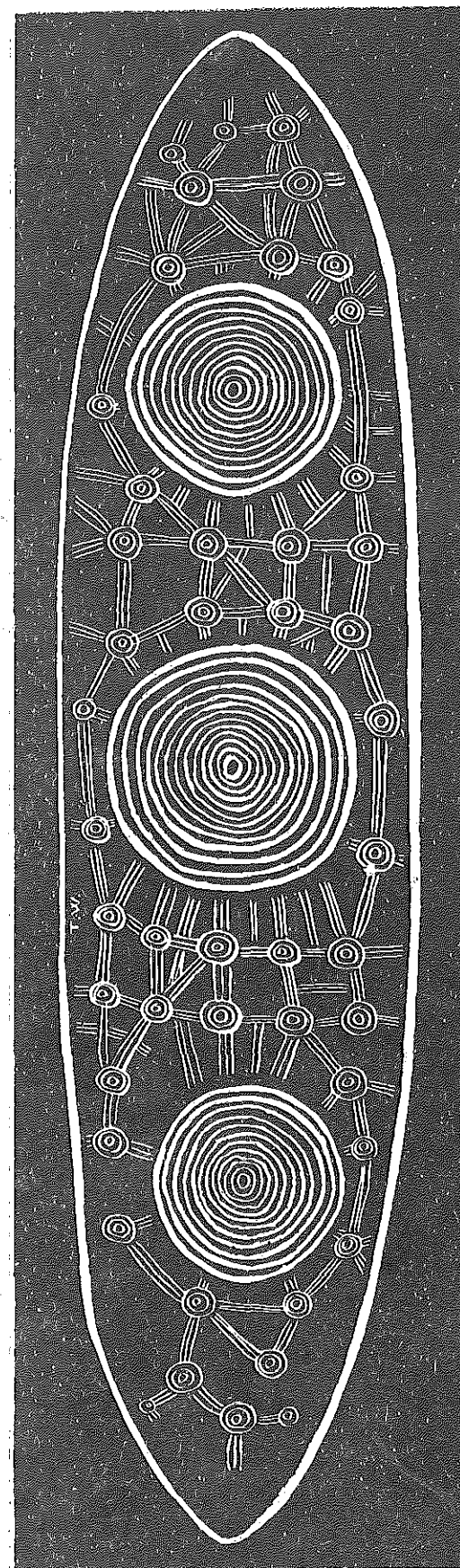


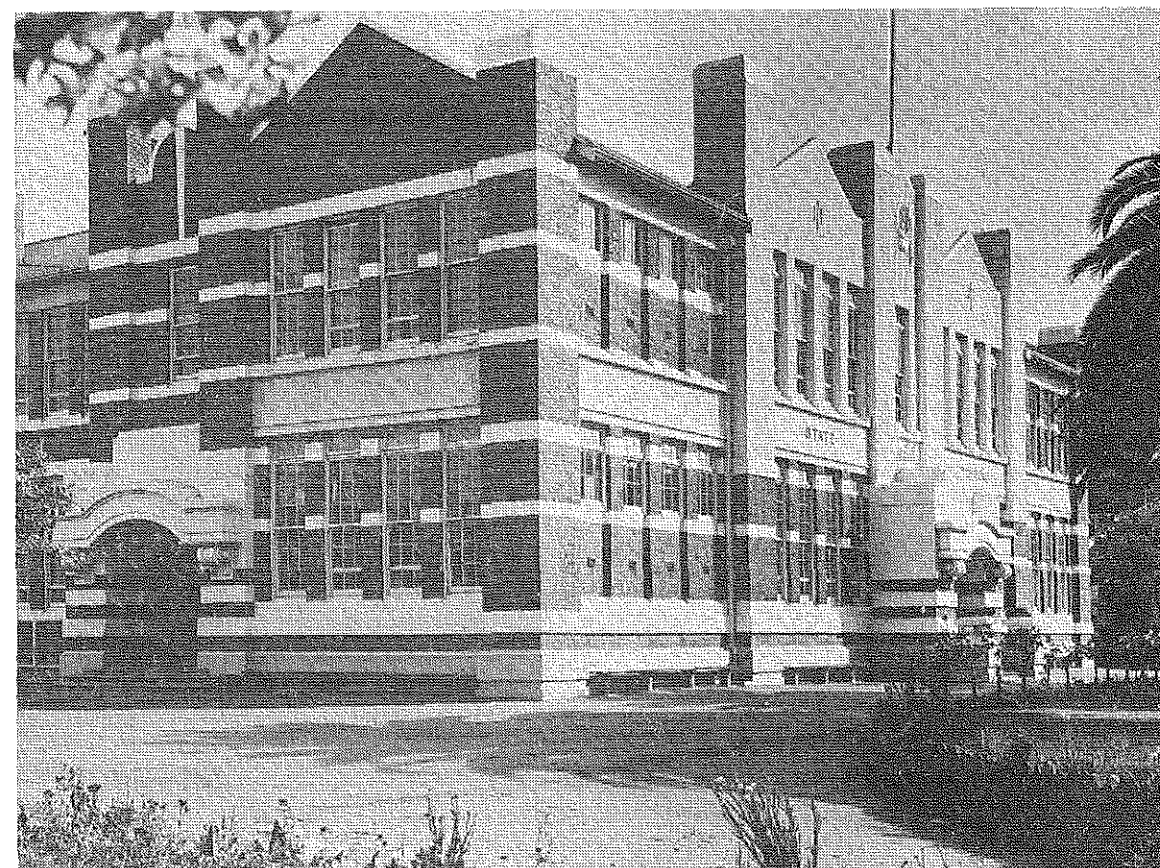
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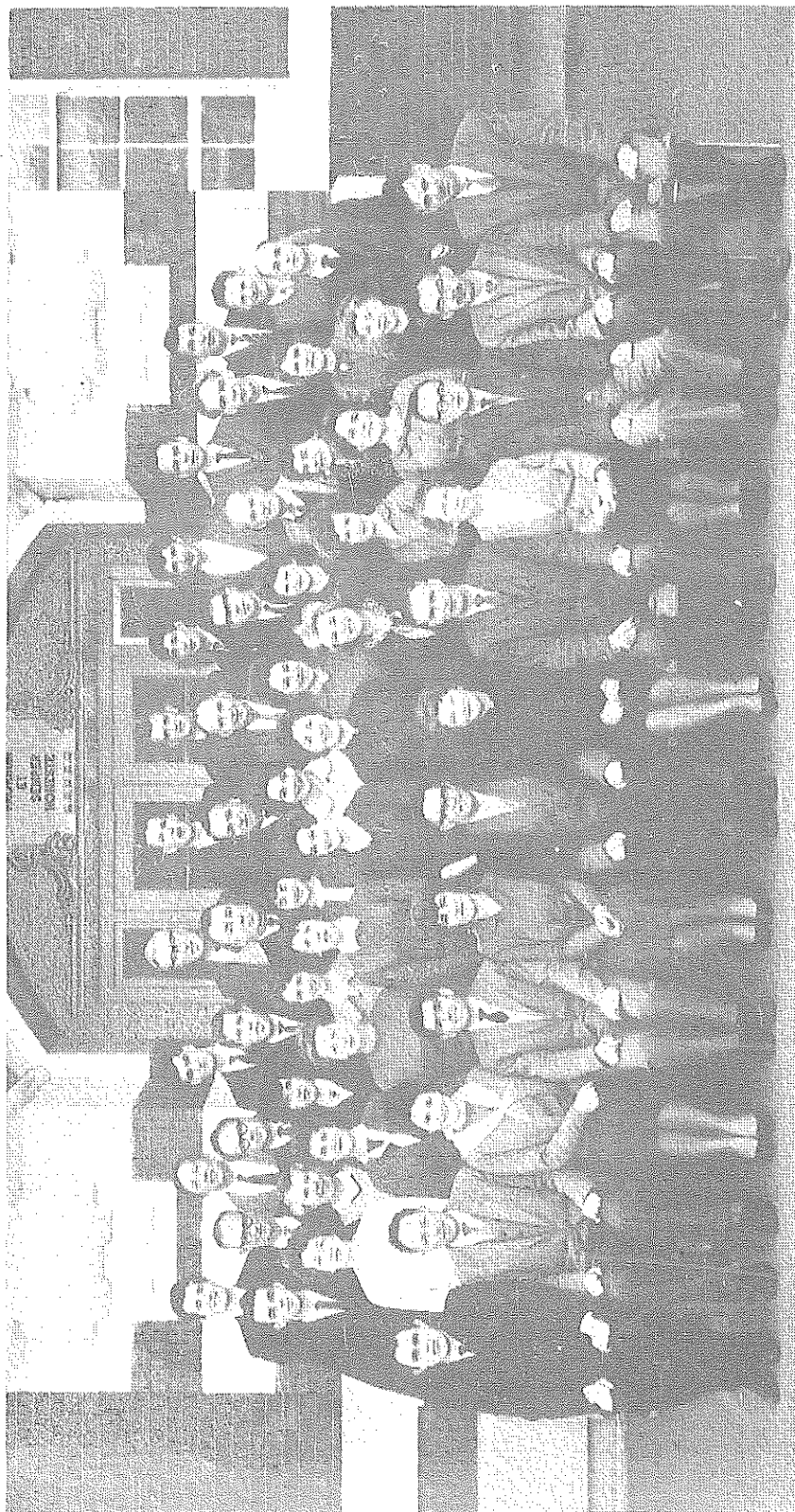
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Mrs. Holloway, Mr. Morris, Miss Blyth, Mr. Hortle, Mr. Woolhouse, Mr. Woodward.
Second: Mrs. Harland, Mrs. Grey, Mrs. Pickup, Miss Fowler, Miss Davis, Mrs. Douglas,
Mrs. Crooks, Mrs. Castley, Miss Gay, Miss Thompson.
Third: Mr. Buckley, Miss Massey, Mrs. Dell'Amico, Mrs. Pitcher, Miss Symons, Mrs.
McLennan, Miss Bushby, Miss Jordan, Mrs. Tart, Mrs. Poole, Mr. Allen.
Fourth: Mr. Robertson, Mr. Mutze, Mr. Read, Dr. Kowalski, Mr. Randall, Mr. Simpson,
Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Causley, Mr. Wesley, Mr. Younger.
Back: Mr. Ryder, Mr. Florance, Mr. Batt, Mr. Hughes, Mr. White, Mr. Watson, Mr. Viney,
Mr. Skeggs, Mr. ten Broeke, Mr. Pearce.

Staff, 1964

Headmaster: Mr. L. E. Amos, B.A.

Deputy Headmaster: Mr. S. C. Morris, B.Sc., Dip.Ed.

***Deputy Headmistress:** Mrs. H. Holloway, B.Com.

Humanities:

Mr. L. Bardenhagen, B.A. (Hons.), Dip.Ed.
Mr. D. Dunn, B.Ec., Dip.Ed.
Mr. T. Bailey, B.A., Dip.Ed., Dip.Civ.Fr.
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Miss O. Bushby, M.A.
*Miss J. Davis, B.A., Dip.Ed.
Miss J. Gay, B.A. (Hons.), Dip.Ed.
Mrs. J. Harland, B.A., Dip.Ed.
Mrs. C. Howard
Miss K. Jordan
Miss P. Ryan, B.A.
Mrs. G. Tart, B.A. (Hons.)
Mr. J. Allen, B.A., Dip.Ed.
Mr. N. Batt, B.A. (Hons.)
Dr. B. Kowalski, B.Com.Sc., B.Mar.Sc.,
Dr.Com.Sc.
Mr. L. Pearce, B.A., Dip.Ed.
Mr. J. Ryder, B.A. (Hons.), Dip.Civ.Fr.
Mr. B. Viney, B.A.

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Mr. B. Hortle, B.Sc., B.A., Dip.Ed.
Mr. I. Stocks, B.Ec., Dip.Ed.
Mr. R. Woolhouse, B.Sc., Dip.Ed.
Mrs. A. Douglas
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Mrs. F. Poole
Mr. W. ten Broeke
Mr. R. Buckley, B.Sc., Dip.Ed.
Mr. E. Florance
Mr. J. Hughes, B.Sc.
Mr. D. Read, B.Sc. (Hons.)
Mr. J. Robertson, B.Sc., U.E.D.
*Mr. D. White, B.Sc., Dip.Ed.

Commerce:

Mrs. D. Crooks
Mr. B. Mutze, B.Ec., Dip.Ed.

Music:

Mr. E. Wesley, L.T.C.L.
Mrs. M. Woolhouse, B.Mus.
*Miss E. Massey, A.Mus.A.
*Mrs. V. White
**Mr. S. van der Molen, L.T.C.L., L.Mus.A.

Art:

Mr. T. Woodward, Dip.Art, T.Dip.Art
Mrs. M. Castley
Mrs. M. Dell'Amico
Miss E. Thompson, Dip. Fine Art

Technical:

Mr. A. Bradshaw
Mr. E. Causley
Mr. R. Randall
Mr. C. Simpson

Home Arts:

Mrs. J. McLennan
Miss J. Symons
*Mrs. B. Pitcher

Physical Education:

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*Miss S. Dixon**
*Miss A. Fowler, Dip.Phys.Ed.
Mr. D. Skeggs

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Mrs. E. Wilson

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Mrs. C. Brown (Home Arts)
Mr. K. Younger (Laboratory)

*New members of Staff, 1964

**Transferred during 1964

The Year in Retrospect

This edition of the School Magazine will be the last in which E and D classes participate. From 1965 the junior school will move to the new Prospect Vale High School, and this year's E class was the last class to come into the school for purposes other than solely matriculation. The year 1967 will see the Launceston High School as a matriculation school entirely, serving Launceston and surrounding districts.

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One of the regular features of American education is now being used in the school. In July a television set was installed in room 5 and it has since been used to advantage in Social Studies, Science and Maths. Closed circuit TV and TV in most classrooms are features which we shall not see here for some time yet, if ever, and there are problems of time-tabling and room organisation to be overcome, but at least the value of this medium of education can be seen and assessed.

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In the second term the school was "invaded" by an army of painters, and throughout the term paint was applied in all classrooms, on the assembly hall ceiling and in other much-needed places. This is the first time such a task has been done since 1958.

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The matriculation classes welcomed this year the school's first Asian student, Wen Lih Shieh. He came to L.H.S. from Penang, Malaysia. After matriculating he hopes to study at the University of Tasmania and eventually enter one of the professions.

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The Parents and Friends' Association has set aside £50 for the purchase of original works of art. This has been matched on a pound for pound basis by the Education Department, and as a result a number of exhibitions have been organised in order to select suitable works. Exhibitions held have included works by Beatrice Maddock, Group Ten, and a number of Melbourne printmakers, including Lesbia Thorpe, Kenneth Jack and Robert Grieve.

The Contemporary Art Society, the Launceston Art Society, the Tasmanian Group of Painters and the Tasmanian Art Society will be showing work in the school. This scheme is very much appreciated as it allows the school to see at first hand a variety of techniques, many of which would not ordinarily be seen. There can be no doubt as to the vibrance and life that originals have over copies reproduced by machine.

Already two wood cuts, two silk-screen prints, a lithograph, a water colour and an oil have been purchased and are hanging in the school.

A number of outstanding works by former Schools Board and Matriculation pupils have been framed and have found places in various staffrooms, classrooms and the hall. These are also appreciated for the fresh, lively note they make, and it is hoped that there will be further art acquisitions in the school in the future.

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The school's annual House talent quest was held in the second term and, as usual, provided an excellent two to three hours' entertainment. Though the standard of the performance was not quite as high as last year's, this being due no doubt to the fact that there was less staff involvement than usual, yet the effort of each House was praiseworthy. The judge, Mr. K. R. Taylor of Brooks High School, placed the houses in this order: Wilmot, Franklin, Sorell and Arthur.

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In September a new sick-room built on top of the gymnasium was opened. This one replaces the room near the entrance to the gym., and is excellently appointed, having two spacious rest rooms, toilets, wash-basins and medicine cupboards.

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Along with many other football followers from this city, a small party of football enthusiasts from A class flew to Melbourne in September for the V.F.L. Grand Final between Collingwood and Melbourne. All efforts in raising funds throughout the season were considered worthwhile when the big game turned out to be one of the most exciting and hard-fought grand finals of all time.

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The number on the Staff was slightly less than last year, having fallen below the 60 mark. The year saw several transfers and in the last term a number of promotions.

In the first weeks of Term I Mr. Perks left for Kings Meadows and at the end of that term Mr. van der Molen went to Riverside. Mrs. Sutherland was on long service leave at the beginning of the year and has not returned, being now on sick leave. August saw the return of Mr. Bailey from a year's study leave in England and Europe and the transference of Miss Dixon, who was married, to Hobart. Miss Blyth is retiring in December after many years service in the school.

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Promotions for 1965 on the Staff: Mr. Morris, headmaster of the new Prospect Vale High School, Mr. Bailey, deputy headmaster of this school, and Mr. Dunn, deputy headmaster of Riverside High School. Staff and school offer congratulations to these men and wish them the very best in their new positions.

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During the year Miss Davis (B.A., Dip.Ed.) and Mr. White (B.Sc., Dip.Ed.) had degrees conferred upon them by the University of Tasmania and Miss Massey gained her A.Mus.A.

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Another first time for Launceston High: Mrs. Holloway, who had previously been on this staff for many years, was promoted from Kings Meadows High, where she was Senior Mistress (Commercial Subjects), to Deputy Headmistress—the first ever in this school.



PREFECTS

Front: D. Wilson, H. Simpson, J. Long, Mr. Amos, A. Holmes, I. McGregor, G. Woolhouse.

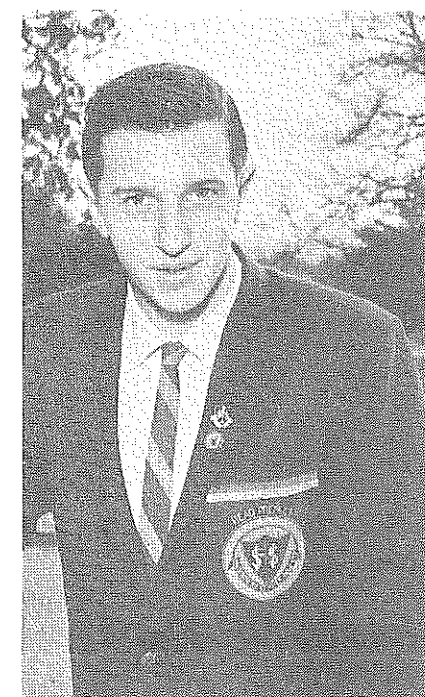
Back: J. Austin, R. Brown, K. Frankcombe, N. MacLaine, K. Bailey, M. Andrews.

Absent: B. Walker.



Head Prefects

Anthea Holmes



John Long

BEST MATRICULATION PASSES, 1963



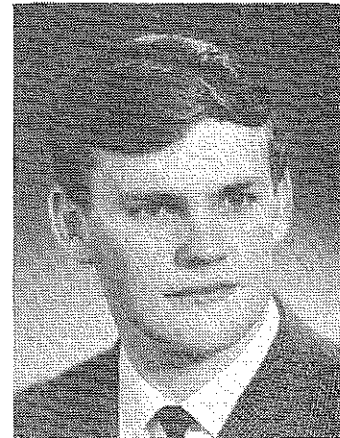
Helen Rouhliadeff

4 Credits 2 AL Passes



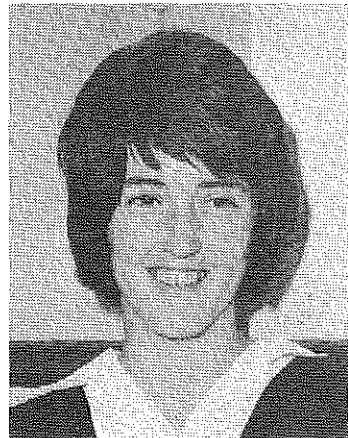
Allan Clark

4 Credits 1 OL Pass



Paul McKibben

3 Credits 1 AL 1 OL



Jane Berwick

3 Credits 1 AL 1 OL



Claire Dix

3 Credits 1 AL 1 OL



Carolyn King

3 Credits 1 AL 1 OL

BEST SCHOOLS BOARD PASSES, 1963



Suzette Salter

7 Credits



Roy Donaldson

7 Credits



Hillary Tierney

6 Credits 2 Passes



Jill Williams

6 Credits 1 Pass



David Ritchie

6 Credits 1 Pass

Scholastic Successes

MATRICULATION, 1963-64

QUALIFYING CANDIDATES

Maia Aasa (Qualified Previously), Charles Affleck, Michael Ainslie, Robert Aitken, Kenneth Atherton, Julie Atkinson, William Atkinson, Christopher Aulich, John Avery, Roger Baird (Q.P.), Nicholas Baker, Glenn Bendall, Jane Berwick (Q.P.), Helen Bramich, Jillian Branagan, Robin Bray, William Briginshaw, James Bryan, Graham Burleigh, Janet Byard, Ian Callahan, Diane Campbell, Margaret Carey, David Cavendish, Maxwell Chandler, Peter Child, Douglas Chipman, Allan Clark, Ian Clark, Mary-Lyn Clark, Ian Clarke, Janine Clark, Carolyn Cooper, Helen Corbett, Elizabeth Cornish, Margaret Cox, Maureen Cross, Richard Cummings, Margaret Darcey, Anthony Denny, Ewan Denney, Claire Dix, Lorraine Duddy, James Fairley, Marilyn Frost, Denise Fry, Pamela Fuller, Philip Greaves, Norman Gregory, David Hamilton, Suzette Handley, Rae Hardman, Faye Harrison, Helene Haywood, Zara Hersta, Danny Hillier, Ronald Humphreys, Meredith Inglis, Margaret Jensen, Irene Turka (Q.P.), Kathryn Kalbfell, Sandra Kerrison, Carolyn King, Jean Lumley, Helen MacLaine, Peter Manchester, Peter Manser, William Mattes, Judith Mills, Joan McCulloch, Paul McKibben, Robert McLaren, James Nockels, Michael Osborne, David Peacock, Kerree Pinkard, Jeffrey Pitcher, Rosemary Powell, Heather Ray, John Rees, Helen Rouhliadeff, Sally Salier, Thaddeus Sasser, Christine Sheldrick, Margaret Sing, Robyn Smith (Q.P.), Peter Stallard, Michael Statham, Elizabeth Stoessiger, James Stokes, John Sutor, Pete Taylor, Kaye Thompson, Kenneth Thomson, Franklin van Nieuwkuyk, Roger Wanagel, Jillian Waters, Alan Watson, John Watts, Julie Wells (Q.P.), Maurice Wenn, Dennis Whitchurch, Robert Wilkinson, Alison Wolff, Stephanie Wright.

