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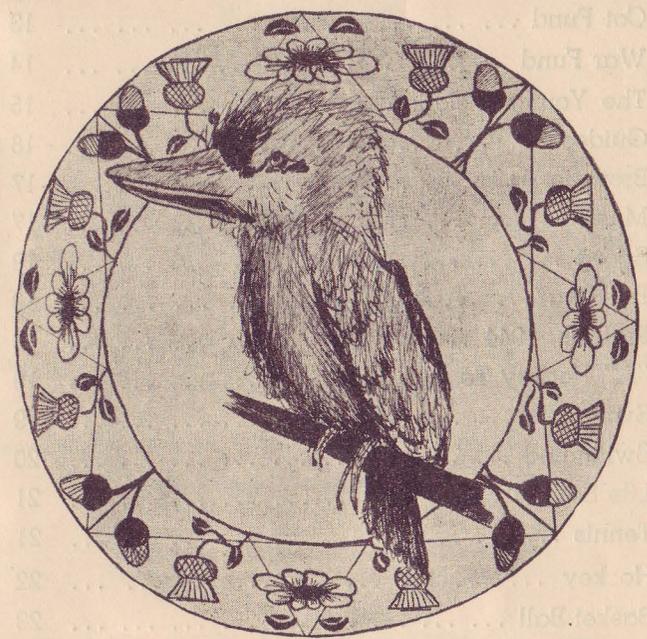
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School Officers 1945

Prefects:

Lorraine Parrott (Head Prefect), Elizabeth Clarke, Margery Paine, Berwine Cook, Pat Wilton, Merrill Bean, Anthea Williamson, Rosemary Woods, Doris Scott, Beth Blair, Pam Currie, Jean Leake, Helen Pearson, Margaret Hotchin.

House Captains:

Carmichael	M. Bean
Ferguson	B. Cook
Stewart	J. Leake
McNeil	A. Williamson

Form Captains:

VIa	L. Parrott	IVl	L. Hooper
VIb	P. Currie	IVg	J. Hayman
VI	H. Maitland	IVb	M. Reid
Vg	M. Allen	IVc	M. Miller

War Fund Representatives:

VIa	A. Georgeff	IVl	P. Foreman
VIb	P. D'Arcy	IVg	V. Brown
VI	B. Stewart	IVb	E. Cook
Vg	P. Cusack	IVc	V. Baron Hay

Cot Fund Representatives:

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VIb	J. Martin	IVg	P. Stokes
VI	B. Beetson	IVb	M. Vincent
Vg	M. Thomas	IVc	S. Cary

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H. Maitland, L. Owen, H. Thomas.

Prefects 1943:

A. Alexander (Head Prefect), E. Home, R. Smith, V. Black, J. Love, V. Daglish.

House Captains 1943:

Carmichael	A. Alexander
Ferguson	V. Black
Stewart	B. Wolff
McNeil	H. McCowan

Prefects 1944:

E. Home (Head Prefect), V. Black, V. Daglish, J. Abbot, A. Barker, E. Clarke,
B. Cook, H. McCowan, B. Norrie, L. Parrott, E. Richards, H. Williams.

House Captains 1944:

Carmichael	A. Barker
Ferguson	V. Black
Stewart	E. Home
McNeil	H. McCowan

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JULY, 1945

Editorial

In this, our sixth year of war, we see the dawn of a New World.

Now, with the unconditional surrender of all German forces, and the defeat of Japan only a matter of time, the Fascists are being taught, for the second time in half a century, that burns the flame ever so feebly, all the darkness of man-made evil cannot smother the eternal Torch of Freedom in men's hearts.

These past two years, when, because of paper restrictions, we have been without a School Magazine, have not been uneventful in our School.

In 1943 the number of pupils had increased so greatly that it was decided to inaugurate a new House, McNeil.

In this year the new members of the staff were Mrs. Laver (Kindergarten), Mrs. Hill, resident, teaching History, Sport, and supervising the Reference Library; Mrs. Hodgkin, part-time Science; while Miss Hope became part-time French.

In February the School Service was held at St. Aidans, and in May a Gymnastic Display was given on the Hockey field by the School, conducted by Mrs. Pedersen.

At the School Birthday Service in August we were fortunate in having with us Squadron-Leader Marchant, Staff Chaplain, R.A.A.F., who, in addition to taking part in the service, related to us some of his experiences in the Pacific War Zone.

In 1944 the numbers had increased

again, so there were yet more additions to the staff.

Miss Wansborough teaching Hygiene, History and French; Mrs. Miller for Form III; Miss Birks for Form Ib and Mrs. Allom, Kindergarten.

Mrs. Blackburn took over the Commercial Form from Mrs. Scurlock.

Although the weather was very hot, 140 pupils attended the School Service in March.

The Moderator-General of Australia was present at the Physical Culture Display which the School gave in May and in June the School attended a special service of Intercession for the Invasion of Europe which took place on June 6th.

In the same month VIa presented "The Romantic Age" at Alexander Hall. This production was a great credit both to the cast and to the producer, Mrs. Pinnick.

The proceeds of the two evening performances, £48/12/6, were donated to Rehabilitation in Europe.

In August the School's Birthday was celebrated and in October we received a visit from the Rev. V. W. Coombes, Foreign Missionaries' Secretary, N.S.W., late of India.

Because of the greatly increased numbers of the School, it was decided to hold the Annual School Speech Night in Perth Town Hall. Even with this increased space there was not very much room to spare.

This year, 1945, there have been yet more changes in staff, with Miss Hosking

for Maths, Botany and Physics; Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. McCall replacing Miss Grey for Domestic Science; Mrs. Pinnick is part-time and Miss Bailey and Miss Morris part-time Music.

Since Miss Baird has been called to other duties in U.N.R.A., Mr. Treloar has been giving tennis coaching on Wednesday afternoons to would-be tennis players.

On May 6th, the School Service was held in St. Aidans, this year the weather being more favourable than at the last two years' services.

On the following day, the Physical Culture Display was given by the School and was a great success.

Much praise is due to Mrs. Pederson for her unflinching interest and energy which did so much to make the day so successful.

To turn from School to World affairs, it was only recently that we received news of the death of the President of the United States of America, Franklin D. Roosevelt, a very great man, respected not only in his own country, but in all lands. His death is a great loss to the entire world.

It was but a short time ago that Mr. Carmichael's magnificent bequest of £40,000 was made public.

It was stipulated by Mr. Carmichael that £20,000 of this generous gift was to be spent in scholarships and the remainder to be used to build a hall or building which was to be named after him.

It was found inadvisable to attempt to include Form Notes for the past two years, so for this year's magazine the Form Notes have been omitted, but will be inserted in the next magazine.

I wish to thank the Magazine Committee, Doctor Summers and Mrs. Cusack for their help in the compiling of the magazine.

CARMICHAEL HOUSE NOTES

"Play the Game"

In 1943, with Anne Alexander as Captain, Carmichael gained the Sports Shield. By winning the tennis and drawing with Ferguson in the hockey we made up for our third place in both swimming and athletics.

The formation of McNeil made competition greater, and each House had to pull up its socks to retain its reputation. Despite all our efforts the new House won the Athletics and made a name for itself.

Carmichael tennis was well up to standard, the open team winning nearly every match it played.

We excelled ourselves in tidying the grounds. Keep it up Carmichaelites!

In 1944 Carmichael's luck failed when we won only the tennis. In spite of Audrey Barker's enthusiastic efforts we were not as successful as we might have been.

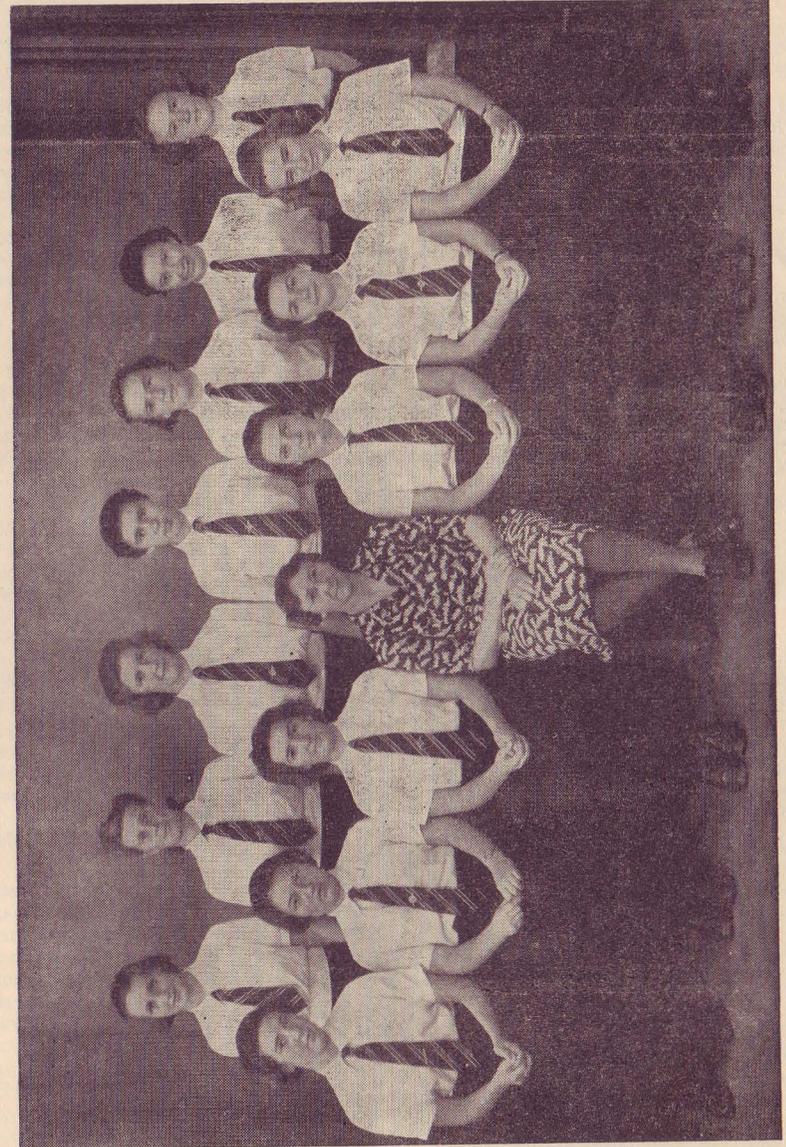
This year, so far, we are in the lead with the swimming, but our position will be endangered by life-saving results which may bring Ferguson to the fore.

