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Editorial

On behalf of the school we would like to welcome back Dr. Summers, who returned to P.L.C. at the beginning of the year, and we hope that she enjoyed her well-earned holiday abroad.

Perhaps the most important event of this year was the completion and opening of the Carmichael Memorial Hall, for, as Rev. A. C. Eadie said at the dedication ceremony, "such a hall is the centre of a Church school like P.L.C. which has no chapel." We have therefore featured the Carmichael Hall in this year's edition of the "Kookaburra."

At a time like this when we have reached the culmination of the first stage of the school's building plan we should pause to remember that, although there are advantages in proper facilities, a complete school life is not dependent on these.

If the object of attending school is to equip us to become responsible members of the community the most important thing we can develop is school spirit, for this abstract quality founded on Christian Ethics is the basis on which the best type of life is built.

Because school spirit is so abstract many people only interpret it in its shallowest sense. One is only able to obtain the complete benefit from it if one tries to understand its full meaning.

We must realise that the school is a community and that we are members of this community. As such, lack of honesty, truthfulness, self-control, courtesy, respect for authority and for traditions, not only undermines our own characters but lowers the standard of the community, in this case, the school.

Community life is the basis of progress and if we believe that progress is worth making it is important that community standards be kept high, in order that a better civilization may result.

Thus we should have a sense of responsibility towards the school, the community of which we are members. Each of us must realize that our actions not only reflect on ourselves but on something else, and it is this thinking of someone or something before ourselves which is the basis of Christian thinking and of school spirit.

SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1956

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Junior G. C. Morgan	Junior G. S. Chandler	Junior G. S. Johnston
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Sub-Junior C. J. Monteath	Sub-Junior C. S. Hosken	Sub-Junior C. M. Paterson
Sub-Junior E. P. Mead	Sub-Junior E. S. Milner	Sub-Junior E. S. Hack

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FRENCH CLUB.—President, J. Lado; Secretary, J. Vincent; Committee, B. Lutz, S. Lukin, R. Boundy, R. Hopkins, J. Lukin, A. Ward, R. Hitchings.

DEBATING CLUB.—President, E. Banks; Secretary, J. Powell; Committee, J. Vincent, S. Dempster, B. Sloane, G. Hill, D. Chase, E. McDougall, P. Walsh.

MUSIC CLUB.—President, M. Hughes; Secretary, A. Vincent; Committee, J. Vincent, J. Zimpel, R. Boundy, J. Kirkwood, R. Mayrhofer, J. Johnston, A. Wiesner.

THE OPENING OF CARMICHAEL HALL

Mr. Donald J. Carmichael was one of the eight men who first decided to develop the tiny school in North Perth into P.L.C.

He was treasurer of the Council and later chairman and did much to raise funds for the school. When he died in 1941 he bequeathed £40,000 to the school. Half of this sum was to be used as capital for the Carmichael Bequest Scholarships, which are awarded annually and are of varying value, and the remaining £20,000 was to be used for the erection of a school assembly hall, but owing to wartime restrictions this hall has only just been completed.

It stands on some of the highest land in the school and from this vantage point a beautiful view of the ocean may be seen from the balcony behind the stage.

The Hall is a brick building faced at the back and front with Coogee stone.

There is a modern gymnasium with changerooms, underneath, which uses to advantage the slope of the land.

There is seating accommodation for three hundred and fifty in the Hall, and tubular steel chairs have been purchased as they are easily stored.

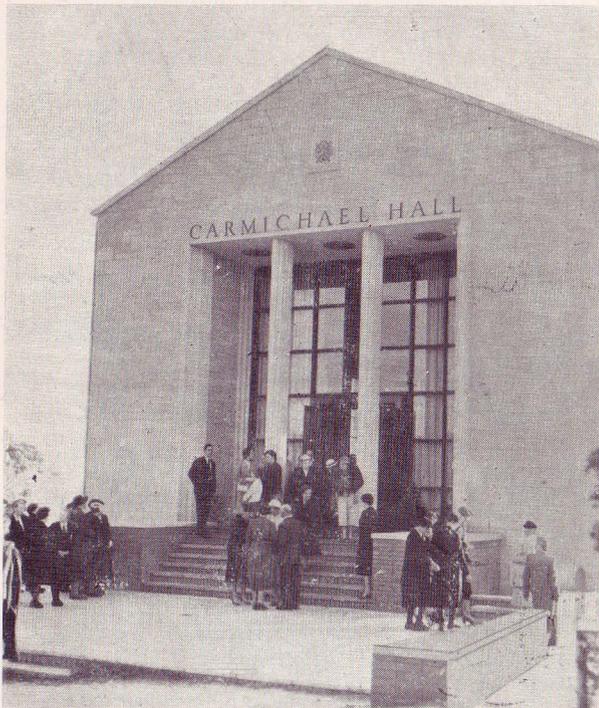
These chairs blend with the pastel colour scheme of the interior as do the mushroom pink curtains. The burgundy crushed velvet stage curtains have been hung and there are other minor finishing touches to be made, but altogether the Carmichael Memorial Hall is an imposing addition to the school.

On 30th May, 1956, Carmichael Hall was officially opened and dedicated. As the whole school was not able to attend this function because of lack of seating accommodation there was a special assembly in the morning for the school. At this the girls read "Let us now praise famous men"—Ecclesiasticus XLIV, after which Dr. Summers gave a short talk, condensing much of what was said at the Opening in the afternoon and telling the school something about Mr. Carmichael.

In the afternoon, Mr. Baird welcomed The Moderator, the Rev. A. C. Eadie, in the name of the School Council and the Moderator conveyed the greetings and congratulations of the General Assembly. After speaking of the value of such a Hall as the centre of the community life of the school he officially dedicated it to serve not only this purpose but also the spiritual needs of the school.

Mr. Baird thanked him and said that the school owed a debt of gratitude to Mr. Carmichael who had stipulated that a large part of his generous bequest be used for the building of a hall.

He went on to say that although there was much still to be done, much had been achieved during the last few years. He then mentioned some of the improvements—the second oval and the retaining wall, the eight tennis courts behind Junior School, the louvring and painting of the old Senior School buildings, classrooms and dormitories, the sale of the Junior Branch property and the erection of a Science Block comprising a lecture theatre and two science laboratories. He said a new ablution block had been built for Finlayson House and sleepouts enclosed for added boarder accommodation. This year, also, various other improvements have been made to existing school facilities.



Left:
The beautiful
CARMICHAEL
HALL



Below:
THE
OPENING
CEREMONY

Mr. Baird also spoke of a former member of staff, Mrs. Robertson, who left her estate of nearly £13,000 to the school. He expressed his gratitude to the O.C.A. for their donation of the grand piano and to Mr. Woodman for the pot plant stands for the stage of Carmichael Hall, and also to all who had donated money to the building fund by which £2,770 had been raised.

In thanking all these benefactors, Mr. Baird said that he hoped others would follow the lead shown by Mr. Carmichael.

Dr. Summers then added her welcome to that of Mr. Baird and expressed her pleasure at the completion of the Assembly Hall. She said that this was something she had always wanted and that the Carmichael Hall was a building of which the school could always be proud.

The official party then left the stage and the school presented two musical items. Maureen Hughes played "Impromptu in A Flat" by Chopin, after which the school choir sang "Waiata Poi".

Afternoon tea was served in the gymnasium and the visitors were shown over the school by members of the Leaving and Sub-Leaving forms.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

This year has seen many outward improvements in the school besides the completion of Carmichael Hall and the new gymnasium beneath it.

At the beginning of the year, everyone had a pleasant surprise at seeing the old gym. converted into a colourful library and boarders' sitting room. Louvres on two sides of the building provide ample light and the modern colour scheme helps to brighten the interior, thus making working conditions ideal. The ceiling has been painted sea green, while the walls are yellow, grey-blue, and cream. A sliding door partition, painted watermelon pink, separates the library from the boarders' sitting room, and the door leading from the library to the cloakroom has been painted a pale lilac. New blonde wood tables covered with green rubber lino and matching chairs provide more work space for girls with free periods. The book shelves have been transferred from the old library.

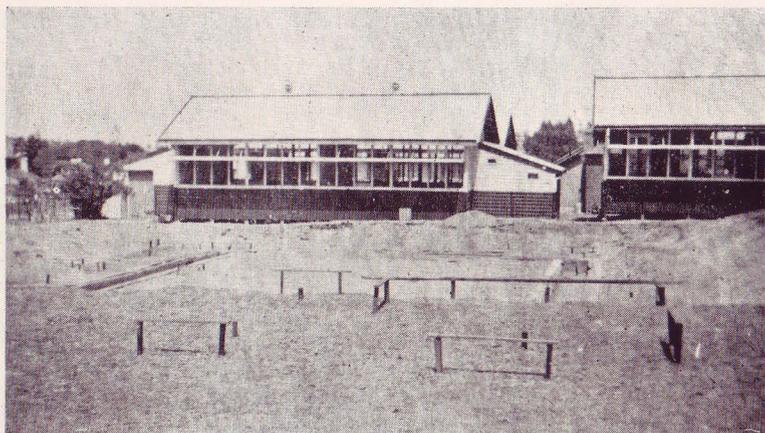
In the boarders' sitting room, some easy chairs and a settee make leisure hours more comfortable for the boarders, and the fiction library is now situated in these pleasant surroundings. The floor in both library and boarders' sitting room is covered with squares of rubber lino.

The old library and boarders' sitting room have been converted into two staff rooms, while the office has moved to the old staff room. The room formerly occupied by the office is now used by the Korrawilla boarders as their playroom. The staff room adjoining the prefects' room in the cottage is now used by the prefects, and new plaster board in the walls makes it at least waterproof, while the old House Captains' room is used for sports equipment.

New asphalt paths were laid around the classrooms and music block, which much improved the general appearance of the school.

At the beginning of the year the school bought the block of land next door, and it has been grassed.

During the May holidays the canvas window shutters in top and bottom dormitories were replaced by louvres. The three baths



Before the Hall was built.

in these dormitories were removed and in their place eight shower recesses were built. New basins were also put in and the hot water for the showers and basins is provided by five gas heaters.

In the kitchen a new gas range was installed and the rooms were painted in bright colours, gas heaters provide the necessary hot water and the new refrigerator enables larger quantities of food to be preserved.

The outside walls of Korrawilla were also painted at the end of first term, and a new system of buzzers in all the classrooms has replaced the bells and removed the favourite excuse "We didn't hear the bell!"

DAY GIRLS' LUNCHES

At the beginning of second term, the day-girls were given the opportunity of buying their lunches at school. There was no more walking down to the "vil" and back in the rain.

Lunches, consisting of a fresh-buttered roll and a slice of polony, and a cup of hot soup, were served in the gym on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays, for the cost of one shilling.

About sixty girls queued up each day to get these lunches, which were a great success. No more stale Saturday bread for us on Mondays!

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week, from 31st October to 4th November, was held last year for the first time in this State and the private schools were asked to participate. The idea of Education Week was to throw the schools open to the interested public, to show them the practical side of Education and its developments in recent times.

At P.L.C. classes and buildings were all open for inspection during this week and parents were especially invited to attend

Assembly and practical demonstrations in Domestic Science, Biology, Geography and Physics by various classes in the senior school. The girls and teachers, who had put a lot of work into these demonstrations, were rather disappointed that they were so poorly attended and we hope that if Education Week is repeated the attendance will be better. Greater interest was shown in the Kindergarten and Junior School where parents coming for one lesson stayed for the whole day.

Carmichael Hall, although not entirely complete, was used for the first time. In the new gym a colourful display emphasised the practical activities of a modern school. This exhibition included handwork from Sixth Standard to Sub-Junior, posters from Sub-Leaving of history and geography, some of which had excellent photographs. There were also Seventh Standard geography projects and Sub-Leaving mother-craft books. These books were all of a high standard but Vicki Lynn's was outstanding and she gained the 1955 Mother Craft prize. The art classes were also represented with a variety of most colourful and interesting drawings and paintings.

As the Hall itself was not quite ready for use a great deal of improvisation was needed in order to produce three evenings of entertainment — the first a musical evening, the second a Senior School concert and the third a Junior School concert.

The Musical Evening was held on Monday, 31st October. A number of the music students entertained with a selection of pieces. The school choir sang with its usual high quality and a Sub-Junior choir also performed.

On the Tuesday evening the classes from Seventh Standard upwards presented a variety of items. As it was just before the Leaving and Junior Exams those classes did not participate in this evening.

The Sub-Leavings presented four items, a choral recitation, "The Maker of Music"; "Shivering Shocks", produced as a radio play, and two French plays, "Le Chant des Oiseaux" and "Chez la Modiste".

The Sub-Junior German students sang a number of German songs most harmoniously. The Sevens contributed two items, a play in the Greek style "Pandora's Box" and a talk on Ancient History with illustrative posters.

The Junior Schools had their concert on the Wednesday. Each class from first to sixth standard presented its own play. Miss Norris' Junior Choir sang a collection of songs and the standard of the performances on all three nights was high.