The school presented 199 candidates for matriculation. It was possible for 149 of these to matriculate and 105 (70.4%) did so.

PRIZES

University Entrance Scholarships

P. McKibben (5th), Allan Clark (12th) and Jane Berwick (25th).

Commonwealth Scholarships (20)

M. Aasa, R. Baird, G. Bendall, I. Callahan, A. Clark, I. Clark, M. Clark, J. Clark, R. Hardman, M. Inglis, C. Herbert, I. Jurka, P. Manser, J. Nockels, K. Pinkard, R. Powell, J. Rees, H. Rouhliadeff, A. Watson, J. Wells.

W. R. Giblin Scholarship

James Stokes—3rd.

Sir Richard Dry Exhibition (Mathematics)

Paul McKibben—3rd.

Public Service Prize (Chemistry)

Jeffrey Pitcher.

Scholarships to Kew Training College

Helen Bramich, Helen MacLaine, Margaret Darcey.

Scholarship to the Conservatorium of Music

Faye Harrison.

Scholarship for Speech Therapy Training

Janet Byard.

R.A.A.F. Academy (Point Cook)

Douglas Chipman gained entrance.

SCHOOLS BOARD, 1963

Of the 188 candidates who sat for this examination, 92 gained "A" certificates, 43 gained "B" cer-

tificates and 53 gained unendorsed certificates.

Suzette Salter won the J. A. Birchall Prize for the best pass (girl) in Northern High Schools.

SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATES, 1963

Best passes were obtained by: John Dent (6 Credits, 4 Passes), Lorraine Bugg (5C, 4P), Gaye Lyndon (4C, 5P), Elizabeth Palliser (4C, 3P) and Cheryl Campbell (3C, 5P).

BEST AVERAGES IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1963

C Class

Suzanne Donnelly	82%
Margaret Andrews	80%
John Booth	80%
Julie Walton	79%
John Long	74%
Janet van der Lecq	72%

D Class

Elizabeth Grecian	85%
Jennifer Thompson	85%
Ian Howard	84%
Elizabeth Gough	84%
Cheryl Dunkley	83%
Carlene Ellwood	80%
Annette Blackwood	79%
Terence Whelan	79%
Nicolaas Groenewold	79%

E Class

Julie Cleaver	88%
Margaret Jerrim	79%
Joan Allen	79%
Susan Aspinall	77%
Bronwyn Jetson	77%
Susan Hope	77%

UNIVERSITY SUCCESSES

Graduates, May 1964

B.A.—Leslie Bishop, Rudolph Plehwe, Helen Wells.

B.A. (Hons.)—Glenn Pullen (History).

B.Ec.—Anthony Hogg.

LL.B.—Raymond Bailey.

LL.B. (Hons.)—Rudolph Plehwe (1st class).

B.Sc.—Donald Atkinson, Paul Boer, Michael Middleton, David White.

B.Sc. (Hons.)—Walter Bartlett (Mathematics), Gregory Foot (Mathematics), Ian Ripper (Geophysics).

Dip. Ed.—Coralie Walker, B.A., David White.

Cert. Ed.—Lynda Halliday, Judith Littlejohn, Clifton Miller, Janice Wickham.

Prizes

Shell Prize (for Mechanical Engineering II)—Anthony Kjar.

Russell Allport Memorial Prize (third year Engineering) — Anthony Kjar.

Walker Prize for whole law degree course — Rudolph Plehwe.

Hobart Chamber of Commerce Prize (Economics I) — Gregory Walker.

Fellowship

To Duke University (U.S.A.)—Rudolph Plehwe.

Walter Wright Memorial Prize (Education IIA) — Judith Littlejohn.

Education IA Prize — Clifton Miller.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS, 1964

A.Mus.A.—Helen Rouhliadeff.

Queen's Guide—Alison Wolff.

Queen's Scout—John Sutor.



MISS J. BLYTH, B.A.

Miss Blyth began her career as a teacher in primary schools, serving for a number of years in Hobart and Launceston. Then, in 1931, she was transferred to Launceston High, where she stayed two years before going to Scottsdale High for a year. In 1934 Miss Blyth returned to Launceston High, and, except for two trips abroad and a period in Sydney for a course in librarianship, she has served here ever since.

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Miss Jessie Blyth has had a long association with the school, first as a student who took every opportunity to enrich her mind from her studies, and then, for a much longer period, as a teacher and librarian, always jealous of the reputation of her school. Students who know her as a librarian know, too, that she can move into the class-room and take over, with easy versatility, a wide range of subjects.

Custodian of a library which she herself has built up from a few well-stocked shelves, here is a librarian who knows all her books, who can extend a fine index finger unerringly to withdraw the book with the wanted reference. To Miss Blyth, librarianship means far more than cataloguing, displaying and entering; it means, among other things, never letting the business of dipping into books lessen her life-long interest in real reading. Recommending a book

entails, for her, a quick shrewd weighing up of the merits of the book against the tastes and talents of the reader (and how right she usually is!). Book lover by instinct and vocation, she can direct the word that preys on the conscience of those who disfigure a fine book with grubby paws or who, more zealous than scrupulous, keep out a reference book much in demand. For, fastidious and just, she teaches young people to practise respect for books and for the rights and needs of others.

Students in the thirties remember Miss Blyth, not as a librarian, but as a teacher of Matriculation Geography and Physiology, able to pass on her own standards of good taste and scholarship. At that time, and for many years later, she was a most successful coach of the school hockey team, respected not only as a coach but also as an interstate player.

When Miss Blyth leaves, the school will lose its unofficial historian whose memory for faces, names and events is phenomenal. Successions of teachers have listened with delight to her accounts of the day's happenings, waiting, never unrewarded, for the wry wit that always flavours her remarks.

It is impossible to gauge what we owe to Miss Blyth; but few schools could have been as fortunate as we in having for so long on its staff such a liberal, fair-minded and wise teacher as J.B., to whom we wish many happy days!



MR. S. C. MORRIS, B.Sc., Dip.Ed.

The school offers its warmest congratulations to Mr. Morris, our deputy-headmaster since February, 1962, who has been appointed the first headmaster of the new Prospect High School.

Mr. Morris was educated at the Hobart High School where he matriculated in 1930. Following this he spent several months as a Junior Teacher at each of the primary schools in Bothwell, Moonah and Bowen Road.

He then received teacher training at the Philip Smith Teachers' College, Hobart, in 1933, and on leaving there he was on the staffs of Hobart High and Albuera Street Schools. He returned to Hobart High in 1935, and was then appointed to Launceston High for 1940 and 1941. But again he was sent to Hobart High for a year or two, this time until 1948, when he was finally transferred to this school.

He was promoted to Master of the Subject Department of Science in 1949 and held that position until his appointment to the position of Deputy Headmaster in 1962.

Mr. Morris has had wide experience in science, having taught Physics, Chemistry, Biology and General Science, as well as Maths. at all levels from E to A classes.

In sport, he gained a triple blue—a rare accomplishment—while at the University of Tasmania, in tennis and football, being a member of both the Tasmanian and Australian Universities' teams. Later he played "A" grade tennis and gained representation with the North for intra-state matches. His latest sporting activity is golf.

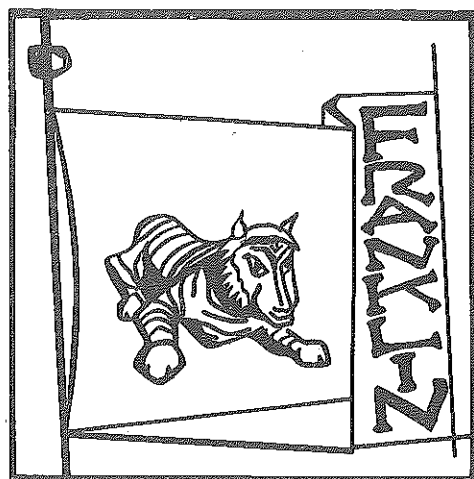
As a resident of Trevallyn for many years, he has been active in community life in that suburb and was president of the Trevallyn Parks and Improvement Association from 1961-3.

Mr. Morris brings to his new position very wide secondary school experience and a fine degree of teaching skill and administrative ability. For a number of years now he has been a valued member of Schools Board and Matriculation Syllabus Committees for Science and Maths.

Not only is he a fine teacher, but he is also a man of vision, with a great fund of kindness, sympathy and understanding for his pupils. He has the respect, admiration and affection of hundreds of pupils who have passed through his classes, and one and all join in wishing him every success in his new position.



Neil MacLaine



Keitha Bailey

This has been a most successful year for Franklin, which easily won the Swimming Carnival and the Athletic Sports and was placed second in the Talent Quest.

GIRLS

House Mistresses: Miss Jordan, Mrs. Douglas.
House Officials: Keitha Bailey (captain), Gill Woolhouse (vice-captain), Sue Garwood (secretary), Sue Marshall (treasurer).

School Prefects: Keitha Bailey, Gill Woolhouse, Margaret Andrews.

Members of School Committees: K. Bailey (sports), G. Woolhouse, M. Andrews (aesthetics).

Sports Champions: J. Krushka, C. Dunkley, S. Krushka (swimming).

Members of School Teams: K. Bailey, S. Krushka, C. Dunkley, L. van Nieuwkuyk, C. Butler (basketball), S. Krushka, C. Dunkley, L. van Nieuwkuyk, G. Woolhouse, J. Krushka, L. Parry (swimming), S. Garwood (hockey), M. Andrews (tennis), L. van Nieuwkuyk (softball).

BOYS

House Masters: Mr. Woodward, Mr. Bardenhagen, Mr. Simpson.

House Officials: Neil MacLaine (captain), Greg. Sutor (vice-captain), Robin Nason (secretary).

School Prefect: Neil MacLaine.

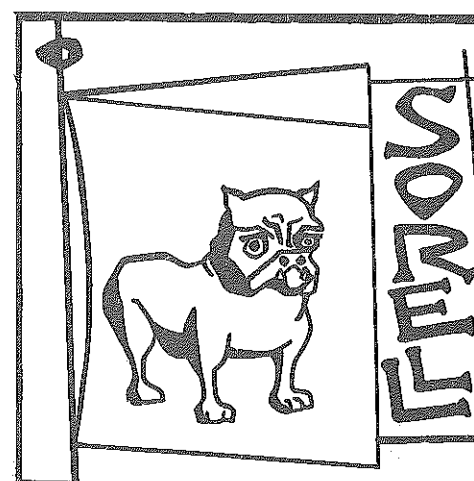
Sports Champions: A. Castley, P. Castley, R. McBain (swimming).

Member of School Committee: N. MacLaine (magazine).

Members of School Teams: N. MacLaine, A. Clarke, C. Rafaells (soccer), G. Sutor, R. Nason, P. Wadley, M. Parry, M. Butcher, M. Ryan, G. Murden (football), R. McBain (hockey), G. Sutor, R. Nason, R. McBain, P. Castley, A. Castley, G. Groenewold, S. Roney (swimming).



Bruce Walker



Edith Muir

Once again Sorell has not excelled in any field this year, gaining third place in both the Swimming Carnival and the Talent Quest, and filling second place in the Athletics. However, enthusiastic house spirit especially from the junior members has made the year a pleasing one.

GIRLS

House Mistresses: Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Harland.

House Officials: Edith Muir (captain), Jocelyn Foot (vice-captain), Linda Hughes (secretary).

School Prefect: Joan Austin.

Members of School Teams: J. Foot, C. Williams (hockey).

BOYS

House Masters: Mr. Pearce, Mr. Viney, Mr. Robertson.

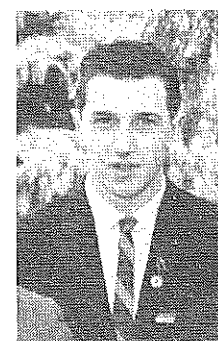
House Officials: Bruce Walker (captain), David

Wilson (vice-captain), Lawson Ride (secretary).

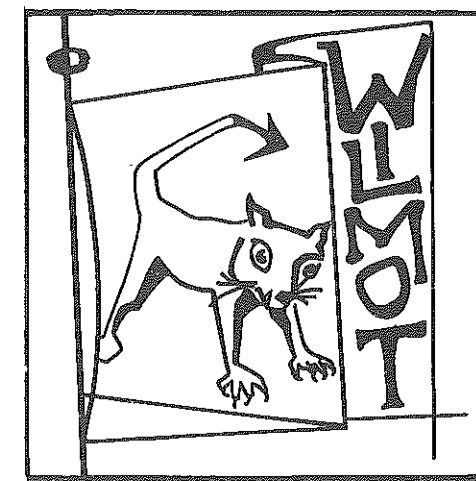
School Prefects: Bruce Walker, David Wilson.

Members of School Committees: B. Walker (sports), D. Wilson (entertainment).

Members of School Teams: D. Wilson (captain), W. Saunders, R. Anderson, J. Temby, T. Rowlings, G. Johnson (football), L. Stevens, L. Ride, A. Jessup, R. Orr (hockey), S. Groves (soccer), D. Wilson (vice-captain), R. Anderson, W. Saunders, J. Temby, A. Hortle (cricket), R. Coulson, J. Collins (tennis), G. Johnson (swimming), D. Wilson, J. Temby, R. Anderson, W. Saunders (basketball).



John Long



Ann McFadzean

Wilmot has had a mixed year, in that it finished fourth in the Swimming Carnival, fourth in the Athletics and was awarded first place in the Talent Quest.

GIRLS

House Mistresses: Miss Bushby, Miss Gay, Mrs. Tart.

House Officials: Anne McFadzean (captain), Sue Donnelly (vice-captain), Geraldine Savage (secretary).

School Prefects: Hilary Simpson, Ruth Brown.

Members of School Committees: R. Brown (community service), H. Simpson (magazine).

Sports Champion: Jane Hendstock (swimming).

Members of School Teams: A. McFadzean, H. Simpson, C. Ellwood, J. Darke (hockey), J. Hendstock, J. Darke, G. Savage, A. McFadzean (swimming), G. Savage (softball), S. Donnelly (tennis).

BOYS

House Masters: Mr. Buckley, Mr. Randall.

House Officials: John Long (captain), Ian McGregor (vice-captain), Tony Robinson (secretary), Daryl Cramer (treasurer).

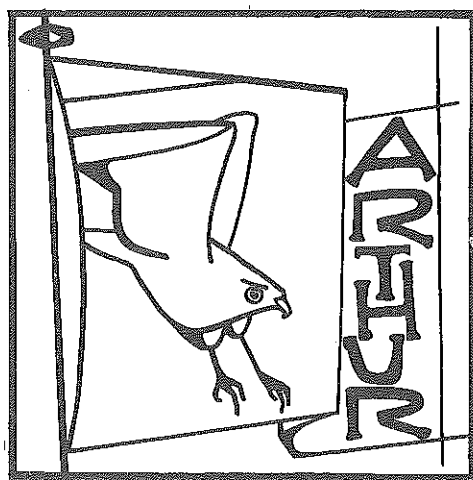
School Prefects: John Long, Ian McGregor.

Members of School Committees: J. Long (entertainment), I. McGregor (magazine).

Members of School Teams: J. Long (captain), G. Martin, G. Woolley, G. Pearce, G. Adlard, I. McGregor (football), J. Long (captain), R. Bishop, G. Adlard (cricket), I. McGregor, J. Long (basketball), R. Bishop, K. Bilson, D. Older (soccer), D. Cramer (captain), D. Jones, R. Bishop, P. Haley (hockey), D. Self (captain), P. Symons (tennis), G. Benson (swimming).



Kerry Frankcombe



Anthea Holmes

Arthur began the year well, securing second position in the Swimming Carnival, but enthusiasm for the Talent Quest was poor and the house finished last. In the Athletic Carnival we managed only third position.

GIRLS

House Mistresses: Mrs. Grey, Miss Dixon, Miss Davis, Miss Massey.

House Officials: Anthea Holmes (captain), Kathleen Williams (vice-captain), Barbara Cottrell (secretary).

School Prefect: Anthea Holmes.

Member of School Committee: A. Holmes (entertainment).

Sports Champion: H. Crosswell (swimming).

Members of School Teams: A. Holmes, S. Wing, M. McDonald, J. Jones, H. Crosswell (hockey), J. Meek, K. Williams, J. Bensemann (basketball), L.

DRAMA

The year has been outstanding for dramatic activity. Apart from the major production, "The Way of the World", a full report of which appears elsewhere in the magazine, plays were entered in the Launceston Junior Drama Festival, in the Deloraine Drama Festival and An Evening of Drama was presented in the Assembly Hall in July.

Our B Classes were represented in Mrs. Grey's production of "Three Knaves of Normandy", a comedy and a most enjoyable one. The cast was Daryl Cramer as Pierre Patelin, Sue Garwood as his wife, John Booth as the draper, Ross Anderson as the shepherd, Lawson Ride as the judge and Brian Edwards as the apprentice. Daryl won the award at the Deloraine Festival for the best sustained character.

C Classes were represented in Mrs. Tart's production of "In All His Glory". The beautiful and colourful stage setting and costuming of this play drew warm praise on each occasion it was presented—first at the Launceston Drama Festival where it won second place in the Junior Section, then at Deloraine where two of the cast, Steven Wright and Barbara Bailey, won individual awards. The cast were Solomon—Steven Wright, Queen of Sheba—Rae Crosswell, Heriod—Chris. Creek, Miriam—Cheryl Dunkley, Rachel—Barbara Bailey, first slave—Brenda

Betts, J. Edwards, J. Bensemann (softball), H. Crosswell (swimming), S. Wing, M. McDonald (tennis).

BOYS

House Masters: Mr. Read, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Bradshaw.

House Officials: Kerry Frankcombe (captain), Peter Goss (vice-captain), John Stubbs (secretary).

School Prefect: Kerry Frankcombe.

Member of School Committee: K. Frankcombe (sports).

Sports Champion: P. Goss (swimming).

Members of School Teams: P. Goss, K. Goss, B. Stanley (swimming), P. Goss, P. Hill, S. Bain (soccer), P. Goss, P. Hill (cricket).

Clarke and second slave—Louise van Nieuwkuyk. A new departure in dramatic activity was Miss Grey's production of "The Bushrangers' Christmas Eve" with the whole of one of our secondary school classes—D5. This was the first play presented at the Evening of Drama and was thoroughly enjoyed. There was some quite good acting and the play breathed a real Australian spirit.

THE STORM

Ominous black clouds banking in the sky herald the approaching storm.

Crash!

The lightning shatters

The trees, the wind scatters

The leaves across the countryside.

The rain pelts down,

Flooding the town.

The thunder rolls,

The lightning flashes,

The storm continues through the night.

In the morning, the storm has subsided;

Blue sky replaces the black clouds;

Debris lies everywhere,

But the fresh, clean smell of the day after the storm penetrates the air.

Julie Cleaver, D1.

1964 — END OF AN ERA

"FAREWELL E CLASS!"



These four 12 year-olds are E class pupils, typical examples of the last E class children to come to Launceston High School. *

Since 1913 the Launceston High School has catered for pupils from E to A classes and from 12 to 17 years of age. Until 1960, pupils were selected for the school by an entrance ability test. Since 1960, pupils have been drafted to Launceston high schools according to the district in which they live, this school taking pupils from Invermay, the city, West Launceston and Prospect. The advent of the comprehensive high school, accepting pupils on a non-selective basis, effected the first major change in the history of Launceston High School.

The second important change, one which is diametrically opposed to the first, will take effect next year and involves the new Prospect Vale High School. To that school will in future go all pupils living in the district now served by the Launceston High School. E and D classes, who normally would have come here, will next year proceed to Prospect. It is likely that by 1967 the L.H.S. will in effect cease to exist, for by then it will be a college for Matriculation students only.

*
Pictured are: Monica Kristick, Andrew Ikin, Anna Thomson, Jeffrey Yost.

WITCHES

The old moon was hiding beneath its thick blanket,
And not a star shone in the east or the west,
And down in the hollow beneath the old mountain
The witches were gathering to take the last test.

Old Clara and Janzen, Molly and Polly,
Each laden with herbs and branches of holly,
Went forth to the leader and gave her their gifts,
Collected their broomsticks and set off for the dips.

The waterfall thundered, the waterfall roared,
As each of the witches took her last test,
And down from the heavens and through the thick spray,
They flew on their broomsticks in the darkness so grey.

And when it was over, all wet and yet gay,
The witches collected their final "B.A."
And now they were ready to face that sweet day,
When they too began their cauldron aboiling,
To make their own magic from herbs, holly and branches of hay.

