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Editorial

"It would be more than strange", a Cecil Dey Lewis would have it, if the editors could ever be completely satisfied with the School's annual muster of literary effort. And although we feel that we must register our pleasure at the willing, almost enthusiastic, response made by Lower School to our requests for magazine contributions, the indifference of Upper School students has been disappointing to some degree. Granted that our appeal was rather a last minute affair, we still find it a little difficult to believe that the Fours at least are so bowed down under the burdensome process of gleaning erudition that they have not say, half an hour to spend on lighter matters.

Considerable effort has been made to ensure that the appearance of this year's "Boronia" should be on a par with that of its predecessor. Not content merely to emulate, however, we have in the enevitable hope of all editors—probably the vain hope, but that is for you to judge—of making minor improvements upon preceeding magazines, eliminated certain sections and substituted for them voluntary articles from students. There has been one elimination not entirely of design, and we regret that there will be no ex-students' notes in the 1953 "Boronia". No doubt next year's magazine will make good this deficiency.

We have been pleased to note the general tone of the articles submitted this year. There has been an obvious and unmistakable undercurrent of humour, and this we feel is good in that it is typical of the school. Dearth of cheerfulness is certainly not one of our shortcomings. Deserving of commendation, too, are the form notes. They are as much an improvement on last year's notes, as last year's were an improvement on those of 1951 magazine.

So much for the contents of the "Boronia". But before we leave you to the enjoyment of your school periodical, we should like to express appreciation to those who have helped produce it. To the contributors; to the many fifth years who have done so much to lighten our task; to English teachers, particularly Mr. Piggott, who has taken as much interest in the contribution of articles as the editors themselves, we would like to express our very sincere gratitude. Many thanks are also due to Mr. Laing who, as always, has done much towards the successful publication of the magazine, by both his advice and practical help. And last but certainly not least, our thanks go to our stalwart sub-eds, who have, in their diligent collecting of contributions, saved us much heartburning, tearing of hair, gnashing of teeth, rending of garments, and so forth. Our only hope is that next year's editors may have supporters "So strong in will

To seek, to find, and not to yield."

J. E. SMITH P. G. WILKINS

School Notes

Observant people may have noticed a change in the staff, viz., arrival of Misses King and Brown and Messrs. Piper, Hitchens, Vickery, Doyle, Sloman (jr) and Crossing, return of Miss Westhoven, Messrs, Paul, Symons and Sloman (Sen) and departure of Mr. Sloman (jr). In addition to new teach-

ers the school enrolment increased to 502.

On Coronation week-end lower school attended a free picture show where they saw "Dumbo" and were provided with free ice cream and lollies so this excursion was no doubt thoroughly enjoyed by most. By way of further Coronation celebrations both upper and lower school socials were held.

The Fancy Dress Ball and Arbor Day took place as usual, on the 10th July and the 19th June respectively. The Swimming Carnival took place on March 13 at the Town Baths, and was won by Boronia.

To provide for our increased enrolment the Domestic Science Centre has been completely reorganised internally, providing much more room for dress-making. The tennis courts have been re-surfaced while the school piano has been overhauled and polished after innumerable years of hard usage.

The condition of the lockers has greatly improved owing to Mr. Piper who spent a good deal of time in keeping them in good repair.

The Safety First Council, via Messrs Robinson and Mayberry again attempted to teach fifth years to drive and though several students tried to drop gear boxes round the track, luckily they had no success. Also during the driving lessons, our venerable Headmaster on one occasion had to use all his ability to avoid being pushed into the Oval fence.

Inspector Larsen has arranged for a number of talks to students on Safety First. One has already been given.

A display of Training College art was shown at the State School last term and a good deal of it we found very interesting. Marine life was the substance of a collection shown and talks given by a well-known collector who visited the school at the end of second term. This collection was very interesting and comprehensive and all were very much impressed by the many weird and wonderful exhibits.

Early in the year the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church spoke to the assembled school of his life in Fiji and his work there. Owing to his friendliness and interesting manner of speaking this talk was thoroughly enjoyed.

The Re-Union Ball was held on October 2. In September a matinee by Thea Rowe and Henri Penn was attended by the school. Though reactions were varied all conceded Miss Rowe a very clever artist and Henri Penn's novelty items were delightful.

Students and particularly contemporary ex-students should be proud of the achievements of the Pearce sisters in Australian and International hockey. In the recent International carnival in Hastings (England) the Austraiian team captained by Jean Pearce (Mrs. Wynne) and coached by May Pearce (Mrs. Campbell) defeated England by 2 goals to one this being the first occasion that England had ever been defeated in International hockey.. At that stage it looked as if Aust. would win the carnival but in the last game of the series South Africa turned on a devastating game and beat Australia by five goals to nil. Two of the Pearces, May and Jean are ex-students of A.H.S. but the third one, Morna, went to school elsewhere. Their home town was Moulyinning.

What a comfort a dull but kindly person is at times. A ground glass shade over a glass lamp does not bring more solace to our dazzled eyes than such a one to our eyes.

O. W. Holmes

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Conversation is the laboratory and workshop of the student.

Emerson

Prefect Notes

The year draws to a close and with it our term of office as school prefects,—a most interesting and enjoyable term it has been too.

From our first social everyone of the Prefects has both enjoyed and become more or less efficient

in his duties.

We started off at the end of last year under the expert guidance of some of last year's prefects—to whom we are deeply indebted. From their experience we learnt of various pitfalls to be encountered during the course of our duties. They also helped us considerably with the running of our first social.

At one of our first meetings we were fortunate to have Mr. Stanbury present. He explained the procedure of running a meeting and also gave us a detailed account of how to carry out our duties around the school. Our special thanks go to Mr. Stanbury for the start he gave us, and the way he backed us up during the year.

The main business of our first meeting was the election of officers. As a result Des. O'Connell was elected Chairman, Anthony Evans was elected Secretary and Judy Smith was elected Treasurer. There was also a small committee elected to attend to last minute details in connection with socials.

All have carried out their duties ably, especially Anthony who has served also to brighten up our meetings with his remarkable wit!

The business of other meetings was mainly directed towards the arranging of socials. Our first social was a "roaring" success—socially anyway—and was probably the most lavish students have seen (or will see) for sometime. Our idea of the supper capacity of students was slightly exaggerated and as a result our financial position was, for a time, a little unstable. However the deficiency

was made up at later socials.

During the year we were responsible, together with IV and V years for the decoration of the Drill Hall for the Fancy Dress Ball. Everyone was enthusiastic about the job and on completion the hall looked as good, perhaps a little better, than it had in previous years. At least we thought so.

At the beginning of the year, as is the usual custom, the Prefects conducted a series of dancing lessons. Attendances were extremely good and we divided the learners into two groups, one to learn on Wednesdays and the other on Fridays. We take this opportunity of thanking the upper school students who acted as teachers and also the pianists who carried out their part willingly and ably.

Finally we would like to thank all members of the staff for their help during the year. We hope next year's prefects enjoy their term as much as we have done and our best wishes for a good

year go with them.

School Boys' and School Girls' Championships

At the State schoolboy and schoolgirl championships this year, A.H.S competitors were more successful than in previous years. Wendy Buckingham won two of the three events in the under 18 championship and Gavin Warneford was the winner in the under 14 boys' championship, being first in the 220, second in the broad jump and third in the 100 yards. Don Mair was second events in which records were broken, viz., the 220 and 440 yards, under 18. Glenice Strettell was third in the 75 yards under 16.

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Sir Thomas Browne.