We hope that as a result of Education Week the general public received a clearer idea of what modern education is trying to do.

ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day this year was held at Scotch College Memorial Grounds.

Marching practice began about a week before and many lunch times were sacrificed so that we might not disgrace the school.

On the actual day we left school in four buses. On arriving at the grounds we marched on, to the piping of the Scotch College Band.

St. Hilda's, Methodist Ladies' College, Scotch College and Chirst Church were present also.

After the arrival of the official party the National Anthem opened the ceremony. This was followed by the hymn "Oh God our help in ages past". Susan Lukin then read the lesson from Ecclesiasticus 44, V. 1-15; after which a St. Hilda's girl read from the Book of Revelation, chapter 7, verses 9-17. This was followed by a Christ Church Grammar School boy who read "They shall not grow old . . ."; then the Last Post was played by a piper from the Scotch College Band. After two minutes' silence Reveille was played, followed by a short prayer by the Rev. F. E. Eccleston.

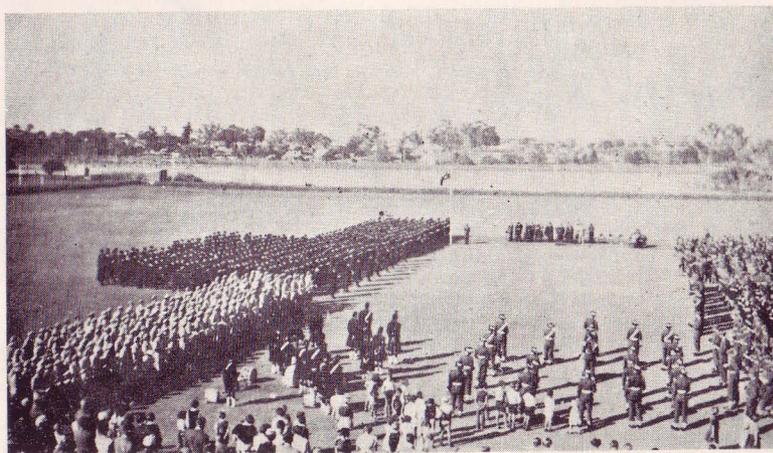
The Rev. A. C. Eadie gave the address, in which he said that we can not really appreciate the significance of Anzac Day unless we realize that its message is a personal one.

After which the hymn "Thy Hand O God, has guided Thy Flock from age to age" was sung.

Before the last hymn, "God of our Fathers, known of old", the Rev. Edwin White read the prayers.

The Rev. Gilbert Cameron gave the final prayer and blessing.

With the accompaniment of the College Band each school in turn marched off the oval. From here we were dismissed.



The scene on Anzac Day, 1956, at Gooch Oval.

EMPIRE YOUTH SUNDAY

This year Empire Sunday was held on Sunday, 6th May. Members of the senior classes attended the service which was held in the Capitol Theatre. This service was to be held originally on the Esplanade, with the Governor taking the salute at the March Past, but owing to rain the theatre was used.

At 2.15 p.m. the official party took their places on the stage and the service commenced with the National Anthem, followed by an introductory address by Mr. M. G. Little, Chairman of the Associated Youth Committee.

Next, there was a speech by the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Dwyer, and a recording of the message of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Charles Gairdner, was played as His Excellency was unable to attend. In this he expressed his sorrow at being unable to be present and reminded us that Empire Youth Sunday is a day when we should pause to remember that with citizenship of the Commonwealth we inherit not only privileges but duties.

This was followed by a short talk to illustrate the theme of the day, "Building our Heritage", by the Superintendent of Youth Education, Mr. R. E. Halliday, in which the flags of the various countries of the British Commonwealth were displayed.

A list of the participating Youth Groups was then read, after which each group left for its own particular church, and simultaneous Youth Services commenced at 3.15 p.m.

P.L.C. marched to St. Andrews where the special Empire Youth Sunday Service was led by the President of the P.F.A., Mr. Ian Birch. The Address was given by Mr. Ronald Wilson who reminded us of the standards by which we should build our Heritage.

SCHOOL SERVICE

This year the School Service could be held on the School's Birthday, 19th August, and for the first time this service took place in Carmichael Hall, and in the afternoon.

The Rev. Hopkins conducted the service to a congregation consisting mainly of the school.

The choir led the hymns, "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven", "Angel voices ever singing" and "Now thank we all our God" as well as singing two motets, "There is a secret place of rest" and "God be in my head"; and the anthem "My Heart ever Faithful." The choir gave a beautiful rendering of this difficult piece and thanks are due to Miss Hutchinson for her part in this creditable performance.

The New Testament lesson was read by Susan Lukin while Elizabeth Sinnott gave the Old Testament reading.

The Moderator, the Rev. A. C. Eadie, commenced the address by saying how much he appreciated being able to pay a Moderatorial visit in this way. He told the story of Ruth most vividly, using it to illustrate how this simple, beautiful love story shows the way in which God works out human history and human lives; for Ruth and Boaz were ancestors of Joseph, husband of Mary.

He said that we should put our lives in God's hands and that we all have a definite part in His plans although we do not know what this may be. All God asks is that we become good women, the school is intended to give us every opportunity to attain this goal and we are wasting our time if we neglect this chance.

As Emerson said "The test of a nation's civilization is not the size of its cities, the number of its industries or the wealth of its flock and herds, but the kind of people it turns out."

MODERN LANGUAGES EVENING

The Modern Language Teachers' Association held its annual evening of plays in the Assembly Hall on 13th July. Six schools participated, M.L.C., St. Hilda's, Modern School, P.L.C., Kent St. High School and John Curtin High School.

The general standard of the ten plays performed was high, although they had to be put on in a sylvan wood setting which was not appropriate to many of them!

Among the plays was a farce, "Les Meurtres chez le coiffeur" by St. Hilda's which, although a little gruesome, was most amusing.

"Les Champignons" by Kent St. High School was also humorous — showing the fuss caused over small mistakes.

Between the various acts there was community singing in French and German, though unfortunately Mr. Greenhill was unable to conduct as planned.

P.L.C. presented two items, a German play, "Die Bildsaulen" and a French play, "Une Visite a Paris", in both of which the Sub-Leaving actresses seemed to be in their element as robbers and pick-pockets!

Thanks are due to Mrs. Kay and Miss Hope for the success of these two items and to all pupils and teachers from the various schools, who contributed to the evening's entertainment.

PREFECTS' NOTES

This year there was a larger number of prefects than usual — nineteen, including the four House Captains. Owing to this increase we were given the two largest rooms of the Cottage. This space was greatly appreciated, especially as some of our number seem to have exceptionally untidy habits!

With these new rooms came elaborate ideas for redecoration. The colour scheme was debated very heatedly but finally yellow and grey was decided upon. However, these plans were held up as part of the plasterboard had to be replaced, but we still hope to paint our domain before handing it over to next year's prefects.

A prefects' tea was held in first term, which Dr. Summers and Miss Major attended; and another was given in second term. These teas were much appreciated by all the prefects.

We were very sorry to lose Sandra Cameron at the beginning of the year and wish her every success in Melbourne. Before she left in February a party was held for her in the prefects' room. Dr. Summers and Miss Hosking attended this as well as the entire Leaving Class, so the room was rather crowded, but this did not stop everyone enjoying themselves.

The prefects were invited to attend the University Sunday Service at St. George's Cathedral on 8th April. This was a most impressive ceremony with the different gowns providing a colourful spectacle. His Excellency the Governor read the Second Lesson and the Rev. R. F. Giese preached the sermon.

At the Anzac Day Service on Scotch College Memorial Grounds the head prefect, Sue Lukin, read the Lesson "Let us now praise famous men."

As this has been the first year that Carmichael Hall has really been in use we are the first prefects with the duty of preparing the Hall for morning assembly. This has proved a useful source of punishment and the supply of willing (?) sweepers has been overwhelmingly gratifying!

We also had the privilege of being the first to hold the Prefects' Dance in Carmichael Hall. Our thanks go to the mothers who gave so much of their time and energy to the catering and floral decorations, both of which helped to make the evening one to be long remembered.

Later in the second term the Junior Old Girls held a dance in the hall at which the prefects were represented.

The dances held by other schools were also much enjoyed by those prefects who attended.

As the School Service was held in Carmichael Hall the prefects did not have to take up a collection but we provided added volume to the hymn singing, while Sue Lukin and Elizabeth Sinnott read the lessons.

We would like to thank last year's prefects for their gift of a framed copy of the prefects' pledge which we hope will continue to inspire all future prefects.

With Leaving rapidly approaching and our year as prefects drawing to a close we wish next year's prefects the best of luck and hope that despite their responsibilities they will enjoy it as much as we have done.

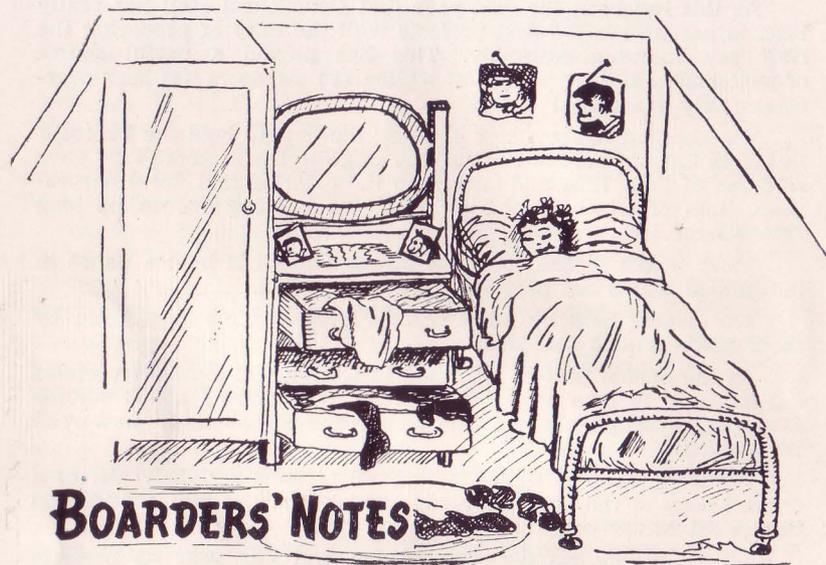


HOUSE CAPTAINS

A. Vincent, E. Sinnott, P. McDonald, J. King.

PREFECTS

Centre Row: K. Reilly, J. Powell, J. Pilmer, J. Vincent, M. Clarke, R. Ambrose, S. Dempster, B. Lutz, J. Weldon. Front Row: P. Bell, E. Banks, S. Lukin, Dr. Summers, J. Lado, J. Grose, A. Sutherland.



BOARDERS' NOTES

There was a large number of boarders in the school this year, eighty-two at the beginning of first term. We would like to welcome all new inmates and hope that they have not found boarding life too gruesome.

Everyone was pleased to see Dr. Summers back for the commencement of the school year and we all hope that she enjoyed her holiday abroad.

Miss Prowse left us at the end of last year and we would like to congratulate her on her recent marriage. In her place Miss McMaster became a resident mistress.

During the year there have been various improvements to the dormitories and kitchen which have been much appreciated by the boarders.

The great event for the senior boarders at the end of last year was the tennis party given by the Sub-Leaving on the day before the commencement of Junior and Leaving. It is a wonder that anyone was able to do exams after the large amount of food consumed that afternoon! Congratulations to Margot and Shirley for winning the prizes.

Owing to polio, swimming in the river was cancelled for first term. On hot days how we envied the fortunate day-girls who could swim at the beach!

The Anglican boarders now attend St. Philip's Church on Sundays instead of St. Luke's. This change was made in first term. Our Leaving boarders read the lessons at this morning service and we hope the rest of the congregation do not find their efforts too dreadful! Several Anglican girls were confirmed during second term.

Carmichael Hall has proved very useful this year to the boarders for we were able to start badminton under Miss McMaster's able guidance and the gym has been ideal for evening dancing,

especially with the new records which have been procured. Of course, the main amusement of this kind in the Hall was the School Dance, attended by Sub-Leavings and Leavings who seemed to be in a state of panic the few days beforehand. Everyone seemed to enjoy the dance, especially the magnificent supper!

The younger boarders did not have a party as in former years, but, instead, went to hear the Don Cossack Choir on the following night. For sometime after this they disturbed the peace by trying to execute some of the dance steps they had seen!

Among our outside entertainments numbers attended the Scotch and Christ Church plays.

With their usual superiority in brawn (if not brain) the boarders again won the hockey match against the day-girls 5 goals to 2. Our enthusiastic barrackers also showed that the boarders have greater lung power.

As usual, all the boarding-house has spent its time counting the days, hours and minutes to the next holidays. Easter made first term seem a little shorter, while in second term the Monday holiday enabled more girls to go home for boarders' weekend. We were all rather glad that there was a flu epidemic when school broke up three days early, all, that is, except Matron and the poor sufferers from the disease, for sick bay was overflowing with patients during our last two weeks. Amazingly, everyone seemed to recover when they heard the good news!