We have some excellent tennis players in the Hanlins, who have done much for Carmichael in the open matches.

We are also fortunate in having Bryce Anderson to help us with the swimming.

We are not living up to our former tennis reputation as yet, but must improve.

Come on Carmichael. Play the Game!



PREFECTS, 1945
Back Row: B. Blair, P. Wilton, P. Currie, A. Willicamson, H. Pearson, P. Lecke, R. Woods.
Front Row: M. Bevan, D. Scott, L. Parrott (Head Prefect), Dr. Summers, E. Clarke, M. Paine, B. Cook.



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Back Row: B. Blair, P. Wilton, P. Currie, A. Williamson, H. Pearson, P. Leake, R. Woods.

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FERGUSON HOUSE NOTES

"Toujours Tout Droit"

Our House Notes not having been written since 1942, I must start at 1943.

Our House Captain in that year was Valerie Black, under whose able direction Ferguson was Champion House in swimming, our success being mainly due to Margaret Lodge our open champion. We also won the basketball (the captain being Val) and tied with Carmichael for Hockey.

Our congratulations to McNeil on being champion of the athletics, and to Carmichael for winning the tennis honours. In that year Ferguson also won the singing. As regards tidiness, the less said the better, although I see that we are improving slightly as the years go by. Let us hope that this year the grounds will be 100 per cent.

1944 was not such a successful year and in spite of Val's untiring efforts we only finished third, Stewart being first, with McNeil very close behind. Congratulations to you both. We did not have much success at sport, though we came a very close second in the athletics. Congratulations, McNeil, on attaining top position there, but it won't happen again, nor will your basketball success be repeated if we can help it. Carmichael again carried off the tennis honours and Stewart was champion House at hockey. Our school work also went off quite appreciably as did the singing.

This year having only just commenced, there are no results as yet, but keep tidying those grounds so that our name will not be dishonoured again.

Well, Fergusons, keep up the good work and we shall surely win the Champion House Shield from Stewart.

STEWART HOUSE NOTES

"Per Ardua Ad Alta"

As we have been without a magazine for the past two years, I will commence with the achievements during 1943 and 1944. In 1943, though we had an able House-Captain in Betty Wolff, we did not

particularly excel in house competitions, but gained second position in singing and in tidying of the grounds.

In 1944, Stewart's captain, Elspeth Home, roused our house spirit so that we succeeded in carrying off the Work and Champion Shields. (Keep on with the good work, Stewarts, and show the other houses just how inferior they are.) There were no swimming sports, so any ardent swimmers curbed their enthusiasm and directed it to school work and hockey; or so it appeared, as Stewart won both these competitions. Evidently all enthusiasm for tidying the grounds was lost; so this year let us show our jeering opponents that we aren't as untidy as they think, and top the marks at the right end.

Stewart has been well represented in the higher ranks of school officers. Elspeth was Head Prefect last year, and we had three other capable prefects in Lorraine, Val and Helen. This year we are again proud to have a Stewart as Head Prefect. Congratulations, Lorraine!

Evidently Stewart favours hockey players, as we had a considerable number to choose from last year for our House matches. We were represented in the A team by Elspeth, Lorraine, Val, Helen and last but not least, Eithne, who has proved herself a formidable opponent for any would-be goal shooter. We also had Betty to represent us in the A basketball.

There are some budding tennis players in Stewart, who, I know, will rise to the occasion when the occasion demands. (It's up to you.) Up to date we haven't particularly excelled in running, though we were very pleased to congratulate Elspeth our champion runner.

Congratulations also, to the two Beths for their fine efforts in being runners-up. Stewart was last in running in 1943 and second last in 1944. This was a slight improvement, but there is room for a good deal more. The material is in the House, but can not be made useful without your co-operation.

So, Stewarts, work hard!

Remember our war-cry.

Walla, walla, woop, woop,

Chu, Chin Chow,

Come on Stewart,

Show 'em how.

and live up to your House Motto.

McNEIL HOUSE NOTES

This is McNeil's first appearance in the "Kookaburra," but as space is limited, these notes, giving an account of the first two years of our existence, will have to be shortened.

Owing to the large increase in numbers at the beginning of 1943, it was decided to form the new girls into a new House, as in number they equalled each of the other Houses. The name McNeil was chosen in memory of the late Mr. McNeil and, fittingly, from the McNeil clan were adopted the House colour of gold, the motto and badge of the Dryas, a small mountain flower.

In spite of the handicap of lack of years, under the able leadership of Helen McCowan, McNeil showed the other Houses by its spirit that it was not easily beaten. In sport, McNeil tried hard, but except for a victory in athletics and by coming second in swimming the other Houses proved too strong for us. Third position for the Work Shield was gained, but great improvement was necessary in singing and tidiness. Congratulations go to Carmichael for winning the Sports' Shield and to Ferguson for being Champion House.

In 1944 McNeil was fortunate in having the same captain and showed more prominence in school affairs by having one School and three Boarder Prefects, as well as members in all the "A" teams.

The athletic sports had an exciting finish, in which we narrowly defeated Ferguson and this, combined with a win in basketball and improvement in other games, resulted in McNeil winning the Sports Shield. Stewart proved to have the brains of the school and also the best voices, and coming second in sport, deservedly won the Champion Shield. McNeil, however, was runner-up and this was achieved by the good positions gained in work, singing competitions, and tidiness; so come on McNeilites! Show the other Houses that we can still do better than this during 1945. Remember our motto—Buaidh No Bas—Victory or Death!

A.S.C.M. NOTES

The main event of the year was, as usual, camp, which was held at Log Cabin, Greenmount for five days of the August holidays. There were about twenty-five campers from various schools, but P.L.C. representatives far outnumbered those of any other school. We all enjoyed the short five days of fun and fellowship in ideal weather, and with the exhilarating leadership of Mrs. Fletcher, the travelling Secretary of the Movement, camp was a great inspiration to us all.

We have had two Camp Reunions since, one at the home of Mrs. Teakle, our Camp Mother, and the other at Miss Hope's house. We all enjoyed these greatly, and hope again to have the opportunity of meeting last year's fellow campers, as well as many new ones at this year's camp.

QUOTATIONS

'Then in wailful choir the small gnats mourn'—Lower School singing.

'And like a beaten hound tremble thou shalt—as now.'—Pre's Court.

'And cold hopes swarm like worms within our living clay.'—Before exams.

'Assume thy winged throne, thou vesper of our throng.'—Quidom.

'Snore in the foam . . . '—Life-saving.

'A jug of wine, a loaf of bread—and Thou.'—On the Beach.

'And jealous of the listening air
They steal their way from stair to stair.'
—After Lights Out.

'For e'en tho' vanquished she could argue still.'—June.

'And still they gazed and still the wonder grew,

That one small head could carry all she knew.'

—Doc.

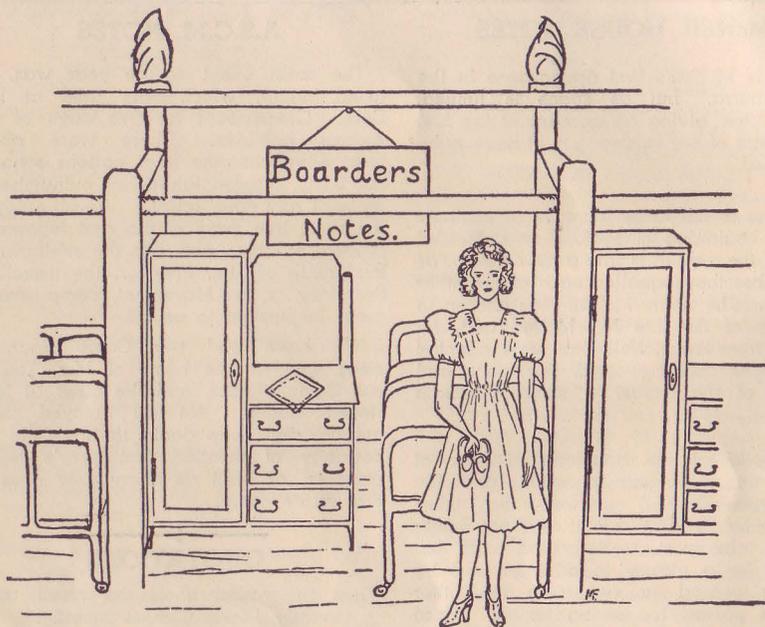
'What moved my mind with youthful lords to room?'—After the School Dance.

'A livid paleness spreads o'er all her look.'—Results.

'To change a flounce or add a furbelow.'
—This Rationing.

'And secret passions laboured in her breast.'—Barbara.

Via.



BOARDERS' NOTES

Broke, Broke, Broke,
A Boarder of P.L.C.

Even in 1937 they knew this.

As usual the boarders boarding here are bored. Periodically we have been ejected from our swing session with the Boarders Sitting Room wireless, the complaint being that we did not take enough exercise. The remedy, supplied by the staff, was pacing the drive a mere thirty times. Partly as a result of the wireless, the Boarding House developed such songs as "Jealousy" and "A Soldier Boy From Caroline." Did anyone mention "Twelfth Street"?

