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!Front Row (left to right): W. Mare, C. A. Steynberg, D. Ferreira, C. Webb, M. E. Ainge (Head Prefect), E. C. Addams, R. T. Crozier, A. H. Joubert, D. Pohl.

Middle Row (left to right): A. W. van den Aardweg, B. Leech, J. M. Gobetz, W. M. Diepeveen, S. N.

Goldberg, T. J. Mallett, D. Turpin, W. L. Hilder, K. S. Delaney, A. L. Beard.

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Winners of the Old Boys Prize, 1947 :D. GOLDSTEIN and L. VLOK.

Games Champion, 1947: R. T. CROZIER.

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 Eduard Pretorius Botha. Richard Arthur Bryant. Norman Buyskes.  
 Norman Campbell.  
 John Carswell-Smith. Alexander Wood Church. Bryan Edward Clark. Arthur Clayton.  
 Samuel Cohen.  
 Denis Montague Cotton. Basil William Creighton. Denis Cullingworth. William Inglis Deas. Gideon Johannes de Greef. Bertie Arthur Delaney. Richard Harold Denny. Louis Sem de Villiers. Peter Grenfell Dexter. Manuel Solomon Dorian. Donovan John Durkin. Llewelyn Evans.  
 Jack Falkson.  
 George William Ford. Edward Alfred Gebhardt. Pieter Giovanni Geyser.  
 Kenneth Gordon.  
 Nathan Lazarus Gordon. Francis Charles Gray. Richard Errol Gritten. Robert Hargrave.\*  
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 Sidney Athol Hartley. Godfrey Andrew Hartmann. Horace Nathaniel Hawke. Arthur Dale Hinton.  
 Albert Isaac Holmner.  
 John Hermann Howitson. Laurence Olaf Howitz. Harry McGregor Inglis. Paul Meyer Israel.  
 Gabriel Raymond Jacobs. Leslie Jones.  
 Keith Cole Kemsley.  
 Arthur Charles King.  
 Philip Kirstein.  
 Jan Klompje.  
 John de la Harpe Lane. Denis Minter Lawler.  
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 George Osmund Leith.  
 Felix Louw.  
 John Douglas Lyall.  
 Herbert Graeme Maclaren. Cecil John MacWhirter. Warwick Marlin.  
 Robert Brian McNair.  
 John McIndoe.  
 Hendrik Meester.  
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 Robert Douglas Miller. Bruce Naser.  
 Trevor Reginald Pole. Thomas Ritchie.  
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The Governing Body.

During the year several changes have taken place in the composition of the Governing Body. On June 10th this year not only the School but also the service of education in Pretoria sustained a great loss in the death of Mr. C. E. Baber. For many years he was a member of our Governing Body as well as being Chairman of the Governing Body of our sister school. No demands on his time and energy in the service of the School ever went unanswered. He always attended our Valedictory Ceremony, he was often a spectator at our Rugby matches and, as the Headmaster said in Assembly when paying tribute to Mr. Baber's work, he seldom missed a School Cricket Match. Cricket was his great interest and he did much to promote the game in Pretoria. There are several members of the Staff, not least the Headmaster, who have missed the company of Mr. Baber under the trees on A Field on Saturday afternoons during the last term of the year. His conversation based on a wide knowledge of men and books was always stimulating and his interest in all to do with the School was manifest. To his daughters and to the other members of his family the sincere sympathy of the whole School is extended in their great loss.

The School suffered another severe loss later in the year through the sudden death on September 27th of Mr. Hugh Lane, M.P.C., the newly-elected Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body. Mr. Lane was a member of the Governing Body for over ten years and, despite the increasingly heavy calls upon his time of a busy public life, nothing was ever too much trouble to him if the School needed his help or advice. Though we shall long be grateful for the work Mr. Lane did for the School, many of us will always remember him as a trusted friend and as the father of two Old Boys, Derrick and John, who made a marked impression on the life of the School, when they were boys here some years ago. To Mrs. Lane, Derrick and the other members of their family the heart-felt sympathy of the School is extended in their grievous loss.

During the year came the resignations from the Governing Body of Mr. W. B. Clapham, the Chairman, and Mr. F. Sugden, also a member of long standing. To both of these gentlemen the debt of the School is great. In the case of Mr. Clapham it would be difficult to estimate what education in the Transvaal owes to his untiring efforts. In addition to being chairman at one time of the governing bodies of both the Girls' High School and our School, he was also for very many years the chairman of the Pretoria City School Board. We are especially grateful to Mr. Clapham for his devoted service to our School over a long period of years, and for the many additions to the amenities of the School which were obtained, through his efforts. Although indifferent health has obliged Mr. Clapham to resign from the Governing Body, we know that the School will always be much in his thoughts and that his deep interest in its welfare will be maintained. To Mr. Sugden we would also extend our grateful thanks for the work he has done on behalf of the School in the years of his service on the Governing Body.

We congratulate Mr. H. A. Wager on his re-election to the Governing Body and welcome as new members, Mr. H. C. de Kock and Mr.

C. D. Gawler. Neither are strangers to us, for Mr. de Kock as the father of an Old Boy has taken a keen interest in the School for many years, while Mr. Gawler as the parent of boys in the School has the welfare of the School at heart. Mr. E. de V. Stegmann has succeeded Mr. Clapham as Chairman of the Governing: Body. We hope that his term of office will be both long and happy.

The Staff.

In the first term of the year Mr. N. M. Pollock acted as Headmaster in the absence of Mr. Matheson, who was seconded to the head office of the Education Department to serve as a member of a departmental committee. It was with great regret that the School learnt of Mrs. Matheson's unfortunate accident in the Easter holidays, as a result of which the Headmaster and Mrs. Matheson had to postpone their long leave. It was good to see Mrs. Matheson about again in the last term and we all hope that Mr. and Mrs. Matheson will really enjoy their delayed leave in the New Year.

Mrs. Matheson's record of voluntary war work, chiefly on behalf of the Red Cross Society, was recently brought to the

notice of H.M. the King. We are happy to congratulate Mrs. Matheson on the Royal recognition that she has received and has so richly merited for her work throughout the long years of war.

In January Mr. H. R. Fraser and Mr. J. T. B. Collard, two of our temporary masters, received permanent appointments.

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Mr. E. Jones and Mr. C. W. S. Hendry were appointed to the Staff. Mr. C. W. S. Hendry, an Old Boy, who took a degree in History at the University of the Witwatersrand, served in the S.A. Air Force during the last three years of the war first as a pupil pilot and later with the Air Records Section. Mr. Jones was educated at the High School for Boys, Potchefstroom, and at the University College there, where he took a Science degree. During the war he served as a lieutenant on the Training Staff of the S.A.A.F. and on the conclusion of hostilities in 1945 was serving in Italy. We welcome both these gentlemen to the School and trust they will remain with us for several years to come.

During the first term Mr. T. R. Barrowman and Mr. J. W. Starker were on leave. Their places were filled by Mr. F. J. van Blerk and Mr. R. Ogden. Mr. B. J. P. Verster was also with us for most of the first term.

During the year the School lost the services of three prominent members of the Staff — Mr. K. F. Wynne, Mr. T. R. Barrowman and Dr. G. J. Beukes. The first to leave was Mr. Wynne, who in February was seconded to the Staff of the Teachers' Training College in Johannesburg. Mr. Wynne was a member of the Staff for almost eleven years and during this time took a keen interest in every aspect of school life. The teaching of History and the organization of the Cadet Detachment were his chief interests, but he also gave liberally of his time and energy to help in the production of plays and in the control of games and athletics. Mr. Wynne is a schoolmaster in the best sense of the word, for his interest in all that concerns the welfare of boys is both deep and genuine. On that account alone we are pleased to be able to congratulate him on his promotion to be Headmaster of the Highlands North High School. We hope that Mr. Wynne will be successful in his new sphere of work and that he and Mrs. Wynne will be happy in their home in Johannesburg.

Then in July came the resignations of Mr. Barrowman and Dr. Beukes. Mr. Barrowman's association with the School has been a long one. He is an Old Boy and was a Resident Master for some years before he joined the Staff in 1937. His resignation in order to pursue the study of Dentistry at the Witwatersrand University is not only a loss to the School but also to the teaching profession, a loss that we can ill afford at this time. In wishing Mr. Barrowman every success in his new venture, we would place on record all he has done for the School as a master both in the class room and on the playing field.

Dr. Beukes joined the Staff at Easter, 1939,

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The Editor takes it in his stride.

and soon made a niche for himself in the School: —especially in the Masters' League Cricket! As one of the rising Afrikaans scholars and writers of the younger generation, the School was fortunate to retain the services of Dr. Beukes for so long. Although we had realized for some time that he would leave us one day for a university, it has not been easy to accustom ourselves to his departure. We shall follow Dr. Beukes's subsequent career as a playwright with interest and hope he will enjoy his work at the University College of the Orange Free State.

Mr. G. C. H. Candy, an Old Boy, with a fine record of service with the Transvaal Scottish and an ex-P.O.W., was seconded to us to take the place of Mr. Wynne, but unfortunately he was able to remain with us for only seven months, as family reasons necessitated his return to Johannesburg in October. In July Mr. J. C. Buchner, B.A. (Witwatersrand University), who served during the war for four years with the S.A. Corps of Signallers, was appointed to the

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permanent staff and took over the work of Dr. Beukes, while our old friend, Mr. Ogden, came to help us out of yet another staffing difficulty. We have been fortunate too in retaining the services of Mr. G. Radloff and Mr. J.

H. M. Heykamp throughout the year. In the last term we welcomed Mr. A. F. Eccles, who served during the war in the Royal Air Force. He took over Mr. Candy's work until the end of the year.

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Thomas on the birth of their daughter, Brenda, on 27th March, 1947. Congratulations, too, to Mr. Peter Rorke on being awarded a University of South Africa Scholarship

which will enable him to pursue his musical studies in London in the coming year.

Mr. Joubert is to be congratulated on the publication of his "Afrikaanse Begrips- en Taal-toetse " which has been undertaken by Van Schaik's of Pretoria.

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Our thanks are due to Mr. E. de V. Stegmann, who has given a subscription on behalf of the School to the van Riebeeck Society; to Mr. George Sutter, M.P., who has sent us many copies of Hansard and to Mrs. S. Hugo, who has given us the early numbers of that historic S. African periodical, ' The State.'

Three of our boys, D. Wittridge J. L. de la Hiint and P. J. Chambers, were privileged to be members of the contingent of Sea Scouts chosen to serve on H.M.S. Nigeria when acting as escort to H.M.S. Vanguard, which brought the Royal Family to the Union.

C. Webb has been the Chairman of the Inter-High School Council for Community Service this year. The brilliant success of the Council's Conference held over the Easter week-end in

1946 rather eclipsed this year's activities and towards the end of the year it became clear that the movement would have to be reorganized if it were to continue its work effectively in 1948.

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It is with regret that we record the deaths of three of the pioneers of education in the Transvaal. Mr. C. D. Hope, for nearly quarter of a century Headmaster of the Potchefstroom High School for Boys, died in January at the age of eighty. Before going to Potchefstroom in 1905 he was associated with the founding of high schools in Pretoria and Johannesburg. In March Mr. J. L. Moerdyk, at one time an Inspector of Schools, died at an advanced age. He was one of the last survivors of a group of teachers who came from Holland to teach in

the Transvaal in the days of President Kruger. To Mr. P. C. Moerdyk the sympathy of the School is extended in the loss of his father. Dr. C. Louis Leipoldt, the doyen of school doctors, who was also an author of distinction and a real lover of young people, died in April. We owe much to these men and their colleagues, who laid the foundations of our present educational system in the opening years of the century.

Mrs. Wilkinson, the widow of Mr. T. Wilkinson, sometime Housemaster of Rissik House and for over quarter of a century a member of the Staff, died suddenly in Pretoria on September 18th. The funeral was attended by several members of the Staff and by many Old Boys who were at the School in Mr. Wilkinson's time.

The sympathy of the whole School is extended to the Headmaster and Mrs. Matheson on the death of Mrs. Matheson's brother, Lieut.-General A. J. E. Brink, C.B.E., D.T.D., D.S.O. formerly Chief of the General Staff and Secretary for Defence, which occurred in Pretoria on October 17th, 1947.

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The new design for the cover of this year's magazine is the work of R. P. Wronsley of Form IVB.

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PREFECTS.

In announcing the appointment of Prefects at the beginning of the year the acting Headmaster said, " I feel honoured that it has fallen to my lot to announce the names of the Prefects for 1947. Nevertheless, I should have preferred that the Headmaster had been here himself to make this announcement, because I believe that it is the most important that is made in Hall during the course of the year.

You younger boys will no doubt think of Prefects only as big boys who tell you what to do and what not to do, and who appear at awkward moments and stop you from being naughty. It is right you should think of them in that way and it is right that they should do so. It is right also that you should obey them without question, because they have the whole authority of the School behind them.

But the older boys will know that there is more in it than that. , You must have realized by now that in this building, where so many boys of so many different natures have come together for many years, a wonderful thing has happened. That is that the School itself in a miraculous way has acquired a personality all its own. We are different from all other schools

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r whether we are better or worse it is impossible for us to judge — but we are certainly different. This greater personality — the personality of the School— has been growing through the years and it is a precious thing. What we are doing to-day is to entrust it to the care of the boys whose names I have read. It is their especial privilege and responsibility to see that it is preserved, to sift out what is mean and petty and to foster in every way its free

development into what we all believe it can become — something finer and nobler still. That is the reason why I believe that the announcement I have made is so important. I wish the Prefects all success throughout the year.”

## TRANSVAAL SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

Supplementary Pass, March, 1947: G. J.

Armitage, C. R. Roberts, W. H. Bannatyne, R. J. C. Haupt.

December, 1947 First Class: J. J. Bornman (Afrikaans), C. K. Brain, D. J. Goldstein (English, German, Mathematics, Science, History), A. Hack (Mathematics), I. M. Katzen (History), G. R. Keeton, T. G. Ressel, D. Slone, C. de B. Webb (Mathematics).

Pass:~E. C. Addams (Art), M. E. Ainge (Mathematics), H. Belitzky, N. Berliner, B. Blamire, H. T. Booth, T. V. J.

Booth, F. D. Bowyer, R. M. Bryant, E. W. Buchel, C. Cooper, D. Cowan (Art), R. T. Crozier, C. J. de Beer, K. S.

Delaney, W. M. Diepeveen, T. M. du Plessis, D. P. du Plooy, P. du Toit, A. A. Eales,

D. H. Ekstein (Art), W. D. Edwards, C. K. Ellison, J. A. Euvrard, H. Festenstein, J. T. Fourie, L. V. Frankish, G.

Gafner, M. D. Gedye, M. J. Geyser, J. M. Gobetz, S. N. Goldberg,

H. Goodman, J. L. P. Hayward, P. G. Howell (Mathematics), N. S. Hudson, P. J. E. Hugo, R. T. Hulse, R. A.

Jefferies, E. J. Jones, H. A. Joubert, C. Kaplan, R. J. Keddy, P. W. M. Kirchhoff, H. Kruger (Afrikaans), K. Kuyper,

H. J. Lamont, B. N. Leech, J. W. Mallett, W. Mare, A. Molin, A. Morris, K. M. Peddie (Mathematics, Art), F. H.

Pettipher, F. J. H. Phillips, S. E. Pirie, P. E. Prior, R. G. Pullen, A. J. Reddin, K. H. G. Reinholdz (Bookkeeping), A.

Roberts, R. T. Scott, J. V. Serfontein, N. P. Shaw, E. P. Sherwood, M. Smart, N. Smith, R. D. F. Smith, J. W.

Stegmann, M. van R. Steyn, A. G. Thomson, D. G. D. Turpin,

A. W. van den Aardweg, G. van den Burg, L. Vickers, L. du T. Vlok, B. H. Watts, W. O. West, J. L. Weyers, C. C.

F. Whitcomb, R. D. Wilson, D. Wittridge-, A. Woodland, J. Wysoke,

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## ARCADIA HOUSE

Housemasters: Mr. W. G. Thomas, Mr. C. H. Bennett, Mr. A. H. Howell, Mr. J. W. Starker.

Once more the time has arrived to look back on the House's part in the year's activities. Despite the lack of spirit among many of the seniors of the House, it can be said that Arcadia played her usual part in the life of the School.

Our Athletic Team did not do too well, and only managed fourth place at the Athletic Meeting. Among the seniors, our captain, Shearer, must be congratulated on being runner-up in the Victor Ludorum Competition and on gaining Athletic Colours. We congratulate Joubert and Woodland on gaining places in the School Team which competed against King

Edward School.

The Senior House XI was the strongest the

House has had for some years, and ended up fairly high on the log. Mallett, our captain, and Verdoorn were regular members of the School First Eleven. Our Juniors also did well.

Our Senior XV, captained by Joubert, did well in the Inter-House Competition, being narrowly defeated by Sunnyside in the semi-finals. Although we had a strong pack, our three-quarters were not of the same standard. The tackling of Fourie, at centre, was the highlight of the game while Blamire gave a creditable performance at the base of the scrum. We congratulate Fourie, Joubert and Weyers on gaining First XV colours. Our juniors and subjunior did well, the former reaching the finals and the latter winning their division.

We were glad to find Boxing once more taking its place among the many other activities

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of the School. After many exciting preliminary bouts, three members of the House reached the finals. We congratulate Emmett and Naude on winning their respective divisions and Argue on being runner-up to Emmett.

At the Range we put up what can only be described as a poor show. Despite the efforts of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Starker and Mallett there was a decided lack of keenness among the juniors.

Tennis and Swimming were our two triumphs of the year. The House congratulates Stead (captain), Dodd, Scott and Verdoorn on their fine performance in bringing the Tennis Cup to the House. The former two must also be congratulated on being members of the School First Team, while Stead obtained colours for Tennis. We have now held the Swimming Cup four successive years — this year thanks largely to our juniors.

In the Inter-House-Efficiency Competition the efforts of 2nd Lt. Blamire were only rewarded by a fourth position. Others deserving praise for their work for our Platoon were 2nd Lt. Roberts, S. M. Shearer and Sgt. Fourie. Blamire and Shearer are also to be congratulated on being chosen to represent the School Cadet Detachment in the Pretoria Regiment Guard-of-Honour, which welcomed the King and Queen on their arrival in Pretoria. Once more the coveted position of Drum-Major was held by an Arcadian, Joubert, both he and Sgt. Bugler Mallett being congratulated by Brigadier Kloppe on the fine performance of the Band on the occasion of his inspection of the Detachment.

Although the House sustained a serious loss in the departure of Mr. Wynne, his position was ably filled by Mr. Thomas whom we thank sincerely for the interest he and the other masters have taken in the House. We congratulate Blamire, Joubert, Mallett and Roberts on being School Prefects.

In conclusion our best wishes go to all members of the Fifth Form in their forthcoming ordeal!

#### RISSIK HOUSE

Housemasters: Mr. N. M. Pollock, Mr. J. C. Buchner, Mr. E. Jones.

In reviewing the events of the past crowded year, the House is happily conscious of much strenuous and praiseworthy effort crowned by a considerable measure of success. Not for many a year has it been able to display such an array of cups on the sideboard. And it is proud, moreover, that in addition to their sporting achievements members of the House have played prominent parts in the School Opera and in other branches of School life. At last we have actual proof of that “ House Spirit ” whose lingering presence we have always loyally suspected.

Once again our Efficiency Platoon brought back the coveted trophy, and thus saved, and even enhanced, our military reputation. Our platoon worked hard, and spent many an arduous hour on the “ back field.” Our sincerest thanks go to Thornton Booth, to whose unceasing efforts our standard of efficiency was largely due, and who is also to be congratulated on being judged the smartest officer on parade. After sixteen years the Shooting Cup has once more appeared on our sideboard, as a result of an exceptionally good performance by the senior team.

The winning of the Senior Rugby Competition was one of our greatest triumphs, and a fine example of spirit and stamina was displayed in our Marathon duel with Sunnyside, victory being ours only after extra time had been played. For the third year in succession the Junior XV emerged winners of their competition, while the Sub-juniors reached the finals, where they were defeated. We were well represented in all School teams, and the following are to be congratulated on being awarded First XV colours: Ainge, Beeton, Beguin, Ferreira, Goldberg, Hilder, and Kuyper. Special mention must be made of Ferreira, who was vice-captain of the team.

Our Senior Cricket XI, led by Hilder, proved a fair combination and were runners-up to Sunnyside for the trophy. Alexander and Turpin bowled well, the former capturing twenty-six wickets all told, while Beguin, Beeton, Hilder and Turpin batted well. In an exciting re-play our Juniors snatched the cup away from School House, and the Sub-juniors tied for first place in their league, which is encouraging for future years. Turpin and Alexander played regularly in the First XI, Hilder during the first term, and Beeton during the latter part of the year.

Unfortunately at this year’s Athletic Meeting the Rissik House green was not so prominent as it had been in the previous two years. Beeton, however, excelled himself, while Ferreira ran very well, and is to be congratulated on being appointed captain of the School Athletic Team.

In other branches of sport the House also played its part. The water-polo team lost to Sunnyside in the final match after a keenly contested fourteen minutes in the water. The team was captained by Kuyper, who, with Beguin, played for the School against A.H.S. The Senior Tennis team pleasantly surprised us by reaching the finals, where they were beaten by the powerful Arcadia four. The revival of

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boxing in the school saw us well represented in the Tournament, in which We tied for second place. Beeton, C. Beguin, and Krohn were winners of their divisions.

This year the House was ably controlled by the Fifth Formers, who, with Ferreira as Head, acted as Seniors. We congratulate the following on being School Prefects: Ainge (Head

Prefect), Ferreira, Goldberg, Hilder, Kuyper, and Turpin. Special mention must be made of Ainge, who joins the band of Rissikites who have filled the position of Head Prefect of the School.

The year 1947 brought the following new “ recruits ” to the House: E. Ainge, Hill, M. Hulse, Krohn, J. Latham, Macintosh, Merry-weather, Opperman, Sacké, Shearer, Stanley, Sypkens and van Reenen. To these we extend a hearty welcome.

We are pleased to have had visits from the following Old Rissiks during the course of the year: C. Ackhurst, D.

Ackhurst, Alexander, Appelbaum, Baber, Bannatyne, Barnes, Beeton, Brown, Peter Clarke, Collard, Coward, Peter Dell, Duthie, Dijkman, Fair, Furphy, Geffen, Goosen, Graham, F. Hansen, J. Harper, M. Harper, Hawken, Kirkpatrick, Knevitt, Kraan, Kritzing, Mentz, D. Murray, G. Murray, I. Murray, Nefdt, Payne, Prior, D. Ralston, B. Stein, Stubbs, Sutter, Twycross, van Tonder, Woodhead, and Wouda.

We are very sorry to lose the services of Mr. Ian Ralston who left us in the middle of the year. We trust that the cessation of his house duties will greatly benefit his studies and we wish him all success.

We welcome Mr. Jones and Mr. Buchner to the House and we hope that their stay will be long and happy. We also hope that their willingness to help us in our work will be reflected in a noticeable improvement in our Mathematics and Afrikaans.

Once again we wish to thank Mrs. Ralston for all she has done for us this year. Her kindness has contributed much to our happiness and success.

#### SCHOOL HOUSE

Housemasters: Mr. D. D. Matheson, Mr. J. E. Davies, Mr. C. W. S. Hendry.

1947 has proved a happy if not too successful year for School House. It is true we were not always the winners of the trophies, but the spirit shown by every member of the House in the many school activities has been praiseworthy, for everyone has really pulled his weight.

We take pleasure in welcoming Mr. Hendry

and sincerely hope that his stay in the House will be a pleasant one. He has given us every assistance during the past year and the House has benefited by his presence.

