes in the forwards.

The 1st grade Rugby Union, held on Friday afternoon, proved the best spectacle of the Trip. Both team were evenly matched, and the scores fluctuated throughout, with Fort St. winning with a spectacular finish, making up a one point deficit with a crashing try right on full time.

Star of our team was Alan Rayner, well supported by Malouf and Devine.

This win gained for Fort St. the Old Fortians Cup, which was donated by the Old Fortians living on the far North Coast, and which is for annual competition in first grade football. We realised just how much "the old school on the hill" means to these gentlemen, when we heard their speeches at a dinner given for us on Friday evening.

The debating team was narrowly defeated by Lismore girls on Friday night by the margin of 76 points to 72.

Following the debate, an unofficial party at the house of the girl captain of Lismore, helped make this last night in Lismore a memorable one for those lucky enough to be in attendance. Highlight of the party was the tree-climbing demonstration by a well known second grade forward.

On Saturday morning we went on individual tours around the city, until the time came for us to leave for home. This year's trip was a most enjoyable one, and for this we are greatly indebted to Messrs. Rassack and Rider, who acted as combined guardian angel and football coach to all the boys.

Our thanks are also due to those people who billeted us, and helped to make our short stay such a happy one.

W. I. Allen.

TENNIS

1st GRADE TENNIS

Fort St. did very well considering the inexperience of the team and towards the end of the season their play improved tremendously. The team consisting of four fourth year players should do well in the next season. The team consisted of Keys, Irvine, Anderson and Merlino.

Congratulations must go to Keys for being selected in the successful C.H.S. team which played Combined Northern Districts at Maitland.

The team would like to thank both Mr. West and Mr. Tunley for their help and encouragement and to wish them greater success in the future with their second grade tennis. R.A.

3rd GRADE TENNIS

3rd Grade were unfortunate in not winning their division, being runners-up. All players Raffel, Neale, Pritchard and Thomas played well up to standard and should prove quite successful in later years.



TENNIS.

BACK ROW: G. Raffel, R. Clarke.

2nd ROW: B. Neil, D. Day, K. Denniss, I. Anderson, W. Thomas, W. Pritchard.
FRONT ROW: J. Irvine, O. Keys, Mr. D. Tunley (Coach), Mr. C. Westlake (Coach),
F. Merlino, R. Ayres.

SECOND GRADE TENNIS REPORT

The team was: R. Clarke and D. Day; K. Denniss and R. Ayres (Capt.).

Again Fort St. fielded a second grade tennis team in the inter-schools' competition and although this year's team did not do as well as many in the past it could be safely said that the team was by no means disgraced as either tennis players or sportsmen. The final score of only two victories, over Liverpool and Punchbowl, by no means indicates that the team was demoralised, for each match was keenly anticipated and fought till the final point had been won. The team as a whole combined very well both on and off the court, and the general atmosphere between members of the team and also between our team and our opponents was one of friendship and strong competition.

4th GRADE TENNIS REPORT

Fourth grade tennis did not have very much success this year. The players were: A. Warrall, J. Cummine (Capt.), Kirkpatrick, Stewart, Harrison and Hart.

The team which was playing together for the first time was inexperienced against more advanced opponents. Nevertheless we managed to secure two wins with the able assistance of our Coach, Mr. West.

The Fort St. team played the following:
v. Hurlstone — Win.
v. Macquarie — Lost.
v. Enmore — Lost.
v. Canterbury — Lost.
v. Mortlake — Lost.
v. Homebush — Lost.
v. Drummoyne — Win.
v. Punchbowl — Lost.



1st and 2nd GRADE BASKETBALL.

BACK ROW: W. Seng, B. McDonald, J. Nolan, J. Lai, R. Clarke.

CENTRE ROW: C. Fairwether, L. Cremer, T. Johnston, J. Rutter, W. Allen, J. Simmons, G. Thomas, R. Wood.

Front ROW: W. Pritchard, J. Webster, I. Gunn, Mr. A. Morton (Coach), G. Hilder, F. Merlino, K. Luckuck.