We would like to thank Matron and Mrs. Linton for looking after us in sickness and in health so well during this year.

Ahead of us is third term with the public exams at the end of it, but by the time you read this all will be over and we will once more have the joy of going home for holidays.



CLUB OFFICIALS

Back Row: J. Vincent, A. Vincent, M. Hughes, J. Powell. Front Row: J. Lado, S. Lukin, E. Banks.

CHOIR NOTES

The School choir this year consisted of thirty-five girls, who were mostly new members, as only twelve remained from last year's choir. Among our activities this year we entered the Music Festival held on Friday, 13th July, in the Town Hall.

Miss Hutchinson gave a party on the Tuesday afternoon before the Festival, which we all enjoyed very much, especially the boarders!

The songs for the Festival were "The Piper's Song" by Lindley Evans, and "Spring" by C. Armstrong Gibbs. A great deal of effort was put into the practices, although a week beforehand it seemed that the songs would never reach the required standard. However, they improved considerably with Miss Hutchinson's help and we gained 2nd place with 168 points. Sacred Heart High School was first with 171 points, while Loretto Convent was 3rd.

After the Festival all the practice available was devoted to preparation for the School Service on Sunday, 19th August. The anthem was "My Heart Ever Faithful" by Bach, and a short motet, "There is a Secret Place of Rest" was sung after the New Testament reading. Descants were sung to two of the hymns and "God Be In My Head" was sung after the address.

We would like to thank Miss Hutchinson very much for giving up a lot of her time to the tuition that was needed for us to obtain such good results. Special thanks are given to Miss Dorrington who played our accompaniments for the Festival, the School Service and the practices.



FESTIVAL CHOIR

LIBRARY NOTES

At the end of last year the two previous librarians removed a number of unnecessary books from the library and we started 1956 with twenty new books and the job of re-numbering and setting it in alphabetical order again.

We would like to ask those using the library to have a little more care in keeping this order instead of haphazardly leaving them around or putting a "B" book on the "Y" shelf and so on.

The old gym was converted at the beginning of the year into a joint Reference Library and Boarders' Sitting Room, at the end of which are the shelves for the Fiction Library — thus it is much more central, which is an improvement as the "book worms" do not have to go all the way up to the Boarding House to borrow books.

One penny is charged for every book borrowed and with this money, and the help of fines, the proceeds for the first and second terms amounted to £9. During second term six more books were bought with this money.

The end of the term finds the librarians in a very fit condition, which is due to frantically rushing around after overdue library books and money owing — never mind, one way of slimming off!

In conclusion we hope that all those who have used the Library have found pleasure and even gained knowledge from it, and we wish next year's librarians the best of luck.

Guide Notes



The attendance at Guides throughout this year has been very disappointing, but the Guides who attended regularly have been very enthusiastic.

At all Girl Guide functions Second Cottesloe was represented, if by only three or four members.

Again, for the second time, we worked hard for the Willing Shilling drive, which was held to raise funds for the Paxwold Training Centre at Lesmurdie.

Girl Guide biscuits were also sold again this year.

During the year Guiders from other countries have come to visit us. These visits have proved very interesting.

At the end of second term seven Guiders were enrolled, three of whom flew up from Brownies. On Saturday night before we broke up for the August holidays, Mrs. Rucks, the District Commissioner, enrolled six of these Guides, while also on this night a number of service stars and proficiency badges were presented.

We are grateful to Miss Baird for the time she has devoted to our company.

CLUB NOTES



DEBATING CLUB NOTES

In the last two years there has been a considerable decline in the number of girls interested in debating; however, this year meetings were more frequent and were well attended.

A preliminary meeting was held early in the year at which the office-bearers were elected.

This year, Juniors were allowed to debate for the first time and this practice should be an asset to the club next year.

The first meeting was held on 20th February and consisted of impromptu speeches.

At the second meeting Mrs. Cusack read us three speeches on the one subject showing some of the different approaches to debating.

During second term a junior and senior debate were held and both of these were most successful as well as most interesting.

On 30th April Mr. Barrett arranged for Mr. Gillett and Mr. Franklin to debate for us. The subject was "That it is better to be a rose than a cabbage", and it was a most enjoyable evening. After the debate Mr. Franklin addressed the meeting and gave some very good advice on how to debate. Both Mr. Gillett and Mr. Barrett have sent us pamphlets on debating and these should be a great help to future debaters.

Hale challenged us on 20th July, and we sent a senior team consisting of E. Banks, J. Vincent and V. Angus, the subject being "That radio has done more harm than good." The adjudicator said that the debate showed careful preparation and he was most helpful and encouraging, giving Hale 62 points and P.L.C. 56 points.

We then challenged Christ Church on August 3rd, the subject being "That higher education is too specialised." The team, consisting of K. Reilly, C. Hamilton and A. McCooke, took the affirmative and put up very good arguments. Mrs. Underwood adjudicated,

giving P.L.C. 107 points and Christ Church 104. She said that the debate was of a high standard and was very good and interesting.

A debate against St. Hilda's was cancelled owing to the 'flu epidemic at the end of second term.

We would like to thank Dr. Summers and Mrs. Cusack for adjudicating the teams and pointing out the good and bad points of the speakers, so helping them with future debates. We would also like to thank all those who co-operated with us in debating and who have helped our club to have a successful and enjoyable year.



There has been a considerable interest shown in the History Club this year, although larger attendances at some of the meetings would have been appreciated.

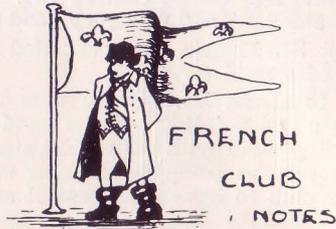
Our first meeting was held on 5th March, a general history quiz being given, and answered by members of the audience. J. Powell and A. McCooke won the prizes offered for the highest scores. The Leavings and Sub-Leavings then performed four "History" mimes from "1066 and All That" — showing us how NOT to remember historical events!

We were privileged to have Mrs. Paul Hasluck to speak at our next meeting on 9th April. She gave us a most interesting talk on one of the lesser known personalities of Western Australia's early days — Lady Broome, the wife of one of our Governors, whose life is mostly known through a number of popular travel books, which she wrote. These, Mrs. Hasluck told us, are still quite pleasant to read and very amusing.

Miss Coleman, a member of the staff, spoke on Athens and the Ancient Greek civilization at our next meeting, giving us some most instructive information on the city-state of Athens and the famous Greek philosophers and dramatists.

A most enjoyable talk was given by Miss Lukis, from the Archives, who gave us some extremely interesting information about Perth and its early town planning. She also told us about her work in the Archives.

We would like to thank Dr. Summers for her continued patronage of the History Club and also Miss Hope for the help and interest she has always shown.

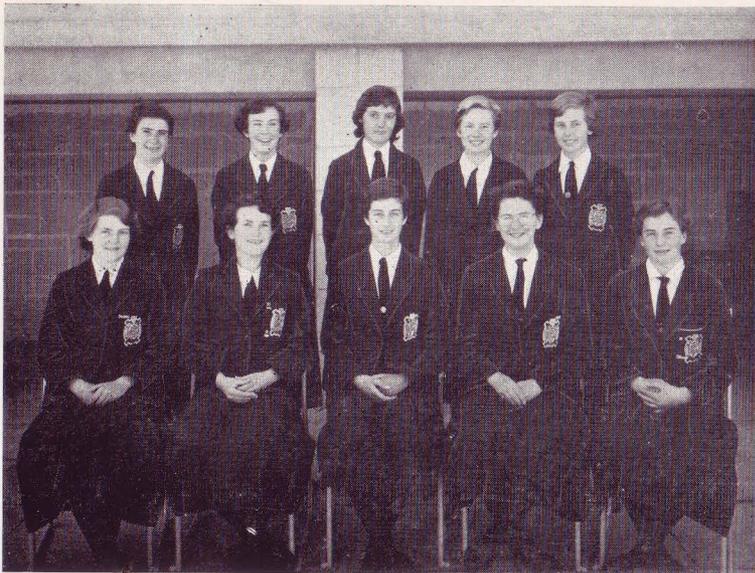


Cette année beaucoup de monde a été présent aux réunions du club française et l'intérêt dans notre club semble avoir été ranimé.

Les programmes ont été variés avec plusieurs concours et nous espérons qu'ils ont été intéressants. À la première réunion Dr. Summers nous a donné une conférence sur ses voyages; à la seconde on a écouté un enregistrement de "La chèvre de Monsieur Segismund"; et à celle du deux juin on a joué plusieurs petites pièces françaises et allemandes. La réunion était un grand succès, et nous remercions Madame Kay pour ses efforts.

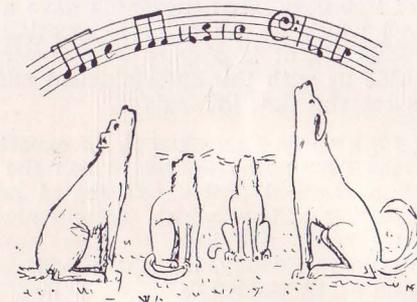
Le treize août, nous avons eu une revue de mannequins que le public, qui était plus grand que d'habitude, a semblé beaucoup aimer. Nous voulons remercier la compagne Madame Symington et les juges, Mesdemoiselles Hope et Hosking.

Nous remercions Dr. Summers, Mademoiselle Hope et Madame Symington pour leur aide et conseils à travers l'année. Meilleure chance pour le club français de l'année prochaine.



MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

Back Row: J. Cato, B. Sloane, M. Snell, J. Wilson, S. Chandler, Front Row: M. Hughes, S. Lukin, M. Clarke (Editor), E. Banks, A. Vincent.



This year the meetings of the Music Club have been varied, and an increased interest has been shown by the school.

Our first meeting consisted of several talks on different instruments of the orchestra, as well as piano solos by Maureen Hughes, Heather Anderson and Rosalind Mayrhofer. These were followed by a clarinet solo by S. Huelin and, lastly, several records were played—these included some Chopin waltzes as well as a number of choral pieces.

For the second meeting in first term we were lucky to have Mr. Vaughan Hanley, who gave a most interesting talk on the orchestra.

Only one meeting was held in second term and this once again gave a very varied programme. Joy Owen danced a solo and Airlie Love and Shirley Dempster both contributed piano solos. Again we finished the meeting with several records.

A musical evening was arranged for August 21st but this had to be cancelled because of the influenza epidemic.

Altogether it was a very successful year for the Music Club and we would like to thank Miss Hutchinson for her help and interest.

FORM NOTES

LEAVING

Work! Work! Work!

How little we were aware of the significance of this little word, which sums up the Leaving year, until now. Despite this we have always managed to find time to enjoy ourselves and it has proved to be an interesting last year.

During first term the Leaving form participated in a number of school occasions. Most of the form attended a talk at the University sponsored by the A.S.C.M. on work in South India.

The geography class went to the Observatory and had an interesting time looking through telescopes at the stars, presenting them with a different aspect of a starry night, maybe!

Just before Easter we attended a Passion Play at the Cathedral and it was most impressive and effectively done. Later in the term Dr. Summers kindly arranged for a party to inspect the Cathedral for as many of us who were interested in seeing it more closely. The visit proved most instructive and we would like to thank Dr. Summers for giving us the opportunity to see it.

SUB-LEAVING

At the end of February, Miss Stevenson gave a concert in the hall for the school which we all enjoyed, especially some of the songs which we later learnt in singing. It was very kind of Miss Stevenson to provide us with this entertainment and we hope that she is having a successful time in England.

The Leaving form showed an example of expert (?) marching to the school at the Anzac Day Service which the rest of P.L.C. must have copied as several people commented on it. The Rev. Eadie gave an inspiring address which we will always remember. Owing to rain we were not able to give another marching display on Empire Youth Sunday, but the service was held in the Capitol Theatre and at St. Andrew's.

Our marching distinguishes us but our acting, as shown in the Penny Concert, was truly superb! Everything went off well thanks to the frantic efforts of Banksia and Clarko who by the end of the term, I think we'll all agree, were in definite need of a holiday. We hope we educated the school with our Travel Talk as everyone from our cannibal Melita to our Hollywood stars Ricki and Judith, excelled themselves.

An entertainment of a very different kind awaited us at the beginning of second term—the school dance. A truly memorable occasion especially as we were the first class to hold it in Carmichael Hall.

Carmichael Hall had been dedicated only two days previously by the Moderator. Members of the class helped in the entertainment provided, Maureen playing the piano, and others singing in the Choir.

This year there was a good representation from the Leaving in the school choir and we were very pleased that they did so well in the Festival.

Among other activities in second term we attended "Henry V" with the school; numbers saw the Christ Church play, "Pirates of Penzance," and the hygienists were shown over Hollywood Hospital.

Judith and Clarko continued to be our money grabbers for cot and relief funds this year, and they have not lost any of their former skill. In second term our tuckshop was a great success, we made £10, a record we think.