Every Fifth Former has been a House Prefect. Pohl and Steynberg shared the position of Head Prefect and their fine qualities of leadership were exhibited to the full. Goldstein, Maritz, Pohl and Steynberg were all School Prefects and we congratulate Goldstein too on being joint winner of the Old Boys' Prize.

We welcome new blood into our midst in "Boats" Botes, "Klasie" Devenish, "Mathew" Geyser, "Glis" Gillespie, Hall, "Wally" Hayward, "Cabbage" Hen-Boisen, "Mossy" Mos-tert, "Fleas" Pickard, "Stompy" Shearer, "Oscar" Stopforth, "Beak" Wainwright, "Dick" Whiley and "Klitz" Young. Duminy

I and II and Rissik I and II arrived during the year. All these new arrivals proved their mettle and soon settled down. We were sorry to lose at one time or another "Bat" Dickson, "Dave" Eastwood, "Rupy" Gladwin, Wedepohl I and II, "Chink" Middlewick and "Mike" Warren and also "Dirk" Dean who left at the end of the year. With much regret we said farewell to the Rugby Cup after a brief stay of one year. What we lacked in strength we made up in general skill for the powerful Rissik combination were fully extended in their game with us. We lost 9—0 but Pohl was conspicuous in his enthusiasm on the field and Shaw I, Du Plessis, Vickers, Steynberg, Shearer and Bezuidenhout are also worthy of mention. Weir, one of our few First Team representatives, was unfortunately injured, but the team was not disheartened by his absence. Congratulations to Steynberg, Weir and Shearer on being awarded First XV colours. Our Junior side under the captaincy of "Gus" Reinholdz also played good Rugby and this can be said of our Sub-Junior team as well.

Our Cricket XI played some excellent games and our opponents were given a stiff battle for the winning points. Vickers proved an able captain and inspired confidence throughout the Team. Middlewick and Steynberg played well, as did Vickers, Scott, Weir and Chapman. Our Junior XI lost to Rissik in the final but the whole side shaped creditably.

2nd Lt. Maritz is to be congratulated on the way in which he trained the House Efficiency Platoon. Although we did not secure first place, every cadet gave of his best. Maritz was runner-up in the Officers section while Shearer brought the Sergeants Cup to our side-board. The Senior Shooting Team was defeated, but our Juniors under Sheppard won their competition. Bezui-

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denhout was Senior Shot and Sheppard was the best marksman in the Junior section.

Our Athletic Team ran well and Weir, the captain, was the driving force behind our efforts. Weir, Wiid, Rose-Innes and Stopforth all gave fine performances. We are very sorry to have lost the Cross-Country Cup, which we had come to regard as our own, but Opperman came third again and Weir, Wiid, Scott, Ellison and Shaw

II ran well.

In both Tennis and Swimming we did not do very well, but considering the limited material in the House we put up a satisfactory show. The Junior Team were unlucky to lose to Sunnyside by two points in the finals but they played with great zest.



We were pleased to receive visits during the year from the following Old Boys: Boshoff, Cochrane, Cowan, Daniel, Dawes I and II, Dickson I and II, H. and P. du Plessis, Kenny, Levy, Middlewick, Hilliar, Nicholl, Parr, Peiser, Penny, Perry, Rogers, Rose-Innes, Scrooby, Shaw, Sanders I and II, Smith, “ Bob ” Smith, Young and Vickers. We regret saying goodbye to the Senior Boys, for all in the House have grown to regard them as very good friends. We take this opportunity of wishing them everything they would wish themselves in their coming examinations and in their future lives.

Mrs. Matheson sustained an unfortunate accident early in the year, but the House, was pleased to see her looking well again at the House Dinner. The Headmaster goes on leave at the beginning of the New Year and we sincerely hope that Mr. and Mrs. Matheson will enjoy their well-earned rest to the full.

#### SOLOMON HOUSE

Housemasters: Mr. W. C. Brooks, Mr. A. F. Eccles, Mr. M. B. Hofmeyr.

This year the House was catapulted from its pinnacle of sporting glory of the last few years to a far humbler level of achievement, as a result of the departure of the stalwarts of last year. However, the House was well represented in all branches of school activity and wholehearted support was given to our sporting teams by all members of the House. At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mr. M. B. Hofmeyr as assistant housemaster in place of Mr. Cronje, who left at the end of last year. The best wishes of the House are extended to him for the future. We were unfortunate to lose the services of Mr. B. Lane in the middle of the first term. Mr. Lane was very popular in the House because of the keen interest he took in all our activities, and we wish him

prosperity in the future and happiness in his married life on which he will shortly be embarking. His place was taken first by Mr. G. Candy, who displayed much interest in our doings during the two terms he stayed here; and in the fourth term by Mr. Eccles, who recently arrived from Britain and who is staying with us temporarily.

We welcome the following additions to the House: Robertson, Berkley, “Screw” Driver, Fuller, D. Hamilton, C. and G. Kuit, “ Catsie ” Manglis, “ Box ” and “ Allister ” MacDonald,

A. McQueen, Nichol, “ Snoozer ” Sanders, “ Stompie ” Stedman, White and Willson. We hope that these “ new-pots ” will come up to expectations, in our dire need for sporting talent, as there are several of them who show promise.

Addams (Head-Prefect), Beard, Gobetz, Leech, Féstenstein, N. Hudson, R. Keeton, Lamont, Peddie, Smart and Watts were House Seniors this year. The first four of these are also to be congratulated on being appointed School Prefects. Our weak Cricket team, captained by Beard, made an impressive start in the Inter-House Competition in the first term, by missing two victories by very narrow margins. The performance of the team waned in the later matches though and we ended up last on the log. In order that this state of affairs should not prevail much longer, the whole House, (particularly the rule-breaking types) have been very busy on the construction of a cricket net and this has just been completed.

Lack of material also caused our Rugby side to be knocked out by Arcadia in the first round of the Inter-House Competition. The team, enthusiastically trained by Mr. Brooks and Mr. M. B. Hofmeyr, (the N. Transvaal fly-half), and ably led by Addams, did give a good account of itself in this game. One consolation was that our Under 14 side lost by only three points to Arcadia, the ultimate winners of the sub-junior league.

The House Platoon challenged Rissik’s domination by coming a close second in the Cadet Competition. Most of the credit for this success goes to Addams, whose early morning parades were a gruelling but worthwhile feature of the third term. We were not able to retain the Senior Shooting Trophy, but our Junior Team was the runner-up in its section.

Nearly everyone took part in the Crosscountry Race this year, and what may be taken as a faint glimmer of promise is the fact that our juniors were runners-up in this event. Athletics, as usual, was our weakest point.

Our congratulations go out to Addams on winning the Senior Welterweight Boxing title, and  
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to S. Hamilton and Stein who also emerged victorious in their respective weights.

In conclusion, we wish our eleven representatives in the Fifth Form the best of good fortune in their final examinations and in their future careers.

#### SUNNYSIDE HOUSE

Housemasters: Mr. P. C. Moerdyk, Mr. J. T.

B. Collard, Mr. R. S. Fair, Mr. D. M. Garson.

At last, after many bleak years, we have recaptured our form and have come to the fore in inter-house competitions. It

was felt by many that Sunnyside House needed an increase in population, and, as Arcadia had more material than they needed, the latter House most willingly donated part of its area to us. We express our most sincere thanks to them. Sunnyside got away to a flying start this year. We experienced a revival of our House spirit; but there is still room for improvement. With the enthusiasm shown by Mr. P. Moerdyk and our other housemasters and the ready response of our boys, we managed to bag a number of trophies. Thanks to some brilliant running by Crozier, who captained the Athletics Team, and gained School Colours, we won the Athletics Cup. The congratulations of our House go out to "Cro" for deservedly winning the Victor Ludorum Trophy.

We had an excellent Cricket year. Our side, ably led by "Paddy" Kuyper, included seven members of the First Eleven. There are several promising fellows who may help us to repeat our performance in winning the coveted Cricket Cup again next year. After a most interesting tussle with Rissik, our youthful Polo Team managed to win the Cup. On paper, our Rugby XV looked as if it would not get very far. This impression grew, especially after our mediocre displays in early matches. But we fully extended the formidable Rissik side and it was only after extra time and because they deserved to win, that they narrowly beat us. Our heartiest congratulations to Rissik. (Perhaps we might have won if we had played in our House jerseys, which we hope to procure for the future!) Our Cadet Platoon, despite its good performance in practices, put up a most disappointing display in the competition.

First-team Rugby colours were awarded to R. T. Crozier and L. Vlok. Our House, this year, supplied the following School Prefects: K. Kuyper, L. Vlok, K. S. Delaney, W. M. Diepeveen, C. Webb and R. T. Crozier. The House's congratulations go to them on their

achievements, especially to L. Vlok on sharing the Old Boys' Prize with D. Goldstein. The House wishes those who are sitting for the Secondary Certificate at the end of the year, the beat of luck in the examinations (they'll need it), and success in their future careers.

#### TOWN HOUSE

Housemasters: Mr. M. S. Geen, Mr. R. H. Fraser, Mr. J. H. M. Heykamp, Mr. A. A. Menge, Mr. L. Wolff.

Town House has once again shown that it is worthy of taking its place amongst the Houses of the School. Although in certain spheres of sport we were not up to the standard we had hoped to reach, enthusiasm, the mainstay of all activities, was at a high level. We hope that in the years to come we will carry off a large number of the trophies.

We were unfortunate in having only one member of the House in the First Fifteen. However, Mare who gained First Team colours is to be congratulated.

At Athletics we did fairly well finishing third. Credit is due mainly to our juniors and sub-juniors, some of whom put up really creditable performances. D. Allin is to be congratulated on obtaining Athletic Colours. The House captured the Cross-Country Cup from School House. We do hope it will stay in our House even longer than it did in School House.

The Cadet Efficiency Platoon did very well indeed, unexpectedly coming third. This is no mean achievement for a day-boy house. A. van den Aardweg and D. Wilson are congratulated on being appointed student officers. The shooting team was unfortunate to lose by a narrow margin to Rissik- House.

After an absence of a number of years we are glad to say that Boxing has once again been given a place amongst our various school activities and that Town obtained first place;

We congratulate J., Bornman, W. Mare, F. Phillips, A. van den Aardweg and D. Wilson on being created School Prefects.

All senior boys wish to thank Messrs. Geen, Fraser, Heykamp, Menge and Wolff for their unfailing assistance in all the activities of the House.

In conclusion we extend to the members of Form Five heartfelt sympathy in the forthcoming examinations and wish them the best of luck in the year to come.

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The boys of the School had many opportunities of greeting Their Majesties the King and Queen and the Princesses during their stay of nine days in Pretoria in March and April of this year. Elsewhere in the Magazine there is a description of the part played by the Cadet Detachment on the occasion of the Royal Family's arrival in Pretoria on Saturday, 29th March.

On the following Monday the School took part in the great gathering of children held on the Loftus Versveld grounds.

Our boys and the girls of our sister school occupied a stand which had been erected specially for the occasion just opposite the Royal Dais. The two schools formed the choir, which led the enthusiastic gathering of 30,000 in singing the National Anthems. It was indeed a great privilege to be able at long last to extend our loyal greetings to Their Majesties and to the

Princess Elizabeth and the Princess Margaret. When the day came, alas all too soon, for the Royal Family to leave Pretoria for Rhodesia, it can be truthfully said that we had all fallen under the spell of the quiet dignity of the King, the radiant personality of the Queen and the youthful charm of the Princesses. We had gained too a new realization of the meaning of the Monarchy for us in the Union of South Africa and a new admiration for the way in which the King and Queen carry out with simplicity and sincerity the onerous duties of their high office. Their departure from the Union has left a gap in our lives that it will not be possible to fill until they come to visit us again.

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(Several boys had interesting experiences during the Royal Visit and three of these are recorded elsewhere in the Magazine.)

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In addressing the School at the Service of Remembrance held on November 11th, 1947, the Headmaster before reading the Roll of Honour, said, “ To-day is Remembrance Day and once again we have met to pass a few moments in loving thought of the boys of this school who gave their lives in the wars.

What do we owe them ? Apart from the chances to which life is at all times exposed and under God’s providence these boys would have been alive to-day. By their death they saved you and me and saved for us all the things that we enjoy and take for granted. All of us want more than anything else that such a sacrifice should not be required of youth again.

To-day I do not want to speak to you long or very formally — or as it might be said impressively — because I know that many of the senior boys give serious thought to what is now unfortunately taking place in the world, as well they might. You know that during this year we have begun to talk much more than we used to of the possibility of another war. This is because we are getting downhearted. All the conferences and plans seem only to get us back on the old road that led us into the two great wars. We reckon there is nothing we can do about it; for, if all the clever men engaged in these negotiations fail, what chance have we of succeeding?

But that is a wrong view. Everyone of us, however unimportant, must make ourselves heard and our influence felt, because once war has broken out irresistible forces will compel you to stake your life on the issue. The other day I read this quotation, ‘ Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed/ Every day we must consciously think ourselves

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away from war and towards peace as our goal. Nothing less than that will do. After all, most people want to save human life rather than to destroy it and it would be quite wrong to imagine that hatred exceeds the spirit of goodwill amongst men. In spite of all the talk of war it remains true that humanity is trying to reach up to higher ideals.

Take the example of the country with which we are most closely associated — Britain. She has conferred freedom on millions of people in that she has abandoned all claims to dominion over them. In her own country she proposes to change her code of punishments, substituting reform for retribution. She is taking the harshness out of her prison system removing the lash and, perhaps, the gallows and leavening justice with mercy and kindness, and this at a time

when post-war lawlessness might well have induced her to move in the opposite direction. Here in South Africa far more people, than would have been thought possible even a year ago, are ready to accept the doctrine of Christian trusteeship in their relations with the African peoples. In Egypt a terrible epidemic of cholera has broken out, and to this country, which many people think deserving of scant consideration, anti-cholera serum has been sent from all the quarters of the world where it was available. Some may say this is done through fear, because disease knows no boundaries; but I prefer to think it is done out of goodwill — that intrinsic human quality which also knows no barrier of race or creed. It is true that things look black — blacker than they did a year ago; suspicion, distrust and hatred, the offspring of fear are abroad, yet there are vast numbers of humble folk the world over who are moving in the direction of peace and goodwill towards men, and on this Remembrance Day we might well decide to join them.”

#### THE WAR MEMORIAL FUND

it is with deep regret that we record the death, in September, of Mr. Hugh Lane, an active member of the War Memorial Committee, and we extend to Mrs. Lane and her daughter and sons the deepest sympathy of the War Memorial Committee in their great loss. At Mrs. Lane's request, numerous friends of her husband-sent donations to the War Memorial Fund in lieu of wreaths, and the contribution of £123 thus received represents in small measure the very high esteem in which Mr. Hugh Lane was held.

The response to the appeal for funds for the establishment of a War Memorial to those who gave their lives in the 1939-1945 War has been most gratifying. Requests for donations were sent out early this year, and by November 8th, the day of the Fete, £1,623 had been given as straight donations. £500 of this was received from the Pretoria B.H.S. War Fund, which had been established during the war years for the purpose of assisting Old Boys on active service and their dependants at home. Special donations to a total of £100 were made to the fund by the Pretoria C.P.S., the Pretoria Highlanders Regimental Association, the Pretoria Girls' High School Old Girls Association and Form 5A of the Pretoria Boys' High School. Parents of present boys in the School and the Old Boys contributed in equal measure to the remaining £900 donated.

Every boy in the School was asked to raise up to £1 from members of his family circle during the July vacation. This resulted in £264 being collected, and we are most grateful to parents for once again bearing the brunt of our financial requests.

The schoolboys themselves were not idle and though their financial contributions were necessarily small, their assistance at various functions and their own organisation of minor activities, were much appreciated. The “ B.H.S. Tatler ” brought in £4.5.0, plays produced in their homes by boys in Form I contributed £4, the School Dance profit of £10 was donated to the Fund, and the runners in the Cross Country Race paid in £14.

North Lodge of the Pretoria High School for Girls sent us £12.5.0, raised by staging their modernised version of “The Pirates of Penzance” , and this brought the total of the Fund up to £1,981.

Meanwhile it had long been realised that the target of £10,000 could not be reached by December, 1947

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straight donations, and that a wider appeal, through external activities, was necessary. A Fete Committee was constituted, with Mrs. Matheson as Convener, and November 8th was decided upon for an all-day fete. Mrs. Matheson's unfortunate accident deprived the Committee of her services, but Mesdames Ackerman, Eve and Vlok carried on the organisation. Mothers of present boys and wives of Staff members and Old Boys lent loyal support and throughout the year these ladies busied themselves with the arrangement of numerous functions such as Bring and Buy Teas, Bridge afternoons, Concerts, Cinemas, Demonstrations of Flower Arrangements and Dahlia cultivation, Teas at School functions, Jumble Sales, Morning markets and Beetle Drives. Also by requesting their friends and the business firms in Pretoria for donations in cash and in kind, an amount of £654 was raised and handed to the Fund prior to the fete. The stalls for the fete were provided with goods both by these donations and by the labours of the lady organisers, through a series of work parties held regularly throughout the year.

We are grateful to the Pretoria firms, which almost without exception responded gracefully and generously to our requests for donations.

To express here our gratitude to the ladies who arranged all the functions would mean listing the names of the mothers of half the boys in the school, and acknowledging donations from many others. We therefore hope that parents will consider virtue its own reward and forgive us for not mentioning the hundreds of ladies who so willingly and capably assisted us in raising the War Memorial Fund to its pre-fete total of £2,635.

W. BROOKS, Secretary.

## THE WAR MEMORIAL FETE

After months of hard work especially on the part of the ladies, the War Memorial Fete was held at the School all day on Saturday, November 8th, in splendid weather. Seldom has the School been the scene of such activity as was witnessed on this day from the early hours of the morning till late at night. The attractive stalls were arranged in marquees and these were erected on the lawns in front of the school. The Flower Stall was a veritable horticultural show in itself while the Cake and Sweet Stalls naturally enough were very popular. The Christmas Novelty and Children's Stalls each had a magnificent array of useful gifts, while the Tombola and Apron and Book Stalls were kept very

busy all day. In the vestibule of the School the Produce Stall did a roaring business as did the equally popular Provision Stall out of doors.

The senior boys — many of whom proved to be experienced showmen — took charge of the Side Shows, some of which were held in the school and others in the grounds. These attracted a steady stream of enthusiastic supporters throughout the day, while each of the Marionette and Conjuring Performances played to a full house. The fortune teller was kept occupied from dawn to dusk and was obliged to ignore Trade Union hours! Jeep rides rivalled Pony rides in popularity and members of the Fifth Form, including some holding high office in the school, were observed queuing up in large numbers for a ride in the Jeep!

The catering arrangements were superb. In each of the three Houses nearly 300 guests were given luncheon — a really delicious meal attractively served. According to the boarders it compared very favourably with the end of the year House Suppers — one can hardly pay the ladies in charge of the catering a higher compliment than that. Teas were served in the Hall in the morning and afternoon and were deservedly well patronised. The day was as hot as only a Pretoria summer's day can be and so the ice-creams and cold drinks were sold out time and again.

In the afternoon the proceedings were enlivened by the music of the ever-popular Permanent Force Band under the baton of Captain Keeley. The members of the Band are no strangers to the School and their help at the Fete put us once again in their debt.

An informal dance brought to an end a memorable day in the history of the School. This was well attended by the younger set, who were the only folk with much energy at the end of a long but happy day.

It remains for the School to record its thanks to all those who helped to make the Fete an outstanding social and financial success. Over £1,300 was added to the War Memorial Fund which now totals almost £4,000. Our thanks are due to the parents, especially the mothers; to the Old Boys, who were prominent purchasers in the afternoon session; and to all those well-wishers of the School, who helped us in one way or another. In a great co-operative effort like the Fete it is difficult to single out particular workers by name, so the School must just say a big "Thank you" to all, who so willingly helped to make the War Memorial Fete a function really worthy of the object for which it was held and which we all have so much at heart.

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This year's Valedictory Ceremony was held at the School on Friday, November 21st. The guests of honour were the High Commissioner for Canada and Mrs. E. D'Arcy McGreer. Other guests included Mr. W. B. Clapham, Mr. and Mrs. E. de V. Stegmann, Mrs. B. O. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Macintosh, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Gawler and many parents of boys in Form V, some of whom had travelled great distances to be with their sons at the last Assembly for the year. The religious service was conducted by Canon Herbert, the Eirst Lesson being read in English by I. Katzen and the Second Lesson in Afrikaans by H. Kruger. .

After the Benediction the Head Prefect, M. E. Ainge, spoke of what the members of the Fifth Form owed to the School and in conclusion turning to the Headmaster said, "Last year's leaving group, as a token of their goodwill, arranged for the making of the first section of a new. Notice Board. We have arranged for the making of the second section. The cabinet makers have promised to have it ready before the end of the term and we would ask you, sir, to accept it, when it is placed in position, as a token of our appreciation and goodwill."

D. Goldstein, joint winner with L. Vlok of the Old Boys' Prize, speaking as a boarder dispelled the widely held belief that boarders are interested primarily in sport and food. In describing life in our boarding houses, he said that intellectual pursuits were not neglected and private hobbies were actively pursued by most boys on their own initiative without the interference of authority.

Leon Vlok het benewens ander bekwaamhede sy vaardigheid in toespraakkuns openbaar. Vol-gens sy mening is die

doel van onderwys op ons skool onafskeidbaar van die inisiatief van die leerling. Die leerling bereik alleen sy doel deur sy eie pogings. Die studente moet besef dat die eksamen noocisaaklik is, maar nie voldoende nie. Dit moet dien alleen as 'n middel tot 'n doel en nie 'n doel op sigself nie. Hy betreur\* die nei-ging om die suksesvolle lewe in aardse skatte te bereken, en stel die sukses van die lewe as 'n eervolle lewenstaak voor; die grondslag hiervan word in die skool gelê. Hy sien' „'n skoolloop-baan waarin daar nie ledige oomblikke was nie, en waarin die skolier tyd kon vind vir sy eie be-lange, en die begin van 'n poging om sy talente en gawes tot uiterste te ontwikkel.” Opvallend vind hy die houding van staf teenoor leerlinge en leerlinge onderling. Dit bepaal die gees en karakter van die skool; geen dwangarbeid word

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aangewend nie. Die leerling word onderrig om homself te dissiplineer en as sodanig is die leerling in 'n posisie gestel om die vereisers van die lewe met voltooiing van sy skoolloopbaan te ontmoet. In die skool word gepoog om die leerling „totale opvoeding” te verskaf. As middele tot hierdie doel speel die leerlinge die prominente rolle in buitemuurse aktiwiteite soos voetbal, skool-opera en godsdienstredes. Sy skooldae is-vir hom dae van soete herinneringe en vol moed gaan hy die toekoms tegemoet. Vir die junior leerlinge laat hy die volgende boodskap na „Hou die naam en eer van die skool hoog, want die skool is dit werd.”

C. Webb, in a polished speech such as we have come to expect from him, spoke of the wide range of the School's activities, intellectual, artistic and physical, which made it possible for boys to develop into educated citizens. He considered that happiness was one of the features of school life that rarely found a place in addresses delivered on public occasions. “I do not know why this should be so. We hear a lot of ‘happy ships’ and I think I am speaking on behalf of all my contemporaries when I say that it has been a great pleasure for us all to have been members of the crew of this ‘Happy Ship’.”

After welcoming the Canadian High Commissioner and Mrs. McGreer and referring to the presence of Mr. Clapham, the former chairman of the Governing Body, the Headmaster, in speaking of the physical and spiritual changes that had taken place in the senior boys during^ the four or five years they had spent in the School, said, “The first thing the schoolmaster has to decide is the general framework of the discipline within which the schoolboy is going to live his school life and in my opinion the first requirement here is that it should be as matter of fact as possible and founded in reality. There is a job of work to be done by a boy just as there is by older people and he is expected to get on with it. The next truth is that as a boy grows up the number of people with a direct stake in his welfare gets less. Schoolmasters fall away, parents fall away, and the natural rule of life is that one must rely on one's own resources. The boy must realise this and make his preparations betimes. This discipline of hard

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facts tempered by the love of his own folks at home and some affection and kindness from his associates at school is the best I know. By expecting ,a boy to be a responsible member of the community it makes him one.”

