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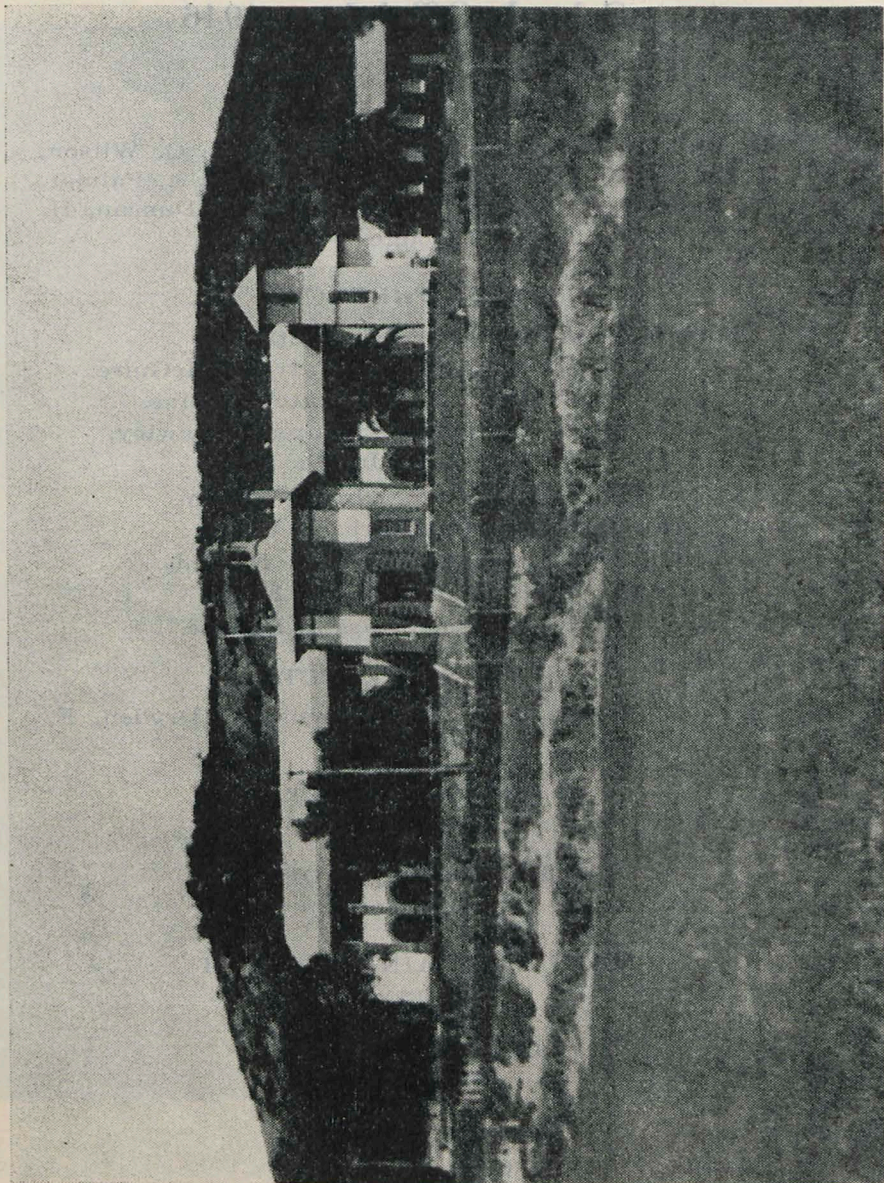
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Editorial

Our school commenced the year with an air of expectancy, and the prospect of the first full year before it, since the cessation of hostilities. We were not disappointed in our expectations, for we did see a considerable lessening of the difficulties imposed by war-time restrictions. It was also known that the new wing was rapidly nearing completion, and we were anticipating an early relief of the school's over-taxed accommodation. Unfortunately, the wing does not solve all our problems, for we are still very much over-crowded, and look forward to the day, which will see the commencement of construction of another new wing.

The "Boronia" itself, this year, will be found to be maintaining its size in proportion to the school roll. The complete absence of advertisements, we think is a decided improvement, for the "Boronia" is now an entirely school magazine, and more space is provided for the enthusiastic response to the call for contributions. No doubt, the response would have been greater, but the proximity of examinations has deterred many of our budding writers from employing the full scope of their talents.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all who helped in the publication of this magazine, and to

wish the school every success next year, which judging by reports, promises to be an even more enjoyable year than this has been.

R. PITT
E. McRAE
B. MALCOLM
Misses M. FENN
P. PIRRETT
J. SHARP
R. KEMBLE

} Committee.

School Notes

This year saw a record enrolment of 380. The measles epidemic in July and August lowered our average attendance. However in 1947 or 1948 we hope to qualify as a first class school, with an average attendance of 375.

Norman House, Methodist Hostel for High School Boys', was opened early this year and did much towards the achievement of the difficulty of boarding students.

We were deeply grieved to hear of the death of Miss J. Wroth, a former teacher of the school. Miss Wroth, who is remembered with esteem by all who knew her, died at Kalgoorlie early in March.

The new wing of the school and two rooms, was finished in March. At the same time extensive renovations were made to the original portion of the school.

The swimming carnival (the first for several years) was held on March 15.

Early in the second term, Mr. Leach Barker joined the staff as a part time teacher.

On Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1, the school celebrated its 21st birthday. On the

Friday the new wing of the school was officially opened, and a fancy dress ball was held in the Naval Drill Hall, in the evening.

On the Saturday afternoon, a garden party was held in the school grounds. Exhibitions of the various activities of the school were given, and the grounds were dedicated to the late Headmaster of the school, being renamed "Reedy Park." An ex-students' ball was held in the evening, in the Drill Hall.

A high light of the celebrations was the cutting of the birthday cake, a photo of which is published. There was a good attendance of parents' and ex-students' on both days.

In order to ensure that bus-students would miss no actual tuition in catching the bus, a change was made in the school programme so that the last half hour of each day is spent in private study.

In answer to U.N.R.R.A.'s appeal for clothing, students of the school donated £12/12/6 to be devoted towards the purchase of blankets.

Sports Day was held on September 27. In spite of the inefficiency of the running of the various athletic events, it was a reasonably successful sports meeting.

In closing we would like to thank the prefects of 1946, who presented a very practical gift, in the form of a clock, to the school.

The School Council

(BY "MUB")

I've come to tell the tale of the school.

Whose laws are juggled by youthful hands,

Where matters of policy, business and rule,

Are bent 'neath the sway of the students demands.

A majority vote where the teachers lose ground,

Decides the issue of what shall be done,

Of whether we'll keep, or spend, our last pound,
Or send teams away for our our "place in the sun."

I've come to ask if all students know,

The reasons for why this free speech is theirs,

Whether the chance to hear, to say, and to show,

Is taken for granted and no consequence bears,

One day when your school-mates as parents you meet,

When you've forgotten your physics and chemistry laws,

You will appreciate then the man in the street,

Who will stand on a soap box to defend his cause.

I've come to tell you how this may commence,

For our man we envy who says what he dares,

Was never a mug-wump to sit on the fence,

And keep warm the seats of our school council chairs.

First Form Notes

1F, which is opposite the Mistress's Room, started at the beginning of the year as a model form. Then we learnt, as usual by experience, that even the mistress's didn't worry unnecessarily over us, so we blossomed out. At that stage we only fought when we weren't too busy working, but since our addition at the beginning of the second term we have had regular civil wars. Whether these are due to him or not, we really could not say.

1B contains several Norman House boys' who supply seemingly quantities of practical jokes, such as tipping people up and sticking pins into various members of the class. One boy who seems very quiet and sucks his fingers all day, is doing the rounds with a girl who is the lucky possessor of a

pair of Betty Grable legs. He is not the only Romeo of the class, for we also have an Adam and Eve couple, and Adam even lives on an orchard!