The form has not lacked followers of sport so it has had representatives in school tennis, softball, hockey and basketball teams.

Luckily all sport had finished by the time the flu had reached epidemic proportions in the school. We, however, believe the disease began in our form so the Leaving Class can really be thanked for something this time—two extra days' holiday.

Finally we wish to thank Miss Major for her unflinching interest and assistance throughout the year which we truly appreciate. Our thanks also go to all teachers who have instructed us at any time during our school career.

This year we were very lucky to be altogether in one Sub-Leaving class under the excellent guidance of Mrs. Cusack.

Brenda, Val and Annette were elected as the class representatives and serious thoughts were put into the money prospect for the Cot and Relief Funds. After carefully considering the boarders, two very successful tuckshops were held following the boarder's weekend in each term, while the result of Annette's and Val's continuous cry for more money added greatly to our total.

Our class has been well represented in the school sporting teams and particular congratulations go to Joanne for her success in the tennis. The Sub-Leaving softball team distinguished itself by beating the Leavings by a considerable amount in first term.

We considered ourselves lucky to be present at the official opening of the long dreamt of Carmichael Hall. It was a most impressive service and well attended by Old Girls.

The School Dance—the great event of second term was a complete success and was attended by the greater number of the form.

Several excursions with the school have been very educational and block bookings to a number of amusements, including the Scotch play, were most appreciated.

Performers in the French and German plays are to be congratulated on their fine performance at the Modern Languages' Concert.

Mothercraft lessons were of great interest to the sixteen members of the form attending the classes.

Rosemary and Marilyn have been two most able and efficient school librarians.

With the end of the second term in sight rehearsals began for the Penny Concert. With the influenza epidemic which caused the school to break up three days early, our practices were cut short, but Sub-Leaving rose to the occasion with a grand penny concert—we thought.

We would like to thank the staff for their help throughout the year, and particular thanks to Mrs. Cusack who has assisted us in all the responsibilities of our Sub-Leaving year.

We find that being the only seniors not weighed down with an exam. in the near future we receive various responsible assignments like taking classes for absent staff and helping on junior sports day. We notice a change in our attitude to people in authority.

Our cool drink stall on sports day in spite of the cool day was quite successful and the Rice Bowl appeal benefited by £6.

JUNIOR G

This year being in Junior, we all set our minds to do some hard work. We were lucky to have Miss McMaster back to be our form mistress and to help us through our algebra.

At the beginning of the year we elected Christine as our form captain and Susan Chandler and Susan Johnston for our Cot and

Relief Fund representatives. We had two fairly successful tuckshops, bringing £4 for the first term, and £5 for the second term.

During first term, our hygiene class was taken on an excursion to Master's Dairy, and we were shown over the machinery which created lots of noise, but to make up for that we all received a bottle of milk.

We went to two services first term. The first was the Anzac Day Service on Scotch College Memorial Ground which many schools attended, the other was the Empire Youth Service at the Capitol Theatre, which was held on a Sunday afternoon.

At the end of first term we won the inter-class Junior softball but because of the 'flu no basketball or hockey was played during the second term.

On August 19, the school's birthday, the School Service was held for the first time in Carmichael Hall and was a great success.

To finish we would like to wish all the Junior and Leaving candidates the best of luck.

JUNIOR L

When we returned to school in February we were reminded that the Junior was at the end of the year. So everyone made many good resolutions to begin their swot immediately.

With Miss Hosking's help we elected our form-captain, Alison Ward, and Cot and Relief Fund representatives, Diana Chase and Sally Huelin, who would like to thank Miss Hosking for so generously giving a shilling to Cot and Relief Funds every time they managed to wring some money from us.

There are only two singers in our class—Joy Owen and Jane Stimson, but still, even if we have few singers, there are quite a few musicians. Congratulations to Ros Mayrhofer for winning the under 16 violin championship and coming third in the under 18, and to all those who completed their Junior music this year. That's one subject on the way at least!

The interest in the clubs improved as the year went on, and we were represented by Jane Stimson, Alison Ward, Ros Mayrhofer, Diana Chase and Jocelyn Cato for the history, French, music, debating and magazine committee respectively. We would like to thank the Presidents of these clubs for the fine job they have done in providing such entertaining meetings.

We close by wishing all the Junior and Leaving candidates the very best of luck and by thanking all the mistresses for their remarkable perserverance with us this year.

JUNIOR E

The year started off very well under the guidance of Miss Hope as our form mistress and we would like to thank her very much for putting up with us.

We were happy to welcome Mrs. Hosford as our English mistress this year and hope that trying to drum English into our wooden skulls had not been too much for her. We also welcomed back Miss McMaster as our maths. teacher.

The collection of Cot and Relief Funds was left to the efforts of Penny and Robin, who had a pretty hard job trying to squeeze blood from Shylocks like this class. We had two very successful tuckshops which helped a great deal and every now and then a teacher managed to extract 1d. fine from somebody for chair tilting.

A variation from our usual routine was a visit to Master's Dairy for the Hygienists, who enjoyed it very much. Earlier in the year we saw "Henry V" and as we are doing it for Junior it helped us a great deal with our studies.

We also had two of our three polio vaccinations and we all lined up outside the library like lambs for the slaughter!

Congratulations to all those girls who managed to represent the school in either the basketball or hockey teams this year. The hockey matches were very popular, especially the ones against Scotch and Christchurch as was seen by the increased numbers of spectators.

At the beginning of the year we were able to say that there were still two whole terms until Junior, but now we find that time is creeping up on us, and that Junior is just around the corner.



MURSELL CUP TEAM

P. McDonald, E. McDougall, P. Walsh, E. Sinnott.

We want to wish everyone the best of luck for the forthcoming exams, and also to thank the teachers for their guidance and perseverance throughout the year.

SUB-JUNIOR C

This year we were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Kay as our form mistress.

Congratulations to Jill Monteath who has been wearing her colours for some time now, and to Rosemary Powell, Delys Mullings and Susan Flower who obtained their colours during second term.

Softball matches were played against the other Sub-Junior classes during first term, resulting in a victory for our team, although we found our opponents hard to beat.

An Anzac Day Ceremony was celebrated on the playing fields of Scotch College. There was a spectacular display of children marching to the tune of the bagpipes and altogether it was a very memorable day.

We were fortunate to see the film "Henry V" during second term, which was very enjoyable and interesting.

In conclusion we wish every success to those sitting for the Junior and Leaving Certificates this year.

SUB-JUNIOR G

At the beginning of the year we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Symington as our form mistress, and we hope that she has not found us too trying.

Jenny Anderson and Jan Watson were elected our Cot and Relief Fund representatives. They have done well in getting money from the none too willing class.

We do not excel in softball for Sub-Junior C beat us by a considerable number of runs in the match held during first term. However some members of the class represented the school in different teams. Quite a number of the class played in under 15 basketball and hockey matches during the second term and Suzanne Holmes gained her tunic colours for hockey.

On Anzac Day we took part in the Service held at Scotch College. This was the only event in first term, but during second term we have done quite a lot.

We were taken to see "Henry V" with the school, and we all enjoyed it very much. Some of us also went to the Scotch College play "Noah," and to the Don Cossack Choir.

On one occasion the Police came and gave us a talk on Road Safety, which will be useful, especially to the bicycle riders.

We were very pleased that the Festival Choir did so well, especially as we have a member of our class in it.

On the last Sunday of second term, the School Service was held in the Carmichael Hall, which all the class attended.

Owing to a 'flu epidemic we broke up on Monday, August 20, instead of Thursday, August 23, at the conclusion of the second term.

In conclusion we wish luck to all those sitting for exams. at the end of the year.

SUB-JUNIOR E

The year started off well under the guidance of Mrs. Hunt, with Patricia Mead as form captain, and Sue Milner and Sue Hack as Cot and Relief Fund representatives. Our tuckshop added to the funds.

During first term a softball match against the other two Sub-Juniors was arranged. We were second with Sub-Junior C the victors.

In the second term we were fortunate enough to have the opportunity of seeing "Henry V" which we enjoyed very much.

In second term we all received our two polio vaccinations.

I would like to wish every girl in the Junior forms the best of luck, and I hope next year's Sub-Juniors will have just as happy a year as we have had.

VII H

At the beginning of the year we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Hicks as our new form mistress.

As usual we had several new faces amongst us and also started several new subjects.

In April we attended our first Anzac Service at Scotch College. It was a day to be proud of and as we marched onto the oval to the sound of the bagpipes, we felt eyes watching us from every angle.

When the time arrived for the winter sports we enjoyed them very much, basketball and hockey being the games.

The Cot and Relief Funds were quite successful owing to tuckshops and the generosity of the girls who brought their odd pennies to help the children who are worse off than themselves.

We have enjoyed this year and hope our work and efforts have not been a disappointment to the staff.

VII Q

1956 has proved to be most successful under the guidance of Mrs. Quade-Smith and we were pleased to welcome all the new girls at the beginning of the year.

Alison Thomas and Jeannie Lyall were voted Cot and Relief Fund representatives and were always digging into our pockets for those threepences and sixpences.

Owing to the polio no swimming sports were held but tennis and softball took their place and everyone was very enthusiastic over hockey and basketball in second term.

The Anzac Day Service was held at Scotch College this year and was most interesting for us as it was the first time we had been.

We also attended the Orchestral Concert given by the A.B.C. which was very entertaining.

This year we have enjoyed ourselves and hope we have learnt a little more.

VI

The representatives for VI are form-captain, L. Bisset, Cot Fund, S. James and Relief Fund, E. Liddell.

Several plays have brightened up Friday's last period, and we have in our midst some quite talented actresses.

On Mondays and Wednesdays we have started to have talks on famous people which have been very interesting and a most satisfactory experiment.

Round about the end of first term, moans began to be heard in our class room. French! When we started everybody was most excited, and after the first lesson everyone was saying "Wasn't that beaut," and "I'm always going to learn French"—but these happy sounds were soon stopped when we discovered that French was not as easy as it seemed.

We would like to thank Mrs. Woodend and all the other mistresses who have tried to improve our little knowledge.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NOTES

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Seabridge to our staff at the beginning of the year to take charge of standard III.

This year has gone by uneventfully. We have been most fortunate in evading any major epidemic.

All the classes have shown great interest in the Cot and Relief Funds, and held several successful tuck shops to help them on.

We were very glad to have the opportunity of hearing a speaker from the "Save the Children Fund" who has been working in Korea. The girls are now eager to help these Korean children as well as the school's sponsored children in Europe.

KINDERGARTEN NOTES

Susan aged three and a half said "Mummy is very temperamental."—Well! That is how we are all feeling at present. Probably due already to the thoughts of our Christmas Tree, the excitement of being back after the holidays and to Andrew's daddy who "had a tooth out because it wouldn't eat."

We have had a very exciting year.—First of all we have a lot of new equipment.—Our kindergarten has been painted and thanks to Mrs. Crosson our chairs are now Flamingo and soon our cupboards and tables will be finished in harmonising colours. Best of all the Old Girls' gave us Merrylegs—a handsome fleet-footed rocking horse.

We don't ask for much but we do hope some kind person will give us a doll's house—a nice big one that we can keep out on the lawn. If we had that to play in we could leave our aged teachers to have their morning tea in peace—our age is apparently most noticeable as Assheton said "Will you still be a girl when you are fifty Miss Eastwood—you told us you were a hundred and four and fifty is half that"—which speaks very well for the wonderful tuition we are getting.

HOUSE NOTES

CARMICHAEL HOUSE NOTES

Owing to the polio epidemic the first sporting fixture of the year, the swimming sports, had to be cancelled.

However, the senior inter-house softball competition was held instead. Congratulations go to Stewart who narrowly defeated us, while McNeil gained third place. Under 16 softball matches will be played in third term, so good luck to Carmichael.

Inter-house tennis matches were also played in first term. This time the winner was McNeil which easily defeated all other houses. However, Carmichael managed to tie second with Stewart, even though we have not McNeil's outstanding (?) tennis players. Again there will be under 16 tennis third term.

Congratulations to McNeil in winning the hockey, their second sporting success this year. Owing to a tremendous effort by our team we again drew with Stewart for second position. We would like to congratulate Ferguson, and especially Kaye Palmer on scoring their goal for the season while playing against us.

Most surprisingly we again tied for second with Stewart in the basketball. We seem to like coming second. This success was due mainly to the efforts of our "B" team, although the "A" did not really disgrace itself. I would like to thank Brenda for organising the basketball so efficiently.



In third term there are the athletic sports in which a lot of co-operation will be needed from the whole House, as we hope to do better than last year.

Carmichael gained the most work points in first term and I hope this standard will be kept up for the rest of the year, so just keep on working as hard as you can.

The singing competition had amazing results as three Houses came second tie, in first term, with McNeil the winning House. This must be due to the high standard of our singing (?).

Although we did well in grounds in both first and second terms, I feel that most of the credit must go to the Sub-Leavings as they seem to be the only class that conscientiously cleans the grounds. More House spirit is definitely needed in this task. If we want to keep up the standard of the House everyone must take an interest in it, and remember our motto "play the game".