After discussing the different ways in which work might be approached in the class-room, Mr. Matheson continued, “References are occasionally made to the rigid organisation and regimentation that are supposed to differentiate government schools from private schools. Government schools differ widely from one another, as no doubt private schools also do ... of course in a busy state institution there is a rigid system of administrative control as there should be. For example in this school and in our houses we deal with considerable .sums of public money, which very properly have to be accounted for. It is true too that we have to marshal facts and figures on which the statisticians then work their will. Then too other departments appear to be seeking the help of the Education Department through its schools in carrying out tasks which hardly seem to be the concern of our department. We all think there is far too much administrative work — much of which is cumbersome and some of it out-of-date, stupid and unnecessary.

But it must not be forgotten that these administrative tasks have nothing to do with the educational process as it is carried on in a school, any more than the administrative needs of a hospital determine the methods of the surgeons that work in it. I am bound to say that in the educational process as it goes on here there is neither regimentation of the human element, whether masters or pupils, nor rigid organisation . of syllabuses or methods .... The Governing Body of the School takes great pains to secure the appointment of masters, who beyond gifts of scholarship have, to use an overworked but none the less appropriate phrase, a sense of vocation. Once appointed, these men are given perfect freedom to go as far in their field as zeal and inspiration and all the qualities comprehended in personality will take them and to reach the heights by their own route. In all this we have never to my knowledge been stopped or restrained, balked or frustratech by inspectors or departmental heads. The dead hand of uniformity has never been upon us and we have been left free, within the limits that a responsible schoolmaster will set for himself, to make

experiments in teaching methods and discipline. Freedom, initiative and enterprise are no strangers to a government school, which as your boys know can be a friendly and human place.”

Speaking particularly to the boys about to

leave the School, the Headmaster concluded, “ In many ways you are fortunate. You are citizens of a country that stands on the threshold of tremendous developments and that is calling for the services and enthusiasm of youth. That many of you will achieve great material success I have not the slightest doubt, but I hope too that you will find a place in your life for the spiritual forces that alone can give it direction and purpose and meaning.”

The Headmaster then read the names of the Prefects and thanked them for the unselfish work they had done on behalf of the School throughout the year. For the special duties they had undertaken he also mentioned E. Jones, R. Smith, M. Smart and B. Watts. On the score of their high attainments in scholarship the following boys were especially congratulated — J. Bornman, C. Brain, C. Cooper, J. Fourie, D. Goldstein, A. Hack, I. Katzen, R. Keeton, K. Reinholdz, T. Ressel, D. Slone, L. Vlok and C. Webb.

the Canadian (FC) High Commissioner's address

After saying how much pleasure Mrs. McGreer and he had derived from their attendance at the ceremony and after congratulating the School on its achievements, Mr. McGreer urged those boys who had not yet come to a decision about their future careers, to give some consideration to the field of public service. Speaking as a civil servant himself, he felt that in the service of Government there were opportunities as wide as in any other organization. He outlined the history of the civil service in the Dominion of Canada and showed how conditions had been improved out of all recognition in the last forty years. The civil service had a niche for everyone — for those interested in Mathematics there were the statistical and financial branches; for those who craved the outdoor life the national parks, the fishery section and the geological survey; for the research enthusiast the agricultural department and the Research Council; for the keen traveller external affairs and commerce; for the legally minded the law branches of the various departments; for medical practitioners the various government agencies dealing with public health and social welfare.

“ This very short exposition of what the civil service has to offer in the way of opportunities is far from complete,” the High Commissioner

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concluded, “ but I hope that as an introduction it may lead some of you to enter the service, which here, as in Canada, still suffers from a shortage of personnel. The salaries in some cases are not as attractive as the business world can offer, but there are the security and superannuation benefits which to some degree compensate. After all, the acquisition of money should not be the sole objective in life. There is something much more satisfying — the idea of service, service to one's country, service to one's ideals and service to mankind.”

After the proceedings in the Hall tea was served on the lawn in front of the school. The Art Exhibition in the Library proved a popular attraction. Some of the portraits in pencil and water-colours of the decorations on Church Square on the occasion of the Royal Visit were particularly admired by our guests.

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the Pirates of [Penzance

In the first week in September the School production of Gilbert and Sullivan's light opera, ‘ The Pirates of Penzance,’ was presented in our Hall. It had been the intention to have four performances, but the booking proved to be so heavy that it was necessary to run the play for the entire week and on each night the Hall was full and the audience appreciative. It was a pleasure to see among our visitors the Rt. Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr and his mother, the Acting Director of Education and Mrs. Otten, Mrs. H.

H. G. Kreft, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Markotter, Mr. and Mrs. Murray de Villiers and Mr. and Mrs.

B. O. Meyer besides a large number of other well-wishers among them many parents, Old Boys and scholars of the other Pretoria high schools, who came in force to support our effort.

Mr. Elwyn Davies, as Producer and Musical Director, is to be congratulated on a first-rate performance. It was largely the result of his careful training, inspiration and sustained enthusiasm that the efforts of his big band of helpers were

crowned with success. To many in the audience this year's show recalled' Mr. Davies's previous productions of ' The Mikado ' and ' The Gondoliers ' in those far-off, happy days before the war. In many ways \* The Pirates of Penzance ' equalled, if, indeed, it did not excel the School's productions of eight and nine years ago. It certainly helped us to recapture something of the spirit of those more carefree times. Indeed it was from every point of view a happy show. The success of the production depended on the help of so many people, who did much unselfish and efficient work either behind the scenes or in the auditorium. In training the performers Mr. Davies was assisted by Mr. Howell, the chorus master; Mr. Fair, who coached the performers in their dialogue parts;

Miss Niven, Mr. Jones and Frank Phillips, the rehearsal pianists, and by Derrick Lewis, the correpetitor.

The attractive costumes worn by General Stanley's numerous daughters were largely the work of Mrs. de Villiers and Miss Meuwesen, while these ladies with Mr. de Villiers, Mr. Jack Kennedy and other willing helpers were also responsible for the effective make-up. The two pleasing sets, 'A Rocky Seashore' and 'A Ruined Chapel,' were painted by the boys of the art classes under the direction of Mr. Battiss. The stage manager, Mr. Fraser, ably assisted by Maritz, Cilliers, Weir, Cohen, Profitt, Rose-Innes and Opperman, did yeoman work behind the scenes, as did Mr. Brooks and his assistants, McQueen, O'Sullivan, Matus, Sutter, Stein, Kir-choff, Hamilton, Meyer, Dengler and Fair, in controlling the complicated lighting arrangements, while Messrs. Hendry, Buchner and Candy looked after the cast's extensive wardrobe. In the House itself Mr. Hofmeyr, Mr. Garson and their staff of ushers expeditiously seated the large audiences, while a special word of praise is due to the boys responsible for parking over a hundred cars each evening in our somewhat limited space. A number of mothers sold refreshments and sweets each evening in aid of the War Memorial Fund.

The Orchestra, comprising boys and girls and old pupils from the two high schools and some parents of pupils, gave a fine performance from the Overture to the Finale. Derrick Lewis of Form III conducted the Overture each evening and, owing to the indisposition of Mr. Davies, conducted the entire performance on the first night with signal success.

Each of the principals deserves a special word of praise, for everyone of them rose to the occasion i::agnificently. John Spence, who more

Roy Snyman and Lyndon Bowker    Gustav Heinze as    Mabel

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than fulfilled the promise he showed last year as the J udge in ' Trial by Jury ' was " the very model of a modern Major-General " as understood in Victorian days. In his difficult introductory song and in the dialogue his diction was -clear, while in the second act his rendering of the song " Sighing softly to the river, Comes the loving breeze " was particularly charming. In Ihis he was well supported by the male chorus.

Lyndon Bowker used his powerful voice to .good effect as the Pirate King. He acted well throughout and from first to last made one feel it was " a glorious thing to be a Pirate King." Herbert Lamont played the long and arduous role of Frederic, the Pirate Apprentice, very creditably indeed, while Eric Klein as Ruth, the Pirate Maid of all work, interpreted the part in the true Savoy tradition. His voice was true and bis diction always clear and he captured the •comic side of the role admirably.

Owing to the unfortunate illness of Gustav Heinze, the part of Mabel, the leading lady, was taken on different occasions by Gustav Heinze and his understudy, Ebbie Krohn. One can pay both boys no greater compliment than to say that they played Mabel with equal charm. They were good to look upon and sang delightfully. Edith, another of the General's attractive daughters, was played on alternate nights by Manfred Schorman and Roy Snyman. They both did well in this role, but the latter sang and acted with such delightful verve that he was certainly the discovery of the show.

The Chorus work was one of the special attractions of this year's opera. General Stanley's numerous daughters, all of whom were dainty and pretty, captured many hearts besides those of the Pirates and their first appearance on the stage caused quite a furore every evening. The Pirates — a ferocious looking lot — were ably led by Ernest Jones as Samuel, the Pirate Lieutenant, and sang most effectively from their first rousing song to the last; while the Policemen in the second act, under the able leadership of Jose Gobetz as their Sergeant, quite stole the show during their two appearances on the stage. What they lacked in courage and native intelligence was more than made up by their sense of Gilbertian humour!

Chorus of General Stanley's daughters: Sugarman, Scott, Dyer, Willis, Kuit, Schorman, Pickard, Falkson, Mellor, Smith, van Rooyen, Cohen, Oosterbroek, Collins, Walker, Laredo, Esser, Gast, Russell, Amm, Fourie and Spanner.

Chorus of Pirates: Hudson, Steyn, van den Aardweg, Vlok, van Reenen and Beguin.

Chorus of Policemen: Webb, Serfontein, de Beer, Kaplan, Woodland, Brink, Humphreys,



Jaffe, Shearer, Beeton and van Bergen (also Pirates in Act I).

Seldom have school performances been as enthusiastically received and obviously so much enjoyed by the audiences that filled our Hall night after night. And somehow the actors and actresses, both principals and chorus, managed to give the impression that even if the audience were enjoying the show, they were enjoying it themselves even more. Undoubtedly they were and in their obvious enjoyment lay much of the success of this year's opera. Congratulations to everybody and many thanks to you all from the whole School.

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#### OUR SOCIAL SERVICES DAY

On Saturday, August 29th, a party of fifty boys, nearly all members of the Third Form, were shown something of the work of the Native Affairs Department of the Pretoria Municipality by Mr. Brent, the Manager of the Department. After seeing the Native Influx Control Bureau and the Native Hostel in Proes St., the party was taken through the Cape Coloured area and the Asiatic Bazaar. A visit was then paid to the Bantuli Location to see an example of the new 'Lapa' housing scheme. A lengthy stay was then made at the model Atteridgeville Location, where the Clinic, Carnegie Library, Mobile Market, Anglican Church, Sports Ground and School Feeding Centre were visited. Some time was also spent at the Hofmeyr High School, which is named after our former Headmaster, the late Mr. W. H. Hofmeyr. It was an eye-opener to many boys, when they realized from the Mathematics on one of the black-boards that the African scholars were doing exactly the same work as our own Fifth Forms. Through the courtesy of the occupants we were also able to visit some of the private houses in the Location, which were neatly kept and well-furnished. The Town Council provided the transport for the day and entertained the party to lunch at the Afrikaanse Koffie-huis. We are indebted to the Council and especially to Mr. Brent for giving up one of his free mornings to conduct the tour. In the last term of the year through the good offices of Mr. Fraser and Mr. Hendry interesting visits were arranged primarily for boys of Forms II and III to the General Post Office, Onderstepoort, the Police Training Depot, the Y.M.C.A. and Iscor. These visits were designed to fit in with the work in History done by these forms in the fourth term.

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#### THE DEBATING AND DISCUSSION SOCIETY

An exceptionally heavy year, during the course of which the School was involved in external events far more than is wont, resulted in the activity of the Debating and Discussion Society reaching its lowest ebb for many a year. Evening meetings of the Society had to be shelved completely, as a result of which discussions in which boys take the lead were also abandoned with the one notable exception of a debate on the subject "Communism, in South Africa," which was held in the School Hall on September 24th and which was opened by Goldstein, Gobetz and Duminy. Discussion from the "floor" was animated, and the interest which the subject awakened was such that 'Fifth Formers' in small groups continued to pound away at the problem for well over a month. It is indeed to be regretted that this debate was the only one of its kind staged during the course of the year.

The Debating and Discussion Society is indebted for its survival to the men and women who have sacrificed valuable time to give talks during school hours. As is shown below, the speakers covered a wide range of subjects, the very diversity of which only increased their interest in the minds of the school audiences.

May 6th "Italy as seen by a Refugee P.O.W. — Mr. G. Candy.

May 14th "Pasture and Soil" ... Dr. J. Rowland,

"Journalism" ... Mr. J. C. Vlok.

May 29th "A South African in Iraq" — Miss

S. Heyneker.

June 16th "A Career in the S.A.R. & H. — Mr. R. Everard.

June 26th "Bees M — Mr. A. A. Menge.

"Aptitude Testing" — Mr. Sutton.

"Aviation and Medicine" — Capt. Cheetham.

Aug. 18th "Need for a balanced System of

Education in Modern Times" — Swami

Ghanananda.

Sept. 24th "The National Health Foundation" Mr. F. Pentz.

"Careers at Iscor" — Mr. Spies.

“ The Dollar Crisis ” — Mr. H. Moroni.  
“ The Building Trade Dispute ” — Mr. A.  
R. D. McIntosh.  
“ A Recent Trip to England ” — Dr. E. C. Halliday.  
Oct. 16th “ Reuters ” — Mrs. Lessing.  
C. WEBB (Form VA)

#### THE LIBRARY

This year the Library has been a place of even greater activity than before. Although the magazines were not as up-to-date as they should have been, this section of the Library was again the most popular. The Library was crowded out almost daily and we note with satisfaction the fact that very few of the magazines were mutilated and none were missing.

The reference section has been better patronised this year than in previous years. It has been a novel experience to see numerous members of the lower forms so frequently consulting these bulky volumes and we thank the master or masters concerned for bringing this section of the Library into use once more.

The Lending Library has again been very busy this year but, as usual, the lower forms have been the biggest readers. We hope that next year's members of Form V will use this section of the Library more frequently as there have rarely been more than ten books taken out by the whole Fifth Form at any one time this year. Once again we have to appeal to those of the School who do not change their book from one term's end to the other. Not only are they barring themselves from the enjoyment of reading other books, but they are preventing other people from reading the book which they refuse to return.

We gratefully acknowledge gifts of books from Mr. T. Jandrell, Brian J. Eve (Form V 1946), and R. Chapman. A word of praise and thanks is due to the Assistant Librarians R. Smith, P. Duminy, P. Hagen, R. Schurink, R. Gerhardt, H. Neethling,.

C. van Rooyen and P. von Willich without whose services the Library would have failed to run as smoothly as it did.

T. RESSELL & C. WEBB (Form VA)

#### ONS AFRIK A AN SE BOEKERY

Mej. F. Greenberg, Inspektise van Skool-biblioteke in Transvaal, het ons aan die end van die derde kwartaal besoek. Haar nuttige wenke en vriendelike opmerkinge word deur ons hoog waardeer. Wyle Sir Abe Bailey, die Suid-Afrikaanse miljoenêr, het 'n trustfonds nagelaat ter ondersteuning van Afrikaanse biblioteke in Engelsmediumskole. Tot dusver het dit ons nie geluk om 'n bydrae vir hierdie skool te kry nie. Die saak is onder die aandag van mej. Greenberg gebring wat goedgunstig belooft het om verdere ondersoek in te stel.

Graag betuig ons hiermee ons opregte dank

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aan E. Jones, bibliotekaris, en sy drie assistente vir hul opofferinge en hulp in belang van ons leeskamer. Ons stel dit seer op prys. Die skool beskik tans oor 'n Afrikaanse boekery die waarde waarvan op min of meer £1,000 geskat word. Die volgende seuns het in hul afsonderlike klasse die meeste biblioteekboeke gelees:—

#### EERSTE. Standerd 6

- a. N. J. Devenish.
- b. G. D. Bornman.
- c. J. M. Opperman.

#### TWEEDE.

S. G. Roux.

S. C. Adkins. J. F. Sypkens.

#### Standerd 7

- a. A. Bernstein.
- b. J. M. Opperman.
- c. N. J. Grobbelaar.
- d. M. Schoonraad.
- e. E. Hayward. Standerd 8
- a. R. L. Johnson.
- b. J. C. Logtenberg.

c. H. Nefdt.  
d. A. T. Steyn.  
e. L. D. Triegaardt. Standerd 9  
a. J. Sewell.  
b. J. H. Smit.  
c. C. Kruger.  
d. F. Crooks.  
J. S. Bonsma.  
A. T. van der Poel. W. F. Steenberg.  
L. Laureysen.  
A. B. Ockerse.  
L. A. Field.  
J. C. Sanders.  
T. R. Cinnamon.  
J. H. Diepeveen.  
J. P. M. Louw.  
G. J. Roux.  
R. H. Schurink.  
G. W. Behrens.  
D. G. Stevn.

#### SCHOOL FUND 1946-

##### Receipts

By Balance at 1st July, 1946	£807	13	0
„ School Fund contributions ...	1,644	11	6
„ Sports entries	52	14	0
„ Takings at cinema shows	23	18	0
„ Old Boys' Association share of cost of printing magazine ...	31	0	0
£2,559 16 6			

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##### Expenditure

To Natives' wages, and upkeep of and improvements to the

School grounds and fields ...	£793	16	4
Salary ...	60	0	0
Borehole	248	12	0
Games	425	14	4
Upkeep of swimming bath ...	75	2	2
Purchase of crockery for u <sup>e</sup> at School functions	30	1	8
Purchase of a picture	21	0	0
Library	55	18	0
Printing of the School magazine	131	11	6
Hire of films and other ex- penses connected with the projectors ...	84	10	4
Telephone, printing, and stationery	97	3	11
Bank charges and sundries ...	61	18	10
Balance at 30th June, 1947 ...	474	7	5
£2,559 16 6			

Note: The balance is always bigger in the middle of the year than it is at the end, because many School Fund contributions for the third and fourth terms are made before June. At 31st December 1946 the balance was £166.7.6.

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Photograph by Martin Gibbs, Pretoria-

Front Row (left to right): M. E. Ainge, J. Kuyper, P. S. Weir, R. T. Crozier( captain), D. Ferreira, L. Vlok, P. M. Beguin.

Middle Row (left to right): Mr. W. M. Hofmeyr, W. Mare, W. L. Hilder, S. N. Goldberg, H. A.

Joubert, G. C. Shearer, L. Weyers, Mr. W. Brooks.

Back Row (left to right): M. A. Beeton, C. A. Steynberg, J. T. Fourie.

#### - NOTICES

Readers of “ The Pretorian ” are asked to study the names appearing in the Roll of Honour in this magazine and to inform the Headmaster if they know of any names of Old Boys that ought to be added to the Roll of Honour of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the recent war.

The Headmaster, Masters and Boys desire to thank the Old Boys and other friends of the School, who sent their good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to the School.

We are indebted to the following for sending us copies of their magazines during the course of the year: Potchefstroom High School for Boys; Sir John Adamson School; Selborne College; Witbank High School; Potchefstroom High School for Girls; King Edward VII School (2); Rhodes University College (2); Michael-

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house (2); Prince of Wales School, Nairobi; Rondebosch High School for Boys; Firth Grammar School, Sheffield; Kingswood College; St. John's College; Diocesan School for Girls, Pretoria; Pretoria High School for Girls; Benoni High School; Johannesburg High School for Girls; Grey College, Port Elizabeth; Pretoria Technical College; Parktown High School for Girls; Jeppe High School for Boys; Parktown High School for Boys; Lydenburg High School; Waterkloof House Preparatory School; Afri-kaanse Hoër Seunskool.

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An appeal is made to Old Boys to give to the School photographs of prefect groups for the years 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933 and 1934. These are needed to complete the Prefects' Gallery and should be sent to the Headmaster.

#### RUGBY

##### FIRST TEAM

Realisation during the season surpassed the most sanguine anticipation prior to it. School supporters (among whom we were pleased to see an increasing number of parents and Old Boys) were more pleased by the delightful quality of the Rugby played than by the fact that the team achieved an unbeaten record in school games.

The only matches lost were those against our Old Boys, and though the latter game was the School's one poor exhibition (with Old Boys lasting the pace better than the schoolboys!) the first was a keen and even struggle.

Much of the credit for this successful season must go to Crozier, the first fifteen captain. In attack he used his speed cleverly and on defence he came up fast and tackled determinedly. His example was an inspiration to the side, and with Weir and Shearer running strongly on the wings, the threequarter line was a powerful scoring factor. Beeton and Steyn-berg were sound centres; the latter improved greatly towards the end of the season and proved an able partner to his captain; Hilder at full back fielded and kicked admirably, thus giving the team every confidence. The half backs Fourie and L. Vlok were sound, the former improving with every game. The smart heeling of the forwards from the loose provided the backs with many opportunities. J. Kuyper was excellent in the line out, and A. Joubert and Weyers showed up more often in the loose than did the rest of the pack, all of whom did a good honest hour of hard work in every game they played.

The closest games of the season were those against Jeppe, South African College School (Cape Town) and Potchefstroom Boys' High School. In the first two games, we were on the attack for most of the time, but met

determined defence; against Potchefstroom honours were even and a drop goal by Vlok decided the issue. St. Andrew's College (Grahamstown) returned our visit of last year, and provided our forwards with stern competition, but were not able to hold our backs. Our match against King Edward School at Ellis Park saw the three-quarters reach their peak form, while the last game of the season against Afrikaans High School at the Loftus Versfeld provided a fitting finale with all our threequarters scoring tries.

We should like to thank Messrs. " Apie " de Villiers, V. Schmidt and Carl Basson of the Pretoria Referees' Association and Mr. Vic Voorendyk (formerly of King Edward School) for refereeing our home games so capably and pleasantly. We hope to renew acquaintance with them next year.

First team colours were awarded to: Crozier (Captain), Ainge, Beeton, Beguin, Ferreira, Fourie, Goldberg, Hilder, Joubert, Keddy, J. Kuyper, Mare, Shearer, Steynberg, L. Vlok, Weir and Weyers.

Results:

Played 12; won 9; lost 2; Drew 1. vs. Old Boys (Witwatersrand) ... won 3— 0

vs. Old Boys (Pretoria) ..... lost 9—11

vs. Parktown High School.....won 8— 3

vs. Jeppe High School.....drew 6— 6

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vs. St. John's College ..... won 11— 9

vs. Potchefstroom High School ... won 4— 0

vs. King Edward VII School..... won 14— 3

vs. Pretoria Technical College ... won 8— 3

vs. S.A.C.S. (Cape Town) ..... won 9— 8

vs. Old Boys (Pretoria) .....lost 6—12

vs. St. Andrew's College (Graham -  
stown) .....1 ..... won 19— 3

vs. Pretoria Afrikaans High School won 15— 4

An Under 17 team (composed of 1st and 2nd XV players) beat Pretoria Christian Brothers College 1st XV 13—0.

## SECOND TEAM

The second team, ably and volubly captained by D. Pohl, were good enough for all other school second teams, but not quite up to the standard of the two first teams (Springs High School and Brits Agricultural School) they met.

Wilson, K. Kuyper, Spence and Addams were the best of the forwards. Of the backs Petrie and Latham (wings) and Turpin played occasionally and creditably for the first team, while Blamire (scrum half), Phillips (centre) and A. Vlok (full back) were good second team backs throughout the season.

