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The Kookaburra

NOVEMBER

Editorial

For many years we have looked forward to improvements in the buildings and grounds of the school, and at last we have seen these beginning. At the end of first term we were besieged by men with bulldozers and tractors, who spent their time tearing down lawns and gardens, exposing dry wells, digging holes and filling them up again. We have been forbidden to go on most of the grounds; we have been deafened by the noise; and we have almost been choked by the dust—"il faut souffrir pour être belle." However, as a result of these discomforts we have eight new tennis courts, the promise of two new hockey fields with a beautiful retaining wall with handsome wrought iron gates, accommodation for spectators, as well as having new paths put in and the old improved. Greatest of all, the new building next to Summers House has been begun and should be finished by second term.

As usual, there were several changes of staff. We were sorry to see Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Ewen and Mrs. Gentili leave. However, Miss Wells, Miss Neville and Miss Norwood are welcome additions and are ably filling their positions.

Early in the year we were grieved to hear of the death of the King, who, despite the hard times in which he reigned, was always a model for his subjects. The school took part in a broadcast memorial service, and later on in the year we were presented with booklets issued by the Commonwealth commemorating the Royal Tour of Australia, which was so unfortunately postponed.

During first term the Rev. McMaster visited the school in his official capacity

as Moderator. He took part in an Assembly and then went on to Junior Branch. As a result of his visit a half-holiday was added on to the Easter holidays, making it possible for more people to travel home.

We have continued to support the Cot at the Princess Margaret Hospital, and to help some children overseas, from whom we have received many grateful letters for the gifts of food, clothing and money. Besides these, we have donated money to various funds such as St. Dunstan's, the School for the Blind, and the A.I.M.

In second term a special drive was made to collect money for the Presbyterian and Anglican churches. Contributions for this were augmented by the proceeds from a picture afternoon and evening arranged and presented by Mr. Snowden. We were specially interested in one that he had taken of the Schools' Anzac Service held at Christ Church. Another interesting picture was one showing the work of the "Save the Children" organization. Part of the proceeds were donated to this fund.

Mothercraft classes were held again this year for the Sub-Leavings. The results were exceptionally good, everyone passing with honours, and two people, Diana Stone and Beverly Doherty, gaining 100%. The class was also complimented on the high standard of the practical books. Apparently the Sub-Leavings have taken to heart the quotation, "The children of today are the parents of tomorrow."

On August 17th the Annual School Service was held at the Ross Memorial Church. Ann Bird and Cynthia Hogbin read the lessons and the choir led the singing and sang the anthem "All in the April Evening." We were complimented on our singing and on our appearance—everyone seemed to have her beret at the correct angle.

It was the school's birthday on Tuesday, August 19th, and this was honoured by first the new girls, and then the rest of the school, saying the Pledge of Loyalty. Dr. Summers spoke to us about the necessity of keeping the Pledge, and advised us to think about it seriously.

On August 19th a school party was taken to "The Merchant of Venice," produced by the John Alden Company. This was enjoyed by all.

We would like to express to Dr. Summers our sympathy with her in the sudden death of her mother near the end of term.

This year we have decided to include form notes in the "Kookaburra." They were discontinued in 1946 owing to lack of space. In conclusion, I would like to thank the magazine committee for its help in compiling this paper, and to wish all candidates the best of luck in the Junior and Leaving exams.

JUNIOR A FORM NOTES

1952 started off very well with Miss Barclay as form mistress. Nicky and Robin were appointed as fund representatives—we prided ourselves that during first term we donated most money to the funds. Jane was a very efficient captain, always managing to get exam papers there in time and keeping things in order.

We were well represented in the school hockey and basketball teams—numerous members were in A. B. and C. In the hockey match against Junior B we beat them 3-0—a crushing defeat.

Everyone was looking forward to the Junior hop, about which the teachers had great suspicions. It took place at St. Margaret's on 11th July. We believe the boys had plenty of supper and enjoyed the company.

English and Maths A are two subjects we all ought to pass, owing to the continuous drumming from Mrs. Cusack and Miss Barclay. Miss Hope's history excursion went off well—the only regret being that only a few could go. In Scripture—2nd term—we enjoyed a few lessons from Mr. St. Allen of Hungary. Miss Hosking's biology classes reminded us of Fremantle

gaol—not lock-in," but "lock-out."

To conclude this article we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best. All teachers who have suffered with us we promise to visit one day in Claremont!

JUNIOR B FORM NOTES

Here we are almost through the year with third term looming ominously on the horizon.

At the beginning of first term there were heard many resolutions of how much hard work was going to be done during the year, but, strange to say, after the first week or so they seemed to slip out of most minds. Even so, we're sick and tired of hearing "Don't forget you're in Junior now" so frequently quoted to us by a certain section of the Senior school.

Congratulations go to all those who were in tennis, hockey and basketball teams, and to those who gained colours. We are hoping to have a hockey match against Junior A, so that in sport at least we can prove our superiority.

The highlight of second term was the Junior Dance held at St. Margaret's Hall in Nedlands. The only fault that could be found in it was that it ended too soon. The boarders had to make the most of it as no Juniors have been allowed to go to dances this year. It is past, but certainly not forgotten.

Margaret Tyler has efficiently filled the position of Form Captain and Cecillie Harmer and Tasma Clifton as fund representatives have done very well in extracting money from the less generous section of the class.

Our thanks go to Miss Hosking, who has so patiently put up with us, even in our worst moments, through the year.

Altogether it has been a successful and enjoyable year, but times when play was put before work are beginning to be regretted. However, third term will prove us for better or for worse.

HOUSE NOTES

CARMICHAEL HOUSE NOTES

We started off the year's activities very successfully by winning the swimming. Congratulations go to Judy Becher for being champion swimmer, and to Jan Perrin, Jocelyn Finney and Darryl Foster for their excellent performances.

The life-saving results are not out yet, but there appears to be a large percentage of Carmichaelites who entered for the various exams. Keep up the good work next year.

The senior tennis was held in first term and Stewart was victorious. Congratulations, Stewartites. We came second. Best of luck to the junior team in third term.

Carmichael is unnecessarily occupying the fourth position in singing. We have a lot of good voices in the different classes, so there really is no excuse. If everybody learnt her words, opened her mouth, stood upright and watched the conductor we would do much better.

Come on, Carmichael. Pull your socks up and settle down to do some work. It is not too late to start working now for the Work Shield, but if everybody does not do her bit there is no chance at all.

Congratulations go to Stewart for winning the hockey. We came third and McNeil fourth. There are some promising Sub-Juniors who will be assets to the team next year. With more practise as a team we could have done better. Better luck next year.

The basketball teams did very well and owe their success to the enthusiasm and untiring guidance of Lesley. Ferguson proved too strong for the "A" team, while McNeil defeated the "B" team. Amongst the "B" and "C" teams there are a number of promising players who should do well with more experience. See if we can't beat Ferguson next year in the "A."

So far we have done well in cleaning the grounds, but this is due to only a few senior girls. If some of the younger members bothered to do their duty then

the results would be more of a credit to the house as a whole and not to just a few girls.

In third term last year the athletics were held and Carmichael had a gallant victory. See if we can keep up the good work this year.

Just a reminder to everybody . . . Never play a match or swim a race with the aim of victory and glory. Play because it is a game and something to be enjoyed by all. Remember our motto, "Play the Game," and you will not go wrong.

Good luck to all in the future.

FERGUSON HOUSE NOTES

We started off the year well by coming a good second in the swimming sports—thanks to Margaret Whittle and Leonie Jeanes, who sacrificed many of their afternoons to go down to the baths to coach the girls. Congratulations to Carmichael on their easy victory and also to Judy Becher, who was open champion. Those who gained an outstanding number of points for the house were Geraldine Hill, 29 points; Penny Dures, 21 points, and Jenny Bird, 13 points. Penny was also the only Fergusonite who reached the school team.