Two solid years have passed since the last notes were written, so we have unhappily (?) said "goodbye" to a number of prefects. Unfortunately others keep coming. But we must be improving because the records show that in 1943 there were seven Boarder Prefects, in 1944 seven again, but in 1945 we have only five. What a relief.

Many members of the staff have arrived and departed during the years 1943 and

1944. In 1943 we said goodbye to Miss Macintyre and Miss Hanns during first term and Miss Hill in third. Mrs. Moffatt left us to return to Scotland second term 1944. Their places have been filled admirably by Mrs. Miller, Miss Shepherd, Miss Ray and Mrs. Robinson.

We wish to thank Doctor Summers, Matron and the Staff for the very enjoyable party on the 12th December last year. We regret though that some had to be in the sick room. Errare est humanum consequently judging by the pile of etables left, the Prefects had overestimated the capacity of the Boarders.

We also wish to thank Doctor Summers for allowing a select party to attend the Adult Education Recitals during first and second terms 1944. Also for another party being permitted to go to Scotch College dancing classes. We must not forget either the outing of the fifths and sixths this term to "Hobson's Choice" at Perth.

On looking up the records, we found that members of the Boarding House have done fairly well in some sports, especially hockey, which seems to interest many.

We noticed one fine afternoon in 1944 that a large member of the Boarding House was dragged away from the wireless, by another fairly hefty member, down to the hockey oval. Later we all noticed that this particular person was occupying a large portion of the goal circle in a match against Modern. Matron has had to treat sundry bruises and rips ever since.

During 1943 there was very little sickness, but third term 1944, just as Public Exams were about to begin, an epidemic of mumps took a firm hold on the Boarding House. At first it only attacked the school below Juniors, but the last week it also accounted for Juniors being in the sick room. We would like to thank Matron for the amount of patience she showed, particularly when she was not in the best of health herself. The main trouble with the sick room is the lack of fresh reading matter, but Matron also had an answer for this.

Friends, Romans, Countrymen,
Lend me ideas.

Obviously we can't think of anything else, so this is the end.

— N. D. P.

JUST US

A is for Ann, she be the kid.
B is for Beth, you should see the lid.
C is for Currie, there's plenty she's caught.
D is for D'Arcy, ne'er where she aught.
E is for Eithne, exceptional too.
F is for Fisher, what she can't do!
G is for Greedy, the Boarders you know.
H is for Hotch, she supplies all the dough.
I for illiterate, Vīb we are told
J is for Jopie, makes boys hot and cold
K is for Kell, the green-eyed gal
L is for Leake, D'Arcy's best pal
M is for Marie, she ne'er listens to rot
N is for new girls, Mag, Peg and Dot.
O is for Oliver, of schools she's tried six
P is for Pauline, with males she sure clicks
Q is for Quensacontly, guess who we mean
R is for Rundle, she's long and lean.
S is for Vīb never been kissed
T is for twins they're seldom missed
U is for Uvala, they never stop wagging
V is for Valmai, she's adept at "bagging"
W for Wendy, she blushes bright red,
X Y Z, it's gone to our heads.

— Six IVb Saps.

FRENCH CLUB NOTES

Patron: DR. SUMMERS
President: A. WILLIAMSON
Secretary: P. WILTON

Committee: Miss HOPE, M. BEAN, M. VAN BAAREN, A. GILES, M. SUMMERS

Owing to the fact that the minute book containing the records of the past two years' activities has been mislaid, these notes are rather incomplete.

One of the 1943 meetings was combined with the members of Scotch College, who presented a very enjoyable play, after which all took part in a treasure hunt.

Early in 1944 Doctor Summers gave a talk on her University life in Paris. As this was delivered in French it must be admitted that all was not understood, but nevertheless, it was greatly appreciated, especially by the older members. Our grateful thanks go to Dr. Summers and Mrs. Robertson who gave an amusing description of some of her experiences as a teacher.

The enthusiastic performance "Paquin Fils" by Vīb was perhaps the height of our activities and realised a considerable sum for the French Patriotic Funds. Other general meetings were also held throughout the years.

This year a party from the two Sixth Forms gave an item of some French songs at a meeting of the Alliance Francaise, which seemed to be successful in spite of our fears. Our thanks go to Miss Hope, whose efforts maintained the School's usual high standard of performance.

We would also like to thank Doctor Summers for the unfailing interest and support which she has given to the club.

PREFECTS' NOTES

In 1943 only six School Prefects were elected and as the Boarding House was exceptionally young, seven House Prefects were made. These girls were given the authority of a Prefect in the Boarding House, but not in the Day School.

A School Dance was held in the "Stirling Social Rooms" on the last Saturday night of second term.

1944 brought an increase in the School's numbers, and therefore more Prefects were needed. Twelve School Prefects were elected and five House Prefects.

In first term the Annual School Service was held in St. Aidans, Claremont. Elspeth read the first lesson and Val Black the second. Other Prefects took part in the conduct of the Service.

As the last Saturday of second term seemed to be a very popular one for a dance, we held the School Dance in the Karrakatta Club Hall.

As all of us could not do the usual things connected with Pre's Outings, we decided to go to a picture show.

Numerous Eats' Meetings were held throughout the year and we were pleased to have Doctor Summers as our guest for the majority of them.

1945—This year the School has become even larger—and so have the Prefects' numbers. We are now fourteen, and as fourteen in the old Prefects' Room would have been rather a tight squeeze, we were given a somewhat larger room.

Three School Prefects remained from last year, and at the end of 1944 twelve more were voted for but not announced until the beginning of this year.

At the end of first term we were sorry to lose one of our oldest and most valued members of our clan, Elizabeth Clarke. We shall miss her a great deal, but as the conditions were favourable for her return to her home—Scotland—she left us, and with her go the best wishes for good luck in the future from her fellow Pre's and the School as a whole.

It was decided that this year, all House Captains should be Prefects, and that the Head Prefect should not be Captain of a House.

A meeting was held early in first term and we were honoured with Doctor's presence. School matters were discussed and there was not a shortage of cakes, etc. Doris had not returned from Adelaide, but when she did arrive we found it necessary to hold another meeting, which was also successful.

We had intended to wait for the badges before the Prefects signed the book, but with the uncertainty of their arrival Doctor thought it a better idea to let the Prefects sign the book and come up again when the badges were ready. Margaret Hotchin was away at the time, so she will sign on later in the year.

The School's Annual Church Service was held on the 6th May in St. Aidans. Lorraine and Elizabeth read the first and second lessons respectively, and other VIA Prefects helped in the distribution of Hymn Books and the collection of the Offerings.

We would like to congratulate all who have been successful in Junior and Leaving over the last three years and our wishes for the best of luck go to those who will sit this year.



LIBRARY NOTES

In 1943 there was a decided increase in the Economic Section of the Reference Library which was found extremely beneficial.

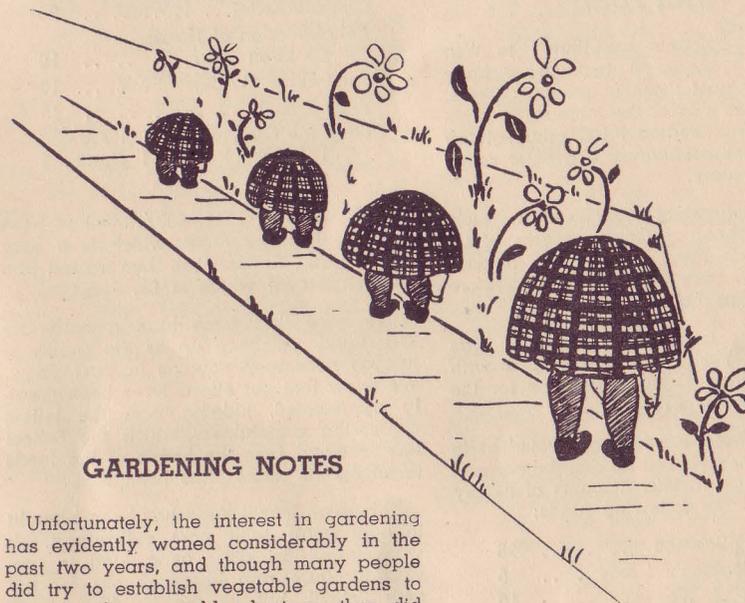
The introduction of the popular author Quentin Reynolds, to the Library added to the enthusiasm of its readers.

The School was lucky to have Mrs. Hill as Librarian for twelve months and we hope that when Penelope Joan is old enough to look after herself her mother will return to her position in the School.

Since Mrs. Hill's departure Senior Girls have been given the office of Librarians and this year Pat D'Arcy and Ethine Pope are carrying on the good work as they are in charge of both Fiction and Reference Libraries.

Thirty-three books have been already added to the Library this year.

At the end of second term we were fortunate to receive some beautiful Biology and Science books. This term we received about half a dozen travels, biographies and novels, and also a very interesting series of books called Britain in Pictures. Although these are a Wartime Production they are beautifully written and illustrated, and will, I am sure, be a great help to the School.



GARDENING NOTES

Unfortunately, the interest in gardening has evidently waned considerably in the past two years, and though many people did try to establish vegetable gardens to alleviate the vegetable shortage, they did not experience much success since, in a number of cases, the produce would insist on maturing during the holidays.

Since then, any enthusiasm in regards gardening has not had much encouragement as it was found exceedingly difficult to obtain manure. Also, the lack of rain tended to wither any plants which had so far survived.

The gardening prizes were still given however (last year they were gained by Betty Stewart and Elizabeth Beetson) and perhaps, this year, they will encourage any aspiring gardeners to greater heights.

COT FUND

In the past few years our Cot Fund total has rapidly increased and now we aim at the £200 mark, not the £50 as in previous years. In 1943 our total reached £112/2/5, of which £95 was distributed among various institutions, thus leaving a small amount to start with the next year.