1C has, throughout the year, managed to satisfy the different members of the staff, who are directly concerned with their welfare. One member in particular has lately reconsidered her verdict of 1C, and decided that we are now as good as she once thought we were, before our little misunderstanding. We are deeply indebted to Mr. Marshall for introducing us to some very interesting and popular debates.

Amongst the athletes we can boast of O. Griffiths, the Junior Swimming Champ., J. Dunn the under 14 athlete, who equalled a record and who was later selected to go to Perth for the Athletic Meeting.

Now we would like to say that we hope both the Junior and Leaving candidates have done themselves justice in their respective exams.

Second Form Notes

I think we can say without any hesitation that we have had a very successful school year. The majority of us have been working hard throughout, in an endeavour to reach the Sub-Junior Standard.

It has been proved that second form possesses a brilliant cricket team this year—some of the star players being W. Onions, Hordacre, Norton, the Groves Brothers, Cuneo, Hobley and A. Taylor. The football season was similarly successful for us. The girl's sport, has had a good run, the faction captains of this sport being Margaret Cruse, Jean Fraser, Bernice Orton and Judy House.

Naturally we have our clowns, brains, etc., which are divided fairly evenly amongst the three forms. In the academic sphere it would be unfair to single out any one person, but I might add that all have done their best.

During the year we have been unfortunate in losing several of our well respected members and we wish the following the best of luck—B. Tarbotton, K. Jackson, F. Strong, O. McLeod, M. Martin, M. Hansen, I. Lavater, D. Mair, R. Spouse, R. McLeod and R. North.

In conclusion we all join in wishing candidates for Junior and Leaving exams every success.

Third Form Notes

Now that we've survived the ordeal of the Junior, we may on our anticipated laurels, which are extremely fragile and unstable, relax. Those who left us earlier in the year, probably had an insight as to the following anxiety and left while they remained mentally efficient. We wish these following people every success—Best, Mair, Hall, Carpenter, Fay Verran, Norman, Warnock, J. Fairburn.

Our representatives in the Perth football team were Garth Gwynne and Wally Dunn, while the girl representatives were Nona, Laurie and Shirl. Noel Hoffman achieved prominence on Sports Day with his long distance run. In cricket Wally Dunn and the Malcolm Brothers, figure considerably, while Atkinson with his back flips etc., often relieves the monotony.

In conclusion we wish the Leaving Candidates the best of luck in their big step-out into the raw, hard world. Also a word of thanks to the members of the staff who have striven patiently and not altogether vainly to get us past with creditable success.

Fourth Form Notes

This year has gone by as swift and eventful as the years before. We fourth form girls and boys have tackled our work with a willingness well known. Our maths class this year became so industrious, that the teacher deemed it wise to preach an eleventh

commandment "Thou shalt not start work before the teacher comes." Still we worked and became so accomplished at the subject that poor Mr. Downing was tempted to introduce yet another commandment—"Thou shalt not start work even when the teacher come." However seeing our distress at this threat, he refrained from putting it into force.

For the modern and most ingenious creations in the art of line, we sojourn to K where fourth form girls reign in silence. Here the exhibits put forward by Pom Rae and Jane are not I'm afraid, appreciated by the more amateurs of art.

For English, the class mournfully parts, but I don't think we hear all of "how the other half lives." Some rumours say Alan and "Mac" make up for their lost beauty sleep during poetry. Of course when it comes to debate they take the floor eagerly and state their views on the matter in no uncertain way. As for the "better" half of the class, we have of late taken a little relaxation from hard work, to listen to Joan and Hazel amusing us with the play "Pygmalion."

Members of our form who have left us to wend their weary way in the world are, of the girls, Judith McColl, jolly Rosie Moir and Kath Mair. The boys are Allan Beanie, Brian Myers, Colin Justins, Kevin Lang and Bert Pepall. We wish them good luck and every success.

Quite a number of our members formed a part of the teams which visited Perth this year, and later three of our boys namely Alan, "Mac" and Len represented A.H.S. at the Amateur Athletic Meeting in Perth.

So we wish the Junior and Leaving candidates the best of luck and close this episode.

Fifth Form Notes

"Why shoulde we studie and make ourselves wood, and upon a booke in the librarie always to

poure." Why indeed! With this thought in our minds for the last two years we find ourselves on the verge of inevitable doom—that acedemic cataract known as the Leaving

Due perhaps to the unusually large number of fifth formers this year, we are divided into three cliques—Right wing, Independant and Left wing. The largest but perhaps influential group is the Right wing (excursion enthusiasts). The Independant group comprise those who dabble in the mysteries of mechanical drawing. But now—the Left wingers—those dynamic learned followers of Gay Lussac and Lavoisier, though inferior in numbers, are most powerful in vice. To mis-quote Churchill "Never have so many been inconvenienced so much by so few."

But all groups are united in so far that we all conciensciously obey the eleventh commandment, "Thou shalt not start work before the teacher arrives."

Occasionally our studious activities have been interspersed with such events as a visit to the freezing works, lectures on the use of alcoholic beverages and rules of the national sport (two-up) on the goldfields, excursions to Nanerup and musical interludes in the physics lab.

We were sorry to lose two of our members, Helen Lodge and that Beezle-bub, Crouch. The grief of their loss was partly offset by the unheralded approach of that ex-Tiger moth pilot, Roger's. (Flight sergeant to you, sprog).

Future medical students please note. Fame is within your reach if you can discover a cure for that strange epidemic "swotitis" which has kept so many of our brightest and best cooped in our dens.

Our mouths are watering in anticipation as each day carries us closer "a la nuit." We refer to the dinner we are "throwing" at the staff. It has caused as much

controversy as the S.P. bill in the Lower House. The Left wing however, triumphed again.

In conclusion we would like to thank the editors for publishing this tripe; and the staff who have worked so hard towards our betterment.

School Roll Of Honour

Ex-students who have lost their lives on active service.

Miss Vivienne Chipper
 Jack Shiner
 Leslie Parry
 Geoffrey Elliott
 Allan Ham
 Edward Laing
 Raymond Gooding
 Donald Armstrong
 Stanley Collins
 Frank Davey
 Lawrence Howard
 Tom Faird
 William Lemin
 Clarke Tufnell
 F. Honey
 Max Sloman
 J. Brown
 W. Plumb
 R. Hardy
 H. McDonald

High School Students who have been Decorated.

Wing Commander J. McLean,
 D.F.C., D.S.O., A.F.C.
 Flight Lieutenant R. Chopping,
 D.F.C.
 Squadron Leader R. Douglas,
 D.F.C.
 Flying Officer M. Duncan,
 D.F.C.
 Flight Lieutenant E. Ramsay,
 A.F.C.
 Squadron Leader W. James,
 D.F.C.
 Flight Lieutenant J. Gordan,
 D.F.C.
 Flight Lieutenant R. Jennings,
 D.F.C.
 Flying Officer M. Ladyman,
 D.F.C.
 Sergeant R. Mair,
 M.M.

Senior Prefects Notes, 1946

We are now nearing the end of our term of office and wish the new prefects all the success of the coming year. Despite numerous deadlocks we carried out our numerous tasks successfully.

Beside our socials, the 21st. birthday celebrations provided great interest and were enjoyed by all, due to the help and co-operation of all students. To everyone who helped to make the birthday the happy event it was we offer hearty thanks.

We were all sorry to lose one of our members who gave up the trials of prefectship for the pleasures of the city. This was a great loss to the girls, but they managed to stand up to overwhelming odds.

No matter where we are we will always think of the "Good old days" at A.H.S., and in conclusion wish the school all the best in the future.