Unfortunately we have not any budding tennis players, consequently — ! However, I am sure everyone did her best. Congratulations to Stewart on their brilliant win, and also to Carmichael and McNeil, who came second and third, respectively. I hope the under sixteen team does better in third term.

We kept up our good reputation in the hockey by coming second again. I would like to thank the team for their co-operation and for coming down to practices—usually on time. Julia Richardson and Margaret Greenhill have shown great improvement this season—keep it up. Congratulations to Stewart on their outstanding win. Better luck to McNeil and Carmichael next year.

The marks for ground tidying were very unusual in first term, as three houses, Ferguson, McNeil and Carmichael, came a draw for first. I am afraid the results are not so good this term. We only came second. Congratulations to Carmichael. If a few more people bothered to clean the grounds perhaps we would do a little better.

The results of the singing in first term were very close. Stewart won with 131 points; Ferguson 129 points; McNeil 128 points; and Carmichael 125 points. This term we came second again and Stewart again won.

The basketball results were also very good and I would like to thank Leonie for her untiring efforts, without which we could not have won. Special mention must be made of Ann Cooke and Carol Gill, who did much to carry us through to victory.

The less said about work the better. As usual, we are coming last. The number of marks lost this term is absolutely disgusting. I hope all those who lost marks are thoroughly ashamed of themselves—if you have got any House spirit you will be. Will everyone work a bit harder and let's see if a few marks can be gained for a change.

The lifesaving results were very pleasing as we came a good second to Carmichael. Congratulations to all those who passed their lifesaving exams, and better luck next time for all those who did not.

Although we have not so far done well in work, there is still time for improvement. We have made up for the bad work marks by doing well in the sports. Congratulations to Carmichael for leading at the end of second term. With a bit more effort we should do much better next term.

MCNEIL HOUSE NOTES

Owing to the small Leaving Class, there has been a dearth of Seniors in McNeil this year, and before going on to relate the triumphs (or otherwise) of the House, I would like to thank all the younger ones who had to take most of the work on to

their shoulders and backed me up wonderfully. This was especially evident in the Swimming Sports held at the beginning of First Term. Thanks to amazing efforts by all competitors, especially Margaret Constantine, Jenny King, Jenny Watson, Pam Patterson and Jenny Underwood, we came third, which was extremely good considering our handicaps. I heard many heartening comments on our teamwork and enthusiasm. Congratulations to Carmichael on their win and to Judy Becher, who was Champion Swimmer.

The Senior Tennis competitions were held in first term this year and although the outcome was a foregone conclusion the matches were great fun. Our team consisted of Cynthia Hogbin, Caroline Williams, Marian Walton and myself, and we took third place. Since Marian could not always play, Margaret Buchanan took her place several times and played reliably. The Junior matches will be played in third term, and the prospect is hopeful since we have some promising Juniors coming up. Congratulations to M. Constantine, who played in the school "B" team.

Of course, there is the usual moan about the grounds. No-one tries to make out that the cleaning is a pleasant job, but it is a duty to be carried out by every able-bodied McNeillite. Only the Fifths and Sixths take any notice of my frenzied pleas for help about five to nine, and it is mainly due to their efforts that we were one of the three Houses to tie for first place in first term. Just a little more effort on the part of the Seniors would make a lot of difference.

McNeil does not seem to be very well supplied with vocal talent, since we came only third in first term and fourth in second term. However, if every girl learns her words and stands up straight in the competitions, we shouldn't do too badly next term. In first term, Stewart beat us to first place for the work points by six marks only, but in second term we sank to third place.

Neither Hockey nor Basketball results were very inspiring, although the "B" and "C" Basketball teams did well. There was a marked absence of hockey-players

but Cynthia worked wonders with various new recruits and she and Margaret played valiantly. The career of the "A" Basketball team must be passed over quickly. Despite good play by J. King and M. Constantine, team-work and keenness were lacking. Helen Purdie and Marilyn Waddell in the "B" team; Penny Ward and Sue Lukin in the "C" team, deserve special mention. We came third in the Basketball and fourth in the Hockey. Congratulations to Ferguson and Stewart, respectively.

Third term will bring the Athletic Sports and I am sure that, whatever the result may be, I will be able to congratulate you all on co-operating with me and doing your best.

STEWART HOUSE NOTES

"Per Ardua ad Alta"

Stewart did not begin the year very successfully as we only managed to come fourth with fifty-seven points in the inter-house swimming. Congratulations, Carmichael, on gaining 158 points, followed by Ferguson 110, and McNeil 66.

Next comes the tennis. This brings with it a very favourable report. Stewart was lucky to have as its open team the four players of the Slazenger Cup team. As the under-sixteen matches have not been held, the outcome will not be known before these notes go to press, but it is hoped that they will meet with success.

Not much can be said about Stewart's Basketball team except that everyone did their best. It seems that Stewartites are more interested in Hockey this year. Congratulations, Ferguson, on your Basketball win.

The Hockey team was successful and this compensated for our bad luck in basketball. Many thanks to Jocelyn for coping with all the Hockey problems.

The life-saving this year was very pleasing indeed, and congratulations go to those girls who passed their exams.

In first term Stewart did very well in the singing. This came as a big surprise both to us and, I'm sure, to the other Houses. The Leavings and Sub-Leavings will never develop into singers, I'm convinced of that.

The work marks for first term were very gratifying, and it is hoped that they will keep up to this standard throughout the year.

Grounds! First term we came second—only because the other three Houses tied for first. In second term we advanced slightly—we beat McNeil, anyway.

"The world is full of willing people—

Some willing to work;
The rest willing to let them."

This saying, I think, is very appropriate for Stewartites. I hope you are not one of the latter! Are you?

In third term the Athletic Sports will be held and although it appears that we have no future Olympic prospects among us, I feel sure that with an effort on everybody's part we shall not be disgraced.



DEBATING CLUB NOTES

The second year of a club's existence is often a difficult one as enthusiasm is apt to wane once the novelty has worn off. However, the Debating Club's activities this year have been as successful and enjoyable as those of last year.

A preliminary meeting was held early in the year and the following office-



PREFECTS 1952

Front : M. Buchanan, A. Bird, Dr. Summers, C. Hogbin, J. Davy.
Back : J. Geddes, A. Hodby, L. Wells, L. Jeanes, J. Nathan, M. Whittle.

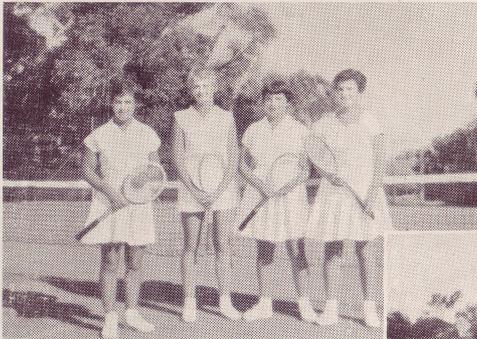


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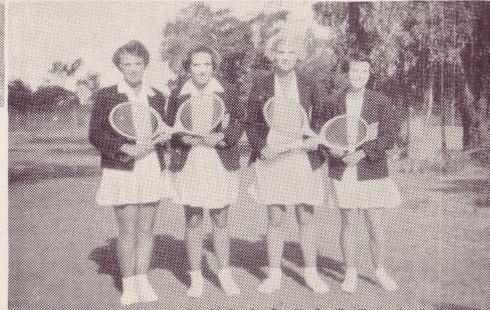
Back : J. Underwood, S. Sanders
Front : V. Robins, L. Mills

HALLIDAY SHIELD TEAM

Back : K. Gibson, J. George
Front : D. Foster, J. Black



SLAZENGER CUP TEAM
J. Gollan, S. Sanders, J. Allen,
J. Davy



MURSELL SHIELD TEAM
W. Addis, A. Bird, D. Stone,
C. Hogbin



LADY MITCHELL TROPHY TEAM
Back : S. Sanders, L. Mills (Inst.),
J. Halliday
Front : J. Becher, J. Perrin



SWIMMING TEAM
Back : M. Brown, J. Knowles, J.
Becher, J. Black
Front : D. Foster, S. Sanders, P.
Dures.

bearers elected:

President, Jill Underwood; Secretary, Cynthia Hogbin; Committee, Jocelyn Davy, Ann Bird, Jan Perrin, Jocelyn Gollan.