Wendy Stott, D1.



SCHOOLS BOARD FOOTBALL

Front: R. Anderson, G. Murden, J. Long, D. Wilson, G. Johnson, G. Woolley.
 Second: M. Parry, T. Rowlands, Mr. Viney, G. Pearce, G. Suitor.
 Third: W. Saunders, R. Nason, M. Butcher, D. Cartledge.
 Back: S. Martin, P. Wadley, J. Temby, G. Adlard, M. Ryan.



CRICKET

Front: G. Suitor, D. Wilson, D. Filgate, J. Long, P. Hill, R. Anderson.
 Back: K. Hortle, G. Adlard, J. Temby, P. Goss, R. Bishop, Mr. Watson.

Schools Board Sport

SWIMMING

This year the twenty-sixth Annual Swimming Carnival was again held in the 55yd. pool at the City Baths on the 11th and 12th of March. Weather conditions for the carnival were ideal and some fine performances were recorded. Records were broken in eleven individual events and four relay races. Franklin dominated the house competition, having a comfortable win from Arthur, Sorell and Wilmot in that order.

During the year, life-saving awards were won by sixteen pupils from the senior school.

Champions were—Girls: Open—S. Krushka (Franklin), Under 15—J. Hendstock (Wilmot), Under 14—C. Dunkley (Franklin), Under 13—J. Krushka (Franklin); Boys: Open—P. Goss (Arthur), Under 15—R. McBain (Franklin), Under 14—A. Cusley (Franklin), Under 13—P. Eastley (Franklin).

The third annual inter-high Swimming Carnival was held on March 19th at the City Baths. Despite constant rain, a large crowd witnessed an entertaining night's competition. The school won the senior shield for the third year, but finished third to Riverside and Queechy in the junior section.

ATHLETICS

This year the Athletic Sports were held in the third term at York Park. There was fine weather for the first day, and a good track was provided, but on the second day competitors were hampered by constant rain and a slippery track. After an interesting struggle, Franklin (2367 points) defeated Sorell (2138) with Arthur (1930) and Wilmot (1832) in third and fourth positions.

Champions were—Girls: Track, Open—J. Foot (Sorell), Under 15—J. Meek (Arthur), Under 14—P. Blackwood (Sorell), Under 13—S. Meek (Arthur) and L. Ryan (Franklin) equal; Field, Open—S. Krushka (Franklin), Under 15—C. Dunkley (Franklin), Under 14—B. Jetson (Franklin), C. Foley (Franklin), P. Blackwood (Sorell), equal, Under 13—S. Meek (Arthur), A. Thompson (Arthur), equal. Boys: Track, Open—G. Cartledge (Arthur), Under 15—D. Gatenby (Franklin), Under 14—P. Allen (Sorell), Under 13—P. Hamence (Franklin); Field, Open—B. Walker (Sorell), Under 15—R. McBain, Under 14—P. Murrell (Arthur), G. White (Wilmot), equal, Under 13—P. Hamence (Franklin).

The inter-high Athletic Carnival, to be held for the first time this year, is scheduled to take place late in the third term.

GIRLS' TENNIS

The tennis team has had a very successful season, defeating all other schools in roster games, except Sacred Heart, who won the final. Many of the games were very close and in some cases the team won by only a small number of points. The doubles were particularly successful, for throughout the entire season they were beaten only once. All in all,

it has been a wonderful season and the team hopes to be equally as successful in the summer roster.

Margaret Andrews. Margaret is a very determined player. Her backhand is particularly strong and she has been a staunch member of the team throughout the season.

Sue Donnelly. Sue has a very easy stroke and quite a good serve. Her hits are fairly hard and well placed and throughout the roster she has participated well in both doubles and singles. Margaret and Sue have proved particularly successful in their doubles.

Elaine Wing. Elaine has a very reliable serve. During the game she remains on the baseline and drives strong forward hits to the very back line of the court. She has been a great asset to the team.

Shirley Wing. Shirley has a very similar style to that of her sister and together they make a good combination in doubles. Shirley hits very hard and low, often playing on the back hand of her opponent. She is a keen player although she only played in the latter part of the season.

SOFTBALL

This year's team was both young and inexperienced as most of the members came from either C or D classes. The team played well, but only managed to win one match of the six games which were played. Thanks go to Miss Fowler for her keen interest and coaching.

Judy Bensemann (captain)—pitcher. A keen and very capable captain. Judy's game is always steady and of a standard which the rest of the team would do well to follow.

Louise van Nieuwkuyl—catcher. An excellent catcher and capable of good all round play.

Jill Edwards—1st base. A very sure-handed fielder responsible for many "outed" players. Jill is a dependable batter.

Marilyn King—2nd base. A new player to the game who tries to do her best at all times. Marilyn is a safe hitter, but needs to strengthen her throwing.

Colleen Lowe—3rd base. More concentration on the game would improve Colleen's fielding. She is reliable in her training and has a strong throw.

Judy Meek—short stop. Judy is a reliable player who needs to develop more strength in batting and throwing.

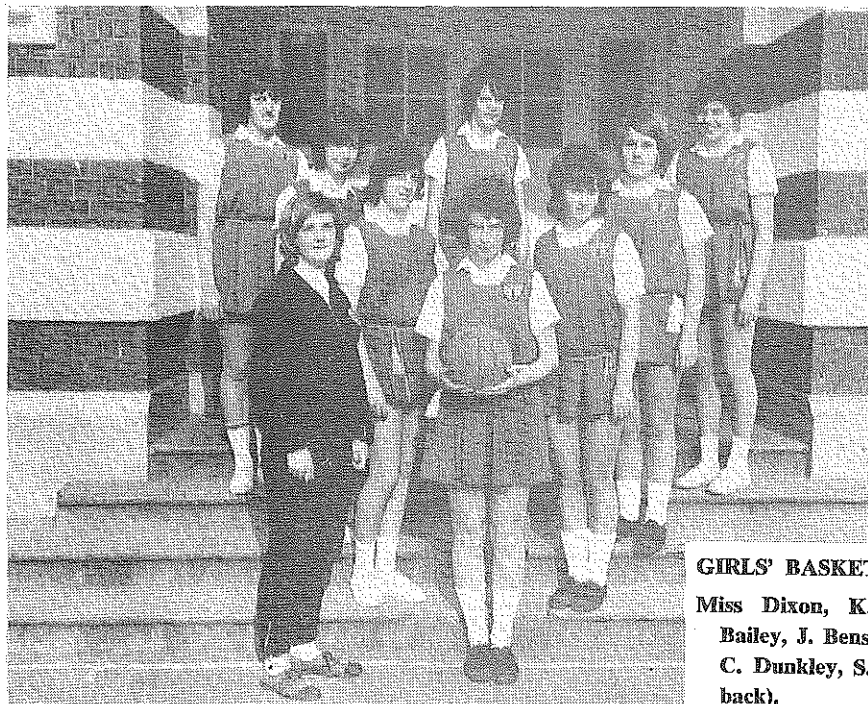
Lorraine Betts—right outfield. Lorraine's batting and fielding need strengthening but being a new player to the game, she will improve with more practice.

Vicki Swain—centre outfield. Vicki is a good out fielder who needs to concentrate on her batting.

Geraldine Savage—left outfield. An excellent outfielder with a sure catch and a long throw. A valuable member of the team.

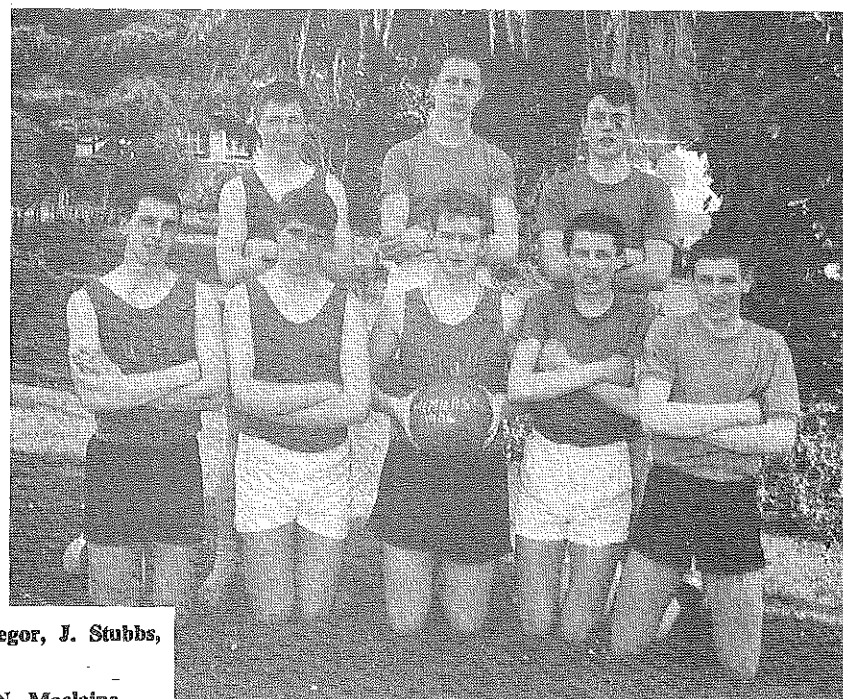
Pauline Blackwood—emergency. Pauline is only in "E" class, but she has good fielding and batting ability and will improve with more experience.

Sally McArthur—emergency. Sally is a safe base player, but needs to concentrate on her batting and throwing.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Miss Dixon, K. Williams, C. Butler, K. Bailey, J. Bensemman, L. van Nieuwkuyk, C. Dunkley, S. Krushka and J. Meek (at back).

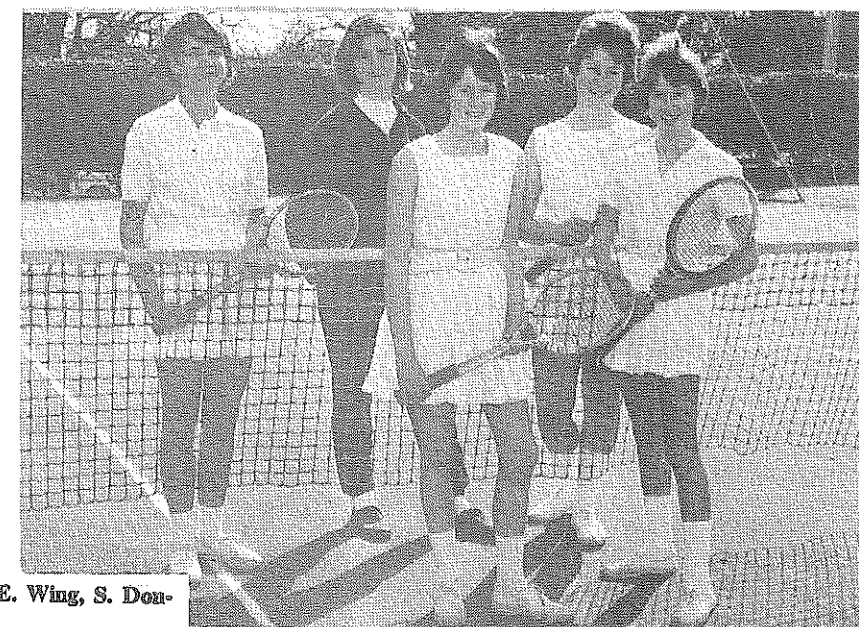


BOYS' BASKETBALL

Front: J. Long, I. McGregor, J. Stubbs, J. Temby, D. Wilson.
Back: G. Suitor, P. Goss, N. MacLaine.



Inter-High School Athletic Team



GIRLS' TENNIS

M. Andrews, Miss Dixon, E. Wing, S. Donnelly, S. Wing.

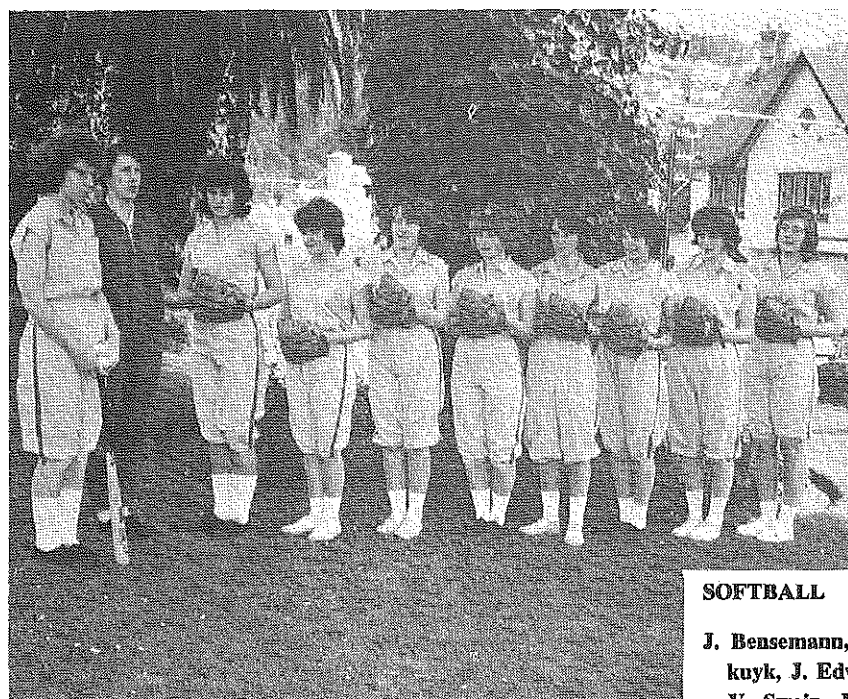


Inter-High School Swimming Team



SOCCER

Front: R. Bishop, A. Clark, Mr. Ryder, D. Older, C. Pearcey.
Back: K. Gibson, S. Bain, N. MacLaine, P. Goss, P. Hill, S. Groves, C. Raffaelo.



SOFTBALL

J. Bensemann, Miss Fowler, L. van Nieuw-
kuyk, J. Edwards, S. McArthur, M. King,
V. Swain, J. Meek, L. Betts, G. Savage.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The basketball team this year comprised three "B" class, two "C" class and two "D" class girls. The team was younger and less experienced than former "A" grade teams, but it gave a good display throughout the season.

In the first round of the High School roster, the L.H.S. team was on top of the ladder without a loss. However, they were easily defeated by Brooks, Queechy and Riverside in the second round.

The team made the final four but lost the semi-final to Brooks High by one goal. The game was of very high standard with both teams playing very determined basketball.

The team would like to thank Sammy Cooper who readily gave up her time to coach us, and Miss Dixon, without whom we would never have done as well as we did.

Judy Bensemann (captain)—front goalie. Showed great promise at the beginning of the season but sometimes failed to reach her own capabilities. Is one of the best players in the team.

Keitha Bailey (vice-captain)—back defence. Has ability which is usually revealed when the team is pressed.

Louise van Nieuwkuyk—back goalie. Her accurate shooting and good anticipation make her a valuable asset to the team.

Judy Meek—attack wing. Judy plays a good attacking game but could give more to the team in defensive play. More vitality would help her game.

Sandra Krushka—centre. A hard and determined player.

Christine Butler—defence wing. Her high leaping and open attacking play often enable her to dominate the centre.

Cheryl Dunkley—front defence. Plays a steady game, the team can always depend on her.

Kathy Williams—emergency. Kathy is a reliable emergency and a capable player, who, when called upon, can play in any position.

GIRLS' HOCKEY

Although the team had a bad season and lost the inter-high match against Clarence, we enjoyed our games despite the endurance of a weekly mud-bath. All our players had determination to win and worked as a team throughout the season. We would like to thank Miss Fowler for her help and encouragement as coach.

Shirley Wing—centre forward. Has all the experience necessary for a good captain, pulling us through many bad situations.

Anthea Holmes—left wing. A very reliable and capable vice-captain whose speedy technique and judgment proved successful.

Mary McDonald—left inner. A valuable and consistent player and an excellent team member.

Carlene Ellwood—right wing. Has adapted herself very well to the wing. Her control of the ball enabled her to use hard well-placed passes.

Elizabeth Grecian—right half. A new member this year who has proved a very strong defence. She is very consistent when tackling and should be a very valuable player next year.

Christina Williams—goalie. A determined goalie

who has made many valuable saves.

Jocelyn Foot—right inner. A capable player who plays her best at all times. A reliable team member.

Hilary Simpson—back. Saved many opposing goals by clearing the ball away with powerful hits.

Sue Garwood—back. Proved to be the mainstay of our defence. Her consistent tackling saved many goals.

Jocelyn Jones—centre half. The most determined member of our team whose courage to tackle swift and strong opponents never failed.

Ann McFadzean—back. Although Ann only played for half the season she proved to be a dependable player.

Jill Wise—left half. A new player this year who with more experience could prove to be a useful team member next year.

Julie Darke—emergency. A good utility player who has adapted herself to any emergency position. Plays particularly well as a back.

Helen Crosswell—emergency. Although Helen did not play in the inter-high match she has the potential which will develop next season.

Cheryl Baker—back. A promising player who played particularly well against Clarence.

Elaine Wells—emergency. With more experience, she will become a valuable wing player.

CRICKET

The team played well this year but did not meet with much success. All members were determined in their play and played the game right out to the finish. Nearing the end of the season, the team's performances improved, as was indicated in a close match against Riverside High. A social match against the Matriculation team resulted in a win for the Schools Board team by three runs in a very exciting finish. The team would like to thank Mr. Watson for his help and encouragement given to members throughout the season.

John Long (captain). Opening medium pace bowler who has good control of length. A good defensive bat who needs more attacking strokes.

David Wilson (vice-captain). A promising wicket-keeper who should develop well. An attractive batsman with sound strokes.

Peter Hill. A promising left-arm bowler who should develop well. Batting is quite sound.

Rex Bishop. A change bowler who maintained a good length. Batting needs practice.

Ross Anderson. An opening batsman who shapes well. Ross will get more power in his strokes as he develops physically.

Darrell Filgate. An aggressive opening batsman who scored well early in the season.

John Temby. An excellent fieldsman with a beautiful arm. Batting needs more concentration.

Kevin Hurtle. A medium pace bowler who must learn to maintain a good length.

Greg Adlard. Needs to concentrate more, particularly with his batting and fielding.

Peter Goss. A keen team member who fielded well throughout the season.

Geoff Clark. A keen fielder. He needs to develop his strokes.

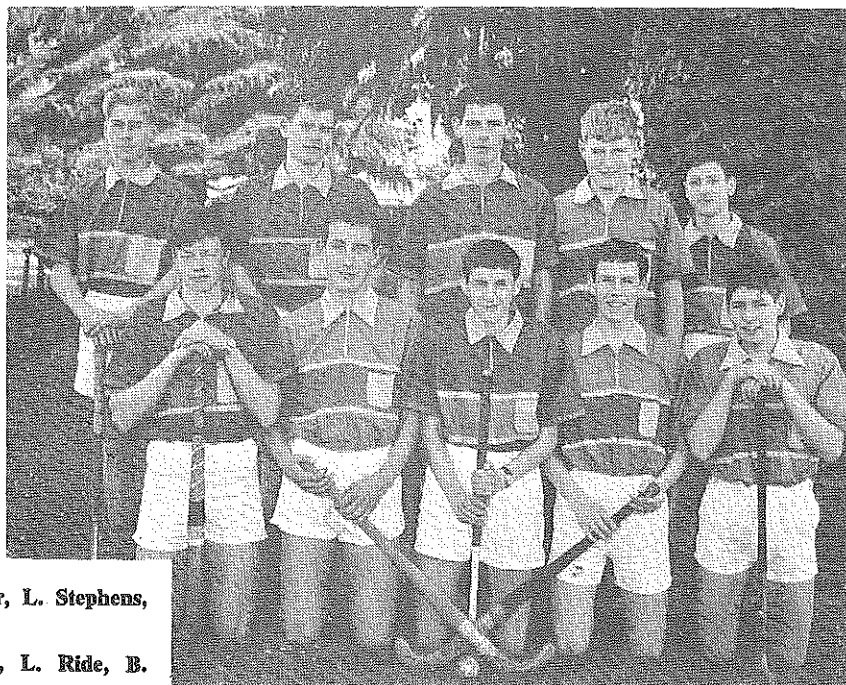
Greg Sutor. Has ability but needs to show greater keenness. A handy all rounder.



GIRLS' HOCKEY

Back: S. Wing, M. Donald, C. Baker, E. Grecian, J. Wise, S. Garwood, C. Williams, J. Jones, J. Foot, A. Holmes, C. Ellwood.

Front: H. Crosswell, E. Wells, J. Darke, A. McFadzean, H. Simpson.



BOYS' HOCKEY

Front: A. Jessup, D. Cramer, L. Stephens, R. McBain, B. Edwards.

Back: M. Jessup, P. Haley, L. Ride, B. Stanley, R. Orr.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

The team had one of its best years, finishing third on performances in roster games by winning five out of eight matches. The best efforts were a 91 point win against Kings Meadows and a 58 point win against Deloraine. In the finals the team earned the right to play in the Grand Final by defeating Riverside and then Queechy. Brooks proved too strong in the Grand Final, the final scores being: Brooks 11 goals 5 behinds, 71 points; L.H.S. 5 goals 2 behinds, 32 points. Goalkickers for L.H.S. were—Temby 2, Wadley, Rowlings and Nason. Best players were Long, Sutor, Parry, Pearce, Temby and Nason.