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Form Notes

1 B.

We have quite a strange collection in our room. We have a Peacock without feathers, a Bell who won't ring, a Hall who is no good for concerts, a Green who is pink. We have Wells without water, a Crook who is very honest and brainy. A Wise guy a Webb without a spider, a Norman who is English and a Dennis without a motor.

Then we have Robert G who is always late and blames the bus. It's a very close contest between Robert and Ken for the medal for the slowest worker in the class. Our prefect Don isn't very generous with the chalk supply. The teachers usually end up using a piece about as big as a threepence.

We have several boys in the room who never seem to know whether it's Monday or Tuesday because they usually have a stunned look on their faces when they find out they've brought in the wrong books. Of course some of 'em have that stunned look all the time. Must be the climate!

Unforunately our desk supply is very poor and we've had to fill up with chairs and tables. Its alright for the slim people to sit in them but we'd hate to see a couple of our class mates trying to squeeze their waists into the space between the tables and chairs. As it is they can only just get into the seats now. In fact one person walks up and down the aisle sideways.

Good luck to the Junior and Leaving students. We now put our pen down for another year.

7 C

Well here we are back for the third and final term for this year. As far as work goes we have done quite well and have fully settled in at the High School. Our weakest points are arithmetic and geometry. We have some bright

scholars in General Science and History and all round we are not so bad.

Our favourite day is Thursday when we go over to the Woodwork centre where Mr. Chopping takes us. We have quite a few good jokes and do plenty of work. Friday we have sport. We have a lot of athletes in I C and we wish to keep up our reputation.

Three members of our class were in the school team selected to play Mount Barker Junior High School this year in the sports. They were Don Parker, Brian McDougall and Myrddin Davies. However later on Don had the misfortune to sprain his knee and was a week in hospital.

Tony was another unfortunate who had an argument with a post hole digger and came off second best with two months in hospital, but he is back again now. On the whole we have not had many accidents or mishaps.

1 H.

What's in a name? Well, when it's a name like 1 H. it's bound to count; so take heed, here come their first crop of form notes.

Right from the beginning of the year we realised art was going to be rather a wet subject. Two boys, when caught drinking art water (a most sustaining beverage) with their paint brushes, were made by Mr. P. to give an exhibition of this particular recreation (which they found rather different).

While on the subject of water, I might add that liquids, according to our maths teacher (jovial Mr. N.) are measured in gallons, quarts, pints and schooners.!

Mr. D. who says that the larger body, the greater the attraction (not very modest of him, eh?) Informs us that some of the more boisterous types are in danger of being sat upon. During a lecture on bits, in woodwork, Mr. S. asked one of his budding carpenters what kind of a hole an auger-bit bored. The student's brilliant reply was, "A round hole, sir!"

Before we (ex) terminate this year's form notes, we would like to convey our best wishes to the Junior and Leaving candidates.

1 X.

Here come the first years round the bend with 1X. leading (as usual), the reason being that we are a class of "witty" females.

The year started well with the Prefects putting up a notice saying there would be a "rooster" on blackboard cleaning. We embarrassed her by asking for a leg and a wing. Talking about animals we had Mr. T's dog and a few cats entertaining us, not to mention various spiders, cockroaches, ants etc.

Poor Miss V. was knocked out by a 6 ft. rule which our Maths professor had adjusted in the shelf.

The variety of artists in our class room is remarkable, trapeze artists landing upside down on the floor while our athletes are Lyn C., Marj. J., Helen H., and Rosalie B. Coline's abstract pictures scare the wits out of us. Maxine is our dormouse and has been known to fall asleep in class.

Our brainy ones are Angela, Elizabeth and Viv, but we could really include the whole class.

Good luck, you 3rd. and 5th Formers. Don't study too hard for your forthcoming exams.

IY.

Music! Music! Music! Not the words of a popular song.

Alas no. It is the everlasting

racket of a cement mixer.

Clackerty clack, clackerty clack—it comes though each window, comes through each crack. Hour after hour without pause. Day after it clatters and roars. But what has all this to do with form notes?.

People who have tried to work in our room this year are relieved to know that building operations have nearly stopped.

Here in this far away corner of the school life goes on—"gets tedious doesn't it?" But we have our moments of fun to lighten the weary hours of toil, the brightest of these being the occasion when the "world" fell about the ears of our geography teacher, while the most amusing was provided by Christine dozing off to sleep in class. We are a hard working class, we are sure—that is, we think so—well-er-we hope.

Anyway, what does it matter? Congratulations to some of our class numbers for their successes during this year. Verna Price topped IY in the first term exam and Judy Pond took first place at the end of term two, while Yvonne Cake and Celia Bradshaw upheld the honour of the class by playing for the school against Mt. Barker Junior High.

II E.

All good pals and jolly good company! Yes, that's us, IIE.

Before we go on to the notes, here's cheers and success for all the Junior and Leaving candidates.

This year in II E. no spectacular events of interest have occurred, although several teachers have expressed their opinion of the class (not a very good opinion) and would welcome the departure of several students. One of the staff offered to find a job for one of our young gentlemen, working at the whaling station, sweeping floors.

All II E., and I'm sure all the school congratulates the two boys who went over to the Eastern States to play football, and we hope that in the future some other promising footballers from A.H.S. will have the same opportunity as these boys had.

One of II E boys is busily engaged in making a surf-ski to at-

tract the girls in the summer (the Wolf). Well, we hope that it will be a success, and we'll all be there to see him launch it and get a few laughs out of watching him

fall off it.

Towards the end of Term II, we had a somewhat vandalous week, but unfortunately it was broken up by some "bird brain" who had a particular love of fireworks. It happened that one afternoon a group of we respectable law-abiding citizens were caught running a poker school in the rear seats of the class room. Suddenly a scream rent the tranquil air of the room, and after a series of yells, it was found that someone had a large bomb down his back. This episode saved our poker friends.

On one occasion this year, one of us had the bright idea of throwing old and unwanted rulers out of the upstairs window. This idea went very well until a master happened to be underneath the window where an old ruler was being discarded. What followed won't

bear repetition.

A certain member of the class, an individual from our homeland, who is very good at woodwork was once addressed by the teacher: "Egbert, you would do better if you stood on your head" Our member promptly proceeded to stand on his head, but was cut short by many loud laughs from the remainder of the class.

A final note about the Manual

Training centre:

We in II E
Chuckle with glee
When told to run
Round the oval for fun
Carrying a rail
By the tip of a nail
It weighs sixty pounds
And after two rounds
(That's half a mile
And it takes quite a while)
We return with a grin
To our hard working gin
Who makes us run the half mile.

II J.

Hi'ya folks! this is 2J. At the moment the class is setting its grey matter to work (what little there is of it and the silence is shattered by a nerve-racking screeching and grinding of old rusty cogs, bolts and nuts, as some of the boys' long neglected brains go to work on form notes.

Our greatest interest is, of course, in our class mates, some of whom deserve a special mention, not all of them for the same

reason.

Norman, our muscle-bound moron, takes a fiendish delight in twisting Spark's and Bruce's arms around their necks, and when a certain teacher of the female staff asks him to do something he stares with a glazed and stupefied look.

Love scenes aren't very abundant in 2J. but Murray looked very

dejected when Kath left.

Talents, our clown, is one for making young teachers old and haggard. Bob, our drip, has been working hard designing paper aeroplanes, which for him shows great skill.

Our brainwave, George, is quite a scholar although Mr. Naughton often says he would get 99 per cent more if he wrote his work so

that it could be read.

Bob loves teasing Diana, who pretends she doesn't like it, but we have other ideas. Nevil, the athletic looking young boy, is getting quite noisy and if you look closely at him you will see a big lump on his head where the duster hit him just lately.

Don't imagine that all our lessons are solemn affairs—at times

we enjoy parts of them.

