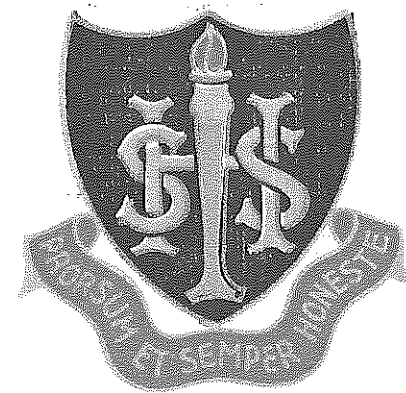


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EDITORIAL

On going to press again this year, I find that we are later than usual in getting the Magazine printed. For this I must apologise, but unforeseen circumstances prevented its earlier publication.

This year we welcome our new headmaster, Mr. W. C. Morris, late of Devonport High and we trust that his term of office will be both long and prosperous. Our previous headmaster, Mr. A. L. Meston has been promoted to the rank of Education Officer.

It is very gratifying to note, that in a recent survey taken by the School, the membership of the Parents and Friends' Association has risen from about forty members, to over three hundred. Well done, Parents and Friends. We hope that next year, there will be three hundred and fifty members, all willing helpers.

The year 1939, has been a troublesome one for the world, but in the history of the High School, it has

been one of achievement. For the first time in history, the enrolment has been above five hundred.

We now have one of the best equipped school libraries in Tasmania, and we have an imposing array of modern typewriters for the commercial class. However, for all this, it has often occurred to me, that the pupils could do more themselves. One boy remarks that we have no museum, such as many other schools of the same size as ours have. I say that it rests with the pupils whether they have one or not. I am certain that no barriers would be put in the way, and a museum could soon be built up, with the co-operation of the staff. In other ways too, if the pupils could help themselves. Ogilvie Park, for instance, is not yet complete, but a good working bee one Saturday would be all that was necessary to build a pavilion and erect goal posts. Remember, brethren, the old adage:

"God helps those who help themselves."

PROMOTION OF Mr. A. L. MESTON

It is with regret for ourselves, but pleasure in his success that we announce Mr. Meston's promotion. From Headmaster of the Launceston State High School, he has become an Education Officer—on the Inspectorial Staff. He was here so long and lived so vigorously—with such wide interests, that he will be greatly missed in this town.

From 1926-29, he was Senior Master at this School; from 1929-31, Headmaster of the Devonport High School and then took up duties as Headmaster here in 1932. A Headmaster of whom we are justly proud, for he was up-to-date in his methods and keenly interested in all branches of education.

He obtained his M.A. whilst he was at the Launceston High School. Widely read, he has yet found time to know almost every part of Tasmania, mostly from having walked it. A keen naturalist, a geologist of note, he is an authority on Tasmanian aborigines and has written a history of Tasmania which is used in schools.

He lectured for the W.E.A. on historical and literary topics and gave a number of talks for the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

In school he knew every child, yet was one of the most unostentatious members of the staff. He assessed skillfully, knowing well of what children and staff were capable and drew out their full powers of action or thinking.

Under him the children felt freedom and learnt the self-control necessary to keep their freedom.



Mr. A. L. Meston.

And as he moved forward with the times, changing tactics and opinions with the failing of the old ones,

even so did he keep in touch with each oncoming generation. Many of his numerous friends are Old Scholars of this School.



Mr. W. C. Morris.

To Mr. W. C. Morris, B.A., who comes to take his place, we extend a cordial welcome. Mr. Morris, a returned soldier, was Headmaster of Scottsdale High School from 1922 to 1931, and of Devonport High School from 1932 to 1938.

He comes to us with a reputation of kindness and keen desire for the well-being of children and Staff.

FAREWELL GATHERING

In February of this year, the Staff had a pleasant gathering, though a sad one, to bid farewell to Mr. Meston as respected and well-liked Headmaster.

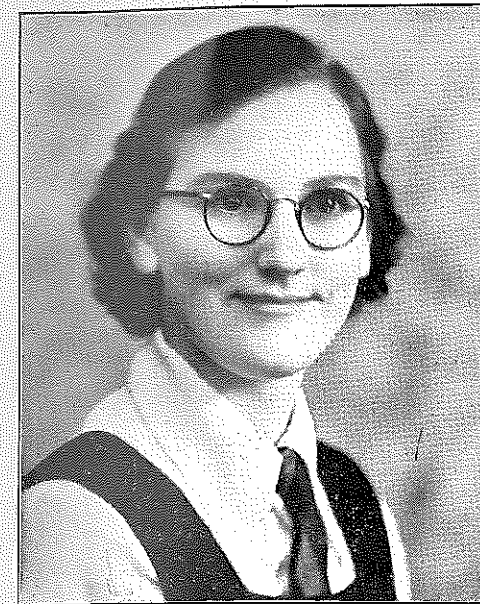
He had been back from Africa and England for only a short time, so the conversation turned naturally to his travels, on which he was able to speak with the ease of one accustomed to charm his listeners, be they public or private.

In the Christmas holidays he had been to Canberra and heard Mr. H. G. Wells speak on education. He told us with a naturalist's delight of the lovely town that is being made of Canberra by means of the great variety of trees.

Miss McGiveron provided an enjoyable tea, which was dispensed by Miss Layh.

Mr. Mather, our Senior Master, then presented Mr. Meston with a reading lamp, which he hoped would prove useful to him in his manifold studies.

To Mrs. Meston, who was also present, a pottery flower bowl was presented with good wishes from the Staff for a happy life in Hobart.



Peggy Spotswood.

Best Leaving Pass, 1938. 3 Credits, 5 Passes.

DUCES.

FIRST HALF-YEAR

Class A—Lena Mullen	73.3%
B—Nancy Coe	79.4%
C1—Molly Blackburn	79.4%
C2—Ray Boden	74%
C3—Betty Austin	77.9%
D1—Judy McCrossin	87.6%

D2—Shirley Edwards	89.3%
D3—Merle Fraser	73.7%
D4—Jessie Ponting	79.1%
E1—Beth Bartlett	83%
E2—Brian Easterbrook	89.6%
E3—Norma Jansson	87.4%
E4—Loris Richards	80.3%

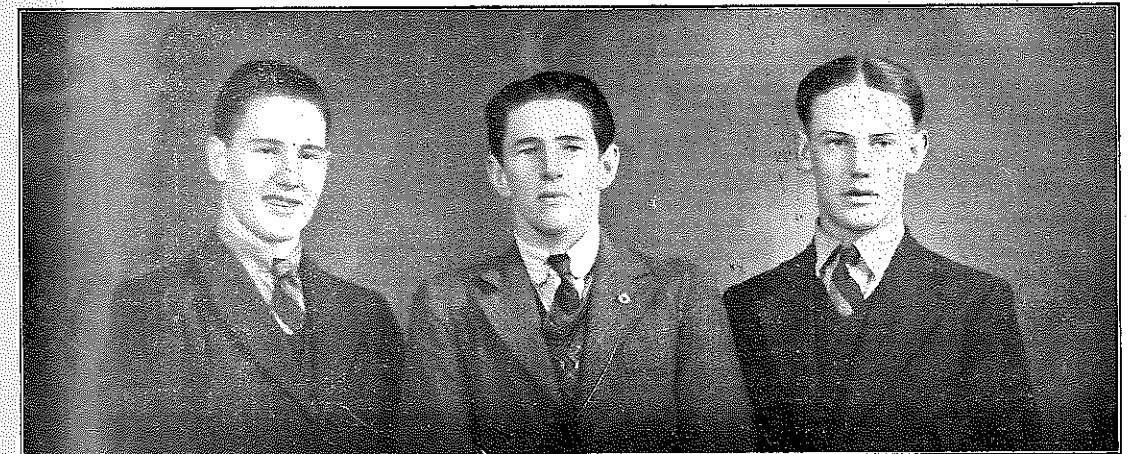
BEST LEAVING PASSES

	Credits	Passes
Ken G. Robinson	3	4
Roy Beecroft	3	4
Peggy Spotswood	3	5

They are to be congratulated on their fine performances.

LEAVING EXAMINATION.

Roy Beecroft—3 Credits, 4 Passes.
 Geoffrey Bryant—1 Credit, 5 Passes.
 Joan Coe—1 Credit, 6 Passes.
 Graham Ellis—1 Credit, 7 Passes.
 Margaret Ferrall—1 Credit, 6 Passes.
 Geoffrey Francombe—8 Passes.
 Colin French—2 Credits, 5 Passes.
 Gwen Frost—2 Credits, 4 Passes.
 Maisie Howard—1 Credit, 6 Passes.
 Edna Kerrison—7 Passes.
 Percy Kerrison—5 Passes.
 Pat. Killalea—6 Passes.
 Lena Mullen—5 Passes.
 Alfred Petterson—2 Credits, 4 Passes.
 Kenneth Robinson—3 Credits, 4 Passes.
 Marjorie Rockingham-Stanyer—7 Passes.
 Clive Sadler—1 Credit, 5 Passes.
 Jean M. Sowter—1 Credit, 4 Passes.
 Peggy Spotswood—3 Credits, 5 Passes.
 Annie Williams—2 Credits, 6 Passes.
 Max Windsor—6 Passes.
 Nancy M. Bramich, 6 Passes.
 Wallace W. Medhurst, 2 Credits, 4 Passes.



BEST INTER-PASSES: Left to right—F. Watson, 6 credits, 3 passes; D. MacLaine, 6 credits, 3 passes; H. Campbell 6 credits, 3 passes.

INTERMEDIATE PASS LIST

Melva Amiguet—9 Passes.
 Geoff. Arnold—1 Credit, 5 Passes.
 Gwen. Bakes—1 Credit, 5 Passes.
 James Bell—7 Passes.
 Barbara Bryan—8 Passes.
 Margaret Campbell—1 Credit, 5 Passes.
 Neil Hugh Campbell—6 Credits, 3 Passes.
 Lloyd Carins—3 Credits, 4 Passes.
 Donald Caswell—3 Credits, 4 Passes.
 Nancy Coe—8 Credits, 1 Pass.
 Enid Cooke—8 Passes.
 Dulcie Cottrell—2 Credits, 7 Passes.
 Marjorie Crow—5 Passes.
 Violet Cunningham—2 Credits, 6 Passes.
 Valerie Farmilo—1 Credit, 5 Passes.
 Betty Firth—2 Credits, 6 Passes.
 Nancy Goss—8 Passes.
 Judith Hague—1 Credit, 5 Passes.
 Corrie Harvey—3 Credits, 6 Passes.
 Peter Hewitt—7 Passes.
 Ellen Hickman—7 Passes.
 Audrey Hill—5 Credits, 4 Passes.
 Arnold Hingston—5 Passes.
 Audrey Jackson—1 Credit, 8 Passes.
 Eva Johnston—5 Credits, 4 Passes.
 Dorothea Jones—2 Credits, 7 Passes.
 Joan Keeling—6 Passes.
 Daisy King—2 Credits, 6 Passes.
 Ivor Ianham—1 Credit, 7 Passes.
 Cleo. Lee—9 Passes.
 Joan Lightfoot—7 Passes.
 Douglas MacLaine—6 Credits, 3 Passes.
 Mary Meston—6 Credits, 3 Passes.
 Mary Midgely—1 Credit, 7 Passes.
 Dorothy Miller—6 Passes.
 John Milner—1 Credit, 6 Passes.
 Frances Morling—1 Credit, 5 Passes.
 Reginald McQuestin—6 Passes.
 Geoffrey Oliver—6 Passes.
 Audrey O'May—1 Credit, 4 Passes.
 Vida Parker—1 Credit, 4 Passes.
 Jessie Pentland—5 Passes.
 Beryl Rattray—2 Credits, 6 Passes.
 Alfred Scott—1 Credit, 6 Passes.
 Bruce Scott—8 Passes.
 James Scott—2 Credits, 7 Passes.
 Peggy Scott—1 Credit, 7 Passes.
 Kenneth Smyth—7 Passes.
 Gladys Spencer—5 Credits, 4 Passes.
 Alan Stubs—1 Credit, 7 Passes.
 Joyce Sturgess—1 Credit, 5 Passes.
 Mary Sullivan—1 Credit, 5 Passes.
 Peggy Viney—1 Credit, 8 Passes.
 Guy Watkins—7 Passes.
 Frederick Watson—6 Credits, 3 Passes.
 Barbara White—9 Passes.
 Joy Whyman, 1 Credit, 4 Passes.
 Joyce Wise, 6 Passes.
 Manion Wood, 1 Credit, 4 Passes.
 Hal. John Wyatt, 2 Credits, 7 Passes.
 John Davies, 1 Credit, 4 Passes.
 Derris M. Easterbrook, 1 Credit, 5 Passes.
 Richard Gee, 5 Passes.
 Nicholas Holmes, 5 Passes.
 Glory Oliver, 6 Passes.
 Kathleen Welch, 6 Passes.
 Roger Weston, 6 Passes.

WHO'S WHO

Principal: Mr. W. C. Morris, B.A. (Senior Geography).