Second Team colours were awarded to:-Addams; Bezuidenhout, Blamire, Brink, du Ples-sis, K. Kuyper, Latham, Petrie, Phillips, Pohl, Spence, Thompson, Turpin, A. Vlok and Wilson.

Results:

Played 7; won 5; lost 2. vs. Brits Agricultural School

1st team ... \*.....lost 0—10

vs. Parktown High School..... won 6— 0

vs. Jeppe High School..... won 12— 3

vs. St. John's College ..... ... won 18— 0

vs. Springs High School 1st team ... lost 0— 3

vs. King Edward VII School ..... won 7— 6

vs. Afrikaans High School..... won 6— 3

## THIRD A FOURTH TEAMS

Once again, the third and fourth teams were very strong. Most of their matches produced quite good Rugby, but the best Rugby was seen in practices, where the keenness and the general standard of play were most gratifying.

Of the third team backs, Frankish was easily the best and played hard and intelligently throughout the season. The threequarters did not make the most of their opportunities, although Ackerman showed up well at times. McKillop, at full-back, and Cohen, at scrum-half,

were sound. The forwards, ably led by Sher\* wood, always had the edge on their opponents, largely because they won nearly all the loose scrums. Sherwood and Diepeveen were the best of a good pack.

The fourths were usually far too strong for their opponents, despite the fact that they were never at full strength. Credit goes to the boys who were just outside the team and only came in to fill gaps caused by injury. Their keenness was exemplary. The forwards played really good Rugby, Robertson (captain) and the loose forwards being outstanding. Beard and Gedye, the halves, were always game, and McCulloch was safe at full-back.

Third team colours were awarded to:— Ackermann, Booth, Cohen, de Waal, Diepeveen, Frankish, Gafner, Hibbert, Leech, McKillop, R. McKillop, Malan, Mallett, Profitt, Robertson, Saunders, Shaw, Sherwood and Woodland.

Results:

THIRD TEAM Played 10; Won 9; Lost 1. vs. Pretoria Christian Brothers College

2nd XV..... won 33— 3

vs. Brits Agricultural School

2nd XV..... won 12— 3

vs. Parktown High School .....won 3— 0

vs. Jeppe High School..... won 11— 0

vs. St. John's College.....won 12— 3

vs. Springs High School 2nd XV ... won 9— 8

vs. King Edward VII School..... won 20— 0

vs. Pretoria Technical College

2nd XV .....won 11— 0

vs. Afrikaans High School..... lost 5— 8

vs. Pretoria Technical College

2nd XV..... won 10— 4

FOURTH TEAM Played 7; won 6; lost 1.

vs. Parktown High School ..... won 16— 3

vs. Jeppe High School..... won 11— 0

vs. St. John's College.....won 22— 3

vs. Springs High School 3rd XV ... lost 3—10

vs. King Edward VII School..... won 13— 6

vs. Pretoria Technical College

3rd XV.....won 17— 0

vs. Afrikaans High School..... won 7— 3

OTHER OVER 15 TEAMS At the commencement of the season there was a promising turn out of over a hundred players in this division, and although the attendance dropped to about half of the original number later, there was a very satisfactory enthusiasm shown in all practices. A few promising players received promotion to the thirds and fourths. Only one match was played (by the 5th team against Hercules) and this was lost.

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UNDER 15

This team had a very poor season. The chief weakness lay in the complete absence of talent in the back line.

The forwards, notably Beguin, Wapnick, Craig, Hagen and Wronsley played sound Rugby, but their good work came to nothing.

Results:

Played 9; won 1; lost 8. vs. Pretoria Christian Brothers College

won 16-

vs. Parktown High School..... lost 6-

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vs. Jeppe High School

vs. St. John's College .....

vs. Springs High School ... vs. King Edward VII School vs. Pretoria Technical College

vs. Afrikaans High School.....

vs. Pretoria Technical College

The Under 15B team beat Pretoria Technical College 10—3 and 6—3, and lost to Afrikaans High School 0—8.

#### UNDER 14

This team shaped very well and played some good open Rugby, better even than the results indicate. Several players show promise of one day representing the School in the first team, and special mention can be made of Fourie, the captain and fly half, Meyer, Lilly and Foot, (forwards) Gawler and Young (three-quarters) and Shorney (full back).

Results:

Played 9; won 3; lost 4; drew 2. vs. Pretoria Christian Brothers College

won 16— 6

vs. Parktown High School ..... drew 3— 3

vs. Jeppe High School ... ..... lost 0—11

vs. St. John's College.....won 14— 0

vs. Springs High School .....won 9— 6

vs. King Edward VII School..... drew 6— 6

vs. Pretoria Technical College lost 0—5 & 0— 3 vs. Afrikaans High School..... lost 0— 3

The Under 14B defeated Christian Brothers College 9—0, drew with Technical College 3—3 and lost to Afrikaans High School 0—15.

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#### UNDER 13.

The Under 13A team had a very successful season, losing only two of their games. Their first defeat by Christian Brothers College was later avenged, while the second by Springs High School may in some measure be attributable to the Antarctic atmosphere in which the game was played.

Ackermann was an excellent captain; as a fly half, he played an outstanding game and was always a menace to the opposition. Burke (full back) was sound and showed initiative; Stopforth was a determined runner and thrustful centre while Dawson (scrum half) played cleverly and combined well with Ackermann. Wilson was the outstanding forward of the pack, which he led very well, and was ably supported by Shaul, Cowley and Wiid in the loose, and by McQueen, Claasens and C. Kuit in the scrums, while “ Mabel ” Krohn was the “ prima donna ” of hookers.

The stars of the ‘ B ’ team were Lunt, Groene-veld, Kilpatrick, Howie, Sacke, Cooper, du Ples-sis and Kirtley, all of whom played two or more matches for the ‘A’ side.

The ‘ C ’ and ‘ D ’ sides turned out in full strength throughout the season, despite the fact that only two matches could be arranged for them. Their enthusiasm made them most pleasant, but somewhat difficult sides, to train, but in them is a wealth of talent which should be most profitable to the school in the years to come. We shall watch the development of Gawler, Latham, Spanner, Viljoen, Spies, Chapman, Stead, Willis, Pickard and Moggridge as backs and MacDonald, Gibbs, Besselaar, Morris, Stedman, Simon, Mason, Sypkens and Nichol as forwards with much interest.

Results:

Played 8; won 6; lost 2. vs. Pretoria Christian Brothers College

lost 6—8 and won 23— 0

vs. Parktown High School..... won 9— 0

vs. Jeppe High School ..... won 13— 3

vs. St. John's College.....won 24— 3

vs. Springs High School .....lost 3— 9

vs. King Edward VII School ..... won 9— 0

vs. Afrikaans High School..... won 15— 0

The ‘ B ’ team defeated Christian Brothers College 9—0 and Afrikaans High School 3—0; while the ‘ C ’ team lost 0—6 and 6—12 to Christian Brothers College Under 12 side.

#### HOUSE MATCHES

The early conclusion of School Rugby this year afforded Houses the opportunity of developing their team work, with the result that the standard of play in House games, particularly Senior and Under 14, was higher than usual.

Individualism was a less pronounced feature of the games, and this was particularly apparent, in the Senior House final, where the Rissik House side containing seven first team

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colours, was extended to the limit by Sunnyside, who had three first fifteen players and twelve others who cared little for the reputation of their opponents. Rissik House won 6—3 after a period of extra play.

Rissik House repeated their success of last year by winning the Junior division comfortably; their team was well above junior standard and

displayed better team work than any of their opponents.

Arcadia won the Sub Junior (Under 14) division, after a close match with Solomon House in the semi-final. Excellent Rugby was played by these under 14 and under 13 lads, the Arcadia back line being particularly impressive.

### THE FIRST XI AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

(Photograph by the Rand Daily Mail)

Standing (left to right): J. Mallett, F. J. Goldman, K. Kuyper, K. Delaney (captain), H. E. the Governor General (The Rt. Hon. G. B. van Zyl, P.C.), R. T. Crozier, L. Vlok, C. Ludwig.

Kneeling (left to right): M. Beeton, F. Verdoorn D. Turpin, S. Alexander.

### CRICKET

We have again had a very pleasant season. Our school matches have been as enjoyable as ever, and great keenness has also been shown in Inter-House, Masters' League, and Under Fourteen League matches.

At the beginning of the last term the members of the first team spent a very happy day at Government House as the guests of the Governor-General and Mrs. van Zyl; His Excellency had arranged a game between our

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team and that of Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr to open the new turf wicket of the Government House ground, where Cricket had not been played since the days when the School used to play there against a Government House eleven in Lord Buxton's time. The following account of the game appeared in the Rand Daily Mail:

It hardly seems cricket to bowl the Deputy Prime Minister and the Springbok captain for a duck in the first over of a match and then to carry the devastation into your own family by bowling your uncle a few minutes later — also for a duck.

But that is exactly what 18-year-old Leon Vlok, of the Pretoria Boys' High School, did yesterday at Government House when the school eleven played a team captained by Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr.

In fact, it was rattling good cricket on one of those pitches which gives a batsman gooseflesh and keeps the grandstand on its toes. It marked the revival of cricket at Government House after a lapse of 25 years, and it was only right and just that the game began with a trial ball.

Mr. Hofmeyr, who opened the batting with Alan Melville, the Springbok captain, dealt confidently with this. But the next, which young Vlok put down at a great pace, seemed loth to part with the turf and spreadeagled the Deputy Prime Minister's wicket. With a single extra on the scoreboard, Alan Melville snicked an inswinger from Vlok into the hands of slips and added another duck to the board.

The third over was a case of Vlok versus Vlok, but it was only a matter of seconds before judgment was speedily delivered as young Vlok bowled his uncle, C. Vlok, the well-known Pretoria cricketer, for the third successive duck.

After that, things began to settle down as Reggie Farquharson, the ex-Transvaal cricketer, knocked up a useful 25, and Captain Peter Cruse, Aide-de-Camp to the Governor-General, added a quick 77 to the score.

The new pitch after the rain was full of surprises, and Peter Cruse at one time was receiving almost as many balls on his body as on his bat.

When young Vlok opened the batting for his school, Vlok senior upheld family authority by getting his nephew caught for 5.

The Pretoria Boys' High School secured a creditable 63 runs against their strong opponents' 160, and thus enabled the match to end in time for a general dip in the Government House swimming pool.

The game was "village cricket" at its best and, as Alan Melville remarked to me, "village cricket" is the best fun in the world.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General, the Right Hon. G. Brand van Zyl and Mrs. van Zyl, were hosts to the friends and relations of the players, who were enthusiastic spectators in the natural grandstand formed by a group of tall pines on the boundary.

His Excellency, who used to be an active cricketer himself, refused to be daunted by a heavy shower of rain which held up play just after the lunch interval. He took this opportunity of walking on to the field and inspecting the pitch



with an expert eye.

He told me that he had revived cricket at Government House not only because he is fond of it himself, but because it is a great game which helps to build character. "I hope that during my term of office cricket will continue to be played at Government House," he said.

Half a century ago, when the game was first played there it was not uncommon, I am told, for a hare to be chased, off the pitch during play.

I saw no hares yesterday, but I did eat meat pie for the delightfully informal al fresco luncheon which Their Excellencies presided over under the trees.

And for village cricket — the best cricket of all — to be the real thing, you must have meat pie for lunch.

K.A.

#### FIRST TEAM

Although it was not a bad batting side the first team was poor in bowling, with the result that many matches were drawn. Delaney, Verdoorn, Goldman, Hubbard (who left school in June and so played only during the first term), and Kuyper were the best bats, and Vlok and Alexander the best bowlers; Delaney's wicket-keeping was very good.

First team colours were awarded to Alexander, Beeton, Crozier, Delaney (captain), Goldman, Kuyper, Ludwig, Mallett, Turpin, Verdoorn, and L. Vlok. Hubbard played throughout the first term, and Hilder, Steynberg, and de Zwaan played occasionally.

Delaney, Kuyper, Ludwig, Verdoorn, and Vlok were chosen to represent N.E. Transvaal in the Nuffield Tournament.

Results:

#### FIRST TERM

vs. King Edward VII School (Lost):

School 82 — K.E.S. 166.

Verdoorn 21, Crozier 5 for 20. vs. St. Andrew's College, Bloemfontein (Won): School 256 for 5 declared — St. Andrew's 129.

Verdoorn 124, Vlok 46, Goldman 3 for 11, Turpin 2 for 14.

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vs. Mr. A. P. Walshe's XI (Lost):

School 152 — Walshe's XI 162 for 7. Hubbard 42, Verdoorn 38, Alexander 3 for 45, Turpin 2 for 34. vs. Parktown High School (Drawn):

School 182 — Parktown 21 for 3 (rain stopped play).

Goldman 61 not out, Hubbard 39, Vlok 24. vs. St. John's College ( Won):

School 175 — St. John's 171.

Hubbard 45, Delaney 30, Mallett 3 for 27, Kuyper 2 for 16.

LAST TERM vs. Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr's XI (Lost):

Mr. Hofmeyr's XI 160 — School 63.

Vlok 5 for 21, Turpin 3 for 35, Kuyper 18 not out, Verdoorn 14. vs. King Edward VII School (Drawn):

School 223 — K.E.S. 198 for 8.

Kuyper 80, Alexander 57, Vlok 4 for 50. vs. Parktown High School (Drawn):

Parktown 212 — School 165 for 5.

Alexander 4 for 56, Kuyper 2 for 29, Delaney 57 not out, Ludwig 40, Kuyper 32 not out. vs. Mr. A. P. Walshe's XI (Lost):

School 195 — Mr. Walshe's XI 198 for 4. Goldman 35, Beeton 30, Alexander 3 for 77. vs. Old Boys (Lost):

School 157 — Old Boys 163 for 8.

Beeton 51, Verdoorn 33, Goldman 25, Vlok 4 for 46, Turpin 2 for 29. vs. Jeppe High School (Drawn):

School 232 for 8 declared — Jeppe 138 for 7. Verdoorn 58, Goldman 50, Delaney 50, Alexander 31 not out, Alexander 4 for 54, Vlok 3 for 27.

SECOND TEAM This was a fair team, with Steynberg, Hilder, de Zwaan,, Beguin, and Beard the most successful bats, and de Waal and Vlok the best bowlers.

Second team colours were awarded to Beard, Beguin, de Waal, de Zwaan, Hilder, Kolbe, Mc-Culloch, Scott, Shearer, Steynberg, and A. Vlok.

Results:

FIRST TERM vs. King Edward VII School (Lost):

School 106 — K.E.S. 297. de Zwaan 27, Hilder 21, de Waal 3 for 62. vs. Parktown High School (Drawn):

School 159 — Parktown 21 for 1 (rain stopped play).

Beard 36, Beeton 26. vs. St. John's College (Drawn):

School 190 for 3 declared — St. John's 172 for 5.

Ludwig 88, de Zwaan 48, Middlewick 3 for 42.

#### LAST TERM

vs. King Edward VII School (Drawn):

School 171 — K.E.S. 103 for 6.

Beguin 79, Hilder 41, Vlok 3 for 31, de Waal 3 for 48.

vs. Reserve Bank (Lost):

School 138 for 6 declared — Reserve Bank 141 for 4.

Hilder 49 not out, Beguin 39, Vlok 2 for 51.

vs. Parktown High School (Won):

Parktown 108 — School 205. de Waal 4 for 42, Shearer 2 for 12, Beard 34, Beguin 32, Steynberg 32, de Zwaan 30.

vs. Old Boys (Drawn):

Old Boys 277 for 9 declared — School 187 for 3.

Mallett 5 for 81, Shearer 2 for 28, Mallett 69 not out, Scott 37 not out, Beguin 37. vs. Jeppe High School (Lost):

Jeppe 194 — School 90.

Shearer 3 for 39, Shearer 21, de Waal 16.

#### THIRD TEAM

The Thirds did well in the first term but were disappointing in the last term. No one was outstanding as a bowler or a bat.

Third team colours were awarded to Ainge, Chapman, Clarke, Esser, Frankish, Gedye, Joubert, Leathern, Prior, Rom, Stead, van Veen, Warren, Webster, Weir, and Woodland.

H r Results:

#### FIRST TERM

vs. King Edward VII School (Won):

School 214 — K.E.S. 120.

Scott 123 not out, Weir 2 for 1, Stead 2 for 24.

vs. St. John's College (Won):

School 98 — St. John's 78.

Joubert 20 not out, Prior 19, Stead 3 for 15, Clarke 2 for 9.

#### LAST TERM

vs. King Edward VII School (Lost):

School 74 — K.E.S. 174.

Rom 25, Warren 19, Frankish 3 for 17, Prior 2 for 22, Woodland 2 for 29. vs. Old Boys (Drawn):

Old Boys 138 for 6 declared — School 126 for 4.

Woodland 2 for 10, Rom 42. vs. Jeppe High School (Lost):

Jeppe 180 — School 136.

Woodland 2 for 30, Prior 26, Woodland 24.

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UNDER FOURTEEN The Under 14A team was not a particularly strong side this year. Of the six matches played three were lost, two were drawn, and in one the team was victorious, thanks largely to the last minute batting of Burke. Shorney fulfilled the duties of captain efficiently, while Kirtley, Young, Hall, and Burke proved to be the 'best bats, and Burke the best bowler.

Results:

#### FIRST TERM

vs. King Edward VII School (Lost):

School 93 — K.E.S. 104 for 1.

Sugarman 38, Hall 19. vs. St. John's College (Drawn):

St. John's 200 for 3 declared — School 140 for 5.

Shorney 2 for 34, Young 68 not out, Kirtley 39.

LAST TERM vs. King Edward VII School (Lost):

School 74 — K.E.S. 139.

Hall 21, Frayne 21, Young 3 for 22, Hall

3 for 28. vs. Parktown High School (Won):

Parktown 82 — School 96.

Hall 3 for 18, Burke 2 for 9, Kirtley 36, Young 18.

vs. Jeppe High School (Lost):

Jeppe 156 — School 107.

Burke 4 for 16, Shorney 2 for 28, Kirtley 28, Burke 24 not out, Hudson 23.

HOUSE MATCHES Sunnyside won the Mostert Cup (Seniors),. Rissik the Ross Cup (Juniors), Arcadia and Rissik were joint winners of the Sub-juniors League, and Arcadia won the Under 14 Inter-House League.

MASTERS' LEAGUE More boys than ever before played in the Masters' League this year; and as usual there were many battles royal. Mr. Thomas's team headed the log. Mr. Thomas arranged the teams.

UNDER 14 LEAGUE In the last term of the year 140 boys, divided into ten teams, participated in this league, which was headed by Young's team, with Frayne's team coming second. The attendance was regular throughout the term, and all the games were really enjoyable although the league rule about no violent demonstrations on the field was frequently ignored. In one of the games of the last round excitement ran so high that the captain of the First XI, who was a spectator, was moved to say with a touch of regret in his voice, "These were the best days of all! "

Organization of Cadet Detachment No. 141.

Officers: Major M. S. Geen, E.D. (O.C.); Capt. R. S. Fair (Adj. & Q.M.); Lieut. A. H. Howell (Signals); Lieut. C. W. S. Hendry; Lieut. J. T. B. Collard (P.T.); 2nd Lieut.

H. R. Fraser.

Attached: Capt. W. C. Brooks, Capt. J. E.

Davies, M.B.E.

Hon. Member: Major G. J. Joubert, V.D. Student Officers: Company Commanders: 2/Lt. M. Ainge, 2/Lt. A. van den Aardwég, 2/Lt. L. Vlok, 2 /Lt. D. Ferreira.

Platoon Commanders: 2/Lt. E. Addams, 2/Lt. B. Blamire, 2/Lt. T. V. Booth, 2/Lt. R. Keddy, 2/Lt. K. Kuyper, 2/Lt. B. Leech, 2/Lt. R. Malan, (Left in June), 2/Lt. G. Maritz, 2/Lt. A. Pohl, 2/Lt. A. Roberts, 2/Lt. C. Steynberg, 2/Lt. R. Wilson.

R.S.M.: G. Shearer.

C.S.M.s: W. Hilder, W. Mare, S. Goldberg. Platoon Sgts.: L. Beard, J. Bornman, V. Celliers,

D. Cowan, J. Fourie, V. Frankish, J. Gobetz,. R. Latham, L. Robertson, N. Shaw, G. Stoff-berg, D. Turpin, A. Vlok, J. Weyers. Signallers: 2/Lt. T. Ressel, Sgts. K. Delaney,

D. Ekstein, D. Wittridge.

Band: Drum Major H. Joubert, Sgt. Bugler J. Mallett.

P.T. Staff: 2/Lt. R. Crozier, Sgt. H. Goodman. Range Staff: Sgts. F. Bezuidenhout and Steg-man.

Adj. and Q.M. Staff: R.Q.M.S. J. Kuyper,. S/Sgts. C. Webb, A. Hack, W. Diepeveen,. Sgt. M. Smart.

#### THE CADET DETACHMENT

Early in the year the Detachment suffered a conderable loss in the transfer of Lt.-Col. K. F. Wynne to Johannesburg. Col. Wynne, who succeeded Major G. J. Joubert V.D. in command of the Detachment some ten years ago, is, perhaps, the most highly qualified cadet officer in the Union. He is also one of the most enthusiastic. Before the war both as a cadet officer and as

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a company commander in the Pretoria Regiment, he had attended a great variety of courses at the Military College, while during the course of the war itself when on active service he attended the Staff Officers' Course at Haifa. After the parade on Monday, February 10th, an informal .gathering of officers, student officers and noncommissioned officers took leave of Col. Wynne. The Detachment's appreciation of all he had done for the unit was expressed by Major Geen, •Captain Fair and 2nd Lieut. Ainge. Our loss is •certainly the gain of Highlands North High School and we wish Col. and Mrs. Wynne every happiness in their new home in Johannesburg.

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The Detachment played a full part in the festivities connected with the visit of the Royal Family to Pretoria in March. The Officer Commanding the First Battalion of the Pretoria Regiment to which we are affiliated generously allotted us

ten places in the Guard of Honour which the Regiment provided on the occasion of the arrival of H.M. the King in Pretoria on Saturday, March 29th. The School was represented in the Guard of Honour by M. Ainge, B. Blamire, T. V. Booth, V. Celliers, D. Ferreira, S. Goldberg, R. Keddy, R. Malan, W. Mare and G. Shearer. These boys were carefully selected and their participation in the Guard meant a great deal of hard work on their part. We were glad to hear from Col. Johnstone that he considered their selection for this special duty was well deserved on account of "their very excellent turn-out and smart bearing on parade."

On the morning of the arrival of Their Majesties the King and Queen in Pretoria the Detachment under Major Geen, Major Joubert and Capt. Fair was responsible for lining a considerable portion of the route along Church Street East, where 270 cadets were on parade, while a token force of 20 cadets under 2nd Lieut. Maritz lined a section of Church Square where the official welcome to Their Majesties was held. In addition 30 senior cadets in charge of Lt. C. W. S. Hendry, 2nd Lt. T. Ressel and 2nd Lt. E. Addams and in co-operation with cadets from Christian Brothers College were responsible for the seating of the people invited to attend the welcome ceremony on the Square. In the afternoon 80 senior cadets again in co-operation with the C.B.C. cadets were responsible for the seating of the guests at the Garden Party given in honour of the Royal Family by the Administrator and Mrs. Pienaar. Despite adverse weather conditions which made their task somewhat difficult, all ranks carried out their duties efficiently and unobtrusively.

We are given to understand that they were amply rewarded at the close of proceedings. (The catering department was in the capable hands of the Girls' High School.)

All the cadets, who were on duty on the day of the arrival of the King and Queen and the Princesses in Pretoria, will long remember the part they were privileged to play on an historic occasion.

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On September 22nd units of the Permanent Force Training Centre gave us demonstrations of Platoon Drill, Band Exercises and Physical Training. We are grateful to Col. Hamman, the Director of Cadet Training, for making it possible for the Detachment to see this interesting display.