One boy in our class announced that his glasses had surprisingly vanished and was getting quite worried when they didn't turn up. But when we had had our laugh, Miss W., said it was time they appeared, and our class prefect Graham, going red in the face, slowly handed them over.

Sad to relate not all of us are angels. If any poor unfortunate boy leaves his seat nowadays, some horror puts a drawing pin on his seat and consequently when he sits down, our ears are shattered by a terrible scream.

And now, lest you should learn too many of our deadly secrets,

we bid you good-bye.

IIK.

The year of grace, 1953, is gradually drawing to a close, while the hardworked (?) students of 2K ("k" stands for kindergarten) are cramming their heads full of facts and figures. Time has flown by this year, helped along by the class spirit and the several humorous incidents which have helped to take our minds off the work and given us something to laugh about.

Guided missiles have mysteriously been found floating through the air with not a single soul having the slightest idea as to the culprit (s). This soon ceased, however, upon being told that this kind of thing just isn't done in Second Year, especially 2K, which is supposed to be the shining example.

But what am I doing? I should be writing form notes, not an essay on jet propulsion. Here we go:—

The champion of first term was Kath Sheehy, who was prominent in the Swimming Carnival in March. Second term took Jenny Ward, Lynette Merrifield and Gavin Warneford to Perth with the teams and the outstanding one in the Sports which took place during Third Term was Gavin Warneford, who won the Under 14 Championship.

Drifting away from sport we come to the scholastic side, which we will pass over lightly, owing to the fact that, with a number of exceptions, 2K are not to be called the brainboxes of the school.

The personality section of these notes could consist of lengthy descriptions of each individual member of the class. However, owing to shortage of space (?) they will only mention the outstanding few,

with a christian name and initial to identify them by.

It has been said that Kevin B. was vaccinated with a gramophone needle, but I'm not too sure of the truth of that statement as a gramophone can be turned off or disconnected. Bruce H. seems to have taken a great amount of interest (not simple or compound) in the girls, and it is obvious that he derives more pleasure out of that than his previous hobbies. amount of work done by June W. so far this year could be inscribed on a threepenny bit, but of one thing I'm quite certain, and that is the latter would make an ideal political speaker when she leaves school. Towards the conclusion of Second Term we were honoured by the arrival of Janice K., a new girl who has certainly shown us how to toil. Nicole B. has been quite interested in 2E lately.

This seems the appropriate place to sign off, so we'll switch off, wishing all those unfortunates sitting for Junior and Leaving the

very best of luck.

III A.

Dear Readers, we would be most grateful if you would try your utmost to realise that ours is an extremely sentimental and unhappy class. This, we feel, is due to the unforgivable mistake on the part of the teachers. Throughout the year, we seem to have missed that little something-that delicate and flimsy something that makes life easier; that comforting person who unfailingly cheers us up after a hard day's work. This thing which has so cruelly been taken away from us is known more commonly as the "female"! However, we have kept stiff upper lips, thrust our chins forward determined to endue this horrible, "torure by starvation," which is tormenting us twenty three hours, fifty six minutes and four seconds a day (we never sleep).

Some of our students, not to be outdone, have made up for this

loss out of school. For instance (as our 'teachers say) i.e. Taylor decided that "sheeing" wasn't such a bad sport after all and is doing quite well. On opening your eyes one day, you may have noticed some strange notes appearing on the girls' notice board. (Don't get alarmed, teachers; they're safe.) We are not claiming responsibility for these occurrences, but we noticed with satisfaction the ressponse to these examples of sparkling wit. Writing about wit reminds us of the fact that out of the three boys in our class who Went to the A.T.C. camps, three of them returned with their minds considerably broadened.

We are proud to announce the winners of our grand quiz held in June, the lucky ones being Mr. D. Moyes and Mr. W. Offer. As first prize, they went for two weeks holiday to the Eastern States They

also played football.

In concluding our notes, we would like to give a piece of fatherly advice to the 2nd formers—leave school before it is too late.

III D.

Beneath the shade of one of the palm trees which surround the tall and stately building of the Albany High School stands a small room the occupants of which seem so intent on passing their Junior that no one is paying any attention to the teacher.

Our Form is 3 D. and as one can see, the name is self explanatory. We have length, width and above all, we have thickness, especially in the head. Don't be mistaken please, 3D is kept strictly under control by our heroic and courageous prefect, who is seldom with us in the classroom.

Our most popular teacher is undoubtedly Mr. Hitchens—he only takes us for roll call which does

not worry us.

Mr. Down, our English teacher, seems to have mistaken his profession. He would have been much more suited to politics.

Miss Westhoven returned after a long tour of Australia only to find that she had 30 for maths. Speed is the essence of book-keeping this year in our class.

Among our merry number we have an experienced fisherman. He spends the day gesticulating with his hands how he caught that extra big fish. However we now believe that Clarrie's stories are a little far fetched and just a

shade too fishy.

Another member of our industrious class, Kevin Frawley had at the beginning of the year the misfortune of having his name pronounced wrongly. Mr. Doyle called him Crawley so now we know what he has been doing after

school hours.

Modern art has taken a new trend in our class. Two of our budding young artists now seem to find it amusing to waste the day drawing faces in note books. Our P.T. day, Thursday, mainly consists of a football match in which two league (sorry I mean C grade) teams compete. 3D. generally plays 3A. You can imagine who wins. Unfortunately, however, our superiors have convinced us that we are not much of a sport minded class but even so that does not mean we're brainy at school work either.

Just to give you, and ourselves, a little courage we would like to wish all Junior and Leaving candidates all the best of luck.

III L.

Just to be different—to prove that we are an original class we will start off by wishing the other victims of Junior and Leaving all the luck that we don't need ourselves.

Intellectual and athletic abilities are combined in our class to such a great extent that the excessive overflow of our energy is converted into many channels, of which talking and guiding missiles (redberries) are the favourites.

Acting is one of our many accomplishments, as was shown by our excellent performance of Bill Shakespeare's "As You Like It," or "As You Don't." Audrey showed amazing aptitude in her romantic part. (Practice no doubt!)

Namatjira's paintings are well known to "Work" but the art teacher does not think much of the idea. Dossy has taken a great interest in Biol lately—she's waiting for the time when we study

squirrels.

Rhonda also is very keen on Moose hunting up Mt. Clarence or in Lawley Park. Biol provides many laughs, especially when our teacher tells us to stand up every time our Head walks into the room.

Fay and Dot are our skilful cooks at Domi. Sci. or "Galloping Work Session." As evidence you should have seen their fancy-plain cakes—served upside down. Marj. and Georgie are runner-up with their "cornflour water"—oops! cornflour mould.

Miss Wale is our lucky form mistress and we are sure she has a hard task keeping Marie, Splint and Co. entirely applied to their work. They have such high spirits!

Our class is so far advanced that many of our members have an overpowering verbosity—this is especially evident in the Junior Essay books?.

So until next year after the Junior, IIIL is signing off—ta-ta!

III P.

Down along the corridor, located in III P.,

Many sights there are, that you would like to see.

Firstly there is Jenny, with her golden locks.

Billie in the fashion, wearing yellow socks.

Next are Merle and Myra, our brainy pair of girls,

Judith is the lass with the dark brown curls.

Nina is the wit and humour of our class.

We're working (?) for our Junior which we hope to pass. Then there's Jul. and Sally, our prefects, O'so good,

They try so hard to keep us quiet, as if they ever could. Glenice is our runner—sprint-

ing from her work.

This she does with pleasure, till pulled up with a jerk.

Beverley's our musician, upon her desk she plays

Or is she doing typing? It's very hard to say.

