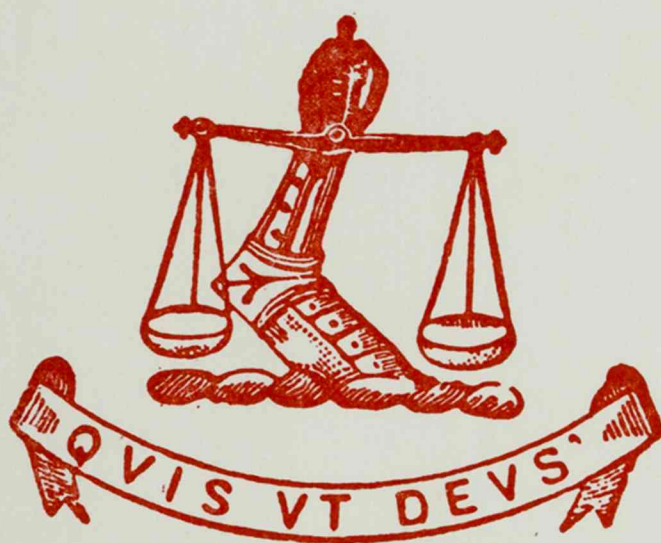


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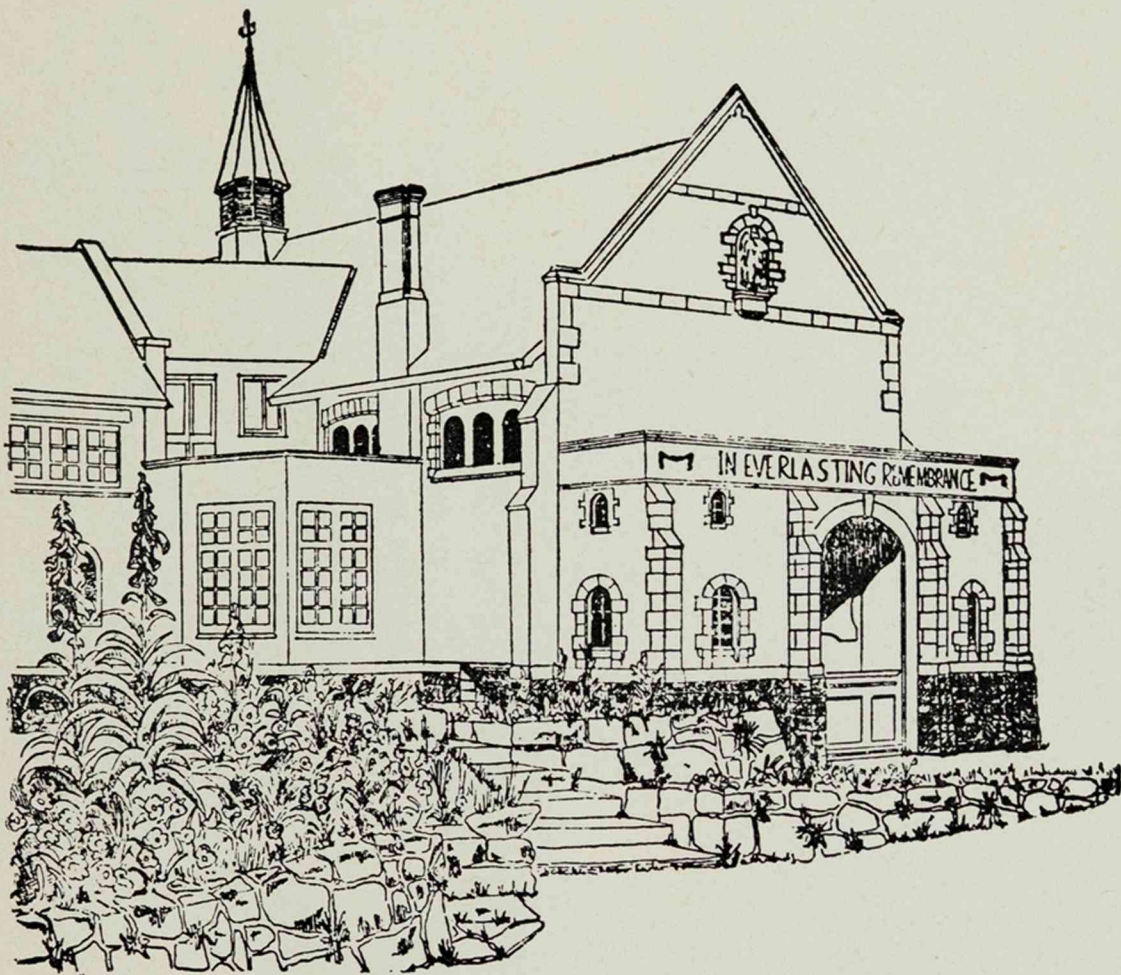
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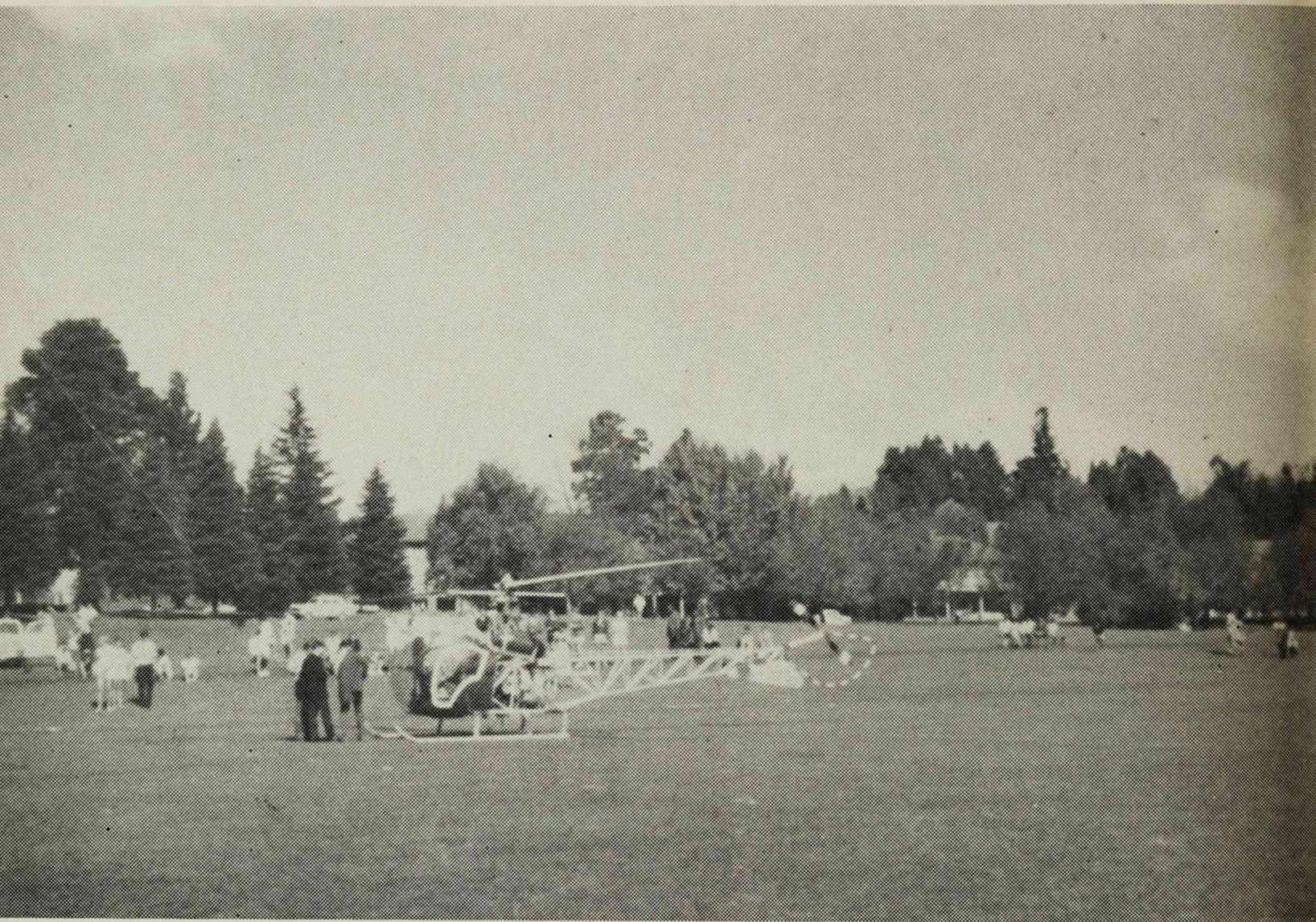
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"A Speech Day Visitor"



SCHOOL NOTES

In his Report on Speech Day, the Rector announced his intention to retire at the end of 1968. His decision has been received with great regret both by the Board of Governors and the whole of the Michaelhouse community.

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We say goodbye at the end of the Third Quarter to Mr. P. J. Withers. Mr. Withers, who has taught here since the beginning of 1959, is returning to England to become Head of the Biology Department at the Oratory School, Berkshire.

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We say goodbye also to Mrs. Gardner, who has been assistant caterer for the past four years. She takes with her the best wishes of all of us on her well-earned retirement.

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We welcome to the staff as Assistant Chaplain the Reverend R. Horrocks, who joins us from St. James's, Morningside, Durban. We hope he and his wife will have a long and happy stay with us.

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We congratulate (i) A. M. Graham on being awarded the South African Workrooms (London) Bursary, given annually to the candidate who scores the highest mark in the country in Mathematics in the Matriculation examination, and (ii) B. G. Draper, R. J. W. Henderson and P. W. Pritchard on reaching the last ten in the nationwide Maths Olympiad. The first-named has achieved this distinction for the second successive year.

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Congratulations go also to (i) R. R. Collins on being chosen to captain the Nuffield cricket team which recently toured England, (ii) D. J. Inglis on representing Natal Schools at rugby, and (iii) A. Dymond and C. C. D. Hawson on representing Natal Schools at hockey.

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Finally, we congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Coetzee and Mr. and Mrs. Ibbotson, who have recently celebrated their silver weddings.

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In a general knowledge contest organised by the Howick Round Table, Michaelhouse entered four teams—two boys and two staff. The boys' second team (N. P. L. Folker, D. W. Butler and P. W. Pritchard) were the eventual winners of the contest, whilst the staff first team, defending their 1966 title, showed a lamentable ignorance of the "comic strips" in the "Natal Witness" and were eliminated in the first round.

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OBITUARY

Pieter Daniel Barnard (12th July, 1900—27th May, 1967)



Piet was born on an ostrich farm near Oudtshoorn, but after the depression of 1913 he moved with his family to the Graaff Reinet district. He took his degree at Stellenbosch University, and decided to teach in Natal to become better acquainted with his English-speaking compatriots. For a few years he was at the Ixopo school, but Eldred Pascoe then appointed him to take charge of Afrikaans at Michaelhouse. He began his devoted 24 years' service in 1927. A host of O.M.s will remember with amused gratitude the lively interest he created in his language. His characteristic mannerisms, quaint expressions, quick sense of humour and warm friendliness remain for all who knew him here a precious memory. He succeeded Warin Bushell as Housemaster of Founders and was very popular during his 15 years of office. In January 1931 he brought his bride Elaine back, and their house had an open door and warm welcome for staff, boys and friends. He gave his time unstintingly to the coaching of games, being himself a fly-half of entertaining ability. Throughout his time he commanded the Cadet Corps.

In 1951 he rejoined the Natal Department and was appointed master in charge of the hostels at Port Shepstone, where he founded the Sea Cadets and began his holiday courses over again. He retired last year on pension and was living there, playing golf almost every day. He died suddenly of heart failure at the end of a four-ball—joking on the 18th green. The large crowd at his funeral was a tribute to his cheerful example of service to his beloved country. We extend our very real sympathy to his family.

K.M.P.

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SPEECH DAY, 1967

Speech Day was held on Saturday, 3rd September. The prizes were presented in the amphitheatre by the Right Reverend B. B. Burnett, the Bishop of Natal presiding.

RECTOR'S REPORT

The Rector prefaced his Report by expressing the condolences of Michaelhouse to Hilton College, and in particular to Mrs. Harison and her family, on the recent sudden death of the Headmaster of Hilton.

He then proceeded as follows: "I would like to add my own word of most hearty welcome to Mrs. Burnett and her Bishop. I have known the Bishop for a long time, first as a colleague and as a sub-deacon to him, as Chaplain, and I am completely convinced that no visit of his to Michaelhouse can be without good fruit and that no one who listens to him with fairness can fail to benefit. We were very lucky to have Bishop Burnett with us for Holy Week and Easter Day and the Norwoods—to be personal for a moment—were delighted that he could conduct the first wedding of a Rector's daughter in Chapel.

"As you have seen, we have reintroduced the full programme of exhibitions, etc., for Speech Day. Last year the fare offered was deliberately somewhat meagre and I hope the considerable efforts boys and staff have made will help to make this day a happy one for you—as happy as you are welcome. To contribute even more to your happiness I shall make my report rather brief—time available will be far better used by Bishop Burnett.

"It is not easy for an inmate of an isolated community such as this to form a reliable opinion of how the world sees the community from outside, but in the midst of my normal anxiety that the school is crashing headlong to ruin there comes now and then undeniable evidence that our reputation is high, that the end products, our Old Boys, are worthwhile citizens and that the growth of the school, its ethos and code of values and behaviour is a forward one. Nothing delights me more here than the relationship which exists between staff and boy—and by staff I do not mean merely the teacher—I include wives, administrative staff, Indians and Africans—as long as all those people continue to be as ready as they are now to contribute what they can to the common weal, so long we shall continue to thrive. I am particularly grateful to the wives who could so easily confine their attentions to their families and homes. I have good reason to know fairly well the contribution one wife makes and I do not believe any of you will object to my singling her out.

"Our Matriculation results last year were very satisfactory with over 92 per cent passes—I will not compare these results with those of any other school for comparisons of this sort are unreal for

circumstances vary a great deal. I will be content to say that if one takes into account the fact that we are very far from ruthless about promotion into the Marticulation class and refusing to allow a boy to attempt the examination, then 92 per cent is an excellent figure. As I have said before, it is perfectly simple and generally highly unscrupulous for a school to achieve 100 per cent passes. Twenty-four distinctions was also a very good figure. As usual we had no distinction in English—some girls' schools seem to get these, but very rarely does a boys' school. The overall figure for the Joint Matriculation Board's examination is that less than one candidate out of every 200 achieves an 'A' in English. The J.M.B. has been aware of this extraordinary fact for some years—namely that the might of the English-speaking schools with screened entries and well-qualified staff cannot produce students capable of achieving 80 per cent while as many as 20 per cent of the typewriting candidates can achieve this figure. I am now a member of this Board and I am very pleased to be able to say that this problem has now been faced: in future at least $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the candidates will achieve 'A's. The Private Schools Headmasters' Conference put forward a memo some time ago to the J.M.B. with complaints and suggestions about the Matriculation examination—we form a very large position of the European customers and it is clear that this is now realised and most sympathetic hearing is being given to our words. Professor McMillan, who, as you know, is a member of the Board of Governors and who is to be congratulated on his election as Chairman of the J.M.B. for this year, has been a powerful arrow in our quiver—that's not a very good metaphor for Professor McMillan rarely remains in the quiver. We have been in doubt for some years about the pros and cons of changing to the Natal Education Department's Certificate Examination, but with the thinking on the J.M.B. as it is now I feel sure we have been wise not to change.

"It was a great moment of elation for me when, in the last five minutes of five days of meetings of the J.M.B. in June, it was announced that the South African Workrooms (London) Bursary in Maths had been awarded to a Michaelhouse boy, Allan Graham: he was the most successful candidate from the whole Republic though his work was marred by gross carelessness—he achieved only 98.25 per cent. You will have heard already that our 1966 success in the Maths Olympiad has been surpassed this year; out of the 120 candidates admitted into the final round nine came from Michaelhouse. Again one could make comparisons, but I do not think this is very rewarding—I am content that this is fair proof that our Maths teaching and pupils are in a very sound condition and I have no reason to believe that our Maths department is any better than any other—I'm slightly suspicious about this for we do have $1\frac{1}{2}$ ladies in the Maths department, a unique privilege.

"You will have read a lot of ballyhoo about staff shortage recently. I was rung up by one paper and asked whether we were short here. A ratio of one teacher to every $12\frac{1}{2}$ boys cannot be called a shortage. I was then asked whether all my staff were qualified

teachers—of course they are qualified or they would not be here. But qualifications to teach do not necessarily consist of certificates—I myself would be classed in the N.E.D. as an uncertificated teacher—a very low form of educational life. Not only have we an able and devoted staff—we are trying to keep abreast of the times and this takes some doing at the moment in education. Let me give you some items. Messrs. Cotton, Rogers and Rusk have been working for the last two years to achieve a B.Ed. at Natal University and they are beginning to bite their nails as some Matriculation candidates are. Mr. Gillespie has just returned from a term at Abingdon School in U.K. studying 'New Maths'; Mr. Thompson is fresh from a six-week Science Refresher course in the U.S.A.—perhaps 'fresh' is the wrong word, exhausted might be better, for concentration seems to have been the main feature. Mr. Robinson rarely gets through a holiday without attending a Science course. I hope that all the Afrikaans department will be able to attend a three-day course at the end of this quarter.

"You will have heard from your indignant sons that they now have to wait on themselves at meals. I cannot believe that young people should grow up without having to perform some of the chores of life and to learn by experience what services are normally performed for them. They have in fact accepted the chore with their usual cheerfulness and are gradually overcoming their initial ineptitude—an ineptitude which showed clearly that skill in clearing a table was one which many had not yet acquired. We are at the moment going through an interregnum between two caterers, but my anxiety about this has been dissipated by Mr. Knight's usual versatility—he has quietly taken on supervision of the kitchen in addition to his usual work and I am told that the results are very satisfactory to the boys.

"Last January I visited Hluhluwe and in addition to acquiring tick-bite fever I developed an enthusiasm to assist those who do so much for the cause of conservation of our country. I would like to see Conservation or Ecology introduced into school curricula—perhaps first as a section of Biology and then later as a subject in its own right amongst other examination subjects. As a nation we are steadily destroying our own country by upsetting the balance of nature, by taking a quick profit which will mean certain ruin later and most of this happens through ignorance. If we could start to turn out young men and women who understand what is happening we might go far towards arresting the sure and swift advance of devastation. I hope that I may be able to get the J.M.B. to give thought to introducing Ecology as a subject for examination. As a start we plan to send seven members of the Sixth Form to Zululand for four days next week to acquire a first-hand knowledge of the problem.

"I have dared to interfere with tradition this quarter. It has long been our custom to celebrate our patronal festival—Michaelmas—by having a whole holiday on the last day of the quarter, which isn't the actual Michaelmas Day anyway. We are going to move this holiday further from the correct day so that we can enjoy it when

we need it to refresh us for further effort and not when we are just going to cease effort. I have made the award of this holiday conditional on an improved acceptance by all of their duty not merely not to make the place untidy but also to be constructive about making what is untidy tidy. If things go on as they have done so far this quarter, all will be well.

"I have said nothing of the recent Education Act; as we stand now, accepting no provincial grant, the Act has no meaning for us for we are not a school; we are in a strong position. Other schools take the grant with the intention of dropping this if interference becomes real—others simply cannot afford not to take the grant—we cannot afford it either, but there are certain impossibilities which have to be faced. I am sure that all our private schools are determined each to the best of its individual ability to fight to preserve a particular educational ethos, pattern, atmosphere—call it what you will—which is of inestimable value and which grows only in soil which is not fertilised, dug and watered by centralised rules. There are sure and certain signs that education is being nudged and pushed into an ideological pattern—a clear-cut, efficient, well-organised pattern—but a pattern in which freedom of thought and independence of opinion have no part.