In the game against Clarence High, the team allowed the visitors to go to a nine goal lead at half-time. After half time a revitalized side came out and outplayed Clarence, but were defeated only by 5 points, the scores being: Clarence 10 goals 4 behinds, 64 points; L.H.S. 8 goals, 11 behinds, 59 points. Goalkickers: Murden 3, Nason 2, Wadley 2, Temby 1. Best players: Nason, Sutor, Adlard, Anderson, Wadley, Temby.

John Long (captain)—centre half back. A talented, reliable player who always gives his best. An inspiration to his team.

David Wilson (vice-captain)—ruck. A player capable of lifting the team with fine play. Should go places.

Wes. Saunders—centre. A fine mark and kick with clever ground play make him a strong team player.

Greg Sutor—rover and centre. A versatile player who is a good mark and can kick with both feet. Should develop into a fine player.

John Temby—centre half forward. Ability to take high marks and his intelligent use of handball make John a valuable team man.

Terry Rowlings—rover. A valuable player because he battles for the ball until he gets it. Particularly dangerous around the goals.

Ross Anderson—half forward. A trier who gives his best at all times. Kicking can be improved.

Robin Nason—ruck. A brilliant player capable of lifting a team with his high marking and strong ground play.

Greg Adlard—full back. A good high mark and kick but ground play is weak. Must learn to move more quickly and pick up the ball.

Stephen Martin—ruck. Has potential but must still gain confidence in marking and general ground play. A useful player in packs.

Peter Wadley—ruck. A tall strong player who should develop into a good player. He must concentrate on his high marking and position himself for taps.

Darrel Cartledge—pocket back. A fast dashing player with good judgment and anticipation.

Graeme Pearce—half back flank. A rugged player who can be relied upon to do well. Needs to concentrate on accuracy in his kicking.

Greg Murden—full forward. A brilliant high mark and a fair kick. Must learn to speed up his ground play.

Grahame Johnson—half forward. A left footer with natural ability but needs to be more determined when chasing the ball.

Martin Parry—wing. A talented player who positions himself well to earn kicks. Should develop into a class player.

Max Butcher—wing. A clever player but inclined to be too slow. Must learn to defend more closely.

Gary Woolley—half back. A strong fearless player who has good ground play. Must concentrate on accuracy in his kicking.

Michael Ryan—back pocket. Has ability and should develop. Must learn to guard his opponent closely.

Ian McGregor—half forward. A trier but must become mobile and concentrate on accurate kicking.

Malcolm Hodgetts—flanker. An effective player who must speed up his reactions and be decisive.

John Collins—half forward. A useful player who should develop as he matures and speeds up his game.

SOCCER

Because of bad weather conditions, this has been a disappointing season, in which only half a dozen games were played.

The team showed promise at the start but after losing its goal-keeper, Peter Goss, with a broken arm, found its chief adversary, Queechy, too strong, and eventually lost the Roster Shield which it had won the previous season. However, prospects look bright for next season and with all five High Schools now taking part, joined also by St. Pat's College, an interesting competition should eventuate.

Alan Clarke (captain). A very reliable boy. On the field he shows great determination and will to win.

Peter Goss—goal keeper. A safe, reliable goal-keeper with good anticipation, who has unfortunately missed several games through injuries.

Peter Hill—left back. A hard tackler with very good ball-control and who is cool in every situation.

David Older—right-half. A first season player who has proved to be a reliable and enthusiastic player.

Neil MacLaine—centre half. A dependable centre-half with a good powerful kick when he concentrates on the ball.

Tony Robinson—left-half. The smallest player in the team, who makes up for his lack of inches by his good ball-control and distribution.

Kevin Gibson—right wing. Small, speedy winger who has made a great number of opportunities for his team-mates to score.

Carlo Raffaelo—inside right. An inspiration to the team; never knows defeat and is the top goal-scorer.

Steven Groves—centre forward. Could be one of best players in the team, but lacks drive in front of goals.

Stewart Bain—inside left. Originator of most of this year's attacks, but must learn to control his temperament.

Rex Bishop—left wing. Switched to soccer this year from hockey and has made amazing progress.

Charles Percy—reserve. Good utility player with an uncanny ability to play in any position.

BASKETBALL

This year our team has showed that teamwork is all important and individual players do not necessarily stand out. This is the keynote of our success, winning Fotheringham's trophy from Grammar and also defeating Matriculation.

John Stubbs (captain)—guard. John is an inspiring captain and a good all round player, gaining selection in the Northern under 18 side.

Greg Suitor (vice-captain)—forward. Greg is a brilliant player, who never misses a chance for a fast break. He is an all round player, and never gives his opponent a chance to rest.

Ian McGregor—centre. Ian's play is purposeful and he has the ability to break up solid defence with accurate set shots. He was top goal scorer. Gained selection in the Northern under 18 side.

John Temby—guard. He has dominated this year in rebounding and has now developed his jump shot which has been a great asset to the team.

John Long—forward. John is also a strong rebounder and has developed his shooting ability.

Neil MacLaine—forward. Neil is becoming quite a good hook shot in his first year of competitive basketball.

David Wilson—forward. Can be relied upon to play a good, clean game; he is good at fast breaks.

Peter Goss—guard. Peter has had an interrupted season through injury, but has otherwise played a progressive game.

BOYS' HOCKEY

Although the "A" team did not do very well in the school roster, it was successful in two matches.

COMMERCIALISM AT CHRISTMAS

Today, Christmas, which used to be a simple, happy affair, has been turned into a dilemma. The shops take every opportunity to make money out of the public, and they certainly succeed.

Christmas is a time of giving, and this suits the shops perfectly. Halfway through the year they begin with their advertisements.

"Lay-by for Christmas with our new system, NOW. You could save SO much!"

"Christmas is only six months away. Have you inspected our range of souvenirs? REMEMBER—overseas postage closes in four months!"

How ridiculous! They must think we are stupid. Well, they are right. As soon as we see these advertisements, we begin to worry about Christmas.

As it draws nearer, we are out buying cards at unearthly prices. Certainly, most attractive ones can be bought for threepence, but the shops are not as half-witted as their salesgirls may make them appear to be. Each card is clearly stamped with its price, so that we have to buy more expensive ones because "the Smiths sent us a big one last year and we can't send them a cheap little thing".

Does it never occur to people that it is the thought that counts? Apparently not. Christmas cards have become status symbols, or symbols of the sender's opinion of the receiver.

"Huh! Fancy sending me a threepenny card. Well, she won't get a sixpenny one from me again!" How pathetic it is! But it does not stop at cards. Far from it! I have seen such ridiculous advertisements as:

"Mother would love a leather-bound dictionary for Christmas!" Good gracious, would she really?

In November, the "Santa" onslaught begins. All the big stores are advertising "Santa".

"Hey kids! Come and see Santa. Free balloons

The team contained several new players amongst whom there is some potential.

Lindsay Shepherd (captain)—left inner. Chosen for Northern Tasmanian schoolboys' team.

Daryl Cramer (vice-captain)—centre forward. Has good ball control and is a reliable bully.

Derek Jones—left wing. A fast winger who, through his good passes, enabled some valuable goals to be scored.

Paul Haley—right inner. Has good ball control and stick work.

Robert Orr—right wing. Because of his size, he was much under-rated by the opposing sides.

Kevin Crozier—left half. Has a good hit and is a sound defensive player.

Lawson Ride—centre half. Has a good hit and was a worry to the opposing forwards.

Chester Crozier—right half. Has good defence and good ball control.

Brian Edwards—left back. Good tackler and a constant threat to opposing teams.

Adrian Jessup—right back. Good defence with uncanny judgment but will have to learn to control powerful hits.

Garry Hardwick—goalie. Lacks experience but made some very valuable saves.

Michael Jessup—reserve. Has very good control and good stick work.

for all!"

This strikes me as being rather selfish. For a start, the very young children must begin to wonder just how many "Santas" there are. But the shops do not worry about that.

"Santa" takes a child on his knee, gives him a balloon with the name of the store scrawled across it, and tells him to "whisper to Santa and tell him what you want for Christmas." The unsuspecting child confidently tells "Santa" all about the walking-talking doll, the electric railway, or whatever it may be, and "Santa" promises not to forget to bring it. Then the child, full of excitement, runs off to tell Mummy.

"Santa promised he won't forget my railway!" Well, what can Mummy do? One cannot break a promise . . .

And so, every year, Christmas gets bigger and bigger, and more and more expensive, and all because of modern commercialism. What will it be like in the future?

Julie Walton, B1.

A COUNTRY TOWN

The ivy covered cottages line the road. The dusty railway station silently watches the diesel trains thunder past,

And silently thinks of the days when the blackened puffing-billy panted back and forth.

The fountain in the fork of the road longs for the horses to come and drink from it,

As they once did. The old stone church, damp and cold, looks over the quiet streets.

As the church clock strikes midday, the shouts of the happy school children break the still and languid country atmosphere.

Ruth Brown, B1.

INTERSTATE TRIPS

This year two parties from the school made interstate trips—one to Canberra and one to Melbourne. Both trips are reviewed here by participants.

CANBERRA

The trip to Canberra, for fourth year Social Studies and History students, was arranged for the May holidays, and was under the direction of Mr. Dunn and Miss Jordan. 19th May.

On arrival at Essendon from Western Junction, the group was shown over the T.A.A. overhaul and maintenance facilities at the airport. After lunch in the Cockpit Restaurant, we were taken on a coach tour of the city, visiting in the process the I.C.I. building, which is twenty-two storeys high. The driver told us that fifteen tons of putty were used to secure the hundreds of windows. After taking photos of the view, which stretched miles into the distance, we went to the Shrine of Remembrance, which has a dark shadowy basement full of wreaths. We then went to the Myer Music Bowl, which gave the appearance of a huge tent.

Some time was spent in a short but bewildering visit to the Stock Exchange. We then went on to Port Melbourne, where an Italian ship was berthed amongst many others. The party then moved to Spencer Street Station, where we boarded the Sydney-bound "Spirit of Progress".

After a sleepless night, we tumbled out of the train at Goulburn into an atmosphere seemingly well below freezing point, and huddled on the station wrapped in rugs, waiting for the train for Canberra. This proved to be a clattering little train in comparison with the centrally heated, modern "Spirit". 20th May.

At eight o'clock we drew into a dilapidated little station, which, we were informed, was Canberra! It did not give us a very good first impression of the nation's capital. A coach then transferred us to our motel, the "Victor Lodge", in Kingston, a central suburb of Canberra. We had breakfast and then went on to Parliament House.

We visited firstly the House of Representatives, where question time was in progress. We were feeling very sleepy after our night on the train, but apparently we were not the only ones. Many members of Parliament seemed to be finding it hard to keep awake, and when we entered the Senate, one member was actually asleep. So much for the government of Australia!

After this, we drove to the War Memorial, where we had lunch at the Kiosk, and bought some souvenirs. After lunch we strolled round the War Memorial, but we really needed two or three days to see it all properly.

From here we progressed to Mount Stromlo to see the observatories, passing en route the foreign embassies. Some of us saw a few of them, but most of the party were more interested in sleeping than sight-seeing. In the observatory we were given an extremely technical explanation of how the whole set worked.

On the return we passed the Australian National University. After a short rest at the motel, we dined and then were taken to the Red Hills Restaurant, situated on a hill from where it was possible to see the city lights through a telescope and binoculars. 21st May.

The next morning, after visiting Regatta Point, where there is a model of the city, we were allowed time for shopping. Our next visit was to the Institute of Anatomy, where we saw many biological specimens, specially designed so it seemed to put us off our dinners.

After dinner we went to the Government Printer, where strict security measures are taken. We were not even allowed to read or touch anything.

Then it was time to leave for home. On the way to the airport, we passed the Australian-American War Memorial, which consists of a high column with an eagle on the top. On the Canberra-Melbourne plane, our Malaysian air hostess gave us literature on the Malaysian Airways. Eventually we reached Melbourne, changed planes for Launceston, and arrived on the home airstrip at eight o'clock—exhausted, but happy.

MELBOURNE

The party visiting Melbourne consisted of thirty boys and Mr. Simpson and Mr. Buckley. The four of five days was organised to give boys doing technical work an opportunity to see different aspects of industry and perhaps help them in their choice of occupation.

T.A.A.'s official photographer was awaiting the arrival of the group at Essendon and a group photograph was taken. A conducted tour of T.A.A.'s workshops and hangars was made, this was followed by lunch and then we boarded a bus for a short tour of the city. Then we visited the Government Aircraft Factory at Fishermen's Bend, where we saw the new Mirage Jet Fighter (which flies at twice the speed of sound) and the Jindivik Target Plane being built. We boarded the bus again, and after another short city tour, we arrived at our hotel, the Federal. The evening was spent discovering "How the West Was Won" in Cinerama.

Wednesday saw the party firstly visiting the Mobil Oil Refinery at Altona. To begin with, a film explaining the principle of refining crude oil was shown to us. This was very well presented and gave us all a clear understanding of what was then shown to us—the Refinery itself. From Altona we travelled to Geelong, where we visited the R.S.L. Woollen Mills. This inspection proved most informative, as we saw the complete process from scouring the raw wool to the production of the completed article. From Geelong we returned to the big city and spent the evening touring A.B.V.-Channel 2.

Thursday was occupied with a full day trip to Morwell and Yallourn to see the brown coal fields, open cut mining and the production of briquettes and electricity. This was the first occasion on which some of the boys had experienced a train ride and speeds of 60 m.p.h. were recorded for miles on end.

Friday morning was spent shopping at Chadstone and the afternoon saw us inspecting the General Motors- Holden engine works at Fishermen's Bend. This was the highlight of the tour. The manager himself welcomed us and conducted us through the moulding, machinery and assembly plants. Here we saw the Holden engine being built up from the rough casting to the completed motor running on the test bench.

We visited the Museum of Applied Science the following morning. This proved very popular, and it was generally felt that much more time could have been spent inspecting the working models of all types of engines and machinery. To complete the tour a trip was arranged on "Puffing Billy", a narrow gauge (2ft.) train, running from Belgrave to Menzies Creek. From there we boarded the bus and journeyed back to Essendon where thirty, tired, happy and wiser boys boarded their Viscount Airliner for the flight home to Western Junction.



SENIOR MIXED CHOIR

Music in the School

Once again the Launceston High School has provided a wide range of activities and opportunities in music-making and music appreciation throughout the school. There are numerous very talented musicians in the school and consequently many successes in competitions have been obtained.

Principal successes at the Launceston Competitions were:—

Senior Girls' Choir—placed first in 16 years and under event for the seventh consecutive year.

Senior Mixed Choir—first in Championship choral section.

Small group work

—6-12 voices under 18, part singing—first.

—6-12 voices under 18, unison singing—first.

Ensemble playing under 18—school group, first.

Piano work—Helen Rouhliadeff, first in Beethoven piano solo under 18, Mozart piano solo under 18 and British solo under 18.

—Leona Donnelly, first in under 18 Australian composition.

—Leona Donnelly and Helen Rouhliadeff, first in under 18 piano duet.

Vocal—Maree Ryan, first in Junior Vocal Championship in Launceston Competitions and Hobart Eisteddfod.

—Helen Lawson, Leona Donnelly and Maree Ryan, first in vocal trio under 18.

Devonport Eisteddfod successes:

Piano work—Helen Rouhliadeff, first in open British piano solo, under 18 piano solo, Juvenile Championship under 18, open championship, and winner of Thomas White Scholarship for second year in succession.

—Leona Donnelly and Helen Rouhliadeff, first in under 18 piano duet.

Vocal—Leona Donnelly, first in under 18 girls' solo.

Ensemble work, under 18—school group placed first.

Radio and Television Performances.

Again this year school choirs were invited several times to sing on the ABC's "Young Australia" programme which is heard throughout Australia. They were also heard over Tasmanian stations in a performance accompanied by the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra.

An indication of the quality of their singing and the high regard in which they are held may be gained from the fact that the senior mixed choir appeared on television in Channel 3's first birthday celebrations from the National Theatre.

Evening of Music.

November saw the staging of what has now become an annual event in the school—the Evening of Music. The large audience was treated to a spirited programme from pianists, vocalists, choirs, the school orchestra and recorder players. Tremendous enthusiasm was obvious in all performances—whether individual or group—and this merited a warm response from the appreciative audience.

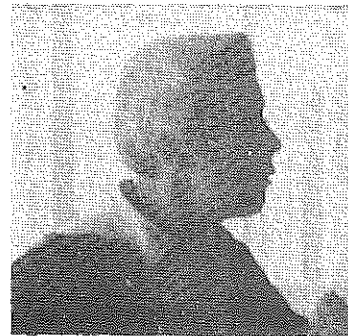


SCHOOL ORCHESTRA



SENIOR GIRLS' CHOIR

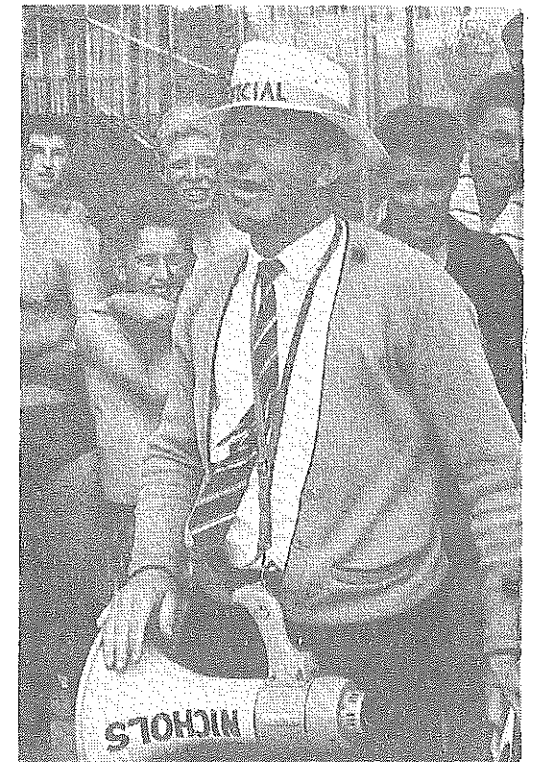
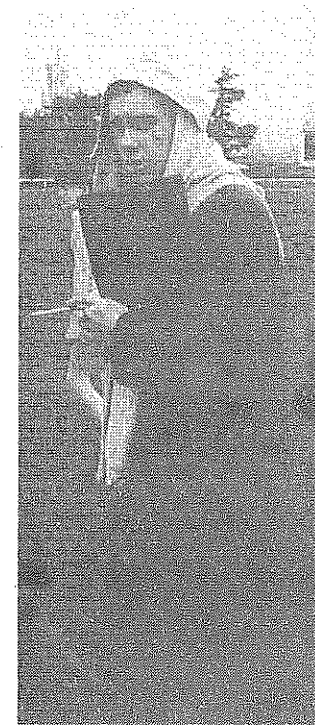
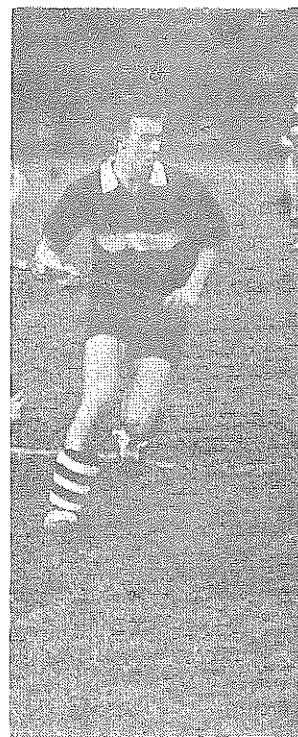
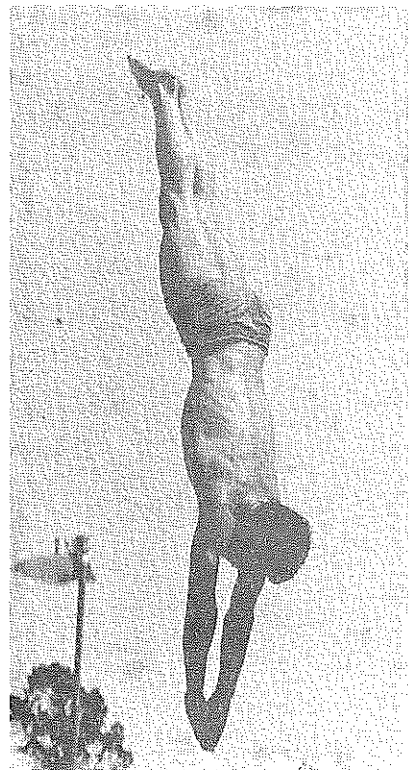
Expressions!



"Come on, Franklin"!



"Come on, Wilmot"!



"SLOBFACE"

I first made the acquaintance of Slobface during a hectic Biology lesson, which could hardly be called a lesson any more, but a bitter struggle between Slobface and me.

Our first meeting took place on the compost-heap in the school garden. Three of us had been given a paper-bag, with strict instructions to get "at least six nice, healthy, juicy snails!" Neither Margaret nor I was exactly enamoured of the slime which snails secrete, and so we merely turned over leaves with our feet, telling Barbara to pick them up. I started to feel a bit guilty after five snails had been put in the bag by Barbara's unwilling little fingers, and so I made a mental vow to pick up the next one I found all by myself! If only I had remained a coward! The next snail I found, although I did not yet know it, was Slobface. With a shudder, I picked him from a lump of rotting apple and dropped him in the bag. After this gesture towards Science, I felt very virtuous, and so we decided to return with our bag full of slimy Molluscs to the Biology laboratory.

The more enthusiastic girls were sitting there, eagerly anticipating the treat of letting snails crawl over their hands. The rest of them, of the same heroic calibre as I, were pale with dread.