Now that I have told you, the good that we are for

I think I shall close without saying anymore —Pansy

Frequently seen breasting the rise of the crusher track are members of our reputable form IIIP—as usual on time (for second period). We always appear in class with smiling faces and a spring in our step. You can't miss the sprightly members of good old III P. The teachers are the sad part of the story, they come in with heavy, red and haggard faces. Must be the climate.

First period Thursday is always full of interruptions. After the ten past nine crowd have settled in, the bus girls stroll in. The first sidles up to Mr. Piggott with the inevitable "buswaslatesir." Amid constant stream of chatter from the fifth formers in the alcove, we generally manage no more than to screw the tops off our pens and open our books before the bell goes to mark the end of the period.

A member of the staff, when explaining a very complicated Trial Balance to us was so carried away that he began walking on air—well anyway, he stepped backwards off the dais.

One or two lasses took drastic measures to escape Maths in G room during the first week of term by barricading the door. They explained they weren't going on strike, but were merely trying

Eastern

to stop the wind blowing the door

We thought we had a streak of cannibalism in our form when someone tried to cook Violet. Fortunately we were wrong. Actually she had fallen in, quite by accid-

During the second term we had a tragedy in our midst. All our beautiful gold rings and bracelets turned to silver- the result of meddling with spilt mercury. (We didn't spill it!)

Janet, on entering the room one day, saw part of her lunch being carried round the room on the end of a ruler. Others of the form when approached by the girl with the ruler showed signs of great alarm. Janet never brings cooked gilgies to school these days.

Barbara created a stir in Messy Sci.—sorry Domi Sci. when she threw a bowl of curdled bread and butter custard at Marie, Foz and Janet. This as an exaggeration, Barbara informs us, as she dropped the custard accidentally (I Wonder).

Mag is something of an authority on Jazz, and if you ask her nicely she might teach you the Tango (takes two to Tango!)

We have practically run out of material for this year's doings in IIIP, so we must away and get on with some swotting (no jeering there, please.)

In conclusion we refuse to wish the Junior and Leaving candidates the best of luck-instead they have our heartfelt sympathies.

IV F.

The time has come, our Sub-eds To write about our forms Of what they've done throughout the year And, gee, they've caused some storms. A new arrival in our midst

We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone, can do what we choose, be wise or ridiculous, harsh or easy, conventional or odd. Alpha of the Plough. Has brought our class to fame,

States To play the marvellous game. Roma, Jackie, Ken and Dick, To mention just a few, In leaving left their pals behind but all their hard work too. Broken hearted Phillips left And Ken is in the city And poor Gert's off to Claremont.

He travelled to the

Our girls are struck with pity. In mothercraft a certain brain With no one to assist her Answers all the questions right-We found she had a sister. We've yet to see a funny sight Promised by our teacher We'll drive poor Ferdie through

the ground But first will have to reach her. A speedy few are in our mob

On land or sea or foam

Don and Yve will show us how, But not the straight way home. Lex prefers to ride a nag and, while looking for a wife, Told his girl he loved a horse, I think she drew a knife.

Upon a bleak and windy day A sudden icy blast Will blow an English teacher in.

He leaves the door till last. A hard and hollow head has one Who's seen around the school In Biol bashed it through the glass

But never hurt the fool. And farmers young and gay Musician, actors have we found While some like Chas, and Tibby Brown

Will use their brains one day. As I sit my brain grows tired, The fevers wearing me, This fever acts on IVth form brains

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Sport ..

Football Critique

G. Kingston: An ideal captain, both on and off the field. Knocked out to his rovers intelligently and continually inspired the team with his great determination, vigour and dash.

D. Mair: A good vice-captain who never gives up. Has plenty of speed and at centre half forward continually drove the team into attack. Uses intelligent handball, and makes position well, and is a

very unselfish player.

A. Tysoe: A good rackman with plenty of courage and dash. Kicks well with either foot and is a very safe mark.

K. Fosbery: Developed into a first class full back. Plays with plenty of courage and his long kicks were a feature of his game.

K. Fleming: A very useful played whether roving, half forward or goalsneak. Has a beautiful stab pass and should develop into a fine player.

J. Spry: A very intelligent half forward, who keeps good position and kicks well. Needs to develop more self confidence and speed.

G. Fitzmaurice: Very vigorous courageous footballer. Plays well in any position, has plenty of pace, a natural turn, and an accurate kick.

P. Brinklow: A vigorous dashing centre half back. Kicks well and is a grand high mark. Plays very closely to his opponents and

never gives up.

W. Offer: A polished rover. Marks well, has plenty of courage and is a very accurate pass. Selected in the State Schoolboys' team, 1953. Is a very unselfish player.

D. O'Connell: Has plenty of speed, turns out of trouble and delivers the ball accurately to the forwards. At centre combined well with centre half forwad.

D. Berrill: A very fast left footed wingman. Continually on the move, kicks well and is safe mark.

B. Granger: Developed into good wingman. Has pace and kicks well with either foot. A safe mark

and turns quickly.

B. Walsh: Too slow in the field. Has plenty of determination and should develop into a good ruck-

N. Kirk: A good trier, with plenty of courage. More self confidence and accurate disposal needed.

P. Wilkins: A handy player. Plays a useful game in the back line, can take a turn in ruck. Kicks

well, but ground play too slow.
R. Parsons: A very young and fast rover with uncanny goal sense. Always on the move, has plenty of courage and kicks and marks well.

D. Beeck: A courageous player but more speed and a more accurate disposal required. Should be a good folllwer in future years.

C. Johnstone: A tall ruckman who uses his pace to advantage. Kicks and marks well.

P. O'Connell: A determined utility player. Disposal often faulty and inaccurate.

A. Evans: As a half back gave wonderful service. Always in position, very cool and sure.

D. Moyes: A polished footballer. Is fast and marks well, and has excellent goal sense. Selected in State Schoolboys Team of 1953.

E. Colley: As a back pocket player, showed grand anticipation and combined excellently with his full back. Marks well and has plenty of speed.

G. Wansford: Has shown a good turn of speed on the wing and should develop into a first class footballer.

T. Pittick: A robust goalsneak who has a good kick and safe mark although inclined to be erratic through lack of training.

C. Pearson: A tireless footballer who never gives up but is still too slow.

Football Trip Report

Monday, Aug. 17.

Albany beat Geraldton— 9-7 to 4-6 Fast, open, follow-on football by Albany had Geraldton nonplussed. At the end of the first quarter Albany had established a handy lead and was untroubled to win easily. A more powerful ruck combintion gave Albany the advantage.

Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Albany beat Northam— 9-6 to 4-3 Again Albany participated in another fast match and after three quarters of very even football, Albany inspired by its captain added four goals in the last quarter to run out easy winners.

Wednesday, Aug. 19. Albany lost to Modern School-2-1 to 13-7. Albany's weakness was revealed in this match, when, after having as much of the play, its forwards failed to take advantage of numerous opportunities. The game did not lack fire. It was very fast and extremely hard and vigorous and the scores are not a perfect indication of the play. Albany's backs played solidly, particularly the centre half back who upset many of Modern Schools scoring moves. Modern School eventually won because of the scoring ability of its forwards. Friday Aug. 21.

Albany lost to Bunbury— 3-3 to 4-4. Seriously weakened by injuries Albany could not field its strongest side. Albany's game lacked cohesion with the result that the game tended to become congested and scrambly. Although Albany had the assistance of the breeze in the last quarter and continually drove the ball to the half forwards due to a good centre line, it could not break through the solid Bunbury defence

By winning two matches and losing two, the team performed

creditably and was generally considered the fastest and best trained team in the Carnival, the credit for which is due to our able and willing coach, Mr. Symons.