Staff: J. B. Mather, B.A. (Senior Mathematics); C. W. B. Reeves, B.A., Dip. Ed. (Senior History, Senior Music); C. C. Lawrence, B.Com. (Senior Commerce and Economics); T. E. Doe, B.Sc. (Senior Science); R. Edwards, B.A. (Senior English, English); B. C. Brook, B.A. (Senior English); F. H. A. O'Shannessey (Mathematics); B. W. Ross, B.A. (French Latin); S. R. Harvey (Chemistry and Mathematics); H. J. Moses, B.Com. (Commerce, Geography); R. R. Jordan (Mathematics); Misses B. Layh, B.A., Diplome d'Etudes Francaises, Diplome de Phonétique Francaise (Senior French); G. M. F. Brown, B.A. (Mathematics); L. M. Crocker, B.A. (English and History); J. A. Austin, B.Sc. (Mathematics and Physics); L. A. Russell, B.A. (English); P. M. Aplin, Certificate Francaise (English and French); J. Blyth, B.A. (Geography and Physiology); K. Jackson, B.A. (History, French); H. P. Meggs (Art); C. Dennis, B.A. (French and Latin); I. M. Kinch (Commerce and Shorthand); H. P. Deane (Clerk, Shorthand and Typing); M. McGiveron (Domestic Science); A. T. Sample (Sewing).

Senior Prefects: Philip Elcoate and Edna Treganna.
 Prefects: Violet Herbert, Lena Mullen, Jeva Bullock, Elsie Nicholls, Valma Cooper, Kathleen Hill, Nancy Coe, Marjory Dobbinson, Roy Bates, Derek Furnage, Doug. MacLaine, Percy Kerrison, Gerald Murphy, Keith Goulston, Norman Wood.

House Captains: Wilmot—Nancy Coe, Grant MacLaine. Arthur—Kath. Hill, Roy Bates. Franklin—Violet Herbert, Doug. MacLaine. Sorell—Joy Salter, Guy Watkins.

Sports Monitors: Fred. Watson, Percy Kerrison.

Captain of Tennis: Girls—Marjorie Matthews.

Captain of Hockey: Enid Cooke. Coach, Miss J. Blyth.

Captain of Basketball: Rita Cooper. Coach, Miss H. P. Meggs.

Captain of Tennis: Boys—Max Sluce. Coach, Mr. H. J. Moses.

Captain of Cricket: Guy Watkins. Coach, Mr. R. Jordan.

Captain of Football: Percy Kerrison. Coach, Mr. R. Jordan.

Sports Mistress: Miss J. A. Austin.

Sports Master: Mr. C. C. Lawrence.

Magazine Editor: Derek Furnage.

Magazine Reporter: Douglas MacLaine.

Magazine Supervisor: Miss F. M. Aplin.

Library Supervisor: Miss J. Blyth.

Senior Monitors:

Rita Cooper, Audrey Hamilton, Dennis Wishaw and Graeme Rowbottom (Class Committee).

B Class—Nancy Coe and Douglas MacLaine.

C1 Class—Heather Scott.

C2 Class—Ray Bowden.

C3 Class—Miriam Andrews and Betty Naylor.

D1 Class—Judyth McCrossin and Brian Booth.

D2 Class—Shirley Edwards and Theo Box.

D3 Class—Myfanwy Goodwin and Geoffrey Radford.

D4 Class—Pat Wright and William Broad.

E1 Class—Beth Bartlett and Bob Viney.

E2 Class—Thelma Frieboth and Robin Cash.
 E3 Class—Nalla Goldsworthy & Geoff. Wilkinson.
 E4 Class—Merle Rees.

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Monitors: D. Easterbrook, D. Jones, J. Keeling, D. King, F. Morling, B. Sullivan, P. Wood, M. Colson.

During the last year the Library has been used most extensively by both senior and junior classes. Practically every class now has a library period.

The praise of Mr. Collure, the Hobart Librarian, who visited the School during the term, is a very pleasing reward for Miss Blyth's and the Monitors' hard work.

Although the Fiction section of the Library is used very extensively, the Reference is not used as much as it should be by the junior classes.

We are indebted to the Department for the linoleum which now covers the Library floor. It is a great improvement to the room and matches the furniture perfectly.

Everyone will be pleased to learn that the Montgomery "Anne Books" have been replaced by a newer edition. These books had been mended so often that in the end there remained hardly anything to mend.

No longer do the older books of the Library present a torn, untidy appearance. Thanks to the enthusiasm of the book-mending class every Friday morning, the books are in a good condition. These girls are to be commended on their skill in thus improving the appearance of the Library.

Many new books, both Fiction and Reference, have been added to the Library throughout the year.

Fiction.—"The Boy King," by Alington Adrian; "Isle of Adventure," by A. S. K. Davis; "Fire in the Ice," by A. D. Divine; "Knights at Bay," by Philip Lindsay; "Dick Willoughby," by Day Lewis; "Mystery on the River," by Brian O'Farrell; "Fortnight South of Skye," by L. A. G. Strong; "Wings Over Eldorado," by Malcolm Taylor; "Knight of the Air," by Malcolm Taylor; "The China General," by Hugh Talbot; "The Kite," by Rex Warner; "The Sword of Islam," by Rafael Sabatini; "Why Didn't They Ask Evans?" by Agatha Christie; "He Went With Vasco da Gama," by Louise A. Kent; "Fairy Gold," Ernest Rhys (editor); "Valiant, Dog of the Limberline," by Jack O'Brien; "Leap-Home and Gentlebawn," by Frieda H. Das; "Mike," by I. A. Shead; "Circus Ring," by Mary Grant Bruce; "Nancy at St. Bride's," by Dorita F. Bruce; "The School on the Cliff," by Winifred Darek; "Upper Fifth in Command," by Winifred Darek; "The Old Wives' Tale," by Arnold Bennett; "Dream Days," by Kenneth Grahame; "End of the Chapter," by John Galsworthy; "Footsteps in the Dark," by Georgette Heyer; "The Story of the Treasure Seekers," by E. Nesbit; "Dr. Dolittle's Caravan," by Hugh Lofting; "Sails of Sunset," by Cecil Roberts; "Miss Buncle o' Book," by D. E. Stevenson; "Miss Bun, the Baker's Daughter," by D. E. Stevenson; "Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck; "Susannah of the Mounties," by Muriel Denison; "Four Frightened People," by E. Arnot Robertson; "Stories for Girls," Kathleen Lines (editor); "The Proud Servant," by Margaret Irvin; "Fortunes of Richard Mahony," by Henry Handel Richardson; "Gone with the Wind," by Margaret Mitchell.

Reference.—Australia: "Physical Description of N.S.W. and Tasmania," by P. E. Strzelecki; "Official History of Australia in War 1914-18," I—VI, by C. E. W. Bean; VII, H. S. Gullett; VIII, F. M. Cutlack; IX, A. W. Jose; X, by S. S. Mackenzie; XI, by Ernest Scott; XII, C. E. Bean; "Must Australia Fight?" by Ion Idress.

Travel.—"Golden Book of Dutch Navigators," by Hendrick van Loon; "Man the World Over," by C. C. Carter; "National Geography Magazine," January-June, 1938; July-December, 1938. Europe: "History of Germany," by Herman Pennow; "Post War World," by Hampden Jackson; "Germany Puts the Clock Back," by Edgar Mowrer; "What Hitler Wants," by E. C. Lorimer; "Searchlight on Spain," by Kath M. Ramsay.

Biology.—"Beginnings of Life," by Julian Huxley; "The Peoples of the Earth," by Douglas Nobbs.

Asia.—"The Pageant of Chinese History," by Elizabeth Seeger; "The Continent of Asia," by Lionel W. Lyde; "China Struggles for Unity," by J. M. D. Pringle.

Economics.—"The Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism, Capitalism, Sovietism and Facism, I. and II.," by G. B. Shaw; "The Story of Money," by Ernest Cornwall; "An Introduction to English Industrial History," by Henry Allsopp; "English Economic History (Select Documents)," by A. E. Bland; "Practical Economics," by G. D. H. Cole.

Botany.—"Wild Flowers of Australia," by Thistle J. Harris.

Zoology.—"The Insects of Australia and New Zealand," by R. J. Tillyard; "What Bird is That?" by N. Cayley.

Science.—"A Text Book of Light," by G. R. Noakes.

Music.—"Groves' Dictionary of Music and Musicians, I-V," H. C. Collis (editor).

Poetry.—"Poetical Works," by Sir W. Scott.

Literature.—"Heritage of Literature," by Dorothy Picton-Jones; "Fables," by Aesop.

Fine Arts.—"Modern Home Crafts," by Davide Minter.

Miscellaneous.—"Test Question for the School Library," by Robert Swann.

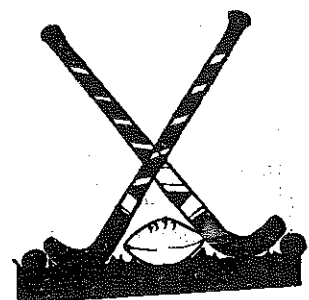
Drama.—"School Drama, Its Practice and Theory," by Guy Boas.

Philology.—"Hafrap's Eng.-Fr. Dictionary," J. E. Mansion (editor).



The Editor on Reading Some Very Good Articles.

EILEEN BLACKBURN (Class C3), Sorell.



WINTER

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Annual School Swimming Carnival for 1938 was held at the end of the year owing to its having to be abandoned at the customary time at the beginning of the year because of the infantile paralysis epidemic. The carnival was held on Friday afternoon, December 17, at the Victoria Baths.

In the boys' section, P. Elcoate (W.) won the Senior Championship, R. Lightfoot (A.) the Intermediate, and R. Stevens (S.) the Junior. In the girls' events K. Hill (A.) won the Senior, J. Ogilvie (S.) the Intermediate, and J. Dobbinson (F.) the Junior Championship.

House positions were as follow:—

Wilmot	125 points
Arthur	115 "
Sorell	97 "
Franklin	96 "

The following were the results:—

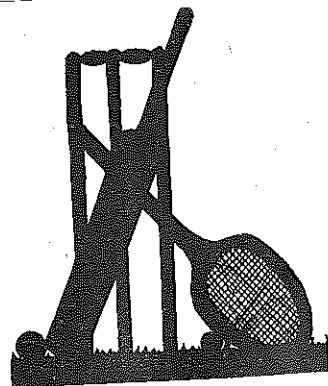
BOYS.

Hundred Yards Free-style, Open.—P. Elcoate (W.), 1; D. Furnage (F.), 2; R. Beecroft (W.), 3.
50 Yards Free-style, Open.—P. Elcoate (W.), 1; G. MacLaine (W.), 2; C. French (S.), 3.
50 Yards Breast Stroke, Open.—P. Elcoate (W.), 1; N. Holmes (A.), 2; R. Beecroft (W.), 3.
Senior Dive.—A. Petterson (A.), 1; D. Furnage (F.), 2; J. Hollingsworth (W.), 3.
Intermediate Dive.—C. Kent (S.), 1; K. Smythe (W.), 2; D. Edmunds (F.), 3.
25 Yards Backstroke, Open.—P. Elcoate (W.), 1; G. MacLaine (W.), 2; C. French (S.), 3.
50 Yards Free-style, Under 15.—R. Lightfoot (A.), 1; A. Gough (S.), 2; D. Cox (W.), 3.
25 Yards Free-style, Under 13.—R. Stevens (S.), 1; J. Pryor (F.), 2; J. Dean (W.), 3.
50 Yards Handicap, Under 15.—B. Barker (F.), 1; R. Hudson (F.), 2; J. Dean (W.), 3.
100 Yards Handicap, Open.—M. Windsor (W.), 1; M. Viney (S.), 2; M. Aylett (F.), 3.

GIRLS.

25 Yards Free-style, Open.—K. Hill (A.), 1; J. Hague (A.), 2; J. Coe (W.), 3.
25 Yards Breast Stroke, Open.—J. Lovett (F.), 1; K. Hill (A.), 2; J. Hague (A.), 3.

SPORT



SUMMER

Helen Woolston (C1.), Franklin

Senior Dive.—J. Hague, 1. Only entrant.
25 Yards, Under 15.—J. Ogilvie (S.), 1; J. Fawkes (A.), 2; M. Meston (A.), 3.
Intermediate Dive.—J. Fawkes (A.), 1; J. Dobbinson (F.), 2; M. Meston (A.), 3.
25 Yards, Under 13.—J. Dobbinson (F.), 1; P. Andrews, 2; E. Philp, 3.
50 Yards Handicap, Open.—B. Frost, 1. Only entrant.
50 Yards Handicap, Under 15.—B. Cutler (S.), 1; J. Lovett (F.), 2.

TEAMS RACES.

BOYS.

Senior.—Wilmot, 1; Sorell, 2; Franklin, 3.
Junior.—Sorell, 1; Franklin, 2; Wilmot, 3.

GIRLS.

Senior.—Wilmot, 1; Arthur, 2; Franklin, 3.
Junior.—Arthur, 1; Sorell, 2; Franklin, 3.
Mixed Teams Race.—Wilmot, 1; Arthur, 2; Sorell, 3.

At the beginning of the present year the Annual Swimming Carnival was again postponed until the end of the year. However, next year it is to be hoped that it will take place in February as previously.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

The Twenty-third Annual Athletic Sports Meeting of the School was held at the Cricket Ground on Thursday and Friday, April 13 and 14. Although the weather was very threatening in the morning on both days, it fortunately remained fine except for one or two light showers on the Friday afternoon.

The final House positions were:—

Wilmot	269 points
Sorell	221 "
Arthur	198 "
Franklin	182 "

The officials were:—Presidents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morris; Starters, Messrs. B. C. Brook and R. Jordan; Judges, Messrs. L. G. Bain, W. H. Daymond, W. H. Lavh. and Rev. R. W. Dobbinson; Stewards, Messrs. R. Edwards, F. H. O'Shannessy, B. W. Ross, S. R. Harvey; Timekeeper, Mr. G. Doolan; Result Board, Mr. H. Moses; Result Stewards, Messrs. J. B. Mather and C. W. Reeves; Hon. Secretaries, Miss

J. A. Austin and Mr. C. C. Lawrence; Handicap Committee, Misses K. Hill, V. Herbert, J. Salter, N. Coe, Messrs. R. Bates, D. MacLaine, G. Watkins, G. MacLaine.