BASKETBALL

The Combined High Schools' Basketball competition for 1957, has just been completed, and although Fort St. was not as successful this year as in recent years, the season was nevertheless enjoyable. This sport is increasing in popularity, both within Fort St. itself, and in other schools. This is evidenced by the greater number of boys who tried to gain selection in the teams at the beginning of the year and by the fact that there are more schools competing in this year's competition. The standard of play throughout the whole competition has improved, so too has the standard at Fort St.

The popularity of the game and enthusiasm of the players, should, I think, warrant greater attention to the game, by the staff. At present we have no coach, no teacher in charge and have no training together, all of which are essential if the players are to be woven into a team.

Basketball is a game which makes boys alert and quick, as well as developing good traits in his character, such as the team spirit and good sportsmanship.

The school entered the maximum of two teams in the competition, viz., 1st and 2nd grades.

1st Grade:

The team consisted of the following players:
Zoe Tsi — usually played forward.
I. Gunn — back, good in defence and deceptive in attack.

P. Merlino — could shoot well and was safe in defence.

J. Simmons — scored well and was quick in defence — often played centre.

W. Pritchard — an excellent back though handicapped by his lack of height.

J. Webster — a reliable back, always in position.

G. Hilder (Captain) — Centre.

It was unfortunate that we could not have regular practice as the team included some fine individuals, but we sometimes failed to play as a team when necessary. The team received a set-back early in the season, when Stanley Cheung, an exceptionally fine player, left to attend the University.

The team reached fifth in the competition.

2nd Grade:

This team met with quite a measure of success during the season, being defeated in the semi-final by Cleveland St., 45-58, in a close match. As was the case with 1st grade, this team could have been greatly improved with coaching and practice. The players included: Luckuck, Barr, Rutter, Allen, Cremer, Crapp and others, all of who were enthusiastic about the game.

Given the necessary attention and practice both of these teams could well bring even greater honours to their school even to the extent of winning the competition. The teams next year should be of a high standard and it is hoped that they meet with the success that they deserve.



GYMNASTICS SQUAD.

BACK ROW: E. Haughton, R. Hitecock, R. Deferranti, R. Dyer.

Centre Row: B. McDonald, I. Connolly, A. Gill, J. Beale, A. Rodd, N. Roach.

FRONT ROW: R. White, —, Fairhall, I. Gunn, Mr. A. Morton (Coach), J. Nolan, N. Wilton, W. Beddoes.

GYMNASTICS REPORT

This year, the gymnastic squad has proved to be a success in all school functions.

Great enthusiasm and training has been put into each practice during the year where each member forsook his lunchtime to improve and develop his style — not to esteem himself but for the glory of the school.

Particular congratulations must be given to the junior school who made up the majority of the squad and who revealed constant determination — all juniors show promise for good, agile gymnasts.

At the close of the year we were very regretful that our competent coach Mr. Morton left us to tour the world in the Australian Wallaby team. Our success is only due to Mr. Morton's constant enthusiastic leadership.

Actually, the gymn. squad only performed at one main function this year. This was at the Father and Son Evening when all present greatly enjoyed the display of pyramids and box-work.

My closing message to all gymnasts is to take up the reins where the 5th year students have left them and constantly do your utmost for the honour of the school. Even in sporting activities we have a definite aim or achievement in mind. In this light we all should have three "P's" firmly fixed in our mind when carrying out any activity — first we should constantly Practice; this will lead on to Prestige and ultimately we should all strive to perfection.

GOLF REPORT — 1957

During the season just concluded, the school golf team competed in the Inter-School Golf Competition and fortunately we are able to say that we were quite successful, being runners-up to the strong Randwick team in our division.

The team members were: G. Roney (Capt.), R. Fisher, G. Hailstone, M. Fisher, B. McDonald and R. White.

In the first match, we defeated Sydney High 4 matches to one; in the second we lost

to Randwick 5-0; in the third we defeated Drummoyne 3-2, and in the final game we defeated Marcellin College 3½-1½.