Critique of Hockey XI Girls

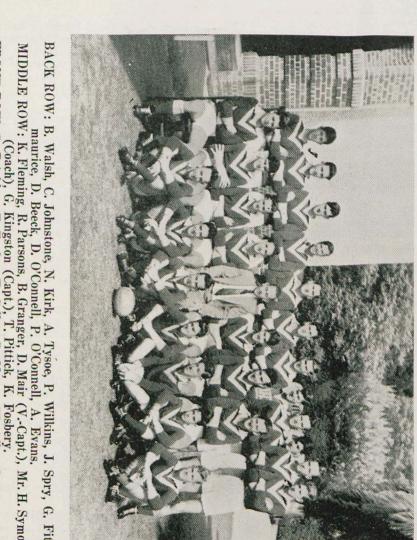
E. Justins (Capt.) Centre half back. Has determination and intelligent, skilful play throughout the season made her the mainstay of the team and worthy "best player" during the Carnival. She has excellent stick work, complete ball control and the ability to penetrate the strongest defence. As a captain she has always displayed enthusiasm and willingness to share coaching responsibilities.

P. Ryan (V. Capt.) Right inner. Plays a very consistent game and is usually in position when needed. Has combined well with centre forward and right wing. However still needs to develop a stronger hit in the circle.

W. Buckingham: Left wing. Has speed and stickwork is quite good but lacks strong hit when passing into centre and the ability to pick up a strong pass. Is quick to recover ball when tackled and with practice should develop into a useful player.

A. Myles: Left inner. A very neat player with good stick-work and strong hit. Combines well with centre forward and left wing. She played an excellent game against Geraldton but did not maintain her usual high standard throughout the Carnival.

E. Anderson: Centre forward. An aggressive player with pace, excellent stick-work, the ability to penetrate a strong defence and score consistently. Her speed, combination with the other forwards and goal scoring kept her well up with the best players. She could improve her play with flick and push shots.



FRONT ROW: P. Brinklow, W. Offer, G. Warneford, V.-Capt.), Mr. H. Symons

- J. Ward: Right wing. Plays a sound intelligent game. Her speed strong passing and ability to score from angle shots made her game most valuable to the team. Her weakness lies in her inclination to keep the ball when it should be centred.
- G. South: Left half back. Very reliable and tackles well. Is inclined to hit too hard when taking free hits near goal circle and roll in needs practice. Good stickwork, effective stopping and tackling and long clearing shots are valuable to the team.
- J. Hawkins: Right half back. Proved a great success as half back. Her determination, speed, good tackling, neat stick-work and combination has proved her worthy of her position in the team. Outstanding player during the Carnival.
- E. Brown: Left full back. Has improved greatly and plays an aggressive game, stops and tackles well and has a good clearing hit. Unfortuntely she was hampered in Perth by a knee injury but proved worthy of her position in the team.
- J. Brown: Right full back. Has improved her play steadily throughout the season and during the Carnival played intelligently but is still hesitant and rather slow. With determination she could become a good full back.

V. Green: Goalie. Has improved and makes some very good saves but becomes flustered. Needs to concentrate on using her feet. Played a brilliant game against Modern School.

L. Merrifield: Half or full back. A stylish player but during the season did not improve as well as expected. Has speed, good stickwork and hits well but is inclined to be hesitant when tackling. With experience should develop into a good player.

- F. Jenkyn: Forward. Plays a neat dependable game but lacks dash. Has improved considerably and played well throughout the season.
- M. Potoff: Half back. A reliable player who tackles and clears well. She displays determination and enthusiasm and has played well in Association hockey.

Girls' Hockey Notes

Owing to the girls' enthusiasm this year a third team was formed and christened "Warriors." Although they have not been very successful in the Association they have lived up to their name and have gained valuable experience.

As in the previous year the "A" team has played throughout the season as "Cardinals" and as a result, the teamwork and combination have been of a superior standard.

We were more successful in Perth this year than we have been for some years, winning three matches out of four. After winning in our division we met Bunbury, winners of the other Division, on Friday. Bunbury proved to be the stronger team, thus winning the Superintendents' trophy.

Albany team failed to maintain the high standard of play on Friday, that it displayed during previous matches.

Results were:-

Mon., August 17: Albany defeated Geraldton, 6-1.

Tuesday, August 18: Albany defeated Northam, 5-1.

Wednesday, August 19: Albany defeated Modern School, 3-2.

Friday, August 21: Albany lost to Bunbury, 2-4.

In closing I would like to thank Miss Mawson for all the time she has spent in coaching our team and also for the encouragement she has given.

GIRLS' HOCKEY



BACK ROW: L. Merrifield, F. Jenkyn, J. Hawkins, J. Ward, Miss Mawson (Coach), E. Brown, W. Buckingham, M. Pothoff, V. Green. FRONT ROW: G. South, P. Ryan (V.-Capt.), E. Justins (Capt.), E. Anderson, J. Brown.

SWIMMING



BACK ROW: D. Beeck, G. Fitzmaurice, B. Walsh, D. Moyes. FRONT ROW: Y. Dennis, A. Gaze, K. Sheehy, R. Haygarth (absent).

Basketball Critique

Y. Dennis (Assistant Defence): Has captained the team exceptionally well thoroughout the season. Stays close to her opponent and shows good judgement in intercepting passes.

G. Harvey (Defence): Jumps well to stop high passes. Combines well with Assistant Defence to clear ball from goals. Needs to keep a closer check on her opponent.

J. Ackley (Defence Wing): Anticipates opponents' movements very quickly. A most reliable player who intercepts well and passes accurately.

L. Dowdell (Centre): A very dependable player. Has a fast, accurate pass and leads well.

*J. Holmes (Attack Wing): Moves quickly and is always in position when needed. When off balance tends to throw wildly to goal circle but generally combines exceptionally well with the goalies.

J. Creighton (Assistant Goalie): Has shown a marked improvement since the season commenced. Goal throwing is very reliable. Jumps well for the ball and can move quickly to receive passes.

M. Kerr (Goalie): Goal throwing could be more accurate but has thrown some very good goals during the season. Makes position well by leading quickly.

J. Newby (Attack Wing): Has played in both defence and attack wing positions very effectively. Intercepts well and moves quickly to the ball.

B. Byrne (Defence Wing): Plays a good game. Checks her opponent closely and passes accurately.

E. Fosbery (Goalie): Has developed into a good goalie. Makes good position in the goal circle to receive passes.

BASKETBALL



BACK ROW: B. Byrne, G. Harvey, M. Kerr, J. Creighton, J. Holmes. FRONT ROW: E. Fosbery, L. Dowdell (V.-Capt.), Y. Dennis (Capt.), J. Newby, J. Ackley.

TENNIS



BACK ROW: G. Fitzmaurice, T. Pittick, D. O'Connell. FRONT ROW: D. Moyes, G. Kingston, D. Nockolds.

Sports Day

Our annual athletic sports were held on the school oval on Friday, October 9. Due to the concentrated efforts of many parties the running tracks were in excellent condition. However, due to a strong easterly wind, no track records were broken, although some were equalled.

The competitors looked very colourful. The boys had their singlets dyed according to their respective factions while the girls looked neat in their green gym tunics and coloured sashes. As usual a large crowd of friends and relatives were present, enthusiastically encouraging their favoured faction.

Due to a new and improved system of awarding points the race between each faction for the leading position was very close. It was not decided until the final race of the day, the Faction Relay. The result was Gold and Boronia-finished level with 114 points, while Green scored 107 and Brown 103.



CRICKET

BACK ROW: D. Mavor, P. Brinklow, C. Pearson, P. Wilkins, P.
O'Connell, J. Martin, W. Haack, K. Fosbery.