"I am quite sure that Michaelhouse and other schools like us are putting something into our national character which we cannot afford to throw away and which cannot be produced elsewhere. We must therefore be alert to ensure that our own effort is a peak one—education is at a moment of revolution and the leaders must be men of real drive, vision, determination and toughness—they must really have a Tiger in their Tanks. I am aware that my own Tiger—never perhaps a very virile one—is becoming lean and emaciated. It is for this reason that I have submitted my resignation to the Board of Governors to take effect from the end of 1968. By that time I shall have been here 19 years—nine as Rector—and that surely is enough to expect any school to survive.

"Before closing, I would like to say a 'thank-you' or two—to a most reliable and responsible body of prefects—never before have I had four boys at the beginning of the year, any one of whom I would have appointed Head Prefect with confidence—these are the four whom you see on the stage adding a little lustre to the otherwise drab academic scene; an administrative staff, male and female, who are ready not only to do their own job but to contribute fully to the general welfare, to Mr. Knight in particular for his recent shouldering of the job of caterer as an extra—I'm glad to announce that next quarter we shall have as caterer a Mr. Kemp, who is presently assistant caterer at the Police Training College in Pretoria. Finally, to a teaching staff who really show by their performance that Michaelhouse is not just the place where they work and earn a living."



Speech Day:



C Block P.T. display.



Speech Day: The Gym Club.

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SPEECH BY THE RT. REV. B. B. BURNETT

After congratulating the prizewinners, Bishop Burnett spoke as follows:

"Education is for growth in our manhood. Education is to make us whole men. The success or failure of the family, the Church and the school to educate must be assessed by this criterion.

"This can be said in another way. Education is for freedom: our own freedom and also to make us the ministers and preservers of freedom for others. The end of education is 'The glorious liberty of the sons of God.' Freedom, which does not mean the absence of discipline and restraint, is the mark of mature manhood and it is needed for growth on the way to it.

"I have recently visited Crete and Athens where a military government is in the saddle. And so, though freedom has many aspects it is not surprising that the freedom we enjoy and must preserve as citizens of a country comes first to my mind. This is described in many ways as freedom to participate in one's own Government, the rule of law, freedom of association, freedom of speech and so on. But it is important to remember that this kind of freedom is the product of the exercise of power. There can be no freedom without an organised structure of society supported and protected by power. There is no freedom where the strong can prey on the weak at will and where there is open conflict between those who compete for the exercise of power.

"At the end of the day the power that lies behind freedom can be symbolised starkly by the machine-gun. Law is useless without power to enforce it. Naturally, as far as possible, government should be by consent and should be nourished by loyalty for the common good.

"Obviously the purposes for which power is used is the crucial thing. The same power can be used either to sustain freedom or to impose a tyranny. Men need to be educated in the responsible use of power. Good government at school in the State, by prefect or staff, by parliament or administrator, requires that the instruments of power are employed as sparingly as possible. But it is important to be convinced that responsible citizenship requires willingness to make use of the instruments of power for the common good. The exercise of power is frequently painful and harsh. It seems to contradict the love by which men are called to live and it therefore seems to compromise their integrity. But we must be prepared in the name of love and freedom to accept this kind of ambiguity.

"Many of you will soon be in the armed forces of the Republic. Responsible citizenship requires that we are ready to do our duty. We must do our share in the unpleasant but necessary work of providing and also exercising the power on which freedom depends.

"I do not think I need to point out how the right attitude to the use of power can be conveyed in our schools. Obviously this will be taught by the way in which parents and staff use authority and it will be learned by boys as they exercise delegated authority in a variety of ways.

"But power should be used to give as much freedom as possible to as many people as possible. Moreover, the freedom of some should not be enjoyed at the expense of the freedom of others. Those who have authority need to be very careful lest they exercise power arbitrarily and selfishly. It is easy to think more of the privileges that power gives than the duties that accompany it. Do we criticise this in others while we overlook it in ourselves? It is clearly also the duty of responsible citizens to be vigilant lest power be used by others selfishly for individuals or groups: lest it be employed more than it needs to be and liberties are not needlessly removed.

"This is why responsible citizenship needs the freedom of access to reasons for the use of the instruments of power. We cannot discharge our function as those who are responsible for seeing that too much power is being used, and whether it is being used justly, unless we are allowed to know *why* it is exercised.

"Our schools should teach us to be critical of the arbitrary use of power. It must be possible to question the reason for the exercise of power. Discipline should not be so exercised as to dull a healthy criticism of its application. It is very important that Smith minor should know why he received four cuts instead of two. We must never simply accept the arbitrary use of power. It should not be regarded as 'buck' to question why punishment and so much punishment should be meted out for a particular offence. Responsible citizenship demands of us that we exercise this criticism of the reason why power is used. We must not be denied our duty to exercise responsible criticism of the use of power. To deny us this is to deny us something that belongs to a mature manhood.

"If we are to preserve as much freedom as is consistent with wayward human nature we need to be educated in both the responsible use of the instruments of power and in responsible criticism of its use and abuse. Being a man requires a readiness both to do your duty as a part of the establishment accepting the criticism and misunderstanding to which bearing responsibility exposes one, and also a readiness to pounce on selfishness, unfairness or lethargy in the use of power. We need to cultivate both the attitudes of those who conserve and of those who reform.

"Education for freedom has another dimension. We are to become the means by which men are liberated more and more. Men must be free from the burdens and restrictions which they have by virtue of their humanity. We should seek to be ministers of their freedom.

"Men are in bondage to hunger, disease and ignorance. They are by nature more or less rooted to one place and not free to move where they will. They have been dependent on climate, the quality of the soil and the quantity of rain. They have not been free to communicate with people of different languages and customs to their mutual advantage. They have suffered from these and many more restrictions and limitations. We are already more free than our fathers and able to transcend some of the limitations imposed by our human nature:

- (i) We can move our bodies at great speed, far more speedily than our legs can take us, to almost any part of the globe and perhaps beyond.
- (ii) We can turn deserts into granaries; and poor soil into more productive.

We can overcome some of the effects of an oppressive climate which is marked by too great heat, or cold, or lack of water. We use air-conditioning to free us from cold and heat. Irrigation and the desalinisation of sea water to free us from drought.

“We are no longer limited to what nature produces in our search for food. We can improve the species of animals and the productivity of plants. We are free to talk to millions of people at once by using methods of mass communication and we can confer in great international assemblies by the use of simultaneous translation techniques. We are thus to some extent set free to converse with those whose languages we do not use or understand.

Computers liberate us from laborious sums. In this way we can stretch time. If we can do things more speedily and move more speedily we have more time for new and wider experiences and for the service of others.

“This new growth in freedom is to be encouraged and entered upon with zest. It is wholly consistent with the Biblical understanding of God and man. Our education should prepare us to share in the great enterprise of subduing the world for men. Vast new possibilities open up before us. We are to use the great achievements of human skill, knowledge, insight and inventiveness to share in the ministry of liberating men from the bondage of hunger and sickness and drought: to overcome their relative immobility and their inability to communicate with others. The Church has through the centuries tried to do this by establishing schools to enlighten the ignorant and hospitals to heal the sick. But the technological explosion gives us new and exciting opportunities for conveying new freedom to mankind.

“Of course, new freedoms always bring new possibilities of its misuse. This is why education needs to be very much concerned with the responsible use of freedom. But we need to cultivate not only a good use of time and leisure but also a desire to participate fully in the exciting enterprise of freeing men for the enjoyment of a fuller humanity.

“Freedom of spirit. Things are not always what they seem to be. The most radical minds are frequently as much in bondage as the most conservative. We are the prisoners of a web of inherited and chosen prejudices and anxieties.

“This becomes evident when you listen to people having an argument about something on which they feel very deeply. Each has a compulsion to prove his point. Each one's inner security depends on his being able to score a point and protect the positive to which he has committed himself. Neither is really *free* to seek the truth. Each simply wants to show that he knows already. Each has identified himself with a particular attitude or point of view and when these

are threatened he feels threatened too. He is not free to doubt and to question and examine.

"Education must give us the courage and freedom to look our presuppositions in the face and to question them. These may be Christian or anti-Christian prejudices; social or political prejudices.

"I recently heard a comment from a young man doing his military training that he found that frequently the most religious were the most conservative and the most bigoted and uncompromising in unjust social attitudes. This, alas, is frequently the case. It is far from being the whole story however. On the other hand, there is an illusion that it is only the radical and 'Bolshie' thinker who is really serious about the truth. Very often the radical is as much the victim of his prejudices as the stubbornly conservative. Neither is free to recognise the truth. The most radical is frequently as hypocritical as the conservative and as afraid of the truth.

"A Church school which fails to cultivate a humble and reverent openness to the truth about oneself and the world in which we live would fail to convey an authentic understanding of the Son of Man, whom we try to set in the centre of the common life here. We need to teach a right attitude.

"Parents, Church and School will lead boys on to freedom as they become rooted in the Son of Man by whose Spirit their own manhood is shaped and who is the perfect and living pattern of their humanity. Those who have an experience of the Son of Man need no other securities—whether these are theological or ideological or simply conforming to the style of life of the society around us. When we have an assurance that we are becoming centred on the one who is wholly and completely human and live by Him (and not simply by the acceptance of doctrines about Him) we can afford to relax and, accepting doubt, look at ourselves more honestly and ask the most radical questions.

"There is a notable freedom to be found in the simple assurance that God is true and we have the resources to confront and endure whatever history may throw up at us. Such a freedom will nourish a life of simplicity and integrity and will bear fruit in courage and joy.

"There is no substitute for this freedom. We cannot be men without it."

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VALE

MR. P. J. WITHERS

Mr. Withers came to Michaelhouse in January 1959 and for nearly nine years has given yeoman service to the school in a variety of fields. His expert teaching of Biology has each year been clearly seen in his excellent Matriculation results; under his guidance the Biology Department has steadily grown in size and Biology has become a much more important subject in the school curriculum.

A very good all-round games player, Mr. Withers has represented the staff in almost every game in its contests against the boys—cricket, rugger, soccer, hockey, tennis, squash and even, on one occasion, swimming. Those whom he has coached in both cricket and rugby have not merely learnt a great deal from him, but have greatly enjoyed being on his games. A well-above average cricketer, he has been a hostile opening bowler for Caversham, for whom he has taken a string of wickets over the years. He has played many a saving innings for Caversham, too, though he has shown a penchant for running himself out in rather ludicrous ways when playing against the 1st XI!

His voice will be sadly missed in the tenor line in the Chapel choir and we shall not soon forget his portrayals on the boards of the Lieutenant of the Tower in "The Yeomen of the Guard" and the Pirate Lieutenant in "The Pirates of Penzance." To the despair of various directors of music and producers, he has not always been a regular attender at rehearsals and practices. This has led to some rather tricky moments, notably in one staff play, in which he was calling for the services of the prompter within ten seconds of the opening of the curtain, and at the dress rehearsal of "The Pirates of Penzance," in which he attempted to sing one of his solos four pages too early! His strong personality and keen sense of the ridiculous have made him into a "character"—a very popular one who will be greatly missed.

Not merely do we say our thanks to him, but also to Barbara Withers for her unfailing friendliness and charm and for all the work she has done for the Bridge Club over the years. To them and their five children go all our best wishes for the future.

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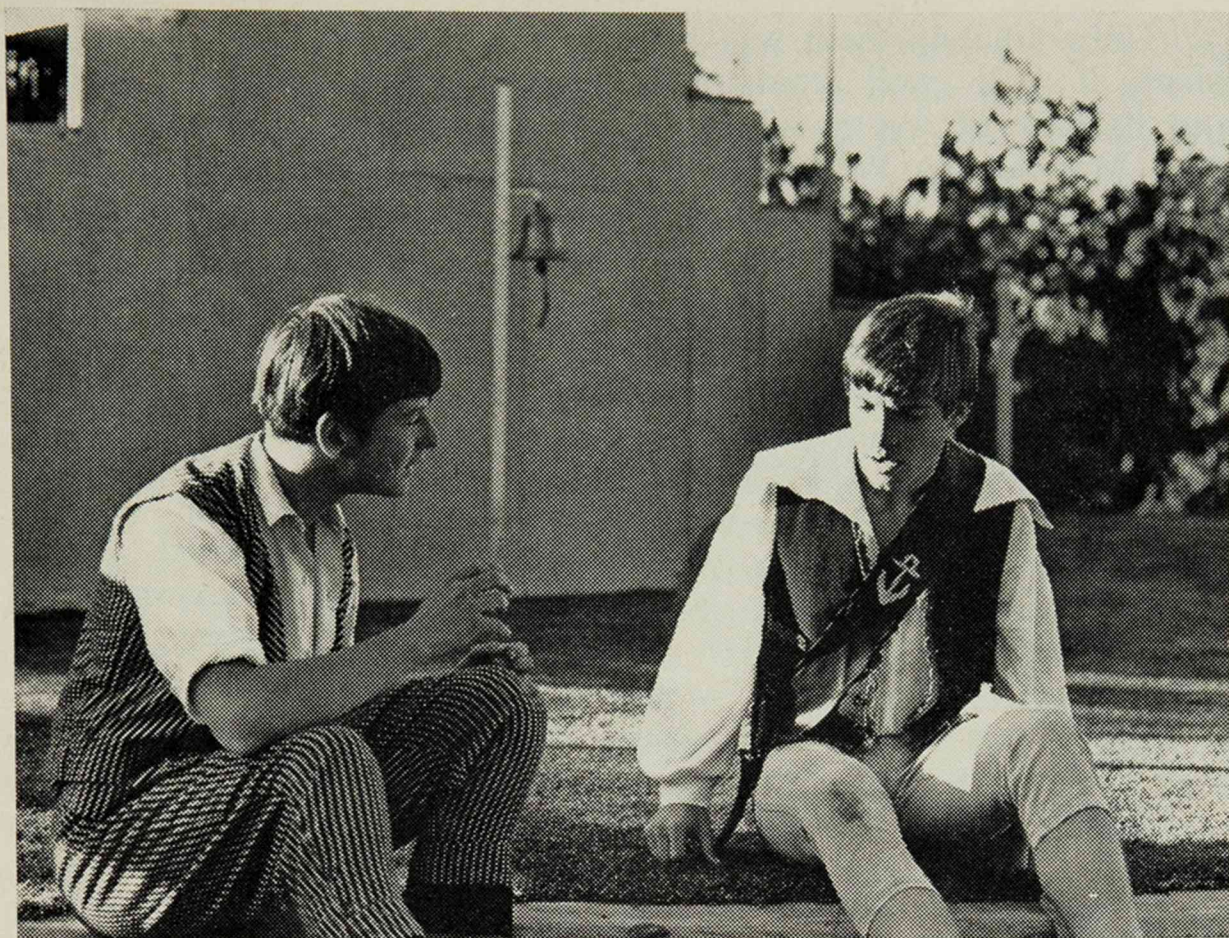
“BILLY BUDD”

For his annual production with the Michaelhouse Dramatic Society, Mr. van der Walt again departed from tradition and chose a modern play instead of the usual Shakespeare. This year's choice was “Billy Budd,” a play adapted from the well-known novel by Herman Melville. Unfortunately the play proved to have little of the merit of “Becket” and in addition was not really suitable for production in the open-air theatre. Much of the drama arose from intimate revelations of character and clashes of personality between the leading players in the enclosed and isolated confines of H.M.S. “Indomitable” and, as such, required more realism than could be obtained on the open space of the grass stage. The atmosphere of the sea and of men thrown together in adversity, the sordidness of below-deck and its contrast with the character of Billy Budd himself, could never really be captured, and it was only as the sun went down and the light became softer and the evening closed in that the audience was able to shut out the reality of the surroundings and identify itself with the play.

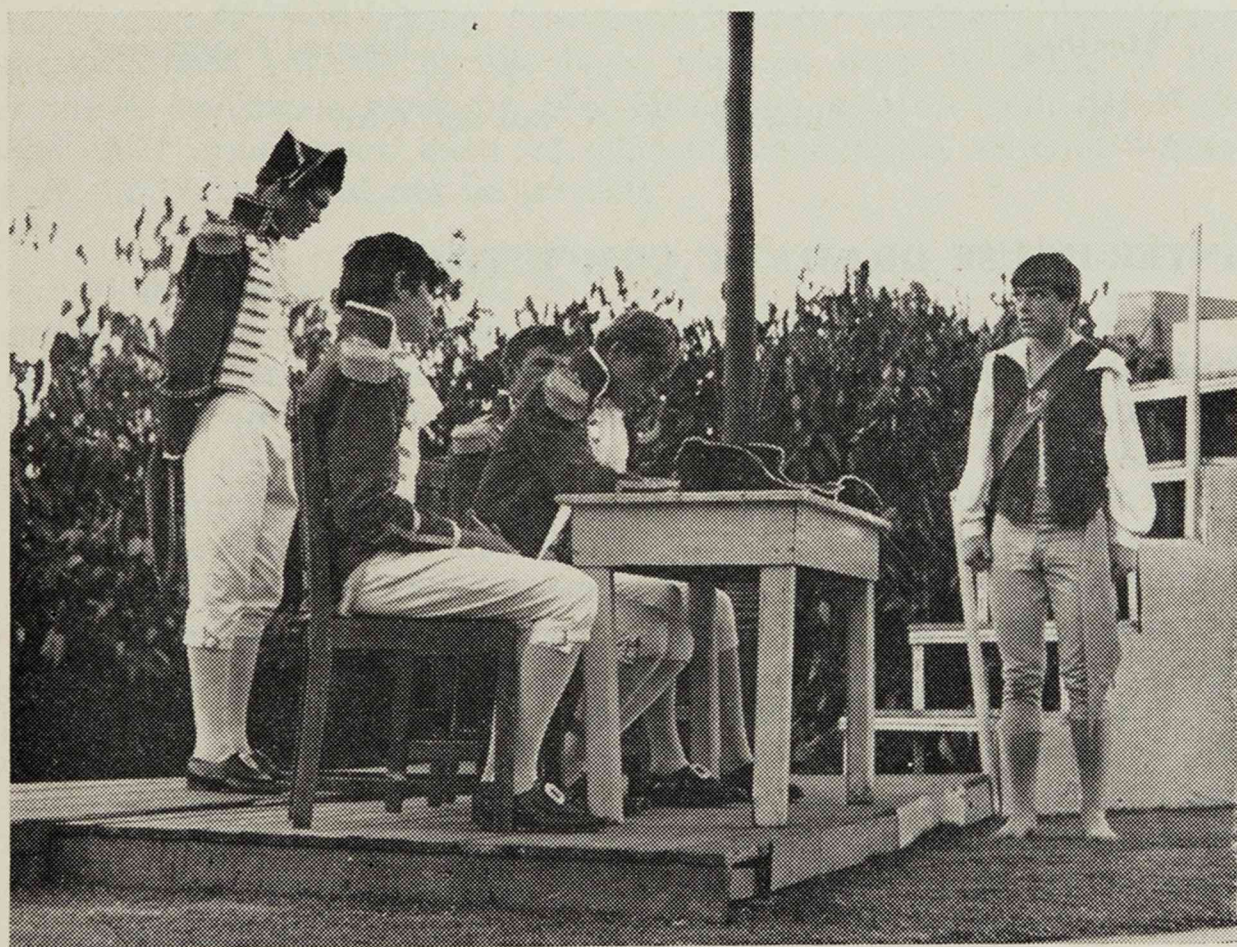
As a result of this lack of atmosphere, a heavy load fell on Billy Budd's deck companions to create a feeling of the rigours and bitterness of life on board, and this they were unable to do, largely through lack of experience and an inability to maintain the tempo and realism of their arguments and petty differences.