These results indicate a vast improvement on last year, and the team members have gained much match play experience on other courses. All we can do now is to hope for a better season next year.

All team members would like to thank Mr. Fisher for his interest and advice, and especially for supplying the transport to the games. G.W.R.



3rd GRADE SOCCER.

BACK ROW: J. Grant, R. Clarke, J. Groat, D. Simpson.

SECOND ROW: D. O'Mally, T. Hatherall, R. Gill, B. Turner, R. Scott.

FRONT ROW: R. Higginson, A. Hanly, Mr. Hoffman (Coach), L. Edwards, G. Gilmour.

1st GRADE SOCCER

Fort St. this year had a first grade soccer team after an absence of many years. In the light of this the team performed admirably. The season began very successfully only one defeat being experienced in the first nine matches. After the loss of our coach the team's form fell away but we were still able to finish third in our Zone. The team was composed of: Murray (capt.), Jones, Horner, Jezard, Cooper, Harvey, Hughes, Ferrier, Ward, Diesendorf, Clark, Clayden and Englefield. The leading goal scorers were Murray and Jones, whilst Horner performed capably in goals.

Congratulations are extended to the premiers — Homebush.

SECOND GRADE SOCCER

This is the first year that Fort St. has fielded a second grade soccer team. Although the team was not included among the three finalists, they are still to be congratulated on their play against the more experienced teams of the opponents.

The team was: G. Cole (Captain), P. Roy, R. Wiles, K. Lawrenson, D. Blair, S. Whiteley, R. Chalmers, D. Wiley, G. Englefield, J. Forsyth, G. Henderson, W. Levy, R. Edwards and D. Gemmel.

The team would like to thank their coach, Mr. Waters, for his attention and advice.

SOCCER — 3rd GRADE

This was a well balanced team, without any real weaknesses. On the rare occasions when the team was at full strength, their defence in particular was very sound.

However, at the beginning of the season they had a bad run, with one win, two drawn games and a loss. In the second round they did much better, defeating every team save the ultimate winners of the competition, Cleveland Street.

Congratulations to the latter team, who varied their game to win on full-sized grounds as well as on their own miniature dust-bowl.

Highlight of the season was the victory over Drummoyne which set us off on our winning run, and toppled Drummoyne from their leading position.

It would be unfair to single out any one player, save their Captain, Alan Hanly, who inspired the team from the centre-half position. Here is the team:

Forwards — R. Higginson, D. Grant, L. Edwards, B. Clarke, D. Simpson.

Halves — A. Hatherall, A. Hanly, D. O'Malley.

Backs — G. Gilmour and B. Turner.

Reserves — R. Barrett, J. Groat and D. Scott.

SOCCER — 4th GRADE

4th Grade was an uneven team. There was a nucleus of good players, around whom a good Third Grade can be formed in 1958. All through the season defence was a weakness, with the diminutive halves bearing the major part of the burden. This department will have to be improved next year.

In the last two games, the team came good, defeating the high ranking Enmore and Homebush teams, and these last wins particularly give us hope for next season.

Players who deserve special mention are:

R. Edwards (Captain), the centre-forward, had an occasional reluctance to go seeking the ball. J. Harper was a splendid outside-right, though he was less successful when moved inside. J. Elliott, the tireless, courageous centre-half was always on the ball while Manton at right-half, was the hardest trier in the team, though he does not as yet make the best possible use of the ball when he gets it. Late in the season R. Sharpe was moved from inside-right to goal, where he proved an outstanding success, contributing much to the improved showing of the team towards the end of the season.



WATER POLO.

BACK ROW: G. Spencer, J. Fitzpatrick, K. Clarke, D. Champion, I. Gardiner, J. Wells, W. Thomas.
FRONT ROW: G. Geddes, B. Cridland, W. Barr, Mr. Dalgleish (Coach), C. Phillips, W. Brown,
R. Lindsay. SEATED: J. Whitehall.

WATER POLO

In spite of the fact that there is practically no time for practice at the beginning of the year, a good start was made this year, particularly by First Grade. Practices have been held regularly with full attendance during the season.