FRONT ROW: D. Moyes, T. Pittick (V.-Capt.), Mr. Naughton
(Coach), D. O'Connell (Capt.), G. Kingston.

The champions were:-

Boys' Open: Don Mair (18 points). The runner-up was Graham Kingston with 10 points.

ham Kingston with 10 points.

Boys under 16: Peter Herbert
(15 points). Runner-up, David

Nockolds (14 points).

Boys under 14: Gavin Warneford (21 points). Runner up, Rodney Chadbourne (8 points).

The champions among the girls

were:-

Girls' Open: Wendy Buckingham (15 points). Runner-up, Sally Powell (8 points).

Girls under 16: Glenice Strettell (9 points). Runner-up, Diana Sib-

ley (7 points).

Girls under 14: Margaret Joyce (11 points). Runner-up, Helen

Hadlow (9 points).

In under 14 events, Gavin Warneford established records for the hop, step and jump (36ft. 4in.)

and the broad jump (16ft. 7½in.). He and Wendy Buckingham also won every event for which they were eligible.

Altogether it was a thoroughly enjoyable Sports Day and visitors were heard to state "the best ever."

The School wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of donations to the Sports Day Prize Fund from the following patrons of the School: F. H. Ick, Esq., W. Owen Gaze, Esq., J. Holmes, Esq.

As usual the staff has purchased a trophy for the Senior Girl champion.

The profits from Sports Day afternoon tea, which was ably managed by Miss Westhoven and assistants, have been given to St. John Ambulance, Albany. The amount was £10.



ATHLETICS
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BACK ROW: G. Warneford, D. Mair, G. Kingston, D. Nockolds,
P. Herbert.
FRONT ROW: M. Joyce,
H. Hadlow.

ATHLETICS
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BACK ROW: G. Warneford, D. Mair, G. Kingston, D. Nockolds,
P. Herbert.
SITTING IN FRONT: Rod Chabdourn.

BOYS' HOCKEY



BACK ROW: W. Graham, T. Rowley, R. Dale, Mr. R. Taylor (Coach),
J. Alderson, D. Formby.

MIDDLE ROW: J. Bradshaw, R. Moroney (V.-Capt.), D. Mavor

(Capt.), L. Whitmore, W. Haack.

FRONT ROW: G. Andrew, R. Brown.

School Concerts

During the year the usual end of term concerts were conducted. By far the most important, however, was the public concert on July 24. This concert featured a wide variety of musical and vocal items as well as sketches and plays. A most encouraging feature was the high attendance—by the time proceedings had begun there was standing room only.

Congratulations must be given to III L. for the presentation of a section of "As You Like It".

The outstanding item of the night was the dramatic group's presentation of "Alice in Wonderland". Judith Smith filled the role to set a standard not often surpassed in this school. There was,

it must be noted, a very noticeable lack of boys in dramatic productions.

The individual items of the evening were of a very high standard. Julie Tindale's song deserved all the applause she received and the guitar duet of Roger Smith and John Hall proved as popular as ever.

The concert was a complete success and the proceeds, which exceeded £30 went to the fund to send the sports teams to Perth.

For the first time in many years this school is now in proud possession of a band. This very popular organisation was evolved from the various concerts throughout the year and now proves its worth with its popularity at school socials.

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CADET RIFLE TEAM

BACK ROW: Cpl. R. Ahrens, Sgt. L. Kinnear; Under Officer B. Ashworth, W.O.I., A. J. Wilkins (coach), Cdt. M. Adams, Cdt. O. MacIntosh.

FRONT ROW: Cdt. J. Stokes, Sgt. K. Fleming, Cdt. Lt. P. Wilkins (captain), Cdt. E. Colley, Cdt. N. McGough.

Air Training Corps Notes

This year we have maintained our number, there now being one hundred cadets on the rolls. The outfitting of approximately forty new cadets was a big job. However this has now been successfully completed. The actual course has not been altered, last year's cadets now doing the specialised course. Several second year cadets have been promoted to L.A.Cs. These are cadets Beeck, Granger, Moyes, Laing, Nockolds and Newby.

The main event during the first term was the visit of a flight of thirty National Service Trainees (NST) from Pearce under Ft./Lt. Bennett and Ft./Sgt. Harris. Manoeuvres with them were held out at the aerodrome. These were an outstanding success—for the N.S.

Ts. However they had had six months more training and experience than we had.

During the May holidays our Annual Camp was held at Pearce. Twenty seven of our cadets flew up in one of the R.A.A.F. Dakotas. Also a flight of thirty Perth cadets flew down here for a camp. Perhaps it was the sight of their faces before taking off which made most of our cadets have a liking for paper bags. However, despite this, the camp was a great success and we are assured by some local girls that the camp here was also a great success.

During second term we had a visit from the Commanding Officer of Western Area, Ft./Lt. Gunderlack. Films were shown in the School hall and we would like to thank Mr. Laing for allowing us the use of the hall on this occasion and also in the third term.

At the end of this term another flight of N.S.Ts. came down. This time they did not find us so unpre-

pared.

During the August holidays an Officers and N.C.Os. school was held at Pearce. L.A.C.s. Gulvin, Moves, Granger, Laing Nockolds, Sharp and Beeck attended the N.C.O. camp and Cpl. McNaughton, Sgt. Walsh and Sgt. Ralph attended the officers' camp. Unfortunately there was an influenza epidemic and several of our cadets were unable to finish the camp due to this. L.A.C. Gulvin had the misfortune to break a finger while playing football. However our cadets all left the camp with one idea, i.e. if any-body wishes to get up early in the morning then they would be recommended to sleep in the same room as L.A.C. Laing.

The most notable event in third term is still to come: viz, the ball and dinner. Need any more be

said ?

There was also set on foot a social committee who have conducted several excellent socials. We have been told that we do the spotlight dance incorrectly so we found two cadets willing to teach us the correct procedure. If anybody else desires an exhibition L.A.C. Nockolds and Cdt. Taylor will be willing to oblige.

We have had two street parades this year. The first was on Anzac Day. It is very grudgingly admitted by the Army that we put on a marvellous display. The second parade was on the last Sunday of Air Force Week. A short service was held and a wreath was laid.

Walsh, L.A.Cs. Nockolds, Moyes and Cadet Fitzmaurice are to be congratulated on their success in the A.T.C. Swimming Carnival.

It is also hoped that the shooting team can pull off the hat trick this year and win the W.A. Cup. If they win this year then Albany will have won the cup outright.

Late news: Congr. tulations to the Army on winning the Com-monwealth Challenge Cup. Everybody hopes you can retain it for several years.

-:-:-Maths Critique

Megs: A silent worker with brains of a genius, but not always able to use them to the best advantage.

Brainstorm Brown: Very occasionally astounds class members by being unable to find the independ-

ent variable.

Mike: Improved slightly throughout the year-now knows that 2 x 2 equals 3.

Prof: Not much of a mathematician but a born lecturer.

Jude: Work sometimes flags,

but talk never.

Wilky: Mathematical ability overshadowed by sense of humour.

George: Occasional brilliance not always appreciated owing to ludicrous suggestions which do not meet with general approval.

Connell: Mathematical speed running a close race with athletic training. At present latter in the

Evans: Thinks examiners mean if they award Tony any marks below 80.

Beryl: Not without mathematical ability. Outstanding capacity for dramatics.