We thank all these for their valuable assistance and also tender our sincere gratitude to all those concerned with the afternoon tea, notably Miss Layh and her staff of helpers.

BOYS' SPORTS

The honour of the Boys' Senior Championship for 1939 went to G. Watkins (S.), who scored 36 points. R. Cameron (S.) was runner-up with 12 points. G. Watkins also won the Field Games Championship.

H. Campbell (A.) put up a fine performance in winning the Under 15 Championship with a total of 24 points. Baker (W.) was runner-up with 12 points.

The Under 13 Championship was won by G. Wilkinson (W.) with 20 points and L. Waugh was runner-up with 10 points.

Several records were broken in the boys' section, the new figures being as follows:—

100 Yards.—G. Wilkinson (W.), 1; D. Camm (F.), 2; L. Waugh (W.), 3. Time, 10 4/5 sec.
100 Yards.—G. Wilkinson (W.), 1; L. Waugh (W.), 2; D. Camm (F.), 3. Time, 14 1/10 sec.
220 Yards.—G. Wilkinson (W.), 1; L. Waugh (W.), 2; D. Camm (F.), 3.

High Jump.—Casbault (A.), 1; D. Bakes (A.), 2; W. Wilkinson (W.), 3. Height, 4 ft. 2 in.

Putting the Shot.—G. Watkins (S.), 1; R. Bates (A.), 2; F. Watson (F.), 3. Distance, 28 ft. 5 1/2 in.

Hurling the Discus.—G. Watkins (S.), 1; R. Bates (A.), 2; R. W. Smith (F.), 3. Distance, 69 ft. 7 in.

Handicaps. Open.
100 Yards.—L. Dwyer (S.), 1; D. Ellie (W.), 2; L. Birkett (W.), 3.

220 Yards.—M. Viney (S.), 1; L. Birkett (W.), 2; F. Watson (F.), 3.

440 Yards.—P. Elcoate (W.), 1; J. Davies (S.), 2; L. Dwyer (S.), 3.

880 Yards.—D. MacLaine (F.), 1; K. Goulston (F.), 2; G. Murphy (S.), 3.

100 Yards.—G. Watkins (S.), 1; R. Cameron (S.), 2; K. Smythe (W.), 3. Time, 11 2/5 sec.

220 Yards.—G. Watkins (S.), 1; R. Cameron (S.), 2; P. Kerrison (W.), 3. Time, 25 7/10 sec.

440 Yards.—G. Watkins (S.), 1; R. Cameron (S.), 2; P. Kerrison (W.), 3. Time, 58 1/2 sec.

880 Yards.—D. MacLaine (F.), 1; K. Goulston (F.), 2; G. Murphy (S.), 3. Time, 2 min. 17 1/5 sec.

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High Jump.—V. Hawkins (W.), 1; J. Notman (W.), 2; M. Cooper (W.), 3. Height, 4 ft. 1½ in.

Under 15.

75 Yards.—J. Wilkinson (S.), 1; P. Coe (W.), 2; S. Barrett (S.), 3.

100 Yards.—J. Wilkinson (S.), 1; P. Coe (W.), 2; P. Cutler (S.), 3.

220 Yards.—J. Wilkinson (S.), 1; T. Masterton (W.), 2; J. Dobbison (F.), 3.

Skipping Race.—J. Wilkinson (S.), 1; P. Coe (W.), 2; B. Cutler (S.), 3.

High Jump.—B. Pinel (A.), 1; J. Williams (F.), 2; T. Masterton (W.), 3.

Under 13.

50 Yards.—B. Barker (A.), 1; O. Lanham (A.) and S. Edwards (S.), dead heat, 2.

75 Yards.—B. Bock (A.), 1; O. Lanham (A.), 2; S. Edwards (S.), 3.

100 Yards.—B. Bock (A.), 1; O. Lanham (A.), 2; P. Kimberley (A.), 3.

Skipping Race.—B. Bock (A.), 1; O. Lanham (A.), 2; P. Kimberley (A.), 3.

High Jump.—B. Bock (A.), 1; O. Lanham (A.), 2; S. Edwards (S.), 3.

HANDICAPS. Open.

75 Yards.—J. Notman (W.), 1; F. Morling (W.), 2; P. Wood (W.), 3.

100 Yards.—H. Ferguson (S.), 1; J. Notman (W.), 2; F. Morling (W.), 3.

220 Yards.—J. Notman (W.), 1; F. Morling (W.), 2; V. Hawkins (W.), 3.

440 Yards.—V. Hawkins (W.), 1; E. Blackburn (S.), 2; H. Ferguson (S.), 3.

Under 15.

75 Yards.—C. Clutterbuck (S.), 1; P. Terry (S.), 2; G. Meek (W.), 3.

100 Yards.—B. Ingamells (F.), 1; P. Terry (S.), 2; O. Morgan (S.), 3.



220 Yards.—C. Clutterbuck (S.), 1; B. Ingamells (F.), 2; L. Venn (S.), 3.

Under 13.

75 Yards.—N. Badcock (A.), 1; S. Harding (A.), 2; N. Leslie (W.), 3.

100 Yards.—T. Trevena (S.), 1; S. Harding (A.), 2; N. Badcock (A.), 3.

HOUSE CONTESTS.

Medicine Ball Contest.—Arthur, 1; Franklin, 2.

House Hockey Contest.—Franklin, 1; Wilmot, 2.

Junior Relay Race.—Wilmot, 1; Franklin, 2; Arthur, 3.

Senior Relay Race.—Sorell, 1; Wilmot, 2; Arthur, 3.

NOVELTY EVENTS.

Three-legged Race.—C. Clutterbuck and B. Davidson (S.), 1; B. Crosswell and B. Bartlett (W.), 2; P. Coe and N. Daniels (W.), 3.

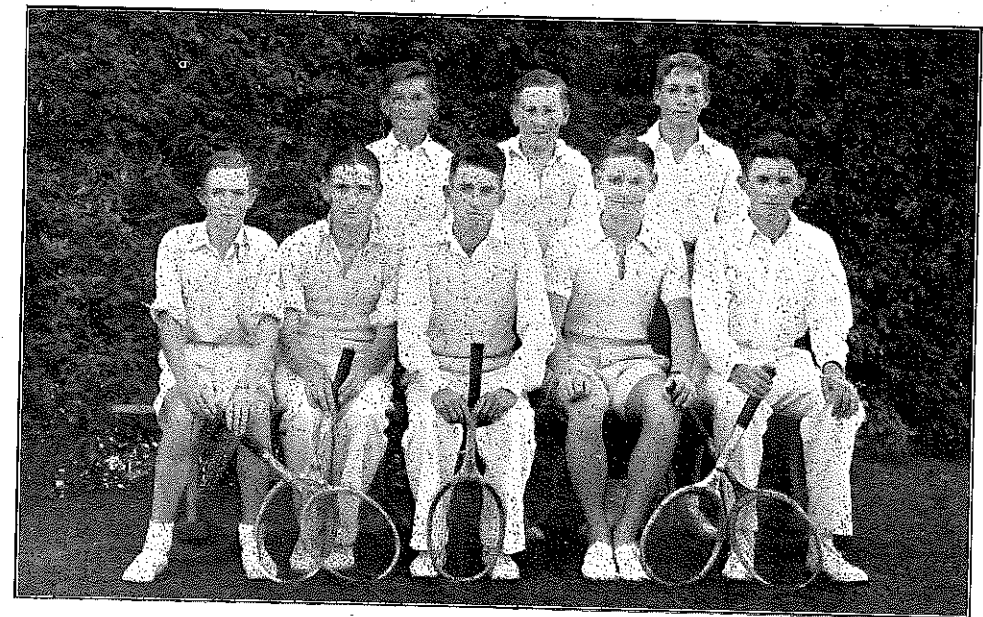
ROWING NOTES

This year the rowing was continued under the able supervision of Mr. Doe. Mr. L. G. Bain again volunteered his services as coach. The crews are both exceedingly grateful to them for their untiring efforts on their behalf, and the time which they placed at our disposal. On April 24, we competed against Hobart on the Tamar for the Bourke Cup. Conditions were not all that could be desired but all three crews got away to a good start. Hobart, however, took the lead early and maintained a comfortable lead until the finish. This was the first time Hobart had won the Bourke Cup since 1930. The crews were:

Hobart No. 1.—G. Gandy (stroke), D. Goldsmith (3), T. Cook (2), G. Hale (bow), G. Lane (cox.).

Launceston No. 1.—D. Furnage (stroke), D. MacLaine (3), G. MacLaine (2), R. C. Smith (bow), G. Wilkinson (cox.).

Launceston No. 2.—G. Murphy (stroke), D. Whithaw (3), K. Goulston (2), L. Carins (bow), S. Baker (cox.).



KEY TO PHOTOGRAPHS

GIRLS' TENNIS: Back Row, left to right—Coral Clutterbuck, Pat Wood, Dawn Pinner, Dorothy Guy. Front Row—Edna Treganna, Kathleen Hill, Marjorie Matthews (Captain), Betty Naylor, Joy Read.

ROWING: Stroke, D. Furnage; "3," D. MacLaine; "2," G. MacLaine; bow, R. C. Smith; cox, G. Wilkinson.

BOYS' TENNIS: Back Row, left to right—D. Ingles, W. Davis. Front Row—B. Barber, M. Wright, M. Sluce (Captain), M. Aylett, T. Evershed.

CRICKET: Back Row, left to right—B. Booth, R. Lightfoot, L. Dwyer, B. Board. Front Row—D. Homan, J. Scott, F. Watson, P. Kerrison, S. Bennett, K. Hogan, R. Boden. Inset—G. Watkins (Captain).

BOYS' TENNIS

On Friday, March 17th we played the Hobart High School at Hobart. Although beaten by a much superior team I think the team did very well since the first four players came from the junior section of the school and they were playing their first match in competitive tennis.

Hobart won by nine rubbers to nil, the scores were—

SINGLES.

(Hobart names first.)

K. Davis defeated M. Sluce, 9—4.
D. Butterworth defeated D. Ingles, 9—0.
D. Parkes defeated D. Savage, 9—3.
D. Lennox defeated B. Barber, 9—3.
R. Johnson defeated M. Wright, 9—1.
W. Cox defeated M. Aylett, 9—3.

DOUBLES.

K. Davis and D. Butterworth defeated M. Sluce and D. Ingles, 6—3, 6—5.
D. Lennox and R. Johnson defeated D. Savage and B. Barber, 6—4, 3—6, 6—2.

D. Parkes and W. Cox defeated M. Wright and M. Aylett, 3—6, 6—5, 6—4.

The members of the team wish to express their appreciation and thanks for the time and help given them by Mr. Moses.

MAX SLUCE, Captain.

TENNIS

In February, two teams, an A and a B team, met the A and B teams from Methodist Ladies' College at the College. The home teams were both successful, winning all sets.

At the beginning of March, the team played a team from Sacred Heart College, at High School. This time our team was successful and won all sets except one.

On the 18th March, the team played the Hobart High School team in Hobart. The Hobart team were highly successful, winning all sets except one, which we won by a narrow margin after a hard fight.

The scores were (Hobart names first):—

SINGLES.

J. Clarke defeated M. Matthews, 9—1.
B. Gleeson defeated B. Naylor, 9—4.
F. Geeves defeated P. Wood, 9—4.
B. Morey lost to C. Clutterbuck, 8—9.
M. Adams defeated E. Treganna, 9—2.
G. Lewis defeated K. Hill, 9—4.

DOUBLES.

J. Clark and B. Gleeson defeated M. Matthews and B. Naylor, 9—3.
F. Geeves and B. Morey defeated P. Wood and C. Clutterbuck, 9—2.
M. Adams and G. Lewis defeated E. Treganna and K. Hill, 9—4.

Hobart won, 8 rubbers to 1.

E. TREGANNA, Vice-Captain.



CRICKET

At the beginning of the term Guy Watkins was elected captain and Brian Booth vice-captain. This year we had a very young and inexperienced team, but throughout the cricket season everyone did their share, and so we were able to win the premiership from two very strong teams. This is the first time we have won the cricket premiership outright since 1934.

We met Hobart on the T.C.A. ground, and Guy Watkins won the toss. This helped greatly towards our victory, because the slight dampness on the wicket caused the downfall of Hobart's early batsmen. Guy Watkins bowled brilliantly throughout, as his figures show. He was ably assisted by D. Homan.

Hobart scored 141, and this was a fairly large total to chase. The opening pair, Kerrison and Bowden, did a great job in tiring the bowlers. The first-wicket partnership lasted 70 minutes and realised 38 runs. Then Guy Watkins gave a masterful exhibition of batting all round the wicket. He scored his 94 runs in 110 minutes, but his scoring was impeded by the brilliant fielding of Hobart. Lindsay Dwyer must be given a great deal of credit, for he was associated with Guy for 45 minutes, keeping his end up well. The School won by five wickets and 23 runs.

HOBART, First Innings.

Burridge, c Kerrison, b Watkins	10
Turner, b Watkins	0
Beard, lbw, Watkins	9
King, lbw, Homan	10
Newman, c Dwyer, b Kerrison	71
Morrisby, lbw, Homan	2
Gandy, b Watkins	5
Whitney, b Watkins	4
Daly, b Watkins	5
Moore, not out	0
Craig, lbw, Watkins	6
Byes	21
Total	143

Bowling.—Watkins, 7 for 34; Kerrison, 1 for 40; Homan, 2 for 28; Bennett, 0 for 17; Bowden, 0 for 6. P. Kerrison, b Morrisby

LAUNCESTON, First Innings.