#### THE ANNUAL INSPECTION

Our Annual Inspection took place on Wednesday, October 1st, before a good attendance of parents and in the presence of Col. A. Johnstone,

D.S.O., the Officer Commanding, the First Battalion, Pretoria Regiment. After the inspection of the Detachment by Brigadier H. B. Klopper, D.S.O., the Officer Commanding, Northern Command, who was accompanied by his senior Staff Officer, Major Visser, the Detachment marched past under the command of 2nd Lt. M. E. Ainge. This was followed by an attractive P.T. display given by the boys of Form I under Lieut. T. Collard and by the Inter-House Platoon Competition, which was judged by Captain Rowland, Captain M. Munro, M.C., Captain F. Nel and Lieut. Hains of the Pretoria Regiment.

As usual the Competition was keenly contested and was again won by Rissik House with the platoon of Solomon House coming second. 2nd Lieut. T. V. Booth of Rissik House was accorded the cup for the best Platoon Commander, while Sgt. G. Shearer of School House was judged to be the best Platoon Sergeant.

The Senior House Shooting Competition was won by Rissik House and the Junior Competition by School House, the best shots in the respective competitions being Sgt. F. Bezuidenhout and Cadet Sheppard.

After welcoming the Inspecting Officer and referring to the changes in the Detachment personnel during the year, Major Geen said, "I should like to thank Brigadier Klopper, the O.C.N. Command, and his staff, especially Capt. Gerber, the S.O. Cadets, for their co-operation and assistance in obtaining the new armoury and range. These officers have always been accessible. That they have been unable to assist

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us with our Training Programme has not been their fault, but due to the reorganization of the Permanent Force. Despite the absence of regular instructors I do not consider our work has materially\* suffered for two reasons. Firstly many of our Student Officers and N.C.O.s attended camps and courses last year and thereby acquired much useful military knowledge and experience in the handling of cadets on the parade ground. Secondly those boys who took part in the Guard of Honour also learnt a great deal at the practice parades that were, held in the two months preceding the Royal Visit.

It would not be possible for three or four schoolmasters to run a detachment of this size without the loyal support of the senior boys. I should like on this occasion to say how much

I have appreciated their help and I would mention especially the four company commanders, 2nd Lieuts. Ainge, A. van den Aardweg, L. Vlok and Ferreira, the R.S.M., G. Shearer, and Drum Major Joubert. The fact that the latter has trained the Band entirely by himself this year as well as leading it to-day is very greatly to his credit and to that of Sergeant Bugler Mallett. Some time ago there was an article in the Illustrated London News on the recent formation of Boys' Companies at the various Regimental Training Centres of the Indian Army in which the point was made that the companies were largely controlled by boy leaders, who also commanded the ceremonial parades. Both these practices have been established features in our Detachment for several years. This you have seen this morning, where the Parade has been commanded by 2nd Lt. Ainge, the Head Prefect of the School.

I should also like to thank those masters, who are not cadet officers, but who have assisted the Detachment considerably by controlling the School's shooting activities. I refer particularly to Mr. Menge, Mr. Heykamp and Mr. Starker, whose help has been invaluable in this connection. The Headmaster, a veteran of the First World War, has continued to take a close interest in the Detachment. This term he made

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arrangements for our parades to be held in school hours as is the case in all other Transvaal high schools. It is, perhaps, too early to draw definite conclusions from the experiment, but I trust it will add to the efficiency of the Detachment and to the popularity of the Cadet Movement in the School. In the meantime the Officers and Cadets are grateful to the Headmaster for making the change.

In conclusion I should like to refer to what we are trying to do for your sons in the Cadet Movement. Some months ago Captain Cyril Falls, the well-known authority on Military Science, wrote, ' Drill plays its part in various aspects of training. It is an aid to the physical side; it has to do with the handling of weapons; it acts as a steadier of the nerves, and it helps to produce that smartness both in the individual man and in the unit which forms such a prominent element in self-respect and self-confidence. The angry debates about drill have largely died down, and there is now a broad measure of agreement on the subject. Drill should be simple and should not be allowed to usurp time needed for other forms of training, but it is an essential element in the creation of a good soldier. I believe a large proportion of men realize this themselves. It was remarkable in the Home Guard, where there was no great insistence upon drill, that a large number of men asked for more and took great pride in. their marching and turn-out.'

As one who served for some years on the Training Staff of the S.A.A.F. I can bear testimony to the truth of Captain Fall's statement. In this Detachment we are not, of course, trying to turn, out soldiers, or even prospective soldiers,, but we are trying to turn out young men, who will take a pride in being smart themselves and in carrying out all they do as efficiently as possible. Moreover, as in the School itself, we aim at producing young men who will be ready to serve their country in peace with the same readiness and devotion as their elder brethren did in the recent years of war."

The Brigadier then presented the trophies for Drill and Shooting and addressed the gathering. He congratulated the Detachment on its workmanlike parade and particularly commented on the part played by the student officers and non-commissioned officers in running the Detachment. Col. Johnstone addressed his remarks more especially to the boys about to-leave school and spoke of the close association

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■between his Regiment and the School. The Headmaster thanked Brigadier Klopper for the interest he had always shown in the School and the Officers of the Pretoria Regiment for their help.

During the course of the morning Tea was served by a committee of mothers and the proceeds were devoted to the War Memorial Fund.

In the October holidays the Detachment was represented at the Cadet Camp held at Middel-burg by Major Geen, Lieut. Hendry and 32 boys. There were over 4,000 boys in camp representative of all parts of the Transvaal and our small contingent played a full part in the activities of the Camp and gave a good account of themselves in somewhat trying conditions.

On Monday, October 20th, Brigadier Klopper, accompanied by Col. Hamman and Col. L. du Toit, the newly-appointed Director of Cadet Training, and attended by Captain Gerber, visited the school in order to present the

Detachment with a set of instruments for the establishment of a Brass Band. The Brigadier presented the instruments to the players and the Headmaster thanked Brigadier Klopper for his good offices in securing such a munificent gift from the Union Defence Force for the use of the Detachment. The short ceremony, which took place in the School Hall, was preceded by a performance given by the Permanent Force Band, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole school. Captain Keeley and the Band have offered to assist in the training of the School Band.

## ATHLETICS

Our Annual Meeting was held on March 22nd in brilliant weather. The track was in excellent condition and a large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators attended, among whom were numerous Old Boys whose presence at our functions is always particularly Welcome. During the interval refreshments were sold in aid of the School War Memorial Fund and the sum of £28 was realized.

The events were keenly contested and there were some outstanding performances. R. Crozier, this year's Victor Ludorum, established a new mile record beating that held by D. Ronnen-bergh since 1942. His performance in the 440 yards equalled the record established by D. Lumsden in 1931. A new record for the 440 yards under 16 was established by M. Beeton. With careful training this young athlete has a very promising future. Steven did very well in the 220 yards hurdles under 16 to beat by i of a second Falke's record of 28S seconds established in 1930. The Inter-House competition was the keenest for years and the result was in the balance up to the very last event.

Sunnyside House richly deserved their great win.

The following are the detailed results of the School Sports:—

One Mile (Under 16): 1, Molé (T.); 2, Roux

(T.); 3, Ackerman (T.). Time: 5 min. 7f

secs, (equals Record).

110 Yards Hurdles (Under 16): 1, Steven (T.). Time: 17é secs.

High Jump (Under 15): 1, du Toit (T.); 2, Gedye (A.); 3, Meyer (T.). Height: 4 ft. 10 k ins.

880 Yards (Open): 1, Crozier (Sun.); 2, Ferreira (R.) ; 3, Weir (Sch.). Time: 2 mins. 5s secs.

440 Yards (Under 15): 1, Hamer-Philip (A.); 2, Wiid (Sch.); 3, Haylett (R.). Time: 571 secs.

Long Jump (Under 16): 1, Beeton (R.); 2, Hattingh (T.); 3, Rom (Sun.). Distance:

18 ft. 8 ins.

100 Yards (Under 14): 1, Milner (Sol.); 2, Stop-forth (Sch.); 3, Roux (A.). Time: 12 secs. 100 Yards (Open): 1, Weir

(Sch.); 2, Crozier (Sun.); 3, Wilson (T.). Time: 10t secs.

880 Yards (Under 15): 1, Wiid (Sch.); 2, Hamer-Philip (A.); 3, Jordaan (T.). Time:

2 mins. 201 secs.

High Jump (Under 14): 1, Lombard (T.); 2, Loopuyt (Sun.); 3, Meyer (T.). Height:

4 ft. 8f ins.

120 Yards Handicap (Over 15): 1, Ferreira;

2, Jones; 3, Clear. Time: 131 secs.

Long Jump (Open): 1, Delaney (Sun.); 2, Shearer (A.); 3, Weir (Sch.). Distance:

19 ft. 7 ins.

880 Yards Handicap: 1, Lewkowski; 2, Herbert;

3, Dawson. Time: 2 mins. 16i secs.

440 Yards (Under 16): 1, Beeton (R.); 2, Roux (T.); 3, Lambert (Sun.). Time: 541 secs. (School Record).

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THE SENIOR ATHLETIC TEAM, 1947.

Photograph by Martin Gibbs, Pretoria.

Front Row (left to right): W. Mare, P. S. Weir, R. T. Crozier, D. Ferreira (captain), G. C.

Shearer, K. S. Delaney, D. Allin, D. Turpin.

Back Row (left to right): B. Blamire, I. de Zwaan, P. D. Rose-Innes, H. A. Joubert, R. D.

Wilson, A. Woodland, A. N. Vlok, Mr. P. C. Moerdyk.

One Mile (Open): 1, Crozier (Sun.); 2, Ferreira (R.); 3, Joubert (A.). Time: 4 mins. 44 secs. (School Record).

120 Yards Handicap (Under 15): 1, Blake (A.); 2, Wapnick (A.); 3, Halliday (T.). Time: 14S secs.

220 Yards Hurdles (Under 16): 1, Steven (T.);

2, Hattingh (T.); 3, Beeton (R.). Time: 281 secs. (School Record).

220 Yards Hurdles (Open): 1, Shearer (A.);  
 2, Allin (T.); 3, Blamire (A.). Time: 28 secs.  
 75 Yards Hurdles (Under 14): 1, Dickson (Sch.); 2, Petty (A.); 3, Meyer (T.). Time: 124 secs.  
 440 Yards (Open): 1, Crozier (Sun.); 2, Ferreira (R.); 3, Weir (Sch.). Time: 52½ secs.  
 880 Yards (Under 16): 1, Mole (T.); 2, Drever (T.); 3, Whiley (T.). Time: 2 mins. 14½ secs.  
 100 Yards (Under 12): 1, Pickard (Sch.); 2, Gawler (A) and Claassens (A.). Time: 13½ secs.  
 100 Yards (Under 15): 1, Rom (Sun.); 2, Warren (Sch.); 3, Hamer-Philip (A.). Time: 1½ mins.  
 220 Yards (Under 13): 1, Stopforth (Sch.); 2, Cooper (A.); 3, Cowley (Sol.). Time: 28½ secs.

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High Jump (Open): 1, de Zwaan (Sun.); 2, Vlok (Sun.); 3, Rose-Innes (Sch.). Height:

5 ft. 34 ins.

100 Yards (Under 16): 1, Beeton (R.); 2, Steven (T.); 3, Smit (Sun.). Time: 11 secs.

100 Yards (Under 13): 1, Stopforth (Sch.); 2, Collier (Sun.); 3, Cooper (A.). Time: 121 secs.

110 Yards Hurdles (Open): 1, Allin (T.); 2, Shearer (A.); 3, Blamire (A.). Time: 15½ secs.

440 Yards (Under 14): 1, Meyer (T.); 2, Opperman (R.); 3, Lombard (T.). Time: 65½ secs.

Old Boys' Race: 1, Woodhead; 2, van Tonder;

3, Frayne. Time: 11½ mins.

Inter-House Relay (Junior): 1, School; 2, Rissik; 3, Sunnyside. Time: 1 min. 54½ secs. Inter-House Relay (Senior): 1, Sunnyside; 2, Rissik; 3, » Town. Time: 3 mins. 54½ secs. The Hannan Cup (Victor Ludorum) was won by Crozier of Sunnyside House with 18 points; Shearer of Arcadia House was the runner-up with 11 points.

The final position of the Houses for the JOHNSTON CUP was as follows:

1. Sunnyside ..... 31 points.
2. Town ..... 28 „
3. School ..... 20½ „
4. Arcadia..... 18 i „
5. Rissik ..... 18½ „
6. Solomon..... 2 „

Athletic Colours were awarded to R. T. Crozier, G. C. Shearer, D. Ferreira, P. S. Weir and D. Allin.

#### THE INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

Nearly 500 boys made the trip to Johannesburg on March 25th, to witness the' fourteenth athletic match against King Edward VII School. The weather was perfect and all the events were contested in the traditional spirit of keen rivalry and good sportmanship. Although we more than held our own in the distance races, we were less fortunate in the sprint events where we were pitted against Winslow, whose performances were outstanding, especially in the 220 yards hurdles where he established a new record for his school. Our congratulations to King Edward's on their excellent victory and also our sincerest thanks for a most enjoyable day.

The following are the detailed results of the

Inter-School Sports:—

#### JUNIOR

100 Yards (Under 13): 1, Ackerman (P.); 2, Stopforth (P.); 3, Webb (K.E.). Time:

12.3 secs.

100 Yards (Under 14): 1, de Kock (K.E.); 2, Milner (P.); 3, Roux (P.). Time: 11.7 secs.

High Hurdles (Under 14): 1, Dickson (P.); 2, de Kock (K.E.); 3, Broderick (K.E.). Time: 12.1 secs.

440 Yards (Under 14): 1, de Kock (K.E.); 2, Weitzman (K.E.); 3, Meyer (P.). Time:

60.4 secs.

100 Yards (Under 15): 1, Rom (P.); 2, Lipschitz (K.E.); 3, Super (K.E.). Time: 11.4 secs.

High Jump (Under 15): 1, Super (K.E.) and Fisher (K.E.); 3, du Toit (P.). Height: 4 ft. 10½ ins.

Half-mile (Under 15): 1, Wiid (P.); 2, Nochemowitz (K.E.); 3, Hamer-Philip (P.). Time:

2 mins. 20.9 secs.

440 Yards (Under 16): 1, Ross (K.E.); 2, Beeton (P.); 3, Kean (K.E.). Time: 54.2 secs.

Low Hurdles (Under 16): 1, Steven (P.); 2, Hattingh (P.); 3, Kean (K.E.). Time: 28.1 secs.

Long Jump (Under 16): 1, Beeton (P.); 2, Hattingh (P.); 3, Slender (K.E.). Distance:

19 ft. 11½ ins.

100 Yards (Under 16): 1, Beeton (P.); 2, Ross (K.E.); 3, Kean (K.E.). Time: 10.8 secs.  
Mile (Under 16): 1, Broude (K.E.); 2, Mole (P.); 3, Kirk (K.E.). Time: 5 mins. 11.3 secs.

#### OPEN

100 Yards: 1, Winslow (K.E.); 2, Maisey (K.E.); 3, Weir (P.). Time: 10.5 secs.

Long Jump: 1, Winslow (K.E.); 2, Maisejr (K.E.); 3, Powell (K.E.). Distance: 20 ft. 1 in.

Half-Mile: 1, Crozier (P.); 2, Ferreira (P.); 3, Weir (P.). Time: 2 mins. 5.8 secs.

Low Hurdles: 1, Winslow (K.E.); 2, Maisey (K.E.); 3, Allin (P.). Time: 25.6 secs. High Jump: 1, Hutton (K.E.); 2, Rose-Innes (P.); 3, de Zwaan (P.). Height: 5 ft. 4½ ins.

High Hurdles: 1, Winslow (K.E.); 2, Maisejr

(K.E.); 3, Allin (P.). Time: 14.9 secs. Mile: 1, Ferreira (P.); 2, Crozier (P.); 3, Harrison (K.E.). Time: 4 mins. 59.3 secs!

440 Yards: 1, Winslow (K.E.); 2, Weir (P.); 3, Woodland (P.). Time: 53.9 secs.

The points scored were as follows:

Open: King Edward VII School..... 28

Pretoria High School..... 20

Junior: Pretoria High School..... 37

King Edward VII School..... 35

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#### THE 1947 CROSS-COUNTRY

The Cross-Country run is gone and past, Many lads ran well, others couldn't last; It was a magnificent sight to see  
Boarders and day-boys big and wee.

On the cricket field abreast they stood, Awaiting the sound of the whistle's hoot. They darted across the veldt to come  
First in the race, but unluckily some Failed to reach the winning post,

But these didn't form a very big host.

Crozier of Sunnyside was first to appear, With Allin of Town not far in arrear. Opperman of School House led the rest,  
Who all attempted their level best. Jordaan of Town won the junior race, While great opposition he had to face. We  
congratulate Town on their win —

To beat School House is no heinous sin.

In the Marathon of life thus you'll fare,

If you're ne'er afraid to do and dare!

G.J.J.

#### RESULTS.

Inter-House Competition: Senior — 1, Town House; 2, School House.

Junior — 1, School House; 2, Solomon

House.

Senior Competition: 1, R. Crozier (Sun.); 2,

G. Allin (T.); 3, C. Opperman (Sch.) Junior Competition: 1, E. Jordaan (T.); 2, N.

Wiid (Sch.); 3, J. Shaw (Sch.).

Places: 1, R. Crozier; 2, G. Allin; 3, C. Opperman; 4, D. Ferreira; 5, R.M. Mole; 6, J. Drever; 7, E. Jordaan; 8, P. Weir;  
9, N. Wiid; 10, H. Joubert; 11, A. van Veen; 12, R. McCulloch.

Crozier's time was 29 mins. 2½ secs., the record established by T. Hall being 28 mins. 37 secs.

#### TENNIS

Tennis enjoyed its usual popularity and, although the year was very crowded with other activities, many boys found  
the time to take part in the game. At the request of a few parents facilities were provided for coaching. Mr. Jock  
O'Shea kindly offered his services, although his new business occupies so much of his time. The response was so poor  
on the part of the boys, however, that coaching has been suspended for the time being. Mr. O'Shea has promised to  
give his services to the School again once the boys display sufficient keenness. Our thanks are due to him especially  
as, being an amateur, he is not allowed to receive any remuneration for the work he does.

A number of friendly matches were played by both the junior and senior teams. In the Southern Transvaal Inter-  
School Competition our team, consisting of I. de Zwaan, D. Stead, W.

Dodd, and L. Fourie, lost to Boksburg in a very close match. In the Northern Transvaal Schools Competition L. Fourie  
won the under 14 singles and W. Dodd won the under 16 singles and the under 18 mixed doubles.



Towards the end of the year an enjoyable afternoon was spent when the boys and girls of our two high schools played a match against the combined staffs. The ladies battled valiantly to stave off defeat, while the masters did their bit by trying to juggle with the scores. They were foiled in their attempts, however, by the eagle eyes of the girls and youth won the day.

The House Matches were contested with the usual keenness. The senior competition was won by Arcadia with Rissik as runners-up, while Sunnyside beat School in the junior event.

Colours were awarded to I. de Zwaan and D. Stead.

### SWIMMING

During the year the School took part in two inter-school galas, Afrikaans High School being our main rival, and we were fortunate in coming first in both events. The Sutter Cup was won by Arcadia with Sunnyside the runners-up; Sunnyside and Rissik were the finalists for the Polo Cup, which Sunnyside won; and de Waal was the 100 yards champion this year. Colours

were awarded to de Waal, Shearer and Hall, and mention must be made of several younger swimmers, who will help to keep the School swimming on a high level in the future. They are Emmett, Stein, van Bergen, E. Bock, Barrie, Shearer n, Foot, and Sutter, while Silberbauer must be congratulated on his performances in the breast stroke.

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### BOXING

After an interval of several years Boxing Championships were again held in the School during the second term. The tournament proved a great success in every way and the fact that 84 boys entered is an indication of the keenness displayed in the sport. Our thanks are due to the officials of the Pretoria Amateur Boxing Association for acting in the capacity of judges and referees on the night when the finals were contested.

The following are the results of the fights:

### JUNIORS

1. Spider weight: E. Krohn (Rissik) beat E. Jacobson (Sunnyside).
2. Paper weight: M. Meyer (Town) beat R. Merryweather (Rissik).
3. Fly weight: J. Naude (Arcadia) beat R. Dickson (School).
4. Bantam weight: R. Symes (Town) beat R. Shaw (School).
5. Feather weight: E. Jordaan (Town) beat  
E. Frayne (Sunnyside).
6. Light weight: N. Simmonds (Sunnyside) beat E. Buchel (Town).
7. Welter weight: S. Hamilton (Solomon) beat  
D. Hall (School).
8. Middle weight: D. Steyn (Solomon) beat J. Hamer-Philip (Arcadia).
9. Light heavy weight: W. Emmett (Arcadia)' beat N. Argue (Arcadia).
10. Heavy weight: C. Beguin (Rissik) walk over.

### SENIORS

1. Paper weight: R. Scott (School) beat C. Ellison (School).
2. Fly weight: A. Desmond (Sunnyside) beat R. Chapman (School).
3. Bantam weight: R. Weir (School) beat T. Lyon (Rissik).
4. Feather weight: C. Steynberg (School)  
beat P. Retief (Rissik).
5. Light weight: M. Beeton (Rissik) beat G. Steyn (Town).
6. Welter weight: E. Addams (Solomon) beat-  
B. Latham (Rissik).
7. Middle weight: E. de Villiers (Town) beat  
S. Goldberg (Rissik).
8. Light heavy weight : D. Wilson (Town) beat W. Marais (Town).

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The whistle of a bos'un's pipe trills across the harbour from the sloop "Actaeon" in salute of our captain, the Royal Marine Band on the quarter-deck strikes up with "Rule Britannia," the ship begins to throb gently as the screws churn up the water under the stern and we slip slowly out of harbour on the beginning of our voyage to meet H.M.S. Vanguard.

Together with twenty other sea-cadets from various centres in South Africa I had joined the cruiser “ Nigeria,” flagship of the South African Squadron, the previous afternoon, and now, after having been aboard for just over twelve hours, we were steaming out of False Bay, lifting gently to the slight swell of the sea.

Once outside we were divided up into our watches and parts of ship and then shown over the whole ship, after which we went down to our mess for dinner, our first meal at sea, where it was noticed that a few of the cadets showed a marked aversion to having anything to eat.

Early that afternoon we fell in to work parts of ship and the six of us in the fo’c’sle division

Vanguard

were told off to polish the brass rail round the fo’rrard superstructure, a foretaste of much work of a similar nature which was to come our way during the remainder of our trip. Standing on the upper-deck with the sun shining down, and the ship gently rolling through a perfect blue sea, and Table Mountain receding slowly into the haze on our starboard quarter as it dropped farther and farther behind, I could not have wished for anything more pleasant. At eight-o’clock that night we slung our hammocks and settled down for our first night at sea. Two of the cadets were wishing that the bottom would drop out of the ship, but otherwise we were all getting accustomed to ship-board routine.

The next morning as on all following mornings, we turned out of our hammocks at 5.30 to the rapidly growing familiar “ All the hands lash up and stow.” Physical Training followed until breakfast which was at 0700. 0815 to 1200 was devoted to instruction on numerous subjects, while during the afternoon from 1315

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until “ Secure ” at 1600 we worked part of ship, the remainder of the day, unless we were on watch being free. As we were working Boys-routine (a “ boy ” in the Navy is the rank of anyone below the age of eighteen) we were excused night-watches, but all had our turn in various positions, which included the boiler- and engine-rooms, the lower steerage position, (from where the ship is steered), the wireless-office and the bridge.