Mrs. Pickup came and gave out the snails, one between two. I began to feel reassured—the girls in front of us had a sweet little one with a pale shell. But I am not the star pupil of the Biology class, and so Mrs. Pickup decided I needed some encouragement. The result was Slobface. "A nice big, healthy one for you!" Margaret went green. She likes snails as much as I like tarantulas.

Each of us was supplied with some paper to let our little friends slime over. As soon as I put Slobface on mine, he started to make, slowly but surely, for the edge of Margaret's book. All the time the other girls were encouraging their sweet little snails to poke their ugly little heads out of their slimy little shells, Slobface explored our desk. Margaret watched him in horrified fascination, while I bravely fenced him in with rulers, pencils and boxes. These were hastily removed when he started to make a trail of slime on my ruler.

When all the snails had been coaxed from their shells, we were told to turn them on their backs and look for the "collar". Slobface did not take kindly to this humiliation—not that he was to blame. (If I were a snail, I would also object to being held in an undignified position by dirty little human fingers, especially if they belonged to a girl who was not a snail's best friend). He squirmed around until he could slide all over the shell and reach my fingers. As I had been in a trance-like state, I did not notice this until Margaret let out a scream of horror and said, "He's squashing himself on your fingers!"

Poor Slobface found himself unceremoniously dropped on the table. The shock of being dropped with a cry of "Oh, you SLOB!" would have driven any lesser snail back into its shell, but not so Slobface. He raised himself on his muscular foot, gave an irritable snort, or the nearest thing to a snort for a snail, gave me a contemptuous wave of his tentacle, and continued with the absorbing pastime of oozing all over my pencils. I must admit that I could not help but admire his stubborn defiance.

He did not appreciate being put on a glass slide for us to admire his underneath. For some reason

he was very touchy about his underside. It was, I suppose, a very insecure position for him on a thin glass slide, at what must have seemed to him a height of at least ten thousand feet. His underside was not the most beautiful sight in the world to behold, and that was probably the reason he did not want us to examine it. He had what might be a beauty among snails themselves, but which was rather repugnant to us—a well-developed slime-duct! As a matter of fact, no snail in the class had a better one.

"Come and see the BEAUTIFUL slime duct on Marguerite's snail!" was the general cry, as all the girls crowded around to watch Slobface. Here he was in his element. He gave us disdainful looks, rather like a miniature camel with a slimy belly, and slowly oozed around in his most vulgar manner.

Somehow the lesson passed all too quickly. The hatred Slobface and I had for each other was something quite special. I think in his heart he liked me as much as I liked him, but being an ill-bred, vulgar, compost-heap snail, it was far beneath his dignity to make any sign of affection.

Everybody thankfully replaced their snails in the box and sighed with "Thank goodness that's over! What's next? Geography! Groan!" expressions on their faces. All except me, that is. I was busy chasing Slobface under the table, while Margaret had convulsions laughing at him. At last I grabbed him by the shell, hit him on the nose to make him retire to the seclusion of his little house, and marched him off to the glass box where he was to be put with his friends. At least, I meant him to go into his shell. But being a stubborn snail, he oozed over my finger and waved a tentacle vaguely at Margaret.

I saw the last of him when I had finished washing the slime from my fingers. He was bullying all the other snails, and making them give him a comfortable position. How typical of that vulgar, but lovable, Slobface!

Marguerite Harmsen, B1.

JOURNEY FROM GERMANY

This is a true story of a boy who has had the experience of being on a German ship, the Skobryn that caught fire and sank the next morning near the Maldiv Islands in 1956.

It was a black night when a man came around knocking on doors telling the passengers that a fire had broken out in the engine room. People were rushing around the deck clambering into life-boats. Kim's father and some other men stayed on the ship to help the people into the boats. All belongings left on the ship were destroyed. The life boats were old and leaky and most of the time was spent baling out the water. His mother was worrying about his father who was still on the burning ship and who would have to swim to safety when the time came.

The people were in the water for five hours before a ship came to their rescue. The ship was an Italian tanker that was in the area and had heard the S.O.S. signals. All passengers and crew survived, except for the captain who died from severe burns. The tanker took them to Colombo where they spent a fortnight before a plane could take them to Darwin and from there to Melbourne where the "Taroona" took them to Tasmania, where they have lived ever since.

Story from Kim Vocke, D5.
Written by Peter Bradford, D2.

A SALE AT A DEPARTMENTAL STORE

The women pushed and shoved to secure a good place when the doors would open in ten minutes' time. One fat woman dressed in a thick red coat, dragging a small blonde-haired girl after her, almost knocked an elderly gentleman over in her hurry. Another woman, who looked as if she would be lucky to have a penny to her name, came bustling down the street in a pair of hideous thick-heeled shoes. She bowled over to the window and squeezed along it to the door, where she secured herself a permanent position to await the opening of the sale.

At five to nine, a bus pulled up across the street. It immediately emptied and dozens more bargain-hunting women swept towards the store, where the weekly sale was being held. Some young girls, dressed in black, hurried round to the staff entrance, and scuttled towards their counters.

"What's the time?" asked a young girl, in an abrupt manner.

"Almost nine o'clock," replied her rich-looking mother.

Ten-nine-eight, the count down had begun—seven-six-five, the women pushed closer to the doors as young men appeared and began preparing to unlock them. Four-three-two-one. The doors were opened and the young men quickly stepped out of the path of the women, who swept into the store, thinking of no-one but themselves.

The fat woman dressed in red, ran down towards the slipper counter and grabbed a pair of red tartan jiffies.

"Giv' me these," she demanded of the sales girl, in a high pitched voice.

Meanwhile, a pretty young woman had been carried, by the other women, towards the pot-plant counter, only to discover this was not where she had intended to go.

Back at the slipper counter dozens of pushing women tried to gain articles to meet their wants.

"Ave ye got any size foives?" asked a thin woman, abruptly.

A few moments later, one of the men who had opened the door, pushed his way towards the counter, holding a box of the jiffy specials. The women stood back a little as he emptied the box, but immediately they began snatching at the contents of this new box of the sought-after special. The poor young assistant found it exceedingly difficult to extricate himself from these greedy females.

A young untidy-looking woman was searching in vain for a pair of jiffies, size six, but did not seem to be having much luck. A sophisticated middle-aged woman was also looking for a pair the same size. She found a red pair and angelically held them up to the shop assistant.

"Could I have these, please?" she asked in a sweet voice.

"Giv' 'em to me," said the untidily-dressed woman. "I want 'em and I'm 'aving 'em."

"But . . ."

"They're mine! I seen 'em first", she said, and roughly handed them to a pale-looking assistant.

The middle-aged woman was left to recommence her search for another pair, size six.

When the jiffies were finally sold out, the women scuttled to where another bargain was on sale.

Only at nine thirty, when the store was almost exhausted of bargains, did the number of bargain-hunting women decrease. Some still continued to

walk up and down the passage between the counters hoping that the windows would soon be undressed and a few more sale items added to the now almost empty counters.

Only when the windows were finally emptied of the weekly specials could the girls behind the counters relax after a hectic sale in a departmental store.

Dawn Bartley, B1.

THE VIOLINIST

As they watched him slinking furtively down the street, to and from his apartment, no one ever realized what his purpose in life was. He was never seen without his precious violin case, supposedly containing his violin. Rumours told that he was a spy, returned from the war; others said his broad Cockney accent was a disguise for his true German accent. Now and then children would visit his apartment much to their parents' disgust, for they would return to their homes with gruesomely, lurid detailed stories of bombs wiping out whole villages, and people being shot or burned to death. The children reported that he had played them beautiful melodies as they wandered through his dingy flat, admiring the small ornaments and curiosities that littered his rooms.

At last children were forbidden near his apartment, and had to be content with amusing themselves in the rooms of other slums. Still he walked up and down the street, his sad face growing more wistful as he saw the children apparently ignoring him, as they chased each other around the street, but never near his section. Gradually the hand that grasped his violin case grew thinner and more claw-like. Eventually the faint flicker of a smile, shown when he was recognised by his friends, the children, ceased to light up his wrinkled visage.

He left his house even less now, and when he did, his care-furrowed brow seemed to shrink as the neighbours gaped in wonderment at him. Not having seen him for some time, the people of the street began to worry. The grandmothers of the street proclaimed their prophecies that they knew he would not last if they took the children from him. Deciding to investigate, the bolder women went to the door of his apartment and when their knock remained unanswered, they entered.

Much to their surprise, the room was scrupulously clean. In a large arm-chair beside the dying ember-filled fireplace sat a peaceful figure, lost to the cares of this world, clasping a small child's handkerchief to his heart. A search of the room produced only a small bundle of papers, bearing the pass-port photos of a young woman, and two children bearing a remarkable resemblance to the old man. True, the old man's Cockney accent was a disguise for a German one. He was a German Jew and had truly known the tortures of German prisoner of war camps, for he had narrowly escaped the gas-torture chamber, which had taken the lives of his wife and children. He had left a small fortune for the building up of a playground and hall, for the enjoyment of children who had been unable to partake of the opportunities his children would have enjoyed, had they escaped the wicked torture chamber.

Elizabeth Bertram, C1.

ARMY CADET UNIT

The Cadet Unit this year has been conducted by C.U.O. K. Lennard under the supervision of A.R.A. instructor W.O.H Long. The year began with an enrolment of 48 members, comprising mainly first year cadets.

So far this year two range parades have been held at Mowbray Rifle Range during the first and second terms and training was given in the firing of the .303 rifle. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to arrange any bivouacs this year.

Our rifle team which took part in the Earl Roberts competition was defeated in the semi-finals. It was a great disappointment to the team as, having won the Tasmanian Shoot for the previous two years, the members hoped over-optimistically to take the hat-trick.

About 28 cadets attended the annual camp at Brighton. The highlight of this camp was to be a four-day bivouac, but as the weather was very unfavourable this had to be cancelled. Daily excursions, by foot and by truck, were substituted and training in field craft given. The detachment was under the command of C.U.O. D. P. Carter and both he and his unit acquitted themselves very satisfactorily.

The future of the unit is bound up with the change of the school into a Matriculation College. It seems that next year the unit will be a smaller one as the classes below Matriculation dwindle in number but it is hoped that even when the school comprises solely Matriculation students, there will still be a small but enthusiastic Cadet Unit.

AIR TRAINING CORPS

This year the Flight has been over its establishment of 30, many prospective cadets having to be turned away because of this.

Highlights of the year's activities were the annual camp at Brighton during the May holidays and the annual inter-squadron rifle shoot between teams from all Australian States. Our representative in the State Rifle team was Flt. Sgt. E. Harding.

In the Intra-State shoots at Launceston and Hobart our representatives in the Northern team were Flt. Sgt. Harding, Cpl. Gardner and Cdt. Goss.

Promotion this year was earned by E. Harding to Flt. Sgt., J. Dicker to Sgt. and N. Gardner and A. Creek to Cpl.

Our flight had very strong representation in the Air Force week and Youth Sunday parades through the city, and all cadets were very pleased to accept the invitation to be guests of the management to see the film "The Great Escape".

The Flight would like to thank the Permanent Air Force staff, Flg. Off. J. Shaw, W. Off. A. Perkins, and Sgt. D. Wilmot for their unselfish help throughout the year.

INTER-SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Counsellor: Mr. W. ten Broeke

Leader: Vicki Jackson

Secretary: Joan Austin

The Inter-School Christian Fellowship started in schools and Universities throughout Australia in 1929. Since then, most of the State Inter-School Fellowship and Crusader Union organisations have become linked with the Scripture Union which has

a record of service from 1879. This movement is not confined to Australia alone, but is world-wide.

This year, meetings have been held regularly on Thursdays, and we have had a programme varying from Missionary speakers, businessmen and committee efforts to a film strip and Bible studies.

In the September holidays there was a Matriculation House Party in Hobart, which was attended by Matriculation students all over the State. There was also a camp at Lake St. Clair for E-C class girls.

The main aim of the Inter-School Christian Fellowship Movement is to present the Word of God so that those to whom it is presented may be led to a personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

A SURVIVOR'S STORY

There was no consideration whatever for our feelings. The loudspeaker suddenly crackled and a voice came over the air.

"Would everyone go to their allotted rooms immediately?" We looked at one another in consternation, faces drawn with terror. Someone found his voice.

"Come on," he said huskily. "Let's get it over".

As we walked to our rooms, I felt a trembling elbow pushed against my side. We were all huddled tightly together, a terrified group, all trying not to show our fear. We entered the room. The very air seemed thick with tension, so that it was difficult to breathe without gasping.

An order rang out.

"Take your seats please, take your seats!"

"Good luck!" someone whispered, and I sat down, wondering how on earth we could possibly survive the oncoming disaster. The room was very still; all I could hear was the gasping breathing of my companions.

"Oh, goodness," I thought, "Can't someone make a noise? Why is it so still? Please, someone make a noise!"

Suddenly, as if in answer to my plea, there was a slow thudding noise at the back of the room, and a flapping, as if paper were being dropped.

The slow thud, thud, thud came nearer, and after each thud there was a flapping noise. After each flap, there was a stifled gasp, but I dared not turn round to see what was going on. Meanwhile, the thudding came nearer and nearer. The surprise was unbearable.

"What will it be like? Oh, what will it be like?" I thought frantically.

Then it happened! There was a thud as the teacher stepped up to my desk, and my paper flapped down in front of me.

Why, of why, do we have to take exams?

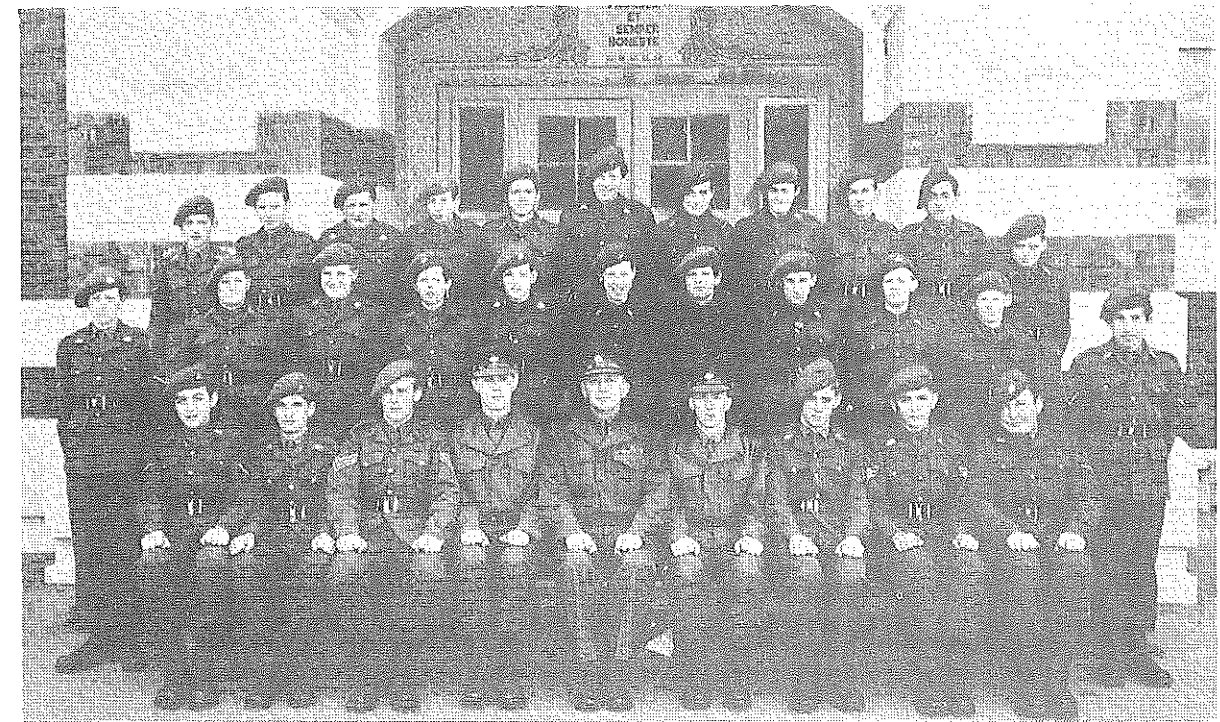
Julie Walton, B1.

MEMORIES

When children pass you in the streets,
With bags of lollies and other eats
You think of school when you were small,
And how you thought grown-ups were tall.

But now you're tall, old and grey,
You watch the children laugh and play,
And wish that you were only eleven,
Not your ripe old age of seventy-seven.

Christine Zuber, D1.



ARMY CADETS



AIR TRAINING CORPS

"The Way of the World"



THE CAST

For three nights in the last week of second term the major dramatic production of the school year was staged in the Assembly Hall. There was a capacity house on each of the three nights.

Over the years Launceston High School has compiled a long list of very successful productions to its credit. More recently we think of the outstanding success of such productions as Shakespeare's "The Tempest" and Andre Obey's "Noah". This year's production, "The Way of the World", was fully up to the high standard which our producer, Mr. Wesley, achieved with those earlier plays. He and his cast and the many members of staff who assisted him in the production are deserving of the highest praise. For "The Way of the World", a comedy written over 250 years ago and reflecting the highly polished and cultured manners and habits of Restoration society, is universally acknowledged to be a most difficult play to produce. Yet all who saw it (and the audience included some very discerning and critical Launceston theatre-goers), agreed that the play was thoroughly entertaining and, at the same time, captured the spirit of Congreve's masterpiece wonderfully well.

TREMENDOUS EFFORT

Tremendous effort went into the production. The stage sets, for example, stirred the admiration of the

audience on each night. They were imaginatively conceived and under the lights gave the semblance of elegance and style and richness. Responsible for these and certain items of stage furniture and furnishings were Mr. Younger, Mr. Woodward, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Harland, Mrs. Tart and Mr. Causley. The thoroughness of Mr. Wesley's production was indicated too in the many furnishings and ornaments and utensils of period flavour which enhanced the period effect created by the players, the costumes and the sets. The lighting of the stage also deserves special mention. Here was the only department of the production in which outside help was sought. Lighting was in the skilful hands of Mr. Phil Crocker and Mr. Jack Simmons who assisted him.

The costuming was memorable. Who can forget the strikingly beautiful gowns worn by Millamont and Harwood or that red apparel of Dennis Whitechurch as Witwoud or the general impression of richness and colour and velvet and lace and swirl of gowns and sparkle of buckles and scabbards? The costumes for each character, indeed, were so well selected and adapted that it is now impossible to



"You may read it if you please". (Act 5)

think of any character without thinking of that character in the costume worn in the school production.

THE CAST

Excellent as were the stage settings, costumes, properties, etc. they were matched by the quality of the performances of the cast. To quote from "The Examiner" report of the production—"It is no mean effort to transform athletic, games-playing young moderns into the fine ladies and gallants who could have stepped out of a gallery of ancestral portraits, and the producer must be congratulated on the metamorphosis".

The acting was uniformly excellent throughout and it is impossible to single out any particular player for praise. For the young members of the audience Dennis Whitechurch as the affected fop Witwoud, with his handkerchief dangling from the ring on his effeminately crooked little finger and his jerky bird-like movements of head and high-pitched voice undoubtedly gave most pleasure.

For many the play reached its peak of excellence with that exquisite scene in Act Four which brought together Philip Gunton as Mirabell and Stella Tart as Millamant. These two players had the very demanding leading roles but like the others in the cast succeeded admirably in establishing the characters they were playing in the minds of the audience. Opposed to them were Gregory Power as Fainall and Helen Rouhliadoff as Marwood. For their confidence of movement and intelligent use of

vocal intonation and facial expression these two deservedly won high praise. Rosemary Powell as Lady Wishford was a dominating figure in her scenes. But the lesser characters were as equally convincing as the major characters. Tiiu Raabus for example as Foible, a maidservant, turned in the kind of performance which in a film sometimes takes off an Academy Award. Not far behind her were Elizabeth Avery, excellent as Mincing, Donald Butler as Petulant, Suzette Salter as Peg, Peter Jerrim as Sir Wilful Witwoud, Leona Donnelly as Mrs. Fainall, Marilyn Frost as Betty, Ian Gilbertson as Waitwell and Robert Winall in his brief appearance as Messenger.

The whole play had the pace and flair and sustained drama that one associates with professional performances, or at least with the productions of major repertory companies. Despite the length of the play, and the extent to which it relies on verbal exchanges and the play of intellect, there were no flagging moments. In each scene one's interest in the development of the conflict was caught and held. The play carried the audience along with its own momentum, entries and exits were expertly timed, climaxes deftly built and the dialogue taken with an assurance and pace that brought out fully the comedy and spirit of the play.

To sum up—delightful entertainment, tremendous assistance for A Class students studying the play for Matriculation and for the cast and others closely associated with the play a satisfying and memorable experience in dramatic effort.



"Mincing, stand between me and his wit". (Act 2)



"Oh, the pious friendships of the female sex". (Act 2)



"Beastly creature, I know not what to do with him!" (Act 4)

FLINDERS ISLAND

Often I have been asked what kind of an island is Flinders Island. Some people may think of it as being a barren desolate stretch of rocky land lashed by mountainous waves and inhabited only by descendants of the Tasmanian Aborigines and American whalers who were the first to settle on the nearby islands. Others may think of it as an exotic paradise. But Flinders Island is neither. It is as though a piece of land similar to the terrain and vegetation of the North East Coast of Tasmania, measuring twenty by forty miles, has been surrounded by sea.

Early last century, a settlement was made on the island for the last of the Tasmanian Aborigines, but it was not until the 1860s that whites settled. From these settlers has grown a community of warm, hospitable people.