Children's Hospital	£50
Deaf and Dumb	6

A. I. M.	10
Byford Home	6
Sister Kate	10
Blind School	6
Parkerville Home	2
Swan Boys' Orphanage	2
Seaforth Home	3

In 1944 the total was higher still—£159/16/3. Of this £139/10/- was distributed as below:

Children's Hospital	£50	0	0
Byford Home	15	0	0
A. I. M.	15	0	0
Sister Kate	15	0	0
Deaf and Dumb	10	0	0
Blind School	5	0	0
Braille Society	5	0	0
Parkerville Home	5	0	0
Swan Boys' Orphanage	5	0	0
Seaforth Home	5	0	0
Y.W.C.A. Reconstruction	4	10	0
Crippled Children	5	0	0

This term we have made a good beginning for this year. So far Forms VII, VI, IV, are topping the list of amounts.

Let us see if we cannot make this a yet more successful year for the Cot Fund.

WAR FUND

The total amounts contributed to War Fund during the past two years have soared way past those of previous years. This has been due to the increase in numbers of girls attending P.L.C., thus giving War Fund representatives a greater scope in which to work.

Besides individual contributions, tuck-shops have been a regular source of income to War Fund, each Form holding at least one, once a term, and the more energetic forms holding two.

In 1943 the total amount collected was £108/13/6. Form IVb topped the pole with the highest War Fund contribution for the year, which was £15/5/4.

At the end of 1943 each girl voted as to how the money should be distributed, and as a result the various amounts of money were sent to the following funds:

Merchant Seamen	£25
Indian Seamen's Home . . .	5
Prisoners of War	10
Sheepskins for Russia . . .	10
Navy Comforts	5
Australian Comforts Fund . .	5
Rehabilitation of Jewish Children	10
Greek Relief	5
China Relief	5
Norwegian Seamen	5
Indian Relief	5

The amount collected for War Fund in 1944 was even higher than that of the preceding year, being £175/10/8. Form IVg collected the highest amount that year, the grand sum of £24/11/10.

As in the previous year a vote as to where the money collected should go was taken, which resulted as follows:

Indian Missions Fund	£30
Prisoners of War	20
Russian Medical Aid	10
Mission to Seamen	20
Eastern Seamen's Home	10
British Sailors' Society	5
Guides' International Service .	5
R.A.A.F. Comforts	5

Chinese Relief	20
Rehabilitation of Jewish Children	10
Australian Comforts Fund . . .	10
Free French	15
Save the Children Fund (1 French, 1 Dutch, 1 Pole, 1 Czech, 2 Chinese).	

Up to date in 1945, £38/10/- has been collected for War Fund, which is a very good start. So far VIb has raised the highest amount which is £5.

We hope that these high amounts for War Fund will keep up as the money is just as necessary now as in past years. We know that our efforts have been greatly appreciated, judging from the letters expressing gratefulness which the School has received from the heads of the funds to where the money has been sent.

This year School Fund has been brought to light again with more enthusiasm. It was started primarily as a fund to provide furniture and library books for the new School, but as the buildings have been so long in coming, some of the money has been spent already.

In 1943, £70 was spent on new desks and chairs, and £16 on Library books. In 1944, £11/15/- was spent on a new set of wall maps; and £10 (of which £7 was a donation from the Old Girls) on library books. So far this year, £14 has been spent on Kindergarten materials and £3/15/- on library books.

Form IVl and IVb have selected special School Fund Representatives and the form has collected £3/2/8.

On May 7th at the Gymnasium display, VI and Vg put in a lot of hard work and supplied parents with an excellent morning tea. They collected £17/3/- as a result and this grand sum went into School Fund.

IVc also did a spot of good work and raised £1/13/6 for the sale of cool drinks for the children which went into School Fund.

Keep up with this good work War and School Fund representatives, and also the generous donators.

THE YOUNG HISTORIANS

During the past two years the History Club has been functioning in full swing, after its successful inauguration in 1942.

At a preliminary meeting the 1943 Office-Bearers were elected — V. Black, Chairman; B. Wolff, Secretary; H. Williams, Treasurer; Committee members from the various forms were R. Smith, M. Ellis, L. Parrott, B. Joyce and B. Blair.

On the whole 1943 was a very successful year. At the first meeting for the term six members took part in a debate, the subject being "History is the most important subject on the School Curriculum." Mrs. Robertson kindly acted as adjudicator and those arguing in favour of the subject, won.

At the next meeting Miss Gerard gave us a very interesting talk on "Science Through the Ages" carrying her address up to the present day.

To celebrate Foundation Day, and also the Young Historians' official second birthday IVl and IVg put on an entertaining play called "The Founding of Perth."

The next visitor was Mrs. Lee Steere, who spoke about the work of her father, C. Y. O'Connor. From her talk many interesting facts were learnt about the construction of the pipeline and Fremantle Harbour.

Canon Burton attended our last meeting and gave us a very informative talk on the history of secondary education in W.A.

During the year also, a party of girls visited the mint one Saturday morning, and found the excursion quite an experience.

One of the most important events in 1943 was a forum which was suggested by the Young Historians and held at P.L.C. on March 12th. The subject discussed was "Post-War Reconstruction" and six girls from Perth College, M.L.C., Park School and St. Hilda's participated in it. The Rev. Arblaster, Professor Alexander, Dr. Tauman, Dr. Donald Smith and Mrs. Pinnick each gave a very interesting talk at the Forum. Helen Williams was in charge of the "eats" for the day and with the help of six other girls, two excellent meals were served. In all it was a most successful day and I am sure it was enjoyed by all present.

A 1944 preliminary meeting was held and the Office-Bearers were as follows: H. Williams, President; A. Georgeff, Secretary; H. McCowan, Treasurer; Committee members were J. Melsom, W. Jago, P. Currie, H. Maitland and L. Owen.

At the first meeting in 1944, V. Black gave us a well thought out talk on "The Importance of Economic History." At the same meeting VIa and VIb each put on a charade. Much to the amazement of all participating the name of the charades were correctly guessed.

On Foundation Day, Dr. Summers kindly allowed the Young Historians to make up the assembly with an appropriate hymn, reading and prayer. The ex-President, V. Black, read the Bible reading, and the President, Helen Williams, gave a short but excellent talk on Foundation Day.

A few days later, at the next official meeting, Foundation Day was again celebrated when an "eats meeting" was held, when past members were present, and just incidentally, we had a record attendance. Dr. Summers and various members of the staff honoured us by their presence at this meeting. IVg put on their extremely ingenious puppet show which illustrated the founding of Perth; VIb did a play on the founding of N.S.W., linking it up with a play done by the Cusack-McKenzie-Drummond descendants of the Drummond settlers, called The Founding of W.A. Mrs. Pinnick lent some of her clothes for the occasion of one of the plays—much to the delight of the audience. The food was attacked with great gusto—and not only by the boarders. Thus, in all, we had a very enjoyable day.

Mr. Beasley addressed us at our next meeting and gave us a very interesting talk on "The Indian National Congress Party" and developments in India since 1880.

On October the 10th, a party of twenty girls visited the Legislative Assembly to hear the second reading of the "Care of Natives" Bill and were quite thrilled by the heated arguments that went on by the various M.P.'s. The subject matter being discussed that evening proved very interesting and it was indeed quite an experience.

Major Treloar visited us during third term and talked on what he called "Journeys into History" which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

1945 elections at a preliminary meeting were: A. Williamson, President; A. Georff, Secretary; M. Paine, Treasurer; Committee members were B. Smith, B. Blair, M. Thomas, B. Stewart, J. Poole and J. Stewart.

To date we have had one meeting and Professor Alexander talked to us on "Why do we Learn History?" The facts gained were interesting and quite contrary to some people's opinions.

There was another visit to the mint on May 4th, when different girls had the opportunity of inspecting it.

Miss Burgess, on May 8th, addressed the Society on "Australind," so that the girls going to Bunbury might have some background for their visit.

From May 14th to May 18th, thirteen "Young Historians" visited Bunbury under Mrs. Pinnick's chaperonage. Various historical excursions were conducted down there, and on the whole a marvellous time was had by all.

In conclusion, I would like to express the "Young Historians'" gratitude to all those who have kindly spoken at our meetings and to Mrs. Pinnick who has helped the Club tremendously. In the event of Mrs. Pinnick leaving us, the "Young Historians" will try to carry on as successfully as under her guidance.

GUIDE NOTES

The activities of the Guide Company have been many and varied during the past two years and the numbers among our ranks have greatly increased.

In 1942 there were four patrols; in 1945 there are eight and we now find the School grounds more accommodating than the Guide House during meetings.

In 1943 Anne Alexander gained her first class and all round cords and was promoted to Company Leader. Last year Lyn Richards and Marjorie Paine also gained their first-class and all-round cords, Lyn being made Company Leader. She succeeded this year by Marjorie.

For the last two years we have been able to hold sports, the first being inter-

company, while this year, as the company is so large, the competition was inter-patrol.

In the May Holidays last year a very successful canvas camp was held at Parkerville. During that time there were several hikes and we were able to have a camp-fire every night.

The usual fancy-dress parade was held around the camp-fire one night, and some very original costumes appeared.

It is probable that most of the School will remember our efforts during Guide Week last year. Every Guide was busy collecting money for G.I.S. and not many purses were left full by the time we had finished!

We were able to collect nearly £50, this being one of the highest totals in comparison with other companies.

There were great rejoicings in July last year when the company celebrated its twenty-first birthday, and a large party was held to honour the occasion.

We were very sorry to say goodbye to our captain, Miss Baird, who, with two other Australian Guiders, has departed for Europe as a representative of the Guide Movement to do relief work in oppressed countries. We respect her for the courage she has shown in undertaking this job and wish her every success in her venture.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Pearson as our new captain, and hope that she will enjoy being with the company as much as we like having her.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Pinnick who, as District Commissioner, has been very ready to help us, both with meetings and test work.