During the first morning at sea we were inoculated against yellow-fever. This was not compulsory, but as we were told that we would not be allowed ashore at Freetown unless we had it done, everyone presented himself at the sick-bay when the time for inoculation came.

On entering the Tropics after four days at sea, our routine was altered and in place of instruction during the fore-noon we worked part of ship, painting, scrubbing or polishing brass while the rest of the afternoon was “ make and mend ” which meant we were free to do whatever we pleased, either sleeping, washing our clothes or just sitting on deck. The flying fish were a source of continual interest, sometimes flying past singly and at other times in batches of about fifty or a hundred. We crossed the Equator without any demonstration on the 4th February, the traditional ceremony being reserved for the homeward trip.

On the morning of the sixth we sighted the mountains of Sierra Leone with the first light of dawn, and soon afterwards could see natives in dug-out canoes fishing far out at sea. We proceeded along a coast covered with typical tropical foliage, until, rounding a headland, Freetown and the anchorage came into view. From the sea it looked a very dirty place, an Impression which was confirmed when we went ashore.

We tied up at the only jetty (Freetown has no docks) and after fuelling and taking in stores, moved out to the anchorage. As we were there for two days, the port and starboard watch each got an afternoon’s leave, and, being in the port watch myself, I went ashore on the second day. The best part of Freetown was a place about four miles out of the town known as Lumley Beach, where we went to swim. I went ashore with a couple of signalmen and passing through the town on our way back to wait for the ship’s motor-cutter at the jetty I bought a few souvenirs and a huge bunch of bananas (about twenty for sixpence). Arriving at the jetty I found most of the other cadets there and many and varied were the souvenirs some of them had collected, ranging from yard-long spears and daggers to ivory birds and hand-bags, with a plentiful sprinkling of paper-knives, whips and cocoanuts, while nearly everyone had, in addition, a large bunch of bananas.

Soon after supper that night, the rush of water past our scuttle and the gentle roll of the ship, which had been absent for the previous two days, announced the fact that we were once more at sea. The following morning we were kept busy cleaning the ship in preparation for taking over the escort of “ Vanguard ” from the Home Fleet ships. Soon after dinner we sighted the aircraft-carrier “ Implacable ” and the destroyer “ St. Kitts ” with, some way behind them, the cruisers “ Cleopatra ” and “ Diadem.” The four Home Fleet ships passed us at some distance and shortly afterwards we sighted the huge bulk of the battle-ship “ Vanguard ” ahead of us.

As we drew nearer one of our 4-in. guns barked out the first of a salute of twenty-one guns, while at the same time we

hoisted a signal welcoming the Royal Family to the South Atlantic Ocean. Drawing abreast, the “ Still ” rang out from our vessel and with the ship’s company standing to attention, three cheers were given for the King and Queen, the Royal Marine Band played the National Anthem and the guard on the quarter-deck presented arms. The King, who took the salute, was plainly visible on the special platform on B-gun-turret. After we had steamed past we made a sixteen-point turn to port and took up station astern of “ Vanguard.” Within a few minutes we sighted the Home Fleet escort coming towards us in line ahead, making a fine sight as each ship gave a parting cheer to the “ Vanguard ” on leaving her for the remainder of her long voyage to the Cape. Simultaneously twenty-four Seafires from “ Implacable ” flew over-head, dipping their wings in salute.

Shortly afterwards we altered course, and drew up alongside “ Vanguard ” from where, by means of the breaches-buoy, we sent across fruit and mails which we had collected at Freetown.’ While this was in progress the Royal Family appeared on deck. They were plainly visible from our ship and appeared to be very interested in the proceedings. Within half-an-hour the mail was transferred and the breaches-buoy cast off; then we took up position on “ Vanguard’s ” port beam.

The following day after dinner, we sighted the fleet auxiliary tanker, “ Brown Ranger,” which had come out from the Ascension Isles to refuel “ Vanguard ” and us. Two pipe-lines were hauled across between the tanker and “ Vanguard,” and, at reduced speed, she proceeded to take in fuel oil for nearly five hours. Just as it was getting dark we began refuelling, carrying on until near midnight when we cast

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off the pipe-lines and increased speed once more.

High-light of the next day was the “ Crossing-of-the-Line ” ceremony. As it was the first time we had crossed the Equator, all the cadets, myself included, were initiated into the “Ancient and mystic rites of the deep,” which included being dosed with evil-tasting medicines and being soundly ducked by Neptune’s Court.

That night we passed the cargo-vessel “ City of Madras,” bound for England and the next day we passed the passenger and mail ship “ Cape Town Castle,” also outward bound from South Africa. As she drew near she was given permission to pass between “ Vanguard ” and us, and she looked really fine, cutting through the water, her red and black funnel standing out in sharp contrast to the light grey funnels of the two warships.

On the Saturday before we docked a Sunderland flying-boat came out from Walvis Bay and dropped mails for “Vanguard” which were successfully picked up. During the four days preceding this the weather had steadily deteriorated until by Saturday it was blowing half a gale and we were pitching and rolling a .great deal. As we were steaming almost dead into the wind, we got the full benefit of the weather and with every wave we put our bows into a sheet of spray and water would come flying across the fo’c’sle. By Sunday the weather was even worse and as the two sloops comprising the rest of the African Squadron from Simons-town were expected at 1100 we were looking forward to seeing how they would behave in the weather. Sure enough, at the appointed time, we sighted two wildly erratic mast-heads coming towards us which resolved themselves into the additional escort with H.M.S. Nereide leading and “Actaeon” astern. As they steamed down between us each one fired a twenty-one gun salute. They were then still running before the wind, but as they passed astern of “ Vanguard ” ♦they wheeled right round and then they really began to perform. With every wave their bows would shoot up into the air, remain level for a few seconds, then crash down, and over would come a wave with spray which enveloped their bridges and was often as high as their respective masts. The two sloops took up station at “Vanguard’s ” port side while we remained to starboard of her.

At about four-o-clock that afternoon, by which time the wind had abated slightly, “Actaeon” altered course and ranged up alongside us to transfer mail which she had brought out froih Cape Town, while “ Nereide ” performed a similar duty alongside “ Vanguard.” Our mess of twenty-one cadets did not get a very large mail, but I was lucky as out of twelve letters for the whole mess six were for me.

The following morning we awoke to a flat calm and going up on deck I could see a long line of mountains % right across the horizon ahead of us, while rising above the other mountains and almost dead ahead was the stately silhouette of Table Mountain and Devil’s Peak. It really was a most welcome change after days of nothing but sea. We spent the time before breakfast washing down paintwork and at about 0630 we sighted the three South African frigates coming towards us out of the low-lying morning mist with

H.M.S.A.S. Good Hope leading and “ Transvaal ” and “ Natal ” astern of her. Á signal lamp began flashing from “ Good Hope’s ” bridge and the three vessels made a hundred and eighty degree turn to starboard and took up station ahead of us in line abreast. All the ships were moving very slowly so as not to arrive in Cape Town ahead of time, barely making a ripple on the surface of the water. At 0745 our ship’s company was fallen in on the fo’cs’le. By that

time we were very close in and the masts of ships in the harbour were plainly visible, while off the break-water were two tugs standing by to take the “ Vanguard ” to her berth. The whole morning flights of Sunderland flying-boats and Venturas had been flying round our head and about this time with a final dive over “ Vanguard,” they dipped their wings and returned to their respective bases.

At 0750 the frigates altered course slightly so as to take up station on “ Vanguard’s ” port bow. After requesting permission to part company, the two sloops and we wheeled round to starboard and steamed off along the coast in the direction of Simonstown after having escorted “ Vanguard ” for a greater distance than any other warship. Just after midday we rounded Cape Point which, three and a half centuries before, Sir Francis Drake had named “ the fairest cape in all the circumference of the earth.” It certainly looked very beautiful that morning.

After dinner we shifted into clean uniforms and went round the ship saying good-bye to the many friends we had made while we had been aboard. At 1315 we steamed slowly into Simonstown harbour after having travelled just over seven thousand miles, and soon afterwards, after the ship had been secured alongside, the twenty other cadets and I walked down one of the gang planks and set foot upon dry land once more after what had been to us a most memorable experience and one which we would all remember with pleasure for a very long time to come.

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During the Michaelmas holiday of last year I can remember joking about the possibilities of the Royal Family coming to Goedgegun. Everyone thought that if they visited Swaziland they would go to M’babane. Apart from being the capital of Swaziland it is the most beautiful village in our territory. Towards the end of the fourth term, my mother wrote to tell me that the Royal Family were coming to our village and not to M’babane owing to transport difficulties. A few weeks later she wrote that she had been requested to put our house at the disposal of Their Majesties for the time that they would be in Swaziland. Of course she was elated. No more was said until December. My parents were then requested to leave the house by the end of January so that it could be renovated. Consequently we moved into a house over the way. My parents then came up to Pretoria to buy various articles that they would require during the Royal Visit. They also arranged for my sister and me to come down for the Royal reception which was to be held on the 25th March.

At home committees were appointed to take over the various duties that had to be performed. My parents undertook the task, delightful to them, of doing the garden. It was a very big task considering that part of our two erfes had never been worked before. They laid lawns, built rockeries, brought in veld plants, scouring the country-side and going far afield to find sufficient flowering plants and shrubs, which would bloom at the required time. They transformed what had once been a barren plot into a garden of great beauty, of which they were justly proud. We had come to live in Goedgegun only a few months previously so that not much had hitherto been done. My father also did the decorations throughout the village and so he was constantly busy. My mother was also on the House Committee. The territory was scoured for the best that proud housewives possessed. Furniture, silver, linen, pictures, curtains and the like were gladly lent for the occasion, and were carried, by lorry and car, from all corners of Swaziland. The resulting effect was most pleasing.

We arrived home on the 22nd March three days before the visit was due to take place. I was surprised to see what the house and garden looked like. All the houses of the village were painted and the main streets decorated with brightly coloured flags. In fact our home town had been transformed from a dusty little dorp into a colourful immaculate village. My father was looking as thin as a rake and had contracted ’flu from putting up the flags in the clouds of dust caused by the wind and passing vehicles. The day before the visit there were still no signs of crowds and I was beginning to think that no people would come.

At last the great day dawned. All dressed in our best we went up to the sports fields where the morning festivities were to be held. Then for the first time I noticed the crowds. People were coming from all directions, the roads were blocked with traffic and the Natives swarmed on the hillsides like myriads of ants. In no time the grounds were crowded with about 10,000 Europeans, many from the Transvaal, and about 30,000 Natives all dressed in their national costume. They looked magnificent with their plumes waving in the wind. The Royal Family were due to arrive at eleven o’clock and while we were waiting instructions were read out to us over a system of microphones, a Native brass-band played and the time passed speedily.

At last the great moment arrived and the 'Royal Procession came in sight. I had come prepared to shout and cheer, but when the time came a lump rose to my throat and I just stared. The cheering was feeble, as I believe everyone-else was overcome as well. The Natives gave their shrill whistle which is their singular way of saluting their leader. The whole effect was, not as awe-inspiring as I had expected it to be. In fact I was disappointed, though others were thrilled.

The two royal cars drove round the circle and I had an excellent view, as they passed about four yards from me. They then drove up to the dais and speeches were made. These were followed by the presentation of medals by the King. After this the Natives danced and I believe critics say this was the best Native performance the Royal Family witnessed in South Africa. Personally I thought it was quite ordinary. Of course I am a Swazilander and used to their displays. The Royal Family then strolled past the crowds chatting to different people as they went along. They talked for a long time with the school children and I was fortunate in being one of those to be addressed.

The Royal Family then left the grounds and

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went to the house, where His Majesty the King changed from his naval uniform into civilian clothes. The other members of the Royal Family, however, did not change their attire. After having drinks on the front verandah they lunched and then remained in the house. The Queen walked out into the garden where she met one of the catering staff who had worked at Glamis Castle years before. The Queen recognized her and addressed her as "Maggie." With our noses pressed to the windows of the house over the way we witnessed much.

At three o'clock they left for the garden party and again I had a good view of them. I was standing alone on the isle in the centre of the street and when I waved they returned my gesture. At the garden party, which was not open to the general public, my parents were presented to the Royal Family and when His Majesty the King learnt of my father's profession he was deeply interested. Incidentally my father's profession is Agriculture. While the King was speaking to my father the Queen and the Princesses spoke to my mother. After the garden party Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Cadets were inspected and bouquets presented. At five o'clock this was all over. The Royal Family left and drove to Moolman railway siding, where they boarded the White Train.

That night a dance was held in honour of Their Majesties and I believe it was a grand conclusion to a happy and memorable day in the history of Swaziland.

L. MOERDYK (Form IVA)

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The Headmaster allowed me to go to my home at Mataffin, so that I should have the chance of seeing members of my family being presented to the King and Queen. I arrived home on the morning of March 28th, the day the Royal Family was due to arrive at Westaffin, a small siding on my uncle's farm about half a mile from Mataffin Station. It was here that the Royal Family had to change from train to car to go to the reception at Nelspruit. The train was at first due to arrive at 11 a.m. but the time was changed to 2 p.m. Ox-wagons had been arranged in a semi-circle for the Native farm workers, while a portion of ground was roped off for the European farm workers, my relations and a few friends. Native dancing teams from the farm amused the onlookers until the train arrived. We drove to the siding at about 1.30 p.m. and from that time till the train's arrival spent the time getting our places, watching the dancing and trying to get some shade, for it was a dreadfully hot day.

When at last the Royal train did arrive it was the sign for us to begin cheering. It was some twenty minutes before the Royal Family got off the train, so we amused ourselves by trying to identify the various members of the Royal party. The first whom I saw was the Princess Margaret, who was watching the dancing from one of the carriages; then I saw the Princess Elizabeth, who was taking cine-pictures from

one of the carriages. When at last I saw the King, Princess Margaret was trying to imitate the native dancing to him. It was rather amusing to watch her efforts. I did not see the Queen until just before they got out.

When at last they did come out — the King followed by the rest of the family — the cheering broke out anew. After my grandmother, my uncle and a few other people had been presented to them, they walked around smiling and chatting to the Europeans and waving to the Natives. The Queen stopped and talked to a farmer who was standing quite near to me. She asked him about his farm and showed genuine interest in the climate and products of the low-veld. When the Royal Family got off the train, the dancing started again and they seemed very interested in it. They spent some forty minutes with us and I think the Queen once again stole the show with her warm smile and friendly chatter. Just before the Royal Family went back to the train to change for the reception, the small crowd of Europeans burst into a somewhat untuneful version of "God save the King."

From Westaffin we went to Nelspruit in the hope of having another good view of them. However, there were thousands of people from the outlying districts in the town and our chances of a good view were so small, that we decided to go back to Westaffin and see them

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return to the train after the Nelspruit reception. This time there were only some twenty people there, but the police told us to stand a considerable distance back, for they said that there was something wrong with the engine and that the King might want to take a short walk while the engine was being repaired. When the cars arrived, the Royal Family got out of their car carrying the bouquets that had been presented to them in Nelspruit. The onlookers gave three lusty cheers and the King and Queen each replied by saying, “Goodbye, goodbye.” After a few minutes the train pulled out of Westaffin to the sound of our renewed cheering. It had been a great day for one small, but loyal, Transvaal community.

C. B. WEBSTER (Form III.E>

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(With due apologies to all concerned)

In this most expensive time,

When buns alone are half a dime With cost of living rising,

The tuck-shop does a roaring trade; The fortune of the stores is made; Most men are much the poorer.

’Tis natural that the chaps complain For normal times to come again With prices cheap for all.

So with this thought in view A noble deed they seek to do To help the poorer classes.

“ No talk will get us anywhere.

It’s plain that we much worse will fare Unless we call a war.”

So led by strategists, the best,

(Their names immortal ever rest Beside their wondrous fame),

The rebels in the corridor Pour up abuse toward the floor On which the masters stand.

Bricks and bottles, ancient shoes, Followed by paper bags of screws,

Go hurtling up the stairs.

Oaths and language most obscene — To use the same we’d never dream —

Is all answer received.

“ Where is my book of ratios? ”

Calls Thomas through a bleeding nose. “ I’ll solve this problem soon.”

“ O you shut up,” says M.S. Geen. (Again that language most obscene)

“ I know just what to do.

My famous book of history —

An equal there will never be —

Has all the answers pat.”

“I know, I know,” yells Willie Brooks; You’ll get nowhere with all your books. They’re all just so much trash.”

With grin serene, oblige noblesse,

“ We need a phial of H<sub>2</sub>S.

I’ll get it from the Lab.”

Too late, too late, your plan’s in vain,

Some clever chaps (5a again)

Have shattered all your scheming.

Already odours and bad whiffs Cause masters to venture sniffs “ A smell of rotten egg —

“ They’ve got us men,” despairs the Head, Bold man, who the resistance led.

“ We’ll go down by degrees.”

From a table in Room One He sees his men go one by one,

Submissively and beaten,

Led by the victorious crowd —

They’ve every reason to be proud —

To draw up a fair treaty.

The men are lined,  
The papers signed,  
All thoughts are somewhat deeper.  
The lads rejoice  
With boisterous voice —  
The pies are penny cheaper!

J. A. MEINTJES (Form 5.A\*)

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These are thoughts of a schoolboy. They are simple and there is no abstruse philosophy in them. As I delve into the memories of the past few years, I wonder if we really understand the significance of our education. Much has been written on the subject and I think that the ideas of the nineteenth century have to a great extent disappeared. The scholar of 1870 did not receive the same education as the schoolboy of 1947. The tutors of those days concentrated on the acquisition of knowledge through the medium of the text-book, but many of the other ideas that we associate with Education to-day were excluded. However, one cannot say that the system was a failure; in fact many of the world's greatest figures grew up with this kind of education as a background and it helped to mould their lives.

Today there is an entirely different outlook on the subject. What is Education? In the words of Dr. E. G. Malherbe, an eminent educationist in S. Africa, it is the formation of character. It is the making of good men and women. A man is not considered educated, because he can translate huge portions of Ovid or recite in parrot-fashion the Theorem of Pythagoras. Neither is he educated, because he can score a century in a game of Cricket or run a thrilling half-mile. It is neither exclusively in the class-room nor on the playing field that one is educated in the true meaning of the word. I have often wondered how the solving of a difficult rider or the understanding of adverbial clauses of time could possibly affect my life as a man; in the same way I could not understand the influence of the Congress of Vienna on my future. After some thought, however, I eventually reached a conclusion. I think that if a boy lives the fullest life possible at school he will in time leave it as an educated man.

A school is no longer an institution of learning alone; sport and cultural activities are of great importance in the life of any school. If a boy can master the Theorem of Pythagoras and understand the Congress of Vienna, enjoy a game of Rugby and listen intelligently to a debate on Communism, he is a long way on the path to complete education. Each of these factors may play a part in the building of a good character. The fact that a boy has overcome his weakness in any subject by the age-old method of blood and tears helps to develop

perseverance and determination — essential qualities in the character of any man. Through games he acquires team spirit and that wonderful idea of fair play, which is often singularly absent from the industrial, commercial and political life of to-day, while the debating and dramatic societies broaden his outlook on life as a whole as well as bringing the latent talent that a boy may possess to the fore. The man who can look back on his schooldays and understand the significance of his life in those years is, in my opinion, well on the way to being really educated.

I come now to another subject — the appreciation of one's education while still at school. P. G. Wodehouse once said that only one in a thousand boys really loved his school. Perhaps, he is right, but yet I think that every child bears some affection for his school. The average boy conceals his emotions under a mask of pretended indifference and I must admit that he often does it very well. I am firmly convinced, however, that in the innermost depths of his heart lies a spark of love for a good school. I think that to appreciate our education we must really have a deep affection for our school. The happiness one gains is then immeasurable and life at school assumes altogether a new significance.

A school like ours is full of beauty; why not try and appreciate it? Consider the Morning Assembly — you can either make it a rather tedious ten minutes before the first period or a beautiful service to remember throughout the day. Then there is the building itself. Regard it not just as a building, but as a beautiful piece of architecture embodying many of the attributes of skill and craftsmanship. Often late in the afternoon, while playing Cricket, I have looked up to the hill on which the School and the Houses stand. Then the crimson rays of the setting sun cast a radiant hue over the surrounding trees and it is truly a beautiful sight.

There is beauty around and within us, so let us appreciate our education at school as a process in which beauty has its place and not as a dreary but necessary ten years in our lives. If we foster a spirit of love and appreciation in our youth, surely we shall do the same in the years to come.

JOHN SPENCE (Form IV.B)

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The mark-book was produced and Mr. T— started down the line. Unfortunately he was out at the halfway. Instead of a free period a \* straf skop ' was administered on the discovery of the score. A conversion was to take place, one in which Tom could make a better stand as the previous test found him hopelessly stumped. The rest of the team managed to acquire very high averages both in theory and in the preparations.

“ The equations both the simple and quadratic together with the chemistry were badly messed up,” Mr. T— was saying, as the next master appeared at the doorway. Like charges repel one another. Mr. G— entered and Mr. T— vanished with the mark-book tucked away under his arm. A military atmosphere was ‘ azoomed ’ in which the general tendency was to lean to the left or right or to whichever side the wall was nearest. On the outskirts of the Rugby field a machine was still boring, while, in Room 13 the war of 1899 was being discussed.

Dates followed other dates to the House Dance, which was rapidly approaching and would witness a general gathering in the School House of Assembly. Alliances were formed and the radicles drifted around the floor like ions in a dilute acid. My foot slipped and I came crashing to the ground to find that Mr. G— was then on the downfall of Napoleon. The question arose concerning the rising of the dark population in our country. “We can export them, of course, but it will lead to a terribly common mistake,” the next master was already saying. But on the contour one really can’t expect to get more than one sandwich from more than one Scottish day-boy. Nevertheless the ozone in the air will suffice and failing that a cross-country would be advisable. “ Mr. McKimberley ran five hundred mines, so you are only asked to contribute a 3d. to the War Memorial to be allowed a 5£ miles run,” Mr. J— was saying, as I realized that one of the allotropic forms of carbon was being disputed in 1869.

At length I became so muddled, that I failed to understand whether I was teaching or learning, ruling or obeying, in this great house of knowledge. But I was inspired by the sound of the bell (which meant that the price of meat-pies would be Boerstrad up) to allow for the dollar shortage and resist temptation by walking right over to the House. The general meeting was adjourned while we sipped the darkly coloured liquid prescribed as tea by our respective boarding houses. For what I had received I had to be truly thankful and trusted that the Scottish boy in front of me in class would allow for the food-shortage in my abdomen.

Everything was in equilibrium, until with a screeching of desks someone resembling Winston Churchill or an English bull-terrier entered to remind us of £2.15.0, which would enable us to have our names gold-plated on one of the small boards in the main House of Assembly.

The call “ Three more gentlemen; three more,” aroused me to the realization that there were only three more minutes before breakfast!

G. MARITZ (Form V.A)

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For anglers all over the country the most exciting time is ‘ Sardine Time.’ Sardines are small fish of the herring family, from six to eight inches long. They travel up the Natal Coast in shoals every year. To scientists and fishermen they remain a mystery, for after leaving Durban it is not known where they go. Some believe that they swim to the colder waters of the Indian Ocean to spawn.

From the moment that the announcement is made that the sardine shoals are sighted off Port St. John’s, fishermen scan the papers daily for news of their progress. As they come nearer, the sardine fever spreads, and more and more fishermen become infected with it. The lucky ones take the whole of June off so as to be on the spot if the fish are late or early. Young men and old men rush along the coast, chasing

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the shoals like excited schoolboys, asking everyone they meet for the latest news of them. This year an aeroplane was



chartered from Margate by a fishing company to search for the shoals. People on land can usually spot them as they are always accompanied by diving seagulls.