Whitemark is the administrative and commercial centre, while Lady Barron is the main fishing port and port of call for the trading vessels which export the island's produce. Three miles from Whitemark is the longest grass airfield in Australia on which planes land six times a week from Melbourne and Launceston.

Wild game is plentiful and during the duck shooting season, shooters come from as far afield as America. Fishing, goose, kangaroo and quail shooting are also popular pursuits. Flinders Island is the home of the once almost extinct Cape Barron Goose.

Mutton Birds are of great importance to the islanders. They provide a yearly revenue for the islanders who, every April sail to the adjacent islands to catch these short-tailed Shearwaters. Dairying, sheep, beef and fishing are the main sources of livelihood.

The craggy peaks of majestic Mt. Strezleck and the golden sands of peaceful beaches remain in the mind of the tourist to Flinders Island.

Entertainment for the island youths is usually self-made, such as secret car races on the island's new golf course. However, there are also numerous social functions. The islanders are particularly fond of sport. A variety of sports is played including football, golf, tennis, cricket and badminton.

Carlene Ellwood, C1.

IN A DENTIST'S WAITING ROOM

I stood trembling on the bottom step which led into the dimly-lit waiting room, I was aware that I had a dentist's appointment, which was indicated by that hated little card which I held in my shaking hand. Slowly I ascended the steps walking as if in a trance, wondering what horrors lay beyond the heavy oaken door. I was admitted by a crisp efficient nurse and the calmness in her voice did little to quell my troubled mind. I took my seat along with the other patients. I wondered stupidly why most of the other people treated a visit to the dentist as if it were an everyday event, especially as I had been having nightmares for a week.

An expectant silence settled over the room, broken occasionally by the flip of a page on a magazine. I kept my eyes fixed on the door leading to what I visualized as an electric chair. At any moment I expected some tortured patient to come careering through the door, his mouth an ugly red mess. Other such gory visions also passed through my

demented mind.

Slowly, one by one, the people were sifted into the adjoining room from the waiting room. I watched their faces as they went in for signs of bravery, but I was too frightened to notice them when they returned.

I felt the blood drain from my face when the nurse finally announced that it was my turn. I stumbled across the threadbare carpet and into the surgery. The room smelt strongly of disinfectant and was spotlessly clean as was the dentist and his nurse. I was petrified in fear of the horrifying agony which I was to undergo within the next ten minutes, or maybe it was an hour. I shuddered at the thought. I allowed myself to be led into the large chair which was raised up to the giddy height of three feet. I think my resistance must have been extremely low, otherwise I would have made a bolt for it. Instead I sat there coming out in a cold and hot sweat.

As the dentist moved towards me I gripped the side of the chair as I saw the pliers he held, or at least they looked like pliers. He bade me open my mouth and I dumbly obeyed. His obese fingers prodded in my mouth for a few minutes, during which I remained very tense. I had my eyes screwed as tightly shut as I could so as not to look at his intense gaze into my mouth.

"You may go now, Miss", he announced a few minutes later.

"G - - g - - go!" I stammered. I nearly passed out with relief.

"Yes, but ask the nurse to make an appointment for next week to have a tooth extracted".

That time I really did pass out!

Anonymous.

SKIING

On the mountain peak sublime,
It was like the start of time,
For eerie stillness filled the air,
And not a sign of life was there.

Over snow clad slopes I sped,
White grotesque shapes loomed ahead,
I traversed all of these with glee,
Like a wild bird that is free.

The Alpine cabin appeared too soon,
But recompense was a firelit room,
With warmth and happiness everywhere,
And the smell of cooking in the air.

Bronwyn Jetson, D1.

"FLOOD"

Down pours the pattering rain,
On the roof and against the window pane,
To the brim it fills the ditches,
Then into the creek it tumbles and pitches.
Swiftly along the creek it goes,
Until it reaches the point where the river flows.
It enters the river broad and wide
Which floods the fields from side to side,
Then over bridges and ridges
It tumbles and falls
And rumbles and sprawls,
As it journeys on its way,
Until it reaches the sea,
Where it mixes with the white salt spray.

Marcus Badcock, D2.

MY EARLY LIFE

Here is the story of a girl who is not so fortunate as most of us. A stranger in a foreign land, Marie has only been attending school for about four and a half years.

I come from China, about seventy miles out of Shanghai. We used to live on a farm, but we did not have fences around our property.

My mother is Russian and my father is part Russian and part Cossack. Dad grew wheat on the farm while Mum looked after the bee-hives. We had about fifty hives. As soon as the wheat was ready to be harvested, Mum and all our family used to help. We had enough to eat at the time we lived on the farm, but, later when we had to move to Shanghai, we had to live in a little shack and had only a bag of sweet potatoes and rice that had to last us for one month. It was a bad time for us, for my father could not get a job.

We moved to Shanghai because one day an army of soldiers came to every farm house and told people to go to Russia. But my parents did not want to go to Russia, so the soldiers made us and others go to Shanghai. We had to leave everything behind. They put about fifteen families in an army truck—women, children and men. On the way, some people were almost squashed. It took nearly two days for the journey.

During the two years we lived there I did not go to school, as I was not old enough. You had to be seven before you went to school there and school was not free for us. When Mum could afford school fees, my brother and sister used to go.

I would like to go back and see all my cousins, aunts and uncles, but I would not like to live there again, as life is much better in Tasmania.

All our family are so happy and I cannot say how glad we are to be here.

Marie Kurtukoff, D5.

TO DANCE OR NOT TO DANCE!

The boys are on one side, the girls on the other,
They giggle and jostle and nudge one another,
The orchestra plays at a maddening pace,
But at last it's the priest who settles the case.

He first clears his throat and then claps his hands
And announces that now they must all come and dance,
The choice, he declares, is one they all know,
The "Jolly Miller"—"Come, strike it up, Joe!"

The boys straggle in, the girls are most shy,
They all turn their heads as the boys pass by.
At first it's a circle—the boys lead around,
The girls are self-conscious, their eyes on the ground.

Young Fred in a jacket of gaudy red tweed,
Was finding it hard to keep to a creed,
He was having a night of deplorable luck,
They were such poor dancers with whom he was stuck.

His first gentle partner was one of repute,
She insisted on grabbing a hold on his suit,
The unfortunate fellow could feel the seam split
He wished she would loosen her hold just a bit!

At last it was over, he let out a sigh
And scanned all the pretty ones passing him by.
But next time he found himself landed with 'Geeves',
Who dragged him around in a series of heaves.

By now, quite exhausted, he walked round again,
And found himself facing a motherly hen,
She clucked and she fussed and she trod on his toe,
And left her poor partner a picture of woe.

The next one was trying to work off his arm,
He thought he should tell her to do him no harm,
For try as he might to keep his arm still,
She moved it around at her own brutal will.

At last it was over, he let out a sigh,
He wanted to waltz her around in a whirl,
And then . . . all was silent . . . he could not begin
For the anthem was played as a sign of the end!

Sue Donnelly, B1.

UNINSPIRED

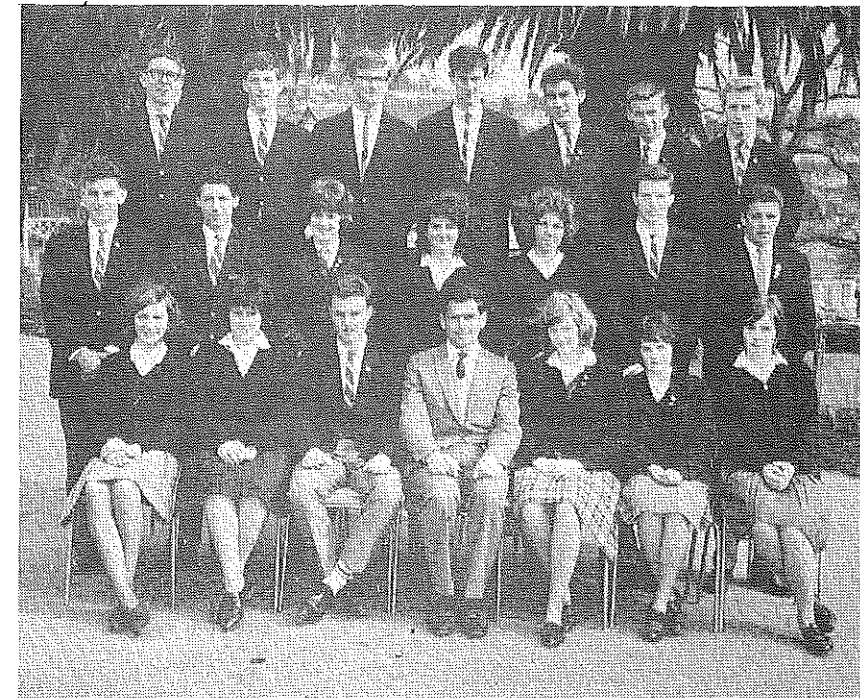
I am seeking enlightenment about life. Can anyone prove to me that I am not dreaming my life? For I believe that life is a dream, a horrible dream. I do not belong here, for how can I when I remember vaguely another world—the world I came from, where all was pure and good. Perhaps I am here, because of some dreadful mistake I made in that land of purity and goodness centuries ago, and perhaps I am not destined to return there ever. However, I will continue to cling to the hope that one morning I will wake up in a different yet familiar world to me, and the long heart-breaking dream of the night before will be forgotten. So, I say to myself, what is the use of studying for any goal in this life, this dream, when for all I know I may wake up and all my studying and heart-ache will have been for nothing in my land of no ambition. Anyway, that is as good a reason as any for why I have not started studying for Schools Board yet.

I am seeking enlightenment about mirrors also. Can anyone prove to me that mirrors don't tell lies? We rely on mirrors so much. I believe that I am really very beautiful. That is why I won't believe that the scab-covered mottled face I see in the mirror is me, and no one can prove to me that it is. Perhaps through another person's eyes, I would see myself for what I really am, but I notice that people who glance at my countenance recoil. Oh, this world of false values! Oh, to be back where I came from!

In the meantime, though, I will go on enduring this existence. I will go on hoping and longing for the day when I will be returned to that distant place from which I came. Longing for the day to come when I will leave this earth with its lying mirrors, and be recognised for the true beauty I really am. I hope, too, that that day will arrive before the Schools Board exam.

Dianne Murphy, D1.

Matriculation Section



STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Front: E. Avery, S. Branagan, N. Gregory, Mr. Dunn, M. Frost, T. Cox., H. Tierney.
Middle: P. Greaves, C. Middleton, R. Donaldson, C. Cooper, J. Waters, K. Atherton,
D. Keating.
Back: W. MacLaine, D. Whitchurch, A. Kitchener-Faulkner, R. Scott, W. Atkinson,
J. Pugh, A. Walker.

STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The S.R.C. has been working hard this year, doing its best to help both the students and the staff. It has carried on the work started by the two previous councils and has also begun some original work of its own.

The S.R.C. was elected by the rules of the new constitution at the beginning of the year and the first meeting was held on March 31. At this meeting, the three main committees were appointed and the operations of S.R.C. began.

Most of the work of the S.R.C. is dealt with in the various committees, but there are some general activities which cannot be classified under committee activities. Such a one is the inquiry into and the suggestions concerning excessive home work under which many students were labouring. Another among the first jobs undertaken by the Council was that of suggesting, through a letter to the University, the revision of the classification of Economics so the courses of Matriculation students would not be so restricted.

Following a plea for constructive criticism, the

S.R.C. made a move on speech night which it was felt was lowering its traditionally high standards. After much discussion, a report was prepared and presented to the students and staff. Both bodies found it acceptable and we hope that it will help in the organisation of future speech nights.

S.R.C. made an early recommendation that approximately 50 note folders be made available this year and this number be increased next year. Suggestions were made for the S.R.C. of 1965 to help the more efficient organisation of the athletic carnival. Suggestions were also made that future S.R.C.'s may consider the attendance of immediate ex-scholars at their social functions.

A roster of S.R.C. members was drawn up to help run Matric. Assemblies by attending to small items such as the distribution of hymn books. The Council tried to initiate a movement toward improved locker facilities, but lack of co-operation from students halted it almost before it began.

S.R.C. made discreet inquiries into some matters such as the possibility of obtaining dried mill-ends for kindling and the possible regulation of prices charged Matric. students by some Launceston hairdressers, but officialdom restricted any positive activity and the matters were dropped.

As the School Band no longer exists, the policy of donating dance proceeds to the Sheet Music Library was abandoned and dance proceeds, along with the S.R.C. levy of 2/3, went into the S.R.C. bank account.

Much time and effort were spent by S.R.C. in discussing and making a survey of canteen facilities in the school. It was felt that in the future it may be possible to have a restaurant-type canteen to serve the needs of students coming from outlying districts.

SPORTS REPORT

This year followed much the same pattern as 1963 in regard to sport. Matriculation teams won the "Examiner" Shield for competition against the Teachers' College, but lost a new Shield for inter-high sports to Hobart High School. Most teams fared well in their regular roster matches, and the social games against the staff proved as always a great success.

Hobart High won the Shield that they donated this year by winning 7 sports to Launceston's 3. We were successful in girls' hockey and boys' and girls' tennis only. A feature of the winter contests was the revival of the cross-country race. This was the first time this event had been run since the Second World War, and was convincingly won on this occasion by the Hobart High team.

In the "Examiner" Shield Competition, we proved too strong for the Teachers' College, winning quite comfortably in an interesting competition. Matric. was successful in cricket, softball, football, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' tennis and boys' squash.

In the competition between the groups, Gold again finished in front. The competition was intensified this year with the addition of a third group—Blue. Sports played were hockey, football and girls' basketball and there were athletic and swimming carnivals. Champions were: Swimming—G. Addison (Blue Group) and J. Chipman (Blue); Athletics—P. Rose (Red) and P. Eadie (Red), (track), A. Kitchener-Faulkner (Red) and L. Ingram (Red) (field).

A lunchtime basketball competition was organised for Matric. boys, and this proved to be a very highly entertaining series.

The highlights of the year have been the Staff v. Matric. basketball games. These have been both rough and brilliant, but the Staff remained overall victors for another year. The boys are hoping to savour sweet revenge in the cricket and football games of term III.

The new teams in the school playing squash, badminton and table tennis showed considerable improvement during the year, although they gained little success against players of greater experience. They were more successful in local competition than against Hobart, the table tennis team winning the Reserve "A" grade men's table tennis cup and defeating Teachers' College. Consistent players throughout the season were G. Batten, W. Atkinson and M. Saltmarsh. The squash team was not particularly strong, but No. 1 player A. Denny gave a brilliant exhibition in defeating Hobart High's No. 1 player in the inter-high game.

GIRLS' TENNIS

The team this year had only two members left from last year. However, the girls soon moulded themselves into an effective team, gaining victories over Teachers' College and Hobart. Thanks go to Miss Dixon for her time and effort.

Carolyn Cooper (captain). A responsible captain and a consistent player.

Janet Dowden. Janet is an erratic player who fortunately always manages to be on form when the match is vital.

Marg Scott. Margaret is a very powerful player with sure, strong strokes and a good style. She is an asset to the team—always to be relied upon.

Lynette Smith. Lyn is a steady player who makes up in accuracy of placement what she lacks in power. She plays an open game with a good style.

Jill Williams. Jill's power to recover a winning shot never ceases to be amazing. Her determination gives her victory over many players of greater potential.

Leith Ingram. Leith is a talented player who would be a better player if she extended herself.

Marilyn Frost. Marilyn has wonderful potential as a player but not the determination. Her devastating display in Hobart showed the heights which she could reach.

SOFTBALL

In the local roster, the softball team won its way into the semi-finals, but were defeated, and the game against Hobart ended in a very convincing win for the opposition. Throughout the season, the team has shown a very fine team spirit.

Maree Ryan—(captain). An enthusiastic captain who quickly earned the full co-operation of her team. Maree's batting is sometimes erratic, but in the field she is 'deadly'.

Vicki Jackson—short stop. A good all-round player whose game is spoilt by patches of erratic throwing. She needs more confidence on the field.

Patsy Eadie—2nd base. Patsy has sound knowledge of the game which makes her a valuable team member. A good all-rounder.

Pam Grey—outfield. Pam anticipates and backs up well, but her throwing and batting need developing.

Leona Donnelly—pitcher. Leona is an enthusiastic team member who developed her pitching by constant practice. She has a safe base hit.

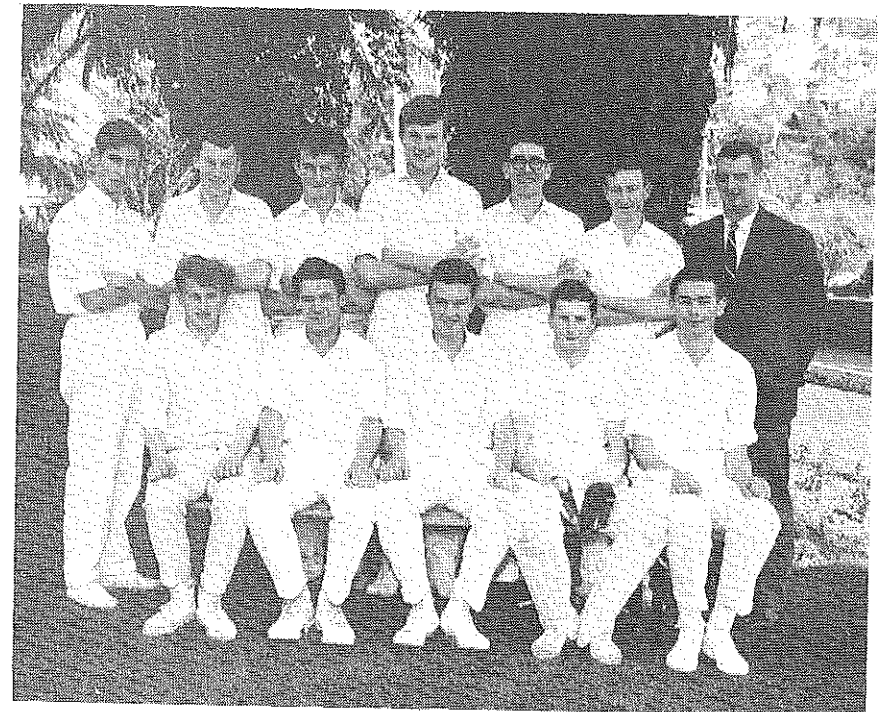
Helen Rouhliadoff—outfield. Helen has improved tremendously during the season. Her fielding is good but her batting and throwing need more power.

Nola Robinson—1st base and pitcher. Nola is a strong batter and thrower although sometimes erratic. She plays well at 1st base and is a good relieving pitcher.

Laurene Eddy—outfield. Laurene has a sure catch and a long throw and can be depended upon to bat strongly.

Jill Waters—catcher. Jill has good anticipation and a strong fast throw. She is an excellent catcher.

Tina Sheldrick—outfield. Tina needs encouragement on the field. When she concentrates she is capable of splendid matches and home runs. She is a very fast base runner.



CRICKET

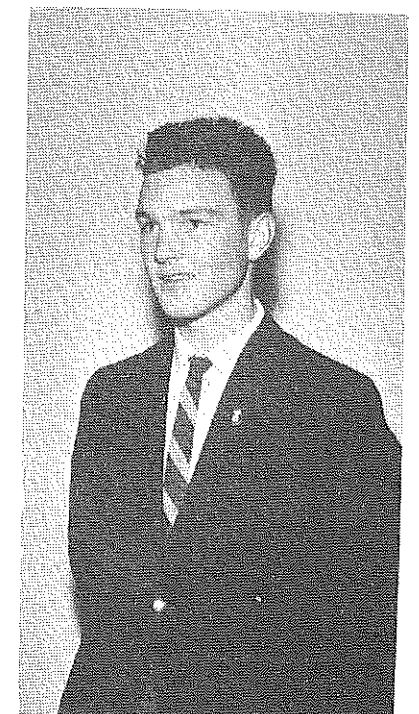
Back: L. Farrell, T. Luyendyk, R. Edmunds, B. Behan, W. MacLaine, R. Ashman, Mr. Watson.

Front: T. Stott, C. Middleton, N. Gregory, D. Hamilton, W. Piesse.



Presidents of the S.R.C.

Marilyn Frost



Norman Gregory

GIRLS' HOCKEY

The team this year was fortunate in retaining five of last year's players and played well to defeat Hobart High 1-0 despite an interrupted season. Although we were unfortunate in missing the final four of the Northern Tasmanian Women's Hockey roster, we played well, especially at the beginning of the season, to gain fifth position. The team thanks Miss Fowler for her help and encouragement throughout the season.

Marilyn Frost (captain)—left back. Marilyn has proved herself to be invaluable on the back line, consistently clearing the ball out of the opponents' scoring position with strong, well-placed shots.

Tina Sheldrick—centre forward. A consistent player, Tina has proved invaluable to the team. With her untiring determination and effort she has scored many valuable goals during the season.

Alison Wolff—left wing. A newcomer to the team, Alison has adapted herself well to the position of wing. An enthusiastic player who has tried hard all season.

Helen Lawson—left inner. A dependable player who has improved greatly throughout the season. Determination is the outstanding characteristic of her game. Helen played well in inter-high.

Pam Grey—right inner. With the advantage of speed, Pam frequently gained advantage over her opponents. Pam passes strongly and now combines well with the other forwards.

Sue Branagan—right wing. A newcomer to the team, Sue is a keen player who never stops trying. She needs to strengthen her wing passes to enable the inner forwards to score goals.

Marie Maguire—left half back. Because Marie has control of the ball she plays a consistent and powerful game. Marie played particularly well in inter-high.