We have also been fortunate in that Lyn has been able to spare some time to help out meetings and we will miss her now she has gone back to Wales.

We have also to say farewell to June Pool and Paddy Fisher who are leaving us to return to England and we wish them the best of luck.

Paddy is also to be congratulated on having passed her first-class before leaving us.

We hope that this year will see yet greater numbers in the ranks of the Guide Movement.

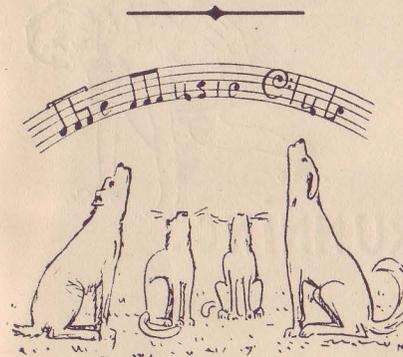
BROWNIE NOTES

Too Whi! Too Whoo!
Too Whi! Too Whoo!
Too Whi! Too Whoo!

These last years the Brownies have been very busy passing tests, etc., but Brownies wouldn't be Brownies without having games of some sort, and they really have had a great time, many thanks being due to Brown Owl, Tawny Owl, Miss Baird, and Mrs. Pinnick. Marion Brockway is still Brown Owl, but Beth Blair has become Tawny Owl instead of Betty Norrie. They both make very good leaders.

On the twenty-first of November last year, the Brownies went to Mrs. Orr's home at the corner of Leake and View Streets, and they had a party. It was called "Brownie Revels." The Claremont and First Cottesloe packs were there, too.

At the end of last year another six was added to the Pack. The Sixes are now Elves, Fairies, Sprites, and the new one, Gnomes. There are still more recruits coming and I am sure another six will soon have to be added.



MUSIC NOTES

Owing to the many activities which have to take place after school now, music club has unfortunately been rather neglected.

The few meetings we had, however, were greatly enjoyed by all.

Works by Beethoven were heard, also the ever-popular Valse of the Flowers from the Nut-Cracker Suite; also we heard some Chopin studies.

On one occasion it was decided that certain music pupils should give a small recital; this, of course, was greatly enjoyed by members and non-members alike.

In the past two years the public examination results have been exceptionally good, both practical and theoretical. We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the pupils who successfully passed their examinations and of wishing the best of luck to those sitting for them this year. The music pupils would also like to thank Miss Hutchinson for all the untiring work she has put into the musical side of P.L.C. Our sincere congratulations go to Miss Betty Munro-George, a former pupil of Miss Hutchinson's, who won the A.B.C. concerto contest last year, and who is rapidly making a name for herself in the musical world.

MUSICAL MEANDERINGS

I've Heard That Song Before.—Hymn 601.

Sunday, Monday and Always.—Home-work.

You'll Never Know.—Maths Formulae.

Smoke Gets in Your Eyes.—'Curia.'

This is Worth Fighting For.—Via privileges.

Hale, The Conquering Hero.—Eh, Betty?

I Dug a Ditch.—Forced manual Labour.

Ain't Got a Dime to my Name.—Boarders.

Heavenly Music.—Nance in the morning.

The Music Stopped.—Mistress in sight.

Ja Vi Elsa.—Chris.

Don't Get Around Much Any More.—Pat.

Sweet and Lovely.—Our viole(n)t crush.

Alone.—Outside Dr. Summers' office.

Stormy Weather.—Inside Doctor Summers' office.

Old Music Master.—Miss Hutchinson.

Salome.—Emmy in Gym.

Coming in on a Wing and a Prayer.—School bus.

—Via

SPORTS NOTES

Although there have been no actual Interschool competition matches during the past three years, teams in all sports have been very keen, and friendly matches with other schools have been played with enthusiasm.

Tennis

Last year the first eight reached a high standard of play and performed well in Slazenger Cup matches. They were handicapped by lack of practice at the beginning of the season, due to the shortage of courts. The weakest point of nearly all these players was their service. All team players need to concentrate on throwing the ball up accurately and hitting it with a straight arm.

There was a large number of girls in the school at "B" team standard. With regular practice and concentration many of these should become first rate players.

There are many junior players of promise who are beginning in the right way by developing correct strokes and accuracy before attempting to be spectacular. This is an important point, and if all young players will concentrate, watch the ball and try for everything, then the "A" team standard will remain high.

Basketball

The standard of Basketball for the past two years has been good. There was very little to choose between the "A" and "B" teams in 1944 and the under 15 team showed promise of maintaining the standard for this year.

Praise is due to the House Captains who did a great deal of the arranging of practices and the coaching of teams last year.

Hockey

The standard of the "A" team in 1944 was very satisfactory. The forwards had improved from 1943 and had better combination but still lacked sufficient "dash" in the circle. The three half-backs were very hard to beat and formed the backbone of the team. The full-backs were good sometimes but were not always accurate or fast enough in recovery. The "B" team contained some promising players but did not manage to develop much team combination. Some of these players should do well in the "A" team this year.

— K. Baird.

Owing to the departure of our sports mistress, Miss Baird, it was decided that a Sports Committee should be formed.

This committee will take the place of the sports mistress and will organise the various sports, take charge of the sports equipment and arrange House matches and Interschool matches.

The Sports Committee consists of the four House Captains, M. Bean, B. Cook, J. Leake and A. Williamson; and the four Sports Captains, Hockey captain, L. Parrott; Basketball captain, B. Blair; Swimming captain, P. Wilton; and Tennis captain, N. Reid. Lorraine Parrott was elected President of the Committee and Nancy Reid, Secretary.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Baird for the interest she took in all the sports while she was here, and the great amount of work she put into them. It is largely owing to Miss Baird that P.L.C. attained a very high standard of sport last year and we were very sorry to see her go, but we wish her all the best of luck for the future.



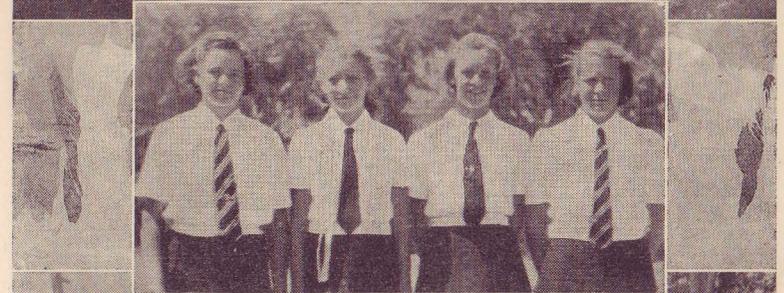
RUNNING.

RUNNING NOTES

One of the great events of the year, the House Athletic Sports were held on the school hockey field on Saturday, October 16th, 1943.

The weather conditions were excellent, and the track was very fast, thus seven records were broken and five equalled.

McNeil, the newly-established House, finally won the sports with 236 points from Ferguson with 222, and Carmichael gained 196 and Stewart 145 points. A. Alexander of Carmichael was champion athlete with H. McCowan as runner-up.



A.—"A" HOCKEY TEAM, 1944:

Back Row: E. Pope, P. D'Arcy, H. Williams, V. Daghish, E. Home, M. Bean, D. Scott.

Front Row: B. Waddell-Johnson, L. Parrott (Capt.), J. Mutch, J. Abbot.

B.—SWIMMERS:

M. Lodge (Champion), D. Parry (Runner-up), A. Barker (16 Champion), B. Bate-man (Runner-up).

C.—PREFECTS, 1944:

Back Row: H. McCowan, H. Williams, V. Daghish, B. Cook, A. Barker, V. Black, E. Clarke.

Front Row: B. Norrie, E. Home (Head Prefect), Dr. Summers, L. Parrott, J. Abbott.

Perhaps the most delightful event of the afternoon was the under 6 and visitors' race, in which nearly all the youngsters, encouraged by the onlookers, toddled or ran the distance to receive an orange as a reward.

In 1944, because of Tennis matches and approaching exams, it was decided to hold the sports on a week day. Consequently not so many fathers were present, but there was a large crowd, and the barracking was just as deafening.

Excitement was great as it was a very close finish, but McNeil finally gained the laurels with 229 points from Ferguson with 224½ points, and Stewart and Carmichael had respectively 217 and 156 points. E. Home of Stewart was champion athlete with B. Wardell-Johnson and B. Blair as runners-up. Only two records were broken, both by McNeilites.

There were no Interscholar running sports in 1943 and 1944, but invitations for various events were extended to the schools, and in such events the standards kept were high.

The success of the sports was due not only to the competitors, but also to Miss Baird and the entire staff for their co-operation and hard work.

1943 — Records

50 yards under 16	...	B. W. Johnson
75 yards under 16	...	J. Lynas
50 yards under 12	...	M. Stevenson
30 yards under 9	...	S. Plaistowe
Zig-zag under 10	...	McNeil
Hockey Relay open	...	McNeil and Stewart
Basketball Relay open	...	Carmichael

1943 — Records Equalled

50 yards open	...	A. Alexander
50 yards under 13	...	A. Giles
30 yards under 10	...	J. Poole
Sack Race open	...	D. Scott
House Relay	...	McNeil

1943 — House Points

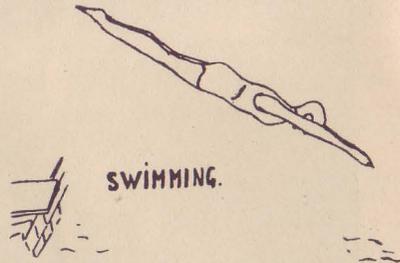
McNeil	...	236
Ferguson	...	222
Carmichael	...	196
Stewart	...	147

1944 — Records

50 yards under 16	...	J. Lynas
50 yards under 15	...	P. Currie

1944 — House Points

McNeil	...	229
Ferguson	...	224½
Stewart	...	217
Carmichael	...	156



SWIMMING NOTES

The last House Swimming Sports were held in 1943. Since then they have not been held because of the transport problem and the lack of a full-time sports mistress to arrange them.