FERGUSON HOUSE NOTES

This year, because of the polio epidemic, the swimming sports were cancelled, and so disappointing many enthusiastic trainers.

However, we began the term with the senior inter-House tennis and softball.

We did not produce many tennis 'wonders' but the team played well throughout, McNeil easily defeating all the other Houses. Congratulations, McNeil.

Softball does not appear to be our best sport, as we only managed to come fourth but the "A" team did their best. This time congratulations go to Stewart.

Once again Ferguson did very well in the basketball in second term. Our "A" team had only two losses and the "B" team only one loss. Well done, Ferguson.

Coinciding with basketball was hockey; and although we did not excel, the team was most co-operative. Special thanks go to Jenny for organising it. Congratulations to McNeil on winning.

In both first and second terms we only managed to gain third place for ground marks. McNeil won in first term and Carmichael in second term. During first term it was the same people every morning cleaning up the grounds. It would be a good idea if everyone made the effort instead of leaving it to these few girls all the time. In second term a roster was started and this made it much fairer, as certain classes now do it on certain days.

The results of the singing competition first term were very close, McNeil managing to win from Ferguson, Stewart and Carmichael who all drew for second place. Congratulations to McNeil. Remember to learn all the words in future competitions, Ferguson.



This year the results of our work have not been good. A greater effort would do no harm, a lot of people want to sit back and let the others do it all; this will never gain your House any marks at all. There is no real reason for us to lag behind in work.

A great many House marks have been lost, this year, for health certificates and gym uniforms. Even if you cannot manage to gain marks for your House try not to lose them by forgetfulness or laziness.

The athletic sports will be held in October, and also the under 16 softball and tennis. Good luck to all Fergusons.

I would like to wish all those doing either Junior or Leaving exams the best of luck, and remember our motto, Ferguson, "Toujours Tout Droit" (Always straight forward).

McNEIL HOUSE NOTES

Is thirteen a lucky number? I certainly hope so, for this is McNeil's thirteenth year.

Owing to the polio epidemic all swimming and life-saving events were cancelled. However, we were triumphant in the tennis because of the great effort put forward by McNeil's team — S. Lukin, S. Dempster, D. Broun and R. Hitchings.

I was a little disappointed that we lost our position in the softball, but I must say Stewart really earned their victory.

Why is it that McNeil falls down so badly on grounds? We started the year in a burst of good intentions, then slowly but surely we lost our grip. If only each girl would give five minutes of her time every morning to cleaning the grounds, we could lead in Ground marks and be one step nearer our goal — to be Champion House.

House marks for singing, term and exams were incomplete because of our early dismissal for the August holidays, but I am optimistic about the results as we have worked hard in these fields, having been placed first, second and third respectively in first term.

We excelled ourselves in hockey, but unfortunately this was not the case in basketball. Congratulations, Ferguson, on your fine win.



I would like to thank the other Houses for their sportsmanship and keen rivalry at all times.

Our sincere thanks go to Mrs. Cusack, Miss Wishart, Jan Aberdeen and Anne Roberts who, under all conditions, so willingly gave up their time to umpire the various matches.

Best of luck to McNeil Junior softball and tennis teams, and to all those who are sitting for their Junior or Leaving examinations this year.

The wearing of a yellow girdle and socks does not make you a true member of your House, a little effort by each and all in work and sport are essential to raise McNeil to a place of honour in the school.

Many of you do not even know the meaning of McNeil's motto: Buaidh No Bas — "Victory or Death." Learn it, abide by it and pass it on to new members of the House and in this way keep alive the true House spirit.

STEWART HOUSE NOTES

"Per Ardua ad Alta"

We did not, as is usually the case, begin this year with the thought that the swimming sports were upon us, because, owing to the outbreak of the polio epidemic they had to be cancelled. Nor, for this reason, were the inter-school life-saving competitions or exams held, by which successful students could gain House points.

In spite of these upsets, we managed to fill in first term, and most of our spare time, with the inter-House tennis and softball competitions. In the final tennis results we came equal second, with Carmichael, to McNeil, who won. Congratulations on the good effort McNeil.

The softball results were even more in our favour, where we had the good fortune to gain first place, with Carmichael a close second.

The singing results for first term were not as bad as I had expected; we gained second place to Carmichael (with Ferguson and McNeil). The main factors to remember in singing competitions are to look as if you can sing, (even if you are hopeless) and to pay attention to what you are supposed to be singing. Anyway, better luck in the future.

Grounds! The senior school should be ashamed of the ground marks for first and second terms. There is no reason for any girls in the class whose day it is to clean the grounds not to spend at least five minutes cleaning them before assembly. I am afraid there is very little House spirit when it comes to cleaning the grounds; I can only hope it improves next year. I am glad to see that the junior school marks for the first two terms were exceptionally good, giving us a lead there. Congratulations junior school, keep up the good work.



Our term and exam. marks were a slight improvement on first term last year, coming third in term marks and first in exam.

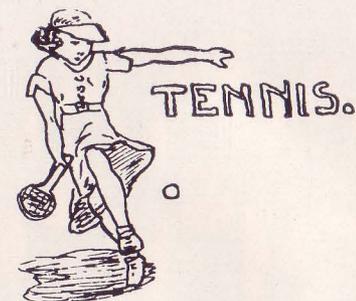
The hockey and basketball seasons started early in second term and we managed to hold our own against the other House teams.

We had five girls in our hockey team from the "A" and "B" school teams who, with the other seven players put up a very good fight to gain second place with Carmichael, to McNeil. Again I would like to congratulate McNeil. I would also like to thank Alison for supervising the House hockey and for doing it so well.

In reference to basketball we were very fortunate in having five members of the "A" and "B" school teams, who with M. Eddy and M. Palmer constituted our "A" House team, which played excellently throughout the season and won every game. Unfortunately our "B" team was not so lucky and in the final we came second with Carmichael, to Ferguson, who must be congratulated on such a well earned win.

The athletic sports and under 16 tennis and softball do not take place until third term.

In finishing, I would like to wish you all the best for next year, and remember our motto, that we will achieve nothing without work.



In the Interschool Tennis competitions this year three teams were entered:—

The Slazenger Cup team.—Jo Eyres, S. Lukin (capt.), D. Chase, D. Broun.

The Mursell Shield team.—E. Sinnott (capt.), P. McDonald, P. Walsh, E. McDougall.

The Edwards Cup team.—S. Johnston (capt.), J. Johnston, Ji Eyres, R. Hitchings.

The teams played Modern School, St. Joseph's Convent and St. Hilda's, respectively, the results being: 6 sets to 9; 6 sets all, lost on games; 5 sets to 7.

In the Senior Interhouse tennis in first term the results were: McNeil 1, Carmichael and Stewart 2, Ferguson 4; and in the Junior inter-House, Stewart 1, Ferguson 2, Carmichael 3 and McNeil 4.

Pockets were awarded to S. Lukin, Jo Eyres, D. Chase and D. Broun and tunic colours to S. Johnston, J. Johnston, Ji Eyres and R. Hitchings.

BADMINTON NOTES

During second term it was suggested that Badminton be introduced as a game for the boarders and Miss McMaster agreed to coach players. Several old racquets were found and new ones were bought with some of the proceeds from the tuckshop. A court was chalked out in Carmichael Hall (it has now been painted on) and everyone was most enthusiastic. Games were played during the weekend and on wet afternoons.

The Old Girls challenged us to a match, as they, like us, were beginners. We were represented by M. Graham, J. Abernethy, R. Holmes and Joanne Eyres, while S. Baird, P. Pottinger, C. Crosby and J. Mayrhofer represented the Old Girls. The Boarders won 11-1. After the match supper was provided by the Old Girls.

Another match for Juniors and Sub-Juniors was arranged against Christ Church; the latter won 5-1. Our team consisted of Jill Eyres, K. Fisher, E. McDougall, J. Abernethy, S. Johnston and E. Clarke. P.L.C. provided supper which was enjoyed very much by all.

We would like to thank Miss McMaster very much for all that she has done.

It is to be hoped that in future years Badminton will continue to be a popular game in the Boarding House.



"A" SOFTBALL TEAM
 Back Row: E. Sinnott, J. Powell, P. McDonald, J. Eyres, R. Bonner.
 Front Row: A. Vincent, M. Waddell, S. Lukin (Capt.), J. King,
 J. Whittaker.



"B" HOCKEY TEAM
 Back Row: S. Holmes, D. Mullings, D. Gribble, R. Holmes, J. Grose.
 Front Row: A. Sutherland, S. Johnston, P. Bell (Capt.), J. Johnston,
 J. Lukin.



This year was not a very successful one as far as P.L.C. was concerned for Softball, and because of the polio epidemic very few schools participated in the interschool softball.

The "A" team consisted of S. Lukin (capt.), J. Whittaker, M. Waddell, J. Powell, R. Bonner, J. King, A. Vincent, P. McDonald, E. Sinnott and J. Eyres.

The first match was played against St. Hilda's and P.L.C. won 13-10.

The following week a match was played against M.L.C. which M.L.C. won 14-8.

During April return matches were played against both these schools, St. Hilda's winning with a score of 10-7 and M.L.C. with a score of 19-14.

John Curtin High School was also played, P.L.C. winning 19-13.

The "B" team, which consisted of A. Marshall, M. Teasdale, A. Carrol, P. Walsh, M. Dann, D. Chase, J. Grose (capt.), J. Townshend, J. Zimpel and G. Green, played five matches during the season. Of these we won two—one against M.L.C. and one against John Curtin "A" team. A return match against M.L.C. and two matches against St. Hilda's we lost.

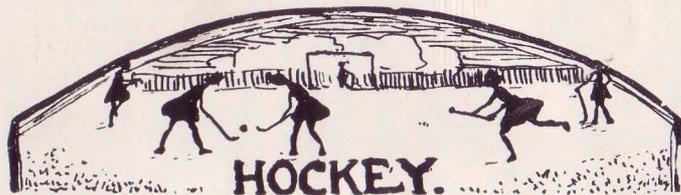
The —15 "A" team played five matches, of which we won one, while the —15 "B" team had less success—losing all of the three matches they played.

The House matches were very enthusiastically contested with Stewart winning the softball with 15 points, followed by Carmichael 11, McNeil 7 and Ferguson 3. Congratulations, Stewart, on your good effort.

Tunic colours were awarded to M. Teasdale, M. Dann, J. Grose, J. Zimpel and G. Green.

S. Lukin, A. Vincent, J. Powell, J. King, P. McDonald and E. Sinnott all received pocket colours.

In the absence of our sports mistress, two of last year's players, Margot Brown and Anne Roberts, stepped in and gave us invaluable help till one had to start at the University and the other begin her nurse's training. We thank them both.



This year the hockey season has been a most successful and enjoyable one.

Practices began immediately after the Easter break. There was the usual enthusiasm among all players, and a noticeably large number of beginners.

During the season both ovals remained in very good condition. This was a great advantage to everyone, especially the younger players who were able to obtain longer and more frequent practices.

At the end of first term some members of the "A" team were able to see matches played at the W.A.C.A. Ground by international women's hockey teams, the games being Scotland v. India and Holland v W.A.

Throughout the season the "A" team played well. There was good combination, with neat passing and stickwork; each player kept to her position on the field and generally the play was well-balanced and open.

In the Interschool rounds two matches were lost to M.L.C. who won the shield. However, both were very good games and we would like to congratulate M.L.C. on their well-deserved win.

The "B" team also played well, losing only one match and drawing two others.

Matches were also played against Claremont Teachers' Training College, Christ Church and Scotch College. The "A" team played Teachers' Training College three times this season, losing two games and winning the third. We were soundly beaten by both Scotch and Christ Church.

Perhaps the most exciting game of the season was the Boarders v. Daygirls match. It was a very even game, both teams playing well. However, the Boarders, owing maybe to the effect of very strong support from the spectators, won the match.

Finally I would like to thank Mrs. Cusack and Miss Wishart for all their help and advice throughout the season and Mrs. Kay for her valuable coaching of goalies. Thanks are also due to Susan Baird who gave up much of her time in order to help with match umpiring.

Tunic colours were awarded to M. Hughes, A. Sutherland, H. Anderson, C. Hamilton, J. Staniland, R. Holmes, J. Lukin, D. Mullings, S. Johnston, J. Johnston, S. Holmes and J. McDonald.

Pocket colours were awarded to S. Lukin, E. Sinnott, J. King, M. Hughes, E. Banks, J. Eyres, P. Bell and S. Dempster.

"A" TEAM CRITIQUE

Susan Lukin: A fine captain. An extremely dependable centre-half, feeding both sides of the field. Tackles well, and has a powerful hit.

J. Eyres: Played a consistently good game throughout the season. A very dependable back with an excellent clearing hit.

E. Banks: Anticipates development of game; combines well with the other defence.

C. Hamilton: A very reliable right half, with a strong hit.

M. Hughes: Has filled her position of L.H. well throughout the season.

R. Dempster: With her good eye, and clearing hit, has proved a dependable goalie.

J. King: A very fast right wing with a beautiful centering shot.

B. Baird: Marked improvement in the second half of the season. Plays a useful game as right inner, and has a hard shot for goal.