Johan Mostert, in the rôle of Billy Budd, produced an effective mixture of naivety and sincerity, and one was able to believe in his role as a catalyst to other men's emotions. His horror at the depths to which other men could sink, their loss of human dignity, was well expressed and he did well to sustain a role which could easily have become trite. The only real criticism of his performance could be levelled at some irritating mannerisms which detracted from the merit of his acting.

Patrick Tucker, as Mr. Claggart, gave us some idea of the complexity of the Master-at-Arms' character, and it was not difficult to believe that this was a lonely man who shunned all forms of deep personal contact, but the evil side of the character was too muted and it was difficult to understand the fear and hatred that his very presence could engender. Edward Russell-Walling and Anthony Kee, as Mr. Seymoure and Captain Vere, played their scenes with sincerity and achieved real stature in the second act as they struggled to reconcile the demands of authority and compassion. Among the smaller rôles Andrew Smither and Christopher Lenz gave us some moments of light relief with two clearly-spoken and well-timed performances, while Nigel Folker was quite impressive as the Dansker, a rôle which did much to give the play some degree of continuity.



Squeek tempts Billy.



The court martial scene.

Unfortunately there was no rôle which dominated the play and which, if really well acted, might have detracted from its weakness and its lack of worthwhile dialogue. Apart from a certain lack of pace, Mr. van der Walt's production did all that could be done, but the effective use of music and effects could not compensate for the lack of atmosphere and the wrong setting.

P.J.W.

CAST

Mister Claggart (Master-at-Arms)	...	Patrick Tucker
Jackson	... ..	John Brand
Jenkins	... ..	David Oscroft
Butler	... ..	Dudley Tickton
Talbot	... ..	Peter Cartwright
Kinkaid	... ..	Ian Hudson-Bennett
O'Daniel	... ..	Kevin Keely
Payne	... ..	David Brooks
Squeek (Ship's Corporal)	... ..	Christopher Goodyer
Billy Bud	... ..	Johan Mostert
Gardiner (Midshipman)	... ..	Robert Chowles
Dansker	... ..	Nigel Folker
Captain Vere	... ..	Anthony Kee
Mr. Seymoure (First Lieutenant)	... ..	Edward Russell Walling
Mr. Wyatt (An Officer)	... ..	Andrew Smithers
Mr. Ratcliffe (An Officer)	... ..	Christopher Lenz
Hallam (Captain of Marines)	... ..	Robert Dix
Messboy	... ..	Jeremy Davidson

Produced by W. A. van der Walt

INTER-HOUSE DRAMATIC COMPETITION

This year House plays have been presented on a competitive basis and the house adjudged to have produced the best play will be the recipients of the Dramatic Society Cup donated by Mr. Henry Murray.

There is no doubt that, as a result, the hoped-for improvement in this important aspect of our cultural life has indeed ensued and there have been several creditable performances this term of a considerably higher standard than we have had in the house plays of recent years. It has been noticeable, too, that the attitude to and reception of the plays on the first Saturday by the rest of the school was in no way to be admired, but by the third Saturday this attitude had considerably changed and there seemed to be a real appreciation on the part of the audience of the effort being put into the plays by those on the stage. Perhaps the major weakness of the system as at present constituted is that the plays have all to be one-act plays. The number of good one-act plays is limited and the number of suitable one-act plays more limited still. Thus it was that more than one

house was hindered because of the difficulty it experienced in finding a suitable play. It is to be hoped that in future the houses will be permitted to act extracts from full-length plays; thus not merely will the field of choice be widened, but both the audience and the players will be introduced to many fine pieces of drama which might not otherwise come their way.

It should be emphasised that at the time of going to press the panel has not yet announced its decision as to the winner of the competition, and that these comments of a disinterested observer may well be at variance with the opinions of the judges; but to him it seemed that among the more successful performances were those of East, who in presenting a shortened version of Terence Rattigan's "The Browning Version," succeeded in conveying to the audience the pathos of the disillusioned and disappointed schoolmaster; of Farfield, in their presentation of A. A. Milne's "The Boy Who Came Home"; and of Pascoe, in their presentation of Norman McKinnel's "The Bishop's Candlesticks." Tatham presented an extraordinary piece of trivia, which seemed to have no dramatic value at all, in which they set out to provide laughs for the audience; this they certainly succeeded in doing, and as a combined effort in which each actor (and actress!) played his part this was perhaps the most successful of the plays.

There were several good individual performances, particularly those of Patrick Tucker (East), Nigel Folker and Anthony Kee (Farfield), Kevin Keely (West), Robin Benger (Pascoe) and Peter Cartwright (Baines), and among the junior boys Ivor Orchard (Farfield) and Jonathan Youngleson (Tatham). Finally, although these plays are produced entirely by the boys, mention must be made of the technical assistance given by Mr. Thompson and Mr. van der Walt and their anonymous band of efficient stage-hands, without whose help the plays would not be possible.

Stop Press: 1st, Farfield; 2nd, East.

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SUMMER IDYLL

Weeks of steady preparation behind the scenes. Hopes faintly stirring and then either happily consummated or dashed in April with the announcement of the South African Schoolboys team to tour England in July. Circulars speeding forth, letters to be written and answered, documents set right, clothes to be bought and measurements taken. Steadily increasing excitement as May (so wet in England!) runs into June and the prospect of gathering in Johannesburg looms closer. Some disturbed thoughts about a Middle East crisis which seems to be decidedly anti-cricket as it develops in intensity. But in the end the great day arrives. The last couple of days in Johannesburg have dragged, in spite of a very full programme; we all feel safely on our way only when we are aboard the Boeing after the many official and unofficial goodbyes.

To most of us the long journey, approached as a new and interesting experience, was nevertheless dull and cramping in spite of the excellent service and thoughtful attention of the crew. Enlivening moments were provided by the occasional 45-minute stop, life-belt drill and the advent of a new and talkative captain at Las Palmas, who chatted affably about his take-off and proudly demonstrated the remarkable climbing powers of his aircraft. We had scarcely recaptured our stomachs when (it seemed) Madrid was there. Here we became aware of summer heat and crowded European airports. It was a daunting experience to fly in over England and realise we were one of a long line of planes landing every minute or so with military precision. But even these thoughts fell into the background when the greenness of English fields and trees first gently assaulted the eye. And then we were down, caught up in the bustle of the airport, met by welcome friends, including Michael Ricketts, the painstaking organiser of our tour in England, and Charlie Tidbury, our coach (not bus!) driver, who in the next month was to become just one of the party.

It was now for the first time we were to hear the opening bars of the radio music that was to be an almost constant background to our travels. "Charlie, can we have the radio on?" "Charlie, please put the volume up." These sentiments were not always shared by the managers, but democracy in this instance held sway and some widening of the musical repertoire of the more aged resulted. London's traffic was a continual wonder for its volume, the speed of its movement between jams and the skill with which Charlie avoided all unwelcome contacts by a twirl of the wheel or the sharp pressure of the brakes—how they squealed! More than once a mini seemed to disappear underneath; this was pure illusion.

Our London home was Whitehall Court, a massive pile within a stone's throw of Scotland Yard and three minutes' walk of Trafalgar Square. We came to know it and its hall porters, lift attendants, restaurant waiters and many other very well before July was over.

No doubt Whitehall Court and the Forty Club will live in the memory as brightly as any other spot we visited in England for from it we issued as from a firm base—to play cricket; to go to Wimbledon; to visit a Test Match at Lord's; to lose ourselves in the vast complexity of London, from which it was never difficult to return to familiar haunts by means of a timely taxi or tube; to potter wonderingly through the gigantic department stores—Harrod's, Selfridge's—searching for some present to take home; to gawk at some of the extraordinary apparitions, of indeterminate sex, who people the streets together with myriads of others of all colours, less electrifying because more ordinary; to watch the "Bobbies" giving information

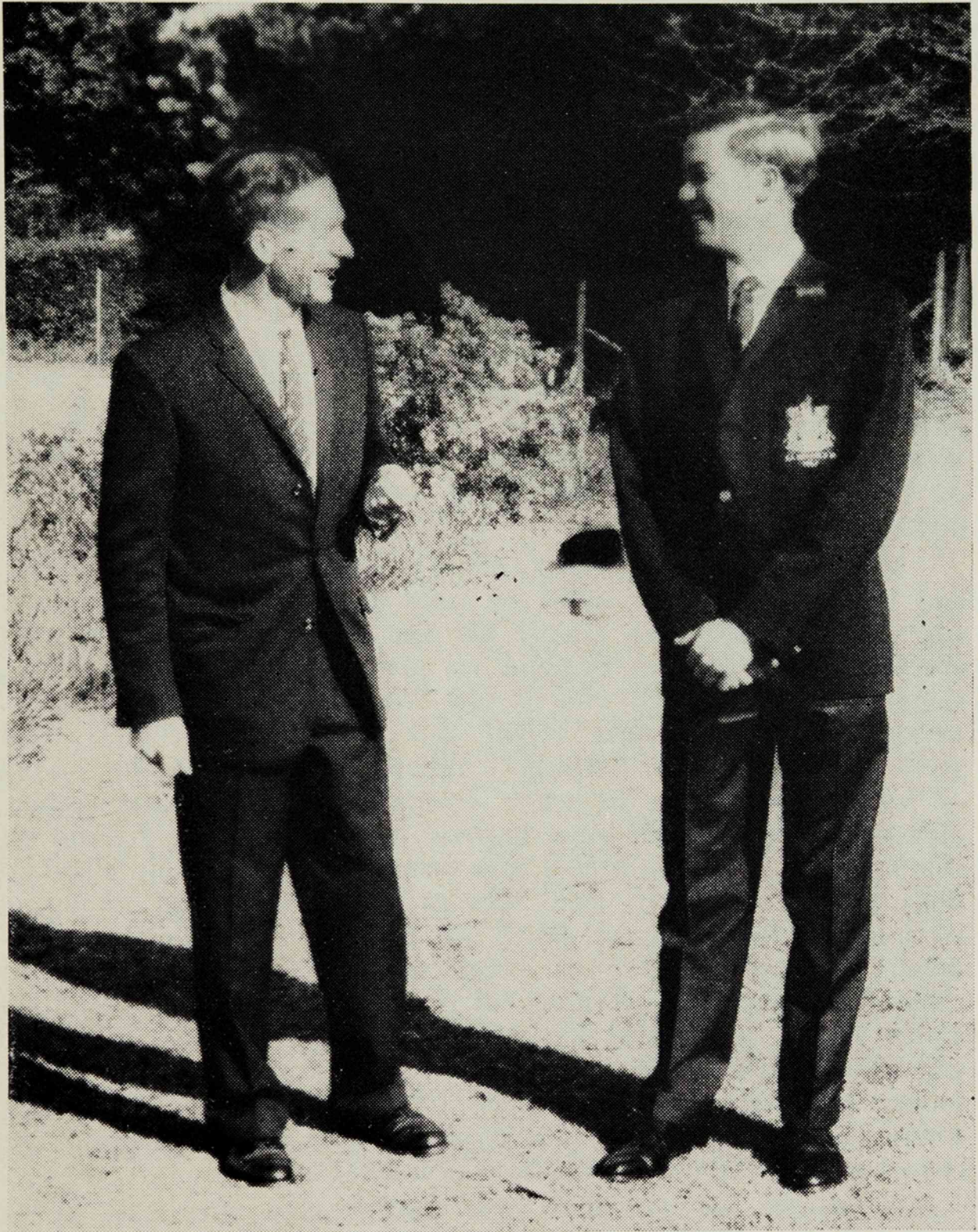


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Manager and captain. R. Gathorne and R. R. Collins.

to some dazed visitor or even to receive it ourselves; perhaps even, illicitly but delightfully in view of the known curfew, to issue forth into the glare of Piccadilly and the crooked streets of Soho, there to discover some of the brightness and sordidness of a great city's night life. So much to see; so little time to see it in. Our minds were enriched and enraptured by all these impressions so that, in the end, we were just a little dazed at the amount we had seen and learnt.

And, of course, there was television. To those who had scarcely experienced it, television was a constant delight—be it Robin Hood, a pop performer or Hewitt and MacMillan scientifically slaughtering their opponents. Even watching a very dull Test Match innings ensconced in the comfort of the Forty Club had its compensations: one could at least walk out or (but that would never do!) shut the instrument off.

But although London bulked large, there was much else to be experienced during the tour. From the kingly height of our coach as we travelled over nearly 1,500 miles of roads in Southern England we saw our fill of the countryside. Greatly varied in quality and texture, it was always brilliant with a greenness which struck an almost physical blow at eyes accustomed to the brown winter veld at home. Splashes of colour, often roses, enlivened the gardens as we twisted and turned through village streets, wondering at the architectural oddities and beauties that appeared in such profusion. How many pubs there are in England! Perhaps the variety of names is not so great as one might hope, but no two appeared alike. Moreover, to those nurtured on Castle and Lion the bewildering array of beers on offer was tantalising. Experience proved many of them to be highly satisfying.

Most of our South African cricket grounds lack true individuality and the beauty that is added by trees dotted haphazardly around and on them. They are usually flat and obviously man-made. Yet everywhere we went in England we glimpsed grounds, undulating, sloping alarmingly, each with its vast "square," many with pavilions which, even though they might lack up-to-date facilities, were picturesque and often beautiful. Almost every ground we played on was a jewel in its particular setting. It became embarrassingly difficult to decide which were the most attractive and in the end we stopped trying. Looking back I have memories of that lovely Standard Bank ground at Elmer's End, with its fast, true outfield so typical of most of the fields on which we played in this brilliant, sun-drenched summer; the great sweep of the Harrow ground over-running the road and stretching far into the distance; the noble trees which almost surrounded the Arundel ground, leaving one superb gap through which one could see the river and the Sussex Downs fading into the distant haze; the tranquil beauty at Winchester, where newly refreshed grass, finely spaced trees and a glimpse of the chapel tower combined to create a perfect setting.

Of course, we did play some cricket. Day after day, as we played first in London, then at Oxford, Bradfield, Stowe, back in London at Harrow and then Dulwich; on again to Oxford, then from

Clifton to Marlborough, taking in our crowded impressions of people and buildings—day after day the sun shone on grateful South African backs. Each morning we confidently expected and were repeatedly and lugubriously told by the many friends we met and made that the weather must break and a second flood ensue. At Sherborne light rain drove us off the field for a time and on the following day, a free one, we saw a heavy storm flood the only covered wicket we encountered, at Millfield. The next day, though, was bright again and we went on to a hot weekend at Eastbourne, the pick of all days at Cranbrook and then back to London. Only two matches remained. At Arundel the sun blazed down and only at Winchester did it appear to have deserted us on our arrival. Before long, however, it emerged to make a friendly wet wicket into a moribund one.

In these circumstances the cricket we played had to be enjoyable. Our batsmen delighted in hitting the ball and in stealing cheeky (at times apparently suicidal) short runs. The runs came in a flood, which is always gratifying to the side making them. In general, too, we had the measure of our opponents, only succumbing on two occasions. So the cricket was a great success, we were everywhere received with open arms and lavishly entertained. In between times Charlie's coach whisked us from one place to another, always appearing to stride out as it reached the well-known confines of London. Inside the coach, when the music was not gently dissuading conversation, there was much backchat, a good deal of untuneful singing, several ever-recurrent catch-phrases greatly relished by all and every now and then a short period of breathless suspense while Charlie was negotiating some impossibly narrow entrance—then a great storm of applause as he successfully did so, with about three inches on either side more often than not.

Our last couple of days in London were indeed taxing. Excess baggage (mountains of it) had to be parcelled up and some did not find their cricketing ability was any help in this exercise, which was completed in the early hours of Saturday morning. There was still shopping to be done, letters to write, sights to be seen. A final dinner on the Saturday evening brought home to everyone that our summer idyll was nearly over. Let joy be unconfined, just to put this dread thought away. It was. But Sunday and the return flight had to come. It was sad to say goodbye to the friends who had made us so welcome and sad to be driving for the last time with Charlie out to Heathrow. Soon we had watched our luggage, miraculously under weight, taken away to the SAA Boeing "Durban" and were interestedly noting the attempts of the pilot (doubtless carefully briefed by the control tower) to sandwich himself in for the take-off between two of the minutely-arriving newcomers. And then—home, bursting with the accumulated treasures of our month ready to be laid out before the envious eyes of friends and relatives.

R. Gathorne.

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THE U.S.A. THROUGH SOUTH AFRICAN EYES

Everyone, I imagine, has an idea of America and Americans. What America does in the world impinges on all other peoples and it is of concern to them to know what they can about America. To have the opportunity to visit the country and see for myself how many of my preconceived ideas were justified was a rewarding experience.

I think the most lasting impression of Americans which I received was of the scale on which they operate. Be it in the fields of construction, manufacturing, education, entertainment or any other they are a people who "think Big" and in fact achieve on a massive scale. The common idea of everything from Texas being the biggest was to me true of all of America that I saw. After living in a very close community for eight weeks in Philadelphia, I was no longer amazed by the scale of all sorts of undertakings.

The Americans with whom I worked bubbled with energy and enthusiasm. They are far less inhibited than South Africans and do not worry about making themselves look ridiculous. Ideas tend to develop rapidly into grandiose schemes and everyone is infected by the enthusiasm engendered by large visions. I do not mean to imply that I found them to be dreamers—far from it. They are a very pragmatic people and results certainly count for a great deal. Their pragmatism, however, does not make them dull and conservative. The competitive atmosphere in which they live demands exploitation of every possible avenue of improvement.

I found them also to be extremely generous and warmhearted. I made good friends very easily and this often because of their interest in me. Who was I, what was I doing in America, where did I come from, what did I think about Vietnam, President Johnson, about Rhodesia, about a host of other problems. Much more than this however; if I thought a particular problem should be solved in this way, what was I doing about it? Write to your congressman, write to the papers, protest in any way you can think of, but don't be an armchair critic. If you are wrong, too bad. Whoever is right ought to be able to convince you.

In fact, most of the Americans I met found little time for many of the activities I have mentioned because they work very, very hard. Coming from South Africa and belonging to a privileged race, I was made to realise as never before what a responsibility the operation of privilege places on those who enjoy it.

I saw nothing of the middle West and far West, but a number of the people I met were from these areas and highly critical of the conservative East. All I can say is that if life and thought is even more vigorous and stimulating on the West coast, then I will have to go there before I will really believe it possible.

New York epitomised many of my impressions of America. I found it the most exciting city I have ever visited. The skyscrapers are legendary. The bustle, the variety of happenings, the contrasts between wealth and poverty, from the gaiety of Broadway to the solidity of Wall Street to the slums of Harlem and the Bowery. All is packed into an island surrounded by beautiful bridges, in themselves undertakings any country would be proud to own.

The wealth of the country has brought with it the ability to concentrate talent from all over the world and this of course contributes greatly to the stimulating atmosphere. I found also the wealth of cultural facilities such as art galleries, music festivals, drama festivals to be very much a part of American life. The view that Americans are "culture vultures" is quite untenable. There is great interest and support from the general public for activities of this type. One has only to attend one of the open air concerts given by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, or a music circus production in a small suburb to experience again the enthusiasm which I found so characteristic.