Chemistry

(BY "WOK")

Of all the subjects, Chemistry is the most interesting, inspiring and in some respects "breath-taking." After dreaming blissfully through geography or English period under the hypnotic influence of some soothing voice describing the economic conditions of Russia or Canacee's magic mirror from Chaucer, it is refreshing to delve into the mysteries of oxidation and reduction in terms of the ionic theory. This is itself would be very uninteresting, but for the fact that there are several amusing side shows, such as an amateur fifth former trying unsuccessfully to do a practical experiment. If the student is musically inclined he feels perfectly at ease during a lesson, for usually there is a soothing tenor voice to accompany him while he works out some problem. The

chemistry teacher, who, it may be stated has a strong dislike for some types of strawberry jam, is extremely clever, for he not only knows Avagadro's Hypothesis, but also the percentage alcohol in Kalgoorlie beer.

But the cream of the subject is practical work. This is where the breath-taking part comes in. First of all every student must equip himself with a wash-bottle, for this perhaps the most important piece of apparatus. Not only is it used to wash out test tubes, etc., but far more important it is the standard means of offence and defence against fellow antagonists. Next is the dust coat, which, tradition lays down, must be as dirty, and in as many rags as possible. And the last essential is the H₂S plant, which is used for making what is commonly known as "rotten-egg gas." Without this, chemistry would not have attained the position it holds today. This smell is the distinguishing difference between chemists and physicists.

And so to any enthusiastic amateurs I advise them strongly to secure the above mentioned essentials, for otherwise they will be completely at the mercy of such tyrants as "Mac" or "Fitz."

The Circus

Monster attraction! More entertainment packed into one half hour, than is to be found in any Bob Dyer show. It is entirely free.

Among the artists are included such notable characters as "Superman" (self titled, and, incidentally, self opinionated) the "Kamakazi Kid" in his illustrious person, a medley of intermediates and that clowning glory, "Me."

All this and More Besides are featured in this galaxy of talent, presented every Tuesday and Wednesday mornings by the fourth form P.T. class.

As a member of the colourful troupe, I feel obliged to give some thing by way of pre-view.

A figure, a leap, a streak of white, and "Superman" is nesting with the crows! Many are the attempts which have been made to simulate this feat, meeting with varying degrees of success. One in particular appeared to be locked on to the Roman rings. Some are reluctant, but not so "Kamakazi Kid" or "Me." Vowing to break the splice we sieze the ropes and swing wildly amid howls of anguish, finally crashing onto the Flight Deck.

"Me" is particularly adept at horse work. My neigh of doing it is really superb. In this as indeed in all fields, it is hardly necessary to mention the outstanding performer.

Now to the parallel bars with "Superman" once more at the fore. We have sessions of hopping, chest and shoulder stands, and the infernal eternal back-flips, in which McGoff more than holds his own.

On now to the pyramids. Standing in their picturesque surroundings, these imposing creations are noted as one of the seven wonders of the world, and have been the object of the attention of at least one amateur photographer. But hold! Even a mirage, I think could not account for the sudden reduction of a pyramid to a struggling heap of humanity.

Last and most definitely least there is that recently revived art of throwing the cricket ball. "Mopsa" runs a close second, but "Me" definitely takes the cache for this. And Attention! Ladies and gentlemen, the wicked keeper.

Anyone may take part in these performances, yet some do not avail themselves of the invitation—strange; or is it?

Well as you can see its a roll-icking show, from crows nests to cricket, variety in profusion, and with that well known, never to be forgotten master of ceremonies, whose sterling efforts and mammoth wit, keeps us literally on our toes.

Guide Notes

(M. SNOW)

Another year, which has seen the realisation of several of our ambitions, is drawing to a close.

A long-standing tradition is no more—we had a camp. Certainly it was not a canvas camp and only lasted two days, but it came up to the standard demanded by four years of anticipation. The camp was held at the quarantine station under the able command of Miss Cohen, aided by Sister Mummery and Captain. We were very lucky to have Miss Cohen with us as she had to leave for Germany with the G.I.S. shortly afterwards.

What a weekend! Both days were crammed with new and interesting work. Rather sceptical at first, we were all glad of the rest hour, and early nights. We were all pretty green; not only the tenderfoots have painful memories of flags breaking too soon and winding themselves around convenient wireless arials! Meals were either over or underdone, but at least the cooks were generous.

Guides participated in the Anzac parade this year, and were lucky enough to get a prominent position at the welcome to the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. We were very interested in the visit as the Duchess is the Chief Guide in Australia. We would like to thank Mr. Collins for his valiant efforts with the signalling section—several more guides have gained their second class.

Thank you, too, Sister Mummery, for the Child Nursing lectures which we have all enjoyed. We won't mention the exam looming near.

A plan for the building of a Guide Cottage has been put forward, and we are now puzzling over ways and means of raising the necessary finance.

Last of all, I would like to thank Mrs. Thomson, on behalf of the

company, for acting as Captain over the last four years. Mrs. Thomson is expecting to leave us this year to re-open the First Albany company.

Is Education Worth It?

(BY EINSTEIN AND EINSTEIN)

Bernard Shaw said "My education was interrupted by my school days." The object of education, we take it, is to teach the individual how to think—to think constructively and impartially. Is education achieving its object, or is it being devoted exclusively to the passing of public examinations.

The subjects taught in secondary schools are, with a few exceptions, almost entirely theoretical, with the result that those students who leave school after having passed their leaving are in many cases in a worse position than those who leave school at 6th standard. Moreover the subjects taught in secondary schools do not (with the exception of English) give any education for life.

The present systems of examination are unsatisfactory. Public examinations held at intervals of two to three years tend to develop memory power rather than brain power." "Cramming" before examinations is hardly worth the reward of a "scrap of paper" as the Junior and Leaving certificates are regarded by many prospective employers.

The standard of teaching in secondary schools is not high. This is not the fault of the teachers themselves, but is due to the fact that—

- (a) Training is not long enough or good enough.
- (b) The profession does not hold as high a status as it should.
- (c) The remuneration for teachers is not sufficient to attract brilliant men and women who have chosen better paid professions.

The work of the world is done by the average individual. But

progress is made by the brilliant brain. If we are to have progress the, we must give full scope for the development of outstanding students. In W.A. at least this is not done.

Briefly, the secondary schools in this state suffer from—

(a) The fact that the more practical subjects are not taught. The best way to overcome this would be to establish more technical schools to work in conjunction with high schools. In England these are called "group schools."

(b) Lack of education for living. The formation of school social groups would go a long way towards filling in this gap.

(c) Public examinations do not give a true idea of mentality. Alternative systems of examination have been tried in other parts of the world, but they have been found to be as inaccurate and more impractical than the present system. If less stress were laid on examinations, more beneficial results would be forthcoming.

(d) Overcrowding, lack of adequate teaching staff, and lack of equipment could be remedied if a greater proportion of government revenue were devoted to education.

(e) Lack of opportunity for students to educate themselves.

The expense of more and more generous scholarships would be amply repaid in progress, by brilliant individuals who were forced to take advantage of the same.

We would remind readers who disagree with our ideas that we approached the question from a students point of view.

The Sanctuary

Lying beneath the towering slopes of Mount Clarence is the Albany High School, a place of quiet beauty, solitude and restfulness. But it is not directly with this peaceful place of know-

ledge that we are concerned with, it is with something that lies within it—"The Sanctuary."

This haven is the mecca of all learned students, for it is only by actually passing many pleasant hours in this place of quietude, that one is able to gain any practical knowledge of "the Great Subject."

Perhaps the most enchanting thing about this restful place is the delightful perfumes and liquids than one may find there. It is these two that make up the atmosphere of this haven. And if by some strange chance one is overpowered by these heavenly perfumes and sweet tasting liquids they can take refuge in the inner Sanctuary. But it is only the chosen few who are permitted to enter. For this is the Castle of the Seer. Without him the Sanctuary itself would be useless. He is not only the creator of its atmospheres, he is the nucleus around which revolve the learners.

However he does not spend all his time in this paradise for if you are lucky (or unlucky) you may see him sitting on a high throne like some regal prince at the head of his followers who are bowed down before him. Woe is the foolish one who disobeys his command for they are then forbidden to enter even the outer shell of the Sanctuary.