Patsy Eadie—centre half back. Her experience and skill as a hockey player have made Patsy a most valuable asset to the team. With speed and consistency she has proved a tough opponent.

Roy Donaldson—left half back. A determined player, Roy can be depended on at all times to give of her best. She played well throughout the season.

Jill Kubank—right back. Jill is a capable and determined back, frequently clearing the opponents' goal-shots with well-placed hits.

Suzette Salter—goalie. Has improved greatly this season and proved to be an aggressive goalie, saving many goals.

Wendy Vince—emergency. An improved player, adaptable to almost any position. Played well as a back. She helped out frequently during the season when we were short.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The basketball team has not broken or established any records this year, but its performances have not been without success.

In the N.T.W.B.A. it reached the semi-finals of the roster before being beaten by North Esk.

In social matches against other schools, the team had mixed success, winning and losing with equal regularity. In the vital game against Hobart High, it went down by 13 goals, but put up a creditable performance.

Although the team gained no trophies, it gained ing bowler with ability to move the ball. A stylish

experience and spent many enjoyable hours doing so.

Thanks go to Miss Dixon, our coach.

Carolyn Cooper. Sammy's neat footwork, complete mastery of the ball and natural ability as goalie made her a valuable team member. A solid reliable player.

Vicki Jackson. A quick little player, Vicki adapted herself well to the unfamiliar position of goalie. She is, and will be, an asset to any team.

Margaret Scott. Although initially inexperienced, Marg is the most improved player in the team. With more thought to ball control, her ability to always be free will be of great service to any team.

Leith Ingram. A speedy and brilliant player, Leith has held the team together this year. She is a natural athlete whose energy makes her outstanding.

Janet Dowden. Janet is a player who spasmodically exceeds all expectation and is always a dependable player. When no one is in focus she is inclined to throw wildly.

Stephanie Harris. Another greatly improved player. Stephanie has natural ability and has played many splendid games and defended solidly all season.

Jeanette Elmore. Jeanette has natural ability and determination which she does not use as enthusiastically as she should. Impassable defender when inspired.

Nola Robinson. Nola has not played all games this year but could be relied on to play a solid and valuable game when called upon.

Janet Anderson. Jan made up with enthusiasm what she lacked in skill. A good goalie whose main fault lies in her inability to get free. Many good games to her credit.

CRICKET

The 1963-64 cricket season saw mixed fortunes for the Matriculation team. Until the 1963 members left for University, the team was a strong force in the N.T.C.A. Reserve "A" grade competition, being in the four, but, during the reshuffling of the team, it slipped out of the four. This is a common feature of our team every season. However, as the team became settled it developed into a well disciplined, keen, and evenly matched side.

Both of the encounters against Teachers' College were close, Matric winning the first and College winning the other game by only 10 runs. This year's Inter-High was a great disappointment for the team. We travelled to Hobart where the match was transferred from turf to concrete owing to constant rain. This was foreign to the side. We lost the toss and fielded on a very wet and slippery ground which was not to our advantage. Good batting by Hobart helped by a few dropped catches saw them win by 200 runs.

At the end of last year the Staff v School social game was won handsomely by the "gentlemen".

We would like to express our thanks to Mr. C. A. "Bill" Allen and Mr. B. P. Watson who devoted much time in coaching us throughout the season.

Norman Gregory—(captain). Norman made a large contribution to the team. A thoughtful captain who managed his side to advantage. An open-right-hand bat with sound strokes.

Chris Middleton—(vice-captain). Opening bats-

man, fast left arm opening bowler who moves the ball a lot and a good fielder. An allrounder who is an asset to any team. His attacking strokes are a delight to watch.

Bill MacLaine. Opening batsman who has had bad luck during the year. Improved greatly during the season and will continue to do so.

Brendan Behan. Number 3 batsman and medium pace change bowler. A stylish and attacking batsman who saved the side on many occasions and was the only successful batsman in Hobart.

Reg. Ashman. A good tail batsman and an intelligent medium cutter bowler. A good fielder who will be a great asset next year.

Jim Murray. Middle order batsman and a medium pace bowler who was unlucky to be hurt during the Hobart game.

Roger Edmunds. The team's spin bowler who performed well on turf but was unlucky in Hobart. A solid batsman.

Leighton Farrell. A good fielder and an improving batsman. A keen player and a good team man.

David Hamilton. Wicket-keeper and stylish batsman. Showed great concentration behind the stumps during trying conditions in Hobart.

Tony Luyendyk. A clever batsman prone to slow starts. Has scored many runs for the side. Could bowl if required. Excellent out field with a great throw.

Bill Piesse. Middle order batsman and slips fielder who has held many a hard catch. Rather slow in the outfield.

Terry Stott. Reserve wicket-keeper and square leg fielder. A safe batsman who was unfortunately injured before the Hobart game. Showed great courage in playing.

BOYS' TENNIS

This year the tennis team had two convincing wins. The first was against Teachers' College who managed to win 11 games to our 54. The team went to Hobart and avenged its defeat of last year by winning 6 rubbers to 3 and 84 games to 63. The doubles' practice we had before going to Hobart was very beneficial as we won all three doubles' games. The team would like to thank Mr. Stocks for his helpfulness and guidance as coach.

Alan Walker. Alan, for three years one of the State's juniors, has in recent months performed well in Tasmanian open company. He fully lived up to this reputation in the inter-high series. A complete player, Alan combines steady baseline play with forceful attacking tennis. He is a good tactician.

Tony Williams. Tony, who has not played very much since he was the State's under 15 champion, is a hard hitting and fine stroke player. He had an easy win against College, but was unluckily beaten in Hobart.

Jeff Cox. Jeff is an erratic player who produces his best shots when his opponent is least expecting it. A valuable player to the team.

Greg Kay. Greg has a perfect temperament as shown when he won a close game against his College opponent. He combined well with Jeff Cox and had two easy doubles wins.

David Ritchie. David is inconsistent but played well in Hobart. With his good court coverage and will to win, he was a valuable member of the team.

George Brugler. George is remarkably fast

around the court and with good anticipation, his unorthodox shots achieved good results. George had an easy win with David Ritchie to seal our victory over Hobart High.

Chris Lewis. Chris has good ground strokes and a solid serve which often catches opponents unaware. His determination and tenacity could lead him to greater things.

Bruce Wyatt. Bruce is a strong and powerful player with good shots but lacks experience. He can expect to do better in the future.

FOOTBALL

This year, Matriculation was admitted into the Northern Amateur "B" grade roster. The season began with a good win against Old Scotch, then a run of narrow defeats. The very wet season affected training and made the grounds very heavy. This nullified our speed and our heavier, slower opponents found the conditions more suitable. In the first Amateur North v South "B" grade match six members of our team were selected. They were Alan Walker, Norman Gregory, Brendan Behan, Tony Luyendyk, Barrie Jamieson and Ken Atherton.

Bill MacLaine was elected treasurer of the club and Brendan Behan secretary. The team would like to express its sincere thanks to Chris Lewis, our Match Manager throughout the season, for his untiring work. Thanks also go to coaches Mr. Pearce and Mr. Watson.

In the inter-high match played at York Park our team went down by 92 points to a faster and heavier Hobart side. The final scores were: Hobart—18 goals 18 behinds, 126 points; Launceston—5 goals 4 behinds, 34 points.

Ken Atherton (captain)—centre half back. Ken has defended solidly, his reliable high marking being a feature of his game. Ground play needs attention as he often overruns the ball.

Norm Gregory (vice-captain)—utility. A particularly enthusiastic player, he has inspired the team. A reliable ball handler who creates many openings.

Adrian Faulkner—full back. Adrian found his niche when moved to full back. His bumping and long kicking are features of his game.

David Hamilton—forward flanker. Talented left footer who plays the game hard. Must hold his chest marks. Accurate when shooting for goal.

Don Keating—half back flanker. Began as a rover but played better in defence with fast clearing dashes a feature. Valuable player who has improved throughout the season.

Peter Holmes ("Bones")—ruck. Has played many great games this season, but, although his tapping is very good, he must learn to mark over his head. A big fellow with a big heart.

Terry Stott—rover. Courageous for his size. He puts the team before his person. A left footer who shows marked improvement with his right foot kick.

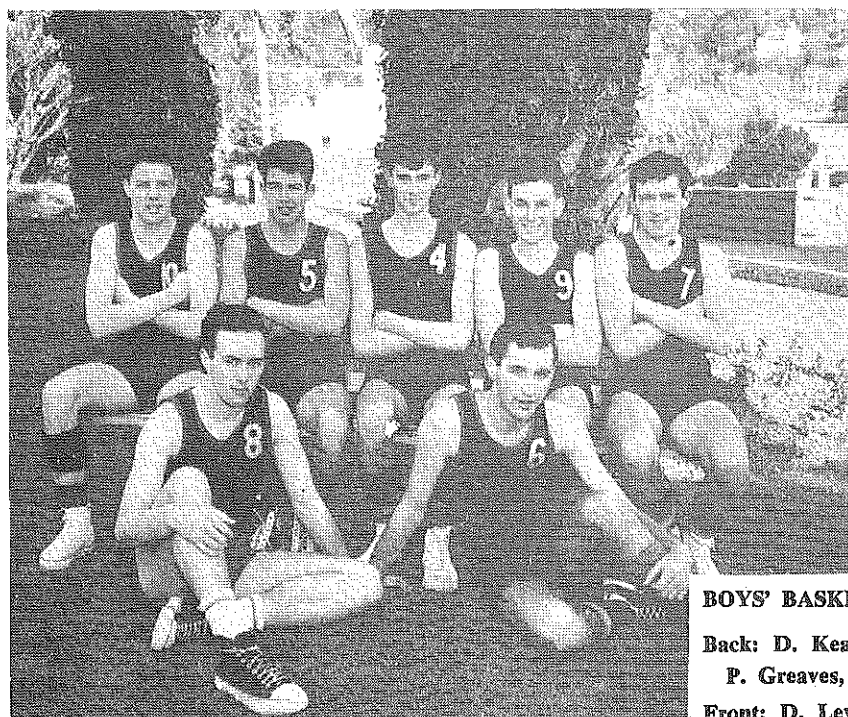
Robin O'Reilly—ruck. A player with good potential. Is a good overhead mark, but lacks confidence.

David Churton—ruck. Solid reliable player who rucks well. Valuable all round the ground. His bustling tactics protect his rovers. Has a good pair of hands.

Brendan Behan. Began the season at full forward but was switched into the ruck midway through the season. Excellent high mark and reliable ruck-



COMBINED SQUASH, BADMINTON
AND TABLE TENNIS GROUPS.



BOYS' BASKETBALL

Back: D. Keating, K. Sanders, R. Scott,
P. Greaves, R. Spurrier.

Front: D. Lewis, A. Mohr.

man. Needs to improve field kick and ground play. Consistent goal kicker.

Greg. Beecroft—pocket back. Greg has followed in his brother's footsteps as a spectacular back pocket player. Always dependable in a crisis, he took many reliable marks in defence.

David Ritchie—full forward. Has all the necessary skills and could make a good player if his reflexes were quicker.

Richard Bailey—forward pocket. Although dogged by injuries this season, Dick has done well, his left foot turn getting him out of a lot of danger.

Leighton Farrell—pocket forward. Reliable player with plenty of determination for his size. Is a good overhead mark and an accurate kick.

Alan Walker—centre. A utility player who has held down most key positions. Strong, a safe mark, an intelligent hand baller and a good team man. Beautiful kick with both feet.

Tony Luyendyk—winger. Intelligent ball handler with an accurate pass. Moves well and has a good pair of hands. While his baulking is the best feature of his game a left foot kick would be an asset.

Bruce Wyatt—forward flanker. Played well on the flank. A safe mark backed with uncanny judgment. A good kick.

Chris Middleton—back flanker. Fast, strong player suited to coming through hard and bustling his forwards. Must hold chest marks.

Barrie Jamieson—centre half forward. A fast, clever player who makes up for his lack of height with determination. Consistently beat taller opponents. Accurate in front of goal.

Jim Murray—ruck. A dependable player who was dogged by injuries. A good ruck who plays the game hard.

Ted Curtis—pocket forward. Started half way through the season. A solid player with a good chest mark, but needs to move more quickly.

Geoff Trebilco—pocket back. Played at pocket back and half back flank. A determined player who took timely marks. Needs to move more quickly.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

The basketball team was unable to compete in regular roster matches and thus was at a disadvantage with regard to match practice. The match against Hobart in the inter-high matches of Term One was a thriller for the spectators although resulting in a sound victory for Hobart, the scores being 63 to 25. Goals in this match came from Alan Mohr, Richard Spurrier and Rodney Scott. The defence held Hobart when under the basket but their frequent long shots found the target. Kerry Sanders and Don Keating with clever bustling tactics and well judged passes starred in defence. A hard game against Teachers' College resulted in the team's first win, scores being 30 to 28. Only other games played were social games against the staff who were permitted to win for diplomatic reasons.

Rodney Scott—(captain). An inspiring captain who steadied his team with accurate long shots. A perfectionist at the basic skills with a thorough knowledge of the game.

Kerry Sanders—(vice captain). A speedy, tenacious player whose fast fore-court play created many scoring opportunities for the team. A brilliant exponent of the dribble and jump shot.

Phil Greaves. In his first season of "big-time"

basketball, Phil showed himself to be a star of the future. A good long shot, developing his lay-ups well.

Don Keating. A wily player who makes up for his lack of height with high leaping tactics. An unorthodox jump shot exponent who, when on target, can completely demoralise opposing teams.

Dennis Lewis. A slow, steady player with brilliant pivoting manoeuvres. Best aspect of Dennis' game is his defence.

Alan Mohr. A star centre-man who frequently dominates rebounds off the basket. A master of the art of goal throwing from close in.

Richard Spurrier. Outstanding in defence or attack. Could always be relied upon to play his best when the team is down. One of the most consistent scorers in the team.

BOYS' HOCKEY

The team had a good season this year as the grand final was reached. After a close game Grammar defeated us 2 goals to 1. The inter-high match against Hobart High was a game of high standard. Matriculation held the stronger team 1 nil until half time but then the Hobart team came up to win 2 goals to 1. The 1964 season was greatly successful and enjoyable to those who played.

Phillip Steven (captain)—right full back. A reliable full back. Started many forward moves with his strong hits. The majority of the opposing forwards were intimidated by his fly-hitting and this was used to his advantage.

George Brugler—centre forward. George was the centre of attack and his well placed passes and victories in the centre were a feature of his game. He converted many penalty corners and scored many goals throughout the season. His fine play held the forward line together.

John Miedecke—left full back. Throughout the year John's play has been consistent and of a high standard. His sure and confident tackling, hard hits and strong play halted many of the oppositions attacks and placed him among the best players in many games.

Bill Moss—right half. Bill was the key of the half line. His steady play was excellent and his winger was always covered. His rolls put the team into attack and, all round, Bill was the best player in defence for the season.

Chris Barratt—centre half. Chris joined the team in the middle of the season and soon established himself as a strong force in the centre of defence. He foiled many attempts of the opposition and his heady play resulted in many attacking moves.

Peter Williams—left half. Peter's defence was a feature of the game. His pushes often simultaneously put the team into attack and foiled the opposition. His passes to his winger were consistent and successful.

Richard Merry—right wing. Dick is a very useful winger and his scoring shots from deep angles and excellent passes across goals made him a vital force in attack.

Stuart Williams—right inner. Stuart was the hardest working player in the team. He was the main goal scorer for the team, and the team's best player. His excellent stick work and play eluded the opposition each time and he made and took every scoring opportunity.

Norman Andrews—left inner. Norman's in-



BOYS' HOCKEY

Front: C. Barratt, P. Williams, S. Williams, W. Moss, G. Drake.
Back: J. Miedecke, N. Andrews, G. Brugler, P. Steven, G. Addison, R. Merry.



GIRLS' HOCKEY

Back: Miss Fowler, M. Frost, W. Vince, S. Salter, R. Donaldson, H. Lawson, M. Maguire, A. Wolff, J. Kubank, P. Grey.
Front: S. Branagan, A. Crooks, P. Eadie, T. Sheldrick.

clusion in the team after the start of the season lifted the forward line considerably. His fast play, scoring shots and through passes were invaluable assets to the team.

David Lyons—left wing. A fast winger whose speed eluded the defence and kept many attacks moving. A new player at first but at the end of the season came out on top of his opponents.

Graeme Addison—goalie. Key man in defence. His sliding tackles, clearing hits and kicks and brilliant stops are a feature of his game. His anticipation and hand stops saved many goals. He reached his peak in the finals and inter-high when he was best player. A good solid goalie.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman: Dennis Whitchurch.

Members: Jill Waters, Sue Branagan, Bill Atkinson, Rodney Scott, John Pugh.

This year the Entertainment Committee has been mainly concerned with the organisation and running of dances for Matriculation classes. Three Friday night dances were held in the first term and three in the second. One was held in the third term and there will be as well the usual Farewell Dance in the last days of the school year.

Lunchtime dancing classes were discussed, but as a similar venture failed last year, this was not pursued. The possibility of holding a dance to which Matric. old scholars might be invited was also discussed, but due to lack of time this year it was left, but a minute was recorded in the Minute Book in order that it will come to the attention of next year's S.R.C.

The success of the dances organised by the Entertainment Committee was largely due to those people who assisted with the preparation of the hall and the supper. We thank all those people.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

This Society has again functioned successfully and has met regularly. Attendances have varied from thirty to 120, averaging about forty.

At the initial meeting the following officers were elected: President: Dennis Whitchurch, Secretary: Alison Wolff, Advertising: Janine Clark and Rosemary Powell.

Many visiting lecturers have given their services to the society. These include Mr. Vogelpoel, a taxidermist. Dr. Morris, a medical practitioner, Dr. Kelly, chemistry professor from the University of Tasmania and Miss Murphy, a science teacher and bio-chemist. These lectures have been well attended, those of Mr. Vogelpoel and Dr. Kelly in particular. It is planned in the third term to make a trip to the aluminium smelter at Bell Bay.

The helpful guidance of Mr. Hortle has been greatly appreciated.

"SONG OF THE EARTH"

It was lovely. The air glistened cold in the sunlight and the grey mountains lifted their heads and gazed vaguely through the mist. And all around, the grass crept over the valley. Little creatures scuttered and hid themselves in the sunlight. As we walked, the earth melted beneath us and the hidden wetness seeped through and made little

prisons around our feet. Behind us a crown of murky green crags scowled down, resplendent in silhouetted glory. And all around was green and sunny and wet.

High on our rocky vantage-point we looked down at this wonderful place which shone through the screen of grey tree-trunks. As we fell and clattered down from the hill a veil of rain began to fall from the sky and we scudded away to hide like the little wild things that were humming and living around us.

Soon it stopped, for the wind whipped the tiny wet prisms and swept them off to the distant walls of grey. We scrambled down and found another valley—not so green, but scattered with white and grey rocks and things which made an irregular pattern over it all. Down there was a little stream which ran and ran and dappled its banks of white stone with little flecks of wetness. We wanted to run and hurry with it and the wind picked us up and swept us along. Wind and water and hot smiling stones, and on we ran. The grazing cows blinked mildly at our crazy existence and placidly resumed their feeding. But we cared not for cows and danced breathlessly on until we came to another hill and beyond it—the dark, heaving river.

Little redbreasts hopped lightly about. We loved the flashes of red that flitted here and there. But nothing was as wonderful as the river where it rolled its heavy weight of water round and round and splashed it angrily against the undergrowth.

A wonderful existence: to run with the wind, to sing with the little living things and to watch the water race madly to some unknown place. "Wonderful!" we felt—and all around us the Earth sang!

Helen Rouliadoff, A8.

BINNALONG BAY

The silver of the sand fades into shades of brown and green,

Where coloured wildflowers bloom beneath the gum and wattle tree;

Behind, the purple hills look down across the shimmering bay,

Past the rugged rocky headland to the wide open sea.

The warm lagoon winds slowly down

Towards the now-deserted town,

The dusty road is still and quiet

As o'er the hills steals peaceful night.

The locusts in the ti-tree thicket now are still

As golden flames of sunset die behind the western hill,

And fading rays of gold glint on the gently rippling bay

And on the breakers as they curl and fall.

A light breeze blows a film of salty spray

Into the gulch behind the harbour wall.

In the tiny harbour, dim in the gathering dusk,

"Patsy" weighs anchor, and the boys fishing on the wall

Watch her go. On the horizon, clear and bright, Blinks the constant signal of the Eddystone Light;

Harsh and loud comes a solitary seagull's call

As the little white boat sails slowly by

And disappears in the blue of the sea and sky.

Snap.



FOOTBALL

Back: Mr. Pearce, P. Holmes, R. O'Reilly, B. Wyatt, E. Curtis, N. Gregory, K. Atherton, D. Ritchie, D. Keating, J. Murray, A. Walker, D. Churton, A. Kitchener-Faulkner, C. Lewis.
Front: B. Behan, D. Hamilton, B. Jamieson, L. Farrell, R. Bailey, C. Middleton, J. Stott, G. Beecroft, T. Luyendyk, G. Trebilco.