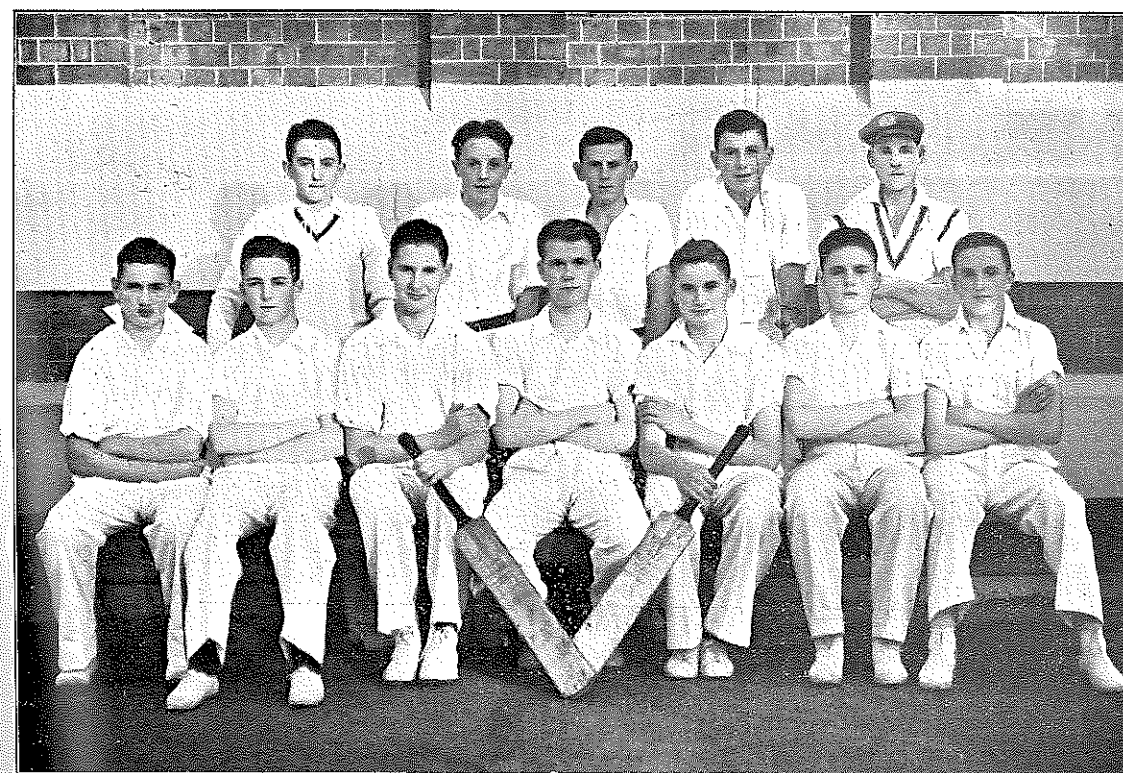
R. Bowden, b Newman	12
G. Watkins, not out	94
B. Booth, run out	10
D. Homan, run out	8
J. Scott, b Beard	4
L. Dwyer, not out	13
Byes	13
Total, 5 for	165

Bowling.—Beard, 1 for 41; Daly, 0 for 11; Newman, 1 for 33; Whitney, 0 for 4; Morrisby, 1 for 22; Moore, 0 for 24; Gandy, 0 for 16.

On Speech Night Guy Watkins was presented with a fine cricket bat, in recognition of his sterling performance in making 94 runs in 110 minutes in the match against Hobart. Percy Kerrison was presented with a cup, which Mr. Morris donated for the best fielder.

We were quite confident against Devonport, because they had lost their brilliant player, Jack Morgan. Again Watkins was favoured by fate in winning the toss, because the wicket was somewhat fiery. Watkins decided on a fast attack, and bowled the two fast bowlers, Kerrison and himself, almost without change for 2½ hours. Homan, the only other bowler, sent down three overs. The bowling honours were almost even. Watkins securing 5 for 19 and Kerrison 4 for 22.

Devonport's total was 61, but this would have been lower had chances been accepted. Brilliant exhibitions of fielding were given by Dwyer and Lightfoot. With such a small total on the board an easy victory seemed assured, but this was not so. Kerrison and Bowden opened again, but the Devonport bowlers, Ray and Ling, soon had the pair back in the pavilion for one run. From this development an exciting finish was to come. Guy Watkins made a



valuable 23, but the Devonport bowling was still on top and their fielding was without flaw. But Brian Booth, our youngest player, and from whom great things are expected in the future, put the issue beyond doubt, and was unconquered at the close of the innings. The game was won by 12 runs.

When the team returned, Reg. Lightfoot was presented with the cup which he won for the best fielding exhibition.

DEVONPORT, First Innings.

J. Bryan, b Watkins	0
B. Pinkerton, b Kerrison	0
T. Ling, b Watkins	0
M. Langham, b Watkins	4
G. Smith, c Kerrison, b Watkins	13
D. Evans, run out	7
A. Ray, c Kerrison, b Watkins	14
G. Brothers, c Dwyer, b Kerrison	3
L. Peirce, c Boden, b Kerrison	0
D. Mahoney, not out	2
D. Hardy, c Boden, b Kerrison	1
Extras (byes)	15
Total	61

Bowling.—G. Watkins, 5 for 19; P. Kerrison, 4 for 22; D. Homan, 0 for 5.

LAUNCESTON, First Innings.

P. Kerrison, c Evans, b Ling	1
R. Boden, b Ray	0
G. Watkins, c Ward, b Evans	23
B. Booth, not out	29
D. Homan, lbw, Evans	1
L. Dwyer, c Bryan, b Smith	5

R. Lightfoot, b Ling	2
J. Scott, b Ray	0
F. Watson, c Brothers, b Langham	4
K. Hogan, c Evans, b Smith	4
S. Bennett, b Smith	0
Extras	4
Total	73

Bowling.—A. Ray, 2 for 31; T. Ling, 2 for 14; D. Evans, 2 for 9; G. Smith, 3 for 7; M. Langham, 1 for 7.

Our thanks are due to Mr. R. R. Jordan for coaching the team during the season. The team owe him a great deal, because with only two players back from last year he built a formidable team, which defeated two strong, experienced teams.

JACK FROST

Who is the little atom,
That comes tingling through the air,
Although we cannot see him,
He comes sneaking everywhere.

Nipping the tender flower tops,
And stripping the garden bare,
Leaving a carpet of snowy white
To show that he's been there.

He thinks it is such jolly fun
To skip round everywhere,
And the only-one who can make him run,
Is the warmth of the sun in his liar.

JOAN OGILVIE (Class E3), Franklin.

SPEECH NIGHT

On March 27 the School held its Annual Speech Night, in the presence of the Director of Education (Mr. G. V. Brooks), the Minister for Education (Mr. E. J. Ogilvie), and Senior Inspector Fletcher. In his address Mr. Brooks said that Tasmania spent less for education per head of population than any other State.

Mr. Ogilvie also addressed the gathering.

Mr. Morris, the Headmaster, read his annual report, in which he stated that the enrolment for 1938 was 480—192 boys and 288 girls. The large attendance was 418.7 and percentage 98.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The enrolment for 1939 was above the 500 mark for the first time in the history of the School, and accommodation was taxed.

Twenty-one candidates gained their leaving certificate, and of this number 15 matriculated. The class gained a total of 27 credits and 150 passes. Of the boys the best passes were secured by Roy M. Beecroft and Herbert K. Robinson, with three credits and four passes, while Peggy Spotswood, with three credits and five passes, was top girl. Others to do well were Annie E. Williams, two credits, six passes; Colin French, two credits, five passes; Gwen Frost, two credits, five passes; Alfred Petterson, two credits, four passes; and W. Medhurst, two credits four passes. Of 25 successful candidates at the examination from schools in Launceston, 21 came from the Launceston High School. Ken. Robinson qualified for a literary and a general scholarship, Betty Williams and Alf. Petterson qualified for the Federal Institute of Accountants' prize, and Peggy Spotswood secured the State prize for botany. Roy Beecroft, as the holder of a general scholarship from the previous year, was ineligible for a scholarship in 1938, otherwise, with his fine result, he must certainly have qualified again.

At the intermediate examination, 65 candidates secured the certificate, and the School gained an aggregate of 99 credits and 410 passes.

The athletic sports were again a pronounced success, two attractive programmes being presented. In the girls' section the open championship was won by D. Verrell, the under 15 championship by J. Williams, and the under 13 championship by S. Barrett. In the boys' section, the open championship was won by G. Watkins, the under 15 championship by K. Smythe, and the under 13 championship by W. Rumney.

At the swimming carnival, the girls' senior championship was won by Kath. Hill, the intermediate by Jessie Ogilvie, and junior by Jean Dobbins. The boys' senior championship was won by Phil. Elcoate, the intermediate by Reg. Lightfoot, and the junior by Roland Stephens.

The close of the second term was marked by a production of "The Gondoliers," which won encomium as a "polished performance." Mr. C. Reeves and Mr. H. Moses, musical director and stage manager respectively, were congratulated upon the achievement. The stage setting and scenery were the work of the School art classes, under the direction of Miss Meggs.

The Parents' Association, said Mr. Morris, continued to take an active interest in the School and its work. It was hoped this year its membership would expand and that every parent would be associated with it. The Old Scholars' Association had a very successful year.

Healthy rivalry in all activities had been engendered by the house system, the successful house for 1938 being Wilmot, with Sorell second.

THE PRIZE LIST.

The following prizes were presented by the Director of Education (Mr. G. V. Brooks):—

Prizes presented by the Launceston High School Old Scholars' Association for duxes of classes:—Class A, (girls) Peggy Spotswood, (boys) Roy Beecroft and Kenneth Robinson (equal); Class B, (girls) Jean Flaherty, (boys) Roy Bates; Class C1, Audrey Hill; Class C2, Mary Meston; Class C3, Eva Johnston; Class D1, Kathleen Handley; Class D2, Ray Boden; Class D3, Betty Austen; Class D4, Barbara Broughton; Class E1, David Crowden; Class E2, Shirley Edwards; Class E3, Joan Jansson; Class E4, David Hunt.

General Merit.—Girls, Pat Killalea; boys, James Beck.

Best Pass in Leaving Examination.—Peggy Spotswood (three credits, five passes).

Leaving English.—Geoff. R. Bryant.

Leaving French.—Margaret Ferrall.

Leaving Botany.—Margaret Sowter and Peggy Spotswood.

Leaving Chemistry.—Graham Ellis.

Class B English.—Jean Flaherty.

Leaving Art.—Joan Coe.

Best Pass in Intermediate.—Girls, Nancy Coe (8 credits, 1 pass); boys, H. D. MacLaine, H. N. Campbell, and Fred Watson (6 credits, 3 passes).

Best Pass Intermediate Chemistry.—Fred Watson.

Cookery.—Class C, Gladys Spencer; Class D, Kathleen Handley; Class E, Lilian Davidson.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Literary and General Scholarships.—Herbert Kenneth Robinson.

UNIVERSITY PRIZES.

Federal Institute Accountants' Prize.—Annie Williams, 1; Alfred Petterson, 2.

Botany.—Peggy Spotswood.

Hemingway and Robertson Scholarship.—H. K. Robinson.

Senior Bursaries.—Senior city, Mary Meston; senior country, Hugh Campbell; junior city, Shirley Edwards; junior country, Montagu Towns.

Mr. Brooks also presented trophies won at the swimming carnival and other sporting fixtures during the year.

MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

During the evening the girls' choir sang a number of items, including three selections from "H.M.S. Pinafore," four songs of Shakespeare's and several sacred airs. Traditional dances were performed by junior girls, while an exhibition of drill by the boys was also included in the programme.

THE DIAMOND DRILL AT BEACONSFIELD

This photo is one of the diamond drill when it first began to work in the year 1938.

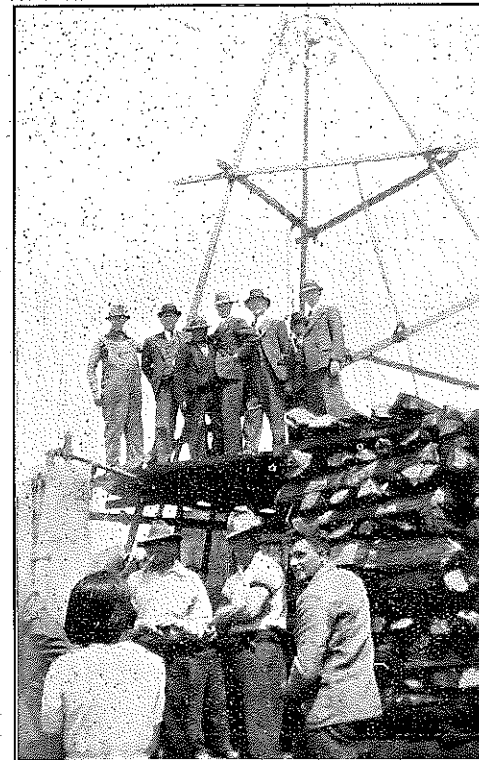
The drill was erected by a company, assisted by the Government, who believed there was a very rich gold reef approximately 1,750 feet below the surface. Unfortunately the drill stuck when the bore was about half completed, and there has been no further progress.