Perhaps I have painted too glowing a picture. There are certainly faults to be found and deep divisions in American society over issues such as Vietnam and the civil rights movement. There is prejudice and dishonesty, as there is everywhere to some extent. The overwhelming impression I received however was of people who have a genuine concern, particularly in high places, with the ideas of the American revolution. The people are often confused and uncertain but they do care very much that their country should be doing what is right and not what is expedient. They care greatly that their wealth should be used in the best possible way, not only in their own country but also for the benefit of the less fortunate in other parts of the world.

M. E. Thompson.

(Mr. Thompson was in America attending a National Science Foundation Summer Institute under the United States-South Africa leader exchange programme.—Ed.)

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FISH RIVER CANYON EXPEDITION

When the Venture Club was founded it organised, on several occasions, trips to places as far afield as Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and Mt. Mlanje in Malawi. However, political changes in recent years have meant abandoning these objectives, at least temporarily. It seemed a pity that we should not have some long holiday outings, particularly in view of the variety of out-of-the-way spots available in Southern Africa. The Fish River Canyon was eventually selected as being the best spot in view of its quite outstanding scenery and its total lack of inhabitants.

For some time it appeared that the idea might come to nothing as we could not get hold of any transport, but we were saved by the generosity of Mr. Duggan, who lent us his elderly Land-Rover. This had an open back and a long wheelbase, so we put on a metal canopy at the back and, with foam-rubber seats and aged canvas side-flaps, this became "home" to eight boys and one master for over two week—except for six days when we were away walking.

We left Michaelhouse at the end of the second quarter, on the last Thursday in June, and managed to arrive in Bloemfontein that night, the main excitement of the first day being in guessing whether we would get over Van Reenen's Pass. We spent the night in the Bloemfontein caravan park, enjoying the luxury of hot baths.

The second morning saw us in Kimberley, which no one in the party had visited before. The Big Hole turned out to be a much bigger hole than we had expected and the museum organised by de Beers kept us interested for a long time, too. As Kimberley was our last big town we stocked up with provisions and set off for the unknown West. Soon after crossing the Vaal in the Northern Cape we met our first dust road and that evening, as we were contemplating making camp, we noticed a strong smell from the back wheel.

We spent a comfortable, but frosty, night in a donga and set to work next day repairing the wheel, Kas Akker proving a handy mechanic. Time, and a bad road, proved that the trouble was more serious than we had thought and the day ended with our being towed 45 miles by a 10-ton truck into the tiny North Cape town of Groblershoop, with no bearings in the wheel.

Groblershoop was not the sort of place to provide Land-Rover wheel bearings and, as it was Saturday evening, things looked a little bleak. However, the hospitality of the local hotelier was something we had not reckoned on. By Sunday lunchtime the master-in-charge and Robin Mackie were on their way to Kimberley in one of his trucks, with a racehorse! The rest of the party was being given free accommodation above the garages. With this sort of help we were off again on Tuesday morning and spent that night at the Aughrabies Falls on the Orange.

The gorge below the Falls is very wild, and although the area above has recently been spoilt by becoming "civilised" with a tarred road and an organised camp we would have liked to have spent longer

exploring. The sight of driftwood left high on the rocks gave an intriguing idea of the conditions when the river is in flood.

However, we had to press on and the following day we entered South West, camping near Grunau that night in a culvert under the railway. After Balgowan, we hardly noticed the three trains that night—even though they were about seven feet above us! The next morning saw us at the edge of the Fish, exactly a week after setting out.

The first view from the canyon rim down to the river about 2,000 feet below is a memorable one and is enhanced by the total absence of any human habitation. The only road in the vicinity leads to the canyon edge and then stops, for obvious reasons.

We cleared out the Land-Rover and then portioned out the packs, locking up anything we did not take and leaving the vehicle to stand in the open. Even in the brisk air on the rim our packs felt heavy and they became heavier still as we climbed down over the hot rocks. It was a weight that we were to become very familiar with, but never quite resigned to.

Our luck was in at the river as it turned out to be flowing and we never had to carry our drinking water. For the next three days our routine was to rise at about seven when it got light and to set off walking for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. By this time the sun was on the canyon and we stopped for breakfast. This meant making a fire to cook oatmeal porridge, which was then eaten with powdered milk and sugar and considered a delicacy. The meal was rounded off with Pro-Vita and coffee. We then carried on until 1 p.m. when the heat became too great and we would stop by the water for lunch. This was the time of day when we washed both our clothes and ourselves and then set to chewing our luncheon rations of biltong and dried fruit, topped off by an orange until these ran out. It was too hot to continue walking until 3 p.m., and even then it was not at all comfortable until the sun went off the canyon about 4.30. We would push on until 6 and then make camp and supper—corned beef, powdered mashed potato, powdered soup and coffee.

Three days of this brought us to the end of the canyon proper and we settled for a day to do what we felt like; some exploring, some bird-watching, some sitting. The following day we climbed out on to the adjoining plateau and set off home, little realising that we had come out at the wrong place and that it would take us $1\frac{1}{2}$ days of unpleasant walking across a stone desert to get back. However, our troubles were somewhat alleviated by finding a deserted windmill and getting it to work when we were ready to make camp.

The Land-Rover was a welcome sight when we reached it, and still more so was the excellent South West lager which was served in Keetmanshoop that night. We were now on our way home, but by a different route from that on which we had come. North-east of Keetmanshoop we got into the Kalahari sand dunes and for the next 350 miles we travelled in the beds of the Auob and Kuruman rivers until we eventually emerged at Kuruman. Apart from the 75 miles through the Kalahari Gemsbok Park, with its endless herds

of springbok and plentiful supply of gemsbok and jackals, this was not an interesting drive as the road was poor and the view limited by the river banks.

We were pleased to see the tar again and made good time through Vryburg to Bloemhof on the Transvaal border where we dropped four of the party—three to catch the Johannesburg train and one to the Cape. The rest had envisaged camping in the Free State, but the winter had returned, or rather we had returned to the winter, and we drove on through the night to arrive at Balgowan at four o'clock in the morning with snow on the ground—a far cry in all respects from the heat and rugged grandeur of the Fish.

C. H. D. Leggatt.

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TOURS

APRIL TRUST TOUR AT JOHANNESBURG

The four-day tour, from 29th March to 1st April, started with an illuminating guided bus-tour of the Soweto Townships in the morning and a visit to the Fuchs factory at Alberton in the afternoon. On the second day the majority of the party flew down to Welkom where they were taken down the President Brand goldmine and shown over the Mine Training Centre, flying back to Johannesburg that evening. The remainder of the party visited the I.B.M. computer installation and the Nuls Burwitz Art Exhibition and, after lunching at the Country Club, went on to be shown over the Telegraphs and Communications Department of the Post Office. The following day the party was taken by bus to Pretoria for a guided tour of the Onderstepoort Veterinary Research Station in the morning and a visit to Iscor in the afternoon. On the last day, Saturday, there was a guided tour of the Johannesburg General Hospital and part of the Medical School, after which the tour came to an end, having proved to be an extremely interesting and highly informative experience.

P. J. Brink.

THE SIXTH FORM TOUR

The tour started on Wednesday, 26th July, in Durban, with a study of the sugar industry. The morning was spent at Mt. Edgecombe, looking over the mill and research station, including the root laboratory. This was followed after lunch by a tour of the estates.

The programme on Thursday morning consisted of a series of talks on architecture in the boardroom of William Palmer and Son. In the afternoon the tour visited the School of Architecture at the University of Natal for a talk, slides and a tour of the new women's hostel. This was followed by an instructive hour at Hulsmith, who handle Hulett's computers. In the evening the Form was divided up into small parties to dine with several prominent families of the Indian community.

The Aquarium was the venue for Friday's subject of marine biology, and the research ship "David Davies" was later inspected at the docks. In the afternoon the Form studied physical oceanography at the C.S.I.R., Natal University.

The final morning of the tour was spent learning about airport control at Virginia Airport. The school bus then met the party to transport it back to Balgowan.

We would like to thank Messrs. B. A. Law and J. C. F. Johnstone and the other organisers for providing an instructive and enjoyable tour, as well as those who provided accommodation.

D. W. Butler.

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CHAPEL NOTES

We are most grateful to the following visitors who have preached in Chapel since the previous issue of the Chronicle:

The Rev. T. S. Kweyama, the Rev. D. Poynton, the Rev. C. E. Birks, the Venerable A. J. D. Rowley, the Rev. G. C. G. Parry, the Rev. G. Smith, the Rev. R. A. Kraft and the Rev. M. E. Moore.

During Holy Week we welcomed the Right Reverend B. B. Burnett, who conducted an inspiring series of services.

The Rev. R. Horrocks joined us as Assistant Chaplain at the beginning of this quarter, and we extend to him a warm welcome and wish him well in his ministry at Michaelhouse.

Confirmation is on Saturday, 4th November, when the Bishop of Natal is due to administer the Sacrament to 90 boys and to celebrate the Holy Communion on the following morning.

J.M.S.

CHOIR NOTES

Since March the Choir have been on show twice. Everyone seems to have enjoyed our Easter Carol Service at the end of the first quarter.

Our second showing was on Speech Day, when we sang seven anthems to a packed Chapel. Among the anthems were Stanley Marchant's "Judge Eternal," Thatcher's "All this night," "Jesus, Fount of consolation" by Bach and "Teach me, O Lord" by Thomas Attwood. However, the two most popular were Vaughan-Williams' "O How Amiable" and Walford Davies' version of Psalm 21. Altogether it was an excellent performance and Mr. Stanton is to be congratulated on it.

We are sorry to be losing Mr. Peter Withers, who has served the Choir for the past nine years. However, we do welcome Mr. Hall to take the place of Mr. Withers in the tenor line.

For the remainder of this quarter we will be starting to practise our Christmas carols.

At the end of the year the Choir is again fortunate to be losing only six of its members.

N.P.L.F.

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Chapel interior.

Photo: P. J. Brink

HOUSE NOTES

FOUNDERS

Head of House: J. G. Chennells

House Officers:

R. V. Simpson, M. H. Harris, W. L. Robinson,
C. J. Mostert, C. Larsen

We welcome Mr. Thompson back as Housemaster from his recent trip to the U.S.A. where we gather he has gained invaluable knowledge much to the advantage of his Chemistry pupils. Our thanks go to Mr. van der Walt, who stepped into Mr. Thompson's position as Housemaster so ably, and his efficiency, enthusiasm and interest in the House are much appreciated by all.

Rugby House matches were played last quarter, but we were not so successful as usual, being beaten by Farfield in the second round after beating Tatham in the first round. Our Juniors were more successful, but after reaching the finals were beaten by a superior West team. W. Robinson and Harris have been playing regularly for the First XV this season, with Robinson topping 70 points for the team—a remarkable effort and our congratulations go to him on his Honours award and to Harris on his Colours award.

A spirited but unsuccessful attempt was made in the tennis this year, but we were beaten by East after beating Pascoe fairly easily. We have reached the finals in the squash House matches and are due to play a strong East team within the next two weeks.

Hockey is of major importance at present and with only one member of the First team, our chances of repeating our victory in the finals seem remote, but the team is full of enthusiasm and spirit, and with a certain amount of luck we could reach the finals again. We are well represented in the First cricket team to play in the Cricket Week in Pietermaritzburg this holiday. The members from Founders are J. Chennells (vice-captain), Harris and Robinson.

The school production of "Billy Budd" involved two Founders actors in leading rôles. Mostert, taking the part of Billy Budd, and Smithers, both of whom acted well. Rehearsals for the House play are on at present and we hope to maintain the high standard in "Thread of Scarlet" as set in the past.

The A Block seem to be hard at work and already signs of the strain of hard work are appearing. We have confidence in the Matrics and best of luck to them in their final examination here and to the remainder of the House for the last quarter.

E A S T

Head of House: J. M. Burchell
School Prefects: R. R. Collins, R. I. Garland
House Officers:

P. A. Bovet, B. E. Boyes, D. J. Inglis, T. R. Jackson

During the second quarter we were pleased to welcome Philip Bovet to the Prefects' Room. His stay was very short, however, and he is now disporting himself in Switzerland. Bill Garland is to be congratulated on being appointed a School Prefect.

On the academic side a fine array of prizes was annexed on Speech Day and the Matrics seem to be doing some concentrated work. J. M. Burchell and S. D. Rosholt are to be congratulated on receiving academic distinctions. The House is also well represented in Societies and there is a good deal of active participation in this sphere.

Patrick Tucker is to be congratulated on an outstanding production of "The Browning Version" (slightly foreshortened) in the House Play Competition. Before a not-particularly helpful audience Tucker himself and the other members of the cast (Goodyer, Brooks, Morris, Nicholson and C. P. Rosholt) built up and sustained an atmosphere charged with emotion and pathos. An exceptional performance.

Conservation of soil, water and wild game is an alarming problem in South Africa today. As a result of encouragement from the school, four East Sixth Formers were very lucky to be included in a party of seven Sixth Formers who missed six days of school to go on a Wilderness Leadership Course. Other than being an invaluable experience, this course succeeded in bringing home to these few boys the dire need for the conservation of our resources, which are already rapidly waning.

Congratulations go to Ronald Collins who acquitted himself admirably both as captain and as one of the chief run-scorers on the South African Schools Cricket Tour of England. Mr. Gathorne is to be congratulated on managing this side. Jamie Inglis also merits congratulations on making the Natal Schools rugby side which played in the Craven Week.

Sport-wise we began the year with an athletics hat-trick—Standards, Relays and the Sports were all annexed. The Junior rugby side also managed to reach the finals, but clashed with a vastly superior West side. The Senior side, though, won their section. The seven-a-side team, too, managed to overcome their frequent bouts of fatigue and stagger to victory. After years of clashing in vain with Farfield in the tennis House match finals, the East four were finally victorious. We have also reached the finals in both Senior and Junior squash.

Stop Press: We commend Richard Parker for shattering the East prune-eating record by eating 50 at one sitting.

Congratulations to those who gained awards and achieved positions of distinction in school sport: Collins, G. E., Tennis Teams; Boyes, B. E., Rugby Teams; Jackson, T. R., Rugby Teams; Orford, Rugby Teams; Bovet, Swimming Colours; Dawson, D. J., Swimming Teams; Haggie, Swimming Teams; Garland, Athletics Teams; Collins, R. R., Athletics Colours, School Hockey Captain.

W E S T

Head of House: H. M. Drummond

House Officers:

K. I. Mackay, R. J. W. Henderson, J. H. Acutt,
D. J. Main, A. Dymond

At the beginning of this quarter we welcomed Mr. Bell as House Tutor and, more recently, Mr. Crossley, who is standing in for Mr. Pennington during his absence. We wish Mr. Pennington a speedy recovery and are looking forward to his return.

At the end of the first quarter we were joined by Andrew Dymond in the Prefects' Room, and we congratulate him also on being selected for the Natal Schools hockey team. Congratulations are also due to Ian Mackay on the award of his rugby Colours and also for his inclusion in the Zone 4 rugby team, which enabled him to participate in the Natal Schools rugby trials.

Playing once again without a full team, our Senior rugby team came well above expectations in spite of being beaten in the first round, while our Junior team excelled, winning the cup with spirited enthusiasm. Our little-favoured seven-a-side rugby team did well to win through to the second round with a good victory over Tatham before being beaten by Farfield in the second round.

Although our under-15 hockey XI were highly favoured contestants, they were unfortunately eliminated as possible winners. The 1st XI is still in a not entirely unfavourable position.

Our high praise is due to John Henderson and Kevin Keely on their excellent rendering of "A Battle of Wits," the House play, which they produced and acted with considerable success.

In the academic field we were well represented by J. Henderson and A. Hammill, who have both reached the final round of the Maths Olympiad; and the former is to be congratulated on the large number of prizes he carried off on Speech Day. It was good to note the large contribution made by West boys to the highly successful exhibitions on Speech Day.

Finally, we wish our Matric candidates luck in their forthcoming ordeal; the amount of work being done promises and deserves good results.

Vale: J. F. Thackeray (D Block).

FARFIELD

Head of House: J. W. D. Brand

School Prefects: N. P. L. Folker

House Officers:

D. R. Tickton, R. E. Chowles, R. V. Owen, A. G. P. Kee

Our congratulations go to Nigel Folker and Anthony Kee on their appointment as School Prefect and House Officer respectively. It is with much pleasure that we welcome Mr. van der Walt back to Farfield after his term's absence as acting Housemaster of Founders.

In the field of sport, Farfield has done very commendably, although, as yet, we have nothing on the board. In both Senior and Seven-a-side rugby Farfield were runners-up to East. However, this was not all, for, after winning the tennis three times in four years from East, they took their turn this year and beat us in the finals. There are a number of House competitions ahead in which we hope to score a win.

Individually, Farfield has been very well represented in School teams as is reflected by personal achievements. Brand received Athletic Honours and Tickton his Colours, while Charles Bennett was chosen to represent Maritzburg Schools Athletics team at Vryheid in the Natal trials. During the rugby season we were represented by six boys in the 1st XV, Nigel Folker and Anthony Kee received their colours. All these boys are to be congratulated on their achievements.

Farfield has continued to show an interest in extra-mural activities of a more academic nature. Nigel Folker and Anthony Kee both displayed well developed acting talent in important and difficult parts in the school play, "Billy Budd". Peter Houghton is to be congratulated on a talented and well-rehearsed organ recital given to the school. It is extremely encouraging that Farfield continue to take such a vital and increasing part in what is a major section of our general and broad education.

On the pure academic front we show much promise, especially among the juniors. We received more than our fair share of prizes on Speech Day, and Davidson, Fleischer, Orchard and Lee are to be congratulated on receiving their academic distinctions. The Matriculants appear to be applying themselves to some concerted hard work and we wish them every success in their exams.

TATHAM

Head of House: K. J. Rein-Weston

House Officers:

R. C. Arnold, R. Bradley, G. M. Rose, C. Talbot

At the beginning of May we were extremely happy to have Rick Bradley (our American Field Scholar) and Chris Talbot joining us in the prefects' room. We hope that the distractions that go with it will not prevent Chris from achieving a really good Matriculation result. We were sorry to say good-bye to John Tucker at the end of the 2nd quarter. He has been a keen Tatham supporter and showed good talent in the sphere of sport.

We welcome Mr. Bloy and Mr. Gillespie back after having been on long leave in Europe during the 2nd quarter. We thank Mr. Bell and Mr. Crossley for their able substitution.

Individually, the House has done well. The House Play was produced by Chris Lenz and we congratulate him and the actors who took part. Andrew Forrest is to be congratulated on winning the George Forder Oratory Prize in the annual debate against Estcourt High School.

The sporting aspect has not been neglected; Grant McLeod is to be congratulated on being awarded his colours for rugby. P. J. Algie has been awarded his team's, and we also had other members of the House who played for the 1st and 2nd XV's on occasions. As for tennis and squash our results in the house matches were not as good as might have been expected.

Academically, Tatham has been represented in many school activities. J. S. Craib and B. G. Draper are to be congratulated on entering the semi-finals of the Maths. Olympiad. We wish the A Block the best of luck in Matriculation and hope that they will do as well as, if not better, than their predecessors.

We are sorry to say good-bye to Rick Bradley at the end of the year. He has proved to be an extremely amiable character during the year and we wish him a happy future.

Finally, good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Hennessy who have so ably run Tatham for the past 11 years. We are all very grateful to them for all they have done and we are glad that they will still be seen around the school. Under Mr. Hennessy's leadership, Tatham has been successful, happy and satisfied in all its activities throughout the years.