When the fish actually come in at a seaside village the whole place seems to go mad with excitement. The fishermen, European and Indian, equipped with all their tackle, go after the big fish, mostly barracouda, salmon, garrique and kingfish which prey on the sardines. Hour after hour they patiently stand on the beach and rocks playing and landing the huge fish, which seldom come their way at any other time. As the news spreads about more and more excited people rush to the beach with baskets, buckets and sacks, while others bring nets of all descriptions, from big cast-nets to little butterfly nets! They all hope to get a good supply of sardines, for eating fresh and for pickling.

It is most amusing to see elderly ladies, who are usually so dignified, holding up their skirts and darting into the waves like everyone else. The more daring people wade so far out with their nets that they are within a few yards of huge sharks, forgetting the danger in their excitement. And after all their trouble they often get very few sardines from the haul, for there are always dozens of Natives, Europeans and Indians waiting to grab them as the nets are pulled in. Out at sea the little fishing boats seize the opportunity and bump right into the shoals, filling their holds with fish, which they take to their bases, if possible going back for more.

By the end of the day the sardines have usually moved off, but both young and old have had good fun and sport, and all look forward to the time when the sardines will come again.

DEREK GAWLER (Form I.A)

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One July morning in 1943 we left camp to inspect the cage we had set to catch a lion. We were on a visit to our farm bordering the Kruger National Park, and we had made up our minds to capture a lion or a lion cub.

That morning we were extremely lucky, for as we approached the cage we heard growling like that of a young dog.

When we reached the cage we all peered in very eagerly, and there lay a little yellow ball, a lion cub. The cage consisted of steel bars which were covered with Wag 'n Bietjie branches, and the Native boys picked the cage up. We then started to walk home. The cub struggled to escape, but the bars were too strong for its efforts.

Eventually we reached the camp, and satisfied its hunger by giving it a few odd bones. We decided to call the cub Thesa. At length our visit ended and we returned home to the High Veld, taking the cub with us. After a month or so it was quite tame and was roaming about the house. In the afternoons it used to go into the yard and play with the cats and dogs, having tremendous fun. The Natives worshipped him as a God and they would not come near the house at night. He would walk around the yard and garden like an observant watch dog.

One day a hole appeared in one of our long curtains in an archway. It looked as though someone had drawn a circle on the curtain with a compass and then neatly cut it out. A few days later two more holes appeared, and then a hole in my father's dress-suit trousers which were in the press. One cold night we were going out, and, as my father unhooked his overcoat, suddenly he heard a roar and there was Thesa eating a hole in his coat. After that we hung everything out of the reach of his destructive jaws.

Often when visitors came to see us with small children he would knock them over. When they

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fell, he thought they were playing with him and would roll them along the ground, as they cried with fear. One Christmas afternoon, having a tremendous curly balloon, I blew it up and put it in front of him. The dog was lying opposite him, and when he touched it the first time, it bounced into the air, but on touching it the second time the balloon suddenly burst. The

cub thinking it was the dog's fault instantly attacked it. Eventually the dog retired with a badly mauled face.

We had many interesting adventures with our pet, and my family was sorry to part with it to Spud's Circus when Thesa was eighteen months old.

D. R. L. MOSTERT (Form II)

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SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE

Flying in 1914 was a novelty; in fact in South Africa even after World War No. 1 as late as 1921, only 26 years ago, an aircraft caused great excitement in any city, town or dorp in the Union. To-day, aircraft are accepted as commonplace, everyday things on a par with motorcars and trains; as a matter of fact if young children of to-day were asked which came into its own first the car, train or aircraft, I doubt whether they would know. I mention this point by way of an introduction to my subject "The Birth of the South African Air Force," because few of the younger generation know anything of how or why the South African Air Force came into being.

World War No. 1 (1914-1918) gave aeronautical science a tremendous boost, for it advanced the science of heavier than air machines by at least fifty years. This is a fact which can be applied to all wars in so far as weapons are concerned. Until the end of the War an aircraft was considered only as a weapon of war and it was only after the War that it was used commercially for transport and passenger traffic; all the experience gained by the necessities of war were then used commercially. The same statement can be applied to World War No. 2 (1939-1945).

However, to get back to the subject, it was •during the First World War that a recruiting campaign was inaugurated in South Africa for air crews for the Royal Flying Corps. The response was wonderful, as flying and adventure always have appealed to the youth of South Africa. A large number of South Africans joined the Royal Flying Corps, which up to April, 1918 was the Army Air Force, the Navy having its own air arm, the Royal Naval Air Service. In 1918 these Services were combined and were renamed the Royal Air Force, by which name they are known to-day. Not only did South African youths join the Air Services in great numbers, but they gave a good account of themselves, so much so that in appreciation of the services rendered to Great Britain in the air by South Africans the British Government saw fit at the termination of hostilities to give the Union of South Africa approximately 120 aircraft, plus spares, motor transport, workshop equipment, etc. — a gift worth three million pounds or more.

It was very obvious to all who took part in the First World War that the aircraft as a weapon of war had come to stay, and that any Navy or Army, which endeavoured to fight a war without making use of aircraft, was like a boxer entering a ring blindfolded against an opponent who was not blindfolded. Aircraft had become the eyes of the Army and Navy. With this knowledge the Union Government decided to include in its Defence Force organisation the nucleus of an Air Force, which was named the South African Air Force and worked as an integral part of the Union Defence Force. It came into being in 1920 under the direction of the then Colonel Sir P. van Ryneveld, who was not only the Officer Commanding, SAAF, but also the Director of Air Services, which included all flying organisations, military and civil, formed in the Union of South Africa.

Col. van Ryneveld invited applications through the Press for the South African Air Force and a large number of the men who had qualified as pilots in the War and who had returned to the Union applied for Short Service Commissions. A large number of South Africans remained on in service with the Royal Air Force and that is why to-day many of the very important positions in the Royal Air Force are held by South Africans, for instance the officer who has been

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■appointed Officer Commanding Bomber Command, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Sanders, is an old Pretoria boy and there are many others.

The South African Air Force started in a very small way and it was not popular with the other arms of the Union Defence Force. This can be understood as it was realised that the air was becoming more important, but, apart from this, the country could not afford a large Air Force. In 1920 our Air Force came into being with a strength in personnel of about 100, including ten officer pilots. The following pilots joined the Force at its inception under the command of Colonel (now General) Sir P. van Ryneveld. (Those marked \* are still serving in the Union Defence Force).

Major-General C. J. Venter, C.B., D.F.C.

^Brigadier H. C. Daniel, C.B.E., M.C., A.F.C.

^Brigadier John Daniel, C.B.E.

Brigadier C. G. Ross, C.B.E., D.F.C.

\*Lrt.-Col. J. C. Hamman.

Lt. Papenfus.

Capt. Schoeman, D.F.C.

Capt. van der Byl. (Killed 1924).

Lt. Lawson (Killed 1923).

Capt. Carey-Thomas (Killed 1922).

The first job of work the South African Air Force was faced with was the 1922 Strike; this was followed by the rebellion of the Bondel-swarts (a native tribe in South West Africa) and then in 1924 the experimental air mail, which was run successfully for four months from Durban to Cape Town during the worst months of the year in so far as weather conditions were concerned.

Flying in the early days was very different from what it is to-day — there were no blind flying instruments or wireless aids to navigators, and a pilot had to rely simply on his own skill and judgment and the latter was very often affected by a spirit of risk and adventure — hence the number of oldtimers who met untimely

deaths. A comparison of speeds between the 1921 aircraft used in the South African Air Force and those used to-day is rather interesting. In 1921 our fastest aircraft was capable of a speed of 115 m.p.h. and the normal D.H. 9 two seater had a speed of 90 m.p.h. The first time the distance between Pretoria -and Cape Town was covered in a day (twelve hours) by the then Captains Venter and Daniel, it resulted in front page photographs and news in our newspapers. Actual time in the air was about nine hours and two stops for refuelling were made. To-day the distance is covered in less than three hours.

It is very difficult to pass on to the later days from the early days of the South African Air Force without referring to the wonderful “ esprit de corps ” which existed in the

S.A.A.F. The pilots and general staff were a small, but very happy family — not looking for self-advancement, but only interested in protecting the honour and good name of their unit. From this small beginning the South African Air Force grew to the powerful unit which gave such a good account of itself in the Second World War. Ten officers and a 100 men grew to a strength of more than 35,000 and an aircraft strength of 100 to well over 20,000. This rapid growth was due chiefly to two facts — many South Africans are born pilots and the spirit of adventure in our land is not yet dead.

A. DANIEL (Form IV.A)

My Interessante Droom

Een aand terwyl ek voor die gloeiende kaggel in ’n leuning-stoel sit, word my ooglede skielik baie swaar en in ’n kits was ek in sprokies-land. Die sekelmaan het treurig deur die donker takke geloer en ’n skraal windjie het mistroostig deur die blare geritsel. ’n Eensame plaas-huisie het tussen die bome gestaan. Terwyl my oë nog op die wit kalkmuur van hierdie huisie rus, merk ek meteens ’n helder lig wat deur een van die klein venstertjies straal en ’n glans oor ’n blom\*-bedding werp wat in die nabyheid geleë is. In die helder lig wat soos goue sonstrale op die bedding val, kon ek maklik die blomme onder-

skei. Daar was wit rose nat van die dou, pers viooltjies wat komieklik klein vertoon tussen ’n paar sierlike varkblomme en een enkele perske-boom wat vol bloeisel inderdaad ’n pragtige gesig gemaak het.

Asof deur ’n magneet getrek, het my voete hulle gang gewend na die deur van hierdie huisie. Meganies het my vingers aan die deur geklop, sag maar tog hoorbaar. Stadig het die deur oopgeswaai en dei volgende oomblik gewaar ek ’n meisiekind met suiwer gelaatstrekke en twee rooi lippies wat vriendelik in ’n glimlag ontplooi. „Kom binne,” nooi sy in ’n stem so sag en

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kleurryk soos ’n tortelduif se gekoer. Vir geen wêreldse rykdom sou ek daardie versoek laat vaar het nie. Soos iemand wat op wit wolke sweef het ek haar gevolg.

In ’n ruim sitkamer het sy voor ’n klavier gaan sit, nadat sy eers my weereens vriendelik versoek het om op ’n leuningstoel plaas te neem.

Met ’n wondersagte aanslag het sy Chopin se „Berceuse ” begin speel. Al vinniger het die suiwer klanke mekaar gevolg terwyl haar wit hande soos twee verliefderige swaweltjies oor die klawers sweef. Die berustende ritme van die wiegeliëdjie het my hele wese deurdring. Met die aanhoor van hierdie musiek wat soos die weerklank van hemelse harpe in my ore getril het, moes ek eenvoudig my oë sluit.

Terwyl sy die laaste paar note van die stukkie, stadig speel, kon ek duidelik hoor hoedat sy uiting gee aan ’n sug wat in my ore geklink het soos die wanhoopskreet van ’n sterwende mens. Verskrik het ek my oë oopgemaak. Helaas! Sy het verdwyn.

In plaas van die klavier te sien, het my oë net die laaste flikkering van ’n gloeiende rooi kool in die kaggel gesien. Net soos die sterwe van hierdie stuk kool, so was die verdwyning van die meisie van my drome.

EUGENE ZIETSMAN (Vorm V.D)

'N VERMORSTE LEWE

Dit is stil en eensaam in die armoedige ou huisie met net nou en dan die geritsel van die rotte bo-op die dak.

Stadig lig ou Oom Andries sy kop om die pyn daarin te versag en terwyl hy so sit en staar na die sterwende vuurtjie begin hy so stadig die veelsvdige paadjies van sy lewe in denke oorwandel.

Ja, dit was aangename jare daardie. Jare waarin kommer en vrees ongekende swaare van die lewe was. Met geld in oorfloed het niks hom ooit laat swaar kry nie. En toe sy vader en moeder nie meer daar was nie; toe hy en sy twee broers die landgoed geërf het, het hy gedink die lewe is niks anders as ’n paradys nie.

Min het hy geweet van die verdriet en onheil wat voorlê. Vir die eerste keer in sy lewe het hy toe regtig iets begeer wat buite sy bereik was — die liefde van ’n vrou.

Die aand daar by die dans-party het hy ha^r vir die eerste keer gesien. Beeldskoon het sy daar teen die muur van die eetsaal gesit. Die anders lieflike varklelies het soos verlepte, kleur-lose blare gelyk langs haar. Die gesig sal hy nooit vergeet nie.

O! as hy net dink aan die onreg wat hy haar aangedoen het! Met hom wou sy niks te doen hê nie, vanweë sy geldgierigheid en ander slegte gewoontes, maar met mooi woordjies en beloftes het hy haar oorreed om met hom die huweliks-lewe in te gaan.

Op hierdie tydstip word sy gedagtes onder-breek deur die val van 'n stomphout bo van die vuurherd af, maar dit moes net lê en uitbrand

langs die kaggel, want die ou man beskik nie eens meer oor die nodige krag om dit te ver-wyder nie.

Stadig keer hy weer sy gedagtes terug na sy eie amper uitgebrande lewe. Ja, net soos daardie vuurtjie aan die doodgaan is, omdat dit' nie goed saamgepak is nie, is sy lewe aan die doodgaan.

Na die huweliks-seremonie was sake tussen hulle nie soos dit moet wees nie. Dit is nou dertig jaar na hul troudag en net mooi sewe-en-twintig jaar, nadat sy hom verlaat het, toe sy die tydelike met die ewige verwissel het. Daar was baie sprake waarom sy haar hand aan haar eie lewe geslaan het maar niks was goed genoeg op bewyse gegrondves nie.

Sy gedagtes begin al in sy kop rondmaal. Nou dink hy aan sy martelingsdae toe geld en vriend tegelyk verdwyn het en hy amper van koue en honger omgekom het. Ag, dink hy, as hy toe maar gesterf het!

Maar nee, sy onreg teenoor sy naaste het ten einde en laaste teen homself gedraai. Sy enigste kind, Aletta, vernoem na sy vrou, het aan maag-koors beswyk.

Nou het hy geen belang in die lewe meer nie. Dowwer en dowwer word sy gedagtes. Hy voel 'n onweerstaanbare drang om aan die slaap te val en met een laaste sug voldoen hy hieraan.

Koud en dood het hulle hom die volgende more daar aangetref en die mense het net hul hoofde gebuig toe hulle die nuus hoor. Swaar moes hy boet vir sy sondes.

In die vuurherd het nog net die as oorgebly.

J. W. GEY VAN PITTIUS (Vorm 4.A)

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#### ■N KLUGSPEL

Een mooi oggend aan die einde van Januarie het dit woes te kere gegaan by die aanklag-kantoor te Knoffelhoek. Daar was so 'n lawaai dat die sersant op diens 'n paar keer luidkeels om stilte moes roep voordat daar enigsins bedaring ingetree het.

Sowat 'n twintigtal van Knoffelhoek se voor-aanstaande groenteboere het die sersant 'n bietjie kwaai aangestaar, asof hulle nie verstaan nie. Stadig tree Neef Dawie, hulle leier, vooren-toe en verduidelik dat een of meer persone die laaste tamatie in hulle tuine verniel het, en net die veiletjies en pitte het oorgebly. Wat so geheimsinnig is, is dat die misdadiger geen spoor agtergelaat het nie.

Met 'n versekering dat die polisie hul beste sal probeer om die skelm of skelms te vang, het die sersant eindelijk die klomp gedwing om die kantoor te verlaat.

Die volgende aand het die sersant saam met Neef Dawie by sy tamatieboord, onder 'n doring-bossie gaan wag hou. Tot dusver het niks opge-daag nie; net so af-en-toe was daar 'n geheim-sinnige geritsel, 'n paar tree van hulle af, asof 'n paar koperkapelle 'n middernagtelike wan-deling neem.

Die sersant het al 'n paar gaapgeluide gemaak, en an sy polshorlosie gekyk, waarvan die ge-illumineerde wysers eenuur aandui. Skielik, toe hy opkyk, sien hy 'n paar gestaltes laag oor die grond by die tuinhekkie insluip.

Neef Dawie het hulle ook opgemerk en fluister opwindend: “ Sien jy die kinders, Sersant? Hulle moet seker onraad bemerk het, want hulle kruip op hulle maag.”

Die gestaltes, sowat 'n dosyn sluip al hoe nader, en toe skree die sersant byna hardop van verbasing. „ Dis nie kinders nie, Neef Dawie, maar-maar-katte! ”

„ Neef Dawie,” fluister die sersant, so saggies dat sy maat hom skaars kan hoor, „ ek gaan die katte aan die anderkant van die bos voorkeer. As al die katte verby is, kan jy uitkom, en as hulle terug wil kom dan weet jy wat om te doen.

Verstaan Neef Dawie ? ”

Neef Dawie knik instemmend en die sersant sluip toe na die eenkant van die bos. Maar hy het nooit sy plan ten uitvoer gebring nie.

Skielik hoor hy by 'n paar honde opgewonde blaf en die geluide van katte wat op nog meer opgewonde toon antwoord; en toe die sersant duskant die doringbossie uitkom waar hy die katte sou voorgekeer het, sien hy net die ene stofwolk soos 'n vyftien stuks honde en katte mekaar toetakel.

Die geveg was egter gou oor. Toe die strydery Neef Dawie met 'n tamaai knopkierie sien aan-kbm, en nog verder sy „ Intervarsity ” oorlogs-kreet hoor (wat self die bloed van ou Tsjaka sou gestol het) het hulle soos mieliepitte laat spat — somar kortpad, dwarsdeur Neef Dawie se puik tamatieboord.

En toe Neef Dawie die skade die volgende oggend betrag, kon hy wel sê dat sy tuin die slegste daarvan afgekom het. Maar waarom sou hy hom bekommer; die geheimsinnige verinnuwing van Knoffelhoek se tamatietuine was opgelos. L. VAN DEN AARDWEG (Vorm V.B)

Die Nuwe Geneesmiddel

Piet skater van die lag. Hy was baie gelukkig en opgewonde omdat hy eindelijk sy sin gekry en hierdie knap hondjie gekoop het. Piet het al 'n steek in 3y maag gekry deur die baljaardery vên Prins'te bekyk. Die klein foxterrier was regtig 'n baie oulike vabond. Hy het 'n sagte, wit vel gehad, behalwe 'n groot, swart kol op sy regteroor. Die honderde kolle wat van 'n foxterrier kenmerkend is, was nog nie op sy lyf sigbaar nie. Sy bene was skynbaar nie sterk genoeg om sy swaar bolyf te dra nie, maar daar-aan steur Prins hom glad nie.

Mnr. Marais, Piet se vader, sit onder die afdak van hul groot huis en bekyk die toneel daar voor hom. Hy voel baie dankbaar dat sy seun so opgewonde is, want Piet was nie die gewone sterk seun nie en het baie siektes opgedoen.

Daarom stel sy ouers groot belang in Piet se welsyn.

Mev. Marais verskyn ook nou en gaan langs haar man sit. Sy werp hom 'n liefdevolle blik toe. „ Sien nou, Jan,” sê sy, „ ek het mos gesê 'n hondjie sou Piet se swaarmoedigheid laat verdwyn. Eers wou jy dit nie glo nie, maar ek het jou nie van teensinnigheid beskuldig nie, want soos jy sê, kon dit Piet maklik weer senu-weeagtig gemaak het.” Sy rus 'n oomblikkie, en gaan toe stadig voort: „ Ek waardeer die feit dat jy uiteindelik toegestem het. Dit sal my nie verbaas nie as Piet nou baie gou regkom. Sy gesiggie lyk glad nie meer so bloedloos nie, en na hierdie liggaamsoefening sal hy vandag seker meer eet as wat hy gewoonlik gedurende een week geniet.”

Dit is nie nodig vir mnr. Marais om te praat nie. Sy vrou lees haar man se gevoelens op sy gesig. Die warm son skyn op hul gelate soos

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hulle daar sit, en dit lyk byna asof die ou vore wat deur vroeëre kommer daar ingeploeg is, begin verdwyn.

I. J. RUTOWITZ (Vorm IV.B)

Die Kwaai Jersey-bul het my so ampertjies geskep.

Dit was vroeg in September en die stygende son het my wakker gemaak. Dit was aangenaam om daar op die plaas te wees, daar in die wydte van ons vlaktes. Na ontbyt het ek so in die ontwakende veld rondgeloopt. Ek was in 'n vreedsame, mymerende stemming; daar was niks om my oor te bekommer nie, want ek was op die plaas en ek kon dus op my gemak peins oor die kleinere sake wat my aandag toevallig getrek het.

Oom Jan het besluit om sy pragtige opregte Jersey-bul te verkoop daar hy 'n hoë aanbod vir hom kon kry. Daar ek besluit het om teenwoordig te wees wanneer hulle die bul op die vragmotor laai, moes ek my nou haas om betyds daar te wees.

Toe ek langsaam na die woning stap, het ek my blik strak gerig gehou in die rigting waar 'n pragtige soort plant groei. Dit was bloedrooi van kleur en ek kon die versoeking om dit te pluk en saam te neem nie weerstaan nie. Onder-wyl my aandag daarmee in beslag geneem is, het die bul blasend van woede op my, met my vuurrooi blomme, afgestorm. Hy het losgebreek.

Gelukkig weet ek wat om in so 'n geval te doen. Ek wag tot hy digby my is; hy kryp sy oë bottoe en skep na my met sy pragtige wit horing. Skielik spring ek uit sy pad uit en loop vir al wat ek werd is na die draadheining toe. Voor jy kon „ Knipmes ” sê, was ek onder die draad deur en staan die bul aan die binnekant van die draad en ek aan die buitekant.

Vir my het die briesende bul, soos hy daar staan baie onverbiddelik gelyk. Ek het gemeen dat my dae getel is, dog op hierdie oomblik arriveer die oppasser. In 'n kits het hy die bul aan die ring, wat deur sy neus was beetgepak en daar stap hulle twee na die platform vanwaar hy met gemak op die vragmotor gelaai kon word.

Hierdie voorval het ek baie geniet en dit het daartoe bygedra om my liefde vir die plaas te p\*plr

G. FALKSON (Vorm III.E)

'N NOUE ONTKOMING.

Dit was ongeveer tienuur in die aand en alles was gereed vir ons onderneming. Langs mekaar sit ek en Kosie op die trappie van ons voorstoep en wag vir alles om te bedaar sodat ons kon. voortgaan.

Om elfuur was alles doodstil en ons begin ongemerk langs die digbegroeide heining van oom Jan se vrugteboord af te sluip. Orals soek ons 'n opening, maar tevergeefs. Ons durf nie by die hek ingaan nie, want oom Jan sou ons

ongetwyfeld bespeur en die gevolge sou natuur-lik nie te aangenaam wees nie.

Uiteindelik ontdek ons 'n gat net groot genoeg-vir ons om deur te kruip. Kosie kruip deur en ek volg sonder veel moeite. Net toe ek ander-kant uitkom, merk ek die groot boom wat die heerlike vroeë perskes dra. Versigtig nader ons die boom en klim daarin.

Dit was pikdonker daarom moes ons goed oplet om nie oneetbare vrugte te pluk nie. Met-eens hoor ek 'n geluid wat net soos die slof-slof van iemand se voetstappe klink. Ek skrik so geweldig dat ek amper uit die boom val. Tege-lyker tyd sien ek 'n lig vinnig deur die bome aankom. Ek gee een reuse sprong en beland met 'n groot lawaai op die grond. Sonder om te versuim spring ek op en kies die hasepad na die naaste skuilplek. Toe ek omkyk merk ek dat Kosie kort op my hakke volg.

Net toe ons die gat in die heining bereikr hoor ek die geknal van oom Jan se met-sout-gelaaide geweer wat spesiaal vir hierdie doel gebruik word. Toe ek weer omkyk, sien ek dat Kosie baie stadiger hardloop en onophoudelik sy sitplek vrywe. Ek besef toe dadelik dat die skoot hom ongelukkig getref het.

Ten spyte van die brandende pyn in sy reg-terboud het hy nog volgehou en binne enkele oomblikke was ons veilig in 'n naburige sloot besig om die oorblywende perskes kaf te loop.