NETTA HUTTON (Class E3), Wilmot

INVINCIBLE IVY

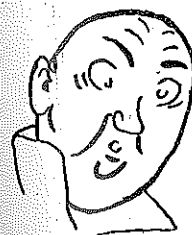
Grappling, strangling ivy
Twists around a tree,
Tearing, choking, pulling,
Murdering the tree.
Unable to resist,
As the ivy won't desist,
The tree grows weaker, weaker,
At last it dies away.
The ivy now commands
Where the lifeless body stands,
But soon its weight
Is far too much,
And—as such,—
The tree leans over,
Leans too far,
With mighty jar
It smashes down,
Decays away:
But—stronger than ever—
The ivy lives on,
The ivy creeps on
Until it finds
Another prey.

P. R. ELCOATE (Class A), Wilmot.



THE FACIAL EXPRESSIONS OF MR. X.

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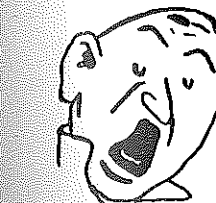
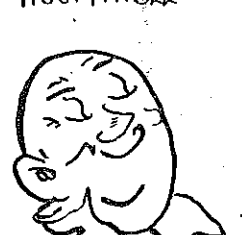
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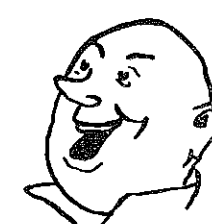
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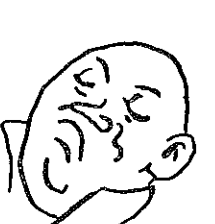
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Kathleen Tidey (D4), Franklin.

ROUND ABOUT SCHOOL

During the first term we were visited by a distinguished visitor in the person of Mr. Malim, the headmaster of a large public school in England. Mr. Malim was introduced by Mr. Roff, of the Grammar School. He spoke in a very interesting manner on the character of a school. He said that school is not an institution—that it has a character dependent upon the characters developed by the people who constitute the school.

Another distinguished visitor during the term was Mr. Hubert Opperman, the famous cyclist. He told us some of his experiences, which we found very entertaining. Mr. Opperman also took care to emphasise "safety first" and the rules of the road. These fell on fertile ground, we hope. The School was vastly entertained to see his legs work as he illustrated his movement on the platform.

We are also deeply indebted to the members of the churches of all denominations who come along regularly and teach the School religious instruction. This is a very important work and should receive the support it so richly deserves.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB NOTES

Some boys are interested in wireless, others in model aeroplanes, but we are interested in the camera. We are the members of the Photography Club, which was formed recently under the guidance of Mr. O'Shannessy. We have about ten enthusiastic members, and we are looking forward to a very interesting time. Mr. Gluskie, of Kodak Pty. Ltd., has generously come to our meetings and he gives us very useful advice. To add more interest to our hobby, we have decided to correspond and exchange photographs with schools in other countries. A couple of French students are writing to France, but, strange as it may seem, English-speaking countries are more popular, in spite of the possibility of obtaining a picture of a fried frog or perhaps something even more interesting.

THE REPAIR SQUAD

A few weeks ago our squad increased its members by two, the present strength being six.

Every morning during drill period, an inspection of the class rooms is made, and any necessary repairs are effected. The period of fifteen minutes allotted to us is none too long for the numerous jobs that occur daily, such as screwing on hinges, rewinding blind springs and mending desks.

We have recently laid in a small stock of new tools, of which we were in great need. With those we already had, there is now the nucleus of a good outfit.

In several rooms in the front of the School there is a shortage of blinds. As all those put up in the front necessarily must be brown, we are experiencing considerable difficulty in filling the gaps, as the side rooms all contain fawn-coloured blinds. We hope that this shortage will soon be remedied.

T. E. EVERSHED.

SENIOR DRAMATIC CLUB

The Senior Dramatic Club resumed its activities in the usual Friday morning hobby period towards the end of last term. It is, of course, busy this term

working on the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera "H.M.S. Pinafore," which will be presented at the School immediately before the break-up at the end of this term. This play gives promise of being every bit as successful as the popular "The Gondoliers," which was presented last year, and it is to be hoped that the presentations of "H.M.S. Pinafore" will be as well attended as it was last year.

Although many of our last year's players have left School, still we have some remaining, there are always new ones coming on to fill their places, and that very important part of the play, the Girls' Choir, is always of a very high standard. In view of this we are looking forward to a performance as successful as last year.

DOUGLAS MACLAINE (B Class), Franklin.

AIRPLANE CLUB

In the Friday morning hobby period, the model airplane club re-commenced its activities under the able supervision of Mr. R. Jordan. It is to be hoped that they will produce machines even better than those produced by their predecessors.

ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOOL CADET CORPS

From the time when the first cave man crept from his cave armed with a branch of a tree to keep off the dinosaurs and sabre-toothed tigers, to the moment when the latest civilian stepped into a gas and bomb-proof shelter, man has had to defend himself and his kind.

What a long period has passed since prehistoric men disappeared, and how tremendously the science of defence has developed, yet the principle of self-defence has remained the same throughout the ages.

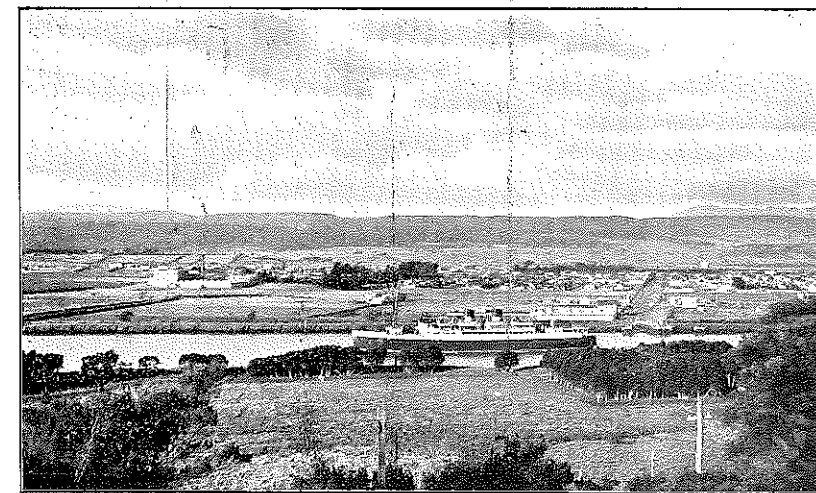
In this era of dictators and war scares Australia has found herself in a world where every nation is scrambling to keep ahead of its neighbour with its defence schemes and perforce our country must join in the race for security. The encouraging response by the nation to the call for volunteers for various duties has so far obviated the necessity for compulsory service. It is human nature to prefer to give service willingly rather than be forced to do so.

If and when a corps is established in the High School it should prove popular in the Upper School. Other school corps in Launceston have attained considerable success and efficiency since they were formed a few years ago, and there is little doubt that a corps here would prosper immediately.

Difficulties such as a lack of storage space for equipment will arise, and the cost of uniforms will be a drawback which might be partly overcome by the board repurchasing the uniform at the end of the cadet's schooldays.

We wonder what type of uniform will be chosen. Will it be kilts, puttees or leggings? That remains to be seen, as also does every other detail concerning the establishment of the corps.

T. E. EVERSHED (Class B), Wilmot.



T.S.S. TAROONA ON HER FIRST VOYAGE.

Judith McCrossin (D1), Wilmot.

ON KEEPING A DIARY

In the olden days before there were newspapers or any other form of recorded incidents, it was the custom for each person to keep an individual diary in which he or she wrote an account of each day's events or any outstanding incident which took place.

However, nowadays, as people have so many other social interests in life, they have no time in which to think of writing a diary, although some people keep a record of any very exciting or unusual event during their lives.

If I wrote a diary I think I should prefer to have a very vivid one, with exciting events taking place in practically every day's account.

One day's account might perhaps be, that, as I was a lady of considerable wealth and refined character, I was to be presented at the King's court and in the evening to go to a grand ball which was to be held in the palace itself. Perhaps, too, to have the attentions of all the dominating heroes of the day showered upon me in a never ceasing flow.

Or rather, to be a man of the world and go big game hunting in the wilds of Africa. To have taken a vivid part in a hair breadth escape from an infuriated elephant. Or taken an active part in a war, just escaping death by the merest chance.

These topics, moreover the latter and others of equally exciting adventures and happenings, help to form my idea of a diary worth writing. It would afford really interesting reading matter in later years too; but alas this is a sample of what my diary would really be like:

March 6th, 1939.—This morning on the way to school we had a puncture, but suffered no disadvantages as there was a tree bearing partially ripe walnuts, upon which we feasted happily by the roadside.

"At school nothing seemed to go right. We had a geometry test and as usual, I was one of those who were forced unceremoniously into having a tea party with our beloved Maths. teacher in the late hours after school.

"The result of this drastic party was that I almost missed my bus, but after a great deal of excitement, I eventually caught it."

April 1st, 1939.—"This was April Fool's Day, but it being Saturday, there was no school and, therefore, it was very dull and ordinary, with no one to catch me on some trifling matter and call me an 'April Fool.' So it really was just like any other Saturday, which I ended by going to the pictures."

Some people who keep diaries hope that some day their work might become famous. But, of course, I have no such hopes in connection with mine because my life is not a bit exciting, and even if my diary were read, I wouldn't expect it to be even glanced at a second time.

L. LAWRENCE (Class C1), Wilmot.

TO MAGAZINE EDITOR

I am tired and weary to-day,
I've worked at this verse all day.
Must sweep the cobwebs from my brain,
Then I might begin again.

Here I sit again to write
A verse I want to be very bright;
A verse I cannot make rhyme,
Because of the number of feet in a line.

Laugh! you can, as much as you will,
Writing poetry requires much skill,
Skill that some say I possess,
Which must now have gone into recess.

Tired and weary still I sit
Trying just to do my bit,
Trying to fill the Mag's big pages
With the thoughts of all the ages.

How the time must have flown!
Poetry from my mind has been blown.
I hope you will read my feeble attempt,
And the excuse that all my skill I've kept
Until next time.

BETTY AUSTIN (Class C3), Franklin.

I GROW FORTY FEET

My friend and I had contracted a camping fever—that is to say, a fervent desire to spend the summer nights under the wide sky instead of being cooped up inside a house in a bed like any other orthodox humans. On this particular night, we had gone further afield than ever before and had come across a clump of remarkably thick shrubs, the like of which we had never seen. Here, after much struggle, we ensconced ourselves, and disregarding a few bugs and the rather peculiar odour coming from the shrubs, we spent a very peaceful night.

I awoke next morning to the sound of my friend's voice declaiming to the caterpillar she had found in her blankets that she would despatch it down, "the primrose way to the everlasting bonfire" etc.

"Shakespeare and 'Macbeth'!" I muttered sleepily and half-heartedly took some leaves and twigs out of my mouth, and composed myself to slumber again. But next moment I was more wide awake than I can ever remember being, I felt a chilliness in my feet and looked and could not see them!

All I could see was my body (surely it was a little longer than usual) and then—miles and miles of legs! I shrieked aloud, sure that I had lost my reason.

I can never remember the next few moments, my friend avers that I had a violent fit and then lapsed into a coma. She rushed home to the doctor and the two of them arrived in his car, he in his pyjamas. Poor man! even in my state of paralytic terror, I could pity his bewilderment, for one and a half hours he thought. At the end of that time, he shook his head sadly, and made a long scientific-sounding speech, the gist of which was that I had swallowed the juice of the shrub (its proper name contained eleven syllables) which has a curious action on a little-known gland, and so produces excessive growth of the lower limbs. The only remedy was an acute shock to the nervous system, and must come by accident, not by intention.

I shall not harass you by relating the painful details of how my friend sewed sheets and blankets together to make a skirt to cover my legs. She measured me from top to toe and I was 45 feet 7 in.! I image a two storied house—I could look in an upstairs window without even craning my neck! And to make matters worse, it was our Sports' Day and I could not run in the races. And then my friend showed her worth, she explained the situation to the school, elaborating my passionate interest in the sports, and begged that I might be allowed compete in them. She got her way in the end, and special distances, nine times as long as the ordinary races, were marked out.

I will gloss over that agonizing journey to the sports' ground, walking waveringly for two or three seconds, falling over, crawling under electric and telegraph wires with my legs moving as a snake moves, being hauled through gates, and hoisted over the fence on to the ground by the entire school (who, by the way, were great sports).

Well, the races began, with each stride I took (I could by now master the art of walking), I covered twenty-four feet and believe it or not—I won the 50, 75 and 100 yards championship races, (I ran 450, 675 and 900 yards). In the skipping, I very nearly had an accident—my legs became hopelessly entangled and I came last.

The unique afternoon passed somehow, at four p.m. it was announced through the megaphone that the winner of the Senior Championship was—Me!

I felt a whirling sensation in my head, my legs gave from under me and, with a rushing sound in my ears, I found myself standing on the sports ground—five feet seven inches in height.

I had had my acute shock!

AUDREY HAMILTON (Class A), Franklin.

EXTRACTS FROM THE "DAILY RAG," 1890

Lost and Found

LOST.—Step Ladder, five steps, vicinity of Hogg's Lane. Return at once. Ample reward. Owner unable to enter car. D.R. 177.

FOUND.—Long Beach, Scarlet Bathing Suit, polo collar, long sleeves, mittens attached, ankle length skirt. Anxious to find owner immediately to avoid chill. Apply D.R. 333333.

LOST.—Grey Tennis Frock, with hobble skirt. Return by Friday to D.R. 6. Owner anxious to compete in finals.

GEVA BULLOCK (Class A), Wilmot.

EXAMINATIONS

The ban of a schoolboy's existence,
The curse of his terminal life,
Is the dread thought of examinations,
The true cause of worry and strife.

We start the term happy and smiling,
Our hearts filled with resolutions strong,
Time on its axis spins smoothly
Till the end of the term comes along.