We welcome Mr. Bloy as Housemaster as from the beginning of next year and we wish him a very happy term of office.

Valete: J. C. Tucker, T. L. Fisher, J. G. E. Fischer.

Salve: P. O. Norton.

PASCOE

Head of House: D. F. Oscroft

House Officers:

A. M. Graham, C. C. D. Hawson, R. D. Welsh, G. S. Williams,
M. D. Slutzkin

The original four prefects heartily welcome Hawson and Williams to the prefects' room—their duties are now considerably lighter.

Once again on the athletics field the standard of competition was not particularly high, although the juniors made a stout effort in coming first in their section of the Standards Competition.

Ballantyne and Benger are to be congratulated on their Rugby Colours. These worthies, accompanied by the other 13 rugby players in Pascoe battled vainly against East in the first round of the House matches to no avail.

In the Squash House matches, it was East again who destroyed our senior teams' hopes in the second round. The juniors, however, were more successful, and are due to meet East in the finals.

Hockey has again proved to be our forté this year and we are well represented in First Game and in the Bunnies Team.

On the academic side, things look a lot more cheerful. Our newly acquired Housemaster, Mr. Cotton, is unfortunately keeping all and sundry on their toes by liberal use of the report system. Pritchard is to be congratulated on easing his way into the final one hundred in the Maths Olympiad, while Cave, Swan and Kumleben are to be congratulated on their Academic Distinctions.

BAINES

Head of House: I. B. Price

House Officers:

W. M. MacRobert, D. H. Beer, S. Ord, C. R. Thomson,
G. H. M. Bodley

It is with great regret that we say farewell to Peter and Barbara Withers and their family, who leave us at the end of this quarter to return to Britain, where they will be joining the Oratory School, Reading. Peter became House Tutor of Baines in 1963 and has added much to the cultural, sporting and academic side of the House and the School. Our very best wishes go with them all and we trust that they will be very happy in their new environment. In their place we extend a very hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stewart and family and hope that they will spend many happy years with Baines.

At the beginning of the quarter we welcomed Glynn Bodley into the mysteries of the prefects' room where he soon settled down to the general routine of tea and toast.

Heartiest congratulations to Theo Weideman and Gordon Kerr who have now joined Rene Weideman as proud possessors of "Brains Bars". We hope that others will join this group before long.

When we last went to press we had great hopes of winning the Standards. This was not to be and after a hard-fought contest we lost to East by approximately half a point. Willy MacRobert is to be congratulated on gaining his Athletics colours.

Congratulations also to Glynn Bodley and Julian Caldow for playing so well for the 1st XV Rugby and both gaining their colours. Willy MacRobert and Sandy Ord were both awarded 2nd XV Teams. We were knocked out at the beginning of the rugby House matches by a very strong East team, but did not go down without a stern struggle.

Ivan Price and his Gym. team gave us an excellent display on Speech Day, and we expect the House Gym. team to do well later on.

With the Matric. exam. looming large on the horizon, there is the usual "something" in the air. Many are aware that time is short and that efforts must be redoubled. Good luck to all those who have worked hard.

In the House hockey matches our 1st have been defeated, but our 2nd and under XV teams are still going strong.

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WITH THE SOCIETIES

AGRICULTURE

The society has made excellent progress recently and is still flourishing as well as ever. We may now boast of having numerically the largest society in the school. Thanks go to Mr. du Plessis whose arduous task is not a very thankful one.

Last year during the third term we gained valuable knowledge while visiting Mr. Orpen's Brahman Stud outside Pietermaritzburg. His central attraction was, of course, the Brahman cattle, and the system of keeping them fascinated us to no end.

Mr. Derek Scotney very kindly supplied us with three films for our first meeting this year. These films are from the Extension Office in Natal and we will not hesitate to say that they have been of much value to us more often than once now.

Most of the members went to the Royal Show in Pietermaritzburg in the second term. As usual, the many exhibitions were an eye-opener to all of us. We hope the society will continue to be of use to agriculturalists of the future.

APIARY

For some time the membership of the Apiary Society had been decreasing and becoming inactive. However since Mr. Standing took over the responsibility of being Master in charge, and made the society a branch of the Natural History Society, the Society again came to life. . By way of assistance to the school the Society has removed a hive from the chapel roof. It has other similar projects on the waiting list.

We are also grateful to Mr. Standing for helping us to produce a most successful exhibition on Speech Day. So although our membership is small and there are only a few boys really interested, we have managed to operate with some success.

ART

The Art Club has been trying recently to devote more time to the practical side of art, and some meetings have been given up wholly to painting and drawing. Several members regularly spend afternoons in the Art School working at pursuits which range from sculpture and experimenting with new techniques to "just messing around".

Members not involved in games went to Pietermaritzburg to see the "Art—South Africa Today" exhibition and after perusing the modern, turned their attention to the permanent collection which boasts some fine examples of British and French painting of the 19th and 20th centuries. Films on Leonardo da Vinci, Walter Sickert and Graham Sutherland were shown recently and two members showed slide collections featuring well-known paintings.

The school did better in the Arts Section of the Royal Show this year than it has done for some time. The results were: First prizes to P. G. Steere and G. McLeod for pictures in colour and to P. Girdwood for a study from life: Second prizes to P. G. W. Henderson, H. Lee and I. M. Vincent for pictures in colour: Third prizes to J. Ball for still life in colour and to J. Walker for picture in colour.

A S T R O N O M Y

The society is at last having a mount made for its six inch reflecting telescope which should be completed by the middle of October. To accommodate its enthusiastic members are building an observatory on St. Michael's Mount.

Once the telescope has been installed we hope to get down to serious observing.

C H O R A L

Our concert for the school is due to be performed on October 21st. It has a mixed selection, but they are in a light vein. The three sea-shanties will be very popular as they were chosen by request. 'Old Man River', a great favourite, 'The Robber's March', from the show, Chu Chin Chow, 'Dashing away with the smoothing iron' and many others make up a delightful programme for the boys.

Although the attendance of many of the members has not been good this year, our efforts are not in vain as the concert is beginning to take shape.

D E B A T I N G

In the second quarter we had one meeting only, as our second unfortunately had to be cancelled. The meeting took the form of five speeches that were judged by three members of Staff and three boys. The object of these speeches was to choose a representative in the Jan Hofmeyr Speech Contest. Peter Dix was the best speaker of the evening, although David Brooks eventually went to Estcourt.

This quarter we have had two meetings with a third still to come. The first was a series of short hat-debates that were highly successful as many members who aren't used to speaking were compelled to.

The second meeting was our annual debate against Estcourt. For this the motion was that "In the opinion of this house young people of today are in greater need of leaders than of critics". It was the best debate of the year with Andrew Forrest winning the George Forder Oratory Prize of a weekend in either Durban or Johannesburg and Michaelhouse winning the actual debate.

We look forward next quarter to more enjoyable evenings. Our membership this year is greater than it has been for some years.

F O R U M

The past two terms have been very interesting and rewarding.

Last quarter there were three meetings. Mr. Thomas gave a talk on the stock exchange at the first, and Strachan led in a dis-

cussion on the Middle East crisis at the second. At the third meeting members impersonated figures at the time in the news, and delivered speeches which they might have made. Tatham won with his speech given by the captain of a British destroyer to his men just before the ship docked at South Africa.

The first few days of the July holidays were spent in Johannesburg by about eighteen members and ex-members on the usual tour. The tour was very well arranged and extremely interesting, the highlights being visits to African Wire Ropes and the Carlton Centre Project. Thanks are extended to Mr. McMaster and Mr. Law for their help in making the tour such a success.

There have been two meetings this term. At the first a general discussion was held, and at the second Mr. Polack, on a visit to the school, gave a talk on Race Relations, which was very interesting.

G E O G R A P H Y

At the beginning of the year a new committee, consisting of Owen, Main and Bovet, was elected under the Presidency of Mr. Rusk. During the year Strachan replaced Bovet, who left for Switzerland.

The society has flourished considerably since its inception last year, and now boasts 95 members. We have had a series of interesting and successful meetings this year with talks, usually illustrated, by Mr. Milbanke, Mr. K. M. Pennington, our American Field Scholar Rick Bradley, and Mr. Leggatt. We have also seen several films.

On the 9th and 10th of September a group of members were taken on a fascinating trip through Zululand, visiting Richard's Bay, the Nkandhla forests, the Tugela valley and Kranskop; we were extremely grateful for this opportunity to see the country and extend sincere thanks to Mr. Rusk, Mr. Leggatt and Mr. Human who took the group in their cars. We propose to make these outings a regular feature of the society.

G R A M O P H O N E

The club has had a number of successful meetings over the last half year. Mr. Lange played a selection of his records at one meeting, which was most enjoyable. Hotchkiss is to be thanked for repairing the gramophone; and we are grateful to Mr. Bell for his continued interest in the club.

H I S T O R Y

Subjects on offer have once more been varied and interesting meetings, particularly in 1967, have seen uninhibited discussion and a number of lively exchanges. The last meeting of 1966 was one on "The History of Michaelhouse" delivered by Mr. K. M. Pennington. This proved an absorbing topic and many intriguing snippets were offered.

1967 opened with a paper by Mr. Gathorne on Benito Mussolini which caused a good deal of argument and discussion. It was followed by a carefully prepared and documented paper by C. P. Rosholt on the Indian Mutiny. In the second quarter C. M. Cohen discoursed

on the Western Desert campaign of General Wavell, a subject he covered with understanding and infectious enthusiasm. Unfortunately Alan Tonkyn was unable to deliver his paper in June so he came up in August and dealt extremely clearly with the vast subject "Wilkes and Liberty". It says much for his command of the subject that he was able to make comprehensible the eighteenth century English electoral and Parliamentary system in so short a time.

MOTOR

During the last two quarters the club has been extremely active in its cultural activities, though, on the mechanical side, comparatively little has been achieved, owing primarily to the greater importance of the half year examinations. Motor racing films from Castrol, Goodyear and Shell have been received with great enthusiasm, while two parties have been sent down to the motor races in Maritzburg. In addition, an informal discussion at a recent meeting proved to be highly stimulating and a great success. However, little more has been accomplished with regard to the restoration of the club's 1949 Opel Olympia Sedan and, although it is in running order, it is hoped that much more will be achieved in the near future. We are extremely grateful to Mr. Thompson for taking over as Master in Charge during Mr. Gillespie's absence.

MUSIC

This year has been a very good one for the music society, because every meeting we have had the pleasure of various members of staff, who have given some very interesting talks. Our first meeting was a talk given to us by Mr. Stanton, who is our chairman. He gave a very interesting talk on the "Early Days of Broadcasting", of which he was part. Mr. Stanton left the S.A.B.C. after 25 years good service. Other talks given were: "Jazz" which was well presented by Mr. Gillespie; "Chopin" from Mr. Stanton; "Verdi's Aida" and "Beethoven's Choral Symphony", both from Mr. Stanton. Mr. Bell gave us a very interesting talk on "the Early Stravinsky".

The chairman and president welcomed two new committee members: D. Limebeer as treasurer and M. C. MacMurray as secretary.

We hope that we shall have many more talks on the great composers and other topics such as these not in the too distant future.

NATURAL HISTORY

This year our Speech Day exhibits were put into good shape well in time, and proved to be of some attraction, especially the snake pit.

We have been working on the game park fences which are now in order, according to the Natal Parks Board regulations. We have had some difficulty in ordering game, but hope to stock it soon. Permission has also been obtained to replace sheep used by the school for fertilising the fields with Springbok. They are reputed to be easily tamed in captivity and should prove a great success if we can get them established.

A bird pen adjoining the Snake Pit is on the way to completion,

and will be stocked with the bigger birds which previously used to demolish any green growth in the aviary.

Our thanks go to Mr. K. M. Pennington for his interesting talk on "go-gos", and Mr. Whyte, Public Relations Officer for the Natal Parks Board, who showed two excellent films: One taken in the Kruger Park, while the other was shot in the Giants Castle reserve and featured prominently Mr. Bill Barnes, who has been particularly helpful to our society.

P H O T O G R A P H I C

At the beginning of the 2nd Quarter the society was extremely privileged to have Mr. James Hutton, of the Natal Mercury as a guest speaker. He gave us an excellent idea of the everyday life of a press photographer, gave us many useful hints and also judged our "Hands-Smoke-Tension" competition. The result was extremely pleasing in that three different members of the society each won a section. C. Cohen won Smoke, R. Stott won Hands and D. Swan won Tension. Swan's picture was also placed 1st overall. For the second meeting of the quarter, Mr. Lowe ordered some films, but since the meeting was on the night before exams, not many members turned up. Philip Bovet, a committee member of the society, left at the end of the second quarter and in his place Brian Brink was elected. At our first meeting this quarter, Mr. Lowe judged our advertisement and school activity competition. The standard of advertisements was high, and it was with no particular ease that Mr. Lowe eventually placed Swan's picture advertising Petz-d-lite first. Swan also won the school activity competition. In the slides, P. Brink was placed first. As another example of the amount of activity going on in the society, pictures submitted for publication in "Fair Lady" with an article by Mrs. B. Lavender of Michaelhouse, by Stott, Folker and Swan, were accepted, and appeared in a September issue. It appears that a definite attempt has been made by members to treat equipment with care and maintain general cleanliness in the darkrooms.

P I O N E E R

It is seldom that many of us at school have the opportunity of coming into contact with an educated African. The Pioneers had the privilege of having Mr. Samuel Kweyama to speak to us and to show us the other side of the story. The meetings lately have taken the form more of a general discussion of many topics rather than of one set subject. This has inevitably left the door open to politics. Archdeacon Rowley discussed the major problem of Christian Unity with us and Mr. Kraft, an American Priest from St. Chad's, Ladysmith, addressed the Society. The internal meetings arranged by members have also proved extremely lively and D. Brooks and C. Wellington have delivered papers. Mr. and Mrs. Sargent are to be sincerely thanked for their hospitality.

S C I E N C E

At the beginning of the year Stott and Arnold were elected President and Secretary respectively. The other committee members elected were Huggins, Renton and Van Hassalt.

The society has been fairly active this year. Three talks have been delivered by members of the society, and numerous films have been shown. These included films on radio isotopes, television, time, oxygen, rockets and detergents.

T R O U T

During the last April holidays, members of the club spent a fine week fishing in East Griqualand as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rhino Cathcart. As a result of recent rains, most of the rivers were full, which resulted in only small fish being caught. However this had no effect on the spirit of the camp which was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody. We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Cathcart for these excellent opportunities which we have had. We thank also Mr. Goldie-Scot who organized the camp. It could only be a success.

We now hope the coming season will be a successful one.

V O R T E X

Mrs. Thompson has been hostess to the society this year, for which we are grateful. At most of the meetings we have discussed poetry and prose of members, which has provoked lively, if somewhat desultory discussion. Mr. van der Walt is to be thanked for his continued interest in the society.

Y A C H T C L U B

Membership continues to flourish, and it seems that we have been successful in our efforts to promote the Dabchick . . . we now have a fleet of 18 boats.

We were able to send 6 boats to the July Dabchick Regatta organised by the Island Sailing Club. R. S. H. Stott, in coming 6th, gained our highest placing in a fleet comprising 16 yachts.

Another pleasant day's sailing was had against Hilton at Midmar during the Trinity Quarter. We look forward to a return match in October.

We were represented by S. Ord in the All-Africa 505 Championships at Lourenço Marques last July, where he was able to score a first in one race of the series in his new boat. This was a most commendable effort, and we congratulate him on his fine achievement. His final placing was 8th in a fleet of 27 yachts.

Plans have been drawn up for an enlarged and covered parking area at Beaconsvlei Dam, as well as other facilities. We are now awaiting the necessary funds before commencing with the building.

We were most grateful to Dr. Hamish Campbell who found time to bring Mr. Graham Townes from Australia, and his charming German wife, Jutta, to address the Club. This courageous couple have sailed their 29 foot gaff rigged cutter "Hope" from Sydney to Durban on the first leg of a trip round the world. They had our members enthralled recounting their numerous and fascinating experiences which were augmented by a series of excellent slides. We are also indebted to Messers Michael Butcher and David Hemphill who sacrificed a Sunday night to relate their experiences sailing Flying Dutchmen. Their talk was supported by a short film showing this

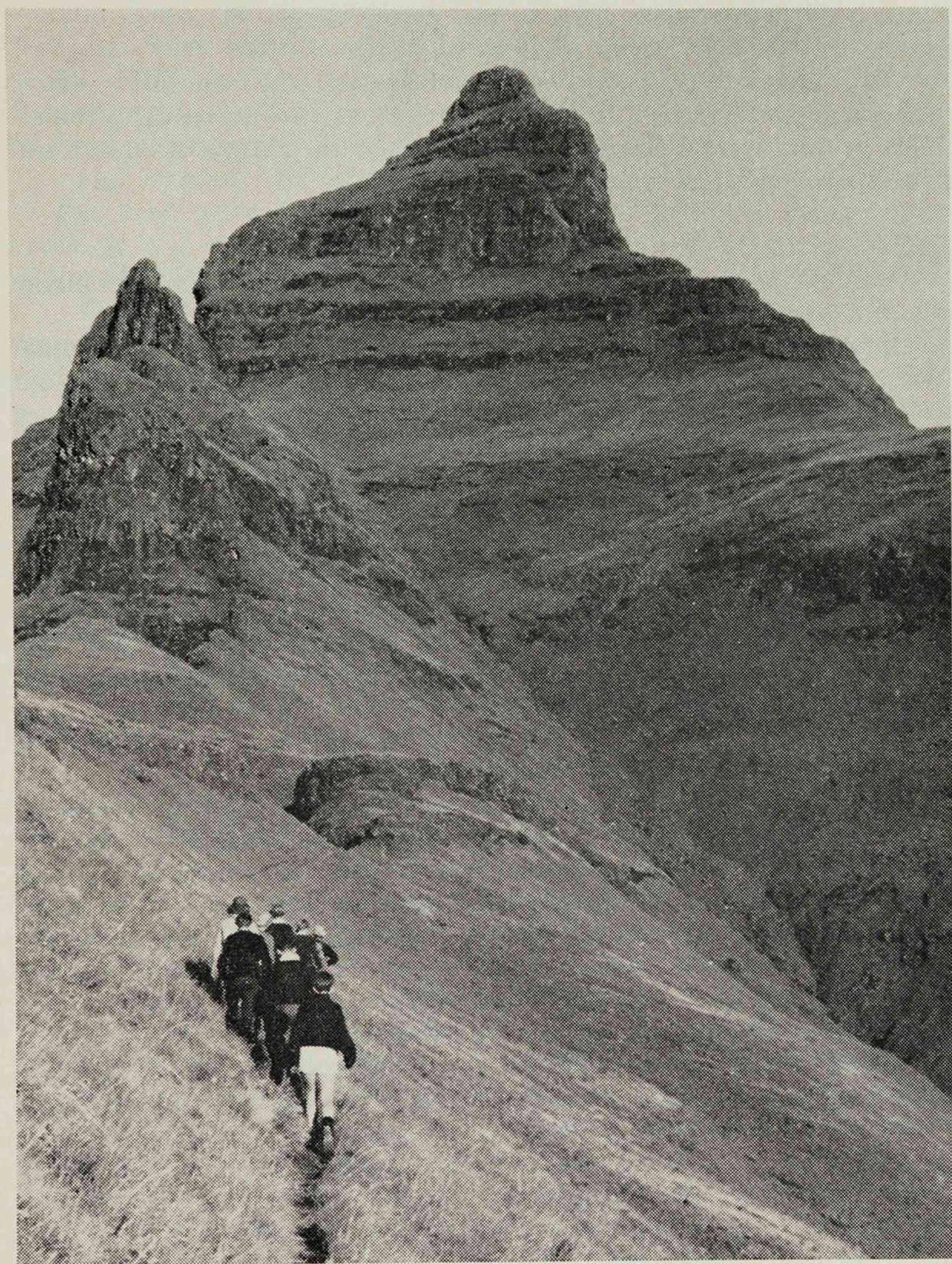


Photo: P. J. Brink

Venture Club outing to Cathedral Peak (in background).

type of craft performing on Durban Bay. The whole evening was most informative.