J. Staniland: Style awkward, but as centre-forward combined with the inners and was one of the chief goalscorers.

E. Sinnott: Outstanding feature of her game was her combination with the other forwards. A very fast player with a powerful hit for goal.

J. McDonald: A fast neat left wing; must develop a stronger hit.



"A" HOCKEY TEAM

Back Row: B. Baird, J. Staniland, J. Eyres, S. Dempster, J. King, E. Sinnott.
Front Row: J. McDonald, M. Hughes, S. Lukin (Capt.), E. Banks,
C. Hamilton

"B" TEAM

R. Holmes (Capt.): Game tremendously improved when changed from forward to defence.

P. Bell: Play improved up to "A" team standard. Played a pretty game as R.W. with strong shot for goal.

J. Grose: Remarkable development into a reliable goalie.

A. Sutherland: Dependable player. Would be very good with a harder hit.

J. Lukin: Very dependable. Needs to develop speed.

D. Mullings: Marked enthusiasm produces good results.

A. Marshall: Strong hit, but must learn to pass more quickly.

D. Gribble: A persistent right inner. Must develop neater foot-work.

S. Johnson: A useful centre-forward, but needs to be more aggressive in the circle.

J. Johnson: Combines nicely with wing and centre. Has developed a good shot for goal.

S. Holmes: A fast left wing with a good eye and a strong shot for goal.



EDWARDS CUP TEAM

S. Johnston, R. Hitchings, J. Eyres, J. Johnston.



The Basketball season was very successful this year, and for the third successive year the "A" team won the Premiership.

Our first match was against Teachers' Training College. Our "A" and "B" teams were both defeated—"A" 11-6, "B" 15-4.

On June 14th we played St. Hilda's. P.L.C. "A" won 29-11.

For our next match against P.M.S. J. Powell was unable to play, but with a replacement from the "B" team we defeated them 16-11.

The next match against M.L.C. was a very good game and we just defeated them 29-21.

Our next two games were against P.C. and St. Mary's, both of whom we defeated 35-9 and 25-13 respectively, thus finishing the first round undefeated.

In the second round we were again undefeated: St. Hilda's 22-14, P.M.S. 43-7, P.C. 24-10, until we played M.L.C. who, after a very good game, won 26-22. The same week we also played University. The game was very close, ending in a win for us 20-17.

On 11th August we played the traditional match against the Old Girls. It was a very enjoyable game, which the Old Girls won. The following week we defeated St. Mary's 24-12.

The "B" team had quite a successful season, winning eight of their thirteen matches. Besides the usual matches they also played Princess May and John Curtin High School and Teachers' Training College. Several members of the "B" played as replacements in the "A" and acquitted themselves very well.

There were two "C" and two —15 teams this year. Although they only played a few matches they did well and there is in these teams some good material for future "A" and "B" teams.

I should like to thank Janet Aberdeen very much for the help she has given to all the teams, and to wish next year's teams the best of luck.

Pocket colours were awarded to J. Vincent, A. Vincent, M. Waddell, R. Bonner, J. Powell, P. McDonald, J. Whittaker.

BASKETBALL CRITIQUE

"A"

J. Vincent (defence goalie): An impressive player, anticipation and jumping markedly good. Fine captain throughout the season.

A. Vincent (goalie): An accurate goalthrower who dodges well and plays a fast game.

J. Powell (assistant goalie): A very reliable goalthrower who combines well with the goalie and attack wing. Jocelyn also defends well.

M. Waddell (attack wing): An extremely fast player who has developed with experience. Passes the ball accurately and with speed.

R. Bonner (centre): Shows patches of brilliant play which should continue with another season. R. combines well with the attack and defence wing.



"A" BASKETBALL TEAM

Back Row: A. Vincent, J. Powell, P. McDonald, R. Bonner, Front Row: M. Waddell, J. Vincent (Captain), J. Whittaker.

J. Whittaker (defence wing): A reliable player, consistently good throughout the season.

P. McDonald (defence assistant goalie): A good defence assistant goalie who uses her height well and combined well with Judith. "B"

J. Kirkwood (defence wing): A most reliable player, setting a fine example for her team. A very good captain.

S. Flower (goalie): A consistent goalthrower. Sue is very fast and defends as well as attacks. Experience should improve her play still more.

G. Hill (assistant goalie): Geraldine's play improved towards the end of the term, when she combined with the team by playing out of the circle.

R. Powell (attack wing): A consistently good attack wing, anticipation and passing good; will improve with practice.

A. Newton (centre): Andrea played a good game all the season; with more practice could play an excellent game. Her jumping is outstanding.

J. Ellis (defence assistant goalie): Combined well with Marion and passed well, but she could use her height more. More practice will improve her standard.

M. Teasdale (goalie): A very fast defence with an accurate throw and good anticipation. Experience will improve her play.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Our annual senior interhouse athletic sports were held, as usual, on the Tuesday morning of Show Week; this gave the country girls' parents the opportunity to be present. We were very pleased at the large number of spectators, in spite of rain which threatened once or twice during the morning. Added attractions were the produce stall run by the Old Girls' Association, and a lemon drink stall run by the Sub-Leavings (frequented mainly by our thirsty athletes), both of which proved most successful.

The first event of the day was the interschool open baton relay, competed by St. Hilda's, M.L.C. and P.L.C. Although we had a strong team, consisting of J. King, E. Sinnott, J. Vincent, D. Gribble, J. Grose and J. Eyres, we only gained third place. Our congratulations go to M.L.C. who won that event. Following this we had a new item in our programme, an interschool under 14 triangular throw relay which was won by St. Mary's, closely followed by M.L.C., P.L.C. and St. Hilda's.

Our programme then continued with the interhouse events, accompanied by the usual "vocal support" on the part of the barrackers. The most outstanding event of the day was the new record of 6 seconds established for the open 50 yards by Jenny King, who later went on to win the 100 yards open and become Champion Athlete with 16 points from Elizabeth Sinnott and Judy Townshend, who were the runners-up with 8 points each. The under 16 champions were D. Gribble and J. Staniland, and S. Bird was the under 14 champion. Congratulations go to all these girls on their splendid efforts.

The programme ended as usual with the relay, Boarders versus Day Girls versus Old Girls, from which, amid a tumult of lusty barracking, the boarders and day girls emerged victorious.

Congratulations must go to Carmichael and Elizabeth Sinnott for their decisive win of 130 points from Ferguson with 124, McNeil with 106, and Stewart with 89 points.

On the 24th October the Junior School held its sports in the afternoon (having had the morning off to prepare themselves for the event). Again the weather was not at its best, having rained most of the morning, but this did not daunt parents and friends who showed a good attendance. Added interests during the afternoon were a handcraft exhibition shown in the Junior School form rooms and a produce stall run by the Old Girls' Association.

The sports opened with an interschool under 14 flag relay which was won by P.C. from P.L.C. and St. Mary's.

An enjoyable afternoon, in which all events were enthusiastically competed, resulted with a clear victory for Ferguson with 126 points, from McNeil with 86, Carmichael 83 and Stewart 76 points. Congratulations must go to Ferguson, both in winning the Junior Sports and having the champion athlete, Peta Clarke.

We extend our thanks to the staff for coping so efficiently with the "trials and tribulations" of sports day.



"B" BASKETBALL TEAM

Back Row: M. Teasdale, A. Newton, S. Flower, G. Hill. Front Row: J. Ellis, J. Kirkwood (Captain), R. Powell.



INTER-SCHOOL RUNNING TEAM

Back Row: J. Hines, J. Monteath, J. Duncan, S. Hack, S. Holmes, D. Mullings. Front Row: D. Gribble, J. Grose, J. Vincent, J. King (P.L.C. Champion Athlete), E. Sinnott, J. Eyres.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

On Friday, 8th October, we sent two interschool athletic teams to St. Hilda's. The open team comprising J. King, E. Sinnott, J. Vincent and D. Gribble ran third to P.M.S. and St. Hilda's. The under 15 team, which consisted of D. Mullings, J. Monteath, J. Duncan, S. Hack, S. Holmes and J. Hines was beaten by P.M.S. and M.L.C.

The following Thursday we sent the open team of four girls to St. Mary's where they ran second to P.M.S., and an under 16 passball team which was defeated by P.C.

At M.L.C.'s sports, held on Saturday, 20th October, we ran a team of two open, two under 16 and two under 14. St. Hilda's won, followed by M.L.C., then P.L.C.

We were unable to accept invitations from P.M.S. and P.C. as they held their respective sports on the same day as ours were held.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS THE OLYMPIC GAMES

The well-known emblem of the Olympic movement, the five interlocked rings, represents the five continents of the earth linked in unity. The continents represented are Europe, Asia, America, Africa and Australia. The colour of the rings—red, green, black, blue and yellow—are colours contained in the flags of all nations.

Australia has the honour of being one of only four nations which have competed at all Olympic Games of the modern era.

This year the Olympic Games are being held in Melbourne. This is a unique event for Australians and we should know something about it.

These celebrated games are very old and date back to early Greek times. Beginning in 776 B.C. the games were held every four years, this four year period being called an Olympiad. The Games were held at the end of each Olympiad in honour of one of their gods, Zeus.

So great was the importance of the Olympic Games that any wars in progress were terminated by mutual agreement or postponed so that competitors from distant lands could pass unmolested through intervening territory to Elis where the games were held.

The ancient Olympic Games ran for a period of five days which were divided into two sections: the presentation of offerings, and the contests. At first the contest consisted of a simple running match, but gradually other events were included.

In 708 B.C. the Pentathlon was introduced; this was a fivefold contest consisting of running, leaping, throwing the quoit, wrestling and throwing the javelin.

The modern Pentathlon comprises 5,000 metres cross-country horse riding test, fencing, pistol shooting, 300 metre swim and 4,000 metres cross-country run.

The revival of the Olympic Games was brought about in 1894 as a result of the meeting of an international committee. This committee determines the rules governing the Games and has the sole right to choose the place at which the Olympic Games are held.

The founder of the Olympic Games was Baron Pierre de Coubertin, who visualised a mammoth international sports festival which he thought would be a means of achieving universal peace.

The Games took place at Athens in 1896 on the site where the ancient festivals had concluded 1,500 years before.

Many other cities asked for the 1956 Games and it is now history that Melbourne secured the award by the close margin of one vote from Buenos Aires.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND IN KOREA

As the school takes such an active interest in the work the Save the Children Fund is doing in Europe the visit of Major Cronin who is in charge of this Association's team in Korea was greatly appreciated by all pupils.

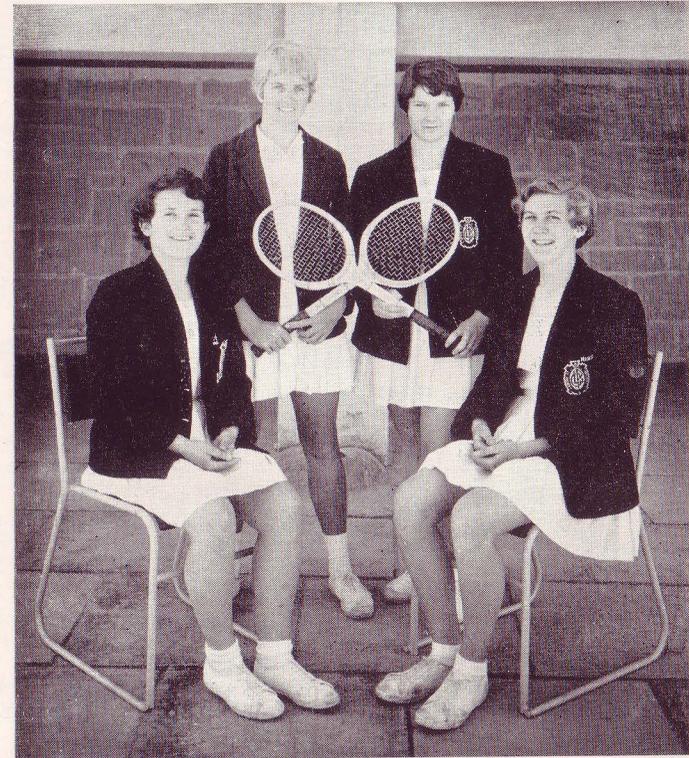
Major Cronin told us that the object of his visit to Australia was twofold; firstly, to convey the thanks of the field workers of the Save the Children Fund in Korea to all those who had given them assistance in their work, and secondly, to encourage people to continue this valuable help in the future.

He said that although there were Save the Children Fund workers in 13 countries Korea offered the largest scope for this type of work as the region has suffered under occupation and war. Most of the industrial wealth is in the north which is under Communist rule, while South Korea is largely undeveloped.