We were fortunate, also, in having Mr. Peter Rigg, a former Fortian First Grade player, who gave us valuable assistance. On several occasions he accompanied us to the baths and personally demonstrated various phases of the game.

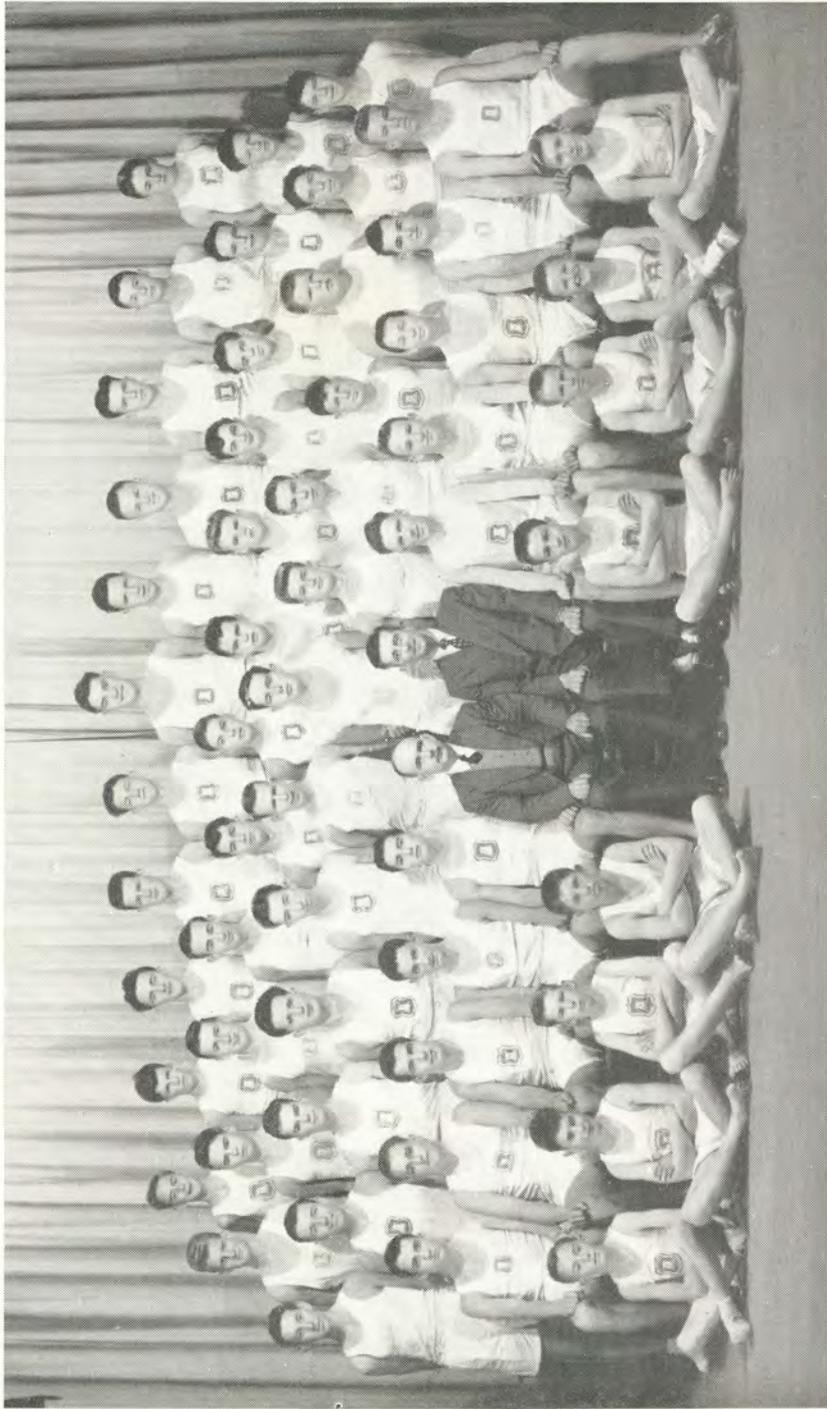
The enthusiasm shown at both practices and matches has been rewarded with worthwhile results of six matches. First Grade has won

four and drawn one, Second Grade won three and Third Grade two.

