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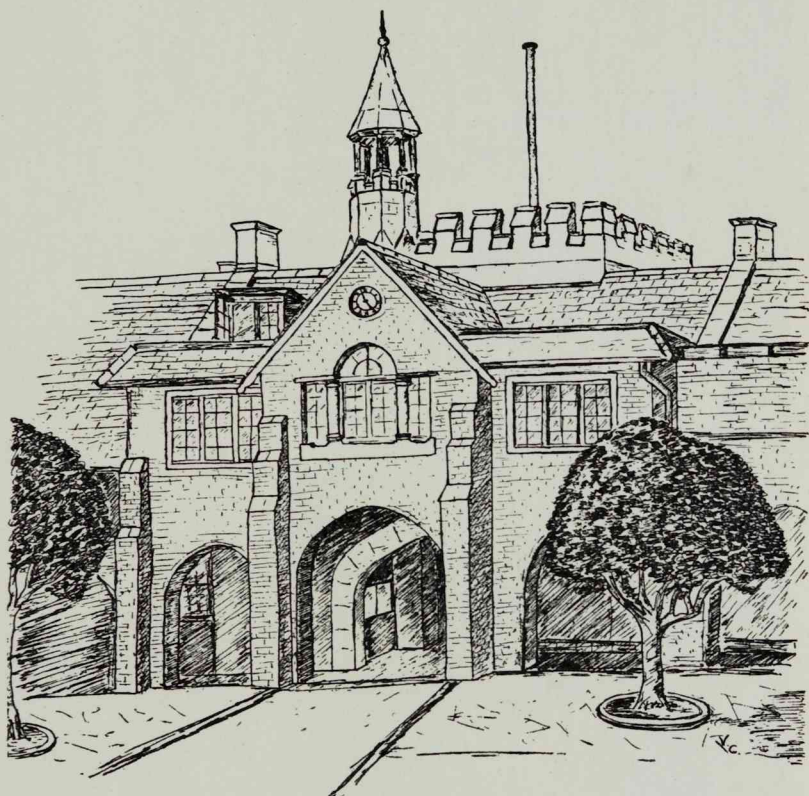
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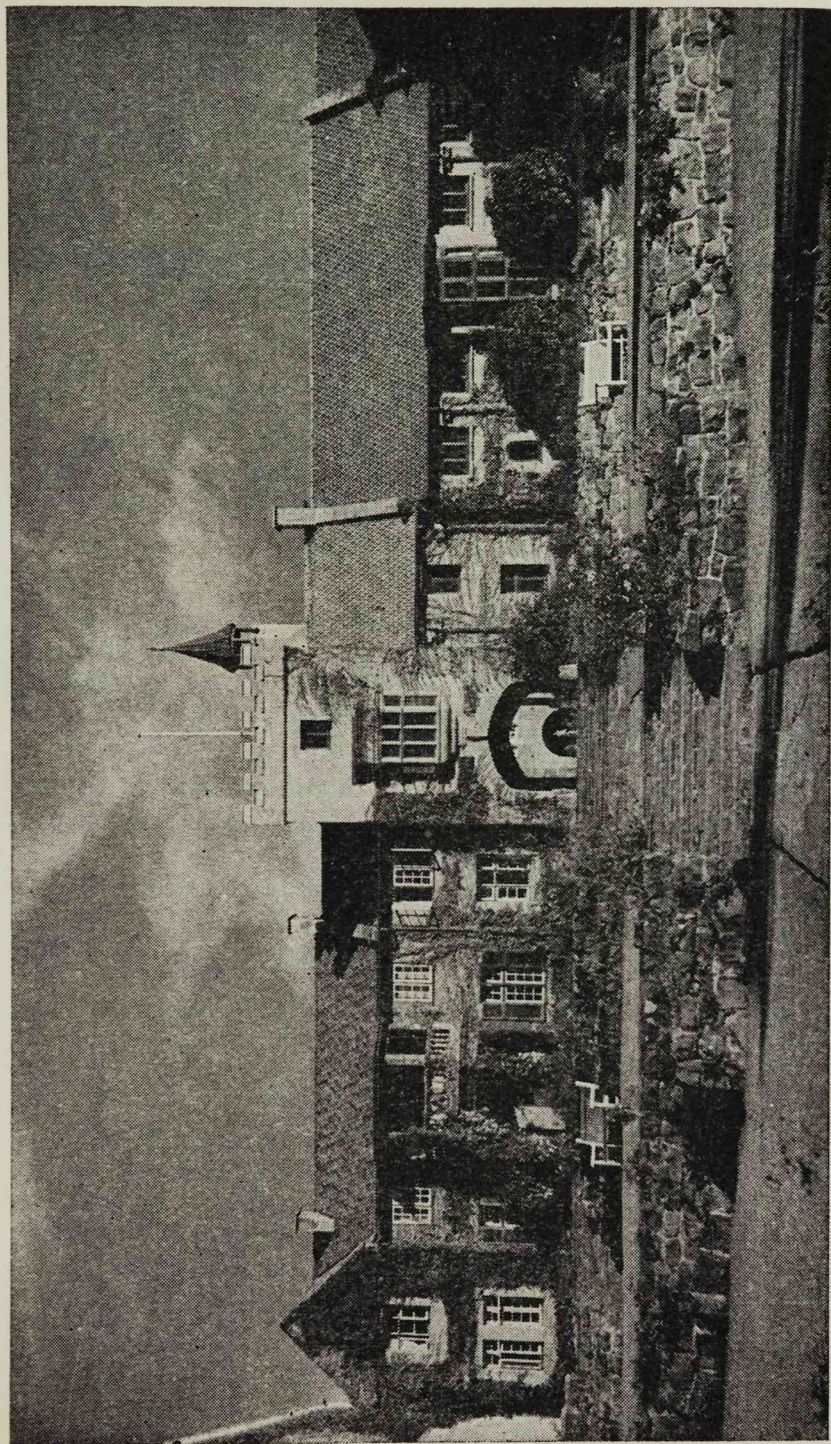
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EDITORIAL

That the world has been deprived of a great statesman and leader in the person of Mr. John F. Kennedy is a fact that has been reiterated many times in the past few days. However, we feel that it is only fitting that we should use this editorial space to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy, her whole family and the whole American nation.

OBITUARY

SIR GEORGE USHER BIG LOSS TO S.A.

South Africa has lost one of its leading industrialists and a foremost protagonist for its good name overseas, in the death of Sir George Usher, who died in Bavaria on Sunday at the age of 73.

He and Lady Usher lived on a farm at Nottingham Road, Natal

Sir George, who settled in South Africa in 1947, invested more than R2 million in South Africa. He was chairman and managing director of International Combustion (Africa) Ltd., and of the Abedare Cable Co. of South Africa.

Dr. T. E. Donges, then Minister of the Interior, referred to him as "an ideal immigrant."

He was a trustee of the South Africa Foundation, and repeatedly maintained confidence in the future of South Africa and its industries on his numerous visits to other parts of the world.

He never entered the political field, but urged a change of heart among all political parties to arrive at unity of action.

Sir George was widely regarded in agricultural circles as one of the most progressive farmers in the country. His 3,000-acre farm "Fordoun" in the Nottingham Road district was recognised as a model farm, and a number of farmers' days were held there.

Born of farming stock in 1889 he was educated at Malvern College and in France and Germany. After studying engineering in Germany he went to the United States to become general manager of the Green Fuel Economiser Company.

He returned to England in 1923 and helped to found International Combustion Ltd.

Knighted in 1942 for his contribution to Britain's war effort, he became Director General of Tank Supply.

Sir George Usher leaves his wife, two sons and a daughter.

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SCHOOL NOTES

At the beginning of the third quarter we were very pleased to welcome back Mr. Du Plessis after his illness. For the information of any who wish to visit him, he now lives at the top of Farfield Tower.

We should also like to welcome Miss M. J. Jackson who is Sister in Charge of the Sanatorium. We hope that she will be very happy here and not plagued by too many epidemics.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were on leave during the third quarter of this year and we were very pleased to have Mr. K. M. Pennington with us, helping out in the Maths department.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Hennessy will be away next quarter in England on a travelling Fellowship. We wish them and their families an enjoyable trip.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hennessy on the birth of a son, Keiron.

In the Grade Examinations of the Royal Schools of Music held in August, Peter MacIldowie passed Grade III and Simon Tyrrell passed Grade V—both with merit. Donald Ellman passed Grade VIII—a fine achievement for one still at school. The examiner was Mr. Leonard Blake, Director of Music at Malvern College, who spent two days at Michaelhouse.

CHAPEL NOTES



THE CHAPEL

J.P.L

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At the time of writing these notes we are looking forward to welcoming back our Bishop after his tour overseas, when he comes on Saturday, 2nd November, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 70 candidates.

The pulpit in Chapel has now been raised and a tester placed above it, which has made it much easier for the reader or preacher to make himself heard.

The Indian Sunday Schools have been served by a faithful band of teachers, and the sacristans, led by J. M. Arnold, have operated most efficiently this year. M. A. Cross has organised the servers, and has given much time and trouble in helping to train them in their duties.

In the third quarter an experimental Liturgy was introduced on Sundays, which included the celebration of the Eucharist facing the congregation. With some reservations on the part of members of the staff, reaction to this has been favourable, especially among those who have studied the principles of the Liturgical Movement and what it is trying to do. The Chaplain wishes to discuss the whole idea further with staff and boys when people have had a chance to get used to the changes which have been introduced.

The following visitors have preached, or are going to preach, in Chapel, and we are most grateful to them all: the Rev. Canon E. I. Mdhladhla on 9th June; the Rev. K. Fawcett on 16th June; the Rev. R. L. Wood on 23rd June; the Rev. H. Harker on 18th August; the Rev. H. Knowles on 1st September; the Rev. P. Hide on 20th October; the Rev. D. Buchanan on 3rd November; and the Rev. P. Goldie on 17th November.

Finally, thank you once again to those ladies who care for the flowers, silver and linen and whose efforts play no small part in adding to the beauty of our services.

CHOIR NOTES



The first half of the year was followed by an excellent 3rd and 4th quarters, and the singing of the choir never stopped improving.

The Anthems we have done this year include (1) "The Heavens are Telling"—Haydn, (2) "God So Loved the World"—Stainer, (3) "He That Shall Endure to the End"—Mendelssohn, (4) "Give Us the Wings of Faith"—Bullock, and "God Be in My Head"—Walford Davies.

Another very successful recital was given on Speech Day to a packed audience.

Later in the year we were honoured by a visit by Leonard Blake, Director of Music at Malvern College and a special Commissioner for the R.S.C.M. He attended and played for part of the Mattins Service when the choir and the congregation sang Stanford's setting of the Morning Canticles in B flat. He spoke very highly of the music he heard while at Michaelhouse and was very favourably impressed by the singing in Chapel.

We are sure that the Carol Service will be a fitting climax to an outstanding year, all credit going to our vigorous Director of Music, Barry Smith.

W.D.S.

ADDRESS BY THE RECTOR OF MICHAELHOUSE

Mr. Chairman, Professor Rautenbach, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is one of the more pleasant duties of a Rector to welcome you all on Speech Day. Though I have to make a report, I always enjoy Speech Day for it seems a happy day to me and we here are all really grateful to you for coming and showing by your interest and occasional appreciation that our efforts are not unnoticed. We probably do many things that irritate you but we do try to do our best for your children both as individuals and as members of the group of over 400. The Chairman (Mr. Boyes) will be introducing our Guest Speaker a little later but I would like to add my gratitude to one of the busiest men in this country for sparing us some of his time—the list of committees of which he is either chairman or member covers nearly a page of foolscap. It is particularly his position as Chairman of the Education Advisory Council that prompted me to invite him to speak to us. It is a popular belief among opponents of the present government that the Education Advisory Council is a fiendish plan to ensure that all education will be on ideological lines with a particular slant and to destroy the independence of thought which cannot help be a mark of the non-departmental schools. This may be true. It may equally well be untrue. It is very clear that a co-ordinating committee on education is a pressing need. The 1961 Education Panel set up privately to study education in South Africa shows that there is an awareness of this among industry, universities and private schools also.

We are independent at great cost to ourselves—you parents pay high fees because you value that independence—every Church School in Natal has recently abandoned financial aid to preserve independence. But the fact that we are determined not to be compelled does not mean that we are determined not to co-operate in any way which advances education and does not offend our principles. For my part I am happy to let members of the Education Advisory Council visit this school and see what we teach and do—as welcome guests and not as imposed inspectors—and I am fully prepared to view the findings of the Education Advisory Council with impartiality and fairness. At the moment we all know—I say **know**—practically nothing of what the E.A.C. is thinking and doing. I hope that Professor Rautenbach will be able to tell us something.

To my mind one of the most exciting things that has happened this year—if not for several years—is that in the June examinations the boys in the B Block were given their examination papers and then left to write their exams without an invigilator. It seems to me quite clear that if we are doing our job of developing a sense of responsibility, a sense of values and some strength of character, there must come a stage in a boy's life here when he is fit to accept a challenge. One cannot train a soldier to fight and face danger with resolution by safeguarding him from all danger. So it seemed right that boys who are sufficiently mature should be exposed to a moral challenge, a moral danger. I do not know if any boys took advantage of the opportunity to cheat in their exams—I certainly have no reason to think that any did. I believe public opinion was correct over this matter and will be so again. The A Block wanted their exams to be under exact Matriculation conditions and the juniors were considered perhaps too immature to take part in this experiment. I see no reason why at any rate the C Block should not be equally able to accept such a challenge and equally proud of facing it. "I think most Michaelhouse boys realise that their masters are not their natural enemies and that they are not considered as convicts to be watched by suspicious gaolers, that they are not to avoid

wrong doing because they fear to be found out but because wrong is wrong and, lastly, that the school is to a great extent theirs to make or mar." It may interest you to know that my last sentence was first spoken word for word at a Michaelhouse Prize-giving in 1899.

Our work in general proceeds satisfactorily. The VIth Form was 30 strong at the beginning of the year. Five boys entered for A Level, one after 6 months, 4 after 18; one boy failed in one subject but passed in two others, all others were 100% successful. J. J. Bates got an "A" pass in Latin. The standard of this exam is probably middle of 2nd year University in South Africa.

You may have seen a statement in the press earlier this year saying pupils from post-matriculation classes "have not done significantly better than the average of the students who come from all high schools in the country. The only aspect was in sport and other extra-curricular activities during the first two years but after three years their achievements even in this direction were no better than the average." This was a great shock to me until I found that the statistical figures which formed the basis for this observation came from a survey carried out in 1935—it is not unreasonable to suppose that VIth Form education has advanced in 28 years. I have got figures from Natal, Rhodes and U.C.T. regarding Michaelhouse post-matriculation students at those Universities (Wits has not been able to produce figures). I have not excluded any results in order to make my figures impressive. Of 69 students whose careers I have been able to check at U.C.T., Rhodes and Natal University, 12 failed their 1st year—i.e. 17.6% against an average figure of 37% (the disparity in the Sciences is far greater) of 45 students who have completed degrees, 31 got their degrees without any repetition of a year—i.e. in 3 or 4 years according to the degree requirement (69% against an average of 38%). I would say that these results are "significantly better."

At the beginning of this year we entertained to lunch and a visit to our Laboratories donors to the Industrial Fund and most members of the Science faculties of Natal University both in Durban and Pietermaritzburg. The visitors were apparently impressed and expressed the opinion that our post-matriculation scientists would be most acceptable into second year courses at Natal University. Discussions are taking place in an attempt to arrive at a formula which would be acceptable to the University Authorities for we must not imagine that we are the only VIth Form in the Republic.

Our ordinary school work proceeds normally but the demands of Universities for a higher level of attainment at entry and the response of the Joint Matriculation Board, especially on the Science side, are making the Matriculation hurdles even higher. The revised syllabus for Physics, Chemistry and Physical Science has set a very severe problem for senior schools; in the same way the Mathematics demands have increased. We, in common with some other schools, have made a limited attack on the problem by adding a period to the week but I think we shall all have to realise soon that it is not possible for quite a large percentage of boys to advance from Standard VI to Matriculation in four years. We cannot say to the Prep Schools that they must get their boys further on before they come to us—we will merely get the boy who is slow to learn arriving in a more muddled state than ever and it would make entry from a Department school more difficult than now. We must therefore face the fact that University entrance is beyond Standard X and that though some boys may reach the standard in 4 years at their Senior School, others will require 5 years. I propose to put about a quarter of next year's new boys into a slow stream class with the express intention of taking 5 years to matriculate. After being in a special group for one or two years these boys will then be distributed into the D or C Block, having had a real chance to get their elements firmly fixed. In this group would be presumably the boys who at present are required to repeat a block at some stage or other of their

career. I can see the possibility that the slow stream group should contain as many as 50% of the new boys.

Our other activities prosper and societies are active—all 43 of them. The short July holiday this year—which incidentally I hope will not be necessary again—made it impossible for Messrs. Gathorne and Polack to reach the top of Kilimanjaro as usual, but they and a party of boys managed to disport themselves on Mlanje in Nyasaland, where they met only courtesy and friendliness, even from the Malawi police. The Venture Club now has its own tie—a sort of ‘colours’ award—which any member of the school can win by carrying out the required number or quality of ‘ventures.’

The Choir has reached a very high standard. I hope some of you will enjoy listening to them this afternoon and perhaps be prompted to come to the performance of Elijah in the City Hall on September 21st.

In games we have had a good year—the XV had a good first quarter but the reversion to the old rules was accompanied by less success. Like Hilton we were unable to take part in Natal Schools rugby—one match coincided with our first Hilton match and the other is today. I hope we will be able to take part in future but I am not prepared to allow boys to take part in a series of trials and pre-trials—rugby is still a game and a recreation and individual distinction is not the chief objective. If you hear criticism that Hilton and Michaelhouse do not contribute to Natal rugby, refer the critic to the U/20 side this year—7 of the side came from Hilton or Michaelhouse.

The Cricket XI has so far done excellently—Smithyman and Taylor got into the Nuffield School XI and Smithyman went to England with the South African Schools’ side. Fifty boys played hockey instead of rugby and 6 of these got their Natal colours and van der Veen his S.A. School colours—it is not impossible for a boy who has thus won his Natal colours to fail to get into our full School XI. The athletic results were the best which I have heard at any school in one year, Nash’s 100 in 10.3 and 21.9 long jump (still under 16), Macdonald’s mile in 4.34 and better still his half in under 2 mins.; Thorrrington-Smith’s quarter in under 50 secs., Lyon’s weight put, Gallo’s javelin, Moon’s hurdles—not only all broke school records but some produced results which are very unusual at school. Three boys won Natal junior colours. Mr. Odams and Mr. Brooker must be very satisfied with their protégés.