Unfortunately, owing to the shortened lunch-hour, we have had to for-go our weekly meetings this year and stand on an equal footing with the other clubs. The main problem has therefore been to give every member an opportunity of speaking, and to accomplish this the Committee has organised several meetings in which impromptu speeches have taken the place of full-length debates.

At the second monthly meeting, Mr. John Gillett, from the University Debating Society, adjudicated a debate on the subject "Country Schools Should Be Centralised." Mr. Gillett made many helpful criticisms and suggested that we should develop a more relaxed style of speaking with gestures to emphasise points. Mrs. Underwood, who gave us so much help last year, attended our next meeting and adjudicated the debate "The Effect of the Modern Newspaper is Pernicious." Mrs. Underwood said that in her opinion the standard of debate could be raised if each speaker presented only one or two arguments and developed them logically in the short time at her disposal.

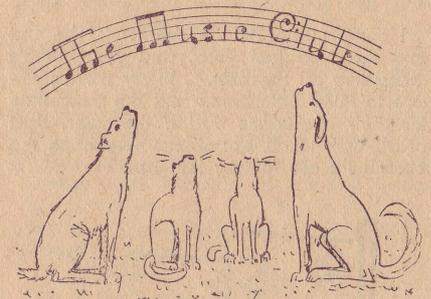
After last year's defeat, Hale School was anxious to retrieve its laurels and challenged us to a debate in second term. At Mrs. Cusack's suggestion, an evening of impromptu speeches was substituted for the usual debate and this proved to be an excellent idea as ten members of each school were able to participate. The P.L.C. Junior team, consisting of J. Pearson, J. Allen, C. McLeod, M. Cook and J. Rose, was defeated, while our Senior team of J. Underwood, M. Richards, J. Davy, L. Mills and G. Unmack won by a narrow margin. Thus both schools were satisfied. Mr. Smith from Hale School was a competent adjudicator, and since the evening concluded with supper and a dance in the gym, it was voted "as good as last year"—high praise indeed!

On August 4th, a Junior and a Senior team, escorted by many supporters, debated at Scotch College and both P.L.C. teams were successful. The Junior team

of J. Halliday, R. Thomas and H. Purdie debated "Television is a Blessing, not a Curse," and J. Becher, A. Hodby and L. Jeanes debated "Women have a Rightful Place in Politics." The debates proved entertaining and amusing and supper brought the evening to a satisfactory close.

Throughout the year, Doctor Summers and Mrs. Cusack have given invaluable assistance and encouragement to all members of the club. They have attended all meetings and adjudicated on many occasions. Their interest and enthusiasm have played no small part in the development of debating as one of the School's activities.

The interest in debating in general was shown by the large number of girls who attended the debate between our University and a representative American University team. This was a humbling experience for any of us who had felt proud of her achievements in this field. We were shown the art of debating at its best.



MUSIC CLUB NOTES

Owing to the fact that none of the clubs was under way until the middle of first term, the Music Club has only had five meetings. However, much interest has been shown in its activities.

On the 23rd June, Mr. Leckie very kindly gave us a talk on the history of music from the year 1000 to 1750. At this meeting we had a very large attendance, and it was a pity we were accompanied by electricians putting in a power plug.

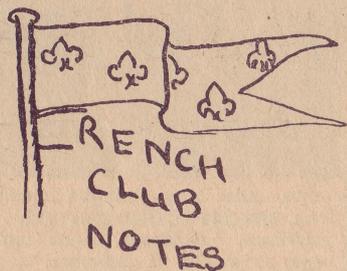
Miss Hope brought the members of her Toy Symphony to another meeting and

created such an impression that Miss Hutchinson now has some instrumentalists working at it here. We have had items from M. Clifton, J. Perrin, B. Clarke, J. Richardson, W. Sutherland, Jen Underwood, A. Bird, M. Goodall, J. Davy, M. Winterton, E. Vincent, L. Jeanes, M. Gallash, J. Pearson, L. Mills, M. Sherwood, and last, but not least, the "Band."

A recital was held at Summers House, in which many pupils of Miss Hutchinson, Mr. Lado, Miss Burns, and Miss Norris, participated.

There were some entrants for the Music Festival (1952) who deserve mention: M. Goodall reached the finals of the under-sixteen piano solo, and M. Clifton was in the forty chosen out of the original hundred and eight; M. Gallash was second in the under-fourteen piano duet; and J. Davy reached the finals of the under-eighteen piano solo. B. Clarke, N. Bolton, A. Lang also entered in different competitions.

I congratulate Pat on the work she put into the club last year, and wish 1953's committee all the best. Many thanks are due to Miss Hutchinson and the committee for their assistance during the year. Best of all luck to all examinees—we hope the examiners are feeling lenient.



FRENCH CLUB NOTES

President Leonie Jeanes
 Secretary Jocelyn Davy
 Committee Jane Knowles,
 Wendy Addis, Gail Millington

This year the club has been very suc-

cessful owing mainly to the enthusiastic and untiring efforts of Miss Hope. The committee would like to thank her very much for the assistance and encouragement she has given us.

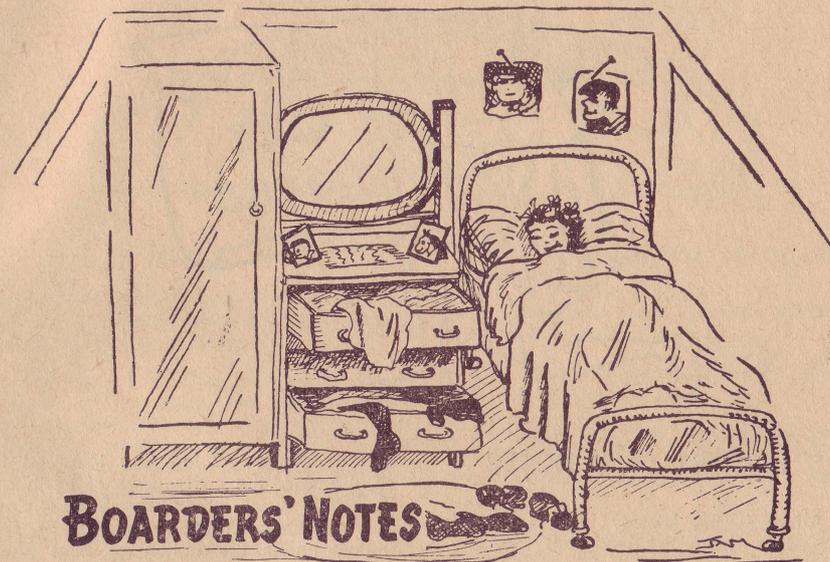
The meetings have consisted mainly of plays, talks and competitions, but lately we have enjoyed some folk dancing which the members found quite exhausting.

At the second meeting Dr. Summers gave us a most interesting talk on "Une Semaine en Bretagne." We were all very surprised to find that we could understand it—well, most of it, anyway—and enjoyed it very much. The meeting concluded with a "treasure hunt," before which we sang a series of French songs which had been typed for us by Dr. Summers.

In second term, quite an impressive number of members attended the Inter-School French Evening held at St. Hilda's. Leavings and Sub-Leavings combined to present "En Passant par la Lorraine," and St. Hilda's provided the remainder of the programme. We all found the evening most entertaining and very enjoyable.

We had a very full programme for our second meeting this term and a large number of members attended. Two small plays were presented by the Sub-Juniors, and Mr. Ladomirski talked to us about a trip to Europe. We found the descriptions very vivid and the talk most interesting. Prizes being the incentive, competitions were eagerly contested. The Leavings demonstrated several French folk dances which were finally accomplished by the other members at our following meeting. At this meeting Mrs. Ladomirski told us about "Les Jardins de Versailles" and showed us some beautiful pictures of the statues and fountains there.