Ferguson was the Champion House with 147 points and McNeil was close behind with 130, then Carmichael and Stewart with 107 and 92 respectively. There were only three records broken—E. Evans (Ferguson) the 30 yards Freestyle under 12, and the Breaststroke and Open Relays were broken by Ferguson. M. Lodge (Ferguson) was Champion swimmer with 28 points and D. Parry (McNeil) runner-up with 13 points in open events. A. Barker (Carmichael) was champion under 16 with 21 points and B. Bateman (Stewart) runner-up with 10 points.

In open events B. Bateman also gained 8 points.

Both last year and this year other girls' schools who still hold House Sports have sent invitations to each other for invitation relays because interschool sports have still been with-held.

We were able to accept most of these invitations and the swimmers were quite enthusiastic because it was an opportunity to show their prowess. Our position this year usually varied between third and fourth.

Also this year swimming tests have been held for House points with the assistance of Miss Baird. If a certain time is equalled the Swimming Association awards Certificate of Merit.

House points were given to girls who did reasonably well. Thirteen girls received the Certificate of Merit and forty-three received House points. Carmichael had the highest points with 53½, Stewart had 43½, Ferguson had 29 and McNeil 7.

B. Anderson, J. Exley, M. Pearson, D. Angus, M. Campbell, J. Eggleston and B. Finch did exceptionally well in these tests.

LIFE-SAVING NOTES

As usual, last year and this year teams were entered for the Barron Trophy and Halliday Shield for Life-Saving.

Last year, in spite of all our hard work for the Barron Trophy, we were defeated by Bunbury High School by 1½ points, although P. Wilton made the fastest time in the competition.

In the Halliday Shield we came fourth.

The Barron Trophy team was A. Barker, B. Bateman, M. Bean and P. Wilton, with A. Maitland as instructor.

B. Hanlin, J. Hanlin, L. Owen and J. Lynn were in the Halliday Shield team.

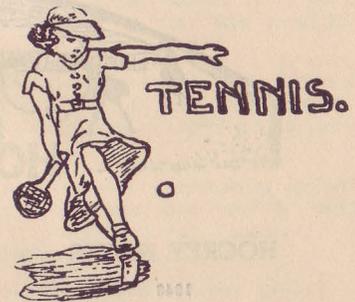
This year the Barron Trophy team was M. Bean, B. Hanlin, J. Hanlin and J. McWilliam, with N. Reid as instructor, and this team came fourth with 68 points. It was a close finish because P.M.S. came first with 72 points.

The Halliday Shield team, consisting of B. Anderson, L. Owen, B. Tunbridge and L. Wells, came fourth. Anne Maitland was very helpful in assisting with the teams.

This Life-saving evidently stirred up interest in the girls to take Life-saving exams, and with Mrs. Hicks' assistance (Mrs. Hicks is an Old Collegian) B. Cook, A. Georgeff, H. Lyons, J. McWilliam, N. Reid and P. Wilton passed their first-class instructors exams, and J. and B. Hanlin their second-class instructors.

Twenty-nine girls passed their Bronze, twenty-two their Intermediate, and seven their Elementary. J. McWilliam and P. Wilton also passed their Silver. House points were awarded for Life-saving: Ferguson, 119; McNeil, 59; Stewart, 35; Carmichael, 34. This was a record number of passes.

Thus the swimming and life-saving points combined are: Ferguson, 148; Carmichael, 87½; Stewart, 78½, McNeil, 66.



TENNIS NOTES

The tennis matches played during last year have on the whole been very successful.

In the Slazenger Cup tournament held at Kitchener Park in third term:

First team P.L.C. defeated St. Hilda's, 9 sets to 5.

Second team P.L.C. defeated St. Brigid's, 10 sets to 2.

Under 15

First pair P.L.C. defeated Perth Girls', 12 sets to 0.

Second pair P.L.C. defeated St. Brigid's, 10 sets to 2.

thereby winning the tournament.

First Term "A" Team

P.L.C. v.	Result	Sets	Games
Christ Church	won	8-6	70-61
Perth College	won	10-0	

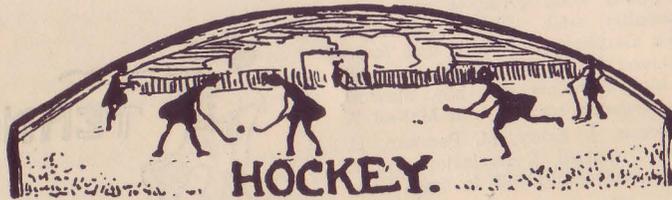
In the invitation matches between other schools, P.L.C. excelled itself.

Third Term "A" Team

P.L.C. v.	Result	Sets	Games
St. Hilda's	won	8-1	53-28
M.L.C.	won	8-1	52-22
P.M.S.	won	6-3	47-29

We would like to congratulate Yvonne Pollard on being the champion tennis player, and to thank the staff for participating in a match against the "A" team which they lost by a very narrow margin.

We would also like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Baird for the untiring work she has put into the team and of wishing her the best of luck in her new occupation.



HOCKEY NOTES

1943

P.L.C. v. St. Hilda's	won	3-2
P.L.C. v. M.L.C.	"A" draw	2-2
	"B" won	3-1
P.L.C. v. P.M.S.	lost	2-3
P.L.C. v. M.L.C.	"A" lost	0-2
	"B" won	3-1
P.L.C. v. P.C.	"A" won	4-1
	"B" won	3-0

7 members of the "A" team won Pocket Colours.

1944

P.L.C. v. St. Hilda's	"A" lost	2-3
P.L.C. v. P.C.	won	4-0
P.L.C. v. St. Hilda's	"B" won	4-2
P.L.C. v. P.M.S.	"A" lost	1-2
	"B" draw	1-1
P.L.C. v. M.L.C.	"A" won	5-1
	"B" won	5-0

9 members of the "A" team won Pocket Colours.

2 members of the "B" team won Pocket Colours.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Cusack and Mrs. Matthews for giving up so much of their time to assist with the large numbers of players, and wish to thank them for their interest.

We were unable to play a Staff v. School match, but we hope to arrange one this year.

At present the equipment is in good condition but it will only stay that way if it is looked after properly!

All sports materials are difficult to obtain and we are lucky to possess what we do. All players are asked to be very careful with sticks and balls.

As yet official matches have not been reinstated and as it is not likely that they will be for some time, we will just continue with an unofficial programme.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SCHOOLGIRL

"Berlin radio announces that nine German...."

I awake with a start to find the sun streaming in the sleepout, and the next door wireless blaring loudly. A glance at the clock, and I leap out of bed, and make a hasty toilet. Nothing is at hand and I make good resolutions to be tidier next time. A hurried breakfast is followed by a sketchy practice—hands on the piano, eyes on the clock.

The first tram goes as I bound through the gate, the second as I near the corner, but, like the "Monkeys of Tibet," there are three.

As we near the bridge a bus starts off with standing room to spare.

"That's consideration!" I mutter indignantly.

Soon a second bus comes along and we board it.

"Cases on the rack and don't block the gangway!" commands the bus girl.

We meekly lift our heavy cases and maintain a dignified silence till we reach our destination.

Soon I arrive at school to begin my day's toil. Our lessons pass slowly, but "time and the hour run through the roughest day."

The evening shadows are lengthening as I arrive home. Tea-time comes none too soon, then I settle down to practice.

The hour drags by with leaden feet; then I begin my homework, hoping the mistresses have been considerate.

Soon my eyes grow heavy—the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. A kindly voice says, "Pack up your books and off to bed."

"Yes, I'll call it a day!" I answer, sleepily. Time marches on!

—Lesley Hooper.



BASKET-BALL NOTES

1943. Although play this year lacked the impetus of the usual Interschool competition, our friendly matches with the other schools provided some interesting and keenly contested games.

The team consisted of five of last year's "A" team, a new girl, and a member from last year's "B" team.

Under Mrs. Hill's excellent supervision the team was worked up to a very high standard, in consequence of which we put up a very fine show at all our matches.

Results of these are as follows:

P.L.C. v. St. Hilda's	won	32-9
P.L.C. v. P.M.S.	lost	11-15
P.L.C. v. P.M.S.	won	12-11
P.L.C. v. Perth College	won	30-6

Keen rivalry was always evident in the House matches and the experience gained in these games was largely instrumental in our being able to field a very good team for Interschool matches.

The new house, McNeil, is to be congratulated on its very fine standard of play.

1944. Under the careful supervision and guidance of Miss Baird, the team was again able to carry on its success of last year.

The team was comprised of six of last year's "A" team and one "B" teamer. Each member played consistently well throughout the season.

Friendly matches were played with Perth College, Perth Modern School, Methodist Ladies' College and St. Hilda's. The results of these matches are:

P.L.C. v. St. Hilda's	won	20-9
P.L.C. v. Perth College	won	7-1
	(unfinished)	
P.L.C. v. P.M.S.	won	24-22
P.L.C. v. M.L.C.	won	12-11

As usual House matches were closely contested and the enthusiasm displayed by the younger members was most gratifying.

NATURE

As the sun's first golden film filters through the trees,

The little forest dwellers awaken in its peace

Songs bubble in the throats of birds

While squirrels frisk at play

And the forest brings forth its glory

To greet another day.

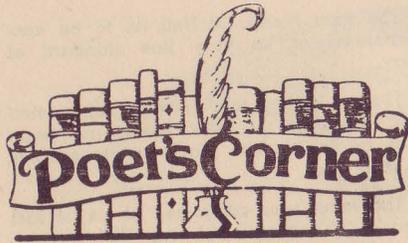
Long shafts of light play gently on the ground

Strewn lavishly with Autumn leaves to deaden every sound;

And the fragile ferns droop wearily 'neath the burden of morning dew:

Here, though all things are old as time, yet all is new.