Tennis and Squash, though not particularly high in standard, have not been too bad and produced wins over Hilton. Fencing has become a new sport and Mr. Brooker who teaches it is to be congratulated on becoming South Africa’s Champion Man-at-Arms.

And what are we trying to achieve by all this—work, games, music, stamp-collecting, etc., etc.? Many answers can be given and indeed the objects are manifold. Certainly one is to give the boy the ability to judge fairly and fearlessly. I have said this before and I have no doubt that I shall repeat myself ‘ad nauseam.’ To judge fairly one must have a sense of values—basic values; to judge fearlessly one must have the courage to be true to one’s sense of values. Many people make the error of thinking that judging means criticising adversely and this is an error into which the adolescent most easily falls. Too often it is thought that to be able to find fault is the mark of intelligence, and to praise the mark of unthinking acquiescence. The new Headmaster of Eton summed up exactly what I am trying to say—“I am perfectly certain that no boy should be encouraged to criticise before he has learned to admire. It is terribly easy to get a facile ability for destructive criticism—you need first to be able to admire passionately.”

Achievements of Old Boys are recorded in the Chronicle for all to read but three have pleased me particularly this year—Michael Seymour's inclusion in the South African Cricket XI and the two Rhodes Scholars, Tony Ardington and David Woods. I have known these last two very well and I am immensely proud of and pleased at their success—what pleases me still more is that I am inclined to think that since they left here, we have turned out one or two others of very similar calibre—for example is infectious.

I have talked too long and I must not steal the Head Prefect's thunder but I want to say a 'thank-you' before closing. The Administrative staff of a school is inclined on occasion to be taken for granted except when something goes wrong—when they receive plentiful brickbats. I believe we are peculiarly fortunate here. Mrs. Campbell with her encyclopaedic knowledge of you all and her strongly biased attachment to the school, Miss Horsley who has moved for so long and so efficiently in the confined clatter of the kitchens, Miss Wellbeloved whose grip of accounting is such that even the School auditors tremble before her word, Mr. and Mrs. Knight who between them so efficiently run the Bursary, Messrs. Ray Byrne, Bernard McGee and George Henderson who, to a most remarkable degree, are not merely at Michaelhouse but also of Michaelhouse. There are several others of less years' service whom I will not mention by name. All these people serve the school wonderfully well and not only in the performance of their individual tasks; and I for one am most grateful.

HEAD PREFECT'S SPEECH, 31 August, 1963

Mr. Chairman, Professor Rautenbach, Rector, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the boys of Michaelhouse, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all, and to say how pleased we are to have you share our Speech Day with us. Visitors to the School are always extremely welcome, for they provide not only new faces, and in some cases new interest, but also a break in the monotony of school life. I sincerely hope that those of you who braved the bitterly cold Saturday evening in May will find the climate today and the Open-Air Theatre a little more conducive to comfort. I can add nothing to, but only echo, Mr. Boyes' and the Rector's welcome to Professor Rautenbach.

Another year has passed. A very full year for us here and one well spent. A year which I can confidently say has left an indelible mark, as every other one has, on nearly everyone on the stage; whether they have been one of the main parts or merely one of the extras; whether they left Michaelhouse in December, or only arrived in January. It has been a year in which we have upheld the ideals for which this great school was founded.

Last year's Matriculation results were some of the best we have had, although there were very few distinctions. The results of the History Paper produced several glum faces—Mr. Gathorne's not the least among them—and it appears that we misunderstood what the examiners were looking for. Our best wishes for the end of the year go to our present A Block and we hope that with application they will do credit to their set masters.

The VIth Form flourishes. There are this year 30 members, which I believe is more than ever before, and I feel that this is a true reflection of the popularity of and feeling towards the post-matriculation year.

The gap between the restricted matriculation syllabi and first-year university is very wide, and the VIth Form goes a long way to bridging it, providing also the melting pot where a boy is able to make up his mind about many things, not least of all his attitude towards early morning periods and essays which seldom come in one's or two's. Those periods which the staff call "free study" periods, but which the VIth Form are

apt to call "free" periods, leave it completely to the individual as to whether it is going to be Shute or Shakespeare, which I believe is a very useful preparation for university. At the end of the July holidays, the annual VIth Form tour was held in Johannesburg; highlights of an invaluable educational three days were a visit to the Rand Daily Mail, and a talk by Dr. Albert Geyser.

From the classroom to the sportsfield: from the frying pan into the fire would perhaps be the opinion of Mr. Brooker's unfit athletes at the start of the season. The Athletes, however, have excelled themselves and the standard has been exceptionally high; no fewer than 16 records fell on Sports Day, although it is a little alarming to note that all were in the Open and Under-16 groups. The large number of VIth Formers this year has provided a very healthy backbone to most of our sporting teams. Our congratulations go to Peter Macdonald (until half-year Vice-Head of School, and now languishing in an Army Camp), Richard Lyon, Peter Thorrington-Smith and Paul Nash, all of whom represented Natal at the South African Junior Championships. The last three have been awarded their Natal Junior colours for Athletics.

Our Cricket XI, under the able leadership of Christopher Nicholson, captain for his second year, has enjoyed an unbeaten season. Michael Smithyman and Philip Taylor were chosen for Natal Schools at the end of last year, and the former is to be warmly congratulated on being a member of the South African Schools' team which achieved such notable success in England. How sorry Michael was to miss the June examinations!

Although less successful, the 1st XV, captained by Bill Smith—also for the second year—had a very enjoyable season, and it was rugby played in the right spirit. Neither Hilton nor Michaelhouse were available for the Natal Schools' Rugby Trials, as our match last Saturday coincided with a Natal Schools' game and this was, in many ways, a blessing as it discouraged individualism.

Mr. Gathorne must take full credit for the performance of his hockey players, whom you will see in action this afternoon; 6 of them gained a place in the Natal Schools' side, and Anthony van der Veen was chosen to tour Rhodesia with the National Schools' team. Finally, in the sporting world we are very pleased to see the return of our rifles, and the re-birth of shooting. It seems that several of our marksmen have been practising during the holidays in anticipation of this day; Christopher Barras shot for Natal at the National Bisley competition last holidays, which is a very creditable achievement.

It is not long before we realise that, in order to reap the full benefits of the Christian Liberal Education which Michaelhouse offers us, we must play a part in the extra-mural activities of the school. And what great opportunities we are offered. I would be here until lunch time if I were to mention the part played by all the societies and activities in our lives at school—I must be forgiven if I mention but a few. Four years ago today, the boys produced the first edition of Beacon, originally intended to be no more than a school newspaper. But as it expanded, so did the minds of the boys who ran it, and it is now their aim, not only to promote Christian thought and action in South Africa today, but also to become the symbol of South African Private Schools' unity.

You may have heard the most terrible noise coming from the Junior Hall this morning—I hope you did. Five anti-matric boys have, through hard work and the generosity of their parents, built themselves into an extremely talented and melodious dance-band, which has been in great demand in Johannesburg during the last few school holidays, and which has provided the school with a great deal of entertainment. I hope that they enjoy playing as much as we enjoy listening. One of the newer societies in the school is the Bridge Club, which meets three or four times a quarter

and is extremely popular among the senior boys. Members are invited into various staff houses for an evening of bridge which not only provides physical relaxation and mental exercise, but also coaching, knowledge and experience in a very worth-while and enjoyable social game. My list could be endless. I hope the exhibitions which you have seen this morning will speak for all those societies which I have been unable to mention. A great deal of work went into them.

It has been a busy year on the stage. Last year's "Sorcerer" was scarcely over before Mr. Allen began thinking about this year's "Shakespeare"—there was talk about it going on tour, but Mr. Allen dropped his guard during the Christmas holidays and wedding bells sounded the death knell for the plan, though not for his happiness. "Othello," however, was a great success, in spite of the opposition of the weather and of two actors who jumped three acts during the Friday night performance. The House plays always provide some light entertainment, and this year was no exception. Several of the actors showed that some lights had been hidden under some bushels, although here and there there appeared to have been a power failure.

The sudden rush to join the Choral Society indicated more than a mere increase in the number of music lovers, and there were many who regretted their lack of foresight when it was discovered that St. Anne's and Michael-house were to combine for Mendelssohn's "Elijah," which is due to come off at the end of this quarter. We wish Mr. Smith, the soloists and the Choral Societies every success. Last, but by no means least, in our theatrical world, there is the Staff Play, for which rehearsals have just begun, and which promises to be as good as the last two. It is a source of constant surprise to the boys to find that there is a considerable amount of acting talent among the staff on the estate; we would never have believed it.

We have seen, over the last 12 months, several changes in different aspects of school life; we have now, the fruit of much campaigning, a war-cry for use during the rugby season. The school authorities did not want, very reasonably, an artificial one led by cheerleaders, and the result was a short and simple Zulu shout which has not raised the expected outburst from Old Boys. Due to their increasing popularity and importance Athletics and Hockey have been placed on an equal standing with Rugby and Cricket, with the result that boys awarded their colours in these sports are entitled to a white blazer. Some argue that this has cheapened the colours blazer (I do not mean financially!) but I do not agree—it is a sensible and logical move when we consider the relative number of participants in each of the four sports, and the standard of Hockey and Athletics. Many of you will have noticed the white braid which decorates the blazer pockets of a select few—this is, to use the boys' adjective, a Brains Bar, awarded for academic achievement. Although there may be some who disapprove of the form and appearance of the acknowledgment, few people, I am sure, will challenge the idea.

It appears that all Head Prefects mention in their Speech Day addresses the close relationship between the masters and boys and I am afraid that some parents may get the impression that this is an annual hobbyhorse inserted for the sake of reconciliation or deception. Nothing could be further from the truth, and I would like to emphasize how sincerely the boys appreciate the lack of a gulf; it means so much to us, and contributes even more to the smooth running of the school. How clearly this relationship was illustrated on a dull Monday afternoon in the first quarter, when the staff challenged the School Prefects to a relay race in the swimming bath at the conclusion of the Sports. Odds-on favourites, the Prefects never looked like losing, in spite of the fact that we were nearly put off our stroke by one master's attempt at a racing-dive, which represented the first time he had ever entered a swimming bath head-first.

We must not forget too the vital roll that the ladies play in our lives—our very sincere gratitude goes to the Matrons, Sisters, Housekeepers, Tuck-Shop servers and many others for the time they devote to our whims and fancies, not least of all to Mrs. Campbell, who typed this speech out twice for me. The fact that this was a mere drop in the ocean of work which she does daily convinces me that she is a great deal more than just "The Rector's Secretary."

Today, South Africa needs young leaders; people who, guided by the basic principles of Christianity, will help to pilot this country safely through the years to come—years which may possibly be difficult ones; people, too, who will stand up both for their heritage and for justice. The role of the Private Schools in moulding the characters of such people is vital. We are part of South Africa's hope; South Africa's future. But we are also part of this school, and I hope that, while pupils here and in after life, we will be able so far as it is possible to repay that which we owe to Michaelhouse.

Thank you.

Summary of Speech by PROFESSOR C. H. RAUTENBACH, Rector of the University of Pretoria.

After congratulating the Head Prefect upon the excellent speech, Professor Rautenbach went on to say that he thought there was a misunderstanding about the Education Advisory Council. This Council was not going, he said, to interfere with the private schools.

He added that he knew Michaelhouse did not take Government Grant, but that they—the Advisory Council—would be only too ready to co-operate with any private school in this country.

He stressed that the Council was only advisory, and had no executive powers and would work in consultation with the Department of Education, Art and Science, the Provincial Education Department, Education bodies, organisations, and persons who were concerned in education matters.

He said that the Advisory Council was most concerned with the training of teachers, and he stressed that physical equipment and buildings were useless without proper teachers.

GABRIELLE MASSEY PRIZES

VI: C. R. Nicholson & I. N. Matthews.

A1, E. J. Tonkyn; A2, W. Smith; A3, T. E. K. Radloff; A4, D. M. Sutherland.

B1, B. A. Acker; B2, C. H. M. Curwen; B3 J. R. D. Pearce; B4, R. N. Pryce; B5, A. J. Hammill.

C1, A. McLuckie; C2, P. Roberts; C3, M. Gemmell; C4, M. Peacock-Edwards; C5, B. N. Dorning.

D1, S. R. H. Tyrrell; D2, N. P. L. Folker; D3, W. M. P. Taylor and G. F. Staniforth; D4, L. D. Slutzkin.

SPECIAL PRIZE LIST

Hudson Bennett Natural History Prize: Senior, C. N. Egerton and A. A. Zaloumis; Junior, D. R. Pooley.

Hutchinson Mathematical Prize: Senior, A. D. Mendelow; Junior, A. P. Tonkyn.

Norman Lyon Classics: J. J. Bates.

John Allen Art Prize: A. J. Reay.

Bishop Memorial Dramatic Prize: R. D. H. Lyon.

Norman Hosking Chemistry Prize: B. B. Crookes.

Tatham Memorial Essay Prize : P. A. Gallo.
 Peter Bell Memorial English Literature Prize : M. S. M. Brassey.
 Photographic Prize : A. J. Phillips.
 Printing Prize : H. A. P. Swan.
 General Knowledge Prizes : Senior, D. N. Wade; Junior, A. P. Tonkyn.
 Music Prize : Senior, D. J. Ellman; Junior, S. R. H. Tyrrell.
 Carpentry Prizes : Senior, R. K. Reynolds; Junior M. G. Payn.
 Rector's Afrikaans Essay Prize : E. J. Tonkyn.
 Old Boys' Essay Prize : I. N. Matthews; prox. acc. P. M. Black.
 Bishop Baines Memorial Essay Prize : M. A. Cross; prox. acc. J. J. Bates.
 Rector's Verse Prize : M. A. Jessup.

SUBJECT PRIZES

Sixth Form

P. M. Black (*Chemistry*); D. M. Ballantine (*Physics*); C. S. Potter (*English*); M. A. Cross (*Divinity*); C. S. Potter (*History*); B. B. Crookes (*Maths*).

A Block

M. S. M. Brassey (*English*); J. C. H. Tyrrell, (*Afrikaans*); A. I. C. Black and J. S. Smyth (*History*); G. A. van der Veen (*Maths*); J. R. P. Lovett (*Geography*); J. S. S. Smyth (*Latin*); J. S. S. Smyth (*Divinity*); A. D. Mendelow (*Chemistry*); A. D. Mendelow (*Physics*); A. R. Boagey (*French*).
 M. D. Baker (*Biology*).

B Block

D. N. Wade (*Latin*); D. N. Wade (*Maths*); K. R. Thygesen (*Geography*); N. P. Scott (*Biology*); D. N. Wade (*English*); A. J. Bosman (*Afrikaans*); A. B. Burnett (*History*); B. S. Crunden (*French*); D. N. Wade (*Chemistry*); D. N. Wade (*Divinity*); D. N. Wade (*Physics*).

C Block

A. P. Tonkyn (*English*); A. P. Tonkyn (*Afrikaans*); T. M. Seymour (*Maths*); B. V. Mendelow (*Divinity*); M. D. Farquharson (*Biology*); A. P. Tonkyn (*Latin*); A. P. Tonkyn (*History*); N. C. Axelson (*Geography*); N. C. Axelson (*Science*); M. G. Payn (*Zulu*); A. P. Tonkyn and W. W. Holley (*Greek*).

D Block

A. B. Blackhurst (*Divinity*); A. M. Graham (*Maths*); A. M. Graham (*Latin*); H. J. Coppens (*Science*); N. L. Gerneke (*Zulu*); A. M. Graham (*History*); A. M. Graham (*English*); H. J. Coppens (*Geography*); R. C. Arnold (*Afrikaans*); P. A. Bovet (*French*).

CREDITS AND DISTINCTIONS

Vith Form Distinctions

Bates (*Lat., Eng.*); Potter (*Eng.*).

A Block Distinctions

Smyth (*Lat.*); Brassey (*Lat., Eng.*) Mendelow (*Maths.*); de Gale (*Art*); Reay (*Art*); Ritchie (*Art*).

B Block Distinctions

Burnett (*Hist.*); Siedle (*Hist.*); Wade (*Lat., Div., Maths, Phys., Ch., Eng.*); C. C. H. Black (*Lat.*); Pooler (*Art*).

C Block Distinctions

Tonkyn (*Hist., Lat., Gk., Maths., Eng.*); B. Mendelow (*Lat. Div.*); W. Holley (*Gk.*); B. Stewart (*Art*); James (*Art*); Fieldgate (*Art*).

D Block Distinctions

Coppens (*Geog.*); Graham (*Lat., Maths*); R. R. Collins (*Lat.*); Arnold (*Afr.*); Langham (*Lat.*); Tyrrell (*Mus.*); Blackhurst (*Div.*); Burchell (*Art*).

Vith Form Credits

Havers (*Lat.*); Potter (*Lat.*) Phillips (*Phy., Pure Maths.*); Ballantine (*Phy., Ap/M.*); Eriksen (*Phy.*); P. M. Black (*Ch., Ap/M.*); Cross (*Eng.*);

A Block Credits

Briscoe (*Lat. Ch.*); Tonkyn (*Lat. Afr., Div., Eng.*); Smyth (*Gk., Div., Maths. Eng., Hist.*); Brassey (*Gk., History*); Tyrrell (*Afr. Eng.*); Williamson (*Afr.*); Radloff (*Mus.*); Rennie (*Div., Maths., Phy.*); v. d. Veen (*Maths*); Randon (*Maths*); Hesketh (*Maths*); Crosoer (*Maths*); Baker (*Ch., Phy., Bio.*); Mendelow (*Ch. Phy.*); Boagey (*Eng.*); Amm (*Art*); Black (*Hist.*); Low (*Hist.*).

B Block Credits

Brothers (*Hist*); Burchell (*Hist., Div.*); B. Collins (*Hist., Phy.*); D. G. MacLeod (*Hist.*); D. Gowans (*Lat.*); Acker (*Lat., Gk.*); C. C. Collins (*Lat.*); Ardington (*Lat. Eng.*) Burnett (*Gk., Div., Eng.*); Bosman (*Afr.*); Swan (*Div.*); Crunden (*Div., Eng.*); Kidd (*Div., Eng.*); Oscroft (*Maths., Phy.*); Hilson (*Maths*); Croad (*Maths*); P. Read (*Phy.*); Jessup (*Eng.*); Black (*Eng.*); Stacey (*Art*); Thygesen (*Art*); R. Read (*Art*); Webb (*Art*).