On rare occasions those who are permitted to enter this Palace of Knowledge find their Lord and master absent. Then is the time for rejoicing and celebrations which eventually end up in disaster. More often than not it is necessary for some more learned scholar to restore law and order by means of the "bouteille de lessiver."

Even this is not always successful and the chaos only ends with the return of the "Lord and Master." This divine personage is generally much displeased by

such revelry, but he is a man of peaceful nature and soon forgives all.

Though these are only a few of the delights and mysteries of this wonderful paradise, perhaps they will be sufficient to deter even the most courageous of the ignorant from entering, "for though many are called few are chosen."

A hushed silence descended on the violet shades of twilight filled the hollows and overflowed, seeping up into the metal blue sky, till one by one the frogs in the creek joined in a silver chorus, and cloying breezes wafted by, heavy with the perfume of wattle and the pungent scent of peppermint trees.



Bush Drama

Caressingly the last golden rays of the setting sun lingered on the slopes of the Porongorups, gilding their peaks, deepening their shadows; while in the valleys below black and white magpies carolled a last lay and wrens and robins fluttered to nest.

Like a golden coin the moon arose behind the white gums, silhouetting their stark slenderness and mantling all in an eerie tranquility.

Then a sudden shrill cry shattered the stillness, echoing and re-echoing among the hills, and from a patch of silken darkness emerged a stealthy form, followed

closely by another. Weaving in and out among the dancing shadows the two dingoes played, careless till the pangs of hunger directed them towards the squat homestead on the far side of the valley, beyond a row of screening gum trees.

They glided noiselessly across the clearing, slipping under the fowl yard fence without disturbing the sleepy overfed watch-dog. Before it could utter more than a startled gurgle, the bitch seized an unsuspecting fowl by the neck and raced back, followed by her mate, to the playground there to enjoy a stolen repast.

Suddenly attracted by the odour of warm, fresh blood and the scent of its own kind, another dingo appeared, and as it entered the arena of moonlight, the bitch stepped back, hesitantly, and cowered into the shadow. Her mate stood his ground, eyeing the new-comer with stoicism, looking at his bony, battle-scarred frame and dark, shaggy coat.

The two dogs stood face to face, noses drawn back into menacing snarls, while deep from their throats they rumbled and whined in hatred. With eyes gleaming animosity and legs stiff, they paced around, ever watching, ever drawing closer— Simultaneously they sprang and in the light of the waning moon seemed to merge in mid air into a shapeless, writhing mass.

The smaller dog leapt free, only to plunge back after a momentary pause, so gaining a temporary advantage, but the older dog over matched him in size and experience. Blood flowed freely, yet still they grappled, snarling in vicious anger and pain, the gleaming fangs of the veteran slashed deeper as he tried to get a fatal grip, and more and more feebly did his opponent resist. At long last his moment came. He lunged, half ripping the jugular vein from the young dog's throat, and as the life gushed out he shook the mangled carcass, uttering

a low snarl of triumph. He stalked unsteadily from the valley and as he disappeared, the bitch stepped uncertainly towards her mate. She sniffed the blood covered corpse; licked the still face. Puzzled she stood back whimpering, then as realization came she flung back her head and uttered a long weird moan, which grew into a howl, wrenched from the depth of her being.

Through the silence that followed, the dingoes cry broke a myriad of small sounds, heralding the dawn, the distant lowing of a cow; the faint chee-cheep of a baby bird; the mocking gurgling laugh of a kookaburra. Then with the fading of the morning star, the curtain of daylight was flung across the tragic scene and on it was emblazoned in rosy dawn clouds, the message of a new hope; and the stage was set for another scene.

"One Of The Called"

JUNIOR RED CROSS NOTES —

This year the Juniors Red Cross did not play a very active part in school life and slept through the winter. Owing to the efforts of Miss Newton however, the club was re-organised with the appointment of Betty House as President Barbara Bolt as Treasurer, and Rae Kemble as Secretary. The new Committee, elected by enthusiastic members, gave a concert on Friday, November 8, to provide funds for a First Aid Kit. This resulted in a profit of £3/2/11. The kit has now been bought.

Applied Quotations

"So all among the vivid blades of soft and tender grass we lay"

—K.V. and Button.

"I gazed entranced upon his face, fairer than any flower."— Betty.

"Call them and they answer, from aisles of oak and ash"— Form IV Boys.

Upper School Boys' Sports Notes

(BY E.A.H.)

During the year of 1946, keen interest has been taken in Upper School sports. The teams have been fairly even, except for Green, who through misfortune has suffered many defeats. The other three however, Boronia, Brown, and Gold have rather even teams and throughout this year have been "fighting" it out, as the faction points show.

In swimming, Boronia was the strongest team with the remaining three closely following. For Boronia, McBride, Brennan and the Griffith's Brothers did well, winning many points for their faction. Brown had many triers including Thorman, who won the Open Championship; for Green Vos tried hard, while McRae showed form for Gold.

But, the greatest interest this year has been football, for all tried hard and looked forward to it, as once again a football team was sent to Perth. The team won all its games this time including the one against Hale School, which proved an experience for those who played, as it was played before a crowd of about 15,000 people. (Maybe, I should mention that this match was played as the preliminary game before the S.A. v. W.A. Interstate Match.

Once again, Boronia was the strongest team with the aid of McBride, (winner of the Penter Medal for 1946) Menegola and others; Brown was next, the best players being Hoffman and Fitzpatrick; Gold with the help of Hayward, Dunham and Delmenico, while lastly Green who fought well with Vos, Button and Cullinane, the main supporters.

Cricket has only just commenced at school and so far Brown is the strongest followed closely by Boronia and Gold while Green still has to score, but there are still many games to be played.

For Brown, Hoffman and Harding have helped to support their team; for Boronia, Menegola has been very useful, followed by McBride, Gold, McRae has supported well with the help of Garstone; and for Green, Button and Vos and lately helped by Robertson.

The faction points for all the sports so far for the Upper School Sport are as follows—

Boronia—150; Brown—139; Gold—127; Green 27.

A cricket composed only of Upper School players has been entered in the Albany Cricket Association and although not up to the other's standard yet, will gradually improve as they are not used to playing against the Seniors.

Lower School Sport

Once again, forms I and II played together in a separate competition which proved highly successful in all respects. Although the main faction sports were cricket, football, basketball and tennis, a large number of lower school students took part in badminton and boxing tournaments, conducted mainly in the winter months. A high standard of proficiency was in evidence on all occasions. G. Turner proved outstanding in both badminton tournaments, while E. Norton and R. Johnson won their respective divisions in the boxing contests.

FOOTBALL

Boronia had a particularly successful season, remaining undefeated although one result was draw. Most of this teams progress was due to, A. Taylor, R. Wray, F. Brandenburg, A. Pickles and first formers, R. Johnson and B. Feld.

Brown performed well on the whole, best support coming from, D. Crofts, E. Norton, J. Hordacre and J. Dunn. Green and Gold were usually the chopping blocks, although early in the season the former was perhaps the most im-

proved team and accounted for Brown. Green was best represented by F. Bairstow, D. Moir, M. Taylor, N. Radburn and R. Green. Gold's best players were the Captain, W. Onions, winner of the Lower School Points' Competition, Peter and Paul Groves, and C. Delmenico. The weather was good on the whole, and a good standard was in evidence. Lower School players, selected for the Perth Tour were, W. Onions, A. Taylor, D. Crofts and E. Norton, all of whom proved worthy of inclusion.

CRICKET

Brown has emerged the best team in this competition. With players such as the Captain, J. Hordacre, E. Norton, D. Crofts, and J. Dunn, the opposition was set a difficult task. Norton registered the fine bowling figures of 9 for 9 on November 12, versus Gold. The only game Brown lost was against Boronia the previous week, when the difference was only two runs. Boronia and Gold have been on a par. Boronia has been best represented by A. Taylor, M. Cuneo, F. Brandenburg and B. Feld. Green had most reason to be thankful for

the good performances of F. Bairstow, M. Taylor, D. Milne and on occasions K. Dickinson and R. Green.