Although on the whole the attendances have not been very large, they have been composed of enthusiastic members whose support has been very valuable. I hope that their active interest will continue in future years.



BOARDERS' NOTES

Towards the end of last year we were very sorry to hear that Matron Pusey could not return owing to ill-health. However, we were pleased to welcome Matron Davies to help Mrs. Linton and Miss Williams, who had been managing by themselves for several weeks. Another addition to the staff, very welcome to the boarders, is the new cook, who, with Matron, has made some very pleasant changes in our menu.

During the first term we were able to hold a social with the Scotch College boarders, which, despite some opposition at first, was very successful. Everyone enjoyed the games, and even the supper, which we had entirely made ourselves. We would like to thank Mrs. Cusack, Miss Barclay and Miss Hosking for their help, and also Mr. Allen, who very kindly consented to come and play for us. We sincerely hope that this social will be repeated in the years to come, for although it means a lot of organisation we feel sure it is well worth while.

As usual, the school dance went off with a great swing. We congratulated ourselves on not having to be first inspected by Mrs. Cusack for excess of lipstick be-

fore going out—the only time we have not been closely examined. The Juniors again held a party for the rest of the boarders. The costumes, which were meant to represent a song, were striking, to say the least. This, too, ran very smoothly, and was a great success.

This year there have been no dancing classes with Christchurch, much to the disappointment of the Sub-Juniors and the Juniors, who have not been allowed to dances this year.

Again this year the boarders made a valiant effort in the swimming relay, only to come in several lengths behind everyone else. Perhaps this failure can be attributed to the puffedaloons at breakfast. However, although even the day-girls acknowledge our superiority ("The boarders really should have won!") in the hockey match against the day-girls, the result was a draw, possibly owing to the fact that several of our players had gone home early.

We are resigned to the fact that next term there will be both power cuts and an epidemic of measles or mumps, but nevertheless we hope that everyone will survive the exams to come back and join the fray next year or to leave for good our protected life in the boarding-house.



HISTORY CLUB NOTES

Although the History Club was unfortunate in being the last club to have a meeting in first term, it has made up for this beginning by having three meetings in second term.

At the beginning of the year each class elected its own representatives, the office-bearers being as follows: President, M. Whittle; Secretary, M. Buchanan; Treasurer, V. Robins; Committee, J. Seed, E. Lenz, R. Thomas and Jennifer Gollan.

Great interest was shown in the first meeting, which was an inter-house quiz—team members being from Sub-Junior to Leaving. After much rivalry and frequent references to Miss Hope for correct answers, McNeil was triumphant, followed by Stewart, Carmichael and Ferguson.

At the same meeting a competition was suggested, which we hoped would soon turn into a collection of snaps and descriptions of historical places.

During June a tour of the historical monuments from Perth to Fremantle via Canning Highway was conducted by the West Australian Historical Society, to which several members of the club went.

As our first meeting in second term was near Foundation Day, this meeting took the form of a re-enactment of the birth

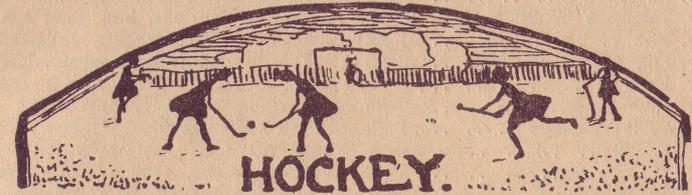
of the colony. Interesting talks on the highlights of the early days of Perth and Fremantle were given by Sub-Leavings, and the more artistic members of Sub-Junior, under the tuition of Miss Hope, acted an amusing play.

We were lucky in having a visit from Miss Lukis, who told us about the Archives and some of the not-so-well-known features of history, found in diaries and letters written by people in the early colony.

Towards the end of term an inter-school meeting was held with visitors from St. Hilda's and Scotch College. Although a record number of P.L.C. girls turned up, there was a noticeable lack of interest until Scotch College arrived and the announcement that there would be refreshments after the meeting.

The Leavings performed an impromptu charade which, although a shambles behind the curtain, was recognisable on the stage, because many girls clamoured "Metternich" and Bev. Mears from St. Hilda's won the prize. Margaret Constantine, however, upheld the school's reputation by winning the Quiz. Sub-Leavings showed creditable ability in acting a scene from "Victoria Regina."

The club is exceptionally lucky in having the interest and support of Miss Hope, whose ideas and efforts have made a success of the meetings.



HOCKEY

This year hockey was greeted with the usual enthusiasm, although there was a noticeable lack of beginners.

With seven of last year's "A" team players still at school, we looked forward to a successful term of hockey. Unfortunately, we were not as successful as we expected, but we managed to achieve three wins, three ties, and two defeats.

The first match of the season was the Past and Present Staff versus the "A" team, a match looked forward to by the girls, who won 4—0.

One Saturday morning we played the Old Girls and had a good match, although it was more like a family re-union than a hockey match! We had another re-union when we played the University, as seven of their eleven players were Old Girls.

Owing to an International player demonstrating in the Training College team, the second time we played them we were left gaping, but recovered slightly after the second half. However, despite the humiliating score, we gained much by watching her wonderful stickwork.

Other highlights of the season were matches against Scotch, Christchurch and Hale. Girls proved superior to boys against Hale, but unfortunately it did not hold for the other two matches.

The "B" team has been fairly successful throughout, but unfortunately has not had as many chances as the "A" to show their genius.

Three "C" team matches were played—two against St. Hilda's. Both resulted in a win for us, the first 1—0 and the second 2—1. One match was played

against Teachers' Training College, which we lost 2—0.

A composite team played Nedlands State School and won 2—1.

The Sub-Junior team against St. Hilda's resulted in a draw, 1—1.

As usual, keenness was shown in the House hockey, and as all the captains were boarders there was quite a lot of competition.

A Leaving versus Sub-Leaving match was played, resulting in a triumphant win for the Leavings. Even with two new recruits, we showed our superiority.

Junior A defeated Junior B, 3—0—no one more surprised than Junior A.

The Boarders versus Day-girls match was played on a somewhat mutilated field. Despite the fact that it was like the Nullarbor on a rainy day, it was a good match and resulted in a draw, 1—1.

We would like to thank Mrs. Christie for her patience and perseverance, and Mrs. Cusack for her interest and helpful advice.

Pocket Colours were awarded to:

V. Robins, J. Perrin, M. Buchanan, C. Hogbin, L. Mills and A. Hodby.

Tunic Colours were awarded to:

A. Hodby, M. Maughan, B. Mazzacchelli, J. Raison, G. Angus, H. Skipwork and S. Ferguson-Stewart.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

"A" Team—

P.L.C. v. Past and Present Staff ..	4—0
P.L.C. v. Teachers' Training Clge.	1—2
P.L.C. v. M.L.C.	3—3
P.L.C. v. Christchurch	0—8
P.L.C. v. P.M.S.	0—0

P.L.C. v. St. Hilda's	3—0
P.L.C. v. Teachers' Training Clge.	1—10
P.L.C. v. P.C.	1—2
P.L.C. v. Old Girls	3—3
P.L.C. v. Hale	3—0
P.L.C. v. University	3—5
P.L.C. v. Scotch College	1—5
P.L.C. v. P.M.S.	5—0
P.L.C. v. M.L.C.	1—3
P.L.C. v. St. Hilda's	6—1

"B" Team—

P.L.C. v. M.L.C.	3—5
P.L.C. v. P.M.S.	4—4
P.L.C. v. St. Hilda's	4—0
P.L.C. v. P.C.	1—4
P.L.C. v. Nedlands State School	3—1
P.L.C. v. P.C.	4—1
P.L.C. v. Teachers' Train. College	2—4
P.L.C. v. P.M.S.	3—1
P.L.C. v. M.L.C.	9—2
P.L.C. v. St. Hilda's	3—4

Hockey Critique

C. Hogbin (Captain): An excellent leader, possessing unlimited patience. Defends extremely well and also has the ability to quickly turn defence into attack on either side of the field.