Finally our sincere thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Cliffe who always take a great interest in the Club and are so kind in letting us sail on Beaconsvlei Dam, where we spend so many enjoyable hours.

S T A M P

This club, defunct since Mr. Odams left the school, is active once again and the first meeting was held at Mr. Lavender's house. Office bearers were elected, matters of a general nature discussed and plans made for future meetings.

T A A L V E R E N I G I N G

Vanjaar se werk is met geesdrif begin. Eers het ons 'n bietjie kennis gemaak met dele van die Afrikaanse letterkunde.

Een van ons mees suksesvolle vergaderings was heeltemaal informeel gewees—ons het sommer met mekaar gesels. Ons het net een debat gehou, en ons was bly om te sien hoe mense vry in Afrikaans gepraat het.

Aan die einde van die tweede kwartaal het ons 'n genotvolle partytjie by Mnr. Coetzee se huis gehou. Mnr. Coetzee het onlangs een aand vir ons van die Rebelle van 1914 vertel, en 'n bandopname daarvan gespeel.

Op Michaelhouse leer ons die gramatika van Afrikaanse, maar ons kry eintlik baie min kans om die taal te praat. Die doel van die Taalvereniging is om hierdie geleentheid vir mens te gee, en dit is met dié doel dat ons voortgaan.

V E N T U R E C L U B

The rainy weather, which was so favourable to the canoeists in the first quarter of this year, has somehow been appeased by the enthusiasm of the climbers, who now seem quite content with their efforts in the two winter quarters. Of the nine berg outings arranged only one had to be cancelled and the remaining eight were as varied as possible, with two each to Bannerman's Pass and Giant's Castle, one to Champagne Castle, and three to Cathedral Peak, which always comes to our rescue when we have nowhere else to go.

The local outings to Gilboa and Nhlanzane are very popular and continue to provide an outlet for the energies of those who are disappointed by not being chosen for berg outings.

Not content with his single-handed mastery of the Fish River Canyon Expedition, Mr. Leggatt is now planning an outing to Mount-Aux-Sources in the Michaelmas holidays, not to mention Kilimanjaro next year. Our thanks go to him and to all the other masters who have so generously sacrificed a relaxing weekend to struggle up mountain peaks—some never to be tempted again.

The coming quarter heralds wetter and warmer weather, but before the onslaught of the summer rains when the canoeists take over, we hope to squeeze in one or two more berg outings.

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CADET NOTES

The facilities for training at Michaelhouse are somewhat scanty. This may be attributed to there being very little equipment forthcoming from the army stores and a lack of enthusiasm amongst staff and boys alike to apply themselves to the drudgery of school cadets. However it is hoped that there will be a change when the Rector's memorandum re the reorganisation of cadets is considered by General Fraser, Chief of the Army.

The routine of "squarebashing" was relieved in the first term of this year when Lt. Caldow addressed the battalion on the Aden crisis. It was extremely interesting hearing his first-hand knowledge of the affair. We extend our thanks to him.

There was a great disappointment amongst the ranks when it was announced that the Annual General Inspection was to be postponed until the 17th November, the day of the Interhouse Cadet Competition.

Major P. J. Goldie-Scot is to be thanked for his devoted work for the Cadet Corps.

Bugle Band

The band has improved a great deal since the beginning of the year. This is mainly the result of the hard work of Mr. Jones and Mr. van der Walt and to a lot of practice.

A lot of hard work was done for a Speech Day exhibition with the Pipe Band and the group of boys in the Gym Display. It seemed to be a great success on the actual day.

It was decided not to enter for the Band Competition this year as we did not have enough time for practice.

Pipe Band

During this year the standard of music has improved greatly. We would like to thank Mr. Michael Stanton for giving up some of his time to teach us a new tune on the pipes.

The performance on Speech Day proved to be a great success. We hope the standard which has been attained will not fall during the next year.

Military Band

Improvement in technique has made up for the depletion in talent that the band suffered at the beginning of the year. The assistance that Mr. Jones has given is appreciated.

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“Going left!”

Photo: C. M. Cohen

SPORTS SECTION

RUGBY

1st XV

This was a slightly disappointing season. On paper there was plenty of material available but we started with a lot of injuries and did not recover from this setback until the end of the 2nd quarter. Before the season started it was clear that there might be some difficulty in filling the fly-half and full-back positions. We started with Harris at fly-half and Bodley at full-back but this arrangement was not entirely satisfactory. Harris showed little ability to get the line moving and was far too stereotyped, while Bodley was rather uncertain at full-back. About half-way through the season Bodley was moved to fly-half and Harris to full-back. This proved to be a sound move and had it been made earlier there is little doubt that we would have had a more distinguished record. Bodley added punch to the line, used his left boot with intelligence and had the ability to vary his play, while Harris developed into an immaculate full-back. At scrum-half Caldow developed well and showed an ability to play the ball back to the forwards that was most encouraging. There were times when his service was a little sluggish and erratic. If he corrects this fault he should develop into a sound scrum-half next season.

When we had a complete and fit three-quarter line, it showed considerable thrust; in addition the tackling was far more determined than has been the case for several seasons. Collins played in the centre with considerable distinction; he showed all his old ability to anticipate the bounce of the ball and has a fine eye for a gap. A pleasing aspect of his play was that his tackling developed to the extent that it was really decisive. As vice-captain Collins led the backs in a pleasing and imaginative manner. McLeod had a season which was marred by injury but played with determination. The experience should stand him in good stead next year. Inglis was unlucky to be injured right at the beginning of the season and it was only in the third quarter that he showed his old punch. He is to be congratulated on his selection for the Natal Schools Craven week side. Kee started by running hard and tackling ferociously; unfortunately his hands were always suspect and he did not maintain his form towards the end of the season.

Taking the season as a whole the forward play was rather disappointing. The pack seldom played a match where they maintained their drive and cohesion from the kick-off to the final whistle. In Oscroft and Rose we had two experienced and solid front rankers. Oscroft played particularly well in all phases of the game and led the side with quiet efficiency. Bengier was brought into the side as hooker and played particularly well in the loose. He must give consideration to his hooking technique. Mackay and Folker were

potentially a really good pair of locks, both being tall and reasonably heavy. While their line-out play proved to be a decisive factor in many games, they must both be faulted for their inability to provide a sustained shove in the tight. As the season progressed the loose forward trio of Burchell, Ballantyne and Robinson improved considerably. On the flank, Burchell and Ballantyne developed pace to the loose ball, improved their positional play and tackled with determination. This was particularly true of Burchell. When Robinson tightened up his game he developed into a really good 8th man and was one of the few forwards who played every game from start to finish in a spirit of healthy aggression. Although his place kicking tended to be erratic it was better than that of anyone else. This was made very obvious when he was off games and several matches were lost through a complete inability to take advantage of innumerable goalable penalties. I do not want to leave the impression that this was a poor pack of forwards. When going well they were capable of holding or outplaying many packs. The disappointing feature was their lack of consistency, and, on occasions, "devil".

I would like to thank Mr. Gathorne for helping with the coaching, and also Mr. van der Linde for his efficient handling of administrative matters. In addition I would like to thank all those members of the Pietermaritzburg Referees Society who have travelled up to Balgowan to referee our matches.

A.F.C.

Second Quarter

We opened the season with our annual fixture against the Old Boys. This was an entertaining match. In view of the fact that we had a number of injuries and had only played two full practices, the fact that we were not beaten by more than thirteen points to six was quite encouraging.

Our first school fixture was against Westville. Our early season teething troubles were not helped by the fact that we had five players on the injured list, four of whom were backs. The result was that, in spite of complete domination in the forwards for at least three quarters of the game, we were unable to score a point. Many opportunities were thrown away as a result of inept handling; in addition several easy penalties were missed. When Ballantyne came off the field with an injured collar bone shortly before the end, Westville attacked strongly and we were lucky to hold them out. In the end we were satisfied with a 0-0 draw.

It was with some anxiety that we confronted the strong Voortrekker side a week later. Fortunately from our point of view the game was played in wet conditions which helped to nullify their strong-running backline to a certain extent. In spite of the weather both sides ran with the ball and Voortrekker won a good game 9-6. On the following Wednesday we were hosts to Estcourt. They had a good record and it looked as if we would be thoroughly tested. As it turned out our forwards showed a great deal of drive and with Collins in good form we looked the better side. We showed more tactical flexibility than

in our match against Voortrekker, whereas Estcourt showed no ability to vary their pattern of play which on the day was proving to be ineffective. An encouraging feature of the match was Robinson's return to form with his boot. Unfortunately shortly before the end of the match he damaged his knee and missed several matches. At the final whistle we had won by 17-3.

The next match was against Port Natal. This was played before lunch on a hot windy Durban day. Both sides looked very lethargic and in fact the game was quite deplorable. Port Natal dominated the line-outs, while both sides kicked aimlessly. There was only one full three-quarter movement in the match. In spite of the fact that we missed six very easy penalties we thoroughly deserved to be beaten 12-3. On the following Saturday we were hosts to St. John's (Johannesburg). We started strongly but poor handling and badly timed passes caused us to throw away several scoring opportunities. These lapses enabled the relatively inexperienced St. John's side to settle down and in the second half the sides were evenly matched. In the end we had to be satisfied with a 3-3 draw. From our point of view this was certainly a game of lost opportunities.

College were next on the fixture list. This was not a very distinguished match. College completely dominated the forward play but their backs showed little penetration. With the amount of the ball they were getting they were able to keep up the pressure on our defences and eventually scored a well-deserved 11-0 victory. The following Saturday found us back in Durban for our Glenwood fixture on another hot windy day. We played with the wind in the first half and were able to use it to good effect. As a result of sustained pressure we were leading by 6-0 at half time. Once again we had squandered several scoring opportunities and with a reliable kicker would have been up by another nine points. Fortunately the wind dropped slightly in the second half; in addition poor handling prevented Glenwood from scoring. This was an undistinguished match.

On the following Saturday we played D.H.S. at home. They proved to be a strong, heavy and fast side. We saw little of the ball but when it did come our way we used it to good effect. In contrast to some of the matches this season the game was played at a good pace with both sides passing the ball at every opportunity. Robinson celebrated his return with a good game but in spite of our efforts D.H.S. were worthy winners by twelve points to six.

A cold wet Saturday greeted us on the day of the Hilton match. By the time we arrived at Hilton it had stopped raining and although the ground was wet the conditions were ideal. We started off rather sluggishly but it soon became apparent that we were going to be too strong for Hilton. This was certainly Robinson's match, he scored two tries, a penalty and converted several other tries. It was interesting to note that he played a much tighter game than usual. Hilton battled well, but we were right on top in the forwards, who played magnificently throughout the game. Collins rounded off the match by scoring an excellent try next to the posts. We eventually won the game, which produced some good rugby, by 24 points to nil.

The final match of the quarter was our maiden encounter against

Northlands. As Collins had left on the Nuffield cricket tour to England we fielded a slightly disorganised back line. Northlands had a big fast side and our prospects received a setback when Thomas, playing on the left wing, was concussed in the first minute of the game. Burchell proved to be a competent substitute. About 20 minutes later Northlands were also reduced to 14 men when their right-wing injured a leg. We held a slight edge throughout the match and won a most entertaining game 12—6.

Third Quarter

Our first match of the third quarter was played against Weston. It was decided not to play Collins as he had only just returned from England. MacRobert, playing in the centre, received a bad bang on the leg a few minutes after the beginning of the match. The result was that our three-quarters lacked thrust. Fortunately the forwards played extremely well and Caldow had the good sense to play the ball back to them. We scored two tries and a penalty to three penalties by our opponents. This was a match that we were unlucky to draw.

Grey College (Bloemfontein) visited us over the next weekend. They were a big, strong and extremely fast side. We were completely outplayed in all departments. Grey ran with the ball at every opportunity and produced some magnificent movements. We were soundly beaten 27—6; only handling errors prevented them scoring an even bigger victory. Grey were certainly the strongest side we encountered this season. On the following Saturday we went to Botha's Hill for our match against Kearsney. We started off in rather disorganised style. Loose play around the line-outs enabled Kearsney to harass us effectively. The first half produced little in the way of good rugby, and we were very lucky to be leading 8—6 at half-time. A welcome feature from our point of view was the first sign of a return to form by Inglis. In the second half we threw the ball to Folker, standing at No. 5 in the line-outs, he completely out-jumped his opponent and supplied the backs with a good supply of clean ball. Now that they were receiving the ball cleanly the backs ran well and proved too strong for their opponents. Collins and Inglis were in particularly good form and were well supported by the loose forwards, especially Ballantyne. The final score was 27—6.

On the Monday we were hosts to St. Andrew's (Grahamstown). Unfortunately, from our point of view, it was a wet afternoon and this enabled them to use their well-drilled pack to good advantage. They ran up a commanding 11—3 lead and looked as if they would win by a comfortable margin. As the conditions cleared slightly our forwards settled down and our backs showed that they were superior to their opposite numbers. We fought back well and were eventually beaten 14—11. For the last 15 minutes our forwards played with real determination and the backs attacked strongly.

Our next match was the return fixture against College. In this game our forwards settled down right from the beginning and played with real drive in the loose. We opened the scoring when Robinson goaled a penalty (3—0). College retaliated when their forwards scored

a very good try which was converted (3—5). Shortly after this Collins snapped up an attempted drop goal and scored a runaway try; an easy conversion was missed (6—5). From the ensuing kick-off Rose was heavily tackled and his shoulder was dislocated. This brought the best out of our forwards who played with real drive and courage for the rest of the match. In spite of our efforts College gradually gained control in the forwards and later in the second half went ahead with a penalty. Shortly before the end of the game they sealed our fate when they scored a very good try. The match was marred by over-robust play and some unfortunate late tackling. In spite of the fact that we lost 11—6 every member of the side played with courage and distinction.

On the following Thursday we played the return match against Hilton. The game started on a good note with both sides running with the ball. As in the first match, we established a definite ascendancy and by half-time had built up a comfortable 15—0 lead. In fact, we had come very close to scoring on several other occasions. We started the second half well and within the first few minutes Inglis scored one of the best tries seen on our field this season. Unfortunately at this stage our forwards slackened off and Bodley, Collins and Inglis, who were running extremely well, were deprived of the ball. The Hilton forwards now played well, but their backs lacked penetration. The result was that the game ended on rather a dull note with us winning 21—3.

The final match of the season was played against Churchill (Salisbury). This developed into a good game of rugby between two evenly-matched sides. At one stage, when we were leading 8—6, our forwards appeared to tire and Churchill attacked strongly; we managed to hold them out at this vital stage of the game. Collins had a good game, but was well marked by his opposite number. Inglis found that he could not get round his wing, but managed to beat him consistently by using his inside swerve. He had a particularly good game. Fortunately the forwards revived in the last 10 minutes and we won an interesting match 18—11.

The 1st XV

Oscroft, D. F. (prop, captain, Honours); Collins, R. R. (centre, vice-captain, Honours); Inglis, D. J. (wing, Natal Schools, Honours); Robinson, W. L. (8th man, Honours); Ballantyne, S. B. (flank, Colours); Benger, R. N. (hooker, Colours); Bodley, G. (fly-half, Colours); Burchell, J. M. (flank, Colours); Caldow, J. (scrum-half, Colours); Folker, N. P. L. (lock, Colours); Harris, M. (full-back, Colours); Kee, A. G. (wing, Colours); Mackay, K. I. (lock, Colours); McLeod, G. (centre, Colours); Rose, G. (prop, Colours).

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

2nd Quarter

May

4	vs. Old Boys (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	6	13
6	vs. Westville (away)	...	...	...	...	...	Drew	0	0
13	vs. Voortrekker (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	6	9
17	vs. Estcourt (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Won	17	3
20	vs. Port Natal (away)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	3	12
27	vs. St. John's (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Drew	3	3

June

3	vs. College (away)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	0	11
10	vs. Glenwood (away)	...	...	...	...	...	Won	6	0
17	vs. D.H.S. (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	6	12
24	vs. Hilton (away)	...	...	...	...	...	Won	24	0
28	vs. Northlands (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Won	12	6

3rd Quarter

August

2	vs. Weston (away)	...	...	...	...	...	Drew	9	9
5	vs. Grey (Bloemfontein) (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	3	27
12	vs. Kearsney (away)	...	...	...	...	...	Won	27	6
14	vs. St. Andrew's (Grahamstown) (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	11	14
19	vs. College (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	6	11
24	vs. Hilton (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Won	21	3
26	vs. Churchill (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Won	18	11

Analysis of School Matches

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
17	7	7	3	172	137

2nd XV

The unfortunate crop of injuries in the 1st XV obviously affected the 2nd XV. This was particularly noticeable amongst the backs. With a full back-line they were reasonably penetrative, but unfortunately many of the replacements lacked pace and all too often the three-quarters were rather pedestrian. The forwards generally operated effectively and were well led by Slutzkin, who captained the side with distinction. They were a cheerful if not a particularly successful side.

The following played for the 2nd XV and were awarded their teams: Slutzkin, M. (captain), Chennells, J. (vice-captain), Algie, P. J., Boyes, B. E., Brand, J. W., Chennells, R., Crossman, R., Jackson, T. R., MacRobert, W., Ord, S., Orford, A. J., Oscroft, D. G., Oulds, T.J., Simpson, R., Thomas, A. S.

RESULTS

May

4	vs. Old Boys (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	8	16
6	vs. Westville (away)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	3	6
13	vs. Voortrekker (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	0	3
17	vs. Estcourt (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Won	12	6
20	vs. Port Natal (away)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	8	13

June

3	vs. College (away)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	3	16
10	vs. Glenwood (away)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	5	5
17	vs. D.H.S. (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	6	12
24	vs. Hilton (away)	...	...	...	...	...	Won	17	5
28	vs. Northlands (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Won	18	6

August

5	vs. Alexandra 1st XV (away)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	8	22
12	vs. Kearsney (away)	...	...	...	...	...	Drew	6	6
19	vs. College (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	6	17
24	vs. Hilton (home)	...	...	...	...	...	Won	17	3

Analysis of School Matches

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
13	4	8	1	109	120

3rd and 4th XVs

On the basis of results, this has been a rather lean season with the 3rd XV winning two games and the 4th XV four. Against this, we did have the unsettling influence of numerous injuries both in our own games and in the teams above us. This resulted in the changing of personnel every week and rarely did the teams play as originally selected. There were, however, several noteworthy performances. In the games against College and D.H.S. the 3rd XV played extremely well and were defeated in the closing stages only. Both sides tried hard in practically all of their games and the morale of the group was always high. Brand is to be congratulated on having represented the 1st XV, and in his absence Chowles led the team well and put in some sterling performances. Most members had good games at sometime or another, and I feel that Tickton's try against College and Morphey's defence in all games are worthy of mention. All in all an enjoyable season despite the results.

A.J.R.