C Block Credits

Axelson (*Hist., Sc., Eng.*); Greenwood (*Hist.*); A. R. Hallowes (*Hist.*); Lea (*Hist.*); Rosholt (*Hist., Lat., Sc., Eng.*); Chapman (*Geog.*); W. Holley (*Lat.*); Hopkins (*Lat.*); Firth (*Gk.*); Payn (*Zulu*); Tonkyn (*Div.*); Caldow (*Div.*); Roberts (*Geog.*); Francis (*Maths*); Mendelow (*Maths, Eng.*); Newton (*Maths*); Seymour (*Maths*); Farquharson (*Sc.*); McLuckie (*Sc.*); Drew (*Art*); Corrigall (*Art*); Lamont-Smith (*Art*); Brooker (*Art*); Ballenden (*Art*).

D Block Credits

Blackhurst (*Hist., Lat., Afr.*); Graham (*Hist., Mus., Div., Eng.*); MacRobert (*Hist.*); Oscroft (*Geog., Mus., Div.*); Folker (*Geog.*); Black (*Geog.*); Tyrrell (*Lat.*); Coppens (*Lat., Sc.*); Brink (*Afr.*); Burchell (*Afr.*); Langham (*Afr.*); Whiting (*Mus.*); Marshall (*Mus.*); Gerneke (*Zulu*); Arnold (*Div.*); Butt (*Div.*); Bean (*Div.*); MacMurray (*Sc.*); Rein-Weston (*Art*); Bond (*Art*); Palframan (*Art*); Dahl (*Art*).

LIBRARY

A considerable backlog of out-of-date and generally unread or unwanted books has been removed from the fiction gallery, and it is at present in the process of being re-stocked with brighter editions of old books which are still in demand as well as with more recent works. It is interesting to observe how authors whose books have lain unread and neglected for years suddenly develop a reading public when battered old editions of their works are thrown out and replaced with new.

The introduction of polythene covers to protect the dust-covers of new books is a decided improvement, and as time goes on its effect should be to make the shelves very much brighter and more inviting than they are at present.

LIFE IN DEATH

*Away, vanity; come lowly,
For pride is destruction's derision.
Dusty despair derives from deathly ruin,
And curdles man's hopes to cynical stagnation
The glowing fire-coal's extinguished;
Beauty fades;*

*The kingfisher's glory turns greyly dull
In the depths of Time's darkness; rot and rust,
Must, moss, mildew, mould, moth-eaten bats
Ply the havoc of age among our loves —
Yet not unpurposed.*

*Creation's drive's towards perfection,
The ultimate attainment of a mental goal.
Though the undulating salt of time
Corrode the gnawed cliff,
The inner revelation is superior,
And the joy of perfection approves the crumbling of ages.*

J. J. B., VI Form.

HOUSE NOTES

FOUNDERS

Head of House: W. Dixon-Smith.

School Prefect: P. M. Black.

House Officers: K. M. L. Ireland, J. R. Tuttle, B. A. L. Moon,
S. E. J. Dunning.

At half-year we said farewell to C J. Thompson who had passed his "A" Level Exam with distinction, and we welcomed Dunning as our addition to the Prefects' Room. Our congratulations go to both of them as well as to Smith and Ireland for Rugby and Hockey Honours respectively, and Black, Moon, Dunning, Davies and P. Gowans for their Rugby teams. Knight was awarded his Hockey Colours and Black his Teams.

After a number of rather lean sporting years this year has come as a welcome relief. Our Hockey team under the able leadership of Ireland won the Inter-house competition, beating Baines 3-1 in the final round. Although this was our only cup, we reached the finals in 2nd and 3rd teams Hockey, senior and junior Squash and 1st Rugby. We were unfortunate to lose the rugby to Pascoes and Lyon who kicked them to victory. Owing to a shortage of cricketers, only three Houses are taking part in the House-matches this year. We have received a bye and are in the finals. We hope Smith will lead the team to victory over Pascoes this time!

Ye olde far-dayroom is now being converted into studies for the "A" Block. They will be a great asset in the future. Unfortunately they will not be ready this year but we hope the Matrics will do as well without them. Our best wishes go with them.

Valete: Williams, P. B. W., "C" Block; Del Mar, C. B., "D" Block.

Salvete: Harrison, B. A. C.

EAST

Head of House: J. S. Stubbings.

House Officers: A. M. Seymour, G. A. van der Veen, Mr. A. Cross,
J. C. H. Tyrrell.

At the end of the second quarter D. A. G. Barford wrote three "A" Level subjects before leaving to study in England. We congratulate him on his success in these exams. M. A. Cross and J. C. H. Tyrrell were appointed House Officers. At present the "A" Block are trying to emulate last year's successful Matric results and the house is a hive of feverish activity.

Our sporting achievements have eclipsed those of the last two or three years for our junior rugby and hockey teams have won their respective competitions. The seniors, though less successful, have shown considerable

verve in their efforts. At the end of the rugby season Mitchell-Innes, Norwood and Seymour were awarded their colours and Zaloumis his teams. We congratulate them, as we do Van der Veen on being chosen for S.A. Schools hockey and on being awarded his honours. Low was awarded his teams.

East boys have taken their usual prominent part in school activities, notably in the highly successful performance of "Elijah" by the Choral Society, and members of the house have been largely instrumental in building the new Natural History Society aviary.

FUGITIVE

*Concentration Camp.
Darkness, dead of night.
Quiet.
Stealth.
Creep across courtyard.
Escape powerful beam.
Run, pant.
Fence, quiet again.
Up, over.
Fear.
Slowly, quietly, stealthily,
Fire!
Death.*

B. V. M., C Block.

WEST

Head of House: I. N. Matthews.

School Prefects: C. R. Nicholson, A. R. Eriksen.

House Officers: B. B. Crookes, R. D. Ballance, C. S. Potter,
A. D. Mendelow.

The second half of the year dawned brightly for the house, as all prepared for a fresh onslaught to bring back some cups to our shelf. Our efforts were rewarded in the winning of the Tennis and Squash cups, while in the Cricket we were unfortunately beaten by Pascoe. We still have hopes of adding the Shooting and Cadet cups to our collection, as our standard in both these activities is high.

In the general and individual activities of the School, West, as usual, plays a major part. Our congratulations to Eriksen on his School Prefect's badge, and to Ballance on his Rugby colours, Matthews on his colours in both Rugby and Cricket and Potter on his colours in Squash. Mendelow won the Yacht Club Cup, while Hesketh was awarded the Trout Club Cup for the biggest fish of the year. Our percentage of prizes and distinctions remains as high as ever.

The best wishes of the whole House go to the Matriculants; we are confident that they will equal or even better the Matric results set by last year's "A" Block—they all passed. To the leavers, too, our thoughts go out—they have formed an extremely good nucleus for the House this year; let us hope our cacks for next year will make up for the loss.

Valete: Hepburn, D. A., "A" Block; Chapman, M. G., "C" Block, Gym. team, 4th XI Cricket.

FARFIELD

Head of House: J. J. Bates

House Officers: M. McN. Harvey, K. J. R. Summerley, M. J. Havers, St. J. T. Field, J. H. Holley, M. A. Chaplin, J. S. Leith, R. G. Williamson.

At the beginning of the half-year John Bates took over as Head of House from Peter Macdonald, who had been House Captain for eighteen months. Both boys were successful in passing their "A" Level Exams.

Three new prefects were welcomed to the Prefects' Room, Mark Chaplin, James Leith and Dick Williamson, at the end of the second quarter. Mike Havers left us at the end of the third quarter after a happy career here.

By the end of the Rugger season M. Harvey, P. Turner and K. Summerley had been awarded their teams. Though we did not do particularly well in the House Hockey, individually Miles Harvey played for the 1st XI Hockey and was awarded his colours, while Collins, Haynes and Turner played for the 2nd with R. Harvey captain of the Colts. At the end of the third quarter our senior Gym team won the discobulus, under the leadership of the School Gym Captain, Peter Turner.

Back to cricket in the fourth quarter, Miles Harvey is making a lot of runs for the 1st XI and G. Mackeurtan is captain of the 2nd. Lower down the school R. Harvey (Captain), R. Campbell and McFie are playing for Colts and Folker for Bunnies. Thus we have a good chance in the U/15 House matches, where we have already beaten the favourites, East, bowling them out for a mere 14 (Campbell 9 for 8). Unfortunately, we are unable to field a Senior team since we have only six seniors taking Cricket. We also have a good chance in the Inter-House Shooting, where our Seniors averaged 95% under P. Roberts (School Shooting Team).

As far as school work is concerned, Kidd has been awarded his Academic Achievement Braid, and our "A" Block are really getting down to some hard work. It is obvious that the twelve "toyes" that we have are a great asset. At the end of third quarter we held a House Concert, which was enjoyed by all, and which revealed some latent talent. In general, this year has been a happy one for Farfield, and we have had no serious trouble at all. Since we will only be getting nine cacks next year, we must hope that they will be the pick of the bunch.

Valete: July 1963, A. P. Macdonald (58-63); VI Form (Second Year); 1st Class Matric (Maths.); "A" Level; School Prefect; Head of House; Vice-Head of School; 1st XV Rugby (Colours); School Captain of Athletics (Natal Schools, Honours); 3rd XI Cricket (Captain); Science Society President; Pioneer Club; Dragon Club; Student Officer.

September, 1963, M. J. Havers (60-63); Exhibitioner; VI Form; 1st Class Matric (Latin); House Officer; Academic Achievement Braid; 5th XV Rugby; 2nd V Squash; Bridge Club Secretary; History Society; Play-Reading Society; Sergeant.

THE END

*As I looked at her eyes
Whatever that I did behold
Looked to me like shady skies
And it was straight away that I knew
that very few
Could feel so cold.*

P. C. N., C Block.

TATHAM

Head of House: P. A. Gallo.

School Prefect: J. S. S. Smyth.

House Officers: J. M. Arnold, D. M. Ballantine, G. G. Kirk.

Much has happened in the last six months in Tatham in the way of achievements and interest.

Seamus Smyth was made a School Prefect, Edwin Tonkyn recently won the George Forder Oratory Prize and Paul Nash again did exceptionally in athletics. As far as sport in the House has gone, success through determination has been the key phrase. Our tennis team lost a disappointing first round to East, but in the second round the first pair of

Ellman and Hargraves gave West, the eventual winners of the competition, something to think about. Our gym. team, under the steady guidance of Kirk, came second in the Youngelson Shield competition. But perhaps our greatest success was in the Senior Hockey House matches where our team, consisting of determination and very little else, came second in our section and only lost 1-0 to Founders, the eventual winners.

We are unfortunately not able to field a senior Cricket team but our juniors won their first match comfortably and we wish them every success in the matches to come.

Towards the middle of the third quarter a number of boys volunteered to teach the Africans on Tuesday and Thursday nights. That this has continued to function and has proved a success is something which these teachers, and indeed Tatham, should be proud of.

We have again put "B" Blockers in charge of prep. in the Junior classroom and this continues to be a success and allows the prefects more time to work in quiet surroundings. Matric comes every year and to those taking this hurdle, in their stride, we hope, go our wishes for the very best of good luck.

To end on a perhaps lighter, or louder, note. The dayroom has at long last received a new hi-fi record player with two wooden cabinet speakers, and is determined to make this known.

THE CLIFF

*So great was the hate
'Tween Montmorency and George,
That George tried to push him off a cliff.
But the wind was so strong,
And his direction so wrong—
That George fell over himself!
He flew through the air
Off the cliff so sheer.
And fell screaming with woe
On the mattress below,
The producer, tis said,
With a shake of his head,
Said "No, let's shoot, it again."*

M. H., D Block.

PASCOE

Head of House: M. J. Smithyman.

School Prefect: L. H. Whittaker.

House Prefects: A. J. Phillips, A. B. Smith, R. Lamont Smith,
S. J. Peacock-Edwards, D. M. Sutherland.

Pascoe had great pleasure in welcoming Mr. van der Walt whose arrival coincided with the near departure of Mr. Lowe, following a severe bee sting. Pascoe said good-bye to Richard Lyon who left to take up a teaching post in Durban. Our congratulations to Michael Smithyman on his appointment as Head of House.

Speech Days come and go but this year's will be remembered by many as one of the most successful. Many Pascoe boys contributed by gaining prizes, performing in the Gym Display and taking part in the many displays, showing the manifold interests of the House, ranging from the fine art of photography to the mechanical marvels of the motor club.

In the sporting world Pascoe has again excelled and J. Peacock-Edwards was awarded colours for rugby, while A. Phillips, A. Smith and L. Whittaker received teams. Although we failed to retain the hockey cup, with Smithyman, honours, as captain of hockey, and G. Jefferies, A. Ritchie,

D. Sutherland and L. Whittaker with colours, we were well represented. In tennis M. Smithyman played for the 1st XI and D. MacLeod for the 2nd; A. Smith played for the 2nd squash. We wish our 1st XI cricket luck when they defend the cup next week.

Our "A" Block, following an ancient tradition, have at last removed the soccer goals from the Toyes and are hard at work for Matric. We wish them the best of luck.

It has been a happy year for the House in the Academic, Sporting and Social spheres.

Valete: R. Lyon, Major Scholar; Academic Distinction; VIth Form; Head of House; School Prefect; 1st Matric (French, Maths.); Student Officer; Chairman of the Debating Society; Chess Club Secretary; Dragon Club; 1st XV Rugby (Honours); 1st XI Cricket (Teams); Athletics Team (Honours, Natal Junior Colours); Cosmo Moore Kicking Shield.

S. Johnstone, "B" Block.

D. Alcock, "D" Block.

Salvete: E. R. von Witt, "B" Block.

BAINES

Head of House: P. Thorrrington-Smith.

School Prefect: M. D. Baker.

House Prefects: D. D. Dyer, C. D. F. Richards, R. W. P. Cullen, A. J. Cooke

This last half-year has run very smoothly and the enthusiastic spirit in the House has continued to bring success in the sporting field.

Our congratulations to M. D. Baker and A. J. Cooke on their appointments as School and House Prefects respectively.

In the second quarter we lost the Ramparts to Farfield, although our juniors ran very well to lead in points in the junior section. In the third quarter our attention first turned to tennis, where Tim Radloff had built up a competent team through hard work and practice. In the final against West we narrowly lost after winning two of the four doubles matches.

In the senior squash we were beaten by Founders when Nick Whiteley was unfortunately in the sanatorium. We did, however, win the junior section quite convincingly. After much hard work by John Matterson we were defeated by Founders in the 1st XI hockey final but managed to draw the 2nd XI match and win the 3rd XI one. In the gym. competition we felt the absence of David Legge who was, most unfortunately, languishing in hospital with rheumatic fever. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back with us next quarter. In his absence J. J. Price proved a more than able captain and his enthusiasm resulted in a well-deserved victory in the Youngelson Shield.

On the individual side we congratulate John Matterson on his hockey honours and position in the Natal Schools XI, Tim Radloff on his tennis colours and hockey teams, Michael Baker on his rugby teams, Nick Whiteley on his squash colours and Christopher Barras on his shooting colours.

Congratulations to Christopher Richards on winning the School Senior Squash Championship.

Heartiest congratulations to Peter Thorrrington-Smith on his election as Captain of School Athletics. Peter is also to be congratulated on being the Natal Schools 440 yards champion and on his magnificent display in Durban on the 19th October when he won the 440 yards in the excellent time of 48.8 seconds.

Our "A" Block are working with renewed vigour now that the Matric exam is just around the corner and we are looking forward to some good results. Good luck to them all.

We hear that David Fish is now a Prefect at Fettes College, Edinburgh, and that Jamie Black has settled down at Stowe.

Finally, good luck to our leavers and our grateful thanks to those of them who helped the House and School in so many spheres.

Valete: Black, C. J. R., "B" Block; "O" Level; 1st XI Cricket (Teams); Hockey (non-Rugby 1st XI, Natal Schools).

Salvete: Develin, N. E.; Develin, M. E.

ONS GAAN IN DIE LENTE KAAP TOE

Die Kaap is op sy mooiste in die lente, en daarom gaan baie toeriste daarheen in dié seisoen. Ons gesin was een van die menige wat verlede jaar soheentoe is. Ons het die reis daarheen per motor onderneem. By Muizenberg het ons twee dae vertoef omdat dit die moeite werd was om die strand en ander besienswaardighede te besigtig. Daar het ons vis gevang en na hartelus op die strand baljaar en ontspan.

Ons het ook al die ou geboue van die Kaap besoek. Dít was baie interessant om te sien hoe die mense destyds geleef het. Hoe duidelik onthou ek nog ou Tafelberg; hoe kriewelrig het ek gevoel toe ons met dit sweefspoor na die bergkruin gegaan het; die wonderlike uitsig en die kafee waar ons verversings geniet het.

Gedurende die week wat ons die Kaapse Skiereiland besoek het, het ons baie gedoen. Ons het ook die wingerde by Constantia besoek. Ons het gesien hoe die driuwe gepluk word en hoe die wyn gemaak word. Ons het met die tuinroete teruggereis in die blomme was toe op hulle beste—dit het my ma se hart gesteel. Die voëls was koorsagtig besig of hulle nessies te bou in die hoë bome maar omdat my pa weer by die werk moes wees, kon ons nie baie lank langs die pad vertoef nie. Eindelik het ons by die huis aangekom en daardie aand toe ons voor die deur sit, het pa gesê dat ons seker weer eendag Kaap toe sou gaan.

D.O.—"D" Blok.

ONS BURE

Ons bure woon nie in 'n stad of op 'n dorp nie. In die oneindige ruimtes van sneeu wat ewigdurend binne die noordpoolsirkel lê—dàár woon ons bure. Ons bure is nie mense wat so keurig en selfvoldaan in die weelderigheid van die wêreld leef nie—die pikkewyne en ysbere is ons bure.

Die pikkewyne woon op die reuse eiland van ys wat lomp op die koue waters drywe. In die lang maande waarin die son afwesig is, is hulle 'n mens se enigste maats. Soms dink 'n mens hulle is mos amper menslik wanneer hulle komieklik in die sneeu penorent staan met hulle klein vlerkies wat soos hande lyk. In 'n land waarin daar baie min dinge is waarvoor 'n mens hartlik kan lag, is die pikkewyn soms 'n bron van vermaaklikheid. Met hulle swart en wit strepe lyk dit soms of hulle 'n true aan het, maar in werklikheid voel hulle nie die koue winde wat onheilspellend oor die oppervlakte van die land sweef nie.