It is with much regret that we record the fact that Dennis Champion, our Second Grade Captain, is obliged to cease playing water polo. However, it will be remembered that he has established a high standard of play in that team, and it is our duty to try and maintain it.

Some preliminary "limbering up" exercises have been introduced and every player should practise them.

The "bright future" predicted by Mr. Morton for Warren Barr, our First Grade Captain, is already becoming a reality; and we look forward to many victories under his leadership.



C.H.S. ATHLETICS TEAM.

TOP ROW: H. Greenland, P. Moran, A. Marshall, K. Mullette, D. Day, R. Banner, L. Cremer, W. Levy, G. Washington, M. Diesendorf, R. Benson.
 3rd ROW: R. Cody, R. Gale, J. Barrett, C. Blair, J. Muddle, I. Anderson, B. Cridland, B. Brown, S. Dickson, G. Loudon, J. Beale, M. Borland.
 2nd ROW: D. Keys, R. Millard, J. Read, F. Merlino, G. Hamilton, J. Rutter, R. Cope, R. Chambers, R. Gibson, G. Ogden, R. Lindsay, J. Radley, P. Ross.
 FRONT ROW: W. Readford, G. Horner, T. Johnston, D. Kent, K. Luckuck, Mr. J. Wells (Carnival Manager), Mr. R. Horan (Coach), G. Hilder, C. Fairweather, I. Gunn, W. Robinson, W. Allen.
 SEATED: G. Elliot, M. Sawatske, C. Roderick, C. Leo, E. Faram, M. Holt, N. Austen, R. Blake.

65th ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This year we were fortunate in that the first of March gave us perfect weather for our 65th Annual Swimming Carnival at Cabarita Olympic Pool.

Swimming under near perfect conditions, our Junior swimmers turned in no less than eight records, but our Seniors appeared to lack solid training. Let us hope that in the future, those who have any swimming talent will take some pains to develop it.

Highlight of the carnival was the brilliant performance of Warren Barr. Warren won the under fifteen 110 yds, 220 yds. and 440 yds. freestyle, and 55 yds. backstroke, and the under sixteen 55 yds. butterfly, all in record time. He also broke Jon Henrick's Senior 880 yds. record, in taking out that title by a margin of four laps. It is pleasing to note that Warren trains very hard, and with his present rate of development it is easy to foresee a bright swimming future for this lad.

Barr combined with McDonald, who broke the under 15 55 yds. breaststroke record, and Brown, Cridland, Phillips and Whitehall, to give Fort St. a very formidable Junior team.

Another Junior swimmer to excel was 12 year old Gary Leo, who won the under 13 age championship, turning in a new record time for the 110 yds. freestyle event.

Congratulations to Christmas, the House Point score winner, and also to R. Carnell, Senior Champ, G. Geddes — under 16 Champ., W. Barr — under 15 Champ., I. Gardiner — under 14 Champ., G. Leo — under 13 Champ.

Last, but decidedly not least, thanks to Mr. Ford and his committee: J. Anderson, O. G. Hurst, R. Millard, J. Parker, J. Singleton and K. Wardrop, for their fine work "behind the scenes" in making our carnival such a great success.

W. Allen.

RESULTS

House Point Score:

1. Christmas — 243 points.
2. Kilgour — 207 points.
3. Mearns — 186 points.
4. Williams — 150 points.

Senior:

- 55 yds. Freestyle: Webster, 1; Carnell, 2; Fisher, 3. Time: 34.7 secs.
- 110 yds. Freestyle: Carnell, 1; Fisher, 2; Kerwand, 3. Time: 78.2 secs.
- 220 yds. Freestyle: Carnell, 1; Fisher, 2; Wells, 3. Time: 2 min. 53.8 secs.
- 440 yds. Freestyle: Carnell, 1; Fisher, 2; Lindsay, 3. Time: 6 min. 28 secs.
- 880 yds. Freestyle: Barr, 1; Carnell, 2; Fisher, 3. Time: 10 min. 37.4 secs (R.)
- 110 yds. Breaststroke: McDonald, 1; Pegg, 2; Mazlin, 3. Time: 96.2 secs.
- 110 yds. Butterfly: Barr, 1; Luckuck, 2; Time: 1 min. 38.5 secs.