5th and 6th XVs

At the start of the season it was obvious that certain key positions had to be filled and that the pack would have to be drilled in getting the ball cleanly, especially in the tight-loose. The problems in the line-out were never really solved effectively, but the tight and loose scrummaging became efficient and the side always had good, clean possession. The backs lacked pace and, hence, penetration, but moved quite neatly and always tackled and moved up well when on

defence. After a fairly heavy defeat by College, Glenwood were held to a draw and D.H.S. were beaten in an all-round team effort, but unfortunately both Estcourt and Hilton inflicted defeats in matches which might easily have been won. In the second quarter Weston were beaten, there was a draw with Kearsney and a narrow defeat by College. Talbot led the side quietly and effectively, and was well supported, especially in the loose, by Hemming and van Hasselt, while Larsen and Beer were resilient and effective scrum-halves. In the backs Worrall developed as a centre and formed a good partnership with Chennells, while the wings always ran hard and reasonably straight.

In practice it seemed quite a good 6th XV, but initially lack of leadership and drive produced disappointing results, both College and D.H.S. inflicting very heavy defeats, and even at Hilton, against 13 men, the side only just managed to scrape home. In the second quarter, however, there was a considerable improvement in morale and determination. Kearsney were well beaten and the side only narrowly lost at College. The scrummaging became quite solid as the season wore on, while Trupos and Binge became effective loose forwards. Bambus and Beer, and later Sargent, were sound at half-back and the backs were all capable of good hard running. The passing was untidy, and the backs always took time to settle down in defence, but were showing increasing confidence towards the end of the season.

P.J.W.

Colts "A" Rugby

Unfortunately this was never a well-balanced side as the three-quarters could never match the ability of the forwards. To tighten the defence it was found necessary to bring a tight forward out of the pack. This certainly reduced the scoring rate against us, though the back division never really developed into the attacking unit that was hoped of it. However, it was significant that the top try scorers were P. Steere on the right wing and G. Chaplin, the full-back, who each completed the season with five tries apiece.

A feature of the season was the notable lack of injuries to the side. It was only for the last two matches that the selectors were unable to select the side they wanted, when Lock, a flank forward, went down with influenza.

Under-14 A

As usual it took some time to find the strongest combination. However, when this was achieved and it promised to become a powerful team influenza intervened.

The full pack was a heavy one. With Bennett outstanding in the line-outs it should have dominated many of the matches, but weak binding in the loose tended to spoil its effectiveness. When Blanckenberg moved from scrum-half to fly-half his speed off the mark gave the threes the thrust and penetration which they had lacked earlier in the season. Generally the tackling, especially close to the scrum, was good.

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HOCKEY

Captain: R. R. Collins; Vice-Captain: A. M. Graham

The Non-Rugby 1st XI played several matches during May and June and it was here that the foundation was laid for the later high standard achieved by the full 1st XI. Our thanks are due to Mr. R. F. Pennington for his untiring efforts. The Non-Rugby 1st XI lost to a Maritzburg Schoolboy side 0-2, lost to the Old Boys 0-3, beat Umgeni Institute 4-0, drew 1-1 against a Durban Schoolboy side, beat Olympics 4-1, and beat N.T.C. (P.M.B.) 3-0. These results reflect the gradual increase in skill and teamwork.

A tour was arranged to Grahamstown. We must thank Mr. Bernie Gevisser and Mr. Kim Dymond, whose co-operation in providing transport made the organisation immeasurably easier, and whose interest and encouragement we value highly. The success of the tour cannot be measured in terms of winning or losing: a fine spirit, several pleasant social engagements, not the least of which was a splendid braaivleis and delightful party at Dr. and Mrs. Ken Gough's house, and the hospitality of our hosts all combined to make the tour memorable. The results were: vs. St. Andrew's, lost 0-1; vs. Graham/Kingswood combined 0-0; vs. Occasionals 2-2; vs. Rhodes University, lost 0-4; vs. St. Aidan's, won 1-0. The one match which stands out in memory and one which had a far-reaching effect on our hockey was that against Rhodes University. Fresh from their 5-1 victory over Natal University (winners of the Inter-Varsity Tournament) Rhodes played with the avowed intention both of providing an object lesson in the Continental style of "possession" and of scoring goals. They did the first almost to perfection: short, crisp passes almost always onto the team-mate's stick, running into the open spaces, triangular supporting play, extensive use of the half-backs in attack, rapid switching of the direction of attack, quick dribbling and first-class stopping enabled them to make up to eight or nine passes in succession. Such, however, was the tenacity of our defence and, indeed, the enterprise of our forwards, that, though not by any means matching the skill of our opponents, we were able to make a good contest of it. We lost 0-4 and considered this our finest display on the tour.

During August, though we were sorry Mr. Pennington was not with us, the lessons learnt brought fruit: fewer and fewer passes went astray, passing became crisp and purposeful and there developed some idea of the whereabouts of the goals. We beat Howick 2-1, excellent approach work being broken down by a determined Howick defence. Hilton Non-Rugby 1st XI, encouraged by an unfortunate penalty-flick when the ball lodged in our goalkeeper's pads, led 2-0 at the interval. In the second half we had much the better of the game, but failed to score more than two.

September is the time when the rugby players join us. The full 1st XI entertained spectators to some good, constructive hockey played with very little loss of face against very experienced opponents.

A Marizburg Schoolboy team, in our first match, held us to a 2-2 draw; we beat Olympics 7-0; lost to University 0-6; drew with Berea Rovers 1-1; lost to Hilton 0-1; lost to Johannesburg Wanderers 1-2. This last game was a delight to players and spectators alike: the Wanderers brought a fast young side, including several "Proteas," several Provincial representatives and two ex-Continental players, one of whom, a left-winger from Cologne, performed a miracle of dribbling starting near the half-way line, through a maze of twists and turns, and ending with a flick into the top left-hand corner of the net.

An interesting match was against Baxter's XI, containing one current Springbok, three Natal players and several ex-Provincial stars. We lost 0-2. We are very grateful to these older, experienced players who set out to teach the finer points of the game by their example, and look forward to their visits in the future.

Pascoe won the House final vs. East 5-0; Baines won the 2nd XI contest; Founders and Farfield shared the under-15 honours.

Awards

(Collins and MacRobert already had Honours)

Honours: Graham, Dymond.

Colours: Gerneke, Smithyman, Hawson, Garland, Chetwynd-Palmer, D. Dawson, J. G. Chennells, G. Williams.

Teams: Gevisser, Oscroft, Acutt, R. S. Chennells, Lenz, McLeod, Mackenzie, Hudson-Bennett, Forrest, Woods, Ball, Burchell, Arkwright.

Alan Butcher Hockey Stick: N. G. Gevisser (goalkeeper).

A.J.S.

OTHER RESULTS

Second XI: drew with Hilton 0-0 (home)

Third XI: beat Hilton 3-1 (home) and 2-1 (away)

Under 16: drew with Hilton 0-0 (home) and 0-0 (away)

Under 15B: drew with Hilton 0-0 (away) and won 2-1 (home)

Under 15A: lost to Hilton 1-5 (away) and drew 0-0 (home)

Under 14A: beat Highbury 7-0 (away)

beat Clifton 8-2 (away)

beat Hilton 1-0 (home)

drew with Hilton 0-0 (away)

Under 14B: beat Highbury 2-0 (away)

beat Clifton 6-0 (away)

drew with Hilton 0-0 (away)

beat Hilton 4-1 (home)

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TENNIS

Captain: R. R. Collins.

Vice-Capt.: N. P. L. Folker.

1966 Awards:-

Colours: Folker, N. P. L.

Teams: Hamilton, I. M., Hickson, M. M., Smithyman, R. J.

1967 Awards:-

Colours: Collins, G. E.

Teams: Collins, G. E., Chennells, J. G., Williams, G. S.

The Barry Butcher Racket awarded to the winner of the school championships was won in 1966 by N. P. L. Folker.

G. E. Collins was the 1966 winner of the racket awarded by the Durban branch of the Old Boys' Club to the best junior tennis player in the school.

In the housematch final this year East beat Fairfield, thus reversing the 1966 result.

In school matches this season the 1st VI swamped a weak Hilton side by 9 matches to 0, while the 2nd VI triumphed by 7 matches to 2. The previous week the Staff had gone down 4-5 to the 1st VI and 3-6 to the 2nd VI. In the return fixture the 1st VI again beat the Staff 5-4, with the issue in doubt to the last point and the Rector a very tired man at the end of his eighth set of the day. The Staff, perhaps fortunately for them, were unable to repeat their unprecedented feat of fielding a 2nd VI. In the return fixtures at Hilton the 1st VI beat their opposite numbers, this time at full strength, by 6 matches to 3, while a depleted 2nd VI went down by the same margin.

The Colts VI beat Hilton by 5 matches to 4, while the Bunnies lost by the same close margin. The Bunnies also narrowly won an enjoyable match against Cordwalles. The return fixtures have had to be postponed until October, as both Hilton and Cordwalles were hard hit by the 'flu epidemic.

It has been good to see increased activity on the courts recently, so much so that the few courts with a good playing surface often fail to satisfy the demand. It is hoped, funds permitting, to remedy the situation next year.

R.L.I.

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SQUASH

The six squash courts continue to give a wonderful recreational outlet to many boys. Recently it has been unusual to find a vacant court during the afternoon. Things will surely relax in the out of season summer months however.

The school teams have played two matches against Hilton. In the first match all three teams lost by substantial margins. In the second encounter we managed to narrowly win the 2nd team match, and were pipped 3-2 in the 1st team. The under-15 were again soundly beaten 4-1.

The staff achieved fourteen players for a challenge match against the boys. The boys cantered home 10-4. Another challenge is expected in the near future.

R.R.C.

(Ronald Collins, in his notes above, did not mention that he himself won the Natal Under 19 championship.—Ed.)

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OLD BOYS' SECTION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Fifty-Fifth Annual General Meeting
held at Michaelhouse on Ascension Day, 4th May,
1967, at 11 a.m.

Opening Prayer by the School Chaplain.

Present at the Meeting and arrived during the day: C. C. Wiley (President), P. C. Ardington, Ross Armstrong, T. M. Adnams, C. Archibald, K. P. Archibald, J. M. Atkinson, C. H. Acutt, B. A. Acker, A. D. D. Allan, N. R. Armstrong, J. C. Ardington, B. T. W. Brown, D. W. Barford, V. C. Biggs, E. M. Burchell, P. W. A. Buchanan, D. E. Burchell, P. M. Black, A. H. Burns, C. Barry, B. A. Beeming, M. J. Butt, D. C. Barbour, R. Butt, B. M. Brothers, C. R. Barras, A. Blackhurst, J. R. Bates, V. N. Blakeway, P. Beggs, H. G. Chapman, R. C. Collins, R. H. Carr, D. D. Croad, G. D. Chorley, B. Christopher, W. A. Christopher, S. C. L. Clarke, G. L. Crossman, R. B. A. Cruckshank, J. E. Coetzee, A. F. G. Cotton, R. Cullen, F. J. Crookes, D. R. I. Crowe, C. C. Collins, J. N. Caldow, M. Cooke, I. Campbell, D. Campbell, J. R. Chennells, N. G. R. Crowe, J. A. Cooke, R. R. Drummond, H. J. Dahl, Alex. Doull, K. Dorning, A. Drew, J. E. Draper, J. Drummond, E. H. Delmont, A. A. Doull, J. W. Emmett, J. J. Egeland, J. Rhys Evans, C. N. Egerton, J. Everingham, H. W. Farrar, J. Flint, E. M. French, H. D. Fyvie, M. S. Fulcher, R. D. Forde, R. Ferguson, J. R. B. Findlay, J. L. Fyvie, R. E. A. Folker, C. B. Fieldgate, P. C. Francis, R. Gathorne, E. W. Gibson, L. E. Greene, E. H. Goodall, A. Gemmell, J. C. Greene, A. Gibson, E. J. Greene, G. C. W. George, D. G. Gillitt, M. A. Gemmell, T. G. Henderson, D. C. P. Hathorn, R. H. W. Hall, A. J. Hall, D. Haggie, P. D. Hatfield, J. M. C. Henderson, R. H. Hallows, H. G. Houghton, M. Hudson-Bennett, W. N. N. Howson, A. W. Holley, G. E. Holley, R. Hesketh, A. H. Illing, J. C. F. Johnstone, R. P. Jenkins, N. J. Jennings, C. T. James, J. D. Jennings, C. James, L. C. Knight, D. R. Krause, W. Kaulback, W. B. Kramer, J. J. Kruger, H. L. G. Knight, A. A. Lloyd, P. E. Laughton, W. H. Lawrance, D. M. R. Lewis, A. Lyall-Watson, C. Lyall-Watson, M. R. Lester, R. E. Lander, R. H. Lee, D. C. Legge, D. A. Langham, P. D. D. McIntosh, P. M. McIldowie, H. H. McGregor, W. N. MacFillivray, K. M. McKenzie, R. G. McKenzie, W. March, P. K. Moxley, D. McLeod, I. Mitchell-Innes, D. K. Mackay, A. D. Morphet, O. R. Newton, C. R. Nicholson, R. M. Nicholson, H. Nel, F. B. Oscroft, P. J. Oscroft, G. Oxley-Oxland, D. L. Oxley-Oxland, K. M. Pennington, D. N. Pennington, D. F. Pennington, M. E. Pennington, L. W. Payn, C. J. B. Palmer, A. W. Price, R. F. Pennington, G. O. Pennington, A. J. Phillips, C. L. Porrill, G. B. Payn, R. Poynton, A. Parry, S. J. Peacock-Edwards, P. Quin, S. N. Roberts, M. A. Renton, J. B. Robertson, D. C. Lea, A. G. Rose, D. J. Roberts, G. Riemer, J. L. Robinson, T. I. Rouillard, L. Rouillard, M. A. Ralfe, P. R. Short, H. D. Stainbank, J. D. Short, A. M. Seymour, R. G. Strachan, K. W. Strachan, H. A. Swan, C. O. Smythe, W. D. Smith, B. M. Stacey, B. Smith, D. J. Smith, E. J. Smith, F. A. Spiller, V. C. Shaw, Ray Smith, D. W.

Turner, D. S. Turner, F. St. G. Tatham, G. C. Tomlinson, P. Thorrington Smith, R. S. Tomlinson, G. A. van der Veen, R. C. Vollet, J. D. Vynne, F. van Heijst, R. Wallace, W. T. Wilton, A. H. V. Winter, R. Wallace, V. Wiles, A. E. Wex, P. M. Wottam, K. T. Williams, P. A. Williams, M. A. Woads, A. L. Wilson, C. I. Wex, L. H. Whittaker, K. G. Whitthans, J. N. Youngleson, A. Zaloumis, and three others.

The President asked those present to stand in memory of those who had died during the year:

Robert Egner (98-00)	Eric Sturgeon (35-38)
Edwin Whiteley (27-30)	Robin Tewson (19-21)
Anthony Ysebrand (58-61)	Theo. Lane (22-24)
Eric Johnson (19-20)	Trevor Tatham (11-12)
Stuart McKenzie (19-22)	Leslie Armstrong (22-25)
Arthur Hotchin (22-28)	Claude Dyer (19-21)
George Nelson (56-58)	Clement Goodfellow (49-53)
Jack Goldby (60-62)	John Taylor (35-38)
Edward Barry (40-43)	Bob Evans (12-17)
Ronald Jansen (19-21)	Anthony Bagley (53-55)
Herbert Jansen (17-20)	

After various notices had been read by the Hon. Secretary the President thanked the Board of Governors, the Rector and the School for allowing the Club the facilities of the school for the day. He then called upon the Rector to present his report.

Rector's Report

The Rector reported that we had recently held a successful Gaudy for those O.M.'s who had been at the School up to 1918. He said that for the first time since the post-war bulge the school was filled to capacity and a number of candidates had to be turned down this year. Various bequests had been made to the school including the Hindson Language Laboratory and Brian Hindson had presented an Essay Prize. Mr. Matthews had presented a Drinking Fountain which is situated next to the pavilion.

We are keeping abreast of the time in regard to teaching methods and two members of the staff had lately proceeded overseas to further their knowledge of new methods of teaching. The changes in teaching equipment has meant the purchase of overhead projectors, recorders, visual aids, etc. He had appointed the very best staff to the Sanatorium. The Morgan Memorial in the Crypt is progressing and a new Avenue of poplars has been planted on the way to the station. The round garden has been opened up and there was general improvement in the area at the back of the school. Although there had been a curtailment of the building programme, two new staff houses and a carpentry shop are about to be built. Teaching staff had become more stable and there were now very few changes, consequently staff housing had become acute. Mr. Cotton had replaced Mr. Lowe as Housemaster of Pascoe and Mr. Bloy will replace Mr. Hennessy in the near future.

Although we had lost both matches against Hilton the last rugby side had done extremely well. He congratulated Ronald Collins

on being selected Captain of the S.A. Schools cricket side and Roy Gathorne on being made Manager for the tour.

Bishop Burnett had conducted Holy Week and will be Guest Speaker on Speech Day.

Although the Matric. results had been good, as they have been over the last 10 years, the N.S.C. result was deplorable as only one boy had passed. This exam had been written by those who were considered not likely to obtain a matric. but it was found that after the papers had been set this exam. was the equivalent of matric. The standard of the plays had been good and on the musical side the Pirates of Penzance was a great success.

The custom of boys waiting upon themselves in the Hall had been started and Miss Horsley had left after 16 years to take on a less onerous job. She had been replaced by a man Jacques Genty as it was considered that a man would be more suitable in dealing with the African employees. We have a second American Field Scholar in the School and in regard to Cadets steps are being taken to make their training more interesting.

He concluded by saying that we had done extremely well in last year's Maths. Olympiad and hoped to do as well this year.

The President thanked the Rector for his Report.

President's Report

The President reported on the Aims and Objects of the Club and the replies that had been received. (These will be dealt with later in the Minutes.) He considered the Aims and Objects of the Club as mentioned in the beginning of the Constitution remain the same today as they were when the Club was founded. He felt that the time was ripe for us to be more positive in carrying them out. He pointed out that the members themselves had paid no entrance fees to the Club as under the present subscription it was father who did the paying. He mentioned that the History of the School should be in print and available for sale by this time next year and he thanked the Midlands Branch of the Club for the offer of a trophy to be played for on the same day as the Hudson-Bennett Golf.

In conclusion he thanked the Committee for their support and help during the year and especially Phyllis and Lance Knight for all they had done.

The Meeting authorised the Honorarium for the Hon. Secretary of R500.

Minutes of the 1966 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 1966 A.G.M. which had been circulated in the Chronicle were taken as read. As there were no points arising the Meeting authorised their confirmation.

Congratulatory Letters

Mike Youngleson representing S.A. at International Fishing Competition.

Paul Nash on his continued successes throughout the year in Athletics.

Roy Gathorne as Manager of the S.A. Schools Cricket side.

Douglas Shaw—Chairman of the Bar Council of S.A.

D. W. Turner on his 29 years as Secretary of the Midland Branch of the Old Boys' Club.

T. E. B. Hill on his various successes throughout the year with his Friesland Stud.

Dr. Maurice McGregor on his appointment as Head of the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University, Montreal.

Election of Officers:

President: C. C. Wiley.

President-Elect: Anson Lloyd.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: L. C. Knight.

Committee Members: R. Gathorne, S. Roberts, J. van Maasdyk,
J. Johnstone.

Hon. Auditor: D. S. Turner.