J. Knowles (left-wing): Game continues to improve. Has a tendency to over-run the ball, but her cross-field passes are now well placed.

J. Gollan (left-inner): Has a strong shot in the circle. Concentration on better stick-work would greatly improve her play.

V. Robins (centre-forward): Game improved vastly towards end of season. Plays her best in a hard game.

J. Davy (right-inner): Does not always show the form she is capable of producing. Played her best games at the end of the season, when she combined most effectively with the other forwards.

J. Perrin (right wing): Very fast, and plays consistently well. Has good ball control and her clean, accurate passing is a feature of her game.

M. Whittle (left-half): Tackles well, but must be more accurate in her passing.

B. Hamilton (right-half): Not a stylish player, but untiring in her efforts.

G. Angus (left-back): Good sometimes, but not always fast enough in recovery.

B. Clements (right-back): Has an excellent eye and is fast. Must, however, overcome the dangerous habit of raising the ball when clearing.

M. Buchanan (goalkeeper): An improved player. Is fearless, has good anticipation, and can now clear with well-placed kicks.

This team has been alternately our joy and sorrow. When faced with really strong opposition, they produced an excellent brand of hockey. Unfortunately, this standard was not maintained against weaker teams, with correspondingly disappointing results. At all times the team spirit was of the highest and the enthusiasm of the members something to be admired.

"B" Team—

A. Hodby (Captain): A very good captain. An excellent tackler, but needs to develop her driving. Has a thorough knowledge of the game and has rendered valuable assistance as an umpire.

D. Stone (left wing): Plays a useful game, but inclined to crowd her inner.

J. Seed (left-inner): Play improved throughout season. Follows up strongly when in the circle.

B. Mazzucchelli (forward): Play has improved through gaining in confidence.

J. Becher (forward): Strong player who gives a good lead to the rest of her forwards.

P. Hodby (forward): Has clever stick-work and good ball control. Does not exert herself nearly enough on field.

H. Skipworth: Works hard. Needs to vary her tactics to pass the defence.

A. L. Mills (centre-half): Very good all-round player whose steady influence had a marked effect on the team.

J. Raison (left-half): Improved latterly. Has a good eye, but needs to clear more quickly.

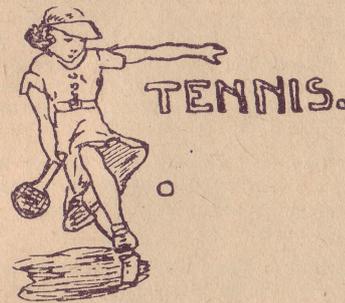
C. Davy (right-half): With more experience should turn into a useful half-back; needs to develop speed.

B. Doherty (left-back): Untiring defender who has good anticipation and marks well.

M. Maughan (goal-keeper): Has shown her best form in House matches and practices. Another player who showed promise as an umpire.

S. Ferguson-Stewart (goalkeeper): Shows considerable promise. Improving with experience, and now learning to use feet more and to kick out to the sides.

S. Murray (forward): A good fighter. Has played strongly in the "C" team and should prove a valuable member of next season's "B" team.



TENNIS NOTES

The school team, consisting of Shirley Sanders, Jocelyn Gollan, Jill Allen and Jocelyn Davy was once again successful in bringing the Slazenger Cup back to P.L.C. for the fourth year in succession.

Preceding the cup rounds, inter-school matches were held, and these proved an excellent curtain raiser for the Slazenger Cup matches.

The final match was keenly contested between P.L.C. and P.M.S., with P.L.C. coming out the victor, 4 rubbers, 8 sets, 63 games to P.M.S. 2 rubbers, 6 sets, 47 games.

The Mursell Cup players comprised Wendy Addis, Diana Stone, Ann Bird and Margaret Constantine, with Cynthia Hogbin as reserve. These players put up a very creditable performance, only to be beaten by Perth College in the semi-finals.

Elizabeth Drysdale, Jennifer Gollan, Margaret Clifton and Priscilla Hodby made up the Edward Cup team and these young players with a little more experience should continue to uphold P.L.C.'s high tennis standard which has been set over the years.

During first term the open house tennis was held. Stewart House were very fortunate in having as their team the entire Slazenger Cup team and thus came out the winners, with Carmichael, McNeil and Ferguson following in that order.

Third term the under 16 House matches and the School Championships will be held.

Congratulations go to Shirley Sanders, Jill Allen, Jocelyn Gollan and Jocelyn Davy on gaining pocket colours, and to Jennifer Gollan on gaining tunic colours.



SWIMMING

SWIMMING NOTES

This year was a very successful year for P.L.C. in the invitation swimming relays.

The school team consisted of two back-stroke swimmers, Jane Knowles and Penny Dures; two freestylers, Jenny Black and Darryl Foster, and two breaststrokers, Shirley Sanders and Judy Becher, with Margot Brown as emergency.

The first invitation came from P.M.S., where a medley team was sent. Here P.L.C. had a convincing win from M.L.C. second and P.C. third. At St. Hilda's, M.L.C., and our own swimming sports, we were again victorious.

Our own inter-house swimming sports were held at Crawley Baths on the 9th March. This year Carmichael distinguished itself, being the champion swimming house with 158 points, followed by Ferguson 110, McNeil 66, and Stewart 57. Congratulations, Carmichael, on gaining the honours. Judy Becher was the champion swimmer, gaining 29 points.

As usual, the Old Girls were successful in the freestyle invitation race, followed closely by the Day Girls, and not so closely by the Boarders.

Two divers, Jan Perrin and Jennifer Bird, were sent to Perth College, where they put up a good performance, finishing fourth behind P.M.S., St. Hilda's and P.C.

Pocket colours were awarded to Judy Becher, Shirley Sanders, and Jan Perrin, and tunic colours to Penny Dures and Jenny Black. Congratulations to all in the teams.

Guide Notes



At the beginning of this year the Guide Company felt a little disorganised. At the end of 1951 Cap. Baird retired from her position and our captain, Kath Brisbane, who was formerly "Lefty," is now in charge of us. For part of first term, Patricia Hodgkin came to help "Lefty" to organise us. Just when we were settling down "Lefty" went on holidays for six weeks, leaving us to Patricia's tender mercies. Soon after "Lefty's" return we had a hike, tea and campfire to celebrate our 30th birthday. At this time we also said good-bye to Patricia, who was shortly after leaving for England.

On February 22nd, the usual early-morning Thinking Day service for the district was held and quite a number of our company attended.

We did not have very much success in the Guide and Scout Swimming Carnival held at Crawley Baths during first term, as we have very few swimmers.

At the beginning of second term we were very sorry to hear that Marian Walton, who was our Company Leader, could not return to school.

During second term, with the prospect of camp ahead, everyone worked hard to pass their tests. Quite a number of second-class and proficiency badges were gained.

In the middle of second term we welcomed Jan Hedemann as our new Lieu-

tenant. As the result of overcrowding in Magpies, we formed a fifth patrol — Mudlarks. A junior basketball team was also formed, but this did not have much success and was defeated by a seventh standard team. The score will have to be forgotten.

On boarders' week-end in second term six of the Koala Patrol went into camp at Darlington, where they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Again this year we had quite a large number of Guide biscuits to sell, and we managed well, although I think we are all glad that we only have to sell biscuits once a year.

The State, Patrol Leaders' Conference was held in Finlayson House grounds on August 9th. There were about eighty patrol leaders from all over the State, including two Lone Guides from Baker's Hill, and two representatives from our own company. We also provided the "kitchen staff," who worked hard to provide dinner and tea.

We are looking forward to camp and we hope that Miss Brisbane will gain her camping licence and that we will have the success in the future we have had in the past.

..Girl Guide International Camp, 1951..