The Save the Children Fund workers commenced their relief work at the port of Pusan in the southern tip. The original plan was to spread throughout Korea but the demands in Pusan have been so great that as yet they have not moved from there.

The population of the city has increased nearly threefold since before the war and many of the inhabitants are refugees who live in camps where the only accommodation is primitive shacks, each housing eight to ten people. The only medical treatment that children from these camps can receive is from voluntary organisations such as the Save the Children Fund. This association has set up a large health centre which is staffed by international and Korean doctors and nurses, who treat up to four hundred children a day.

At Kajon, just out of Pusan, another health centre and also a nursery school are run by the Save the Children Fund. At this school the children are given food as well as education, while further out there is a convalescent home where sick children are sent for periods of four to six weeks where the additional food gives them a chance to recuperate.



SLAZENGER CUP TEAM
S. Lukin, D. Chase, D. Broun, J. Eyres.

Major Cronin then described the sanatorium at Mason, which is the first in South Korea, although there are 600,000 children under 14 with tuberculosis, and of the National Leprosarium at Pusan where there are 340 children under 14. He went on to speak of another nursery in the dock area and the 90 approved orphanages, each with 200 to 300 children.

After hearing of this work in Korea we should appreciate our privileges, for Major Cronin said that the children there only want enough food and relief from their suffering when they are sick, and the inadequacy of the relief available might be seen by the fact that although £200,000 of clothing was distributed in two months in 1955 there were further applications from large groups for relief clothing.

Although P.L.C. has several sponsored children in Europe we have none in Korea and were very interested to hear that there were numbers of sponsored children. This work was much appreciated, Major Cronin told us, as it makes possible adequate food, clothing and education for the child and gives him some hope of a future.

EUROPEAN TRAVELS

The following extracts are from a letter written by Marion Walton, an old girl of P.L.C. who is at present touring the Continent:—

"Last week in Klagenfurt I saw those lovely girls, Edith and Stefanie Molch, and I would like to tell all the girls in the school that if they realized what a wonderful use is made of their contributed pennies they would probably even discover a few more that they could survive without.

"For my first four days on English soil I stayed in Eton College, at the house of five of the masters and they were very interesting to meet. During that time I walked all the snowy fields and icy lanes that there were to be walked, thoroughly enjoying the novelty of a frozen world and an old English town, and getting a great deal of amusement out of the pink-cheeked Eton boys in their Peter Pan collars, top hats and walking sticks.

"On the fifth day I went to London. In a very short time I had met some of the other younger people from the ship. London was very big, very dirty, and we were very, very cold. So we thought we would go to Spain—and some sunshine. By the evening we had hired a new Morris car for a week of unlimited mileage, obtained the necessary passages, permits, International Driver's Licence, and Spanish and French visas from the Embassies; collected a few clothes, and were on our way to Dover. I had always believed my French to be a tortured jumble so you can maybe imagine my amazement when I asked a milkman for a bottle of milk on that cold dark morning in France and was understood. And so we went down through France, occasionally in sunshine but very much looking forward to our "Sunny Spain." We crossed over the border finally and ran into a snowstorm. So much for sunny Spain.

"We spent a delightful few days in the midst of the Pyrenees, visiting all sorts of little out of the way places; market women selling dead sparrows by the dozen, and women winding their way

up into the mountains with donkeys drawing tiny carts all spiked with yard-long sticks of bread. Finally we left for Paris, then Brussels and home to London.

"Belgium was so white it seemed in a shroud, and we had a full-time job scraping the ice off the inside of the window panes, then taking a quick peep before it froze over again.

"Near Versailles we had travelled until nearly 11 p.m. expecting to find a small hotel or hostel. There was not one. We had with us sleeping bags but had not yet used them. We were very tired and nearby was one of those French woods so often depicted in paintings; tall, silent trees and a thick carpet of leaves. We drove in, spread out the groundsheets and wriggled into our bags fully clothed, looking finally like ghostly worms. It was a still night and seemed warm—the last remark I heard was that someone thought they could hear mosquitoes. Two hours later I woke up—things seemed to be hissing all around us. I sat up—all around snow was falling and we ourselves were just four shapes under a white blanket. . . . The panic succeeding was hilarious; actually we had been warm but froze during the unwriggling process and resettling into the car.

"Back in London several of us met and unanimously agreed that to work and be occupied until warmer weather arrived was the only wise plan. I went to a very nice English family as governess to their two children.

"The first three weeks of May I spent in and near London and then on the 20th three of us set off on two months' travelling on the Continent.

"We have rucksacks on our backs and are hitching, and truly, I think nobody could have more wonderful experiences. People are so wonderfully good to us it is strange; and we have every opportunity to learn a great deal of the people, their customs and their countries, and they are for ever eager to instruct us of the local history.

"We have been from Ostend to Brussels to Luxembourg, which is a city beautiful and enchanting beyond belief; up the Mosel River in Germany and down the Rhine; into the Black Forest; to Constance and down through St. Gallen and Zurich and Lucerne and many little places in Switzerland, over the Gotthard Pass to Lugano and Milan and Geneva; to Pisa and Florence and Rome, across Italy and up the other side to Venice; thence to Klagenfurt, Salzburg and now to Munich.

"We have travelled in big cars and little cars; a milk van, a market truck and a rubbish truck; in huge lorries and in utilities; with a diplomat on a hay cart, with doctors and labourers and teachers and students, and all the way sleeping in the International Youth Hostels.

"From here we go to Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway; then I am crossing to the Shetland Islands and from there to Scotland and England."

LIFE AT P.L.C., MELBOURNE

Well school life in Melbourne is very different from that of Perth. Instead of getting up about half an hour before school starts and racing around the corner to school, I now have an hour's travelling by bus, train and tram before I get to school.

In Melbourne not many girls live near the school as it is just out of the city and some girls travel up to three hours in a train. The school is old and a new one is being built at Burwood about eight miles from the city and should be ready for use towards the end of 1957.

There are a great many stairways and corridors and to get to different lessons often involves descending one flight of stairs and walking along a few corridors and then up another flight of stairs. Instead of the teachers coming to the form room for lessons the pupils go to the teacher's room so that you are continually carrying books around with you and consequently losing them. As the books are found they are put in pound and you get a slip for being careless. A slip is a type of punishment and is a piece of paper with your misdoing on it. If you receive six of these in one half term you get a bad mark for your House and a talking to from your House mistress and House captains. Another punishment is a work mark—that is, if you misbehave in class, you then get a bad mark for your House and are severely reprimanded. If you get a conduct mark—which is not very often given—you are just about finished.

The classes are called Lower, Middle, Upper, Intermediate, Leaving and Matriculation. (Intermediate is equivalent to Junior and you do it at the same age although it takes four years to do it).

The prefects are always in Matriculation which is equivalent to Perth's Leaving and the Head Prefect and Deputy Head Prefect are always second year Matriculation girls. There are about twenty-two prefects as well as four House captains and a sports' captain of each House. Also the form-captains have a distinguishing badge.

Assembly is also different. The girls all file into the hall and when everyone is in, the first verse of a hymn is sung which ushers in the headmistress, vice-headmistress and the two prefects that come in with them (they are different prefects each week). The hymn is then sung followed by a Bible reading. After this is sung a reply to the reading and then the headmistress says a prayer, the whole school following with the Lord's Prayer. We then sit down on forms and any notices are read out.

For our games lessons we wear grey melange box-pleated shorts about three inches above the knees, blouses, grey socks, black sandshoes and jumpers if we wish. Before and after games we must wear our skirts over our shorts and change to ordinary shoes. We play baseball in summer and basketball in winter at our games lessons. We also have one gym lesson a week.

Sport is played a great deal over here. There are interschool and interhouse competitions. In the summer baseball is played a lot and tennis a little. In second term basketball and tennis are played. In both these sports we play boys' schools as well as the girls'. In first term swimming sports are held and in third term athletics. Colours are not awarded for these sports but you gain points towards your House Colours which are in three divisions according to age. These consist of a strip of ribbon the colour of your House running across the top of your pocket, with the stripe of your respective division running lengthwise. To attain these you have to play well in different sports and gain three points. School colours are awarded as the letter of the sport and the number in the team, e.g., B.B. VII for basketball. If you play well and are named as one of

the best players five times in a season you get the symbol of the game on your pocket.

Our spare periods are all supervised by a librarian who calls a roll and is in charge of the entire library. There are no exams second term, but we have a great many tests. The final marks are derived from the exams first and third terms and the test second terms, the marks being averaged. We do not sit for an external exam at all. We have one lesson of each subject each day and there are seven lessons a day and no one can take more than six subjects after Intermediate as a games lesson, gym, Bible and singing lessons have to be fitted in during the week, and there is a form period on Friday morning for discussions concerning the class.

There is a night once a year at the school for parents to meet the teachers and learn the defects of their children. The different forms each have a different night.

School begins at 8.50 a.m. with assembly and ends at 3.15 p.m. There are various club meetings on different days, i.e., Student Christian Movement, Crusaders, R.S.P.C.A., Choir.

When I first came here I thought what a queer place this school was, because of all the children, rooms, teachers and rules. There are a thousand girls in the school and there is a tremendous waiting list. The rules are very different and you have to think twice before doing anything. I like it now and think it is a very good school.

SANDRA CAMERON
(P.L.C., Melbourne)

SENSATIONAL ACTING TALENT DISCOVERED IN SCHOOL!!

Thursday, 10th May. At the close of first term 1956 the Leaving Form provided a Penny Concert for the entertainment of the school. This was an event of great historic importance as this was the first Penny Concert to be held in Carmichael Hall.

The first item on the programme was a most interesting and instructive travel talk for the education of the lower classes! This talk demonstrated the growth of affection through the ages and it was felt that the actors derived as much entertainment from their performances as the audience, and the final scene left us almost as speechless as Clark Gable left Judith!

Next on the programme were some hit tunes played by the Associated Tuckshops' comb band. As their slogan is "The least amount for the most money" it was not surprising that the band's uniforms were very odd owing to lack of finance! The band, however, gave a very creditable performance, seeing that they had only had twenty-four hours' notice of the concert.

During the interval, while the scene shifters were at work, a record of train noises was played.

The second half of the programme was taken up by the play "Five Birds in a Cage," which gave the five actors full opportunities to show their acting abilities. Sue as the dumb liftman seemed to be particularly at home with the part! Owing to lack of time for rehearsals the cast used scripts, but this did not really detract from the dramatic quality of the production.

As Carmichael Hall was not properly equipped for such productions all the scenery and props were rather makeshift. Despite these handicaps the entertainment proved to be very successful, and credit is due to the ingenuity of the producers—Banksia and Clarko. The proceeds were placed towards some chairs for the Carmichael Hall stage.

THE LEGEND OF BERRY POMEROY CASTLE

In England just out of Torquay in Devon are the ruins of a castle dating back to the Norman Conquest. It is all that is left of Berry Pomeroy Castle where from the Norman Conquest to 1584 lived the family of de la Pomerai.

With huge courtyards, eerie towers, echoing dungeons, a crumbling rampart wall and immense fireplaces in roofless deserted rooms; with a partly filled in moat and the remains of axle sockets and holes for the lifting of a drawbridge which has long since disappeared, these ruins present a romantic and interesting past.

There is a legend concerning the Pomeroy's, the early inhabitants of the castle, and though it is only a legend, as one stands at the front of the spiral staircase of St. Margaret's Tower in the long English twilight it is very easy to believe it.

At the time of the legend (which supplies no date) the Pomeroy family was one of the most important in England. There was a son and a daughter, Margaret; and their father realising that the family fortunes were low was planning to marry Margaret to a wealthy nobleman's son.

Margaret, however, was deeply in love with another man, and although his name has been lost in time we know that he had no fortune or title and was looked upon with disfavour by de la Pomerai. Margaret, when told of her father's choice, was heart-broken and refused to marry the nobleman's son. Her father was furious, and locked her up in the tower which now bears her name, and commanded that she should stay there until she changed her mind.

The nobleman to whom Margaret was officially betrothed, on hearing the news gathered his army and rode to Pomeroy to release her. Her father would not relent unless she changed her mind and Margaret would not. So the nobleman fought de la Pomerai's men.

Meanwhile Margaret's lover had been collecting together an army, and he arrived after the other armies had been fighting for some time. This new army, untired by several hours of pitched battle, looked as if it was going to win the day. The Pomeroy's, rather than be taken prisoner, rode their horses over the cliff at the back of the castle with the other two armies in full chase, and the three armies perished together at the bottom of the cliff.

Margaret perished in her tower and on a moonlight night, so the legend says, her ghost may be seen on the rampart wall waiting for her lover to return.

"In Spring, bluebells spread their carpet—an unforgettable sight, and the giants of the glen darken in a stillness scented by wild-rose, broken by late thrush song, whilst barely audible in the song's pause, is upborne from the north-east bottom

A noise like of a hidden brook
In the leafy month of June,
That, to the sleeping woods all night,
Singeth a quiet tune.

—The music of the rivulet on its way to the castle mill-pool,
thence to seek little Hemms, the greater Dart and the sea."