—Mary Bell.



THE DESTRUCTION OF PERTH MODERN SCHOOL

With apologies to Lord Byron.
The goalie came down like a wolf on the
fold,
And her pads were all sticky with P.L.C.
mould,
But the sheen of their sticks was like the
stars on the sea
As the blue wave rolls nightly on the
River Swannee.
Like the blue of the sky when the clouds
have all gone,
Their tunics so gay as the field they filed
on,
Like the leaves of the forest when Autumn
hath blown,
They looked like an "ad" for the Victory
Loan.
When the old School XI lay flat on the
sward,
Watching for lemons to be their reward,
And the eyes of the players just followed
her round,
'Till she came to the spot where they lay
on the ground.
And there stood the umpire her mouth
open wide,
But through it there passed not a word
of her pride,
Her salivary glands stopped their work
at the thought
Of the wonderful battle her poor team had
fought.
O'er there lay a player distracted and
pale
With sweat on her brow and lumps on
her —
And the teams were all silent, the goalie
alone,
With stick still unlifted, the whistle just
blown.

And the teachers of Mod. School are loud
in their wail,
Through no more exams will their pupils
just sail,
And the might of the goalie squashed flat
by the ball
Was loudly lamented by just about all.
— Bud and Lon Vib.

TREES

Oh, overhanging beautiful trees,
Where do you get your lovely leaves?
Where do you learn to twist your trunk
And spread your boughs right over a
clump
Of sweet-smelling daisies, grown on a
stump?
Where do you learn to spread your shade
Over a little woodland glade.
I think I'd like to be a tree,
But it's very nice to be just me.

— IVb.

OUR ANNA

Our Anna is a maiden who
Is fast approaching twenty-two.
She goes to business every day,
And typewriting to her is play.
But latterly she has, alas!
Enlisted in a cooking class.
She brings us samples every night—
Samples that tempt the appetite.
Her sausage-rolls are simply prime—
Each sausage rolls for quite a time;
Long after you have gone to rest
You feel them rolling on your chest.
One evening when she came from school
She brought us home some apple fool.
A taste or two convinced us quite—
The apple had been fooled all right;
And Father, who consumed a lot
Had apoplexy on the spot.
And lately we have heard it said
Our Anna thinks of getting wed.
Well, after all that we've endured,
Let's hope the chap is well insured,
The family has been ill en masse
Since Anna joined the cooking class.

— Vib.

If Mrs. Matthews gets "real mad"
Make sure your grammar isn't bad;
Don't get your arithmetic homework
wrong

Or to Doctor's office you'll "run along!"
Lord, hear them when they cry to Thee,
Those poor new girls in form IVc.
If Mrs. Cusack's wrath should rise,
Beware all you who can't analyse,
In your essays don't dare mix the tense
Or she'll pull your ear till you've got
more sense;

Lord, hear those girls their troubles tell,
The unfortunate Juniors in form VL.
If in history, Mrs. Pinnick gets cross,
The nearest book at you she'll toss;
Beware, ye lassies inclined to talk,
At an imposition she doesn't balk.
Lord, hear them when they cry to Thee,
Those with writers' cramp in IV AG.
At the end of term, when they're adding
up the marks,

Whole School, keep out of the mistresses'
paths;

At the slightest excuse their tempers will
blaze

And punishments fly in these horrible
days.

Lord, hear them when they cry to Thee,
All those in peril at P.L.C.

ON TUCKSHOPS

It was Assembly. In my subconscious
state I vaguely heard the achievements of
various energetic cot and war fund repre-
sentatives who had extracted their next
10/.

Suddenly I heard the words: "Tuckshop
—on Trafalgar—recess!" I was well and
truly awake now. Ye gods! I hadn't been
to a tuckshop since the last one!

Last period before recess was maths.
Would it never end? Due to the slight
mistake of a plus instead of a minus, I
had to stop in after the bell had gone and
correct my algebra.

A few minutes later, however, I arrived
at Trafalgar, which was a seething mass
of humanity. I inhaled deeply (for the
benefit of Bronze candidates, the dia-
phragm flattens and the ribs swing out),

then, uttering a magic word and armed
only with bare fists and 1/-, I plunged
into "the Valley of Death."

(Those wishing to know more about the
magic word, send a stamped addressed
envelope to the undersigned.)

Now, for the benefit of those not versed
in the art of pushing through people to
get served, I will lay down the funda-
mental facts. First, one swings one's
elbow neatly and cleanly into the nearest
person's ribs. Feeling thoroughly squashed
(metaphorically speaking), the said person
backs out. To clear the way further one
stands on one's neighbour's toe and inno-
cently hits her on the ear (by the aid of
the elbow once again).

By these and various other means not
mentioned (all correspondence as regards
the other means confidentially treated) I
found myself at the counter (if one may
call a few desks a counter).

The only food in sight was a suspicious-
looking slice of chocolate cake and an
equally suspicious-looking piece of toffee
(?). Being thankful for small mercies, I
grabbed them both.

Now, to extract oneself from the crowd:
Here a friendly piece of advice. A suc-
cessful "tuckshopper" should ignore all
scathing remarks and questions such as:
"Kindly remove that toffee from my right
ear"; "Who dropped a meringue down my
back?" "Has anyone seen a large hand
with cake attached?" All similar remarks
must be absolutely ignored.

Back to extracting oneself from the
crowd: This is where people with "hipes
large" (Chaucer, for the sake of the un-
initiated) come to the fore. One merely
retires gracefully backwards, using the
above means as a rudder.

At this particular tuckshop, however, I
didn't realize that the edge of the crowd
was so near and gracefully sat on the
gravel path. My toffee flew through the
air and apparently landed on someone's
head, judging from the language of a
nearby person. I still clutched a pulp of
chocolate cake (?) in my hand and as I
gazed at it the famous quotation (I can't
remember it exactly) came to my mind:
"Never have so many fought so hard for
so little."

VI A.

I am now able to account for the black
eye I received at last week's tuckshop.

—Editor.

THE PROSE SECTION OF THE LIBRARY

"King's Row,"
"The Enchanted Hill."

Dear "Vanessa,"

"Our Family" have joined the "Kindred of the Wild" and are at present in the "Tents of Mongolia," because they were feeling "Man-Shy." My "Professional Aunt" who was "A Silent Traveller in London" "Never Came Back" from "King Solomon's Mines," where she found "The Miracle Man" "At Midnight on the Desert." "Still She Wished for Company" so they were "Good Companions" and "Cobbers," and had their photo taken "At the Foot of the Hill."

After "Four Years in Paradise," studying the "Furred Animals of Australia," "Kagawa" promised "Five Farthings" and "Jam Tomorrow" if "The Last Round" was a "Knockout" for "Beauvallet."

"A Woman Talking" to "Dick Lester of Kurawong" mentioned "The Swiss Family Robinson" who were stranded in "The Land of Seals," had grown tired of "Seashore, Swamp and Bush" and therefore had returned to the "Winding Lane" "In Greenery Street." There "Dick" saw the "Angel in the Mist" and wished he was "Manka the Sky Gipsy," so he could make a "Flight to the Finish."

"My Struggle" from "Dawn to Dusk" with "Helen's Babies" gets worse as "Russia Fights on" but "Don't Think it Hasn't been Fun" going "Into Battle" with "The Desert Column" and "The Fighter Squadrons" when "Only the Stars are Neutral."

"How Green was my Valley" till "True Thomas" saw "The Broom in the Sky" but "Wartime Economics" naturally contains "The Wealth of Nations."

"That Fortnight in September," we saw the "True Romance" of "Ben Hur" and "Sally in Rhodesia" on the "Night Train to Munich."

"Yours Truly,"
"Emily."

— VIIb.

CATCHING THE BUS

The scene is set in Via classroom and the time is 4 o'clock. Your author is seated on a chair contemplating doubtfully a rather moth-eaten sandwich, but

then, remembering that "only the good die young" takes a huge bite and hopes for the best.

Suddenly a head appears at the window and yells at the top of its voice, "The bus is here!"—the scene changes, Via is no longer quiet and peaceful (a little imagination required there) but it is absolute pandemonium. I am at once stirred to action (much action is not encouraged here owing to the deficiency of floor space), where is that maths a fortnight overdue?—hm! better renew my struggles with it; then there is— Oh! bother, I'll just throw half my books into a case and hope there are some I need.

Now begins the extremely tricky process (one does not realise how tricky till one has served a term in Via) of dressing (do not misunderstand me, I am at present attired in what is known as a gym tunic; mine is somewhat delapidated owing to constant usage as a duster).

I did have two stockings when I came to school but "owing to circumstances beyond my control" one of them has— wait a minute R. W. I wonder whose she has on. "R. whose stocking are you putting on?" Yes, I thought so. The proverb "What's yours is mine" certainly applies here.

I have (for the benefit of unintelligent readers who cannot follow my inventory) two shoes, two stockings, sundry other garments, but alas! no skirt; that is a pity, I shall have to find one somewhere. Ah! Yes! There is one being swept into the cloakroom, it will do till mine is found. Merciful Heavens!! it is mine. Well, can't be worried. Undaunted I step into the filthy garment.

I am now ready (readers you may not think I am yet respectable, but the finishing touches will be completed in the bus), so I dash out of the classroom and, oh, unhappy me!!—the war-time locks on cases are not all they should be and my case "Opens like a Lily" and— words fail me. I hastily pick up my belongings and re-stuff my case. I dash again for the bus only to see the dust rising in its wake. I am now in despair—but what is this?—it was only the first bus—I need not have practically killed myself after all.

Never let it be said that a schoolgirl's worries are few and far between.



A.—PREFECTS:

Back Row: V. Black, E. Home, V. Daqlish, J. Love.
Front Row: A. Alexander (Head Prefect), Dr. Summers, R. Smith.