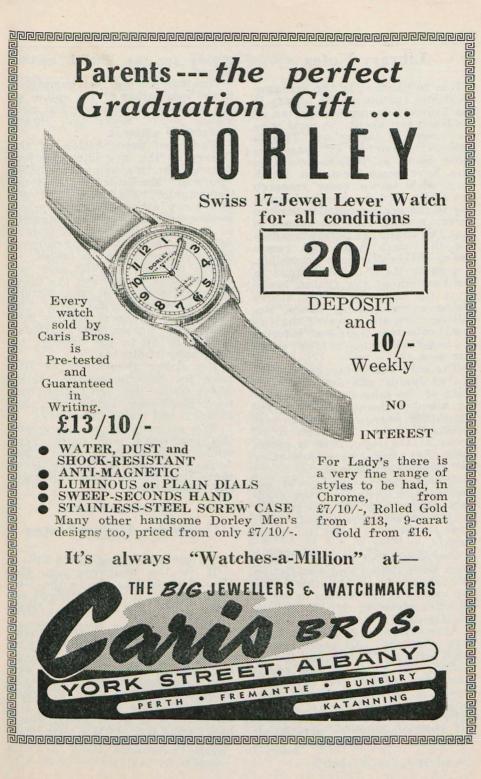
Coot: Shocks class by occasionally completing set assignments.

Aileen: Quiet type with great aptitude for maths (poor girl). -:-:-

"What is the use of poetry?" "My dear sir, the use of poetry is to raise us above merely useful things." John O' London

It is much less to a man's honour to distrust his friends than to be deceived by them.

La Rochefoncauld.





Library Notes

Due to changes in the arrangement and routine of the library it has become, during the course of the last year, about the most popular room in the school. This is due to a number of reasonssome being as follows-students who have some items on which they wish to do some research can easily find the required books due to the arrangement under the Dewey system. Another reason is that the continual borrowing during the lunch hour and recess makes the books more accessible. Yet again there is the change in the position of the fiction books from the corridor to the alcove giving extra shelving space. Resulting from the move of the fiction books was increased interest in non-fiction books for study purposes.

The card borrowing system has proved highly efficient, the majority of the school's citizens having adapted themselves to carrying out the borrowing routine correctly. However, the return of books at the right time is something that should be looked after with more strictness.

The respect for the books has increased, but because the students are not 100 per cent reliable in this respect a great deal of Mr. Taylor's time is spent in repair work.

The number of borrowed books from both fiction and non-fiction has increased notably, this being due mainly to the lessons in use of libraries given by Mr. Taylor to all classes.

Approximately 280 books have been purchased this year, 120 of these being non-fiction and the remaining 160 fiction. These additions bring the numbers of fiction books up to over 700 and non-fiction considerably more. All the fiction books are now catalogued but unfortunately the non-fiction books are only catalogued com-

pletely for the English section as yet.

Another job not yet completed is the numbering of the spines of the books. This is a big but necessary job to make the library completely efficient.

The most used section of the library is the magazine section. Among the magazines available "Popular Mechanics", "National Geographic", "Walkabout", "Post" and many others. It must be remembered, however, the magazines have a position in the library to which they must be returned. This position is not the tables.

The picture pamphlet and cutting section is perhaps the most backward section of the library but is now rapidly improving. The pamphlets, "Current Affairs Bulletin" and "Agricultural Journals" appear to be in big demand by geography students.

Remember that there is still room for more borrowing, particularly from the non-fiction section. The library is for your use, so use it and respect the books.

The majority of the librarians this year have been fourth year students. In addition some other forms have supplied library assistants, their names being to numerous to mention.

Crusader Union Notes

"Witness unto me" Acts 1:8.

It is the endeavour of the Crusaders to live up to the Union's motto, in the strength of their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Union has been strengthened considerably this year owing to the many first years who attend our meetings. Two meetings are held each week under the capable leadership of Miss Voce. Wednesday lunch time is set apart for the purpose of Bible Study, which has, during most of this year been based on a correspondence Bible

course. The first series, covering a period of fifteen weeks, was on the "Person and Work of the Holy Spirit." The present study is, "Go ing from Strength to Strength."

Each Friday lunch time our meeting takes the form of a discussion, on various topics of Christian interest. The regular attendance of our weekly meetings is about twenty, but there is room for you; come and bring

your lunch.

Towards the end of the first Room meeting, st the C.W.A. Rest term we held our first Drawing House. The evening was well attended, being enjoyed by all, and our guest speaker was Mr. H. Bates, State President of the C-usader Union. During the course of the evening we enjoyed games, quizzes, supper and a film on Crusader Camps.

Our President had the particular pleasure of presenting, personally the first membership card to an Albany Crusader, our Secret-

We wind up each term with a luncheon party, which we believe

is greatly enjoyed by all.

Officers - Secretary: Valma Smith. Scripture Union Secretary: David Formby.

Homework

(With apologies to William Shakespeare).

'Tis not due yet; I would be loath to hand it in before its day. What need I be so forward with something that calls not on me? Well, 'tis no matter; homework pricks me on. Yea, but how if homework prick me off when I came on? how then? Can home-Work play a game? No; or listen to the radio? no: or take the place of an exciting novel? no. Home-Work hath no pleasure, then? No. What is homework? a word. What is in that word, homework? Hard Work. Who hath it? he who labour-

th at school. Doth he feel it ? yea Doth he hear it? Yea. Tis sensible -to teachers. But is it important then? yea. Why? Exams will suffer without it. Therefore we must have it. Homework is no mere scutcheon and so ends my catechism.

The Memorable Event

(as recorded by two eve witnesses)

The 2nd, October 1953-this memorable date will go down in annals history- THE of SAUSAGE REVOLT.

The clocks chimed 8 for the battle to commence. Down clattered the combatants from the heights. A strange odour assailed the nostrils of the allies-they became weak. WHAT NEW WEAPON WAS THIS? They pushed this strange weapon aside—this sausage. J.A.B. led the vanguard in the kitchen with—a bread knife whilst the Serving Table Platoon rallied bravely to destroy the gris (t) ly evidence. They were ably led by B.A.M. A short conflict ensued and then, for a while, all was quiet on the Western Front. The armed truce was broken, this time renewed hostilities being led by J.A.H. She was present at the post mortem of the remains of thissausage colony. They were disinterred from the pig bucket and minutely examined by the coron-

One question remains-WHAT WILL THEY HAVE FOR BREAK-FAST ON SUNDAY?

Until this is answered no cessation of hostilities on the Western Front can be expected.

I know of nothing sweeter than the leaking of nature through all the cracks in the walls and floors of cities.

Oliver Wendell Holmes.

"Ever-Lution"

Theory starts off in times of tropical climes When the world, science says, was

No life existed. Stillness persisted,

Until someone thought up Mes-

Then a small protoplasm had a fresh coughing spasm And jerked itself into full life. Tribolites mated,

Families created. The first million years brought their strife.

The beginning began,

Reptiles swam and they ran. Plants sprouted in weird shapes and sizes.

Clumsy projectiles, Named pterodactyls,

Croaked hoarsely of Earth's vast surprises.

Insects grew 'till the span

of a dragon-fly ran Into two feet, eleven and a half inches.

Huge dinosaurus, Tyrannosaurus,

Were attacked by their mates with sharp pincers.

Climate changed from torrid, To ice-cold, so horrid.

That reptiles, fish and their breeds Were brought to an end.

Rock's record did bend, The Ice Age covered even the weeds.

The eras kept going,

The Earth took up snowing, Which extinguished most reptiles at last.

For they could not eat, Without enough heat.

Or survive from the cruel winter blast.

Then came a long break, For the Ice Age to make,

An intensified change in the sockets.

The start of humanity, Towns and urbanity, Bicycles, wireless—then rockets.

Vth Year Chem.