Our minds then turn to the swotting
And work, that we ought to have done.
We think of the time we have wasted
And—what Father will say to his son.

Now, if we had worked from the moment
When we first arrived back at school,
The comments at home would be pleasant
And not like the kick of a mule.

COUNTRY LAD (Class A), Sorell.

WHAT IS ELECTRICITY?

This is a question which not even the most scientific man in the world has been able to answer. It is invisible and has neither form nor weight, yet it exists in illimitable quantities. It can be measured with the utmost exactness and is capable of control with great ease and certainty.

Some people think that electricity comes from no thing. This could not be. In the dynamo, which is the machine used for "generating" electricity, it is the mechanical energy used to drive the dynamo, which is converted into the electrical energy given out in the form of voltage and current. Therefore, we obtain electricity by converting some already existing supply of energy into electric energy.

When electricity is in a state of rest it is called static electricity, but when in a state of motion it becomes an electric current.

KEN. SMYTHE (Class B), Wilmot.

MAGAZINE ARTICLE

"Mr. X., B.Sc., is an exceptional man,
He catches blowflies and bullants whenever he can."

Yea, it is in the room labelled 19 that there are to be found objects which are of interest very profound. These sundry objects they do in a mystic way attract all them that enter therein. And it hath come to pass that the centre of this deep and profound interest is a weird contraption that hath been invented by a right honourable teacher. This creative genius at an assembly hath lectured at no small length some of his listeners, for causing him to lose what he hath spent long hours painstakingly stalking. These bad, bad culprits, alas! they have removed a piece of rubber from around a harmless looking cloth and woe betide—the beloved blowflies, fattened and ready for the kill, have escaped.

And verily I say unto you that this is not the only object of interest, for in a grim-looking receptacle there are housed a detachment of fierce, yea, and nippy too, bullants. These hardy individuals they have fallen prey to the aforementioned fly-fancier and they have resigned themselves to the fate of dying for the cause of science.

LLOYD CARINS (Class B), Wilmot.

STUDY UNDER DIFFICULTIES

We work to the accompaniment of nerve-destroying noises issuing from the City Council's steam roller, which shrieks and puffs its way backwards and forwards past the School gates. In vain we clap our hands over our ears. That raucous noise would penetrate innumerable brick walls.

No Melbas or McCormicks will emerge from this School. Our vocal chords are permanently injured in our fruitless efforts to be heard above the dreadful din, until shouting has become quite a habit. We shout to each other as we walk along the footpath until people begin to look at us, and those ladies still possessed of eyebrows, raise them in a surprised way. Arriving home, we are coldly reminded that there is no defective hearing in the house.

Would some kindly spirit take this matter in hand and proclaim a formal protest to our civic fathers.

JOYCE BURNIE (Class C1), Arthur.

HOCKEY PRACTICE

Every morning we tumble out,
And bang the hockey balls about.
Clad in shorts and jumpers bright
Like a band of birds in flight.

Skipping, running, all in turn
We find our mistress very stern.
Not a moment do we waste,
Everything is done in haste.

We really appear a funny lot
As we do our morning trot;
But we are getting on very well
And our enthusiasm one cannot quell.

BETTY LAWRENCE (Class C1), Sorell

AUSTRALIAN BIRDS

It is natural that, with such a large number of species with such a wide distribution, there must be many rare and many plentiful ones. Perhaps the rarest is the Noisy Scrub-bird, supposed to be extinct,

and the Western Bristle-bird. Other birds almost extinct are the Night Parrot and Banded Pigeon.

There are many other very rare birds, and the need for protection cannot be stressed too greatly. For until every bird is afforded total protection, it is in danger of extinction.

BRIAN EASTERBROOK (Class E2), Sorell.

A VISIT TO A PLASTER-SHEET FACTORY

As perhaps not many know what goes to the making of plaster-sheets. I will attempt to give you some idea of what has to be done before they are fit to make a wall.

You will have noticed that plaster-sheets were used for our stage, and those who were here last year might remember the thrill caused when those same plaster-sheets sprung a leak and the water came dripping down dangerously close to Miss Austen on one occasion in an assembly. But of course this would not have happened if the roof-mender had done his job, because we can't expect plaster-sheets to act as a roof as well as a wall.

Well, now back to the making of the sheets, if one were to take a glance into a plaster-sheet factory, the first impression would be that of a mud-pie factory, except that the material used was white in colour and not brown.

The first preparation is to put a mixture of plaster of Paris and water on to the well-fatted cement tables which are easily 20 feet long, by five feet broad. The slop is then smoothed out with a plank. Manila hemp is fluffed up and scattered about and another lot of the slop poured on but this time more care is taken in smoothing it. A board has to be continually run over the sheets until the plaster in them begins to dry. That is really the last stage in making them, and then, after about half an hour, the sheets are lifted off quite easily and stood in a drying rack until ready for use.

HELEN WOOLSTON (Class C1), Franklin.

LIGHTS IN COTTAGE WINDOWS

Lights in cottage windows,
Are like a patch of gold,
Sewn upon the dreary night
For tired hearts to behold.

Lights in cottage windows,
Warm our hearts with love,
They're like a benediction
Dropped from heaven above.

Lights in cottage windows,
Flood our hearts with cheer,
The longest road seems shortened
When cottage lights are near.

JEAN REES (Class D4), Sorell.

UNDERGROUND HOSPITAL

In Prague, at an estimated cost of £13,000, is being built the first underground hospital.

The site chosen is a cellar of a disused meal-market, and when finished the top will be over 13 feet under the ground and, therefore, will be valuable against air raids.

It will be able to accommodate 200 patients and the land above will be made into children's recreation grounds and gardens. K. BROWN (E3), Arthur.

CHILDHOOD RECOLLECTIONS

Four o'clock! School finishes on the tick and we all leave the old two-roomed barn which rejoices in the name of the "School-room," and dash with our towels for the nearby beach, whooping and yelling with delighted abandon. Stripping off our clothes (a one-minute process) we rush joyously towards the cool, inviting waters of the sea.

Twenty minutes of swimming, spray fights, diving and amusing ourselves in various ways in the grateful coolness of the invigorating salt water and we have had enough for a time. With one accord we fly for the warm, sunbathed sandbanks where we lie for a while in the pleasant warmth of the summer sun. Into the water again, out, a scamper about on the sands, and we get dressed and run home for tea. A day in summer years ago! How can I look back on such a scene without a lingering regret for the days that have gone?

We pause in our work in school as a faint drone falls suddenly on our ears, it comes closer, clearer, louder—ah! of course, it is a plane. Teacher behind us we dash into the open paddock to find the plane almost overhead. She circles low several times, close overhead; something is thrown overboard, and with a voluminous roar she turns and heads away for Flinders Island.

A little searching round about and we find the latest newspaper lying on the grass several hundred yards away from where it was flung overboard. This is just a little practice for the pioneering pilot in the early days of the Bass Strait air service. Soon, when they become more confident of their machines, pilots on this run will no longer fly over Clarke Island—they will use the more direct route across the sea.

I rein in my horse, turn in my saddle and glance at dad who is scrutinising a tract of thick, dry bush country. "We'll light this, he says, glancing at me, and we immediately proceed to do so—"on a face." Fanned by a brisk westerly breeze the flames leap forward with waving vigorous eagerness, as though hungry for what lies ahead.

We ride round the fire and into its path, a little ahead of it, driving out any sheep which may chance to be there. Behind us, with swiftly gathering speed, the fire thunders on, and we are glad, indeed, when we have finished our job in the heat and suffocating smoke, and are able to ride out of it on to a neighbouring hummock from where we can watch the progress of the fire.

We ride on, and later come upon three or four woolly sheep that have escaped being driven home to the shearing shed and shorn. These we run down and shear, then pass on looking out for similar "stragglers" and lighting more fires where we think them necessary. This is another day in summer years ago, after the regular sheep shearing has been finished. Cleaning up "stragglers," and not bad fun—in those days.

D. MACLAINE (Class B), Franklin.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We are grateful to the following schools for the delightful magazines they send us regularly. They are eagerly read by all:—

"Orange Peel" (Sarah Scott Junior High School, Terre Haute, Indiana); "The Sphinx" (Perth Modern School); Burnie High School Magazine, Tasmania; Unley High School, South Australia; "The Unicorn" (Melbourne High School, Forrest Hill, South Yarra); "Pallas" (MacRobertson Girls' High School, Melbourne); "The Record" (University High School, Parkville); Adelaide High School Magazine; Students Magazine, Ballarat High School; "Heretaungan" (Hastings High School, New Zealand); "The Log" (Hobart High School, Tasmania); "The Riverside" (Bairnsdale School of Mines and Technical School); The Downham Central School Magazine, Downham, London, S.E.; "Longerenong Collegian," January; "The Devonian" (Magazine of Devonport State High School).

PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at the School on Monday, February 27, 1939, when the President (Mr. F. D. Barclay) presided over a splendid attendance of members. The following were elected to their respective offices:—President, Mr. F. D. Barclay (re-elected); Vice-Presidents, Messrs. H. J. Shields and E. R. Barrett; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. V. Tilley (re-elected); Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. G. Bain (re-elected); Hon. Auditor, Mr. H. J. Shields (re-elected). A strong Committee was appointed, also an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Messrs. A. J. Anderson and H. J. Shields.

It is most gratifying to report that the membership now totals over 300, and the outlook for the future is most encouraging. In consequence of the unsatisfactory conditions concerning rowing practice, a most ambitious scheme for providing the School with its own boats, also accommodation and facilities is contemplated, and is expected shortly to be put into effect.

The further development of Ogilvie Park is unfortunately still held in abeyance, but it is hoped, however, that the State Government will be able to finalise the matter at an early date. The untimely death of our late Premier (Mr. A. G. Ogilvie) is much to be regretted. At all times he evinced such a keen interest in furthering the interests of the School. The unfortunate accident which befel our esteemed ex-committee-man, Mr. T. Elliott, still confines him to hospital. The serious illness of Mr. H. J. Shields and Mr. E. Doe, husband of our active worker, has to be recorded with regret. Again we have pleasure in congratulating the Churinga Football Club in proving its supremacy in not only winning the Northern, but also the Amateur State Premiership, a truly meritorious performance.

As a result of well merited promotion, our Head Master (Mr. A. L. Meston) has been transferred to Hobart, and has been succeeded by Mr. W. C. Morris, who was warmly welcomed by your Association, and his activities on the Committee have already proved most beneficial, more particularly in enlisting the support of parents by becoming members, the number now constituting a record.

L. G. BAIN, Hon. Secretary.

THE SAWMILL

Although you city folk can boast of the many centres of attraction in your city, you must come to the country to observe the true representation of a sawmill. You will, of course, declare that you have several sawmills in your grimy city; but, compared with the country mills, I would call them midgets for what have they in them but two or three revolving gadgets you call saws. To describe the process of cutting timber, undertaken in the country, I will begin with the procedure undergone in the bush.

Perhaps it would be best to begin with the work of the fellers. At most mills there are two fellers whose duty it is to fell enough trees to keep the mill supplied with logs. The manner of felling is of interest. One of the men cuts the face of the tree to a depth of about one foot and when this is completed the two go to the back of the tree to begin work with a saw; maybe I had better tell you the size of the crosscut saw or else you will think it is one like you see on woodheaps. The saw is usually nine feet in length, but even then the fellers often have to begin sawing by the use of shoes about ten feet from the ground to make the saw reach. Eventually the tree is felled, the part not wanted sawn off, and away the fellers go again to chop down another of these mighty giants.

The tree has now to be brought to the skids. From the skids in the direction of the arena where the fellers are, about six pulleys are substantially fixed to trees. There are four bullocks to drag out the rope and as they drag it out it is placed through all these pulleys until finally the bullocks reach the fallen tree; here, their duty is completed for the present and they are taken out of the way. The rope is fastened around the log and an iron shoe is placed under the foremost end of the log to prevent it from digging into the ground. Along the same track is a wire fastened to the whistle of the hauler; this wire is pulled once and the man at the hauler sets the engine in motion while the log starts its headlong flight. When the log approaches a pulley the wire is pulled twice and the engine driver pulls up the machine. The pulley is uncoupled, the wire pulled once, and off goes the log again at about ten miles per hour. The same action as previously is carried out at every pulley until finally the log is drawn on to the skids, where it is sawn into the required lengths.

The lorry draws alongside the skids, which are about the same height as the tray of the truck, and by means of winches the logs are slowly drawn on to the truck. Sometimes one large log is taken, at others two or three small ones; but whatever the load, it all has the same destination. Down the road the lorry goes, humming like a swarm of bees, uphill, downhill, until eventually the truck draws up alongside the mill skids. A wire rope is fastened to the logs, a lever on the winch is pulled and bang goes the log on to the skids. Here the larger logs are blown open before being rolled on to the truck by the means of the winch again.

When they are placed on the truck, one of the men decides which way the log is to be cut and adjusts the log on the truck to meet his decisions. This completed, a lever is pulled and the truck, drawn along by a rope, carries its burden towards two saws, one just above the other, so as not to touch; these

saws are known as the twins. One man waits on the other side of the saw and fastens a chain over the sawn piece to prevent it falling off the truck, while he also drives a wooden wedge in the cut to open it up. That truck has not finished its work yet; it is drawn along to where there are two or three smooth spars, greased with oil, and endways to the log. Another little truck is placed beside the other one, the chain is undone, and the flitch or the piece cut off falls on to the other truck, which is just level in height with the spars. The flitch is pushed down these greased spars to the bench; most flitches are about nine inches thick and hence are pushed by two men. The truck, leaving the remained of the log, is drawn back to its starting point ready to carry the log to the saw, where it will have another flitch cut off. The process just outlined is called "breaking down."