GERRIT BORNMAN (Vorm I.B)

### DROOM

Die reën het hard op die dak gekletter; gry-serige wolke dryf stadig deur die lug. Die wind fluit woedend om die huis, die weerlig kartel, en die donder dreun. — Dit was 'n tipiese Maandag-more!

Ek het dieper onder die komberse gekruip, weer in my bed omgedraai en vas aan die slaap geraak. Skielik spring ek soos 'n kanonskoot uit my bed uit, — die oorlosie het halfsewe geslaan, en gedurende die volgende halfuur moes ek my ontbyt eet, my klein sustertjie na haar

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skool vergesel, op die klavier oefen, en uitein-delik die hoenders voer. Na hierdie noodsaaklike take was ek op pad skool-toe.

O, Jrrrrrrrrr Magtie, daar in die verte sien ek n ontmoedigende toneel. Voor die deur van die klaskamer het die briesende ou onderwyser gestaan. In sy hand, het hy 'n dik doringstok gehou. „ Wat is jou verduideliking, skreeu hy woedend. „ Meneer, die ding is nou eintlik so .... ” het ek gestamel. „ Gaan binne, jou swaksinnige sterfling, en gaan aan met jou werk. Let goed op ou kerel, as jy more weer laat is, gaan jy na die hoof.... verstaan? ”

Met 'n onhoorbare „ Ja, meneer, ” stap ek onwillig na my skoolbank-toe.

Plotseling het die skoolonderwyser uitgebars van die lag, en dit het nie lank geduur nie, voor-dat die hele klaskamer gedreun het met 'n luide geraas. Ek het wanhopig na my „ Suidpool ” gekyk, en O Liewe, daar sien ek my rooi onderbroekies uitsteek deur 'n gatjie in my broek.

„ Kerel, kom vorentoe, ” beveel die onderwyser. „ Buk, asseblief, ja dis reg, nou bly stil! ” Met 'n glimlag van genot op sy gesig, hou hy die stok hoog. — Stilstarend het ek gewag op die onweer wat moet losbreek ....

„ Pieter! — goeie genugtig seun, my liewe wêreld dis half-ag, en jou ontbyt word koud op die tafel! As jy nie dadelik begin nie, sal jy laat by die skool aankom.”

Ek kyk die oorlosie navorsend aan, en met 'n kop vol drome, word my klere stadig aangetrek.

G. COLLINETTE (Vorm IV.B)

'n Passasierswa Ontspoor

My vader het besluit dat ons met die Julie-vakansie Durban-toe sou gaan om die vakansie daar deur te bring. Ons was van plan om per trein daarheen te reis. Die nodige voorberei-dings is getref en op die eerste dag van Julie is ons van Pretoria weg.

'n Paar dae vantevore het daar storms oor die hele Transvaal gewoed en op baie plekke het die stormwaters die spoorweë weggespoel. Op Heidelberg reeds is die treinbestuurder gewaarsku om baie versigtig op 'n sekere plek langs die spoorlyn te wees, 'n Paar myl uit Heidelberg het ek in die verte 'n brug gesien en bemerk dat die trein se spoed baie verminder het.

Stadig het ons die brug genader en eindelijk was die lokomotief oor, maar, toe ons wa, egter wou oorgaan, het die brug meegege. Plotseling

het wa en brug in die bruisende stroom gestort. Die mense het begin skreeu en sommige het histories geword. Die water het by die vensters van die passierswa ingestroom. Gelukkig het my ouers en ek dit reggekry om by een van die vensters uit te kruip. Daarna het ek stroom-af gedryf.

Op die walle van die rivier het ek die passa-siers van die trein sien staan terwyl 'n paar van die manhaftigstes

ingespring het om van die drenkelinge te help, 'n Paar sterk hande het my beet gekry en my uit die water gehaal. Ek het egter my bewussyn verloor en toe ek my weer kon kry, was ek in die hospitaal in Heidelberg. Ek het baie ligte wonde opgedoen en 'n paar dae later was ek volkome herstel. My ouers is ook gered.

R. MELTZ (Vorm IV.B)

Die nut van 'n Skoolbiblioteek

'n Skoolbiblioteek speel 'n belangrike rol in die bevordering van ons skool-lewe. Volgens my mening is 'n skool sonder 'n biblioteek heeltemal waardeloos.

'n Goeie skoolbiblioteek verskaf die leerlinge 'n verskeidenheid boeke wat oor verskeie vakke handel. Een afdeling moet net oor die algemene leesstof handel soos speur-verhale, romantiese romans, geheim-verhale, ens. Lees speel 'n belangrike rol in die ontwikkeling en vooruitgang van die brein. As 'n mens baie lees, help dit om jou woordeskat te vermeerder en ook om jou spelling te verbeter. As 'n leerling 'n sekere vak wil bestudeer, sê byvoorbeeld geskiedenis, sal hy of sy, in 'n goeie skoolbiblioteek al die boeke vind wat leerlinge nodig het om die vak te bestudeer. Met die hulp van goeie boeke sal die leerling op hierdie manier 'n beter insig kry aangaande gebeurtenisse, verrigtings en ook die mislukkings van die verlede. Daar moet ook tydskrifte gekoop word, die jongste uitgawes elke week. Tydskrifte moet ook gekoop word wat in ander lande gepubliseer is en in die biblioteek gebêre word vir die gebruik van al die skoliere. Hierdie buitelandse tydskrifte wat mooi geïllustreer is, sal vir die skolier inligting gee aangaande die staatkundige en algemene lewe en gebeurtenisse van die buitewêreld.

Die belangrikste feit wat ons in aanmerking moet neem in verband met ons twee vernaamste tale, Afrikaans en Engels, is dat die skoolbiblio-teke uit twee gelyke dele moet bestaan, die een Engels, en die ander Afrikaans.

C. F. PATE (Vorm IV.B)

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OLD BOYS' SUPPLEMENT

At the Annual General Meeting held in the School Library on Wednesday, 26th March, 1947, the chairman (Mr. E. de V. Stegmann) presented his Annual Report, extracts from which are given below.

“ We attended the Annual General Meeting of the Witwatersrand Branch and were particularly enamoured of its organisation, more especially regarding the activity of its subcommittees in the interests of sports and social amenities for the members, and we suggest that the parent body should similarly consider running its various activities in the nature of subcommittees instead of as virtually independent sections of the association.

As the success of the Association always depends on the increased number of members and particularly young and virile members, we continue to urge on you the necessity of all boys joining the Association on leaving the school. All Old Boys have an interest in their school and the surest way of assisting the school is to create and support a strong and active Association.”

As the attendance at the above Annual General Meeting was poor, it was decided to call a Special General Meeting for April 17th.

The attendance at this meeting broke all records, over two hundred Old Boys being present. The efforts of Dr. L. Levy, secretary of the Witwatersrand Branch, were largely responsible for this splendid gathering, as he arranged for over a hundred Old Boys to come over from Johannesburg and the Rand.

This meeting expressed very strongly the view that the War Memorial should take the form of an Old Boys Ground. A deputation representative of the Association and of the Witwatersrand Branch therefore met the War Memorial Committee. This Committee did not favour the proposal, and it has therefore become necessary to issue two appeals to Old Boys. To both of these — the War Memorial Appeal and the Grounds Fund Appeal — the response has been good, but the total of contributions received is still far short of what is required.

Meanwhile the Old Boys Committee has gone ahead in its search for suitable ground and now has an option on a ten morgen plot less than two miles from the school. Contributions for the purchase of this admirable site are earnestly required and these should be sent to the secretary of the Association.

The Committee elected for 1947 comprises Messrs. E. de V. Stegmann (chairman), W. M. Hofmeyr (vice-chairman), G. P. Fenwick (treasurer), W. C. Brooks (secretary), J. E. Davies, R. J. Eve, O. Galgut, W. B. Gibson, A.

C. Hutchinson, C. G. Ritson, W. B. Rorke, V. Schumlow and E. H. Veale.

ANNUAL DINNER

On Saturday night, November 1st, ninety Old Boys met at the Tilsim Hotel for the Annual Dinner. As guest of honour for the evening we had Major-General Evered Poole, known to all Old Boys by his fine record in the last war, and known personally by several present who had the pleasure of serving with him. In his speech, General Poole

congratulated the school on the achievements of its Old Boys in the 1939-1945 war and briefly outlined the further duties which were expected of all of us in the struggle for world peace. Continuing in lighter vein, he commented favourably on the standard of the School's Rugby and made happy comparisons between the school and his old school. Our other guests were the Headmaster, Mr.

D. D. Matheson, and the joint winners of the Old Boys' Prize, D. J. Goldstein and L. du T. Vlok. In their speeches they outlined the progress and activities of the school during the past year, from their particular points of view. There are present at all our Old Boys Dinners at least forty stalwarts whom one could designate "The Old Guard." No dinner would seem the same without them. Apart from the twenty or so loyal Pretoria members (a prophet is not without honour save among his own people and press publicity), we can rely on the Brits quintet led by Eugene Marais (we cannot remember a dinner without him and one of his clever speeches); Meltzer and Brown (Springs); Levy, Thoms, Botha, Rostovsky and Andrew Hofmeyr (Johannesburg); Liengme (Potchefstroom) and Friedrichs (Vereeniging). Bloemfontein and Barberton are both developing good dinner habits and once again we listened with pleasure to the wise words of Charles Spencer and the infectious laugh of Charles Bourquin. When, as is projected, Old Boys' golf day is made to follow the dinner, we shall have difficulty in finding sufficient dining space.

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Proverbial too is the request for a speech from "Stokkie." The rest of the School staff (Pollock, Fair, Geen, Hofmeyr, Davies, Brooks can be counted among the "Old Guard") wonder if their eloquence at school was too over-powering. Welcome first nighters at the dinner were the numerous new Old Boys, (among whom we noticed Frayne, Saks, the Klems, Sideris, Edwards, Wagner and Dreyer); Ivan Willson, recently up from Natal and Col. Sachs, R.A.M.C. The latter gave an interesting speech on conditions in India whence he had just come on leave to this country.

#### WITWATERSRAND BRANCH

The Branch, started in 1936 under the chairmanship of Mr. Harry Rissik and by the energetic labours of Les Levy, its first secretary, was virtually forced to go into abeyance for the duration of the war. With the return of Dr. Les. Levy from England in 1946, the branch was revived, and at the first Annual General Meeting (March 11th 1947) of the resuscitated Branch, the Committee elected was: Messrs. L. W. Meadley (chairman), A. A. Bjorkman (vice chairman), A. M. Hofmeyr (Treasurer), L. Levy (Secretary), J. C. Thoms, C. Celliers, T. R. Barrowman, J. N. W. Coward, M. Rostovsky,

I. H. M. Balfour and P. E. Hall.

The Branch held its Annual Dance at the Old Edwardian Society Club House on October 24th, when over 200 people were present at a most enjoyable function. The Parent Association was represented by Messrs. W. Hofmeyr and W. Brooks; representatives of the Old Edwardians, Old Johannians and Old Park-tonians were also present.

A Rugby team representative of Old Boys at Witwatersrand University and captained by Gerald Stein, played the School at Pretoria in April. The School side evidently had not heard how good our members were, but defeated us in a closely contested game.

#### NEWS ABOUT OLD BOYS

We congratulate:—

Quartus de Wet on his appointment as Acting Judge; P. A. Moore on his re-election as Chairman of the Stock Exchange; "Chivvy" Wede-pohl on his becoming Surveyor General of the O.F.S.; Monty Dickson on his promotion to be General Manager of the Land Bank; Ethburt Kath and M. Slotow on being among the first students to obtain degrees in Medicine at the University of Pretoria; Peter Rorke on his winning of the University of S.A. Scholarship, which will enable him to continue his musical studies in London for three years. M. B. Hofmeyr on his selection as the Rhodes Scholar

for the Cape Province for 1948; R. S. Welsh, a former Rhodes Scholar, on being awarded the Vinerian Law Scholarship at Oxford University on the results he attained in the B.C.L. examination in June. Jimmy Adam, Edwin Stegmann, W. A. Henderson, Neale Mur-ray, R. Dearham, L. Howitz, R. Guy, E. Goldblum, Andrew Hofmeyr, Colin Walker and W. Nussey on the birth of daughters; and G. Allen,

E. Riese, R. Cowie, Bremer Hofmeyr, G. Poole,

B. Smithers, S. Searle, J. Statham on becoming fathers of prospective Old Boys; Smith-Hillcoat, Abernethy, Rex, Frank Bicheno, G. Boley, Callard, Rogan, Hindson, A. R. Solomon, M.

Said, L. W. Meadley on their paternal status.

News has been received of the following marriages:—



R. Hofmeyr to Miss Buwalda.  
A. T. Carnie to Miss M. S. White.  
John Hewitson to Miss M. Pilditch.  
Nick van Malsen to Miss D. Yates.  
John Hahn to Miss M. Feetham.  
R. S. Macdonald to Miss W. Howe.  
D. N. Patterson to Mrs. B. M. Frost.

#### RUGBY

At Inter-Varsity Rugby week, held in Pretoria from June 28th to July 5th, we were well and creditably represented. In the winning side, Pretoria University, were Murray Hofmeyr, Bunny Matthysen and W. Triegaardt. David Cochrane was our only representative in the Rhodes team, but in the Wits side we had D. Cooper, D. Magennis, D. Murdoch and John and Peter McDonald.

Murray Hofmeyr and Charlie Newham filled the fly-half positions for Northern Transvaal and Transvaal respectively in several Currie Cup Rugby games. Unfortunately neither of them played when the above two provinces met — we should have liked to see these two ex-Solomonites in opposition.

An Old Boys side played four friendly matches during the year, and, thanks largely to Murray Hofmeyr (whose signature tune must be “Another little ‘drop’ wouldn’t do us any harm”) won all of them. C.B.C. Old Boys were defeated 7—3 and 4—3, while the School were beaten 11—9 and 12—6.

#### OTHER ITEMS OF SPORTING NEWS

W. A. Henderson, D. Naish, R. Hicks and K. Funston were selected for the 1946-47 North Eastern Transvaal Currie Cup Cricket side, the last named scoring a century against Border.. Archie Armstrong, now a veteran, played regularly for Ermelo and District, and turned in some good figures as an opening medium paced bowler. He has now been transferred to> Maritzburg.

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In Currie Cup water polo Vic Schmulow and Woods played for Northern Transvaal, G. Goddard for Transvaal, and E. Kreft for Western Province. Adie was a member of the Natal University swimming team, which competed in the Inter-Varsity tournament at Pretoria in April.

Gerry Cresswell, who for the second year captained the N.E. Transvaal Nuffield Cricket Team, was selected as wicket keeper for the South African Schools XI which played Western Province at Capetown in January of this year.

Unfortunately a severe fracture of his arm in a Rugby practice has now deprived Harlequins (and possibly Northern Transvaal) of a most promising fly-half, and the Old Boys Cricket Club temporarily of a good keeper.

The second generation of Old Boy sports stalwarts is now commencing. L. Milner, a former Victor Ludorum (1922) was present at our sports this year to see his son win the Under 14 100 yards. We hope the long standing records of S. K. Baker (100 yards Under 12 12t secs, in 1918) of G. Mostert (Long Jump open

20 ft. 9 ins. in 1916), and of Beyers (High Jump Under 14, 5 ft. in 1921) will soon be broken by sons of our athletically talented Old Boys.

Paddy Rorke, who holds the record Under 14 cricket score (142 not out against St. Johns in 1929) has offered a bat to the first Under 14 player who can beat that score in an interschool match. Although the School Under 14 sides have not done too well recently, we hope that Paddy will soon have to make a presentation. Otto Nest, playing for the winning Pieters-burg A Team in the Transvaal Country Clubs’ Annual Golf Tournament at Irene in October, distinguished himself by taking the prize for the best individual gross score.

Joss Hamilton and Toby Hilliar have been doing well in Under 19 Rugby, and in Cricket at Rhodes University College.

#### GENERAL

Robert Broom, one of the official commentators for the S.A.B.C. during the Royal Tour of South Africa at the beginning of the year, arranged the daily feature “ Royal Progress.”

Captain J. A. B. (“Tockoe”) van Wyk was officer in charge of the S.A. Police contingent which accompanied the Royal Party on their tour of this country. He is due to fulfil a similar function when Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery visits South Africa.

I. M. H. Scott is now stationed out in the “bunda”. He is in the office of the Native Commissioner of Sekukuniland, but found time to leave his hundred thousand charges and visit the

School in April.

D. I. Solomon, after qualifying at Wits. University, left early this year to take a postgraduate course in Mechanical Engineering in England.

D. J. R. Brown is at Stellenbosch University and ran in the middle distance events in their match with U.C.T.

Geoff Armitage and "Aub" Allen are learner farmers at Kendal, O.F.S., and Blackhill, Transvaal, respectively. The latter has been doing well for Witbank in Country League Cricket.

John Mentzel is now a partner in the firm of Nest Denton & Co., Chartered Accountants, Pietersburg.

Despite the housing shortage in Pretoria, Old Boys should have no difficulty in getting accommodation as Gerry Parker, Des Miller. Bob Bannatyne and R. du Preez are but some of the Old Boy estate agents practising in Pretoria.

Brian Knott is taking a two year course at the School of Forestry, Saasveld, George, while Pierre Liengme, R. H. Thorne and L. Trope are studying at the Potchefstroom School of Agriculture. M. Stein has entered the legal profession and is with Messrs Lapin & Lapin of Pretoria; his brother Sam is in his fourth year of medicine at Wits. F. L. B. Pentz is farming near Pretoria, and despite labour troubles and lack of rain at the right times, had a successful season in 1946-47.

A. A. Klem has taken up pharmacy as a career and is with Raworths, Pretoria. During a holiday at Scottburgh he met Mr. Greville (who is now tutoring on a farm near Aliwal North), Hamman and Peter McDonald.

News of Old Boy doctors is supplied to us by the Wit. Branch secretary. I. Kessel and F. Davidson are specialising in England, A. O. Dreoste is in London on a refresher course, S. Gottlieb is in charge of a hospital in Italy, M. Nellen is in London, while A. E. Dreoste, F. Davidson, A. Kessel, C. Frost, Arkles, Crawford, Grieve, Marais, du Toit, W. T. Ross, Morel, M. Said, Rosenberg and Levy are in this country.

There are over sixty Old Boys at Wits, this year, about half of whom are ex-servicemen. Despite the demands of study, most of them find time to support the Wit." Branch, but the demands of exams, in November prevented nearly all of them from attending the Old Boys Dinner.

F/Lt. Allan Bower left South Africa in March on his return to the R.A.F. in England and proceeded to Reading for an Admin. Course. He was awarded the Dutch Flying Cross during the War, and flew over to Holland in May in December, 1947

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order to receive his decoration. J. Falconer, Peter Wyche, Eric lies and T. P: Meyer left for England in August to take up their commissions in the R.A.F. Peter writes " We did a fortnight's ground school and the rest flying on Oxfords. It was pretty good to be back on flying. It was also my first introduction to English fog and haze, and now I shan't laugh when I hear how thick it can get. Ten days leave, spent pleasantly in Dublin, were followed by a posting to near Lincoln where we went on to Wellingtons."

Danie Pretorius, a life member of the Association, is due to complete his masseur's course at St. Dunstan's in February, 1948, and hopes to return to South Africa shortly thereafter. He wrote that the South African cricketers caused him considerable embarrassment at times, but that all England held them in high esteem for great sportsmanship and fair play.

C. McConnachie, released from the Navy only this year, is now in the postal service of the Rhodesian Government at Livingstone.

Herbie Horrell is continuing his architectural studies at the University of Cape Town, and despite his numerous committee jobs and sporting activities, he has been able to negotiate successfully the various exam, hurdles.

S. Benson has left Shiny for Klerksdorp where he is taking a technical course.

David Frean was one of four students chosen to study aeronautical engineering with the Vickers Armstrong Company in England, whither he proceeded in June.

Dr. Frenchie Rosset left Elim Hospital in

January for a year of leave and study in Europe. The former was spent in Switzerland and the latter at Edinburgh University. He comments on the severity of conditions (weather and rationing) in Britain and expresses admiration for the way the people V take it."

Donald Murray, now tobacco farming in Rhodesia, visited the School in September. Jeff Geffen gives news of the Old Boys at Stander-ton. Len Marsh (ex staff), Wade and Dick Kaplan are farming there. Paul Daniel has left to continue his pharmacy studies at Durban Technical College. Geffen himself has been playing for the Railway 1st XV and met John and Malin Harper when the team played at Volks-rust.

Louis Sachs is in America on a combined business and pleasure trip, while Arthur Rudolph and A. L. Garshon are in

London with the Associated Press.

The Chipps Brothers are in Pretoria, Carl being with Acton and McIntosh, Accountants, and Denis with Barclay's Bank.

Cyril Rogers is a surveyor on Tweefontein Colliery and came up all the way from Witbank for the Special General Meeting in April. He brought news of Eric Brunner, now in Springs, of K. T. Joslin, now at Cambridge and of Bill Pan. The latter, with Charles Brunner, came over from Springs for Old Boys' Day.

Leon Theron, after years spent out Thaba-zimbi way, is now back in Pretoria.

A. van der Westhuizen and N. Yorke-Hart are going to South America on a three months N.U.S.A.S. tour over the New Year.

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Colonel Lawrie Wilmot met his death early this year, when the Mosquito aircraft he was flying disintegrated in mid air near Pretoria. Lawrie Wilmot was at the School between 1927 and 1931 and was commissioned in the S.A.A.F. in 1934, after passing through a Permanent Force cadet course. During the War he had a distinguished career in the S.A.A.F. and was awarded the D.S.O. and D.F.C. He served throughout the East African campaign and was officer commanding No. 233 R.A.F. Fighter Wing in the Western Desert. When the invasion of Italy took place, Colonel Wilmot was asked for by the R.A.F. and given the command of No. 239 Fighter Bomber Wing equipped with Mustangs. During the Italian campaign he successfully planned the breaching of the Tume Dam, which facilitated the taking of Pescara. Before his appointment, early this year, as Assistant Director-General of the Air Force, Colonel Wilmot was Officer Commanding No. 7 Fighter Wing.

Fred Thornhill, who left the School in 1922, died this year at the early age of 41. During his school years he played Rugby regularly for the junior sides, and after matriculating he showed a lively interest in Old Boys activities, both as a regular member of the Old Boys Rugby Club and as a committee member of the Witwatersrand Branch. During the War, he served with the S.A.M.C.

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### OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION HOCKEY REPORT (SEASON 1947)

The season just concluded showed a welcome improvement compared with the previous season as far as numerical strength and general playing ability is concerned.

Our club entered three sides, one team in the Transvaal league, which is the premier Hockey competition in the province and the other two sides in the local Pretoria leagues. Although no league honours came our way all three sides performed very creditably. At the moment the most distressing fact is the small number of new players that join the club each season. An appeal is therefore made to all leaving school to join the hockey section, as without their support the club cannot go ahead as it should. Practices were held on Thursday afternoon at the G.P.W. Mint ground. At the commencement of the season they were well attended, but attendances fell off considerably as the season progressed. During the season we had a visit from a

Warmbaths side, comprising a few Old Boys and an enjoyable game was had by those participating. It was not possible to arrange a return game owing to the heavy league programme in Pretoria. G. P. Fenwick was our sole club representative in the Annual Inter-District match against Johannesburg and at the Inter-Provincial tournament held in Cape Town. The policy adopted by the committee was to encourage the junior members as far as possible and at one stage three school boys were playing in our Transvaal league side.

The following were the officials for the season:

Chairman — W. C. Brooks..

Club Captain — G. P. Fenwick.

Vice-Captain — W. B. Gibson.

Secretary — G. P. Fenwick.

Treasurer — A. L. Delaney.

Additional Committee members — D. Garson and J. Hyams.

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