55 yds. Backstroke: Carnell, 1; Wells, 2; Fisher, 3. Time: 39 secs.

Senior Dive: Gunn, 1; Nolan, 2; Bevan, 3.

House Relay: Williams, 1; Mearns, 2; Kilgour, 3. Time: 2 min. 25.5 secs.

Medley House Relay: Christmas, 1; Williams, 2; Mearns, 3.

50 yds. Life Saving: Christmas and Kilgour, 1. Time: 77.6 secs.

Champion House — Christmas — 67 points.

Senior Champion — R. Carnell — 32 points.

Under 16:

55 yds. Freestyle: Whitby, 1; Geddes, 2; Anderson, 3. Time: 34.8 secs.

110 yds. Freestyle: Geddes, 1; Anderson, 2; Singleton, 3. Time: 74.3 secs.

220 yds. Freestyle: Geddes, 1; Singleton, 2; Anderson, 3. Time: 2 min. 50 secs.

440 yds. Freestyle: Geddes, 1; Singleton, 2. Time: 7 min. 4 secs.

55 yds. Breaststroke: Anderson, 1; Mitchell, 2; Millard, 3. Time: 48.1 secs.

55 yds. Butterfly: Barr, 1; Pritchard, 2; Clark, 3. Time: 40 secs. (Record.)

55 yds. Backstroke: Porter, 1; Singleton, 2; Fitzpatrick, 3. Time: 42.1 secs.

Junior Dive: Fitzpatrick, 1; Peterson, 2; White, 3.

House Relay: Kilgour, 1; Williams, 2; Christmas, 3. Time: 2 min. 41 secs.

40 yds. Life Saving: Mearns, 1; Kilgour, 2; Williams, 3. Time: 62.1 secs.

House Champion — Kilgour — 60 points.

Under 16 Champion — G. Geddes — 22 points.

Under 15:

55 yds. Freestyle: Brown, 1; Phillips, 2; Cridland, 3. Time: 31.9 secs.

110 yds. Freestyle: Barr, 1; Brown, 2; Phillips, 3. Time: 68 secs (Equal Record.)

220 yds. Freestyle: Barr, 1; Brown, 2; Phillips, 3. Time: 2 min. 45 secs. (Record.)

440 yds. Freestyle: Barr, 1; Cridland, 2; Brown, 3. Time: 5 min. 35 secs. (Record.)

55 yds. Breaststroke: McDonald, 1; Whitehall, 2; Bryden, and Dunn, 3 (Aeq.). Time: 41 secs. (Record.)

55 yds. Backstroke: Barr, 1; Whitehall, 2; Brown, 3. Time: 39.6 secs. (Record.)

House Relay: Christmas, 1; Williams, 2; Mearns, 3. Time: 2 min. 14.9 secs. (Record.)

House Champion — Christmas — 76 points.

Under 15 Champion — Barr — 24 points.

Under 14:

55 yds. Freestyle: Ross, 1; James, 2; Cotis, 3. Time: 37.2 secs.

110 yds. Freestyle: Gallagher, 1; Gardiner, 2; Poom, 3. Time: 84.4 secs.

220 yds. Freestyle: Gardiner, 1; Morgan, 2; Chown, 3. Time: 3 min. 19.2 secs.

55 yds. Breaststroke: Gardiner, 1; Burrell, 2; Jones, 3. Time: 48 secs.

55 yds. Backstroke: de Ferranti, 1; Gallagher, 2; Scott, 3. Time: 46.2 secs.

House Relay: Kilgour, 1; Christmas, 2; Williams, 3. Time: 2 min. 41.7 secs.

30 yds. Life Saving: Kilgour, 1; Christmas and Williams, 2. Time: 49.8 secs. (Record.)