Even though this camp occurred last year, we cannot forget to mention it. Three of our P.L.'s, Pat Bailey, Marian Walton and Margaret Greenhill, attended the Jubilee Camp held at Narrabeen, in New South Wales. All three of the patrol leaders were in separate camps, so when they returned we had three different points of view. Among those who were at the camp were guides from Ceylon, Papua, New Zealand and even America. The whole of the West Australian contingent travelled by train, so they had a number of days to get acquainted with their fellow companions. While the guides were in camp there were two days when they went sight-seeing, once up the Hawkesbury River and later to Kurrijong Heights.

After the ten-day camp, the West Australian Guides spent a further three days sight-seeing in Sydney. They were amazed at the size of Sydney in comparison with Perth, and very impressed by the



"A" BASKETBALL

Back : J. Geddes, A. Cooke, S. Sanders, L. Jeanes
Front : C. Gill, L. Wells (Capt.), J. Pearson

"B" BASKETBALL

Back : M. Brown, B. Bird, K. Gibson, D. Milbank
Front : M. Constantine, A. Bird (Capt.), B. McCooke



MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

Back : J. Davy, J. Knowles, J. Perrin, J. Seed
Front : M. Richards (Sub-Editor), A. Hodby (Editor), J. Underwood



"A" HOCKEY

Back : G. Angus, B. Hamilton, M. Whittle, J. Knowles, B. Clements, J. Perrin
 Front : M. Buchanan, J. Davy, C. Hogbin (Capt.), V. Robins, J. Gollan



"B" HOCKEY

Back : H. Skipworth, L. Mills, M. Maughan, J. Becher, C. Davy
 Front : J. Raison, B. Doherty, A. Hodby (Capt.), J. Seed, B. Mazzachelli

Blue Mountains. The rest of the company would like such an enjoyable trip, but as most of us have only been to one camp at the outside, we would not yet be prepared for such an adventure.

PREFECTS' NOTES

They're always the same—

"Where are your gloves? Well, put them on!"

"Stop talking and do some work."

Yes, these are still our favourite expressions and we seem to spend most of our time saying either one or the other. But still, we have had a very happy year and have done our best to carry out our duties as prefects.

At the end of last year, six of us were announced to carry on while the 1951 prefects were busy with exams. At the beginning of this year the two Margarets and two Jans completed our number.

This year the book-room and last year's prefects' room have been changed around, and although our room is rather small, we seem to fit in. The appearance of the room has been improved by addition of oil-cloth, cushions and Lise's basket of flowers, and the floor kept well polished by delinquent Juniors and Sub-Juniors.

During the first term we had afternoon tea with Dr. Summers. In second term we invited Dr. Summers, Mrs. Cusack and Miss Major to tea—the extras meant a tight fit and consequently some of the furniture had to be removed. This did not cramp our style in one direction at least!

The pound, as usual, is always littered with articles of clothing from handkerchiefs to raincoats, as well as tennis racquets, fountain pens, coat hangers and odds and ends.

After taking part in an energetic man-hunt, we were eventually able to enjoy our Pre's Dance. We owe our thanks to the mothers who provided the supper. (It's a good thing everybody doesn't know what went into the fruit-salad!)

During the year we were invited to many school dances and have returned the invitations.

The prefects again this year attended the University Service at St. George's Cathedral and an A.S.C.M. Service held

in St. George's College Chapel.

The School service was held on August 17th at Ross Memorial Church. The lessons were ably read by Ann and Cynthia, and by some stroke of fortune the collection plates were not dropped.

So far we've survived all the Sub-Junior preps, but it remains to be seen what next term will bring! Best of luck to next year's pre's.

LEAVING NOTES

Seldom, if ever, has P.L.C. been blessed with such a talented Leaving Form. Under Miss Major's able guidance we sailed through the year undeterred by the enormous responsibilities which had suddenly descended on us.

At the beginning of first term the House Captains were panic-stricken at the prospect of the Swimming Sports in only three weeks. However, they rapidly developed the fatalism peculiar to their kind.

One night Miss Major took us to the Observatory, but unfortunately it started to rain before we had observed anything but the moon. Still, we walked into Perth, and drowned our sorrows in hot coffee and buttered crumpets.

The day-girls celebrated the end of first term with a party the day before we broke up. This was a stupendous success, largely owing to the efforts of Val, who produced three gorgeous pavlovas with all the trimmings, a case of Coke and two cartons of icecream.

Second term saw the usual outbreak of knitting. Clicking needles could be heard at all hours, even during lessons. Here Jill shone, bravely overcoming the handicaps of being unable to cast on, cast off, increase, decrease, or even count without assistance. Granny's lassoing method, however, proved very tiring, and she petered out after a few weeks.

In the weeks before the School Dance much panic was aroused by the discovery that at least half the class was intending to wear Midnight Blue Tulle; but, by hasty re-organisation, the peril was averted. The dance itself can only be described as "absolutely glorious!"

History periods proved very enlightening, even to the back row. Miss Hope must be credited with Machiavellian cunning in penetrating our subtle method of passing "The Sunday Times" around the class—concealed in a small hymn book.

English periods were enlivened by our various renderings of "Coriolanus." Jan and Shirley, in particular, were inclined to lose themselves in their parts, and their pathos had the class convulsed.

In second term we had a hockey match against Sub-Leaving. Despite the fact that two of our team were enthusiastic basketballers, we continued to maintain our superiority and defeated them 1—0.

With the Leaving looming ominously on the horizon, our social activities will naturally be severely curtailed in third term. However, we have had great fun this year, and hope next year's Leavings will enjoy themselves as much.



The high standard of basketball has been maintained this year owing partly to the fact that four of last year's "A"

team players returned. The remaining three positions were easily filled from the abundant supply of talent available in the school—those not already playing hockey!

Miss Neville ably coached four teams, the A, B, C, and the newly-formed Junior team, which is comprised of under 15 players. This team provided a good opportunity for these girls to gain experience in inter-school matches and there are several promising players amongst them. The teams enthusiastically turned up to early morning practices, at which times "systems" advocated by Miss Neville were tried out.

The A, B, and C teams games against Modern School were, as usual, the most gruelling, the final scores always being in favour of P.M.S. Otherwise the A and B teams remained undefeated throughout the season.

Unfortunately, there was no Carnival this year as it was considered that the weather would be unfavourable, judging from last year's Carnival. Also no game has yet materialised against Scotch or Hale Prefects, who were as anxious as ever for a game.

The B team was disappointed when the Old Girls could not produce a second team. However, the A team had a most enjoyable game and only won by a very small margin.

The House matches were very closely contested and the enthusiasm displayed by the younger members was very gratifying.

RESULTS

"A" Team—

P.L.C. defeated M.L.C., 48—5.
P.L.C. lost to P.M.S., 21—30.
P.L.C. defeated St. Hilda's, 27—9.
P.L.C. defeated P.C., 40—12.
P.L.C. defeated C.E.G.S., 22—19.
P.L.C. defeated P.C., 39—10.
P.L.C. lost to P.M.S., 30—35.
P.L.C. defeated M.L.C., 24—17.
P.L.C. defeated St. Hilda's, 24—17.
P.L.C. lost to T.T.C., 15—25.
P.L.C. defeated Old Girls, 15—14.

"B" Team—

P.L.C. drew with C.E.G.S., 11—11.

P.L.C. defeated M.L.C., 22—8.
P.L.C. defeated C.E.G.S., 15—10.
P.L.C. lost to P.M.S., 16—29.
P.L.C. defeated St. Hilda's, 26—11.
P.L.C. defeated P.C., 25—14.
P.L.C. defeated C.E.G.S., 21—19.
P.L.C. defeated P.C., 34—11.
P.L.C. lost to P.M.S., 16—22.
P.L.C. defeated M.L.C., 63—9.
P.L.C. defeated St. Hilda's, 20—11.

Basketball Critique

"A" Team—

Lesley Wells (defence wing): Plays a very reliable game and as captain is always enthusiastic and helpful.

Shirley Sanders (goalie): Plays a very good game, making use of her height and combining well with the team.

Carol Gill (assistant goalie): Plays a reliable game and earned her place in the team.