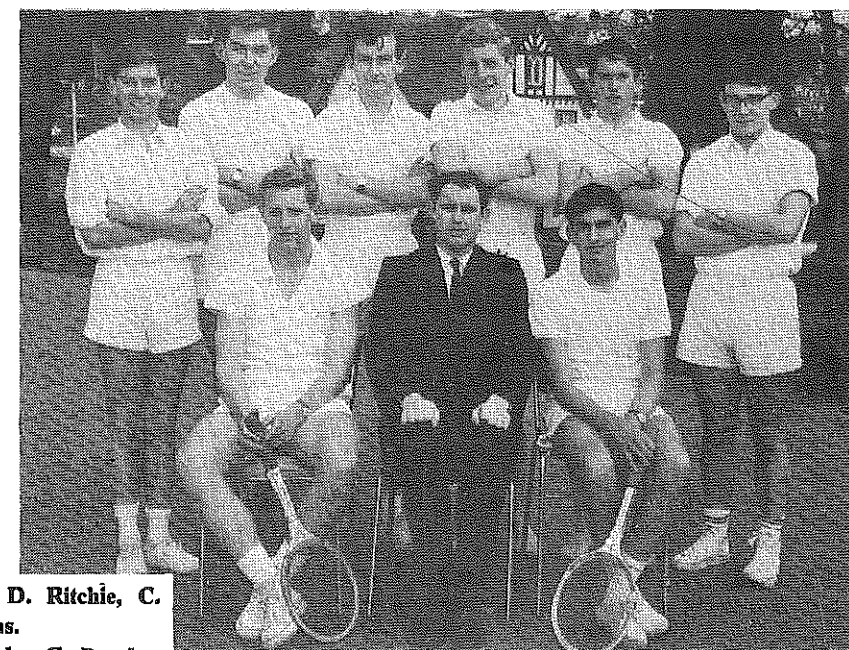


The Cross Country Gets Under Way



GIRLS' TENNIS

L. Smith, M. Frost, M. Scott, C. Cooper,
J. Dowden, J. Williams, Miss Dixon.



BOYS' TENNIS

Back: G. Kay, B. Wyatt, D. Ritchie, C. Lewis, J. Cox, T. Williams.
Front: A. Walker, Mr. Stocks, G. Brugler.

"TO WORK OR NOT TO WORK . . ?"

The thought that sustains most pupils through the weeks prior to the Term II examinations, is what they will do after the wretched things are over. For ten solid weeks, essays have been churned out, and information drummed in—all in preparation for the forthcoming exams. Thus, after the strain of trying to cram the learning of two terms' work into three weeks, students steadfastly maintain that they will need a rest in order to regain their energy.

The last exam paper completed, the student feels that he can relax. Of course, the results are yet to come, but the thought of these is resolutely pushed out of mind and there is the "eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die" attitude towards life in general. Unfortunately, it is expected that students will spend their time constructively, but it is really only the teachers who must work, for they have the task of adding up marks, and deciphering the hieroglyphics of certain students. For the pupil, it is a time of ease, as the pace becomes more leisurely towards the end of term.

The morning after the end of exams, someone deems it necessary to give the gentle reminder over the P.A. system—"There will be normal lessons, today". But, of what use is the reminder when, about five seconds later, another notice is heard announcing that "Today, there will be photographs taken in period 2, there will be play practice in period 6, and a meeting of all house captains in Room 18 in period 9"? The teachers let out a frustrated sigh as they see their lessons disrupted by people leaving for various activities.

There are many such interruptions during the last few weeks, and all are welcomed by the student, although, not by the teacher. Thus, the student at his locker at the end of a day, prepares to get out some books for homework. He then remembers that Inter-High is tomorrow, and that he has a geography excursion the following day, so the books are flung back into the locker, where they are left to gather dust.

There are, however, some days when there are no activities to take students away from their 'normal lessons', but not even on these days can a teacher teach for several lessons, uninterrupted.

He is at a vital point in his explanation—"and therefore, it follows that . . ." when

Tap. Tap. Tap.

Pause.

"Excuse me please, Staff. Would Mr. X come to the office, please?"

Pause.

"Mr. X is wanted in the office".

"—and therefore—" resumes the teacher.

"If Mr. X is listening, would he please come to the office immediately?"

Exasperated, the teacher tries turning the thing down, and the lesson continues. However, just before the end of the lesson the familiar taps, and, still loudly enough to be disturbing—"Would Catherine S., Robert B., John X., Julie B. . . ., come to Room 37 for play practice immediately? Catherine S. . ."

At this point, the teacher, in desperation, strides to the offensive box and wrests it from the wall. At last, all is quiet, except for the amused sniggers from the pupils, and the irate teacher settles down once more.

Finally, the day student and teacher have been waiting for, arrives. The last day of term II! The

usual lessons are advised, but naturally, nothing is done. After all, it is only to be expected that pupils must talk frantically all day, since they probably won't see each other for at least two weeks! Four o'clock, and the final assembly is over. A few books are put in the schoolbags (just to satisfy that annoying thing—conscience) and the long lines of students streaming out of the gates announce the conclusion of yet another school term. How joyful must the scene in Room 19 be, as each teacher congratulates the other on not having to gaze upon the faces of 'those little wretches' for two glorious weeks!

Thus ends Term II, with student and teacher thoroughly sick of the sight of each other.

"A" Class Observer.

IT HAPPENED TO THE ANCIENTS

In Athens, centuries ago, there stood one of the finest philosophical colleges that Greece had ever produced. It was one of the oldest in the land, a fact which made it a veritable paradise—at least, in the eyes of the head sage. In addition, Soma, the head sage, was swayed by the fact that most members of the Athenian governing council had been educated at the Academy. Unfortunately, he failed to realise that the members of the council, though universally praised for their forward-thinking and wisdom, did occasionally, very occasionally, make what we might dare to call administrative blunders.

Every week, at the Academy of Athens, one hour was devoted to an Assembly, in which the chief sage addressed his pupils, drawing upon his years of experience to impart words of wisdom to his ardent followers.

During one Assembly he almost provoked a rebellion by making an impassioned attack on four revolutionary Thracian poets who were gaining popularity throughout the Academy. Soma, it seemed, objected to the poets' inability to scan poetry, and their insistence upon writing in free verse, instead of the conventional iambic pentameter. Another line of attack was directed against their hair. The chief sage maintained that the four Thracians could not even hope to write acceptable poetry if they were determined to have their hair cut short. Everyone knew that all well-bred people, whether they were poets or dustmen had their hair long.

Happily, the academic meeting was quelled by the arrival of athletes and debaters from the Academy of Sparta. The annual, inter-Academy competitions were very popular, and Soma could not have chosen a better time to make his slanderous attack on the poets.

The respective head sages of the two Academies were extremely proud when they thought that the inter-Academy competitions had been in existence for four hundred years, which was surely a Greek record. This year, the members of the Spartan team had generously donated a golden javelin, which was to be held by the winning Academy for twelve months, whereupon it would be competed for again. The sage, Soma, whilst paying heed to modesty, permitted himself the liberty of stating that the Athenians would treasure the trophy and keep it with them always.

But alas! When the day of the competitions dawned, the Athenian debating team could not debate, and the Athenian athletes found that they could not run, jump or throw. Consequently, the Athenians were overwhelmed. The head sage of

the Spartan Academy, a man with penetrating wit, casually remarked that perhaps the Athenian team members had been swayed by Soma's confident predictions, and had perhaps consumed too many pints of grape-juice on the night preceding the competitions.

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I could extol the virtues of the Athenians indefinitely, but why should I? I mean, it happened to us too.

"Aristides the Just".

THE MATRICULASIS

Recently the noted American bird-watcher, Dr. Herbert V. Studebaker, completed a study of a newly evolved species of bird—class A of phylum Launceston High School, more commonly known as the Matriculasis. Here we print part of the report made by Dr. Studebaker:

"The habitat of the black-breasted Matriculasis is the upper regions of the balcony, although certain members of the species dwell in particular science laboratories. During the winter, the Matriculasis does not migrate but hibernates around log fires. In summer it prefers the outdoors and at midday it can be seen settling in the park under the trees. Occasionally the birds perch in rows outside the Art room, and here a peculiar likeness can be observed between the Matriculasis and the blackbird, to which it is not, however, related.

The female of the species is more graceful than the male. Her colouring is black, white and grey, although the grey may vary through shades of green, brown and orange. Generally, both the talons and the head-feathers of the female are long. The talons seem to be mainly for decoration as they have never been observed serving a useful purpose. The female Matriculasis is usually found in a group.

The male has similar colouring to that of the female, but he is less distinctive. His flock instinct is less pronounced than the female's and he can occasionally be found alone. His head-feather and talons are shorter and his black feet are mostly not as pointed as those of the female. There is a surplus of males and this may explain why the male spends such a long time preening himself to attract the female. Both the sexes grow a protective covering in winter which has a special guard for the head. This outer layer is known as the duffle-coat.

Certain members of the species have an unaccountable attraction towards another type of creature: the Beetle. The Matriculasis regards the Beetle much as the Indian regards the cow. Although it has often been observed drooling over pictures of beetles, no Matriculasis has ever appeared to relish the idea of eating a beetle. Further study of this peculiar attitude will be made in the future and it is hoped that a report will soon be made, explaining the situation.

The Matriculasis is a social bird and on selected Friday nights partakes in wild dances. Although mixing freely within the species, it has a generally superior attitude towards birds of lesser stature, as it is inclined to think of itself as belonging to a high rank.

The life-span of the Matriculasis is either one or two years. Those who are only one year old usually work harder than those who are two, perhaps because they still have youthful energy. Those in their second year relax more, as befitting those

of greater age and maturity.

It can be seen therefore, that the Matriculasis is a fascinating bird, and as it is still in the early stages of evolution, we may expect to hear a great deal about it in the future."

Stella Tart, A6.

A GREAT AUSTRALIAN

Sir Robert Menzies

Robert Gordon Menzies is a great man and a great Australian. His greatness has been shown in his educational achievements, his legal career and his political career. As an Australian he has represented his country overseas in a manner worthy of a great man. His greatness has been acknowledged in England, Europe, America and Asia and his personal achievements also bear witness to this.

Menzies was born in the tiny wheat town of Jeparit, in Victoria's Wimmera on December 20, 1896, and lived there until moving to Melbourne to go to school when aged 10. Menzies was a scholar of some merit, and topped the Victorian Junior Public Examination when only 13 and repeated this success in the Senior Public. As a boy he possessed an amazing capacity for work, a trait which has showed prominently throughout his life.

Menzies' school successes blossomed into a very bright university course. He studied Law at Melbourne University and achieved excellent results. In his final year Menzies received the highest marks throughout the Commonwealth to prove again his scholastic greatness. A stickler for hard work, he was joint managing director of the University newspaper, as well as editor, reporter, article writer and performer of almost all other chores associated with his position; he even set the type for each edition. Also while at Melbourne University he founded the Historical Society and built this club into a going concern. Although he did not participate in much sport, Menzies' tertiary life was very full and rewarding.

The young lad who became articulated to Mr. Owen Dixon during his Law studies was to become one of Australia's greatest barristers. Menzies was a barrister of some promise and under the expert tuition of Owen Dixon he developed so much that he began his own practice at the end of his year as an articulated student. He quickly gained renown in the Victorian courts and his first case before the High Court brought him great praise and acclaim. Sir Robert Menzies has achieved all possible honours in the legal profession. He is a Queen's Councillor and is a member of the Queen's Privy Council, the highest executive body in the British Commonwealth. In 1956 Britain recognised Menzies' prowess as a barrister when he was chosen as chairman of the committee sent to Egypt for a conciliatory conference with Nasser at the time of the Suez crisis. Menzies is regarded today as a world authority on Constitutional Law, and many cases he has taken and which depended upon points of constitutional law, are now famous. One of these is the Amalgamated Engineering Union case in Victoria. Menzies' career as a lawyer was very full, as he was also tutoring, and was at one time lecturing at the Melbourne University; it was because he felt that he wanted a rest that he entered parliament.

Menzies' first political experience was not particularly successful. He stood for the Victorian Legis-



SOFTBALL

M. Ryan, Miss Fowler, P. Eadie, V. Jackson, L. Eddy, L. Donnelly, N. Robinson, J. Waters, P. Grey.



BASKETBALL

Front: V. Jackson, M. Scott, C. Cooper, J. Anderson.

Back: Miss Dixon, J. Dowden, S. Harris, N. Robinson, L. Ingram, J. Elmore.

lative Council in 1928 but was defeated, but a by-election was necessary in the following year owing to the death of the member, and Menzies won this election handsomely. Menzies however found the Legislative Council too tame and was attracted by the debate and discussion of the lower house, and so he entered the Legislative Assembly in the 1929 election as a Liberal member. The Liberal Party was defeated in this election. Menzies thus found himself sitting on the Opposition benches. He and young W. S. Kent-Hughes organised a group, the Young Nationalists, and this group strengthened and won new support for the Party to such ends that they won the next election. Because of his part in the party's success, Menzies was given the portfolios of Minister of Railways, Attorney-General and Solicitor-General. Menzies' competent handling of these last two came to the notice of J. A. Lyons, the then Prime Minister, and he was invited to join the ranks of the Federal Government upon the retirement of the Attorney-General, Sir John Latham.

So it was, that in 1934 Robert Gordon Menzies won the Kooyong seat that he has held for thirty years. He became Attorney-General in his first term of membership in the House of Representatives, no mean feat for a politician of only five years' standing. In only his second year of Federal Parliament he assumed the deputy leadership of the United Australia Party, the coalition government formed in 1932 between the Nationalists and the Country Party.

In 1939 Menzies' principles caused him to resign as Attorney-General over the National Insurance Scheme, and he continued in the house as a back bench, although still deputy leader. Then in 1939, J. A. Lyons died and Menzies automatically became Prime Minister. His position was confirmed by his election, as leader of the U.A.P., although partial withdrawal of house support, coupled with war in Europe, made his platform very shaky. His majority was only that of two independents, and so when these men transferred their support he was forced to relinquish the post of Prime Minister. Unfortunately, this occurred while Menzies was in England on a trip to the War Ministers' Conference and his absence incensed his supporters as well, and so he resigned from the party command.

Under Curtin's wartime labor government, the Opposition divided within itself and the U.A.P. no longer existed, and finally in 1946 Menzies was again asked to assume control. He did this with a free hand and began to build his Liberal Party. The ensuing few years saw Menzies work like the possessed man he was, for his ideals were being put together and strengthened in his Liberal Party of today. Although soundly defeated in 1946 his party reduced Curtin's 1943 majority and then finally, after travelling the length and breadth of the nation many times, the Liberal Party was elected in 1949. This was a personal triumph for a great Australian politician, as the Liberal Party was Menzies' party.

Menzies' continued success as Prime Minister over the past fifteen years has been reflected in the return of his government at five subsequent elections. Menzies has dominated the Australian political scene during this time and under the guidance of his government Australia has prospered and grown in stature. Menzies is regarded today as one of the world's senior statesmen and is greatly respected. He is a personal friend of Sir Winston Churchill, has been given a ticker-tape reception in New York

and is feted in England during his regular Prime Ministers' Conference visits. These are acknowledgements of a great man, as also are his legal honours. Sir Robert is the first Australian to be honoured with a knighthood of the Order of the Thistle, and at 34 was the youngest barrister in Victoria to become a Q.C.

Sir Robert Gordon Menzies is a great Australian, and a great man.

Dennis Whitchurch, A3.

"THINKING"

When I grow up I want to be,
A ship that sails across the sea,
A drop of water in a cup of tea,
A water flea, or even me.

I always wished that I could see
Across the land in front of me
From branch atop a cherry tree
Just down below, so wonderfully.

Yet better still I'll even be
A line or two of poetry
Read on a green and grassy lea
By someone near, or even me.

And if I can't do even three
Of all the things I want to be
I might as well sit down and see
Just what the world has left for me.

Boulder, A Class.

"SEA MUSIC"

The wind was cold and wet, and moisture glistened on our cheeks and clung to our hair. Below us—the water, green and mighty and topped with foam. It swirled cold and powerful at our feet, dashed against the rocks and fell back, gasping. As we looked down, a superhuman force caught our gaze, riveted it to the murky deep and made us one with the crashing waves.

It heaved and moaned, and great cold flames of water lashed out over the crags, dissolved into clouds of foam and rolled back into the green cauldron. We watched and watched until our minds clung to the high rock. Still we watched and still that tortured all-powerful being writhed and crashed below.

It rolled onward, closer and closer, until we thought it would keep on coming, would wash over us with one mighty sweep. But again it reached our high rock and the great wave was dashed to a thousand creamy spectrums which fell back bubbling and white.

On it rolled, with the awesome power of all of Neptune's horses, rearing, stamping impatiently, straining to be unfettered and set free to run wild over the Earth. Again the waves crashed and fell back from the rocks. The ocean churned and boiled until, at last, the veil of water descended from the sky. All was grey and wet and icy cold. Nothing remained but the roar of the wind and the sea and the pressure of the heaving clouds.

Helen Rouhliadoff, A8.

Old Scholars' Association

Patron: Mr. L. E. Amos
President: Mr. C. A. Allen
Chairman: Mr. W. Hudson
Secretary-Treasurer: Miss S. Tammadge

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

This event had to be cancelled owing to lack of support. This is to be regretted as the O.S.A. will soon be celebrating its Golden Jubilee. The Jubilee year of the school was climaxed by the O.S.A. Dinner, at which 454 persons gathered in the Hotel Tasmania. Old friendships were renewed and promises to keep in touch made. Perhaps the Old Scholars' 50th will make another impact on old companions and personalities.

PERSONALITIES

It is most interesting to hear news of old scholars at home and abroad. Rev. Ray Atkinson and his wife (formerly Miss Minnie Begent), both early pupils and later staff members in the early '20s are retiring from Missionary work in India and hope to be with their relatives in Tasmania for Christmas. Quite a number of old scholars will be happy to meet them after their years abroad. Miss Jess Blyth, one of the last of the older old scholars on the staff, is retiring this year. Miss Blyth has been a great help to many young hockey players during her term at Launceston High and is well known of course for her work in the library. We wish her well in her retirement. Dr. R. Whitford is now Professor of Education at New York University. Mrs. Audrey Dobson continues to please viewers with her TV series on cooking. A former Home Arts teacher, Audrey is rapidly becoming well known in many parts of the State and her increasing fan mail shows her to be a popular person on Channel 9.

Tom Bailey has returned to the Staff after a visit to France to further his studies. This is the second occasion he has been selected by the Education Department for this opportunity. Latest news is of his appointment as Deputy Headmaster at L.H.S. Ray and Lyn Bailey were warmly welcomed by their many friends when they returned to Launceston to make their home. Ray has the distinction of being chosen the City Council's Legal Adviser. No doubt both Ray and Lyn will soon resume sporting activities with Launceston Clubs.

Ian Ripper is in New Guinea with the Geo-Physic Research Institute. After his forthcoming marriage he will return with his wife to New Guinea to make his home. Alderman Mrs. Dorothy Edwards has recently returned from an overseas tour which included the National Council of Women's World meeting in Switzerland. As Australian President and World Vice-President, Mrs. Edwards has a very active life, her duties taking her to all parts of Australia. She is also a member of the Australian Broadcasting Commission Council and has been an alderman of the City Council for many years. Barbara Atkins hopes to be in Launceston to spend Christmas with her family. She is a former very energetic secretary of the O.S.A. Her three months' leave will soon pass as she renews old friendships in this state.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following Old Scholars are to be congratulated on their appointments:

Mr. Bruce Ross, Superintendent of High Schools in Northern Districts; Mr. Ray Scott, Superintendent of Commercial Education; Mr. Geoff Hinds, Superintendent of Primary Education in the Southern Midlands; Mr. Bern. Mitchell, Superintendent of Secondary Education and Mr. Alf Crawford, Deputy Headmaster of Kings Meadows High School.

ILLNESS

Old scholars are asked to remember Rev. John Howard and his wife, Margaret. John met with a very serious accident early this year and unfortunately will be confined to a wheel chair for a very long time. Mrs. Howard will be remembered as the former Margaret Morrison, a one-time pupil and language teacher of the school. We trust the near future will bring them better news in their time of trial.

MUSIC

Once again old scholars are to the fore in this sphere of life. Jacqueline Ingles won the soprano solo and 17th-18th century solo at the Ballarat Competitions, following her successes at the Launceston Competitions and Devonport Eisteddfod. Helen Jones (Stevens) was a successful competitor at the Sydney Eisteddfod. Irene Ockerby and Shirley Alderton have won numerous prizes in Launceston and Devonport this year. Shirley was chosen as a finalist in the A.B.C. vocal and concerto contest.

Vivienne Marriott again won the Tasmanian Highland Dancing Championship at the Launceston Competitions and with Margaret McKenzie, Gay Hollingsworth and Jeanne Parry made the St. Andrews Reel Party, which had several outstanding successes at the Highland Festival of Australia in Adelaide. This group, formed some years ago, has rarely been beaten in open competition in Tasmania.

SPORT

Churinga members have again played a prominent part in sport. The women's hockey teams were premiers in "A" and "B" grades and the women's basketball team reached the final but was beaten. Individually, a number of old scholars gained State and other representation. They were: Dianne Cole (captain of State Hockey Team), Gwynneth Rees (State Hockey), Lyn Beams (State Basketball), Denise Gossage (Northern Basketball), Neville Eley (vice-captain of State Amateur Football Team), Duncan Grant (Northern Golf Champion and member State Golf Team) and Peter Nelson (Colts' Touring Cricket Team).

Other old scholar champions are: Ron Atkins (State and Northern Snooker Champion) and Don Murray (State Squash Champion). Bill Allen has been elected deputy chairman of the Northern Tasmanian Cricket Association.

INVITATION

Once again an invitation is extended to all pupils leaving school this year to join the Old Scholars' Association and participate in all its activities—sporting and social. Further particulars are available from Miss Sue Tammadge (secretary).

Subscriptions are 3/- for the first year and 5/- thereafter.