Om te lewe is hulle afhanklik van die visse wat onder die sneeuwit yseilande rondswem. As hulle honger is duik hulle nonchalant van die vaste grond af, en binnekort verskyn hulle weer met 'n vis wat in die koue lig van die son, dof glinster.

Ysbere is daar baie min. Hulle woon ook nie in die binneland nie maar liever op die ysstukke wat aan die seë grens. Hulle is sneeuwit en as hulle stil lê is daar 'n goeie kans dat mens hulle nie kan sien nie. Hulle is groot en onheilsPELLend maar ook pragtig op hulle eie manier.

In die land van die middernagson is dit partykeer ellendig en dikwels eenzaam. Maar ons bure—die pikkewyne, die ysbere en die seehonde—help om dit 'n meer interessante en gelukkige land te maak.

J.C.H.—"A" Blok.

ENTERTAINMENTS

STAFF PLAY

The Party Spirit

By Peter Jones and John Jowet

6th and 7th September, 1963

CHARACTERS

SIR WELLINGTON HACKER, M.P.	P. J. Withers
MABEL	Mrs. Ibbotson
P.C. CARP	A. E. B. Smith
POLLY MARTIN	Mrs. Withers
MR. PLUMMER	N. C. F. Bloy
WILLIAM GROUT, M.P.	R. O. James
MRS. VIOLET BINDER, M.P.	E. F. Polack
LEONARD BILKER, M.P.	J. L. Evans
CHLOE	Mrs. Hennessy
SAMUEL BARNABY, M.P.	W. van der Walt
HON. GERALD SHAFTO, M.P.	A. H. Gordon Clark
MERRYMAN	J. P. Allen

BACK ROOM

Stage Managers	R. F. Pennington, M. A. P. Staniforth assisted by G. M. Currin, S. T. Norwood, S. Tyrrell, P. Hay
Wardrobe	Mrs. Sargent
Set Design	Mrs. Hennessy
Sound	M. A. P. Staniforth
Prompter	Mrs. Allen

Producer: J. P. Allen

This was not a great play. It was in fact a third-rate farce set in surroundings unfamiliar to the majority of the audience. Furthermore it was, as always, under-rehearsed.

Quibus dictis, great credit is due to the producer, Mr. Allen, and his team for providing such a successful evening's entertainment. Despite the involved and obscure plot, the many genuinely comic situations were skilfully handled and came over successfully. Mr. James, with a long and taxing role, deserves especial mention for admirably sustained characterisation, and retained his sang-froid even when drugged, wrapped in brown paper and wheeled perilously off into the wings. Mr. Withers' portrayal of an aging blimp was so realistic that at times we really believed he did not know what he was going to say next; he has added a certain expression to current Michaelhouse vocabulary. As an unscrupulous Braddock-type harri-dan Mr. Polack made an alarming figure. Mr. Evans, the brash North

Country newcomer, maintained a long part extremely gamely; and Mr. Van der Walt, the flurried, sometimes only partly-mustachioed Government Whip, impressed as the man with the real power behind the political scene.

But perhaps the palm, if there is to be one, should go to Mrs. Hennessy, who, spectacularly dressed and made up by herself, undulated round the stage pouting and simpering as Mr. Evans' decorative secretary-"companion". Her accent, and the remarks she was given, all contributed to a delightful piece of acting.

The smaller parts were all competently filled, and thanks are due as always to the hard-working stage crew and designers.

ABSENCE

*The momentary streak of the Elixir has passed,
The Philosopher's stone disintegrates into
A scattered cloud of fine, particular, dust;
The eclipse of truth faded upon the Cross,
And was lost amid the differing zeals of slanted sects.
All man's flashes of inspiration have faded into
Nothingness, to a void we call Absence.*

*In this condition, Negation sways as tyrant,
His thrones and powers are want, oblivion, neglect.
Nothing has come of nothing; man ogles at disaster.
Where is the inspiring force of driving creation?
Absent?*

*The ovine herd queues up for regurgitated wisdom,
But spurns the solitary genius.*

*Denying and mass-immersing ourselves, we worship
Absence, in all its negative glory.*

*The dull moon plies her stereotyped course,
While original thought is absent.*

Move out to perfection!

*Revive the individual, decompose this absence,
And wreak some sanity in this roneoed world.*

*J. J. B., VI Form.
(Rectors Verse Entry)*

OPIUM

*Triumphant Love re-echoes joyful anthems
Everywhere, and gazing through the room,
The colours spring to life in four dimensions.
One wall drips with blood, while the icy contrast
Melts slowly to a grey sludge.
Clashing, the glass, as harsh metal
Clangs against it, discordantly shatters illusions.
Dracular figures, ghouls, and creatures
Of night, and darkness, prey upon his mind.*

*The black walls close sickeningly in.
Terrified, he is thrown headlong from his nightmare,
And stretches out his clammy, gasping hands:—
“ More ! ”*

J. J. B., VI Form.

PEACE

*Golden moonlight on descending waves,
Sparking white crests bathed in life—
The gentle sound of whispering sand
In eager anticipation of return—
Ocean-swept breezes, shimmering coolly,
Bringing the refreshing warmth from the ocean's depth;
Stroll hand in hand, united, harmony.
But this is but the outer shell :
True peace lies in the mind, and
Is only slightly influenced by other things.
Perfect harmony is spiritual, the product
Of attainment of a mental goal.
But waft slowly, ripples of the night;
Would that I had your peace, of mind.*

J. J. B., VI Form.

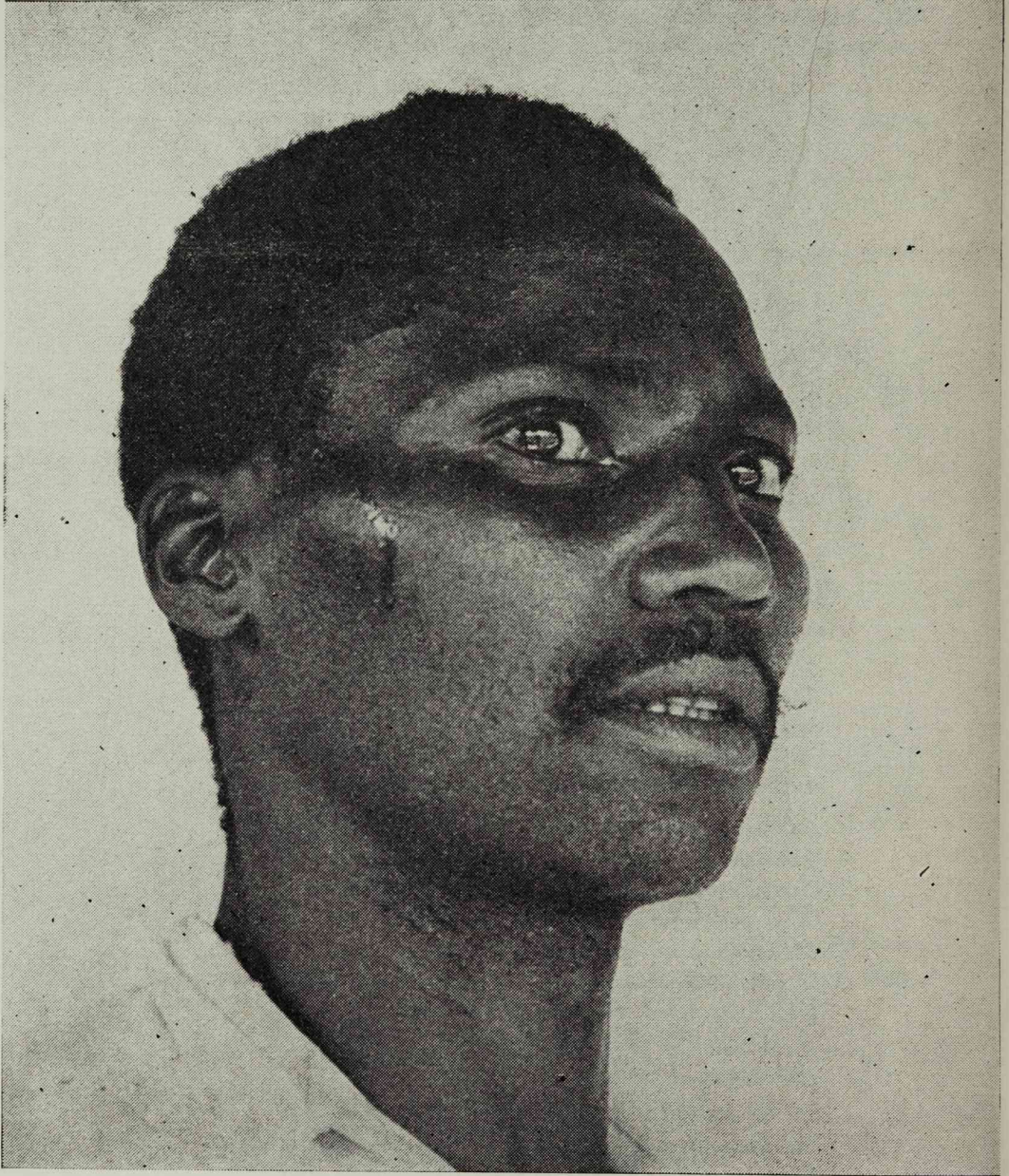
ODE TO HAIL

*Anxious glances swept the paling sky,
Farmers breathed their silent prayers, whilst crops
Cowered, the awful onslaughts doomed prey.
And winds concealed their fury with a sigh.
The wan sky collected its pent-up rage,
A sickly rot spewing pallid misery.
Clouds amassed while thunder tolled its ghastly knell,
And watchful weary minutes the hearts of men encaged.

And suddenly a gale; thrashing the deathly stillness,
Unleashing frustrated vengeance, caustic death,
Cavorting through the land, tossing destruction
In its wake, foreboding flailing illness.
A sudden gasp; and then the scything crash,
As streaked murder dashed Earth's terrorised life.
Tried, convicted, condemned to death
In one chaotic momentary mash.
And, spent, it died a speedy death.

Leaves decked the sodden drooping ground;
And trees tossed sullen stripped branches to the sky,
Sneering petty defiance at their treacherous roof,
Snarling puny resistance like a cringing hound.
And mighty man ? Nature had swept him up and smote
Him, tossing rebellion at Earth's mechanised master,
No machine had man to break this awful wrath,
To heal destroyed Earth no antidote.*

M.S.M.B., A Block.



A. Phillips

SOCIETIES

DEBATING SOCIETY

This last half-year has seen us unusually busy as far as outside debates are concerned, and the general standard of speaking has improved, except that there is still too much reading of speeches. When R. Lyon left at half year N. Matthews took over as Chairman and L. H. Whittaker was added to the Committee.

The first motion of this half-year was "That the rush to independence of the African states has prejudiced the future of the continent." After much discussion on the wisdom of granting independence, the motion was carried by 27 votes to 5. At the next meeting, which proved most provocative, the motion "that the overpopulation problem should be solved by ruthless means" was lost by 16 votes to 19. Our other home debate was on the subject "That the granting of the franchise to women was a mistake." This more light-hearted debate was lost by 15 votes to 17.

We have had five outside debates. Against Hilton, on a question of the morality of the Press, we lost only on the summing-up. In the annual competition against Estcourt High School we triumphed and Edwin Tonkyn was awarded the valuable George Forder Oratory Prize. We lost to Girls' High School on another motion concerned with independence. We entered a competition sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. After beating Wykeham in the first round, we went on to meet Russell High in the semi-finals, where we unfortunately lost by a narrow margin. It is comforting that, both against Hilton and Russell High, though we lost, it was one of our speakers who was adjudged the best speaker of the evening.

The following boys have represented the school in outside debates: Matthews and Bates (twice each), Nicholson, Phillips, Eriksen, Cross M., Burnett, Havers, Stubbings, Jessup, Welsh N, and A. P. Tonkyn, who, though only a junior, has also spoken twice.

On the whole this last half-year has been a great improvement on the first six months and we can now consider ourselves worthy of the annual dinner which the school provides for us.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

J. L. R. and, subsequently, J. N. R. Caldow have each occupied the post of chairman of the society. Other committee members are A. P. Tonkyn (Secretary), A. H. Rosholt (Treasurer), E. Drew ("C" Block representative), J. M. Rowley ("D" Block representative) and W. A. Christopher and M. E. Cooke (Ushers).

The Society has had a slightly chequered career this year with both successful, and some less successful, debates being held. Lack of time for speech preparation has largely been the cause of those debates in the "less successful" category. Throughout the year there has been no lack of enthusiasm from the floor, and the speeches have generally been of a high standard.

Amongst the more successful debates this year were the debates over the motions: "Africa for the Africans," "Greater deeds are done in peace than war" and a debate against Cordwalles, won by Michaelhouse, over the motion: "U.N.O. does more harm than good in the present day." Two hat debates have also been held.



DIE AFRIKAANSE TAALVERENIGING

Vanjaar was weer 'n besondere geslaagde jaar vir die Taalvereniging, en ons wil sommer heel aan die begin baie dankie sê aan ons President, Mnr. J. Coetzee, vir sy hulp en raad en bekwame leiding. C. R. Nicholson is as voorsitter gekies met J. S. Stubbings as die onder-voorsitter; Sekretarisse was P. Thorrrington-Smith en J. J. Bates.

Gedurende die jaar het ons heelwat informale debatte onder ons gehou; die name van die sprekers is uit die hoed getrek en hulle moes soms uit die vuur praat. Een van die mees geslaagde aande was toe 'n aantal studente van die Universiteit van Natal af hier teen die Vereniging kom debatteer het. Ons wil hulle bedank vir die opoffering en vir 'n baie aangename aand. Dan was daar die baie interessante uitstappies om twee Afrikaanse rolprente in Pietermaritzburg te gaan sien—Lord Oom Piet en Ruiter in Die Nag.

So teen die end van die jaar, wanneer die meeste van ons te veel hooi op die vurk het, het die Vereniging die voorreg gehad om te luister na 'n baie leersame praatjie deur Mnr. W. van der Walt, een van die nuwe lede van die Afrikaanse Departement. Hy het ons toegesprek oor die S.A.U.K. waar hy voorheen werksaam was. Ons wens hom alles van die beste toe hier by Michaelhouse en hoop dat hy nog 'n hele ruk hier sal vertoef.

Sterkte aan die Matrikulante en alles van die beste aan diegene wat ons aan die einde van die jaar verlaat!

LAER TAALVERENIGING

Die Vereniging het gedurende die jaar baie vordering gemaak onder die leiding van Mnr. J. van der Linde, wie ons as ons nuwe president ook by die geleentheid verwelkom. Ons hoop dat hy nog baie lank saam met ons by Michaelhouse sal wees.

Gedurende die afgelope jaar het ons twee baie interessante toesprake gehoor: Mnr. van der Linde het gesels oor „Die lewer van 'n verslaggewer.” en het ons ingelig oor al die dingetjies waarvan die publiek glad nie bewus is in die lewe van 'n besige koerantman nie. Mnr. W. van der Walt, wat ook vanjaar by die Afrikaanse Departement aangesluit het, het een aand gepraat oor sy werk as omroeper by die S.A.U.K. Ons het dit geniet omdat hy ons baie interessanthe meedeel het, waarvan ons, dit luisteraars, glad nie bewus was nie.

Ons het ook 'n vavra gereël: al die lede is in vierspanne verdeel en 'n prys is uitgelooft aan die beste span. Later in die jaar het ons ook 'n paar onvoorbereide debatte gehou, wat minder geslaagd was as wat ons verwag het.

Die laaste debat was: Dit is beter om op 'n plaas as op die dorp te woon, en ons het dit baie geniet.

Vanjaar was A. P. Tonkyn die voorsitter, M. S. M. Hopkins die sekretaris en A. W. Lea die penningmeester.

DRAGON CLUB

Chairman: R. W. H. Secretary: Richards. Members: Bates, Gallo, Matthews, Nicholson, Potter, Stubbings, Thorrrington-Smith.

At the end of the second quarter the Club said farewell to Lyon and Macdonald and it was decided that it was unnecessary to invite any new members.

This half-year the Society was very fortunate in having a number of guest speakers. Mr. Grice, a member of the Institute of Race Relations, brought an Indian, Moon Ramaroot, and a Coloured, Clive Meintjies, to give us their views on the race situation in South Africa. It was an intriguing evening and they both gave enlightening speeches.



At the next meeting Mr. Simpson gave a very interesting talk on the differences in life in South Africa and in Canada, and his outlook on South Africa's future was most pessimistic.

Bates delivered a paper on the "Overpopulation Problem" at our last meeting and produced a most controversial solution for it.

Our thanks are given to Mr. Hennessy for organising and presiding over our meetings.

PIONEER CLUB

Three new members have joined the club, which enjoyed an active third quarter and welcomed a number of visitors. Canon E. Mdhlahla delivered an address on his parish, Umlazi township, and the Rev. K. Fawcett talked on the subject of Missions to Seamen. The Rev. H. Harker discussed the part played by religion in school life, and the Rev. H. Knowles spoke on Modern Youth.

To date this quarter we have had one meeting, at which the Rev. P. Hide spoke on the Church's worship, with particular reference to the Liturgical Movement.

We extend our thanks to these visiting speakers whose talks have stimulated much interest and discussion. We thank the Chaplain for his continued assistance and Mrs. Sargent for her generous and unfailing hospitality.

THE FORUM

The Forum has been unfortunate in having only one guest speaker this year. Pietermaritzburg Police District Commandant, Colonel Dillon, spoke about the South African Police and was very interesting. We are hoping to get a guest speaker for one of the remaining meetings this term. We have had many lively discussions this year on world topics which have been introduced by various members. This year has been very successful.

AFRICAN AFFAIRS SOCIETY

R.W.H. (Chairman), Streek (Secretary), Archibald R., Bates, Black P., Dunning, Dyer, Mendelow D., Summerley K. and Tyrrell J.

The purpose of this society is to study the politics of Africa and how it affects South Africa.

In the second quarter Dyer delivered an interesting paper on "Sport in South Africa."

At the beginning of the third quarter Archibald read a paper on Zulu customs which he had learnt on his farm and at Zulu lessons.