Anne Cooke (attack wing): A quick player, uses her head and combines well with the rest of the team; has a very accurate throw.

Janet Pearson (centre): Is much improved but should try to develop a more accurate throw.

Leonie Jeanes (defence assistant goalie): A strong, determined player. Defends well and combines with Jan.

Jan Geddes (defence goalie): As defence shows promise, but could make more use of her height.

"B" Team—

Ann Bird (goalie): As captain, Ann has been a reliable player throughout the season.

Margaret Constantine (assistant goalie): Margaret is an accurate goal thrower, but more experience in combining with the team is needed.

Beverly Bird (attack wing): A reliable player though sometimes slow to move into position.

Barbara McCooke (centre): Has developed an accurate throw and the experience has helped her.

Margot Brown (defence wing): A good strong player—always there when needed.

Kay Gibson (assistant defence goalie): Always quick in her movements — an untiring defence with an accurate throw.

Dallas Milbank (defence goalie): Dallas plays a good game, defending well and combining with the other defences.

Tunic Colors were awarded to:

J. Pearson, B. Bird, B. McCooke, K. Gibson, D. Milbank, C. McLeod.

Pocket Colours were awarded to:

L. Wells, J. Geddes, C. Gill, L. Jeanes, S. Sanders, A. Cooke.

OLD COLLEGIANS' NOTES

The O.C.A. has had its usual number of functions this year. The annual meeting in February was well attended. June East, who was awarded a Ph.D. degree last year, spoke of her research work. A tennis party was held at school in April, a Barn Dance in May, and tea and picture evening in July. The annual dinner is to be on September 16th.

Ann Blankensee has been appointed as the second old girls' representative on the school council; Jean Vincent continues as our other representative.

The Bunbury branch continues its activities under the leadership of Edna Slee.

News comes from Britain of several girls who came to P.L.C. during the war. Lyn Richards, now married in Aberystwyth, has a son; also June Mutch. Elizabeth Clarke has just passed her final medical exams at St. Andrews; Francis Taylor has her arts degree in Dundee. Elspeth Home is practising medicine in Manchester.

Old girls who have gone to England recently include June East, Gaye Coulter, Pat d'Arcy and Patricia Hodgkin. Marjorie Payne has just returned from her trip to England.

There have been many engagements and marriages since last "Kookaburra." Molly Allen, Barbara Chapman, Prue Cusack, Joanne Gibson, Thea Graham, Helen Pearson, Laurel Jenkinson, Judith Stewart have been married; Margaret McKenzie, Helen Maitland, Lyn Owen, Meg Pearson, Ann Stewart, Jean Slatyer, Meg Thomas, Jan Mackenzie and Helen Watson are engaged—our good wishes to all.

LIBRARY NOTES

During first term the fiction library was very popular among the sevenths and Sub-Juniors and quite a large sum of money was collected, fee being only 1d. per book.

At the end of first term a new set of shelves was finished in the boarders' sitting room, and the fiction library moved in. We took this opportunity to sort the books, number them, and generally make things more methodical. We apologise for the delay of about a month when we were doing this. It was this delay, we think, when eventually we re-opened, that accounted for the lack of usual members. Gradually, however, we are getting more people in and hope that soon it will be back to old numbers.

About the middle of second term, Judy Bryning left school and her services are sadly missed. She was incomparable in recommending books to all readers. Her position has since been ably filled by Beverly Gardiner.

LIFE SAVING NOTES

This year P.L.C. entered for more events than usual in the annual Life-Saving Carnival held on March 28th. Congratulations go to all in teams for their splendid performances.

We wish to thank Mrs. Ewen for her helpful guidance.

Those who represented the school in the Lady Mitchell Trophy were J. Becher, J. Perrin, J. Halliday, S. Sanders and L. Mills (instructor). Congratulations go to St. Hilda's, who won the event. P.L.C. came a close second, being only three points behind.

St. Hilda's also won the Halliday Shield and P.L.C. came second. Those in our team were D. Foster, K. Gibson, J. Black and J. George.

In the Boulder Cup for primary schools, P.L.C. came fourth.

The Madame de Mouncy team was represented by J. Becher, S. Sanders, J. Perrin and M. Whittle. Congratulations go to E.G.H.S., who won. P.L.C. came second.

Two teams were entered for the Bunbury Cup. The first team consisted of J. Copley, J. George and K. Reilly, while the second was comprised of J. King, S. Cameron, L. Wilson and J. Bird. P.L.C. won the cup.

P.L.C. gained its first record of the day by winning the Curran Cup. Those in the team were G. Hill, M. North, P. Davies, and A. Parker.

The second record was in the McKellar Hall relay. J. Becher, D. Foster, M. North and P. Dures made up the team.

S. Sanders had to retire from the race due to cramp. Her place was filled by M. North.

The Bader Cup was another win to P.L.C. J. George, D. Foster, G. Finney and P. Dures made up the team.

J. Knowles, J. Halliday, J. Becher, J. Perrin and L. Mills (instructor) were the representatives for the McFarlane Shield. P.L.C. won the event.

In all we won three cups and two shields. Keep up the good work next year and best of luck.

Now we come to the large number of girls who were successful in the various examinations. Congratulations to all of you.

- 31 girls passed the Elementary.
- 20 girls passed the Intermediate Medalion.
- 62 girls passed the Intermediate Star.
- 21 girls passed the Bronze Medallion.
- 4 girls passed the Bar to Bronze.
- 5 girls passed the Bronze Cross.
- 4 girls passed the Bar to Bronze Cross.
- 9 girls passed to 2nd Class Instructor's Certificate.

J. Perrin, L. Wells, B. Doherty, L. Jeanes, E. Vincent, M. Whittle, F. Bunning, Jenny Black, B. Hamilton, J. Knowles passed the Silver.

L. Mills and S. Sanders passed the Bar to Silver.

L. Mills, L. Wells, L. Jeanes, M. Whittle passed the 1st class instructors.

ATHLETICS NOTES

The Athletics Sports were held on the 7th October on the new tennis courts. The afternoon proved an exciting one as the weather was ideal and all events were very closely contested.

The programme began with figure matching and then followed the competitive events. From the commencement of the competition to its conclusion, the four houses tussled keenly with one another for first place.

Carmichael finally emerged in the lead with 161 points, followed by Ferguson with 147 points, then McNeil with 143½ points, and Stewart with 142½ points.

This close competition maintained a high degree of interest throughout the afternoon. Several records were broken or equalled. These are as follows:

100 Yards Open: J. Becher. Time, 12 seconds. (Record.)

100 Yards Under 16: J. King. Time, 12.2 seconds. (Record.)

75 Yards Under 14: J. King, J. Powell. Time, 9.8 seconds. (Equal Record.)

30 Yards Under 10: S. Bird. Time, 5 seconds. (Record.)

50 Yards Open: J. Becher. Time, 6.2 seconds. (Equal Record.)

Inter-School Relay: P.L.C. Time, 39.6 seconds. (Record.)

Those included in the record-breaking relay team were J. Becher, M. Whittle, C. Davy, J. King, V. Robins and P. Hodby. The Junior relay team includes J. Powell, K. Hitchings, J. Bannister and J. Finney.

As a result of the sports day, pocket colours have been awarded to J. Becher, M. Whittle and C. Davy.

The champion athlete was Judy Becher with Margaret Whittle as runner-up.

We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Buchanan for so kindly giving up an afternoon to announce results for us.

A HISTORY OF SPECIMEN CASTLE

This tells the history of ye ancient Specimen Castle, dating probably from about 54 B.C.

In those days the castle was not used in the same way as it is now. It seems from excavations that the castle was once a Roman summer house. Gradually, however, through the ages, the building became ruined and decayed.

During the middle ages the castle's history is obscure; it may or may not have been inhabited. Some signs such as the exquisite carving on the walls lead us to believe some cultured race may have dwelt there.