Juvenile Dive: de Farranti, 1; Williamson, 2; James, 3.

House Champion — Kilgour — 65 pts.

Under 14 Champion — Gardiner — 22 pts.

Under 13:

55 yds. Freestyle: Leo, 1; Morgan, 2; Hay-

ward, 3. Time: 34.9 secs.

110 yds. Freestyle: Leo, 1; Morgan, 2; Kobrof and Roderick, 3. Time: 80.4 secs (Record.)

55 yds. Breaststroke: Leo, 1; Time: 58.5 secs.

55 yds. backstroke: Morgan, 1; Leo, 2; Ellis, 3. Time: 47.8 secs.

House Relay: Mearns, 1; Christmas, 2; Kilgour, 3. Time: 3 min. 10 secs.

30 yds. Life Saving: Christmas, 1; Christmas and Mearns, 2; Mearns, 3. Time: 55.2. secs. (Record.)

House Champion — Mearns — 65 points.

Under 13 Champion — Lea — 22 points.

SNOWY MOUNTAINS TRIP

This year Fort Street was selected to provide a party of sixteen to travel to Cooma and to inspect the Snowy Mountains Project. Such a trip is arranged each year by the Cooma and District Chamber of Commerce, whose members provide all expenses and transport facilities.

The party, accompanied by Mr. Ford left Sydney on the evening of Friday, 11th October (Gunn left his bag on the station, but discovered this just as the train started, and was quick enough to get it). After a long and tiring journey, we arrived at Cooma and met the gentlemen who were to drive us around the area, and our conducting officer, Mr. John Brace. After breakfast, we inspected the Scientific Services Laboratories, where experts conduct experiments with scale models to work out how dams, spillways, shafts, underground power stations, and all other engineering works connected with the scheme can best be constructed. We then heard a short but interesting talk, in which we were told the general outline of the Snowy Mountains Scheme. The Scheme aims at diverting water from the Snowy River and its tributaries, notably the Eucumbene, to the Tumut, a tributary of the Murrumbidgee, and to the Swamp Plains River, a tributary of the Murray. The water will then be used to irrigate the dry areas inland from the Great Dividing Range. To effect this diversion, the water is dammed at various points along the Snowy and Eucumbene Rivers, and sent through tunnels under the Range. In making this journey the water falls about two thousand feet, and this fall is utilised to produce hydro-electricity.

After this talk, and the screening of a film, we set out for the giant Adaminaby Dam. Three of us together with the driver of one of the cars, took the wrong road, and ended on the wrong side of the water. However, by cutting through paddocks and fences and skirting the water now spreading back in the dam, contact was re-established in time for a somewhat late lunch. Those three did not see the dam.

After lunch we set out to inspect the Guthega Dam and Power Station; on the way we passed through Jindabyne, a town which will later be inundated. As Gutleaga is high up on the Snowy River, we were now close to Mt. Kosciusko, and many of us had our first experience of snow. At Guthega, a dam used for the production of electricity, the temperature was close to freezing. The Dam was frozen over, and the snow in some places was quite thick, a fact to which Russell will bear witness. From the Dam we went to the Power Station, which is now supplying electricity to Sydney, and from here we proceeded to Island Bend to pass the night in near-luxury. Everyone was exhausted and, except for West, who had trouble finding his bed, we retired early.

On Sunday we travelled to the Eucumbene Portal, at one end of a fourteen-mile tunnel taking water from Adaminaby Dam to Tumut Ponds, a small regulating dam. We then went to Junction Shaft, whereby water is dropped into this tunnel, passing through Happy Jacks, the highest township in Australia, on the way. After Tumut Ponds, the area above a large underground power station, T.1 was our next port of call, and we then went to Cabramurra, 4,880 feet above sea level, to pass the night in conditions slightly inferior to those at Island Bend.

On Monday we visited the site of another underground power station, T.2, and then returned to Cooma along the new Snowy Mountains Highway.

At Cooma we met the Mayor, Mr. Hain, and the President of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Pavy, and then spent an hour looking around Cooma before catching a fast diesel train for Sydney.