Honorary Treasurer's Financial Statement

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/3/67

Gentlemen: In accordance with our practice the Accounts for the year have been tabled in the Pavilion for your inspection. You will see that we finished the year with an excess of income over expenditure of R1,500.73 as compared with an excess of R1,367 in 1966.

Although there was a slight drop in the Life Subscriptions during this year on account of fewer boys leaving, there has been a slight decrease in the expenditure on postages, the publication of the two Chronicles and on addressography plates. Under the Diamond Jubilee Insurance Fund it will be noted that a policy for R139.10 was received and we now have a balance of R376.41 in this Fund. R12,600 has already been transferred to the Board of Governors under the Diamond Jubilee Insurance Fund. I would stress that this money is derived from Endowment Policies taken out over a period of 25-30 years and I calculate that 30 years from now will be the School's Centenary celebrations. It would be an exceptionally fine way of handing over to the Bursary Fund of the School a substantial figure in celebration of the Centenary; especially if the younger members were to take out small policies at this stage. The cost per annum for these is almost negligible.

Hudson Bennett Golf: This year we were able to constitute a saving of R10 on the Day and this has been added to our savings under this Fund. In other words the full amount of the interest received was not used.

There is a small balance in the C. W. Hannah Memorial Fund of R6.90 and in due course this will be transferred to the School to be credited to the C. W. Hannah Memorial Bursary—the capital of which at present stands at R965.62.

In regard to the Balance Sheet, the capital has almost doubled—from R7,762—R15,057 since I became Hon. Sec. in 1959.

No amounts have been shown this year against the expenses incurred for the printing and posting of the President's letter re a permanent secretary as these occurred during the month of April.

This will probably mean that there will be a decrease during the coming year in our surplus of an estimated R500. This, naturally, will be dealt with at the next A.G.M.

Arising out of the Auditor's Report—he mentions that life subscriptions in respect of 91 prospective members have been received and for two others no fees have been received. These refer to BRAND, P. F. (63-66) and BRAND, J. (63-66), which appears in the list of new members 1967 in my circular letter.

A GREMLIN has been haunting me all year over BRAND, P. F. whose name has appeared in various reports in the books of account throughout the year. This gentleman is entirely fictitious and refers to BLAND, P. F. appearing above in the list and at the election of new members you will be asked to approve the omission of this fictitious character. J. BRAND returned to School in 1967, consequently no subscription was payable and his election is postponed until 1968.

Branch Reports:

Durban: Read by H. G. Chapman.

Report on activities of the Durban Branch of the Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club, for the period ending April 1967.

A very successful dinner was held at the Durban Country Club at the beginning of December at which we were entertained by very amusing and interesting speeches from Professor Burchell and Mr. Robinson.

The annual Hilton/Michaelhouse dance took place at the Beverley Hills Hotel, where all available tickets were sold. In view of the encouraging response, we have decided to hold this year's dance again at Beverley Hills Hotel at the end of May. The numbers are limited to 100 tickets and so we would ask Old Boys to approach Members of the Committee for tickets in the very near future so that they will not be disappointed by being turned away.

The Hudson Bennett Golf Tournament at the Pietermaritzburg Country Club in August was well attended by Members of our Branch but in spite of the numbers we were unable to retain the trophy and must congratulate Pietermaritzburg on their win.

The Hilton/Michaelhouse Golf Match at the Kloof Country Club has not as yet been held, but we are hoping that this will take place at the end of May.

The Bobby Woods/Hart Davis annual Cricket Match between Hilton/Michaelhouse Old Boys was unfortunately rained off but a number of Old Boys and their families who had prepared picnic lunches and teas turned up at the ground, and we understand from members of the Kloof Country Club that sounds of merriment were heard well after dark. It is hoped that next year the Hilton/Michaelhouse Cricket and Golf will take place on the same day, which arrangement we feel will attract more Old Boys and their families.

We hope shortly to start a quarterly newsletter which will feature our past and proposed activities, together with items of interest

emanating from the School. We feel that this will stimulate interest in the local Club.

The local Branch will be running a 6th form tour in July and any local Old Boys who would like to help are asked to contact our secretary.

Sometime ago we were left a legacy by an Old Boy, and from the interest received it has been decided that we would donate annually a Squash and Tennis racquet to the most improved junior player at Michaelhouse; this year both racquets were won by G. E. Collins.

Finally, on the note of finance we are happy to report that this year we have had a very encouraging response to our voluntary subscription. Members will have noted that the amount was R2 instead of the customary R1, but this was because the 1966 and 1967 notices were sent out as one. The funds collected enable us to run our functions at a budgetted loss while we are able to welcome the new Old Boys at a much reduced charge in comparison to the amount charged to the older members. Whilst on this note we make a particular appeal to the young old boys to attend our functions, for we can assure them that they are very welcome.

Johannesburg: Read by C. Barry.

Annual Report to be presented at the Annual General Meeting at Michaelhouse on Thursday, 4th May, 1967.

Mr. President, Gentlemen,

The past year has been unsatisfactory to the extent that the two main functions organised by the Committee, namely the combined Hilton/Michaelhouse dance and the annual dinner, held jointly with the Trust, were not as well attended as was hoped. This lack of attendance stems from the fact that some members simply cannot afford to attend, while others are merely disinterested. While both are good reasons for not supporting these functions, it should be pointed out to those members that the committee is faced with the difficult problem of trying to arrange functions which are likely to appeal to both the young and older O.M.s.

In order to raise enthusiasm, and to give the members of the club some common purpose, the Committee hopes to raise enough money each year to be able to assist an O.M. from the Transvaal to continue his studies at university. It should be noted that the greater proportion of our revenue is raised by way of the voluntary subscriptions donated by members of the Transvaal Branch each year, and from the proceeds of the raffle run at the annual dance. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank not only those who pay these subscriptions each year, but also all those people and firms who in the past have presented us with the prizes for the raffle.

In spite of the slightly lower attendance at both the dance and the dinner, which this year were held respectively at the Inanda and Rand Clubs, both functions were very successful, and were apparently enjoyed by all those who attended. Other activities arranged during the course of the year included a combined Hilton/Michaelhouse golf team visiting Durban over one weekend, where,

interrupted only by golf, they were well entertained by the Durban old boys of both schools. Hockey, golf and cricket were played against Old Hiltonians, and more recently we entered two teams in the annual Frames Golf Tournament.

FINANCE:

The activities for the year have resulted in a profit of R232.00, which has stemmed mainly from subscriptions received and the profit on the dance. It should be noted, however, that revenue from subscriptionse was down by R12.00 from the previous year of R126.00.

GENERAL:

We would again like to thank Lance Knight for his continued support and Mr. E. V. Buchanan, who acts as Hon. Auditor.

R. J. L. MATTHEWS,
Secretary.

Pietermaritzburg: Read by P. McIlldowie.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Old customs die hard, and many older members of the branch expressed regret when the Committee decided to abandon the annual Hilton/Michaelhouse Ball in the Town Hall. For many years this was the annual social highlight, but recently it had been very poorly supported. In its place we combined with the local Hiltonians and ran a Dinner Dance at the Hilton Hotel. Bill Lambert undertook the entire organisation and everyone who attended voted the function a brilliant success. Our sincere thanks are due to Bill for his valiant effort and for his attention to detail. Presenting each girl with an orchid corsage on her arrival virtually stifled the main source of possible criticism at birth. We hope that the dance will become an annual event and that Bill will continue to organise it for us.

The only other function held during the year was a dinner at the Victoria Club. Here again it proved a social and financial success and was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Our sincere thanks are due to the Rector for giving up his time to attend the dinner, and for his very enjoyable address to us after the meal. We were all so pleased to welcome as our other guest the Chairman of the Board of Governors, the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Natal.

It is felt that two social functions a year are sufficient, but that the activities of the Branch could be extended in other directions. Organised sport is difficult because those that play already have heavy commitments but it is hoped that in future some willing hands will come to light who will be prepared to arrange matches against other Branches and perhaps against the School or the Staff. These things all help to keep the community together and should be encouraged.

O.F.S.: Rhys Evans informed the meeting they had been rained out.

Midlands:

D. W. Turner presented this report as retiring secretary of the Midlands Branch, after 29 years in office. He assured the meeting that in future the report would be in detail and longer.

Zululand:

Brian Kramer reported that it was their intention to resuscitate this Branch and he had obtained a list of members resident in Zululand from the Hon. Sec. A Cocktail party would be held shortly

Old Silver

The President mentioned that the school would be happy to accept Silver to be used at various functions and Old Boys could be assured that great care would be taken of whatever is donated.

Aims and Objects of the Club

The President in his report in introducing this subject pointed out that it was not the intention of the Old Boys' Club to interfere in any way with the running of the school; that he and the committee were perfectly aware of Parkinson's Law but were of the opinion that if a start was not made in a small way now it would become more difficult at a later stage. He had received various written replies to the letter and he gave a brief resume of some of these. They were as follows:-

1. Some would support provided that other duties were performed by a permanent secretary.
2. Some had suggested that the Life Membership be increased.
3. That it should not be a voluntary donation but compulsory.
4. That there should be an annual levy.
5. That no Other Old Boys' Club has a permanent secretary. This, however, is not correct as both Bishops and St. Andrews have them.
6. That the present organisation is working well.
7. That a permanent secretary would be a good idea and one member was enclosing entrees entrance fees for his grandchildren.
8. One had enquired in regard to the attitude of the Governors. The Rector at this stage pointed out that the amount of work involved made it impossible for the Bursar to carry out these duties as well.
9. One had considered that it would be a type of sheltered employment and it would be better to operate at Branch levels.
10. One had lived in a Branch area for 7 years and had never received a notice.

He then asked Mr. A. A. Lloyd to present a budget of replies of which there had been 731. Those in favour 626, No's 98 and Don't know 7.

R2	199		398
R3	86		258
R4	148		592
			1248
R25	67	1675	
R25 or R50	83	2075	
R50	16	800	
		4550 @ 5%	227.50
			R1475.50

84% of the 30% replies had been in favour; 2.3% in doubt and 13.7% against.

There was little comment from the floor and the following proposal was then put to the meeting:

"The Committee be authorised by resolution of this A.G.M. to introduce a scheme for the collection of voluntary subscriptions from members as from 1st April, 1967, towards the establishment of income required to provide for the employment of a full-time paid secretary and generally to further the objects of the Club."

This resolution proposed by Mr. A. A. Lloyd and seconded by Mr. Rhys Evans was put to the vote and there were three against. 176 attended.

The Meeting rose at 12.40 p.m.

L. C. KNIGHT,
5th May, 1967.

Date

Confirmed

HUDSON BENNETT GOLF, 1967

Although it was blowing in the morning the wind changed later and developed into a more or less perfect golf day. Even with a team from East Griqualand taking part the numbers were once again rather disappointing. There were only 44 players—the same as last year. There was a disappointing turn-out from Durban in particular, although John Johnstone did his best to raise as many as possible. However, he has pointed out that (a) Speech Day falling on the day prior to the golf a number of Old Boy fathers who had attended Speech Day did not feel inclined to drive up to Maritzburg again the following day; (b) the long weekend affected a number of people as they were taking their families away; and (c) that league golf in Durban takes place during the winter months and with two all-day Sunday matches falling in August this tends to decrease the numbers.

With these remarks in view I intend writing to the Country Club asking if they can in future arrange our golf on one of the other three Sundays in September.

The competition was won by Durban "C" over 36 holes stapleford with a score of 245—10 points better than last year. The winning team were J. McCarthy 59, J. M. Harker 64, J. Dougall 60 and John Johnstone 62. Runners-up were Maritzburg "A" with 231, who were just ahead of East Griqualand with 230. I would like to congratulate Bill Elliott and his men on a fine effort.

The Ken Drysdale Cup for the best net medal over 36 holes was won by Basil Oscroft with 145.

The Rhys Evans Cup for the best gross was won by Malcolm Smythe with 146, which is a record. As a matter of interest, this cup has been won four times by Malcolm Smythe and twice by Peter Francis and one year shared by both. I regret to say that this year Peter Francis was unable to attend. Runner-up was J. M. Harker with 164.

The Midlands Trophy—a new competition instigated by the Natal Midlands Branch for those over 50 for the best stapleford over 18 holes—was won by Baring Koe with 31 and the runner-up was Maurice Pennington with 29, who very kindly presented the prizes at the end of the day.

L.C.K.

WE CONGRATULATE

Engagements

Angier (53-57): Bobby to Lorna Mayn-White.
Archibald (54-58): Eldred to Cherrill Ruddock.
Dorman (61-64): John to Emily Wroth.
Woods (57-61): Tim to Erica Lobb.
Woods (51-55): John to Colleen Proctor.

Marriages

Clarke (57-60): Ralph to Maureen Edmeads.
Field (55-58): Colin to Lorraine Slabbert.
Inman (55-59): Mark to Shirley Shaw.
James (56-60): Oliver to Antonia Cooper.
Lyall-Watson (56-60): Andrew to Diane Davidson.
Lamont-Smith (56-60): Simon to Patricia Palmer.
Robinson (57-61): David to Cynthia Prinsloo.
Read (54-57): Geoffrey to Ann Page.

Births

Coveney-Winter (53-56): To Barrie and Audrey, a son.
D'Aeth (51-55): To Roger and Sally, a daughter.
Jenkins (49-52): To Bob and Gillian, a son.
Lidgett (54-57): To John and Jean, a son.
Richardson (52-54): To Clive and Kitty, a daughter.
Starling (51-54): To Douglas and Elsa, a daughter.
Tweedie (45-48), to Tony and Dorothea, a son.
Leslie (54-58): To David and Joan, a daughter.

THE LATE P. D. BARNARD

As you will have seen "Piet's" obituary appears in this issue of Chronicle.

It has been suggested that a Memorial Bench be erected on the Main Rugby Ground in his memory.

Any O.M.'s who wish to contribute towards this please send your donation to me.

P.S.: I make this appeal as an ex-Head of Founders during P.D.B.'s Housemastership.

Lance Knight.

PERSONAL NEWS

- Angier** (53-57), Bobby: Was at Cambridge from 1958-1961, gained an Athletics half-Blue and played rugby for University. Obtained a B.A. and worked for a firm of civil engineers in London. Worked his way round the world, visiting Thailand, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and the U.S.A. Now in Antigua, West Indies, as senior engineer reconstructing the airport. Hopes to cruise through the Caribbean in his 35ft. yacht.
- Armstrong** (19-24), Ross: Has been appointed Chairman of the Natal Regional Board of S.A. Mutual Life Assurance Society.
- Banwell** (54-58), Roger: Is employed in the Accounts Department of Reckitt and Coleman Ltd., Cape Town. Is married and has a daughter.
- Bennett** (61-64), Dermot: Is at present attending a school of journalism in Cape Town and later returns to Durban to join the editorial staff of the "Daily News."
- Ballance** (60-63), R. D.: Is on a three-year course in hotel management at Strathclyde University, Glasgow.
- Chutter** (47-51), Mark: Was recently awarded Ph.D. by Rhodes University for work done on the fauna of the Vaal River.
- Chutter** (50-53), Jonothan: Is now living in British Columbia. He is with an insurance company, is married and has three children.
- Catchpole** (28-31), Tom: Writes from Zambia that he will be returning to the family farm at Lions River, Natal, next year.
- Cobbold** (53-55), Dave: Has been appointed Public Relations Officer and Sales Promotion Officer for S.A. Breweries in Durban.
- Coetzee** (57-60), Boetie: Has been awarded an Abe Bailey Travel Bursary. He will spend two months from the middle of December touring Britain and the Continent. He came first in the Junior Leaders' course at Army Gym. He obtained a B.Sc. in 1964 and then took a degree in chemical technology in 1965 and has just completed a M.Sc. thesis. On his return he is to do a Ph.D.
- De Waal** (57-61), Nick: Was the best third-year Accountancy student at Natal University, Maritzburg, and received books and a cheque from a world-wide office equipment company.
- Dorman** (61-64), John: Is at Oxford doing a book publishing course.
- Downing** (54-58), Brian: Obtained a M.Sc. in Ecology and is now a Research Officer for the Natal Parks Board.
- Evans** (23-27), Rhys: We hear that he reaped 260,000 bags of maize this season.
- Feetham** (41-45), Richard: Has been appointed Senior Counsel. He was called to the Bar in 1954.
- Folker** (57-61), Robin: Is at present on a sugar farm at Amatikulu and writes to say that his next-door neighbour knows as much about the early days at Michaelhouse as anyone living today. He is Mr. Harry Offer, who emigrated to S.A. in 1903, and settled at Balgowan. He undertook the contract to remove the "koppie" which apparently existed in the main quad which he levelled and, being a lad of 15 at the time, was offered a free education at the school by Rector Jones. This he had to turn

- down, but later he and his father opened a brick works on what is now Tarpies. He also built the concrete bridge crossing the bog stream on the way to the station.
- Franklin** (59-60), J. C. S.: Graduated from Pretoria University with a B.A. in 1964. Joined the "Cape Argus" as a reporter and won the Ollemans Trophy at their journalism school. Is now a sub-editor of the "Daily Province," Vancouver.
- Fincken** (47-51), Ian: Is Assistant Secretary at the Farmers' Co-op. Bacon Factory in Estcourt.
- Grobler** (61-64), Carl: Is at present on a business management course in the U.S.A.
- Hersov** (40-44), Basil: Has been appointed a managing director of Anglo-Transvaal Consolidated Investment Co.
- Harriss** (33-36), Noel: Downing College, Cambridge, 1936-1939, B.A., M.A., Engineering. Royal Engineers, 1936-1946. Sapper to Lieutenant-Colonel. Returned to Johannesburg, May 1946, joined family firm (engineers, steel specialists, industrial, scientific and air-conditioning instrumentation, suppliers and contractors). Married with four children.
- Harriss** (34-38), Alex: Is also with the firm in Johannesburg and is a director.
- Harriss** (34-41), Ernest: Has his own hardware business in Nelspruit, Eastern Transvaal.
- Kimber** (44-48), David: Is President of the Natal Polo Association. He is a four handicap player and is captain of his team.
- Kidd** (53-55), A. E. C.: Is the Assistant Resident Engineer on the van Staden's Gorge Bridge near Port Elizabeth.
- Legge** (60-64), Dave: He and another student at Natal University established a world record of 21½ hours' non-stop squash!
- Lloyd** (28-29), Anson: Is Chairman of the S.A. Sugar Export Corporation and has made 26 overseas journeys to represent the S.A. industry since 1951. He attended the Commonwealth Sugar Conferences in London and was a member of the S.A. delegation at International Sugar Conferences in London, New York and Geneva.
- Macewan** (58-61), Clive: Is working for Price Forbes and Co., insurance brokers, in London.
- MacLeod** (44-48), John: Obtained a degree in Civil Engineering at Cape Town University in 1952. From 1955-1959 he worked in England. Is now living in Benoni. Married with two sons.
- Mitchell-Heggs** (54-57), A. B.: Is practising at the Bar in London.
- Mitchell-Heggs** (54-57), C. K.: Is in Paris in International Law.
- Reynolds** (57-61), Charles: Has been selected to sail for U.K. in the Olympic Trials. He is going to Canada for the World Dragon Championships.
- Sommerlatte** (60-61), Michael: Is in his third year of forestry at Munich University. He has made several trips to Turkey, Sweden and Israel. During the holidays he worked as a lumberjack in Sweden and the Bavarian Alps.
- von Witt** (63-64), Bobby: Is doing a B.Com. at Stellenbosch University.
- Watt** (41-46), David: Is a Senior Manager with Unilever Ltd. in their Head Office Legal Department in London.

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