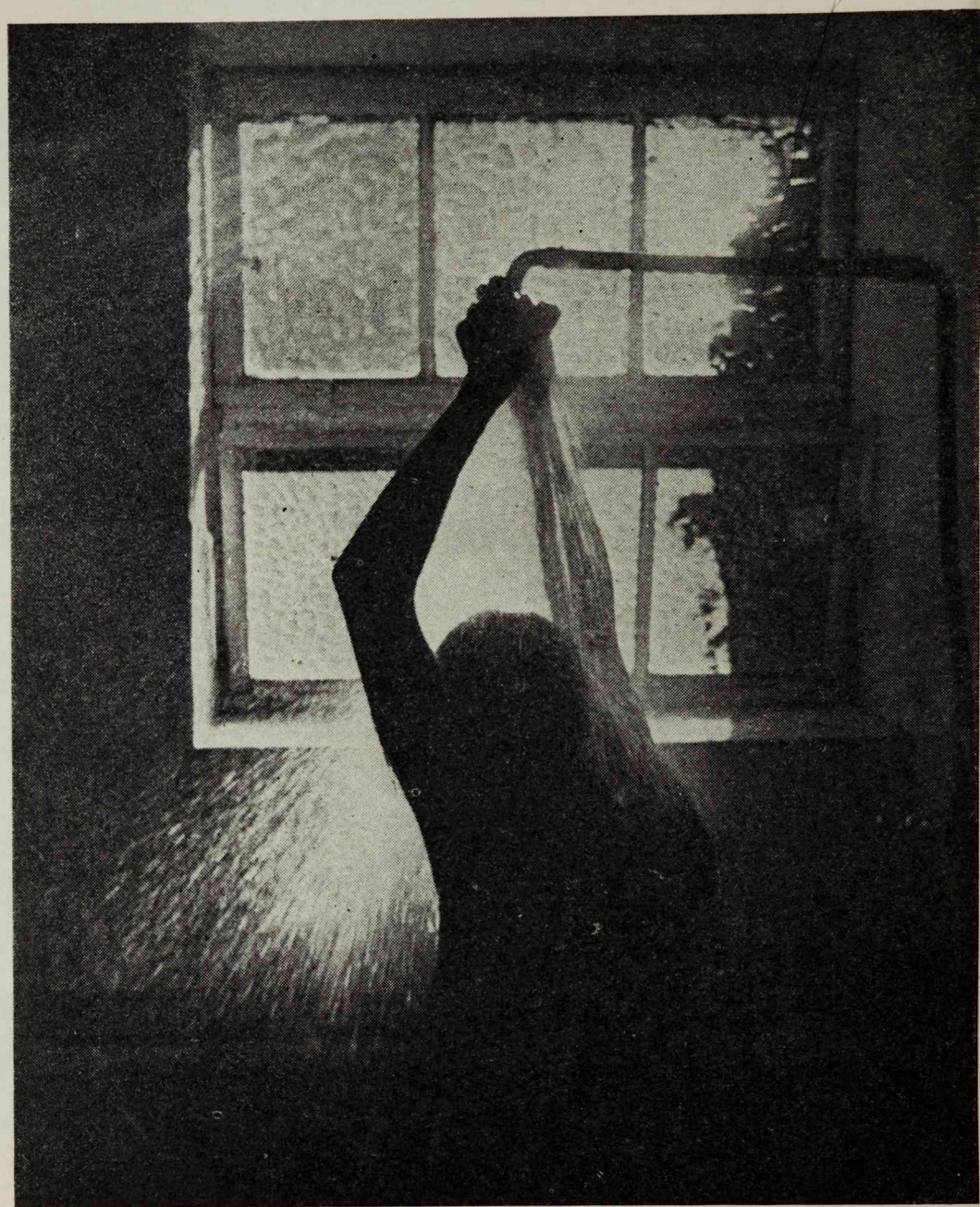
Later Streek presented a paper on Nyasaland, where he had spent the July holidays.

Three African students gave a talk on Bantu Education and University Education.

Bates delivered a summary of the book "Britannia Waives The Rules" by A. T. Culwick to conclude an active half-year.

PLAY READING SOCIETY

Our meetings lately have been possibly a little disappointing, owing to the poor quality of the plays which we have had. No matter how keen members are, it is impossible to make a successful reading of an unsatisfactory play, though our meetings are always saved by good character



reading, especially that of E. Tonkyn. An Agatha Christie play which we read, "Go Back for Murder," was a little below average, while "Brother Henry" was amusing though not terribly subtle. However, the meetings are always enjoyable, and we can only hope that we will have a better selection of plays in future.

VENTURE CLUB

The Venture Club Tie has now arrived and about twenty boys in the School have qualified to wear it. The qualifications include five week-end outings to mountains or by canoe on the river, one of which must be organised and led by the applicant. The tie consists of a gold V inside a wreath and thin gold stripes on a black material.

A successful trip took place to Mlanje in Nyasaland in July. It was more relaxed than the trips to Kilimanjaro and was an excellent holiday. The mountain is not very high or difficult but is beautiful and unusual. As before, the party camped en route and it returned via Kariba, Wankie and the Falls.

Mountain trips have continued and are always over-subscribed. In addition to those which go to the top of the Drakensberg and must be accompanied by a master, boys have gone out for week-ends by themselves to Spion Kop, Kamberg and Mount Gilboa. The canoeing season is about to start and we hope to acquire a trailer to accommodate extra canoes.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The third quarter turned out to be very successful for the Society, ending in a very good Speech Day Exhibition with a number of new displays. There were good collections of snakes, reptiles and other animals. Many members helped greatly by lending skins, horns and native weapons. There was also a large collection of birds in the small aviary but unfortunately the new aviary was not completed on time. Recently work has been carried on again and it is now only lacking a shelter. It is capable of holding 1,200 birds. The new society room has continued to be well used and is proving its worth. The main museum has been enlarged but is now waiting to be painted.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

We have had an interesting half-year with many talks and visits, one of them resulting in Mr. White-Smith presenting a cup to the Society.

Some of our members were reasonably successful at the Royal Show, Tony Phillips in particular gaining a very creditable second prize.

We are in the process of acquiring a new two and a quarter square enlarger—something we have always needed since there has been a swing to that kind of camera.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Hickson for his guidance and help over the last six months.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society has been much more active owing to the welcome return of Mr. du Plessis.

We had a most interesting and constructive talk last quarter by Mr. Scotney, the Extension Officer from Lions River, on combating erosion, correct farm planning, nature conservation and the common errors in farming. We are looking forward to another talk by him later on this quarter.

The Society went on a very interesting and enjoyable outing to Mr. Hall's farm near Mooi River last quarter. We were impressed by his irrigation-pastures and had a most enjoyable braaivleis.

We also spent a most beneficial Sunday on the 27th October at the Holley Bros.' Estates near Wartburg. Mr. Norman kindly showed us round their plantations, mills and creosoting plant and we were very well catered for by Mrs. Holley. This concluded a most active half-year spent by the Society.

APIARY SOCIETY

In this last half year the members of the Society have learnt a great deal about bee-keeping. Last quarter we had a field-day in which the members of the Natal and Zululand Bee-keepers' Association gave some very interesting lectures and demonstrations and showed us a most constructive film, and this quarter Mr. Holden, from Cedara, is to talk to us and show us some films.

Unfortunately, we took our hives down to Peel's Apiaries too late and so we missed the honey flow there. As a result we have had very little honey this season.

Our thanks go to Mr. James, and to Mr. Smith of Peel's Apiaries, for all the time they have spent in helping us.

SHOOTING CLUB

After three years' silence the rifle range at the school again became the scene of considerable activity and noise. The second term was devoted exclusively to house shooting, the final competitions taking place on October 25.

In this first year of the revival of shooting much had to be done by way of experiment. Consequently house shooting has not quite become the routine that it should be. It is unfortunate that everybody in the school did not get an opportunity to shoot, let alone the thorough practices so essential for good shooting.

The fine co-operation of Housemasters and Housetutors and the energetic help from members of the school team, however, made it possible for us to see the senior and junior house teams in eager competition.

The shooting was won by Farfield with a total score of 1,099 out of 1,200, the best individual score being that of P. J. Roberts, viz. a full 100 points. C. R. Barras, captain of the school team, was awarded his colours.

We are looking forward to more settled shooting next year.

FENCING CLUB

The match against Natal University at the end of the second quarter did not, unfortunately, take place; the Varsity club had closed down for the half-year exams. This was followed by a quarter in which progress was slow because Mr. Brooker, our coach, was called away to prepare the Gym. Team. However, we start the fourth quarter with enthusiasm and look forward to the fixture against Northlands at the end of the term. There are also possibilities of fixtures against the University and Hilton.

Over the year as a whole we have made good progress, seeing that all but two were beginners. Our sincerest thanks go to Mr. Brooker, South African Champion Man-at-Arms, for the time and inspiring coaching he has given us.

ST. MICHAEL'S YACHT CLUB

The six Trophy races for this year have been completed and the Trophy goes to A. D. Mendelow, the Vice-Commodore—a most deserving winner. The races in the second half of the year have been actively contested. This may well be a direct result of the tremendous activity that took place immediately prior to Speech Day when there was frantic activity in the boat building yard and repair shop, viz., the old gym. which is now no more. The old boats were renovated and two of the new boats were completed and two partially finished. It has taken some considerable time to build the new boats but the end is in sight and no praise is too high for those who got stuck in and, in spite of numerous setbacks never—or hardly ever—grumbled, and certainly had the guts to see the job through; a big thank you to them all.

The Club is greatly indebted to a former keen member, Mervyn Gray, who most generously donated a partially completed Andy to the fleet. So by next quarter we shall have seven Cadets and one Andy belonging to the Club.

Commodore Richard Hesketh has done a most efficient job in running the Club, and his task has been made lighter by the enthusiastic support and co-operation of the Vice-Commodore A. D. Mendelow and the Rear-Commodore Steve Eriksen.

Many new members are joining the Club and we look forward to a happy and energetic season ahead of us.

Once again we say a very big thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Cliffe who so generously allow us the use of their dam and who are so kind to our yachtsmen, particularly at meal times!

RADIO CLUB

At a meeting held last quarter various members of the Society delivered short talks on Morse and its applications, on Diodes and Triodes and their respective uses, including regeneration, and on the composition and working of transistors and their use in simple circuits.

THE BRIDGE CLUB

The Society continues to flourish under the guidance of Mrs. Withers. Though the "A" Block members are naturally not playing so frequently now, there seems to have been a great increase in enthusiasm among the VI Form members. Our gratitude is due to Mrs. Withers and all the other staff who so kindly accommodate us at our weekly meetings.

The Foundation Secretary, Michael Havers, left us at the end of the third quarter. Our thanks and best wishes go with him. In his place Peter Black has been elected as the new Secretary.

The amount of bridge that is played in spare time is definitely helping to improve the standard and we have developed some extremely intelligent players. Our calling is still the weakest part of our play; on the other hand some of the actual playing of hands is first class. The club in general provides a valuable outlet for intellectual recreation.

TROUT FISHING CLUB

Quite a number of outsize fish have been caught by members of the Club recently, including two—one of 3lbs. 10oz. and one of 3lbs. 2oz.—by P. J. Goldie-Scot, our Chairman (using a fly!), and two of over two pounds by Richard Hesketh, our senior member and O.C. (using his own home-made flies). These fish were caught during the Michaelmas holidays

when the Hesketh family kindly invited P. J. Goldie-Scot and James Har-
graves to stay at their cottage near Underberg, and the Tuttle family—Pa
and Ma staying at the Underberg Hotel and John with us at the cottage—
made up a very happy party. We were most grateful to Mr. David Carlisle
who transported us to the location waters below Coleford on two occasions,
on the first of which we netted nine fish totalling 19½lbs. Altogether we
caught 46 fish, total weight 44lbs., in three and a half days.

The preparation for the building of the fishing cottage at Underberg
goes forward slowly but surely and we hope that by this time next year
we shall have some form of shelter for former members to use.

We extend a hearty welcome to the new members for 1964; these are
S. J. Francis, R. M. Hensman, D. C. Hindson and A. M. Jackson. At the
same time we say farewell to those who will be leaving us at the end of the
quarter and wish them "tight lines."

MOTOR CLUB

The first month of this half-year was spent preparing for Speech Day.
Our projects began to pile up until we were uncertain whether we could
manage them all. However, only after we had stowed the last piece of
machinery in our overworked little garage could we turn our attention to
some practical "grease monkeying."

A 500 c.c. A.J.S. motorcycle which had blown a gasket was the first
victim of our sadistic spanners.

Otherwise, we have had our usual quota of talks, film shows and
outings.

Once again we are indebted to Mr. Gillespie for his interest and
assistance.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

After a brief spell of non-existence, the "Stargazing Society" again became
active at the beginning of this year as the "Astronomical Society." Mr.
Thompson is the current President and a new committee was elected by the
twenty-three members.

So far this year the aim has been to build an observatory shelter at
the top of St. Michael's Mount. Progress has been slow up to date but it is
fairly certain the shelter will be completed by the end of the year. Minor
repairs to the home-made telescope are being carried out.

CHESS CLUB

The year has not been a particularly distinguished one, but the chess,
although not of a very high standard or studious nature, has been enjoyably
played.

Unfortunately, in the first half-year arrangements for matches against
other schools fell through. However, in the fourth quarter we had an
enjoyable match against Estcourt, which we lost by 8 matches to 4.

The lack of senior boys in the Society has somewhat lowered the
standard; however, the many juniors promise well for the future.

ART CLUB

The Art Club was started at the beginning of the year and under the
Presidency of Mr. Lavender has become one of the largest Clubs in the
School with a membership of 35. The Club undertook to do the wall decora-

tions for the School Dance and contributions have appeared in the Beacon. Royal Show exhibitions were a record as far as entries went. Films have been shown and both Mr. Lavender and Davies have addressed the Club. Speech Day exhibitions were quite good and we go to the University for a lecture shortly.

We hope that the initial interest shown in the Club which has lasted so well will not diminish and that the junior members will sustain it next year.

THE STAMP CLUB

The Club retains an enthusiastic membership, though conversation at meetings ranges far and wide and is by no means confined to philately. Red herrings are usually generously provided by Acker and are avidly followed by other members. However, this does not prevent the pursuit of our hobby and Sales Packets from the Natal Society are patronised to the full stretch of the pocket. We welcomed recently a visit from Mr. B. C. Johnson of the Nottingham Road School, who put across to us his philosophy of collecting and showed us his impressive collection. On Speech Day we made a small but select exhibition, which served to register our continued existence.

MUSIC

Under the auspices of the
Pietermaritzburg Philharmonic Society
The Choral Societies of St. Anne's
(Chorus-mistress—Mildred Augustyn)
and Michaelhouse
present
MENDELSSOHN'S
"ELIJAH"



with

MONICA HUNTER	Soprano
JOYCE SCOTCHER	Contralto
WEBSTER BOOTH	Tenor
WILFRED HUTCHINGS	Bass

Members of the Philharmonic Orchestra
(Leader—George Walker, 21st Sept.; Ernest Hartley, 22nd Sept.)
and John Harper—Organ
Conducted by Barry Smith

Pietermaritzburg City Hall—September 21st
Michaelhouse Chapel—September 22nd

"ELIJAH" WAS GREAT TRIUMPH

In Birmingham 117 years ago, after the first performance of "Elijah," the music critic of "The Times" wrote: "Never was there a more complete triumph—never a more thorough and speedy recognition of a great work of art." Doubtless a modern sophisticated audience inclines its praise more to caution than to such apparent extravagance, but whatever "Elijah" may lack in profundity of inspiration and in the sustenance of dramatic impact is expertly camouflaged by impeccable scoring and by the composer's fastidious pursuit of structural perfection. Neither is there any doubt that in the context of the oratorio—especially with the particular type of audience for which it was written—"Elijah" is second only in popularity to "Messiah."

This fact was confirmed by the enthusiastic appreciation of Saturday night's capacity audience in the City Hall. Reservations about the quality of the music itself may well be justified, but no reservations are necessary about the quality of performance, which was, indeed, a "complete triumph" for all concerned.

Primarily, Mildred Augustyn and Barry Smith are to be congratulated upon moulding the flexible material of many young voices into an integrated unit, capable of realising and achieving the considerable musical and dramatic demands of the work, to which the fine balance and tonal purity seemed particularly suited. Barry Smith's eloquent reading and finely-drawn control produced sensitive and instant response from his forces, while John Harper managed the exacting organ part with confidence and imagination. The orchestra, somewhat tardy and uncertain at first, improved as the work developed.

Every time we have the pleasure of hearing Joyce Scotcher her singing appears better than ever, and her performance in "Elijah" was no exception. She sang with complete mastery and poise, and her Recitative and Air, "What have I to do with thee, O man of God?" provided one of the highlights of the evening.

In Part Two, Monica Hunter's singing of "Hear ye, Israel" was, frankly, magnificent, and fired the chorus to further inspiration in the subsequent chorus, "Be not afraid." Both Webster Booth and Wilfred Hutchings handled their parts with skill and assurance and the voices of the four soloists blended to perfection, especially in the quartet, "O come everyone that thirsteth." The work ended with an exciting interpretation of the dramatic chorus, "And then shall your light break forth."

It is a pity this performance cannot be repeated for it is one no music-lover should miss.

I.M.F.

—"Natal Witness"—24th September, 1963.

CHORAL SOCIETY

1,144 people heard the performance by the Choral Societies of Michaelhouse and St. Anne's of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" in the Pietermaritzburg City Hall on Saturday, 21st September. The following Sunday the work was performed in the Michaelhouse Chapel in a rather different atmosphere. The result was a number of congratulatory letters and an enthusiastic write-up in the "Natal Witness," which appears in full elsewhere in this edition of the Chronicle.

Our thanks and congratulations are due to our four soloists, Monica Hunter, Joyce Scotcher, Webster Booth and Wilfred Hutchings, for all that they did towards making the performance such an outstanding success. Further thanks are due to Mr. Barry Carbis for playing at Rehearsals, to Mildred Augustyn and St. Anne's for their excellent work and co-operation, to John Harper, the organist, and the orchestra for their valuable contributions.

Leonard Blake, the Director of Music at Malvern College, who played for a combined rehearsal in the Chapel, was most impressed by the chorus singing of this very difficult work.

Finally our sincerest praise must go to Barry Smith for his brilliant and inspired conducting and for the way that he obtained such quality and co-operation from such amateurish beginnings. We wish him the best of luck for his performance of Haydn's "Creation" next year.