The party would like to thank the Cooma and District Chamber of Commerce, and especially Mr. R. P. Holgate, an old Fortian, for making this very interesting and enjoyable trip possible, Mr. John Brace for his expert conducting of the journey around the area; and Mr. Ford for his interesting and informative company.

Bernard Newsom.

C.H.S. ATHLETICS

This year Fort St. was not as successful as in previous Carnivals; this was mainly due to the weakness of the Juvenile team who could not score a point.

The strength of the team lay in the juniors who did very well. They may have won the Junior Shield had not one of the school's outstanding athletes, Warwick Allen, been ill on the day of the Carnival. He was favoured to win the under 16 high jump, broad jump and second division 100 yards.

He, however, did enter in the high jump, clearing 5 ft. 4 ins. to fill fifth place.

J. Read proved himself to be an outstanding sprint prospect by winning the under 16 220 yards in brilliant style. He also finished second in the first division 100 yards, won the second division hop, step and jump and scored 24 points for the school.

In the under 15 division, M. Deisendorf came from well behind to win the first division 880 yards with a brilliant finish. He recorded the smart time of 2 minutes 11.9 seconds.

The under 16 relay team finished second but was unfortunately disqualified.

The school's senior team was unlucky to lose sprinter Col Fairwhether with appendicitis. This team, although strong, scored only four points due to the very high senior standard this year.

Successful competitors were:

Senior:

- R. Cody — 5th — second division 100 yards.
G. Hilder — 3rd — second division 220 yards.

Under 16:

- J. Read — 1st — first division 220: 23:5 secs.;
2nd — first division 100;
1st — second division hop, step and jump — 39 ft. 3 ins.
5th — first division broad jump — 18 ft. 11 inches.
R. Banner — 5th — second division 220.
W. Allen — 5th — first division high jump 5 ft. 4 ins.

Under 15:

- R. Benson — 3rd — first division high jump — 5 ft. 4 ins.
S. Dickson — 4th — second division 100.
W. Levy — 4th — second division 220.
K. Mulette — 5th — first division shot put — 43 ft. 10½ ins.
J. Beale — 3rd — second division shot put.
M. Deisendorf — 1st — first division — 880 — 2 min 11.9 secs.

G.H.

N.S.W. SCHOOLBOYS' ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1957

This year Fort St. was not very successful in these championships, the only placings obtained being:

Senior: R. Cody, 4th in Hop, Step and Jump.
Under 16: J. Read, 2nd in 220 yds.; W. Allen, 2nd in High Jump.

This lack of success was largely due to the small number of entries received. Remember,

even if you are beaten, you have represented your school, and also gained valuable competitive experience. After all "The important thing in the Olympic Games is not so much the winning as the having taken part; the important thing in life is not so much the conquering as the striving well."

W.I.A.

C.H.S. SWIMMING CARNIVAL

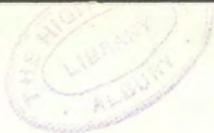
This year Fort St. was not very successful overall in the C.H.S. Swimming Carnival, but the display of some of the Juniors showed real promise for the future.

Without doubt our outstanding performer was 14 year old Warren Barr. Warren won the open 880 yds. title, after a gruelling swim stroke for stroke with Elliott, from Homebush. In the under 15 division, he was placed second in the 440 yds. behind Olympian Jon

Konrads, and third in the 110 and 220 yards freestyle. In this division McDonald also finished 4th in the 55 yds breaststroke. Under 13 swimmer, Garry Leo, swam well to come home 3rd in the 55 yds. and 4th in the 110 yds. freestyle, and 2nd in the 55 yds. butterfly.

With training, our junior swimmers should do well, and we look forward to some very pleasing results next year.

W.I.A.



OBITUARY



It is with great regret that we report the death of the late Russel Atkin who passed away in December, 1956.

As a Fortian he will be remembered for his sportsmanship and keen interest in school activities, as he represented the School in both cricket and football.

He leaves memories that will last forever in the minds of those who knew him.