Faction points at the time of going to press were—

Boronia—170; Brown—152;
Green—65; Gold—56.

Swimming Carnival

The carnival was held at the baths on Friday, March 15. In faction points Boronia headed the list with 69½ points, followed by Gold, 57; Green, 55; and Brown 40½. The Champions and runners up were as follows—

Boys Open Championship:

R. Thorman 13 points.

K. McBride 9 points.

Boys Junior Championship:

O Griffiths 12½ points.

P. Griffiths 9 points.

Girls Open Championship:

Peg. Reilly 13 points.

Mona Randell 8 points.

Girls Junior Championship:

Alison Watson 5 points.

Hilda Thompson 4 points.

LOWER SCHOOL BATTING AVERAGES

	In.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Av.
J. Dunn (Brown):	9	3	51n.o.	217	36.1
E. Norton (Brown):	9	1	95	264	33
J. Hordacre (Brown):	9	3	52n.o.	176	29.3
Paul Groves (Gold):	9	3	17n.o.	161	26.8
D. Crofts (Brown):	7	1	59n.o.	111	18.5
Peter Groves (Gold):	9	1	40n.o.	129	16.1
S. Kiddle (Green):	4	1	25n.o.	47	15.6
W. Onions (Gold):	9	—	49	119	13.2
A. Taylor (Boronia):	9	1	27n.o.	98	12.2
F. Bairstow (Green):	7	—	46	79	11.2

LOWER SCHOOL BOWLING AVERAGES

	Ovs.	Mds.	Wks.	R's.	Av.
E. Norton (Brown):	45	13	34	103	3
M. Cuneo (Boronia):	38	7	22	107	4.8
F. Brandenburg (Bor.):	49	7	23	140	6
J. Hordacre (Brown):	44	7	19	121	6.3
Paul Groves (Gold):	50	6	30	215	7.1
Peter Groves (Gold):	37	6	14	140	10
D. Milne (????????):	27	4	14	167	11.9

A.H.S. Metropolitan Football Tour, 1946

Captained ably by K. McBride and playing a vigorous, systematic brand of football, the A.H.S. XVIII acquitted itself with honor in its Metropolitan Tour last August. The more seasoned players showed to advantage, while promising juniors from lower forms performed meritoriously. By winning all four matches, the High School team made a name for itself among leading metropolitan schools.

Results for the matches—

A.H.S. v. CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE—16.8.46

Both teams played good football, with quick passes and determined teamwork. Although the first half was evenly contested, A.H.S. won comfortably. Final scores were—

A.H.S.—11 goals 11 behinds.

C.B.C.—4 goals 4 behinds.

Best players: K. McBride, N. Dunham, J. Menegola, S. Manea, M. Hoffman and B. Garstone.

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A.H.S. v. HALE SCHOOL

—19.8.46

This match was played as a curtainraiser to the W.A. v. S.A. game at Subiaco Oval under adverse conditions and before a large crowd of 12,000 spectators. Hale School had previously accounted for Aquinas in an Alcock Cup Match, so a close game was anticipated. The High School team played a faster and more vigorous game, giving Hale School little chance of victory.

Final scores were—

A.H.S.—3 goals 14 behinds.

Hale School—1 goal 5 behinds.

Best players—K. McBride, J. Button, J. Menegola, A. Fitzpatrick, L. Hayward, N. Dunham, A. Taylor and D. Crofts.

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A.H.S. v. CHRISTCHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL—21.8.46

Last year, we managed a one point win over this combination,

but on this occasion, the margin was 49 points. The game, played at Subiaco Oval, was hardly in doubt after the first quarter, which was keenly contested. Christchurch's stab-kicking was however of a high standard, although their shortpassing was overdone.

Final scores were—

A.H.S.—11 goals 9 behinds.

C.G.S.—3 goals 8 behinds.

Best Players—K. McBride, N. Dunham, J. Button, J. Menegola, L. Hayward, M. Hoffman, A. Fitzpatrick and W. Onions.

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A.H.S. v. FREMANTLE BOYS' SCHOOL—23.8.46

By kicking 7 goals straight in the first half, we made it very difficult for the opposition, who nevertheless played very well, especially in the third term. The game was evenly contested to the final bell.

Scores were—

A.H.S.—11 goals 6 behinds.

F.B.S.—7 goals 6 behinds.

Best Players—K. McBride, J. Button, S. Manea, J. Menegola, L. Hayward, A. Fitzpatrick, N. Dunham and M. Hoffman.

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Trophies were awarded as follows—

“Fairest and Best”

—K. McBride.

“Forward Play”

—J. Menegola.

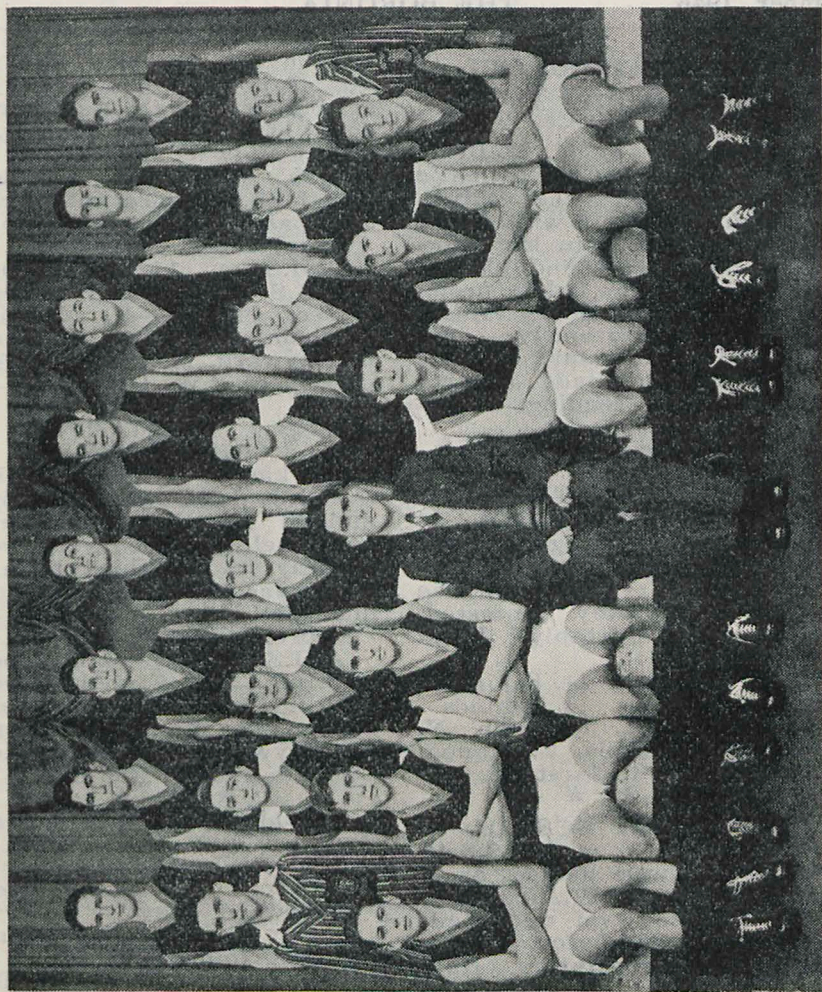
“Most Improved”

—J. Button.

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K. MCBRIDE (Captain-ruck): Probably the school's best footballer for many years. Marks well, disposes with fine drop-kick or punt and is rarely in trouble. Proved an able and inspiring skipper. Winner of the Senior Football Points Competition (the first award of the Pentecost Medal) as well as the Fairest and Best Trophy for play in Perth in August.