Chem. V is a fascinating subject, consisting mainly of disconcerting, but highly amusing, explosions, together with stereotyped routine matters such as splitting the atom, and making gold out of tin foil.

In this mysterious land of solutions and vapour pressures, resides the master of all masters, the "Science Teacher." All he ever does in class is to sit back and dictate piles of examples for us to do at home; you don't come to school to work, do you?

Naturally Bradshaw is the most hated boy by Vth year chem. Every time he is thirty seconds late with the bell, we have ten more examples to note down.

Our favourite period is "Prac." This is the time when we hover delightedly over simmering brews weirdly coloured chemicals, and gleefully gaze through mazes of gas-filled glass tubing, hoping feverishly that the beaker of concentrated nitric acid which Ralphy is boiling will blow up in his face— it would be a vast improvement on his present imitation of a dial, which is like an old-fashioned radio cabinet, with the varnish coming

Chemistry would be rather futile without chemists, so we include here a list of next year's budding atomic scientists. "Desdemona" comes first, but only by privilege of "her" rank. Des is as proud as a pedigreed Pekinese pup when on certain widely-spaced mornings, he is able to announce modestly to the whole school that he had dider, done, some home work last night;

Next by order of the Supreme Court of W.A. (watery Albany) which is presided over by Judge Evans, comes "Anthony." Tony is a staunch member of the industrial wing of the party. He swots all day, but never has anything to show for it. All he ever gets in Exams are 90's and 95's.

As we are not strong on alphabetical order the following is ar-

ranged haphazardly.

"Bones" is our Professor. our toughest and most "insoluble" problems are referred to Bill, who always gives the correct answer. "Better go and ask Mr. Vickery,"

is his standard answer.

"Wilky," besides being the recognised cracker of wet, weak jokes, has also, in his meritorious five years' service in this delightful concentration camp, acquired a reputation for dropsy. Whenever anyone breaks something and a "Sorry Sir" is mumbled the inevitable reply is "That's O.K., Pete."

"Megs" is our imaginative one: a tripod stand and a bunsen burner make excellent raw material for

cooking sausages.

"George." Dave's only distinction in the chemical field is that he blows his own trumpet—he dis-guises under the name of cornet.

"Ten Ton Tony" is the baby of Vth Form. As far as Chem. goes, he is an excellent cricketer. shows mathematical tendencies when he calculates to a nicety the exact elevation and force required with which to hit a cricket ball to make it clear a certain near-by fence, thus making it a "dead" ball.

That is chemistry and chemists as we see them. If you see them differently just let us know, and we will do our best to make a

fool of you as well.

So we must say Dulong for now, Ma Petit, from Le Chatelier's Mob, and remember Charles got Boyles because his carbohydrate intake was in excess of his calorie expenditure!!

Sincerely yours,

Leonardo D. Vinci.

Music Critic

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Every Monday morning, period four, a group of very happy carefree girls (some of the happiest Junior students on record according to certain authorities) enter C room and prepare for-the period stated on the timetable? Well, no. Although we endeavour to work, in our usual manner, the period ultimately ends in a concert-from the hall by a group of small choristers

There is no doubt that their voices are high and clear, but un-

fortunately not true.
"Rolling Free as the Breeze" they chant. Well they may be for all I know.

"What's to stop me or why?" they tauntingly mock.

"I can do as I please," Well the cheek of it all, and from first years. And so it continues-never ceasing.

Another addition to their repertoire is "Adieu, Adieu kind friends, adeiu," or some such title in which the main object seems to be to sing as many different words, accompained by much noise and great gusto, to as many different tunes in the shortest possible time.

I'd gladly say good-bye or farewell (!) or whatever it may be in as many different languages as possible except for one fact. They are a diversion. One can listen to them when life becomes dull. Not that one can very well listen to anything else for that matter. After a time conversation and noises cease to register on the ear, in somewhat the same way as they become inaudible when a highpowered steam-locomotive passes through a railway station at full speed.

Perhaps the torture would be modified somewhat if they could find variations. Chansons with a difference. Songs which terminate on a happy note! Sweet low melodies, gently and quietly rendered. Then would we face Mondays with great fortitude.

" Representative of the Luton Girls' Choir" (to be heard on Tuesdays, period 7.)

Chemistry III

At various periods during our "busy school week", a gay, care-free assortment of humans saunter into the chem. lab. to study the ways of science and how to concoct vile smells and stink bombs.

We girls (Oh! aren't the boys lucky) hold that Junior Chemistry would be most boring if it wasn't for us six who are the general cause of a much needed brighter and cheerful atmosphere. I think all the boys will agree with us

there ???

Even Mr. Doyle thinks so, he's always telling the boys that girls will be girls, and they must get accustomed to our constant fits of giggling and foolish ways. But when Dave M. starts giggling, all hurriedly changes their minds. Our brains are Mac and Joe (so our teacher thinks) but when Mary gets going, she leaves them all standing. All the boys and Mr. Doyle think we girls are just plain dumb and beyond aid, but we all (even old Pat) manage to get good marks in tests and exams; anything up to 30 per cent anyhow. Occasionally if any of us happen to get extra high results, every one looks horrified, and we are immediately accused of cheating.

Our enthusiastic master is very keen on giving us tests, but when the fateful day comes, it can be seen that the 'flu is at its height.

Our great teacher, Mr. Doyle, has a lovely time looking after us, especially during chem, prac., when we all have a chance to show him just how scientific we really are. It is the time for which we all long, two periods of fun, 80 minutes of suffocating odours, great clouds of black smoke, and the diligent efforts of Joe and Ian to become great scientists.

The other day Wally was busy mixing things together when clouds of reddish gas poured out of his conglomeration of chemicals. He must have thought he had discovered a new gas for he held up his test tube from which were issuing great clouds of smoke and said triumphantly "Look what I found."

Excitement reigned high one day when one of our brighter lads went so far as to make some poisonous (so he said) concoction. Suddenly, a deadly brown gas issued from it, causing all the other chem. students to dive for cover but our hero saved the day by gallantly picking it up and depositing it out the window.

Wendy, our dashing blonde, and Dot, are our pin-up girls. It can be seen that Dot has recently visited the beauty salon, for a new hair style which has caused quite

a stir among the boys.

The other day after being scared with tragic tales of accidents caused by sodium, our teacher boldly placed some of it in water. We all dived for cover. When we finally ventured out we had quite a scare—our teacher was missing. We later found him—under a table.

Although our enthusiastic class had very industrious ideas when we first took chem., Mary has now decided to be a Dom. Sci. teacher and I am, a postage stamp designer.

In conclusion just a word to any girls proposing to take chemistry. "Chemists are a strange class of mortals, impelled by an almost insane impulse to seek their pleasures among smoke and vapour, soot and flame, poison and poverty. Yet among all these evils, we seem to live so sweetly, we would not change places with a Persian King."

(Two soot and smoke sufferers
III L.)

There is no saint in all the calendar but he who lived with him must have found in him some flaw.

—Richard King.

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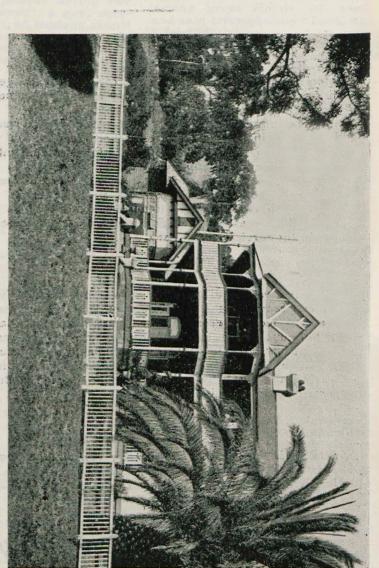
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