D.M.B.

MUSIC SOCIETY

The performance of Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah" rather eclipsed the activities of the Music Society this half-year. However, those members of the Society who either sang or listened to the performance gained greatly from seeing and hearing the four distinguished oratorio singers both at the rehearsal and in their brilliant performance. The wildly enthusiastic reception in the City Hall was testimony of the immeasurable musical prestige gained by Michaelhouse.

During the second half of the year Mr. Smith spoke on several musical subjects, illustrating with recordings; these included Elijah by Mendelssohn, Benjamin Britten (with excerpts from the War Requiem) and the Creation, a work which the combined Choral Societies of St. Anne's and Michaelhouse will present next year.

A number of boys attended two concerts presented by the Philharmonic Society, the young pianist Marian Friedman and the soprano Maria Stader.

T.E.K.R.

GRAMOPHONE CLUB

Meetings have been held regularly and have included programmes presented by Tuttle, Ellman and Radloff, as well as Members' Evenings. The wide variety of recordings played shows what a useful function this Society serves in affording music to people of widely diverging tastes. It allows people to hear music which they already know and admire, as well as music which is new to them, and which, if not admired, is at least interesting.

Our membership is still small, around the twenty mark, but the keenness shown by the members makes up for the lack of numbers.

T.E.K.R.

THE SAVIOUR

"Tell me, what are you doing?"

By way of reply the man pulled a lazy finger from under the table and pointed. I found myself looking at a dirty china cup. In the bottom there were coffee dregs, but round the outer rim there were slop marks and the saucer was full of cold, unserviceable coffee. It appeared to me like a small world which had extinguished itself in its effort to overflow. The analogy made my position even more urgent.

"Tell me," I tried again, "do you like it here?"

"No, dad; that's why I come here."

I looked in despair at this bleary-eyed phantom of dissipation. Yet if I could convince him, surely I could convince the rest of the world that I had the answer. There had to be some way in which I could approach him. Already I was being overpowered by the stifling murkiness of this coffee bar.

"What's the name of this place?"

He handed me the menu. A trumpeter started playing. The cacophonous sound of the overblown brass waded through a haze of cheap smoke and stale coffee, encroaching on my brain with sickening urgency. I looked at the name on the menu—"THE MOUNTCROSS." The name started off a chain of mental reactions. Cross . . . Christ . . . mount . . . sermon on the . . . camel's eye . . . needle in haystack . . . flesh and blood . . . reality.

"Are you religious?"

His eyes lit up. "Never touch the stuff. Bunch of hypocrites."

Perhaps I could get him talking after all. "Why do you say that?"

"See them trooping down to Church every Sabbath for their twopenny slurp of God and a piece of wafer. Makes you sick. Remember reading in the Book about a rich man and a camel. People got it wrong. Worry about money too much. That's the world's problem."

I looked at him. It was obvious the man was doped, but I had to drum it in to him. "Listen, I know how we can save the world from overpopulation." My thoughts were racing now . . . something was wrong . . . that trumpet . . . the clashing in my brain. I looked at this junky. For God's sake say something . . . shout it otherwise I won't hear it.

"They're not worth saving," he forced out in a deathly whisper.

What's not worth saving . . . what the Hell am I talking about . . . hurry . . . hurry . . . tell him now. With a tremendous effort I stopped the whole forward action of my brain, and unravelled the abyss of thoughts. He means—The world isn't worth saving. "But it is," I shouted. "It's essential that we save ourselves." People were looking at me now, but it doesn't . . . didn't matter. I've got to convince myself that I can convince this fellow. "Do you think Man was put on his own little special province to flood himself over the spherical edge and precipitate his own destruction? Can you believe that there is no further reason for creation than self-annihilation? I'm telling you, you've got to take my solution."

"Stick it, dad." Then his doped eyes cleared and the clashing trumpet stopped. "If you really want to tell me about it," he said, "come up to my place, and we'll have a chat about it. Come on, let's get the Hell out of here."

We walked out into the revitalizing freshness of the night. Something's going to happen, I know. "Look out, there. Quick!" I looked at my companion, who carried on walking. They're not worth saving. He carried on walking, walking, walking, even when the brick smashed open my skull.

"Waitress . . . bring me some more coffee . . . Cappuccino." And the pie-eyed waitress sloshed the superfluous Cappuccinic froth into the Earth's receptacular saucer . . .

J.J.B.—VI Form

SPORT

RUGBY 1963

The prospects at the beginning of the season seemed fair as it was obvious that there would be far more pace in the backline than had been the case in recent seasons. There were, however, two main causes for concern: one was a lack of experienced inside backs and the other was a shortage of front row forwards. For the first part of the season we had Lyon with us and his kicking proved to be a decisive factor on more than one occasion; in addition to this his play in the centre improved, which was most welcome in view of the prevailing lack of people to fill this position. The forward play continued to be affected by a lack of really adequate reserves; our pack proved to be a sound combination when at full strength but unfortunately this was rarely to be the case. Mitchell-Innes developed measles in the middle of the season and Stubbings damaged an ankle towards the end. As a result of these misfortunes the forwards had rather a hard time on more than one occasion. Smith proved to be the outstanding player of the season: this year he really settled down in the lock, his line-out play being particularly good. Often he left the opposition stranded with a really good weaving run, and when he played in the centre he proved to have far more potential than the regular performers in that position.

Two features of our play this season gave particular cause for concern. One was the erratic nature of our defensive play: there were occasions when our tackling was absolutely first class; unfortunately, this would often be followed by a game when our tackling was nothing short of deplorable. The other feature was the unwillingness of the three-quarters to run with real determination. It is to be hoped that these tendencies will not be prevalent in future seasons.

We started the season with a match against Weston, who were considerably weaker than they have been in recent years; we did, however, produce some encouraging rugby for this stage of the season and won comfortably by twenty-eight points to nil. Our next match was against Churchill who were on tour from Rhodesia. In this match we produced some good rugby to win by twenty-two points to ten. A disturbing feature of the game was the way in which they scored two tries through the centre; nevertheless it was an encouraging performance. Our next encounter was against Voortrekker, which we won by eleven points to three.

On Ascension day we played our annual match against the Old Boys. This year they fielded an extremely heavy pack of forwards, all of whom were match fit; the result was that our pack took a terrific battering. They stood up to the Old Boys' weight extremely well but the effects were to be felt later. Fortunately for the School the opposition three-quarters were not of the same calibre as the forwards. The Old Boys ended up by winning by six points to three. On the Saturday we played Glenwood and the effects of the Thursday match were evident from the kick-off: our forwards were extremely sluggish and the tackling poor. Glenwood played all the rugby in this match and ran out winners by sixteen points to three. On the following Saturday we played St. John's, who were touring from Johannesburg: this match is reported fully later. In our match against College we were given an object lesson in the importance of hard running, solid tackling and backing up. After holding them for the first fifteen minutes, we gave away two unnecessary penalties and from then on College launched one attack after another. They, unfortunately, lost their scrum-half with a broken ankle but this made virtually no difference and in the last fifteen

minutes they scored a succession of beautiful tries. The final score was 27-0. There is little to say about our match against St. Charles except that it produced some remarkably dull rugby. In the end we were fortunate to draw, mainly owing to the fact that they failed to take some golden scoring opportunities.

We began the third quarter with a match against Weston, which we won by twenty-one points to three. The following Saturday we played Port Natal in Durban and lost by six points to ten in an uneventful match. In our match against Estcourt we produced our worst performance of the season. Estcourt outplayed us in every department of the game, our tackling was unbelievably poor and we were deservedly beaten by sixteen points to three. It was against this background that we went into our second match against College. On the Saturday after the College match we played Kearsney in what was a remarkably dull game. We lost by six points to three mainly due to the fact that we showed a singular lack of appreciation as to how to overcome the shallow lining employed by Kearsney. Our forwards played well but the three-quarters must be faulted for their most unimaginative play. On the Sunday we welcomed the St. Andrews side who were on tour from Grahamstown and played them on the Monday. We were a little unsettled due to the withdrawal of Stubbings just before the match with an ankle injury; nevertheless, this does not excuse the poor tackling produced. St. Andrews switched the direction of the attack well and were leading 8-0 at half-time. In the second half we played better rugby, mainly due to the fact that our forwards settled down. However, indecisive tackling allowed them to score on three more occasions and they thoroughly deserved their victory by seventeen points to nil.

The standard of rugby in the House matches was rather disappointing. In the open section Pascoes beat Founders by eight points to three in the finals. East were clearly the strongest team in the Under 15 section and beat Farfield 28-6 in the finals.

Before ending this report I would like to pay tribute to all those who are involved in keeping our fields and kit in such good shape; also a word of thanks to Mr. du Plessis, who does such invaluable work on the administrative side. Finally, a word of thanks to all those members of the Pietermaritzburg Referees' Society who cheerfully come out into the country to referee our matches.

1st XV RESULTS

2nd Quarter:

- v. **Weston.** Won 27—0.
- v. **Churchill.** Won 22—10.
- v. **Voortrekker.** Won 11—3.
- v. **Old Boys.** Lost 3—6.
- v. **Glenwood.** Lost 3—16.
- v. **St. John's.** Won 19—9.
- v. **College.** Lost 0—27.
- v. **D.H.S.** Won 14—13.
- v. **St. Charles.** Drew 6—6
- v. **Hilton.** Won 11—8.

3rd Quarter:

- v. **Weston.** Won 21—3.
- v. **Port Natal.** Lost 6—10.
- v. **Estcourt.** Lost 3—16.
- v. **College.** Lost 6—19.
- v. **Kearsney.** Lost 3—6.
- v. **St. Andrews.** Lost 0—17.
- v. **Hilton.** Lost 0—12.

Summary:

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
17	7	9	1	145	172

v. ST. JOHN'S

We started off with a very good forward rush from the kick-off which took the play into the St. John's twenty-five. We heeled the ball on our tight-head and after a good run down the right wing Nash put in a beautiful cross-kick which was allowed to bounce and Baker was up to score; Nicholson converted (5—0). St. John's came back strongly and produced some very good movements in which they switched the direction of the attack most effectively. After some desperate defence on our part Smith, playing in the centre, broke well and gave the ball to Thorrrington-Smith on the left wing who scored after a good run; Nicholson converted (10—0). A few minutes later St. John's were penalised for a scrum infringement and Lyon goaled the penalty (13—0). At this stage we proceeded to produce some very negative play, mainly due to a tendency to watch the man and not the ball. Just before half-time St. John's goaled a very good penalty (13—3).

Shortly after half-time Lyon attempted a penalty from eight yards inside his own half which fell slightly short. St. John's attempted to clear on to our left-hand touchline but failed to find touch. Nicholson gathered the ball, dummied well, ran down the touchline and passed the ball infield to Norwood who made some ground before passing to Dunning, who scored. Nicholson failed to convert this try (16—3). After some scrappy play on our part St. John's heeled the ball from a tight scrum, beat us with a dummy scissors in the centre and scored a good try in the corner (16—6). We retaliated when Nicholson broke well, passed the ball to Seymour who then let it out to Macdonald. At this stage the movement nearly broke down due to the fact that Macdonald held on too long, with the result that his pass to Nash was very wild; fortunately Nash managed to tap the ball back to Lyon who went for the line with great determination. Lyon's kick hit the upright (19—9). We ended the game attacking strongly and were good value for our win.

v. DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL

With four forwards missing it was obvious that our only hope would be to attack right from the beginning; fortunately, we were able to do this. Nash had a very good run down the wing and was stopped just short of the line. We continued to attack and after a while got the ball out to Nash on the right wing who scored in the corner; Nicholson converted (5—0). Shortly after this D.H.S. were unlucky not to score when a penalty hit the upright. We then scored a very good try: the ball came out from a set scrum, Lyon went through a gap in the centre and let the ball out to Nash; after a very good run he was tackled on the D.H.S. twenty-five. The ball was heeled from the loose scrum and went out to Thorrrington-Smith on the left wing who scored in the corner. Lyon just failed to convert a difficult kick. At this stage the weight and experience of the D.H.S. forwards began to take effect and we had some very anxious moments; fortunately, our defence rose to the occasion. After battering at our line for some time, D.H.S. were rewarded with a push-over try. Shortly before half-time Lyon goaled a penalty (11—3). Although this might be considered to be a good lead at half time it as fairly obvious that we would be lucky to hold it as our forwards were looking very tired indeed.

D.H.S. attacked from the kick-off and in spite of some good defence on our part they scored a try which was converted (11—8). Shortly after this we were guilty of some extremely poor tackling and Van der Walt, the D.H.S. left wing, was allowed to run past most of the side and score next to the posts; the try was duly converted (11—13). Our forwards rallied and we managed to prevent them from increasing their lead. It was obvious that time was running out and we certainly did not look like scoring. However we heeled a ball from a set scrum and Lyon kicked a magnificent drop goal from the ten yard line; as the ball went over the final whistle went (14—13). We came off the field very lucky winners of a game that had produced some good rugby and had been played in a very good spirit.

v. HILTON

Hilton started strongly in this match and only desperate defence enabled us to prevent them from scoring in the first few minutes. Our forwards then began to settle down and we saw more of the ball; the game developed into an even struggle. We were the first to score when Lyon goaled a penalty (3—0). This proved to be the score at half-time. Shortly after the beginning of the second half Hilton kicked rather aimlessly, Norwood gathered the ball and kicked ahead, the Hilton full-back allowed the ball to bounce, Norwood gathered it once more and let it out to Thorrington-Smith. After drawing the cover defence he passed back to Norwood who scored. Lyon converted the try (8—0). Hilton attacked very strongly indeed and before long their right wing scored in the corner (8—3). Shortly after this Hilton were penalised fourteen yards inside our half and about fifteen yards in from touch. Lyon kicked a magnificent penalty which landed on the cross-bar and went over (11—3). Hilton swarmed back in to the attack and after some good rugby on their part cut through in the centre and scored next to the posts; the try was converted (11—8). Hilton were now well on top in the forwards and were gaining possession at will; as a result we were called on to defend desperately. Just before the final whistle Hilton were penalised inside our twenty-five and Lyon drove them back to within ten yards of their line with an excellent punt. This put new heart into our forwards and we ended up attacking strongly.

v. COLLEGE

From our point of view this match turned out to be much more satisfactory than our previous encounter. This was mainly due to the fact that our forwards played well and our cover defence was very sound. The earlier portion of the first half developed into a fairly even struggle. College opened the scoring with a penalty and just before half-time Sharp scored a try which he converted (0—8). On the run of play we were a little unfortunate to be trailing by this margin. Immediately after half-time College attacked strongly and Van der Watt showed himself to be a first-class centre by the manner in which he scored two tries in fairly quick succession (0—14). It rather looked as if College were about to pile up a really big score but determined forward play and sound tackling enabled us to stabilise the situation. After some interesting play Nicholson opened our score with a penalty (3—14). College retaliated when Anderson scored a try round the front of the line-out which Sharp converted with a good kick (3—19). For the last ten minutes we attacked strongly and increased our score when Nicholson goaled another penalty (6—19). Although College were clearly superior, we had reason to be satisfied with the manner in which we had held this extremely powerful side.

v. HILTON

This match was played in a fairly strong wind which made the conditions rather awkward. Initially the play was fairly even with Hilton looking as if they were going to be the more dangerous side. After about fifteen minutes we were guilty of a careless scrum infringement and Hilton opened the score with a penalty (0—3). Shortly after this Hilton increased their lead with another penalty (0—6). At this stage of the game we did not look at all likely to score. Just before half-time Hilton scored a very good try on their right wing which they failed to convert (0—9). From the kick-off for the second half Hilton forced their way on to our line. We heeled the ball from a set scrum just short of the line. The Hilton flanks came up very fast and Nicholson was heavily tackled, the ball rolled loose and Hilton scored (0—12). From now on our forwards began playing well and we did a considerable amount of the attacking but lacked the necessary thrust to penetrate the Hilton defences. There was no further scoring and Hilton were worthy winners.

CHARACTERS

- Smith, W. D.** (captain, lock, Honours): Developed into a very good lock forward this season, his line-out play being outstanding. An extremely mobile forward.
- Nicholson, C. R.** (vice-captain, full-back, Colours): Played some very good games at the beginning of the season, but allowed himself to become unsettled by the restricted kicking rule. Regained his confidence towards the end of the season.
- Nash, P. A.** (wing, Colours): Extremely fast, he developed into our main try-scoring factor. A shoulder injury caused him to lose some confidence but he could develop into a first-class wing.
- Lyon, R. D. H.** (centre, Honours): As usual his boot proved to be a very telling factor. His play in the centre developed as the season progressed.
- Turner, P. W.** (centre, Teams): Sound in defence but his attacking play was unimaginative. He must overcome a tendency to run at half-pace.
- Moon, B. A. L.** (centre/wing, Teams): Far more at home on the wing, he tended to be rather hesitant in the centre. He failed to use his pace to the best of his ability.
- Thorrington-Smith, P. W.** (wing, Colours): His tackling was never elegant but always effective. He did not always run with sufficient determination on attack.
- Matthews, I. N.** (fly-half, Colours): His main attributes were sound hands and effective cover defence. His play was always limited by an inability to kick with either power or precision.
- Smithyman, M. J.** (scrum-half, Colours): He possessed a good long pass and kicked well with either foot. His tactical sense was sound.
- Harvey, M. M.** (scrum-half, Teams): Deputised very ably when Smithyman was on tour with the Nuffield cricket team. Always played with great determination. The most striking feature of his play was his speed on to the loose ball.
- Stubbings, J. S.** (front row, Colours): Developed into a powerful scrummager; he also did some useful work in the line-outs. Always played with determination.
- Peacock-Edwards, S. J.** (hooker, Colours): A good forward in the loose, he developed into a fast striker as the season progressed.
- Ballance, R. D.** (front row, Colours): A rugged forward with a devastating tackle. A good scrummager who played with determination on all occasions.
- Smith, A. B.** (flank, Teams): An aggressive player who was, however, guilty of some rather untidy tackling. He possessed a good left boot.
- Mitchell-Innes, I. F.** (lock, Colours): A good, solid tight forward who always played hard. He should develop into a really good lock.
- Seymour, A. M.** (flank, Colours): Very fast on to the loose ball, unfortunately his handling let him down on occasions.
- Norwood, S. T.** (eighth man, Colours): An eighth man of great promise, he must, however, pay more attention to his handling. He had some very good games.
- Macdonald, A. P.** (eighth man, Colours): He possessed most of the attributes of a really good loose forward. His play was often disappointing, largely due to a tendency to hold on to the ball too long. Left at the end of the second quarter.