J. MENEGOLA (Vice-Captain-goal-sneak): A clever competent sneak, who secured 21 goals in 4 matches while in Perth. A clever



ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL
FOOTBALL TEAM

Metropolitan Tour (Undefeated),
August, 1946

Back Row (left to right): N. Dunham, E. Harding, M. Hoffman, W. Cullinane, J. Button, R. Delmenico, B. Garstone, L. Hayward.

Centre Row (left to right): A. Taylor, W. Dunn, G. Gwynne, W. Russell, A. Fitzpatrick, E. Norton, W. Onions, D. Crofts.

Front Row (left to right): R. McGough, S. Manea, J. Menegola (Vice-Captain), Mr. F. J. Marshall (Sportsmaster), K. McBride (Captain), V. Vos, E. McKrae.

scouter and an accurate shot for goals. An inspiration to the forwards.

J. BUTTON (Goal-keeper): A most improved and exceptionally valuable player in this position. Has overcome an early disinclination to "come through." Good in the air, clean and steady and with a long, driving kick, he proved a rock in defence.

S. MANEA (centre half-back): Another vastly improved player. Sturdy, rugged and tireless, his ground play is most reliable. High marking could be improved. Disposal, weak in 1945, is now up to standard.

M. HOFFMAN (centre): A heady player who marks and weaves well. Did well in Perth, despite an ankle injury. Ground play most reliable. Must perfect stab pass to be of full use.

B. GARSTONE (half-back): A most improved player. Safe mark. Does not shirk the heavy going. Was reliable on Metropolitan tour. Disposal could be improved.

N. DUNHAM (rover): This player, by no means small, is an ideal rover, being nippy and a good accurate stab-kick. Plays a cool, intelligent forward game and uses handball to advantage. Was one of the best on the Perth trip.

A. FITZPATRICK (rover): A vastly improved player whose pace is outstanding. Although stab needs practice, disposal was much better this year. Inclined to wander from position. Turns well.

W. RUSSELL (rover or wing): Fast, tenacious newcomer who marks well. Rarely beaten. Should be outstanding next season. Disposal needs constant practice.

G. GWYNNE (full back): A most reliable defence player whose

marking and disposal have improved. Watches his opponent closely. Ground play and place much above average. Drop kick weak.

W. DUNN (half-back): Rugged, determined type who goes in well. Disposal good, marking only fair. Should improve spoiling tactics.

E. HARDING (right half-forward): Tall player who goes in after the ball. Marks very well on occasions. Kicking unreliable.

W. CULLINANE (ruck): A hard trier, whose marking though often good, is consistent. Has overcome an inclination to 'play the man.' Improved to gain place in the XVIII.

L. HAYWARD (centre half-forward): A newcomer who has dash and marks well. Clever exponent of handball. Has a long punt kick and is an accurate shot for goal. Cultivation of the stab pass would mean much to a player of this type.

V. VOS (rover or wing): Fast resourceful type. Safe mark. Stab kick needs much practice. Inclined to hang on to the ball too long, instead of passing to advantage.

R. DELMENICO (ruck): On his day, a good chest mark. High marking and knocking in the ruck should be improved.

D. CROFTS (full back or rover): Fast, determined junior who played very well on the tour. Good safe mark. Has natural ability. Disposal lacks distance.

W. ONIONS (full-back): A safe and tenacious type, who marks and leads well. Must practice stab pass and learn to 'shadow' his opponent.

E. MCRAE (wing): Fast, useful player who has performed well

in faction matches. Disposal fair. Must learn the value of anticipation.

R. McGOUGH (full forward): An energetic and fearless player who however lacks experience. Kicking must improve. Does not lead as well as he might.

E. NORTON (defence): Vigorous and determined. A safe chest mark. High marking weak. Disposal much below standard.

A. TAYLOR (ruck): A junior who played well in Perth. Goes in well after the ball. Hand-ball and disposal must be improved. Marking is reliable.

Death On The East Pitch

(BY "DOC")

Against the horizon's fiery rack the pines loomed black. (with apologies to Maurice Baring). A streak of silver, a thundering cry, and all eyes are focussed with grim intensity on the spinning disk, as it curves high into the bleak, grey sky, then, a moan of anguish and Dunham has won the toss again.

The field is as a tight drawn mesh and the Captain looks suddenly grim, for behold the mighty Button strides resolutely to the wickets. But hark! A change of plan, the 5½ oz. missile of death is handed to Muck (whose name, by the way, is strangely synonymous with his bowling).

In the foreboding silence the bowler lumbers slowly up; his arm swings suddenly over, imparting a terrific backbreak to the ball. Button drives powerlessly and once again "Muck" delivers his thunderbolt. Alack! 'Tis no avail. Yet again the bowlers try their luck, but only to be met by the batsmens rock-like defence.

The game drags on, till every over appears as an eternity. The bowlers now deliver every wile they know.

A hoarse cry rends the ghastly silence, and a hopeful appeal dies

despairingly away as the team realise that their totally incompetent wicket keeper, Fitz., has once again taken the ball before the stumps.

Then, a lightning delivery, a resounding crack, a deathly gurgle, and another batsman bites the dust. Dunham has now taken his stand, and an ashen Voce, knowing full well the utter futility of his attack, bowls superbly. As a supreme gesture of defiance Dunham sends ball after ball crashing over the boundaries, and in the dark, dim, distance, the roofs of the houses resound onimously. But alas! He too has fallen victim to "Muck's" superb bowling. Then, the mighty McBride strides effortlessly to the wickets. In the gathering dusk the silence is oppressive. Surely Dunham's magnificent innings would inspire this beardless giant. A crashing drive sends the first ball rocketing to the boundaries, and the field seems to have grown suddenly small. A diminutive bowler appears to creep snail wise to the wickets, once again the gigantic figure leaps forward, but wonder of wonders, a thunderbolt ball has sent his stumps crashing to the ground. Thence the end is close, Muck and Voce deliver thunderbolt after thundebolt in a terrific fight against the darkness. Wicket after wicket falls and all the while Button bats doggedly on. Now a grossly large looking bat to which is attached some minute object, appears to stride on to this field of death. The object discloses itself as Holmes, the team's last hope. Tense is the icy air, the playing fields are dim and Holmes utterly beaten by superb delivery from Voce looks round in chagrin at his shattered wickets.

So ends a perfect, restful day. Button has batted dourly for some five hours for five, and Dunham compiled a breathtaking 300 in half an hours play, while "Muck"



INCIDENTS FROM RECENT METROPOLITAN FOOTBALL TOURS

Upper:—A ruck scene from the game A.H.S. versus Christ Church Grammar School played at Subiaco Oval in August, 1946. A. Taylor, E. Harding and K. McBride are prominent

Centre:—A scene from the 1945 game at Subiaco Oval versus the same team. On this occasion, we won by a point just on the bell. P. McGregor and J. Menegola may be noticed

Lower:—The same game. B. Glenister, E. Penter, G. Carpenter and J. Menegola are all in view

has a sum total of one dead and three wounded, all for one thousand and fourty-four.

As second innings has not yet taken place, watch for a further installment in your next copy of this magazine. —Ed.

Girls' Sport, 1946

Sport has as usual been a prominent feature in the school activities. Competition has been keen in all branches of sport, but Green has proved superior, leading in points with 300, followed by Gold with 211½. Boronia 160 and Brown 137½.

Softball, Tennis and Basketball were played during first term, while Hockey and Basketball gave close competition during the second term.

The tour to the metropolitan area of "A" team hockey in August, was highly successful, as they returned unbeaten. The basketball team, was not up to the opposing team's standard, "A" team hockey was also very successful in the association hockey this year, coming second, beaten only by 2 points in a close game against the Rovers.

Green's superiority has been widely extended over all branches of sport, especially hockey, owing to the outstanding performance of their Captain, Peg Reilly, who is incidently Captain of "A" team.

Lower School has also pulled its weight by coming second in the Lower School faction points.

Gold, Captained by Mona Randall has proved its worth, by coming second in upper school, and third in Lower.