We will now see how these flitches are sawn up. The flitch is pushed down on to the bench, in the middle of which is another saw. One man decides what timber he can get out of the flitch. For example, he might be able to get four 3 in. x 4 in., seven 9 in. x 6 in., and so on. He saws the log to the best of his ability, even cutting 2 in. x 1 in., so as not to have too much waste. Two men, the tailer-outs, wait on the other side of the saw, one to push the pieces which still have to be sawn back to the man on the other side, and the other to place the sawn timber on rollers ready for the docker. Any waste is put on a truck, taken down the line, tipped off and burnt. It is at the bench where the flitches are cut into the required timber.

However, it is not ready to be racked yet, for often there are split or knotty ends which have to be cut off. This is the work of the man who uses the docker. He pushes the timber along the rollers until he comes to the docker, which is a small saw with an iron shield on which is a handle. If there is anything to cut off the man takes hold of the handle and pulls the saw through the timber. The waste ends are carted home for wood, while any larger waste is put on a truck to be burnt in the engine. The man on the docker has also the task of loading the timber on the truck, which is taken down in the yard to be racked. Most of the timber is dried in the kilns being placed in this building full of steam in racks, but some is air dried, a process which takes about twelve months. Some of the timber is planed; but rough or planed, it is carted for many of the city folk to build their houses.

FRED WATSON (Class B), Franklin.

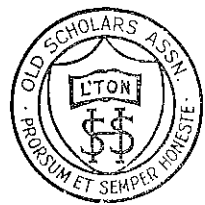
SPRING TIME

When the spring comes round each year,
And the winter days are past;
The streams are running clear
And the bulbs are out at last.

Ah! cool refreshing breeze
That waves the young green leaves;
And on the top-most limbs
The birds are singing hymns.

The sun shines through the tree
At the lambs, that are playing with glee,
And the children who play are out all day,
So happy are they, and gay.

CLOVER EDWARDS (Class E3), Sorell.



OLD SCHOLARS' COLUMN

Membership.—The financial membership of 215 was the highest in the history of the Association and shows an increase of 75 on the previous year's figures. The support rendered by financial members is very much appreciated and we look forward with confidence to 1939/40, when it is hoped to further increase these numbers. Due largely to this support our credit balance has increased from £75/16/1 to £144/16/7. We have made various donations to the School including a table, chair and crystal bowl for the assembly hall, provided prizes for Speech Night and also subscribed to the School Magazine Fund.

Social Activities.—(a) Dancing Classes.—In April, a Dancing Class was commenced at the School with the idea of teaching younger members of the Association to dance. These classes which were continued until October were financially as well as socially a success to the Association. A profit of £34/18/4 was made and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking all who helped the committee at various times to conduct these classes successfully.

(b) **Dances.**—Our first dance was held on April 20th and as this function proved a success, the committee decided to run a three-weekly series throughout the winter months. The most successful of these being the Fancy Dress Dance held in June, and the Dinner Dance held after the Annual Re-Union Dinner in September. The total profit made on dances for the year being £66/19/3.

(c) **Annual Re-Union Dinner.**—This was held on Saturday the 17th September, 1938, at the Hotel Metropole. 134 Old Scholars attended—this being a record—and the function proved to be very successful and resulted in a small profit. The President, Mr. A. J. Woolcock presided and included among the guests were the Mayor of Launceston, the Minister for Lands and Works, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mather, and representatives of Kindred Associations.

(d) **Speech Night.**—At this function arrangements were made for an Old Scholars block of seats and we are pleased to report that over one hundred Old Scholars were together in this block.

Affiliated Clubs.—It is with very much pleasure that we report the continued success of the Churinga Tennis, Basket Ball, Hockey, Football and Social Clubs. The Hockey Club had four teams in the Northern Association and to members of Churinga blue team and their captain, Miss Connie Charlesworth, we offer our congratulations.

The Churinga Football Team won both the Northern and State Premierships of the Tas. Amateur Football League, and we congratulate Mr. Norman

Forsyth, captain, and Mr. E. L. Best, coach, on the success of the team. To Misses J. Shaw, and N. Jackson, of the Basket Ball Club, Mr. W. Bertram, Social Club, and Mr. C. Ikin Tennis Club we offer our congratulations and best wishes for future successes.

Committee Meetings.—Have been held regularly during the year and have been well-attended. In September, Miss Turnbull, the Treasurer, resigned and the late Mr. Gavin Scott was appointed acting-treasurer until the end of the year. Miss J. Cameron, the editress, has been transferred to Sheffield, and Miss Joyce Mason, who has been assistant-secretary and a hard worker in the interests of the Association for a number of years, was recently married and is now living at Devonport. The Association wishes to thank all of the above for their good work.

Thanks.—The committee wish to thank Mrs. Meston, Misses B. Layh, J. Blyth and C. Cooper, Messrs. A. E. Daymond, E. R. Howroyd and K. McPhail for donations; Mr. Meston and Mr. Mather for the use of the school and the auditors, Messrs. A. R. Brickhill and G. Foot for auditing. Thanks are also expressed to all others who have assisted in various ways during the year.

The election of Officers resulted as follows:—

Patron.—Mr. W. C. Morris.
President.—Mr. A. J. Woolcock.
Vice-Patrons.—Mrs. W. C. Morris, Messrs. R. O. M. Miller, W. H. Daymond, T. G. Johnson, C. P. Phillips, N. L. Campbell, A. E. Daymond, E. R. Howroyd, A. D. Foot, H. McElwee.
Vice-Presidents.—Misses B. Layh, J. Blyth and Messrs. J. B. Mather, T. F. Doe, J. A. Ingles.
Hon. Secretary.—Miss Joy Geiger.
Hon. Treasurer.—Mr. F. Atherton.
Assistant Secretaries.—Mr. R. Bennett and Miss G. Turmine.
Editor of O.S. Column.—Mr. R. R. White.
Hon. Auditors.—Messrs. G. F. Foot and R. Maumill.

General Committee.—Misses E. Brooks, J. Grubb, P. Searl; Messrs. W. Hudson, N. F. Forsyth, J. I. Muffett; Junior members, Miss J. Harridge, J. Kent, and G. Atherton.

In addition to the above, affiliated clubs are represented on the committee as follows:—

Football.—Mr. R. Johnston.
Tennis.—Mr. C. A. Ikin.
Social.—Mr. W. Bertram.
Staff.—Miss K. Jackson.
Basket Ball.—Miss N. Jackson.
Messrs. A. L. Meston and H. V. Biggins, former headmasters of the School, have been elected life members of the Association.

CHURINGA SOCIAL CLUB

At the Annual Meeting of the Churinga Social Club, on 22nd May, the following officers were elected for the year.

President.—Wynton Hudson.
Joint Secs.—Kathleen Harrison, Bob Maumill.
Committee.—Bill Bertram, Allan Green, Tom Hudson, Marjorie Kelb, Margaret Jinks, Joy Geiger.
Auditor.—Max Bertram.
The present membership consists of 29 members.

One hike has been held this year and a skating party is being organised for the near future. Also the committee wishes to announce a trip to Mount Barrow on the 30th July, next.

CHURINGA BASKETBALL CLUB

At this stage of the Basketball season there is very little to report, as only about half of the roster matches have been played.

Unfortunately, several players have been unavailable this season, and this has meant that a number of new ones have been included in the team. Owing to sickness, on several occasions, there has not been a full team to play, and as there seems to be a lack of emergencies and intending players, the team naturally has not been as successful as it might have been.

The members of the team at present are: Misses Joyce Shaw (Capt.) Enid Rodman (Vice-Capt.) Elaine Page, Evelyn Howie, Audrey Jackson, Ella Holmes and Betty Branagan.

The girls are very interested in their team, and thoroughly enjoy their Saturday afternoon's games, and we would like to send out an S.O.S. to any Old Scholars who are desirous of playing with us, and offer them a hearty welcome to communicate with the undersigned at an early date.

FOOTBALL

At the Club's Annual Meeting held at the High School in March, there was a fine gathering of players and supporters.

In the absence of Mr. W. C. Morris, Headmaster of the School, Mr. T. H. Atherton occupied the chair.

The following officebearers were elected:—

President.—Mr. W. C. Morris.
Vice-Presidents.—Messrs. A. J. Woolcock, T. H. Atherton, J. Bennett, W. Sadewasser, E. Hale, J. Bennell, A. D. Gay, A. Muffett and D. Whelan.
Hon. Secretary.—R. Brown.
Hon. Treasurer.—K. Lawrence.
Committee.—N. Forsyth, R. White, E. Bear, F. Atherton, V. Millar, R. Johnston, K. McPhail and J. Muffett.

Mr. N. Forsyth was elected captain for the second season and Mr. R. White was elected vice-captain.

The Club regrets the loss of their popular and capable coach, Mr. E. L. Best, who has gone to reside at Hobart. Nevertheless, the club was fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. H. J. Mathews, a former captain, who has always been a keen supporter of the team and under his guidance the team is already settling down, and up to the present has not lost a match this year.

The social aspect has not been neglected. The team had a most enjoyable trip to Hobart in June, when they met and defeated the Old Hobartians Football Club.

A dance was held at the State High School in April and proved a great success in every respect.

Thanks are due to Mr. W. C. Morris and the Old Scholars Association for the fine support received from them; also Miss Joy Geiger, Hon. Secretary of the Old Scholars Association.

MEMBERSHIP

The great support rendered by financial members is very much appreciated, but more is needed. Each financial member could secure another, and as every

Old Scholar should become a financial member, the Committee are looking forward to a great increase in the roll for 1939-40. A larger membership enables the Association to carry out ambitious objectives and to work for the interests of the School. Send your names and addresses accompanied by your subscription to Miss Joy Geiger, P.O. Box 292, Launceston.

Financial members receive notices to all meetings, invitations to social functions and copies of the Northern Churinga. At the majority of functions, a concession is made to financial members.

Subscriptions.—2/- First Year Old Scholars, 3/- under 21 years of age, 4/- over 21 years of age, 6/- for married couples.

RAMBLINGS

Since their recent marriages many Old Scholars have left Launceston.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnard reside at Devonport. While Mr. and Mrs. Ted Daymond have their home in Melbourne, and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jones live in Hobart.

Sydney is where Mr. and Mrs. Robin Wood are living at the moment.

We also hear that—

Colin Stevens is working in the A.M.P. Insurance Office in Adelaide and was recently in Launceston for his holidays.

Lance Sales recently paid a visit to Launceston from Canberra.

Stan Burkett, who works in the Government Tourist Bureau, Brisbane, is expected in Launceston for holidays shortly.

Ted Best, the coach of Churinga Football Team, has left Launceston to reside in Hobart, and Roly Whelan is also working in Hobart.

Lesley Sabine has left Launceston and is residing in Sydney.

Molly Woodhead left recently for a holiday trip to America to visit her aunt, who was formerly Miss Gertie Lees, an Old Scholar.

Ray Pullen, the first scholar registered at the School, has now joined our ranks and was present at our annual meeting. Ray is head master at Beaconsfield School.

Ken Cassidy was in Launceston at Christmas. Ken is still studying at the Sydney University.

Mrs. W. Sutherland (nee Edna Norman) paid a long visit to her people here towards the end of last year. Mrs. Sutherland now resides in Calcutta.

We offer our congratulations to—

Roy Rudd, whom we understand took a leading part in a play which secured first prize in the Professional Championship at the Bendigo Competitions.

Tom Doe for his success at singing in the Launceston and Devonport Competitions.

Bill Schier on winning the Tasmanian Junior Athletic 100, 220, 440 yards Championships.

David Munro on his performances at the Competitions and on winning the gold medal and Tasmanian Championships.

Lawrence Abra recently passed an examination, qualifying him as a Member of the British Optical Association.

News of Old Scholars who left School at the end of last year:—

Ken Robinson, Roy Beecroft, Alf. Petterson, Guy Watkins and Graham Ellis are working in Hobart,

and those who have joined the Education Department and in College are Maisie Howard, Pat Killalea, Joan Coe, Thora Botcher, Mavis Hall, Peggy Spotts. Clive Sadleir is on the staff of the Bank of New South Wales.

Audrey Jackson is working at Cox Bros.
Margaret Ferrall is teaching at Westbury.
Audrey Elliott and Evelyn Howe are teaching at East Launceston and Mowbray Heights, respectively.
Joan Lightfoot is at Birchall's.
Jim Beck and Roger Weston are at Hart and Room, accountants.
Max Elmer is working at Devonport.
Colin French has joined the Public Service and is working at Canberra.

THE DIRECTORY

President.—A. J. Woolcock, Esq., Woolcock Motors, Brisbane Street.
Hon. Secretary.—Miss Joy Geiger, 57 Garfield Street, Launceston.
Hon. Treasurer.—Mr. F. H. Atherton, c/o Hatton and Laws, St. John Street.
Editor of Old Scholars' Column.—Mr. R. R. White, c/o "Examiner" Office, Paterson Street.
Affiliated Clubs Secretaries:
Football.—Mr. J. R. Brown, c/o Public Hospital, Charles Street.
Tennis.—Mr. C. Ikin, Acme Tailoring Co., Brisbane Street.
Social.—Miss Kath. Harrison, c/o A. Stewart Ltd., and Mr. R. Maumill, c/o Johnstone & Wilmot Ltd., St. John Street.
Basketball Club.—Miss N. Jackson, c/o H. Jones and Co., Charles Street.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mollie Best and Mr. L. Pickett.
Jean Cameron and Don. McDonald.
Peg. Turnbull and Mr. J. Bain.
Jack Panitzki and Miss E. Wood.
Phil. Cartledge and Miss P. O'Neil.
Keith McPhail and Miss L. Keisz.
Stella McKimmie and J. Walsh.
Gwen. Maumill and Harry Tutting.
Laurie Edmunds and Mr. M. Webb.
Gwen. Cox and Mr. D. Wherrett.