The following also played for the 1st XV:—Cullen, R. W. P., Richards, C. D. F., Wilson, A. L., Phillips, A. J., Dunning, S. E. J., Fordyce, P. A. D., Baker, M. D., Gowans, P. A., Black, P. M., Zaloumis, A. A., Whittaker, L. H., Dyer, D. D., Grobler, C. F.

2nd XV

The unsettling effect of having to provide reserves for the 1st XV was more noticeable this year than in recent seasons. In spite of this, the team produced some good and determined rugby.

Results:

- v. **Westville 1st XV.** Lost 8—32.
- v. **Voortrekker.** Won 16—0.
- v. **Old Boys.** Lost 11—12.
- v. **Glenwood.** Won 12—5.
- v. **Pmb. Tech.** Lost 6—9.
- v. **College.** Lost 0—11.
- v. **D.H.S.** Won 14—9.
- v. **St. Charles.** Lost 6—13.
- v. **Hilton.** Won 9—0.
- v. **Port Natal.** Drew 3—3.
- v. **Estcourt.** Drew 8—8.
- v. **College.** Lost 0—25.
- v. **Kearsney.** Lost 3—6.
- v. **Hilton.** Lost 6—13.

The following 2nd XV players were awarded their Teams: M. D. Baker, P. M. Black, C. B. Davies, D. P. T. Downes, S. E. J. Dunning, P. A. Gallo, P. A. Gowans, L. B. Leslie, B. A. L. Moon, J. Osborn, A. J. Phillips, C. D. F. Richards, K. J. R., Summerley, L. H. Whittaker, A. L. Wilson, A. A. Zaloumis.

The following also represented the 2nd XV: A. D. Mendelow, J. H. Tuttle, C. J. Christierson, G. R., Chennells, C. F. Grobler, T. Simpson, D. C. Legge, G. Jefferies

COLTS A RUGBY

In terms of results this was a very poor season. The chief cause of failure to score points lay in lack of weight in the forwards who often managed to hold their own during the first half but failed to allow the backs any attacking opportunities in the second half. A back line of some promise was never given enough opportunity to run with the ball and the continual demands on their defence were not always met. The enthusiasm of the whole game in the face of continued defeat and other setbacks in the form of a large crop of measles and other injuries was highly commendable.

P.	W.	D.	L.
14	1	—	13

BUNNIES RUGBY

Hard, low tackling and penetrative, intelligent running have been characteristic of the play this season. With the forwards well led by Oscroft and the backs skilfully guided by Collins many spectacular tries were scored, often after the ball had passed along the line and then back to the forwards.

At the start the line-out work lacked snap and cohesion while the heeling in the tight and loose was sluggish. When these faults were remedied the pack became a well-knit and mobile unit. Quicker and crisper passing and better positioning enabled the backs to develop into a dangerous and thrustful line. With more than one reliable place-kicker, the team was one of the most powerful we have had for many years.

Results:

- v. **Westville.** Won 21-3.
- v. **Voortrekker.** Lost 6-11.
- v. **Glenwood.** Won 14-3.
- v. **Tech. College.** Won 40-0.
- v. **College.** Won 14-6.
- v. **D.H.S.** Lost 18-21.
- v. **St. Charles.** Won 50-0.
- v. **Hilton.** Won 32-3.
- v. **Port Natal.** Won 22-0.
- v. **Estcourt.** Won 42-3.
- v. **College.** Won 29-8.
- v. **Kearsney.** Won 26-3.
- v. **Hilton.** Won 44-3.

HOCKEY

AWARDS

Honours: G. A. van der Veen, J. Matterson, M. J. Smithyman, K. M. L. Ireland.

Colours: K. M. L. Ireland, A. J. Ritchie, D. M. Sutherland, P. A. Gallo, G. H. D. Jefferies, L. H. Whittaker, M. M. Harvey, H. L. G. Knight, I. N. Matthews.

Teams: P. A. Gallo, G. H. D. Jefferies, H. L. G. Knight, L. H. Whittaker, M. M. Harvey, T. E. K. Radloff, P. M. Black, R. B. S. Haynes, P. S. Kuipers, J. J. Low, T. P. Rail.

Alan Butcher Hockey Stick: G. H. D. Jefferies.

1963 saw the non-rugby hockey achieving new heights by having seven members at the final trials for Natal Schools, only one of these not achieving the distinction of playing for Natal Schools in the week at Bloemfontein. Congratulations to C. J. R. Black, Ireland, Matterson, Ritchie, Sutherland and Van der Veen on playing for Natal Schools and to W. M. Lau for having come close to selection. (He was very unlucky in the third quarter in that injury made it impossible for him to play throughout the hockey month). All but one of the six gained a place in one of the four composite sides chosen at the end of the S.A. Schools Week and Van der Veen is to be heartily congratulated on his well merited selection for South African Schools. He toured with the side in Rhodesia.

The non-rugby 1st XI played seven matches, of which it won five and lost two. Twenty-one goals were scored as against 12. A feature of the side was the strong inside forward combination of Black, Van der Veen and Matterson and the solid defence of Lau and Ritchie (halves), Ireland (back) and Sutherland (goal). The non-rugby 2nd XI lost two games against University sides and won and drew against Hilton.

Although Black's loss at half-year meant that the 1st XI attack in September would be weakened, it was clear that there was ample material for a very good side. Indeed, by midway through the main hockey month, the XI had developed into one of the best combinations for many years; not only was the defence very sound but also the inside forwards were quick to put the ball into the net. Sutherland, in goal, was quite fearless and saved many good shots, though he had his off days. Of the backs, Ireland, showing precise judgment and clever stickwork, often played brilliantly, though he was a little slow to recover when beaten. Whittaker gained greatly in confidence and was playing steadily and coolly by the end. Smithyman at centre-half was notable for his fine positional play and his stopping, but above all he shone in distribution, invariably choosing the right gap. He led the side firmly and determinedly, always giving praise where it was due. Gallo, at left half, made great strides. His stopping of the ball was uncanny and his distribution improved as time went on. Given

a little more experience he could be a very good hockey player. Tragically, Ritchie broke his collar bone just before the first match and only played in the last. He had clearly learnt a great deal at Bloemfontein, moving into the ball to stop it better than anyone else. Nevertheless his place was admirably filled by Jefferies, who was very steady and unruffled. Of the forwards, Van der Veen's all round play improved very greatly, and he scored goals almost by the dozen. The best centre-forward we have seen here for many years. He was well supported by a tireless Matterson (inside-right) who, apart from giving his wing numerous well directed passes, developed such control that he frequently went right through to the goal line and flicked back a perfect pass for the forward in front of the goal. He was also a prolific goal-scorer. Harvey, at inside-left, worked hard and improved with every game, playing probably at his best against D.H.S. Matthews (right wing) scored a number of goals and learnt later to come into the circle after beating his half. He made considerable progress. On the left wing Knight is developing clever control and greater thrust. He must learn to centre on the move without using the reverse stick and should be a dangerous wing next year.

It was very sad that our first match, with only a day or two to settle down, was against St. Aidan's, a strong combination. This was the only match we lost and that only because in the first 15 minutes the defence had not settled down and St. Aidan's put in three goals. Thereafter things improved and only inspired goal-keeping saved St. Aidan's from defeat. From then the side became rapidly more coherent and defeated a lively Old Boys side on Speech Day (3—1), the touring Forest High School side (which was affected by injury) 8—0 and the touring St. John's side 9—2. Hilton were also comfortably beaten 5—0 in a match in which our forwards were more sluggish than usual but in which the defence played immaculate hockey. Then followed the two best matches of the month. The XI managed to hold a strong Berea Rovers side to a 2—2 draw, a fine achievement. Moreover, four days later, they drew 0—0 with a Pietermaritzburg University team, in which both sides played excellent, crisp hockey. Conditions were not easy as a heavy drizzle fell throughout the game; Sutherland made two or three brilliant saves in this game. The season ended with the XI beating D.H.S. 8—0, in spite of playing for about forty minutes with only ten men. All told the XI scored 37 goals and conceded only 8.

It was very fitting, therefore, that 1963 should be the year in which hockey has been accorded the same status as cricket and rugby. Awards are now made on a similar basis to those in these two games.

Unfortunately, the 2nd XI was only able to play two outside matches, the one, against Hilton, being drawn 1—1 and the other, against University, lost 0—2. The choosing of a 2nd XI was by no means easy and the side did not approach the 1st XI in attack or defence. Our other teams also suffered from a dearth of fixtures. In the one series of Hilton games the Under 16 won their match, while both Under 15 and Under 14 lost by the odd goal.

TEAMS

1st XI: D. M. Sutherland; L. H. Whittaker, K. M. L. Ireland; P. A. Gallo, M. J. Smithyman (capt.), G. H. D. Jefferies (A. J. Ritchie); H. L. G. Knight, M. M. Harvey, G. A. van der Veen (vice-capt.), J. Matterson, I. N. Matthews.

2nd XI: T. P. Rail; J. S. S. Smyth, R. B. S. Haynes; J. J. Low, B. C. Collins, P. S. Kuipers; W. D. Smith (capt.), T. E. K. Radloff, S. P. Randon, L. McCormick, P. M. Black.

Under 16: A. J. Hammill; B. A. Acker, D. G. MacLeod (capt.); C. E. T. Baines, P. W. Turner, K. P. Archibald; G. H. Webb, C. C. Collins, J. W. C. Emmett, D. E. Burchell, D. D. Croad and W. R. Mapham.

Under 15: M. B. Peacock-Edwards; S. J. Francis, P. G. Bensimon; D. P. R. Martin, R. D. Harvey (capt.), M. H. D. Farquharson; G. R. Poynton, T. M. Seymour, C. P. Whittaker, D. G. C. Perry, H. C. Brown.

Under 14: D. R. Pooley; A. J. Chennells, D. F. Osocroft; J. G. Chennells, W. M. Dales, A. Morrison; A. C. Wilcox, R. R. Collins (capt.), J. M. Burchell, B. A. Stewart, W. M. MacRobert.

Non-Rugby XI: D. M. Sutherland; P. S. Kuipers (G. G. Mackeurtan), K. M. L. Ireland; J. J. Low, W. M. Lau, A. J. Ritchie; R. B. Dalrymple, C. J. R. Black and T. E. K. Radloff, G. A. van der Veen (capt.), J. Matterson (vice-capt.), S. P. Randon.

RESULTS

1st XI:

- v. **St. Aidan's.** Lost 2—3.
- v. **Old Boys.** Won 3—1.
- v. **Forest High.** Won 8—0.
- v. **St. John's.** Won 9—2.
- v. **Hilton.** Won 5—0.
- v. **Berea Rovers.** Drawn 2—2.
- v. **University.** Drawn 0—0.
- v. **D.H.S.** Won 8—0.

2nd XI:

- v. **Hilton.** Drawn 1—1.
- v. **University.** Lost 0—2.
- U 16:** v. **Hilton.** Won 3—2.
- U 15:** v. **Hilton.** Lost 0—1.
- U 14:** v. **Hilton.** Lost 1—2.

HOUSE MATCHES

This year the 4th XI (Under 15) house match competition replaced the 2nd XI on house boards. Results of house matches were:

- 1st XI:** Founders beat Baines 3—1.
- 2nd XI:** Founders drew with Baines 1—1.
- 3rd XI:** Baines beat Founders 4—0.
- 4th XI:** East Beat West 1—0.

ATHLETICS

The first event of the 1963-64 season was, as usual, the Invitation Mile at Estcourt, though it was later than usual this year and clashed with a fixture that was arranged at Michaelhouse with D.A.C. and U.C.H. The date was Saturday, 14th September, and because of the clash we were only able to send one runner to Estcourt. He was J. H. Holley, who ran well and satisfied himself by finishing third in a race which produced a record of 4 min. 24.5 secs. by H. Beyleveld of Voortrekker. Holley's time was in the 4 min. 40 secs., which was better than he'd done before.

Meanwhile, at Michaelhouse, we were engaged in an enjoyable, social handicap match against the two adult clubs from Durban. Most of our opponents were dusting the winter cobwebs off their track shoes while we watched, and when our fitness was added to some generous handicapping by Mr. Calder the final result was as certain as it was unimportant—Michaelhouse 43½ points, D.A.C. and U.C.H. 28½ points. B. A. L. Moon showed promising early season form in winning the 110 yards Hurdles in 15.1 sec., and if Jacklin of D.A.C. was not fit when he won the 880 yards in 1 min. 59.1 sec., then we are in for some great running from him at the height of the season. One of the most impressive events of the day was the High Jump, where we saw Geyser and Poole of U.C.H. giving us a lesson in technique as they jumped at 6ft. 3in., the best height finally cleared by Geyser. Handicapping gave this event to Fordyce of MHS, who had

actually gone out at 5ft. 10in., but had jumped well to get there. We were very glad to see R. Gourley turning out in the last event of the afternoon, the 440 yards, though he was clearly suffering from the long lay-off since April. This event was won in impressive fashion by H. Roberts, in 50.3 sec., with Thorrrington-Smith, our new captain, second.

On the following Wednesday, 18th September, we took a team to Mooi River where the Agricultural High School entertained us to a return match after last year's first meeting. Again the result was unimportant, and both schools were grateful for an outing with no tenseness in the atmosphere before facing the sterner tests to come. Michaelhouse won the match by 111 to 55. There were few outstanding results, especially after a cold white mist wreathed its clammy tentacles about us, but neither of these considerations worried us in the friendly, informal atmosphere we encountered.

On Saturday, 21st September, it was the turn of Michaelhouse to entertain Hilton and Kearsney Colleges to the annual triangular fixture. Some rather complicated Box and Cox arrangements had had to be made for those athletes who had to be in Maritzburg in time to sing in the Elijah which was to be performed in the City Hall that evening, but all seemed to go smoothly, and we were very pleased to see Messrs. Webster Booth and Wilfred Hutchings among the spectators for the morning events. After the weather had shone kindly on us until lunch, it seemed, immediately after the interval, that we were in for a stormy afternoon; but instead a damp Balgowan mist gradually spread over proceedings and in the end we counted ourselves lucky that it hadn't been worse. Hilton were unlucky in having Symons injured with a damaged tendon; however, having replaced him in the 880 yards, they then asked if he could run as an extra competitor to test his foot, and he proceeded to shake off the rest of the field and break the record for the event. Unfortunately, as there had only been one watch on him, "for interest," the record could not be allowed. The full results are printed below, but one or two other highlights which might be emphasised were the jumping of Hatfield (MHS), who won the Under 15 Long Jump with 20ft. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., an excellent jump; but there was some outstanding Shot Putting from Hiltonians S. Brown, who broke the Under 16 record, and R. Downes, who broke the Open record, in spite of his slight build. The sprints Open and Under 16 were dominated by Thorrrington-Smith and Nash of Michaelhouse, though the chilly weather and heavy track precluded any fast times.

RESULTS

100 Yards, Open

1, Thorrrington-Smith (M); 2, Havemann (H); 3, Ellman (M). 10.6 sec.

220 Yards, Open

1, Thorrrington-Smith (M); 2, Moon (M); 3, Glennie (H). 23.3 sec.

440 Yards, Open

1, Thorrrington-Smith (M); 2, Glennie (H); 3, Cross (M). 50.7 sec.

880 Yards, Open

1, Glennie (H); 2, Holley (M); 3, Gallo (M). 2 min. 5 sec.

One Mile, Open

1, Holley (M); 2, Martin (K); 3, Truscott (M). 4 min. 49.5 sec.

110 Yards Hurdles, Open

1, Moon (M); 2, Cross (M); 3, Huxtable (H). 15.0 sec.

Long Jump, Open

1, Gallo (M); 2, Merrick (H); 3, James (H). 20ft. 11in.

Throwing the Discus, Open

1, Downes (H); 2, Hermer (K); 3, Holmes (H). 173ft. 1in. Record.

Putting the Shot, Open

1, Downes (H); 2, Holmes (H); 3, Hermer (K). 48ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Record.

Medley Relay, Open

1, Michaelhouse; 2, Hilton; 3, Kearsney. 3 in. 51 sec.

4 x 110 Yards Relay, Open

1, Hilton; 2, Kearsney; 3, Michaelhouse. 46.4 sec.

100 Yards, Under 16

1, Nash (M); 2, Gellately (H); 3, Taylor (H). 10.6 sec. Record.

220 Yards, Under 16

1, Nash (M); 2, Bell (H); 3, Black (M). 22.8 sec. Record.

440 Yards, Under 16

1, Nash (M); 2, Bell (H); 3, Guyer (K). 53.9 sec. Record.

880 Yards, Under 16

1, Norwood (M); 2, Guyer (K); 3, Harding (H). 2 min. 9.3 sec.

One Mile, Under 16

1, Kluge (K); 2, Chennells (M); 3, Harding (H). 4 min. 47.6 sec. Record.

110 Yards Hurdles, Under 16

1, Turner (M); 2, Austin (K); 3, Giles (H). 15.7 sec.

Long Jump, Under 16

1, Bell (H); 2, Black (M); 3, Keartland (H). 19ft. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Throwing the Discus, Under 16

1, Downes (M); 2, Christierson (M); 3, Ryan (K). 151ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Record.

Putting the Shot, Under 16

1, Brown (H); 2, Larsen (K); 3, Keartland (H). 47ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Record.

Medley Relay, Under 16

1, Michaelhouse; 2, Kearsney; 3, Hilton. 3 min. 52.9 sec. Record.

4 x 110 Yards Relay, Under 16

1, Hilton; 2, Michaelhouse. 47.00 sec.

100 Yards, Under 15

1, Lindsay (K); 2, Hatfield (M); 3, Mons (H). 11.3 sec.

220 Yards, Under 15

1, Lindsay (K); 2, Hatfield (M); 3, Boyd (M). 24.5 sec.

880 Yards, Under 15

1, Campbell (M); 2, Warner (H); 3, Barras (M). 2 min. 13.5 sec.

Long Jump, Under 15

1, Hatfield (M); 2, Warner (H); 3, Lumley (M). 20ft. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. Record.

High Jump, Under 15

1, Van Rooyen (H); 2, Scott (M); 3, Fitzwilliam (K). 5ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

4 x 110 Yards Relay, Under 15

1, Kearsney; 2, Michaelhouse; 3, Hilton. 48.1 sec.