Boronia and Brown, Captained respectively by Peggy Duncan and Jean Hearn, have tried hard, but have not been quite up to the standard of Green and Gold. Boronia however showed their sup-

riority in Lower School by leading in Lower School faction points.

Sports Day and the Swimming Carnival also showed much keen competition by all four factions.

We hope that this high standard of Sport will be maintained in 1947, and we wish all the factions the very best.

A.H.S. Girls' Sports Tour

During August, 1946, for the first time for five years, the girls' sports teams set forth to pit their skill against Metropolitan opponents. The result was a successful and most enjoyable tour. The teams were—

HOCKEY: Peg Reilly (Capt.), Mona Randell, Pat Cartwright, Jean Hearn, Betty Norman, Gwen Odgers, Pat Hogg, Phoebe Sandilands, Mary Fenn Hazel Slater, Lorriane Bartram and Val Milne. (It was unfortunate that at the last minute Anne Palmer was unable to come).

BASKETBALL: Norma Gerricke (Capt.), Lavender Martin, Peggy Moyle, Wynona Growden, Rosemary Moir, Alva Randell, Thelma Dunn, Margaret Walker and Shirley Thompson.

The teams left Albany by train on Wednesday, August 14, and the matches were played on the following afternoon, against Modern School. It was an exciting hockey match and at half-time the scores were nil all. However Albany's play proved superior in the second half, with the final score of 6 to nil, the goal scorers being Peg Reilly 3, Hazel Slater 2, and Betty Norman 1. The basketball match against Modern School's expert team found Albany not up to their opponents' standard, but nevertheless it was an enjoyable game, during which quite a lot in the way of tactics was learnt.

The next match was on Saturday morning and this was the highlight of the tour, the best and most enjoyable match against Methodist

Ladies' College. The scores were 5 to 1 in Albany's favour, Peg Reilly shooting 4 of the goals, Betty Norman the other. The basketball team did not play against M.L.C. as it had not been possible for them to arrange a team.

On Monday afternoon both teams played against St. Hilda's, winning the hockey and coming near to winning the basketball. In the latter the scores were separated by about 2 goals through until the last quarter, when St. Hilda's played hard to win. The hockey scores reached 7-1, the goal scorers being Peg Reilly 5, Betty Norman 1, and Lorraine Bartram 1.

The final matches were against Presbyterian Ladies' College, on Tuesday afternoon. Again Albany's hockey proved superior, with a score of 3 to 1, all goals coming from the Captain. P.L.C. was successful in basketball, with Albany putting up strong opposition, playing better than in either of the previous matches.

The outstanding success of the hockey team throughout the tour was due first of all to good team play and team combination. The combination of the forward line, coupled with the skill of the centre forward made the attack strong and telling. The defence was sound, with good stopping and tenacious tackling by the halves, steadiness and cool-headedness on the part of the backs, and improved stopping by the goalie.

The basketball team, though not successful in this tour, has gained valuable experience for the future and next year will have added incentive knowing the standard of other teams. With an earlier start in practices next year the team should develop into a much stronger combination.

All the matches were played on the home grounds of the opposing schools, which added to the interest as after the matches the girls were able to see through the schools they visited.

The tour did not consist only of matches. On the Friday morning

the teams met and walked up to and through King's Park (from where the view over Perth and the river is very beautiful), having lunch at the Kiosk. That afternoon a visit was paid to the State National Fitness Centre.

For Sunday a bus was hired to take the party to Canning Dam and Araluen. The weather was perfect, and the beautiful scenery over the Catchment Area of the Dam, the attractive Y.A.L. gardens and swimming pool at Araluen, made this a most enjoyable day.

On the last day, Wednesday, a smaller group of the girls visited the University and the Observatory.

Too soon it was over, a very pleasant week to remember.

The Hockey Team Critique

Centre-forward: A speedy player with good command of the ball and exceptional skill with the stick, generally combines well with her right inner but not often with the left; misses occasions for a snap pass to either in a better shooting position in the circle. Should strive for more sting in her shots without sacrifice of time by taking a swing at it.

Inside-right: Keen and always a trier, has a good turn of speed and generally shows clean stick work; is showing better grasp of the moment to rush in for a shot but often misdirects it. Timing of ball and of hit needs attention and alertness in her decision of which way to pass when she has drawn her opponent in field play.

Inside-left: A very useful player in mid-field, carries well and generally receives and directs passes surely. Lacks effectiveness in the circle by failing to see the opening, and does need to develop skill in stopping and shooting smartly a ball tapped from either direction.

Outside right very well suited to her position by reason of speed and stamina, has done much effective work in carrying forward the

attack and in returning the ball when that attack has been repulsed in the circle. Often fails to get into position to receive pass from supporting halves and does not show good judgement of the moment to pass; nor does she fall back quickly enough to reform after having carried down to the corner.

Outside-left: A very skilful, sneedy player who could make a real mark in this position; has very good skill with the stick. Does not combine well, tends to rely too often upon tricking her opponent rather than upon the

sounder principle of drawing her and then passing. Falls too easily to the temptation of working inwards to the circle herself rather than carry down and centre.

Centre-half: A very sound player, exceptionally dependable in defence, on account of stamina dash, good eye and sureness in deciding when to tackle, could develop somewhat in offensive play in redirecting a new attack from somewhere between the circle and the twenty five line.

Right-half: A very reliable player who watches her opposing forwards very closely and covers



HOCKEY TEAM — 1946

Back Row:—P. Hogg, Miss A. Carlson (Sportsmistress), P. Sandilands, M. Fenn
Middle Row:—P. Cartwright, M. Randell, J. Hearn (A. Palmer—absent)
Front Row:—G. Odgers, B. Norman, P. Reilly (Captain), H. Slater, L. Bartram

up clearances from the circle, her play has always been characterised by persistence and endurance.

Left-half: A very useful player who improved considerably towards the close of the season; has the advantage of speed and pretty sure stick work. But she has also a tendency to rush too bodily into her opposing forward and has not completely overcome a tendency to tackle from the left. Generally co-operates well with the forwards, but should be more alert for an opening in the forward line

Full-backs: I cannot separate— they have combined exceptionally well with sureness and understanding, have been fearless in clearing from corners and cool in standing up to attacks right in the circle. Have been beaten rather by the speedy individual player who dashed past them on the few occasions when their stopping has failed. Should concentrate on nicking the wing through which to initiate the attack.

Goalie: Knows what to do with her feet—but doesn't always do it, can stop and clear very well, and, on occasions has come out well to break up an attack.

Reserves: Forward; Skilful and has quite sufficient speed, needs to develop more force in hitting, and determination in attack—mainly a matter of confidence through experience.

Half: Quite on a par with the very tenacious and stubborn half-line. Stops very safely, tackles and covers persistently.

Sports Day

(J. SHARP)

It is hard to say which is the more exciting and interesting—Sports' Day itself, or the week which precedes it.

Practising commences as early as the first week of the term—three or more weeks from the Great Day. It starts in a lazy, half-hearted way and ends—on the

day before, in a frenzy of frantic captains and despairing teams.

The boys line the perimeter of the Oval, offering useless advice to the girls' teams of faction events. These events they regard in a very contemptuous light. One feels sorry for the poor unfortunate who makes a slip, but who gallantly ignores the barrage of sarcasm from the ever watchful spectators.

However, by Thursday—the day before the Day—the teams are in top shape—not a flaw in anyone, and even the boys have to admit that they're not too bad.

Then there are the athletes—those who wish to shine on their own. They comprise aspirants of many and varied ages and sizes. There are those who start by racing round the oval—ending in complete exhaustion to the immense satisfaction of the crowd, which has gathered to cheer—or otherwise.

The high jump receives a lot of attention. Those who fail to make the grade are bade to "take the lead out of their socks" by one who, if he tried, could not do as well. All such remarks are taken good humouredly by the budding champions. Some of the events, such as the mile and other handicaps are contested before the day.