MARRIAGES

Joyce Mason and Harry Barnard.
Marjorie Hamilton and Ted Daymond.
Nancy Box and Mr. P. Jones.
Etta Barnard and Mr. F. Clifford.
Marjorie Price and Mr. G. Lethborg.
Joan Crooks and Keith Robinson.
Irene Spottswood and Mr. R. Jackson.
Joan Anderson and Mr. K. Wood.
Les. Wicks and Miss E. Price.
Rupert Barnard and Miss W. Badcock.
Olga Rowell and Mr. R. King.
Myee Bayes and Mr. G. Groves.
Ray Johnstone and Miss M. Cox.
Ted Wesley and Miss I. Wright.
Fred. Kiddle and Miss B. Emeny.
Colin Brooks and Miss M. Wrigley.
Bert. Davies and Miss N. Holzer.
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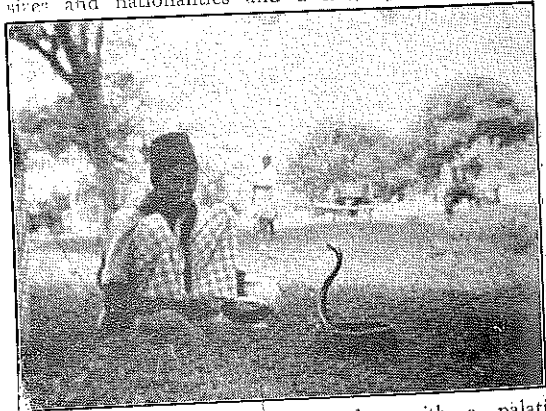
BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Pritchard (nee Rosalie Kidd), a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Box (nee Vera Taylor), a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Andrews (nee Munia Groves), a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Darby Goodyer (nee Beth Townsend), a daughter.

A DAY IN COLOMBO

The Secretary of the Old Scholars' Association (Miss Joy Geiger) has asked me to write an account of part of my journey to England. I think that, of all the places I was privileged to see, none gave me so much pleasure as a day I spent in Colombo. Cairo, Aden and Mount Vesuvius were thrilling, but Colombo is the first port of call from Australia and embodies all the tropical and Eastern wonders of which one hears so much. My already keen anticipation was heightened on receiving from the Orient Steamship Co. a pamphlet (issued to all the passengers) describing Colombo, an extract from which reads: "The Chinese had two names for it—'The Red Land' (from its bright, deep loam) and 'The Sorrowless Land'; the Arabs called it Serendib—the Dwelling Place of Lions—and made it the site of the Adventures of Sinbad the Sailor. The Greeks called it 'The Pond Covered with Red Lotus' and 'The Land of Ruby and Jacynth'."

We had been a week at sea and were due to arrive at Ceylon the next day. Towards evening we could see one or two twinkling lights on shore and most of the passengers were very excited at the prospect of landing in the morning. At about 6 a.m. the liner entered the harbour and tied up at one of the many mooring buoys a good distance from the pier. The sun had been up a couple of hours and there was not a breath of wind to stir the deep, blue waters of the harbour. The port was crammed with ships of many vices and nationalities and a large Japanese cruiser



stemmed in following us, together with a palatial Dutch liner. As soon as we arrived many little boats put out from the shore, or approached us from other steamers nearby, each with two or more natives on board, dressed in loin-cloths or shirts that had once been brightly coloured. They clustered round the gangway, all eager to obtain a fare to convey to the landing stage. They offered us Betel nuts wrapped in leaves. The majority of the working-class natives

chew these nuts habitually, thereby staining their mouths and teeth bright red. I was disappointed that none of them offered to dive for money, as they do in Madeira, and found out that as sharks are prevalent, the practise has been stopped.

The passengers formed into little parties and were taken ashore in a motor-launch. There were six men, besides myself, in our party. We were accosted by two Singalese, who had for hire, to my surprise, cars of the latest type. We hired them for the day, and set out for an emporium where we could each buy a topee, as the sun is very strong, and it is advisable to wear a pith helmet between 8 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.

In passing I might mention that the shopping centre of Colombo, known as the Fort, is around the landing-stage, where one may bargain for silks and jewels (particularly sapphire, moonstone and zircon), of which the traders have a good selection. Colombo, like most of the East, has wonderful tailors, for those who want suits or dresses exactly copied in silk or duck. With the day's stay of the ship, the copy is returned, exactly in every detail, with button-holes well sewn and nothing to show that a week has not been taken over its making.

Having bought our topees our tour of sight-seeing began and we set off for the famous Cinnamon Gardens. Most of the Europeans live round about here where the flowering trees and gardens are very beautiful indeed. The main streets of Colombo are well kept, and the Government Buildings gleam white in the sun. The place is full of natives, some hurrying to and fro, others lounging about watching the passers-by. Beggars were in profusion, and rickshamen ran with their clients, or slept in a most uncomfortable position underneath the carriage parked by the roadside. Our driver stopped the car for a minute while one of the party went into the post office and in an instant we were surrounded by Singalese who thrust cigarettes, silks, trinkets and beads at us, all intent on selling. Natives will run beside the car and throw in a solitary flower, which if accepted, has to be paid for. A short stay in Ceylon can prove rather expensive if a person is soft-hearted with these people who will go to what seems to us, surprising lengths to sell the merest trifle.

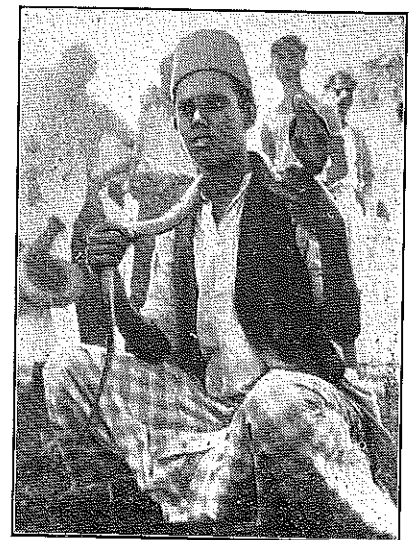
In the native quarter the streets were thronged, and the shops were many and varied, but nearly all seemed to sell ebony elephants. The shop-keepers stand at the doors and waylay the tourist as he goes by with requests to look at their wares. In the big shops there are notices up "Fixed Prices," but in the smaller ones it would be foolish to pay the first-named price, and so much bargaining goes on. I saw butchers' shops with the meat displayed in the sun and covered with flies.

The Cinnamon Gardens are a picture of tropical beauty. We walked about, admiring the multitude of gorgeous, exotic flowers, escorted by a self-appointed guide who seemed to spring from nowhere. While our drivers sat in the car and talked to each other. The flower beds were arranged round a large lawn with a shelter in the middle, while a huge banyan tree towered above it. It was so quiet here that it was hard to think that you were so near to such a teeming city.

Our next visit of interest was the Buddhist Temple. It is a large domed building set in beautifully kept grounds. Here at the door, were several natives, who

helped us off with our shoes, as it is the custom that you may not enter wearing them. There were several rooms in the temple all engraved and painted with pictures illustrating the history of Buddhism. The floors were tiled in beautiful mosaics. There were three enormous statues of Buddha, the Past, the Present and the Future, and, if I remember rightly, one was sitting, one was standing and the third was lying down. At the feet of the Present Buddha were offerings of flowers and fruit, arranged there by the worshippers. The girls of a nearby school had woven a beautiful draping hung at the side. We were shown round by a priest in his robes, who explained everything to us, and at the end we were asked to contribute to the upkeep of the temple. Exploring round behind the building I saw a priest setting off in his yellow robes, with his bowls hung from his neck, to beg for his daily food.

I have always wanted to see a snake charmer and I mentioned the fact to our driver. He said he knew where one could be found, and so we drove through the hot, dusty streets until we came across one sitting by the roadside with a large cobra in a basket before him. As we approached, several natives who had been watching him, drew back and grouped themselves behind. He had been playing on a reed pipe and the reptile was lazily rearing up before him,



gently swaying to the music. Putting down his pipe and adroitly pushing the snake into the basket, he started to show us what is called the "Mango Trick." A small plant was placed on the ground and covered with a green cloth. The man then started fumbling with his hands underneath the cloth, all the while muttering to himself. After a few minutes he whipped off the cloth and showed us that the plant had grown into a leafy bush. I have an idea of how this was done and I suspect that he transferred the shrub from under his robe; but that is only my guess, as he did it so skilfully. Then he posed for us with the snake around his neck and we photographed him. At the end of the entertainment he followed us to the cars still carrying the cobra.

A visit to the Colombo Zoo followed and then we stopped for lunch at a guest house.

Near the town and situated right on the palm-fringed beach is a very popular resort called Mount Lavinia. We reached this after a drive along the Beach Road. Stopping at a wayside shed I had the opportunity of seeing model elephants made while natives climbed trees to get cocoanuts for us. It was a welcome break to be near the cool sea again after the dust and heat of the town, and my white clothes were beginning to look rather faded. A group of naked brown children came rushing up to look us over and were delighted when we gave them each a small coin for taking their photographs. It is very pleasant sitting in the hotel grounds overlooking the sea and watching the catamarans returning in the late afternoon.

Being near the city I did not see any of the elephants which are widely used in the island for carting logs, etc. These may be seen further inland. Seventy-two miles from Colombo is a town called Kandy, which is a great attraction. Here is found the important Buddhist temple of the Tooth. This, I believe, has been rebuilt several times, after being destroyed by the Portuguese. A trip up to Kandy makes a wonderful day's excursion and many tourists avail themselves of the facilities for this journey offered by the steamship company.

In town again, after spending nearly all the afternoon on Mount Lavinia, we paid off our drivers and started on a round of sight-seeing without guides. Both the men had been very attentive to our needs all day. Our man drove without shoes, and an excellent driver he proved to be. I was prevailed upon by a shopkeeper to go and look at some of his model elephants. He quoted me a price of ten shillings, but after a bit of bargaining, I managed to obtain nine of them for five shillings!

Deciding to go on a ricksha ride, we gathered outside the shop and I had only to look round and in an instant there were about a dozen ricksha men clamouring for our custom. We hired them for an hour and had an easy time sitting back while these men sweated along between the shafts. I was drawn by a man dressed only in a loin cloth who looked old enough to be my grand-father! Thin, emaciated as he was, his strength was surprising. We were taken through Pettah, the native quarter, and frequently the men stopped to allow us to look at the thousands and one things that the tradesmen had for sale.

Dinner that night was taken in a restaurant situated off the main street. We had to go up a dark stairway into a large dining room. The food was quite good and the waiters moved silently around, all dressed in snowy white, which made a pleasing contrast with their dark skins. A walking tour of the city by night wound up our day and then reluctantly we thought it was time to return to the liner. At the harbour we boarded the launch and were soon out amidst the shipping again. The lights of the city still twinkled in a friendly way and a huge illuminated sign advertising Ceylon Tea stood out on our left. This sign is visible many miles out to sea.

Arriving at the boat we went on board laden with our trophies. Our fellow-passengers began to return. For some, the fascination of the city was so great that

they went ashore again to have a last look round. At 1 a.m., the "Oronsay" sailed for Aden, and as the ship headed for the open sea and the lights behind us grew faint, I reluctantly had to say good-bye to Colombo, one of the most beautiful cities I have ever seen. L.P.A.

CONGRATULATORY

We offer our congratulations to Lawrence Abra, an Old Scholar, on his qualifying as a Fellow of the British Optical Association with honours. Mr. Abra's education was received in Launceston. He began his career at the kindergarten at Methodist Ladies' College, he gained his scholarship examination at the East Launceston School and he passed the Intermediate and Leaving Examinations while he was at the Launceston High School.

He was apprenticed with Mr. Spiller, Chemist, of Kew, Victoria, and passed second in the final examination of the Pharmaceutical College, Melbourne. Before leaving for England, he entered his father's business as assistant. On arrival in England, his Australian certificate was accepted by the Pharmacy Board, and he thus became a member of the Pharmaceutical Society of England. This is in addition to the fellowship that he has now acquired in the British Optical Association. He is the first Tasmanian student to achieve this result with honours.

OBITUARY

It is with extreme regret that we report the tragic death in January last of Gavin Scott, who was Assistant Secretary and Acting-Treasurer at the time of his death. He was on the Committee for a number of years and was always a loyal and enthusiastic Committeeman, who worked hard and earnestly in the interests of the Association.

A further loss to the Association has been caused through the sudden death in March of A. J. (Sandy) Anderson, who was always a keen and loyal member of the Association.

We also regret to record the untimely death of Marj. Kidd, and to their relatives we offer our sincere sympathy.

We also extend our sympathy to Tom Doe, who recently lost his father.

THE SCHOOL MUSEUM

Where is it? Unfortunately, it does not exist. Why doesn't it exist? A few primary schools have museums and it is only fit that a School such as ours, where science is one of the most important subjects, should have some kind of museum.

There is a laboratory and an extensive reference library, while Room 19 is set aside for science classes, but that is not enough. We lack an assembled collection of general specimens for study—this should not be so. A room could easily be filled with specimens of all descriptions, from stuffed birds down to tiny insects, and the case of rocks in the laboratory could also be used. It would be comparatively easy for many of our scholars to prepare many specimens themselves.

It is difficult to imagine why such a collection has never been made and set up in the School; but I do hope the School will be in possession of one by the time I reach A Class.

BRIAN EASTERBROOK (Class E2), Sorell.