B.—"A" BASKET BALL:

Back Row: H. McCowan, E. Bateman, V. Black (Capt.), A. Fox.
Front Row: B. Wolff, A. Barker, B. Blair.

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 In May, 1943, my mother and I walked up the gangway of our long-awaited ship. It was not a very nice morning to embark; it was so cold that we were almost blue, and a very cold wind was blowing up.

After we had been standing for about ten minutes, watching the crane load cargo, an American passenger came up and told us this was a lucky ship which cheered us a little.

After we had been on her about ten days, we noticed a man who always sat with his head in his hands, looking most woe-begone.

We let him join our party and found out that he was a Dutch Air Force officer. He had many decorations, but to our dismay we also heard he was under open arrest. After some time he told us himself that he was drunk and had said in front of witnesses that he wished he could have been on the side of the Japs, as there was nothing doing in Australia. One night when my mother and I were taking our usual nightly stroll, it was very dark and the only thing that could be seen clearly were the white-capped waves swirling beneath the bows of the ship. Mother stopped suddenly and when I asked her what was the matter she whispered "Look" and pointed to the shadow of a man climbing over the rails. He luckily turned round to see if anyone were there, and seeing us climbed back again, otherwise he would have gone overboard. Mother and I wondered who he was and why he should want to commit suicide. Suddenly my mother said, "Did you see his watch?" I remembered having seen it in the dark. It was an illuminated watch of very intricate design which flashed as he moved. Next morning we looked round the passengers as we had rather expected the Dutch officer had one. The captain was informed and everyone kept a look out from then on.

When we reached Ceylon the Dutch officer was taken ashore with a gun at his back and shot the next morning.

Then the real story came out, he had already taken two planes over to Java, and was caught red-handed with plans to bomb Canberra.

Having booked to go home to the U.K. in a few days, we settled down to have a pleasant time with some friends, former P.L.C. girls. After the few days there, we were told to embark on a ship which was unarmed and neutral and very small. The day before we were to embark, a man whom we had never seen before came up to my mother and said "Good morning. The so-and-so (mentioning the name of the ship) is not leaving tomorrow, she is leaving in three days time, and we are calling into — and — and do you know we are going to take six months?" All this was said in front of the Cingalese servants, and then he shouted across the lounge to a friend, repeating what he had said to us.

Mother then decided this was a thing for the Naval Security, so she got into touch with them and told all what she had heard. They told her that he was travelling on our ship. And they knew all about him as he had been reported before. They also told her that he would be put under open arrest, and would have the trial when he got home, and that probably mother would have to be a witness. If he had not had to have an internal operation, they would have tried him in Ceylon. When they took him away from questions he shouted to mother, "I'll get you and kill you on board." After that, Commander Bagot, who was Naval Control, decided it was not a very nice idea for us to board this ship and so he got us off as all this took place two days later.

After waiting a few more days we got on the "Mauretania" which was an enormous ship, and was positively packed with people of twelve different nationalities, so that when we had boat drill (which was every second day, even when the temperature was 128 degrees in the shade) all the twelve interpreters went up to the loud-speaker and spoke in their respective tongues. It was exceedingly hot at first, but later as the voyage drew to its close, it was too cold.

Halfway through the voyage the Staff Captain said, "Will somebody please stop using an electric shaver or wireless, as it is giving our position away to the

enemy. If this is not stopped a thorough search will be made throughout the ship." As it still went on, a thorough search did take place and a small wireless was found in two men's cabin.

They had been signalling on purpose to the Germans, and two days later we were chased by a pack of Subs. The voyage all told was quite fun, we had concerts, picture shows, dances (the floor being sprinkled with Johnson's Baby Powder) even in spite of having 8000 on board.

We were very fortunate, however, we only had to share our cabin with two other people, and we were lucky enough to have our own bathroom, but other people had to share with five to seven others. The use of water was restricted to an hour a day, so if we wanted to wash our clothes we did it at 7 a.m. or 7 p.m.

Nothing more happened until we reached England. There we found the food appalling, being fed on "Spam," which appears to be old bits of meat pressed together, and there were sausages apparently made of bread cooked in fat. That did not trouble us as much as the bombing in February, 1944. All the top floor of the hotel we were staying in was burnt by incendiaries, so we lost all our clothes. For this we were allowed extra coupons.

One morning mother started to talk to a man about the ship we nearly left Ceylon in, and she happened to mention the name, and he told us that the ship had never reached England, but had been sunk.

The really bad time for us and everyone was when the V-Bombs started from the invasion. When they first started we did not really sleep for nine nights. Mother saw the first one come over and she remarked that it looked very funny for one thing it was very quick and it also had a red flame at its tail, and they flew so low that they just skimmed the roof tops. The first night the siren started at 9 p.m. and went on until 8.30 a.m. And for the first nine nights we did not go to bed undressed but in our slacks.

The worst of it was we could not go to bed in the afternoon to make up, be-

cause as soon as we got into bed the siren went off again. After the nine days they were not quite so ferocious, but they still went on for months afterwards. Then came the V-2 Rockets which were worse. They had a much longer range than the flying bombs, and travelled faster than sound and sight, so we never got warning when they came except when they fell, and the explosion was so terrific it nearly deafened us; the vibration after the rocket had fallen went on for about three minutes. We had had enough, and when we got our notice to leave for India, we were more than glad.

—Pip.

Via's DECISION

All the important people were gathered together to decide the great question.

WILLIAM'S SON stood up.

"Ladies and Gentlemen," he said, "we are gathered here on the banks of the MURRAY River to decide which is the most important bird in the world."

Many men were there; one was a TAYLOR, one a SCOTT, another a CLARKE and yet another a CHAPMAN.

"JAMES," said one of the men, "let us go into the WOODS and see if we can see the most important bird."

"No, don't," said another; "I've heard there are LYONS in the woods."

"What a story! there never have been lions in the SUTHERLAND," said a man who was a SMITH.

"Come on," said another, "let's go."

"I won't go," said the one who was scared of lions, "I have a PAINE."

At last they set off, pushing their way through BROWN REIDS and WILTON BEANS.

"It's a pity no one has a PATON bird catcher," remarked one man.

All at once a bird flew out of a BIRCH tree.

"Why! there is the most important bird in the world," they all cried. "It's the PARROTT."

They found her indeed,

But it made their hearts bleed—

She had left her tails behind her.

—Prue (Sack).

—Margaret (Stew).

OLD GIRLS' NOTES

Since the last magazine was printed, the Old Girls' Association has greatly increased its membership numbers and activities.

This year's office-bearers are:—

President: M. MORRISBY

Vice-President: DR. SUMMERS

Secretary: P. WINTER

Treasurer: M. LISSIMAN

Committee: N. BARNDEN, J. LOVE, H. WILLIAMS, E. HOME, M. STEWART, M. SUMMERS

This year, as every year, brings news of Old Girls' successes in every sphere.

From the University comes news of Joan Parker, now B.Sc. in Agric., who did part of her training at Muresk; Helen Cook, who has received her degree as Bachelor of Arts; and Maida Moss, recently finishing two years' study on Physical Education at the Melbourne University.

Kath Baird, another Old Girl, has achieved distinction by being chosen as one of the few to travel to England for special training as a member of the United Nations' Rehabilitation and Relief Scheme. As she is the only West Australian to be included, we wish her every success in her new venture.

Other University students are: J. East (Sc.); L. Luscombe, A. Alexander, R. Smith, B. Wolff (Arts); J. Menzies, now teaching at the Albany High School; and the newer entrants—L. Meathrel and E. Home, who intend studying medicine, and V. Daglish, M. Brockway and A. Maitland.

In the music world, Betty Munro-George and Nancy Barnden are most outstanding. Betty has proven her ability as a pianist by winning the recent concerto competition, and is continuing her success by playing in the forthcoming orchestral concerts before she leaves for America to further her studies under Andrew Raab, the Hungarian musician.

Nancy, too, is gaining recognition as a singer of outstanding ability. Her rendition of Seibel in the opera "Faust" during the year proved this. Her other appearances with the Gleemen and at the Kylie Club go further to assure her of a successful future.

Old Girls are also present in large numbers among the staff of hospitals. J. Foulkes, D. Whyte, J. Slatyer, V. Bullmore,

A. Pearce, B. Ellis, A. Grose, J. Nicholas, C. Livermore and F. Lissiman are but a few of the trainee nurses. Our president, Kath Morrisby, should also be mentioned at this stage and congratulated for her exceptional work at the Children's Hospital, where she has charge of the school formed for the young patients.

TRUE SONS OF AUSTRALIA

I was fortunate enough to be in Sydney when 3,500 soldiers, led by Brigadier Lloyd of Western Australia, marched through the streets.

Barriers were erected to keep the expectant crowd off the road, and unperturbed policemen paced up and down, restraining excited children.

They came at last — these "Rats of Tobruk," men from the grim battles of Greece, Crete, and Bardia. They had been through seven long, weary months of hopeless battling against overwhelming odds, seven months of desperate defiance.

The Germans said they were caught like "rats in a trap, rats that had been abandoned by their own country, rats that would die miserably in a trap of German making." Little did they realise that their term of contempt would become one of glory.

No spectator could ever forget these men who made the country ring with the praises of their heroism, their sacrifice and their gallantry in the siege of Tobruk.

The crowd was well supplied with confetti, streamers and flags. They went mad, shouting, cheering, stamping, clapping, waving their flags and showering the troops with confetti.

People dashed out into the streets and tied balloons on to the rifles of the grinning soldiers, while Press photographers dashed here and there doing their job.

The air was filled with paper and soon the pavements were covered with it.

The sun shone joyfully on the shining brass instruments of the band, the red, white and blue flags decorating the tall buildings, the colourful clothes of the crowd, and the slouch hats with their tanned faces underneath.

Everyone was proud and happy for the "True Sons of Australia."

— J. Foreman.