Then just before the Elizabethan period commenced a certain young, inexperienced and illiterate family decided to make the ancient castle their own. Unfortunately (or perhaps fortunately—opinions differ), their zeal was short-lived and their plan of making the castle into a modern villa was never accomplished. In fact, they only constructed a crude shelter there. After a time they decided that the castle was an unfit residence for their noble family so they left it.

During this period the eagle eye of the true descendants of the ancient Specimens watched the proceedings. As soon as the Korrawilla family departed, this wronged but heroic clan came to claim their rightful heritage. These Specimens were true daughters of their ancestors, being filled with a burning determination to bring back to Specimen Castle its old glory. As well as being virtuous, they possessed intelligence and initiative. They worked increasingly at their task. First they drew up plans for the re-building of the castle. Delicately tinted tiles (old tin, plasticine and lino) formed the roof, which was designed in the most fashionable style. The draperies were of the most beautiful colours, and procured from France and Spain. Also procured from France was the costly furniture made of polished woods (old boxes and unrepairable chairs).

By this time the Specimen family had grown so much that the castle had to be enlarged. Another wing was added, making the castle a magnificent dwelling.

With their habitual common sense and brilliancy, the Specimens decided to form a code of rules for their descendants. From the diaries of the Specimens we find that these rules were sensible and wise. In this time, too, what is called the Specimen Chorus, was written. This tells of the great deeds of the Specimen family, and also gives a description of the castle itself. The finding of this manuscript has helped historians to get a clearer idea of the castle as it was then.

Thought a great and noble family, the Specimens did not mind doing good, honest manual labour. As a result of their efforts, a thriving farm was bought, and by selling the produce of the vegetable garden (to Matron) the castle was kept in good order.

Some years passed. Then the "government" in its drive to defend England (P.L.C.) from the "Spanish Armada," decided that in fortifying in case of invasion a great wall was to be built across a certain part of the country. This was to pass through part of Specimen Castle.

Nothing that the Specimens could do would avail, so in the end they decided to temporarily take down part of the castle. It would involve great cost, but the country came before themselves.

Then, just before the demolition was to start the catastrophe happened. Specimen Castle was burnt out! Mystery surrounds the deeds. No one knows who committed the crime, except that it was none of the Specimens. All the Specimens were absent at the time, and the fire was heroically extinguished by the authorities.

The grief of the Specimens was terrible. Their labour had all been for nothing!

Hardly anything was salvaged; all the furniture, costly hangings, exquisite tapestries, priceless pictures were all destroyed in the raging inferno. The cost incurred came to thousands of pounds. More than this, their dreams of Specimen glory had come to nil. They were heartbroken—and bankrupt. They sold the remnants of their possessions and disappeared. No one knows what happened to their descendants. Probably they live in an ob-

scure village not even knowing the terrible history of the ancestors.

—By E. BANKS.

SPECIMONIAL CHORUS

Oh! We are the Specimens,
The Specimens are we;
We have a castle
In the grounds of P.L.C.

It really is a lovely place,
With moat and drawbridge too;
And carpet, rug and tablecloth,
Which aren't of course brand new.

We have a fireplace painted pink,
Two cupboards and a hall;
A lovely garden full of flowers,
And pictures on the wall.

The roof is hardly picturesque,
It's made of bits of tin;
But even when it rains a lot,
The weather can't come in.

We Specimens are ruthless,
We take what e'er we can;
We used to have a spade and rake,
Pinched from the gardener man.

But then he made a raid on us,
He pulled our wall to bits;
He even took our gardening tools,
I s'pose he thinks we're quits.

Oh! We are the Specimens,
The Specimens are we;
Vengeance on that gardener man,
Who lives at P.L.C.

TOP POPS OF P.L.C.

Trio. S.-J.A.

1. Turn back the hands of time—Monday morning.
2. Slow Coach—School bus.
3. The Echo—Teacher, "Stop talking."
4. Zing, Zing, Zoom, Zoom!—Notes via Air Mail.
5. Doing What Comes Naturally—Talking.
6. If—only I had learnt it.
7. Baby, It's Cold Outside—Standing in the cloakroom.
8. All Through the Night—Swotting.
9. My Defences Are Down—before the exam.
10. I Get Ideas—after the exam.
11. Cry—exam results.

12. Quicksilver—cash from tuckshop.
13. Always—lost article.
14. Down Yonder—oval under repair.
15. Belle, Belle, My Liberty Belle—3.30.
16. Open Road—after break-up.

GEOGRAPHY

The geography of a P.L.C. bed can be divided into two main parts:

A—Upper Part:

Its characteristics are:

1. Narrow v-shaped mattress.
2. Rocky, uneven mattress and pillow.
3. Coarse load.
4. Swiftly flowing breeze.
5. Main work—head erosion.
6. Canyons, gorges, or ravines.
7. Potholes.
8. Rapids occur on rainy days.
9. Over-size spurs.

B—Middle Course:

Its characteristics are:

1. Smoother, hard bottom with flaring sides.
2. Finer load.
3. Fairly even breeze with moderate speed.
4. Main work — horizontal erosion — widening its bed and load.
5. Flood plains on top.
6. Ox-bow lakes after rain.

(D.S.)

SCHOOL DANCE HITS

(Sub-Leaving Boarders)

- J.D.—I'm just wild about (B)Harry.
V.R.—(S)Turkey in the straw.
A.H.—Old MacDonald had a farm.
A.M.—Stebbing out with my baby.
B.H.—Bev walked out with a **New-man...**
A.C.—There's only one **Bushel** to Ann's acre.
B.G.—Molasses, Molasses, it's sticky, sticky **goo(ch)**.
B.D.—Bell, bell, my **Rickardy Bell**.
J.C.—Down among the sheltering palms.
J.R.—There's a chapter in her life called **Murray**.
D.S.—Among the **Reids**.
M.M.—Little **Grant-Frost** get lost, get lost.
H.S.—**Carla**, Carla.
B.M.—Little **White Duck**.
J.S.—When the red red robin comes bob

Bob Clapin along.

C.W.—She can't get off her **Horse**.

SUB-LEAVING CHAUCER

(By "Never You Mind")

That of hir smyling was ful simple and coy.

—Judy Black.

For Frenssh of Paris was to hir unknowe.

—Caroline.

Of hir complexioun she was sangwyn.

—Marian Maughan.

Wel koude she knowe a draughte of Londoun Ale.

—Jenny Seed.

It snowed in hir hous of mete and drinke.

—Jocelyn.

Ful weel she soeng the service divyne.

—Diana.

Of fees and robes hadde she many.

—Muriel.

She leet no morsel from hir lippes falle.

—Any Boarder.

In al this (Chaucer) ne was ther noon hir lik.

—Mrs. Cusack.

'PINIONS OF PEOPLE

Dedicated to the Ostriches

(By A.M.N.)

- With thanks to Lord Tennyson.
"Every gate is thronged with suitors."
—J.D.
"Myself not least but honour'd of them all—C.H.
"Servile to a shrewish tongue."—A.H.
"Oh well for him whose will is strong."
—H.S.
"Rose the tallest of them all."—B.G.
"Made so fairly well."—B.H.
"But she is tall and stately." (Tall, anyway).—M.M.

DISILLUSION

(Jill Underwood)

From my seat I saw the dancers
Float across the stage,
Like thistledown. Or
Like the petals of a daisy,
Making their single brief flutter
From stem to earth.
They smiled;
As if with secret content
Unknown to their watchers—
Almost undreamt of
By us.

Ethereal creatures, thought I,
Strange and exotic;
Solemn and detached from
The bustle and hurry of the prosaic world;
Dedicating their lives
To bringing such exquisite beauty
To thousands of people
Like me.

But in the wings I stood aghast,
Among a crowd of creatures
Like ghouls,
Their staring eyes and harshly painted
mouths
Hideous to see.

Nor did they talk of
Arabesques and pirouettes,
But of 'Minties', and
'Their aching feet', and
'How soon they could get to bed.'
Dismayed, I watched them
Run on to the stage, with
Fixed grins and heavy footsteps.

Little did they know
The cherished Castle of Dreams
Falling, at that moment,
About my ears.