"The mile" is an event which no one can afford to miss. One feels sorry for those who cannot quite make the last lap—or the boy who was a "certainty" until that lanky individual came from nowhere and snatched away the laurels. The queerest mile I have ever seen, happened when the competitors, thinking they had run the full course, flung themselves thankfully on the turf—only to find there was another lap to be run. Unperturbed, three of these noble runners started on their leisurely way—some, however, had not the strength to face another round, and were glad to let those running have the race.

The Great Day eventually dawns. Anxious eyes scan the sky for signs of rain. Disappoint-

ment reigns—there in the south-west appears to be gathering enough rain to flood the oval. What happiness and relief there is—the sun bursts forth and wins the day from his dark opponent.

The oval presents a scene of busy activity. Rumours run like bush-fire. The most outstanding runner in one of the opposing teams is unable to walk! "What a pity" the hypocrites say. However, he turns up walking without any aid, and our faint hopes are somewhat dashed.

As each race is run each person makes it his special duty to bawl at the top of his lungs—which is a wasted effort as none of the competitors can think of two things at once. How we groan inwardly as the results go up on the board—still we'll win the next race—we hope.

On the oval, the officials conscious of their importance, take hours to decide who really did win

that race, the effect being anything but soothing to one's nerves.

The microphone blots out—why don't they stop yelling so we can hear what the announcer is spluttering about now.

With a falling of the pit of the stomach it is realised—this is it.

"Hurry or they are liable to start without you"—not that you would be worried if they did.

The team events which were so perfect the day before, end in a panic—and by making a few less blunders than any of the other teams—we win, much to our own smug satisfaction.

At last it is over, "the shouting and the tumult dies." One feels depressed, not only because your friend who is in the winning team is feeling justly elated—and showing it—but you regret that the Day has passed and next year shall probably be your last Sports Day.

In the evening a dance is held—mainly for the "lions" to parade. Those who were not fortunate

BASKETBALL TEAM — 1946



Back Row:—W. Growden, R. Moir, S. Thompson, A. Randell,
M. Walker
Middle:—M. Dunn
Front Row:—P. Moyle, N. Gericke (Captain), L. Martin

enough to be champions wish that they were just a little bit more of the "athletic type"—forgetting that a few weeks ago, they had sighed to be in the "brains" category.

"And so to bed"—this ends an eventful day. We gladly fall into bed, at least grateful that we are first class sleepers.

Sports Day Results

The sports' meeting this year was held on September 27.

Brown proved superior in athletics, with a total of 120½ points. Gold coming next with 112½ pts., Green gained 102 pts., and Boronia 88½ pts.

The records were—

In 220 yds Champ., John Dunn equalled the record of 30 secs.

Under 16 Broad Jump; Alan Fitzpatrick jumped 18'8", breaking the record by 1" established by L. Hodge, 1928.

Girls 75 yds. Open Champ., Gwen Odgers equalled the record of 9.2 seconds.

75 yds Junior Skipping, Madelaine Kirby broke a record by 2.5 secs., her time being 10.2 secs.

Girls 100 yds. Skipping, Gwen Odgers broke a record by 2 secs., her time was 12.8 secs.

The faction events which award 8 pts. to the winner, 5 to second and 3 to third place, were very interesting, the results being—

Junior Flag Race: Boronia 1; Brown 2; Green 3;

Senior Flag Race: Green 1; Brown 2; Gold 3.

Junior Leader Ball: Gold 1; Brown 2; Boronia 3.

Senior Leader Ball: Brown 1; Green 2; Gold 3.

Circular Pass Ball: Green 1; Gold 2; Boronia 3.

Girls Potato Race: Green 1; Brown 2.

Circular Leap-frog: Green 1; Gold 2; Brown 3.

Senior Cross Ball: Boronia 1; Gold 2; Green 3. (Time 2 mins.

7.2 secs., an inaugural record.)

Junior Cross Ball: Gold 1; Green 2; Brown 3. (Time, 2 min. 44 sec., inaugural record.)

Girls' Faction Relay: Green 1; Gold 2; Boronia 3. (Time 29.5 sec., inaugural record.)

Boys' Faction Relay: Gold 1; Brown 2; Boronia 3.

SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

Champion Athlete: L. Hayward, 15 points. Runner-up, R. Delmenico, K. McBride 11pts.

Champion Athlete under 16: A. Fitzpatrick, 20 points. Runner-up, N. Hoffman, 11 pts.

Champion Athlete under 14: J. Dunn, 15½ points. Runner-up, W. Howse, 7 pts.

Champion Girl Athlete: G. Odgers, 12 points. Runner-up, V. Weston, 6 pts.

Champion Girl Athlete under 15: M. Kirby, 8½ points. Runner-up, B. Orton, 8 pts.

First XI Critique

G. Garstone (Captain: A good length left hand bowler who has taken many wickets with his medium-paced deliveries. An excellent field. Batting is vigorous, although strokes are too limited.

K. McBride: A most improved player. Batting is far more reliable. Fielding is excellent. Is a very handy bowler of medium pace, able to turn ball both ways.

J. Menegola: A capable all-rounder, who holds the school's batting record of 105 not out. A splendid change bowler and excellent field.

M. Hoffman: Has shown much improvement, especially in bowling which is medium-paced and accurate. Batting is good, although leg shots could be improved. An excellent field.

E. McRae: By consistent effort, he has made a great improvement, especially in batting. Has re-

vealed a large variety of shots, but could use more power. Off shots especially good. Bowling is useful, although tossed a little too high.

J. Button: Has not revealed the promise in evidence last season. Batting is generally reliable and correct, but lacking fire. Bowling is good, although inclined to be short.

E. Harding: A reliable opener, who is able to score quickly when required. Has taken many wickets with medium-paced deliveries although length is not consistent.

A Fitzpatrick: Besides being an enterprising batsman, he has kept wickets capably. Stands close up and is always likely to help in a dismissal.

N. Dunham: A capable bat, who has not enjoyed the best of luck. Scores fast when set. An outstanding field, who has taken many brilliant catches.

W. Russell: A promising batsman, who has revealed good form, although he is inclined to use a cross bat. Able to score quickly A good field.

J. Hordacre: A second former, whose all-round ability has won him a place in the first eleven. A sound batsman, who often takes too long to settle down. Accurate medium-paced bowler with sting.

E. Norton: Another second former with all-round ability. Hits hard and often. Medium-paced bowler, who commands respect. Is a good field and reliable catch.

First XVIII

The following players have been considered worthy of being included in the school's Ist. XVIII. The first three players have already been awarded honour pockets, while the balance will be awarded theirs.

K. McBride (Captain), J. Menegola (Vice-Captain), M. Hoffman, S. Manea, J. Button, N. Dunham, A. Fitzpatrick, L. Hayward, E. Harding, W. Russell, W. Dunn, G. Gwynne, V. Vos, A. Taylor, W. Cullinane, J. Rogers, P. Brennan, C. Malcolm, K. Hoffman, N. Hoffman.

UPPER SCHOOL BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.Score	Agg.	Av.
J. Menegola (Boronia);	8	2	105n.o.	304	50.6
W. Dunn (Brown);	5	2	29n.o.	92	30.6
M. Hoffman (Brown);	8	1	50n.o.	154	22
E. McRae (Gold);	7	1	32	110	18.3
W. Russell (Brown);	7	2	38n.o.	87	17.4
A. Fitzpatrick (Brown);	7	—	59	115	16.5
E. Harding (Brown);	7	—	35	86	12.2
J. Button (Green);	7	—	23	80	11.4

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Wickets	Runs	Average
J. Menegola (Boronia)	38	162	4.2
E. Harding (Brown);	32	176	5.5
M. Hoffman (Brown);	31	183	5.9
P. Brennan (Boronia);	16	107	6.6
E. McRae (Gold);	10	75	7.5
B. Garstone (Gold);	20	153	7.6
J. Button (Green);	20	225	11.2