100 Yards, Under 14

1, Dyer (K); 2, Tickton (M); 3, Jewell (H). 12.0 sec.

220 Yards, Under 14

1, Dyer (K); 2, Tickton (M); 3, Walker (K). 25.6 sec. Equals record.

880 Yards, Under 14

1, Burchell (M); 2, Pigott (H); 3, Gilbertson (K). 2 min. 18.6 sec.

Long Jump, Under 14

1, Collins (M); 2, Calliafas (H); 3, Inglis (M). 16ft. 6in. Record.

High Jump, Under 14

1, Pooley (M); 2, Russ (H); 3, Kane-Berman (H). 4ft. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. Record

4 x 110 Yards Relay, Under 14

1, Hilton; 2, Kearsney; 3, Michaelhouse. 50.6 sec.

The Pietermaritzburg and District Inter-Schools Meeting took place on Wednesday, 25th September, the day before we broke up. Last minute casualties necessitated much juggling with our teams, and in the end our policy was to pack as much power as we could into the Under 16 team and let the Open fare as well as it could. The result was that we won the Under 16 A Section Cup and were by no means disgraced in the Open

Group. Thorrington-Smith ran another impressive quarter-mile to win in 50.1 sec. Fordyce was jumping very well and was greatly encouraged when he cleared 5ft. 11½in., his best jump to date; but he suffered the indignity of finally being beaten by a "Scissors Jumper," who did 6ft. 1½in. Gallo ran pluckily in the 880 yards, and Moon hurdled well after a slow start, making him a yard down at the first hurdle. In the Under 16 Group Nash won the 100 yards and 220 yards with some ease in 10.2 sec and 22.3 sec. respectively, both of these being records. Norwood won the A Section 880 yards in 2 min. 5.0 sec. Other winners were Price in the High Jump (5ft. 4in.) and Downes in the Discus (142ft. 0in.). Finally the Relay team, in spite of one very bad change, made sure of the cup with first place in the last event.

With this crop of winners we would normally have had several boys selected for the inter-Districts Meeting, which took place in the holidays. However, so many said that they would not be available on this date that our representation was reduced to two—Thorrington-Smith in the 220 yards and 440 yards and Relay, and Gallo in the Long Jump. At this meeting Thorrington-Smith broke the 50 second barrier for the first time since our Sports Day, winning the event in 49.3 sec.

The final meeting to report before going to press is the Natal Junior Championships, which were held on October 19th. Thorrington-Smith continued his string of wins in the 440 yards, and in an exhibition race in the evening against the visiting German student athletes he achieved the excellent time of 48.8 sec. Nash was in outstanding form, tying with Van der Watt for first place in the 100 yards in 9.9 sec. and beating the same boy in the 220 yards in 22.0 sec. Fifteen boys in all attended the Championships from Michaelhouse and those who did not feature in the headlines nevertheless had an enjoyable day full of valuable experience. Fordyce, Norwood, Downes all got places in their events, Norwood doing a particularly good time in the 880 yards Under 17 to come third in 2 min. 3.5 sec.

'N NOUE ONTKOMING

'n Paar jaar gelede het ek en 'n paar klasmaats besluit om een van die bergkruine van die Drakensbergreeks te klim maar ons het nie geweet wat die gevolge sou wees nie. Ons het vroeg een oggend die nodige proviand en kampgereedskap ingepak, genoeg warm klere en blikkieskos vir die naweek in die rugsakke gesit en toe voor die oggendete vertrek

So teen tienuur se kant sukkel-sukkel ons teen die steil groen hellings uit: vyf van ons—vyf uitgeputte wesens wat al met die kronkelende bergpaadjie teen die berg uit beur. By een van die kristalheldere stroompies, wat mens orals in die berg raakloop, het ons 'n wyle geblaas, en toe weer verder gegaan. Voor sononder het ons die grot gevind en besluit om daar te oornag: ek het soos 'n klip geslaap.

Daardie nag het daar weer sneeu geval en die volgende môre was die wêreld wit en koud. Ons het besluit om maar liewers terug te keer. . . . Kort-kort het iemand gegly en soms het ons heeltemal in die mis verdwaal. Skielik het ek instinktief gaan staan; die tou wat om my lyf was het verslap en die ander het ook gaan staan; voor my was 'n yslike gapende afgrond. . . . 'n Enkele misstap so veroorsaak dat ons almal oor die gaping na benede sou stort. Ons het almal veilig op die rotslysie verby geloop maar Piet het gestruikel en geval. Ek het aan die rotse probeer klou . . . sy gewig aan die tou was meteens te veel . . . die ander het ook probeer vashou . . . ek kon voel hoedat my voete gly in die nat grond. . . Die sweet het op my voorhoof gepêrel, ons moes nie nou ingee nie. Stadig het ons ons ewewig herwin en toe probeer om Piet op te trek. . . .

Toe ons uiteindelik by die motor aankom, was ons baie dankbaar dat ons so lig daarvan afgekom het: 'n paar skrapies en 'n diep sny oor Piet se wang, maar dit kon soveel erger gewees het as ons nie die tou gebruik het nie. . . . Dit is voorwaar 'n ondervinding wat ek nie maklik sal vergeet nie.

H.A.P.S.—B Blok.

OLD BOYS' NOTES



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HUDSON-BENNETT GOLF

The Hudson-Bennett Golf day was held on Sunday, 4th August, at the Pietermaritzburg Country Club in perfect weather.

Fifty-eight turned out and the only regret was that there was no team from the O.F.S. or the Transvaal. Kloof entered a team and it is hoped next year that Greytown will be represented individually and not combined with Natal Midlands.

It looked almost as if Pmb. "A" would win with 244; the only opposition appeared to be Durban "B" who needed a 30 with only one man to come in. When Peter Thompson, not of Australian fame, arrived with 44 for the afternoon round Durban "B" had the Cup in the bag with a Stableford score of 257. Congratulations to D. M. Taylor 64, G. Cheshire 67, R. Gifford 55 and Peter Thompson 71. Runners up were Pmb "A" with 244. The Ken Drysdale Cup for the best net for 36 holes was won by Peter Thompson 139, and runner-up was Ian Forrester 141. The Rhys Evans Cup for the best gross was again won by Malcolm Smythe with 153 and there were three runners-up with 161.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Bill Drysdale for attending and presenting his Cup, and Ernest Hudson-Bennett for presenting the Hudson-Bennett Trophy and the rest of the prizes.

A pleasant day was had by all.

L.C.K.

A successful Rugby Match which ended in a draw was played between Durban O.M.s and Northlands Old Boys under floodlights at the D.H.S. Old Boys' ground at Durban North.

**MICHAELHOUSE OLD BOYS' CLUB
(TRANSVAAL BRANCH)**

**Report of the Hon. Secretary/Treasurer for the Year Ended
28th February, 1963**

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting this report on the affairs and activities of the Transvaal Branch.

Finance:

I present for your approval the audited accounts of the Branch for the year ended 28th February, 1963. You will observe that there has been an excess of revenue over expenditure amounting to R339. During the previous ten years the highest excess of revenue over expenditure, before charging donations, was R119 in 1955, while the average for the period was only R57. The results for the year under review are therefore most gratifying and stem mainly from subscriptions received from members, and from a highly successful dinner dance which was held at the Balalaika Hotel and which resulted in a large profit.

During the year your Committee decided to change the policy previously adopted by the Transvaal Branch of accumulating funds with a view to one day donating a bursary to the School, as it is felt that this function is now fulfilled by the Michaelhouse Trust. Accordingly, it was decided to liquidate the Branch's investments and pass the proceeds on to Michaelhouse, where there was little doubt that they could be more usefully employed. Investments in Building Society paid-up shares amounting to R550 were, therefore, sold and the proceeds, together with R250 of the profits which accrued during the year—making a total amount of R800—were paid over to Michaelhouse.

A letter has since been received from the Rector expressing the School's gratitude for the R800, which was spent in effecting capital improvements in the Chapel. The Committee has agreed that an attempt should be made each year to make a payment to Michaelhouse, as the terms of Mr. Norwood's letter referred to above made it clear how badly needed and how useful the contribution made this year has been.

A contribution of R50 was also made to the Transvaal Branch of the Michaelhouse Trust to cover some of their administration expenses. The Committee has agreed to make this an annual contribution to the Trust.

Functions:

The following functions have been held since the Hon. Secretary's Annual Report for 1962:—

- (i) In May, 1962, a golf match against Hilton at the Bryanston Country Club, followed by a cocktail party.
- (ii) On 12th December, 1962, an Old Boys' golf competition held at the Wanderers.
- (iii) On 14th December, 1962, a cocktail party at the Country Club for O.M.s who left Michaelhouse either in 1961 or 1962. The purpose of this function was to bring home to new O.M.s that an Old Boys' Branch exists in the Transvaal and that we would like them to participate in its affairs as much as possible. We were gratified that some 35 new Old Boys were able to come.
- (iv) On 5th April, 1963, another highly successful dinner dance was held at the Balalaika Hotel.

- (v) On 7th April, 1963, the annual golf competition between Old Boys' Associations outside the Transvaal for the W. M. Frames Golf Trophy. We entered two teams, one of which came second out of a total field of 120 competitors. This, we think, is easily the best result in this event Michaelhouse has had for many years.
- (vi) On 28th April, 1963, the annual golf match against Hilton—again followed by a cocktail party.
- (vii) On 4th August, 1963, two games of hockey against Hilton at the Old Johannian Club.

General:

Cordial relationships with our kindred Old Boys' Clubs were maintained and the usual interchange of guests at the various functions took place.

We wish to record our thanks to Lance Knight for his assistance during the year and to Bill Dandridge for his services in the capacity of Honorary Auditor.

R. CURRY,
Hon. Treasurer/Secretary.

PIETERMARITZBURG NEWS

Ian MacKenzie (52-56) was married to Shirley Scott-Cooper in Maseru in October.

Burger (48-53), to Chris and Anne, a daughter.

Porter (54-58), congratulations to John on passing his final C.A. Exams.

Campbell (59-62), Doug. won the cup for the most improved rugby player (U.20) at Collegians.

Taylor (58-62), Philip has been selected for Pmb. XI for intertown cricket.

Herring (55-57), Martin was runner-up in the Varsity Squash Championships. He also represented Pmb. and Nomads.

Tomlinson (56-60), congratulations to Richard on being awarded his half-blue for rugby.

Von Klemperer, Geoff (58-61) and Julian (60-62) were both members of the winning Natal Show-jumping team.

Black (31-34), David will have to move his prep. school Cowan House.

He has been given a year to move as Mountain Rise has been proclaimed Indian under the Group Areas Act.

Cairns (57-60), Bill is now editor of the Pmb. Varsity paper "Nux."

Inman (Hon.), the Bishop has just returned after nine months in America and England. He attended the World Anglican Congress in Toronto and preached in St. Paul's Cathedral.

PRETORIA UNIVERSITY

McIntosh (55-58), David has been playing regularly for the 1st XV and was unlucky not to make the Northern University XV against the Wallabies and Oxcams. He is final year B.Sc.

Lawrance (55-59), John is fourth year M.B. Ch.B. and plays Hockey for the 1st XI.

Simons (58-59), Ian is fourth year M.B. Ch.B. He is chairman of the Weight Lifting Club and came 2nd at the S.A. Junior Championships. He is also lifting for Northern Transvaal.

Dippenaar (58-61), Rauol is second year B.Sc.

Franklin (59-60), is doing Law and is third year.

Hargraves (58-61), Peter is doing Building Administration and is first year.

Oldridge (58-61), is doing B.Sc. (Eng.) I and has been playing U.19 rugby.

Findlay (55-59), Jim is doing B.Sc. II and wrestles for Tuks and S.A. Universities. He has got his full blue for wrestling.

PERSONAL

Blampied (35-40), G. C. de B. was awarded the Colonial Police Medal for meritorious service at the Queen's Birthday Parade. He has also been Acting Deputy Commissioner of Police in Basutoland.

Bott (55-59), John graduated at Ripon College, Wisconsin, U.S.A. He took a double major in History and Political Science. He hopes to enter the U.S. Army.

Barrett (42-45), Michael was married in Nairobi in 1962 and has a daughter born in Eire. He is with the Survey of Kenya. While in England he saw Basil Beeming (43-46) who with David Barrett (51-54) are employed by the Shell Refinery at Stanford-le-Hope. They will be joining Shell in Durban in the near future.

Brown (31-32), J. L. R., transferred in April to Salisbury, as a partner in Deloitte & Co.

Carver (41-46), J. N. C. is in the Nyasaland Government Information Department. Has just returned from overseas leave and is now stationed in Zomba.

Chu'ter (50-53), Jona and Wife Shirley leave Lagos shortly and intend settling in Canada.

Chastell (43-46), David is now living at "Edge End," St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs, Kent, and would be delighted to see any O.M.s who may find themselves in that part of the country.

Clarke (56-59), Peter obtained his B.Sc. at Natal University.

Chater (31-35), Hugh is Air Attache to the British Ambassador in Burma.

Craven (54-58), J. A. after Cambridge has become a Chartered Accountant. In the intermediate exams. he had the highest marks in Canada which won him two medals, two prizes, honours listing and several hundred dollars.

Duff (36-39), P. called at the School in July from Nairobi with his wife and two sons. He is an Airline Captain.

Green (45-48), is tobacco farming in Salisbury South. He is married with two children.

Hall (59-62), Anthony is on a Naval Officer's Course at the General Botha.

Heberden (49-52), A. F., resigned from the Nyasaland Government last year 3 years as an Agricultural Officer. Has now joined B.A.S. Company as Technical Field Officer at Mazoe Citrus Estate. He reports that Mike Margesson is the local Secretary of the Estate.

Kennan (35-37), J. D. Having spent a tour in Salisbury has now returned to Zomba where he is in the Ministry of Finance.

MacKenzie (24-28), J. E. called in at the School recently. He is living in Randfontein.

Methley (46-50), Barry works for an Aerial Survey Co., outside Southampton.

Mitchell-Innes (24-25), Harry, who farms at Elandslaagte, Natal, has earned a high reputation among farmers for his progressive approach to agriculture and his ability is revealed in this abbreviated list of his administrative successes—chairman since 1957 of the Stockowners' Co-operative Company, representative of the Natal Beef Producers on the Meat Board, President of the Elandslaagte Farmers' Association, and three years ago he was one of the South African representatives at the World Hereford Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, in the United States. He is also Patron of the Ladysmith Show Society.

McFie (42-46), Barry recently put his Gryocopter through its paces. Despite the dizzy drops it made, steep banks and "loops" it seemed incapable of getting into difficulties.

Parry (51-54), Charles is returning to Durban North to work with Tom Hayward Harris after being assistant priest for two years in East Ham.

Rake (56-59), Richard has joined the NUSAS eleven week tour leaving S.A. in December. He will visit England, France, Austria and Switzerland.

Roberts, A. & J., played Hockey for S.A. against Rhodesia.

Rogers (54-57), Russell, joined National Benzole in England in 1961 and was later seconded to Shell as a Programme Planner on their new Computer. He is married and has two children.

Smith (47-50), Wilbur, was recently reported in the local press as being acclaimed by a leading American publishing company as the author of "a pretty marvellous book." The novel "Where the Lions Feed" plus two more to follow will complete a trilogy of historic novels.

Talbot (53-57) is now a Public Prosecutor in Southern Rhodesia.

Thompson (42-45), J. G. R., is Works Manager at the Nyasaland Portland Cement Co., factory at Chungalumi near Zomba. John was engaged to Gillian Keen and they were married in Johannesburg in September.

Theunissen (32-37), E. J., is Secretary to the Deputy Governor's Office in Zomba and is at present on six month's leave. He was awarded the O.B.E. in Queen's Birthday Honours in 1960.

Watt (41-45), David, is employed in the Legal Department of Unilever Ltd., London.

Walker (37-40), R. K., is a partner in the firm of Fleming Cooke & Walker, architects, and was awarded the O.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 1962.

Young (32-35), Brian, an Air Commodore in the R.A.F. visited the School recently while on a short visit to S.A.

WE CONGRATULATE

ENGAGEMENTS :

Butcher (54-58), David, to Jean Walker.

Drooglever (55-58), Robin, to Janice Chapman.

Garland (50-53), Michael, to Suzanne le Sueur.

Leslie (54-58), David, to Joan Ross-Watt.

MARRIAGES :

Guthrie (51-54), Donald, to Moira Duane.

Hill (53-56), Martin, to Marjorie Cope.

Jacobsz (53-56) to Doris Mikola.

Moffatt (49-52), Douglas to May Murphy.

Methley (46-50), Barry to Marie Hutcheson.

BIRTHS :

Beattie (52-55), to Gordon and Lourette, a son.

Collier (46-48), to Nic and Joan, a daughter.

Crutchley (49-53), to Jack and Diana, a son.

Daly (45-48), to Michael and Louise, a son.

Griffin (51-54), to Neville and Joy, a son.

Hammond (47-50), to Tim and Joan, a son.

Scogings (42-45), to David and Irene, a son.

Trotter (46-50) to Hewlett and Denise, a daughter.

The Editor would like to thank M. Matthews, J. J. Bates and M. A. Cross for their assistance in this edition.

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1930-1938 :	R. F. Currey.
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1953-1960 :	C. Y. Morgan.
1960- :	R. T. S. Norwood.

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Founders	1945-1946 :	The Rev. C. E. Birks.
	1947-1952 :	N. A. Davis.
	1953-1962 :	J. L. Robinson.
	1963- :	M. E. Thompson.

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	1945-1948 :	D. de C. Pennington.
	1949-1955 :	R. T. S. Norwood.
	1956- :	R. Gathorne.

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	1928-1942 :	K. M. Pennington.
	1943-1949 :	A. P. Woods.
	1950-1956 :	H. F. G. Carey.
	1956- :	R. L. Ibbotson.

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	1943-1945 :	J. Pridmore.
	1946-1948 :	A. R. Chapman.
	1949-1951 :	T. F. W. Harris.
	1951-1958 :	A. R. Chapman.
	1959- :	B. A. Law.

TATHAM :

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	1940-1943 :	D. de C. Pennington (Acting).
	1944-1949 :	F. van Heijst.
	1950-1951 :	R. A. MacNab.
	1951-1956 :	R. C. Brooks.
	1957- :	R. W. Hennessy.

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	1946-1955 :	J. B. Chutter.
	1956-1960 :	R. T. S. Norwood.
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