ON TALKING

According to the dictionary "to talk" means "to converse, to communicate ideas by spoken words," which is all very well in a dictionary, but if the word "talk" is mentioned to me it has only one connection, and that has nothing to do with learned conversation. No, now, the phrase which automatically comes to my lips as soon as the slightest verbal sound breaks the stillness, is "stop talking; please."

It is a truly amazing the number of times I utter these three little words—from the time I am woken by the buzz of voices in the morning until I hear someone screeching in her sleep about midnight, these or words like them are in continual use.

Noise made at school I have found, is like a clockwork, the girls gradually become wound up and then go unceasingly until they finally run down. It proceeds from hum to stir, hubbub, clamour, din, uproar, pandemonium—going through all the varying synonyms of increasing sound—then falls away suddenly as its perpetrators fall asleep exhausted.

I make these observations after bitter experience of boarders and their extensive lung-power, which may be appreciated in hockey barracking, but is not elsewhere.

SCHOOL SHAKESPEARE

King Henry IV.

"We'll breathe awhile, and then to it again."—Double Maths. lesson.

"My, do you see those meteors."—Leavings at the Observatory.

"Well, we leave that to the proof."—Geometry.

"And here is my speech."—Debating Club.

"Hot livers and cold purses."—Cot and Relief Fund victims.

"Dost thou hear me call."—Go and clear the grounds.

Henry V.

"Then will he strip his sleeve and show his scars." —Polio vaccination.

"I come to thee for charitable licence

That we may wander o'er this bloody field

To book our dead"—after under 15 hockey match.

"Description cannot suit itself in words.—The new P.L.C. hockey socks.

"The smell whereof shall breed a plague in France."—Chem. experiments.

"They bid us to English dancing schools and teach lavalta's light and swift corantos."—Scotch dancing class.

"DEAR JOHN,"

"I WANT YOU TO" stop "CHANGING PARTNERS" and "IF" I ask you "WHO DO YOU LOVE" and you "ANSWER ME" "SALLY" does it matter? "NO NOT MUCH." "PLEASE" "TELL ME WHY" "BECAUSE" "DARLING JE VOUS AIME BEAUCOUP" and "TOMORROW" when you are "GOING COURTIN'" "NEATH THE SILVERY MOON," just "DREAM" and "PRETEND" that "I AM WALKING BEHIND YOU" "WHISPERING" "SOFTLY" "TENDERLY" "THREE LITTLE WORDS" "ISN'T IT ROMANTIC?" "OH" "THESE FOOLISH THINGS" but still "LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT."

"SINCERELY,"
"LOUISE."

"P.S. I LOVE YOU."

FASHION — A LA P.L.C.

The successful premiere of the new fashion house, Chez P.L.C., was held on 13th August to a packed audience which included the school's top designers and fashion experts.

The collection was comprehensive but in the main this house concentrates on the sweetness and innocence of youth, showing delightfully modelled styles for the young, each with its particular aura of delicate freshness and soft loveliness, characteristic of youth. In fact, the sweet and modest daisy provided the inspiration for the couture. There were delicate flower-like colours and wide billowy skirts—defying Dior's slenderer line.

The newest in night attire were sheer cotton pyjamas with an adjustable neckline trimmed with tiny frills, while a chic night-cap giving an air of old-world charm, with matching striped pyjamas caught the eye as being of more utilitarian design.

A foretaste of summer was shown in bathing wear. Brief two-piece and fluffy styles with bloomer plants were very popular costumes.

The teenage casual fashions as decreed by this house seem to have the accent on comfort not smartness, as they are very loose and baggy and not of very attractive cut. Bermuda shorts, worn with desert boots and badly-fitting knitwear of varied colours gives the whole ensemble a deceptive appearance of usefulness and industry—for these garments are designed for leisure hours.

The gloom of exams ahead perhaps provided the inspiration for the predominating shades of grey in the day wear, with the holiday mood and beginning of sunbathing featured in the brilliant reds and pinks which were also noted.

A colourful and unusual feature was seen in the bright saris. These flowing garments of soft, flimsy fabrics provide a very suitable way of concealing youthful "embonpoint."

Striking and even startling contrasts were provided in the evening wear. The more worldly chic and elegance of the straight-cut, dark, short ball gowns—a new look styled in the 1920 manner—contrasted strikingly with the gentle feminine atmosphere created by the delicate tints and full foaming skirts of the bouffant ballerinas.

The obviously experienced mannequins enhanced the collection by their sophistication and poise, which enabled all models to be shown to the best advantage.

Indeed, these superbly designed and exhibited fashions show that this young house, with its air of French distinction, is a worthy addition to the older establishments of Paris.

THE SCHOOL DANCE

Half past seven, the time draws near
Our tender hearts are clutched with fear
A car draws up, footsteps march
Petticoats crackle stiff with starch,
As one by one we go to see
Who our handsome dates will be.

With wobbly knees and mouths struck dumb,
Into Carmichael Hall we come
With introductions madly flying
And compliments amid much sighing,
O'er Paris modes and Britain's latest,
And "Kid your shoes are just the greatest."

The band strikes up a crazy rhythm,
The first pair starts and we join with 'em.
Swirling skirts and dancing feet
Swaying to the quickstep beat.
The teachers smile, their hearts are wrung,
Remembering times when they were young.

or

The teachers say with gentle sigh
"No rhythm, grace or joy. Oh, why?"

Maidens smile as camera clicks,
With their grinning Toms and Dicks.
Shaking madly girls take pains
To introduce reluctant swains
To teachers smiling fixedly
At the blushing company.

The bandsman says "Supper's on,"
The French would say "il est tres bon"
Eclairs and sponges full with cream
The pork and ham set eyes agleam,
And two by two as pairs come out
Much happier but oh! so stout.

"God Save the Queen"—the end has come,
Balloons are shattered one by one.
Cars and taxis line the street.
Couples depart with aching feet.
But all the same it's been great fun
And how we wish it had just begun.

The "3Hs" Sub-Leaving

EXAMINATION RESULTS

LEAVING

Bridget Adamson
Susan Baird
Jill Bird
Margot Brown
Carlisle Crosby
Diane Dawson
Jeanette Dunkley
Ann Fraser
Shirley Ireland

Barbara Lee
Jennifer Mayrohfer
Patricia Pottinger
Anne Roberts
Felicity Seale
Joan Stewart
Diana Turnbull
Prue Vincent
Penelope Ward

JUNIOR

Valerie Angus
Barbara Baird
Rosemary Bonner
Ruth Boundy
Robin Brazill Smith
Heather Campbell
Margot de Castilla
Janice Clements
Susanne Copping
Jennifer Cottrell
Diane Gribble
Geraldine Hill
Ruth Hopkins
Robin Jarvis
Janet Johnston
Penelope Kerr
Patricia King
Jane Kirkwood

Janice Leaman
Jean Lindquist
Joy Macintosh
Jane McNeill
Marilyn Michelides
Janice Murphy
Patricia Oldham
Annette Parker
Anthea Scarlett
Brenda Sloane
Valerie Sutherland
Ethne Thomas
Deidre Twaddle
Merilyn Waddell
Shirley Ward
Wendy Watson
Jennifer Wilson
Penelope Woods

COMPLETED JUNIOR

Melita Eddy
Lynette McBride
Pam Paterson

Alison Sutherland
Helen Stallwood

SPECIAL EXAM. RESULTS

Art of Speech

Shakespeare Club Prize: Elizabeth Banks

Music

A. Mus. A. Performers. Maureen Hughes

OLD GIRLS' NOTES

1956 has been a rather eventful year for the Old Girls' Association, for at long last we have presented the school with the grand piano for the new Carmichael Hall.

The annual general meeting was held in the new Library on February 14th. The attendance was only fair, considering the number of girls belonging to the Association. At this meeting the following committee was elected:—

President: Mrs. H. Bonner.

Vice-presidents: Val Bailey, Mrs. A. Gooch.

Country Vice-president: Mrs. Johnston.

Secretary: Ann Bird.

Assistant Secretary: Margaret Tyler.

Treasurer: Mary Shepherd.

Pleiades Representative: Mrs. J. Howard.

Council Representatives: Mrs. A. Gooch, Miss C. Dods.

Junior Social Secretary: Judy Becher.

Committee: Mrs. J. Officer, Margot Watson, Pat Walstab, Margot Brown, Joan Stewart, Janet Aberdeen.

During the year two of our committee members were married—Miss Val Bailey to Dr. Gordon Barrett-Hill on September 1st and Miss Judy Becher to Peter Wolfe on November 15th.

We would like to express our thanks to Mrs. Bonner for her outstanding and enthusiastic efforts as President during the year.

Our first event for the year was a Picture Evening held in Carmichael Hall on June 7th. We were very grateful to the Palmer family for showing us their excellent slides taken on a recent world tour.

In July we held a Junior Dance which was very well attended and most enjoyable. The Carmichael Hall with the lovely floral decorations made an ideal setting for the dance. The approximate profit was £23.

Our Annual Dinner this year was held on August 22nd. We were very fortunate to be able to hold this in the new Carmichael Hall, and this arrangement certainly proved most successful. There were 112 present at the dinner, although we received 130 names. This number was not as high as the previous year, so see if we can't do better next year. After the meal a "Back to the 1920s Fashion Parade" was held, much to the amusement of the audience. It was great fun digging up all the old clothes, from bathing costumes to Mrs. Gooch's beautiful lace wedding gown, with all the trimmings.

Once again we held basketball and hockey matches against the School teams. In the basketball the Old Girls were successful, and in the hockey the School team won.

This year we plan to hold another produce stall at the School Sports. We hope to make this as successful as last year's efforts.

Although we have not had the Piano Fund to save for this year our financial efforts have been directed to the buying of small articles of value to the school, such as the rocking horse, named "Merrylegs," which we presented to the Kindergarten. Mrs. Nunn informed us at the dinner that the Kindergarten would also like a doll's house, so we will have to see what we can do next year.

Once again the committee hopes that all girls leaving school this year will become members of the Old Girls' Association.

ENGAGEMENTS.—Shirley Sanders to David Cruickshank; Leila Herman to Ron Hicks; Margot Watson to Jeff Langdon; Muriel Goodall to John Gadsdon; Margot Richards to Andy Johnson; Pat Watson to Colin Davey; Jill Underwood to Eric Lawson.

MARRIAGES.—Jocelyn Davy to John Ludemann; Jill Weir to Roger Milner; Diana Stone to Ian Bushell; Sally Barnett to Allan MacKenzie; Jenny Easton to Peter Johns; Sally Hale to Brian Henderson; Sue Copley to David Carew-Reid.

BIRTHS

Sylvia Brandenburg (nee Leeke)—a daughter.
 Wilma Blaizing (nee Bolton)—a son.
 Una Rogers (nee Prater)—a daughter.
 Ann Cornish (nee Maitland)—second daughter.
 Tiggy Turpin (nee Maitland)—a daughter.
 Barbara Chiswell (nee Gibson)—a daughter.
 June Craig (nee Lynn)—a son.
 Pam Cusack (nee Currie)—a son.

The following girls have joined the nursing profession during the year: Anne Roberts, Ione Stewart, Diana Bonner, Sue Glasfurd, Margaret Clifton, Sue Ferguson-Stewart, Robin Thomas, Fiona Bunning, Shirley Ireland, Joan Lugton.

Jan Perrin and Elizabeth Vincent are off to Melbourne in a short while on a working holiday, whilst Jenny Seed and Jenny Black are leaving for England and probably the Continent in November. They too will be on a working holiday. Julia Richardson has had a trip to Melbourne and Pat Walstab is now living in Ballarat. Jean Soothill is in England with her mother and will be returning early in 1957.

Congratulations to Jocelyn Gollan who was awarded a full Hockey Blue for the Melbourne University. Jocelyn also played in the International Hockey Carnival in Sydney.

Jenny George has recently returned from a trip abroad with her mother and Audrey Bolton is on the way home from a similar tour. Both Jenny and Audrey were presented to the Queen at a Garden Party. Jenny was also in Monaco during Grace Kelly's wedding.

"HALF-TIME INSTRUCTIONS BY A HOCKEY CAPTAIN" OR "HOW TO KILL 'EM"

Once more unto the field dear friends, once more
 Or block the goal up with the College dead
 In schools there's nothing so becomes a girl
 As modest stillness and humility
 But when the whistle's blasting in our ears
 Then imitate the action of the tiger
 Stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood
 Disguise fair (?) nature with hard favour'd rage
 Now grit the teeth: Remember "not off-side"
 Hold hard the stick and pull up every sock
 To its full height. On, on you dainty damsels
 Whose blood is fet from mothers with hard hip
 Mothers that, like so many Amazons
 Have in these scrums from start to finish fought
 And dropped their sticks for lack of legs to bash
 Be copy now to those of lesser skill
 And teach them how to war!

SALVETE - 1956

J. Adams	J. Gilmour	K. Palmer
M. Alexander	E. Godsman	R. Perry
H. Anderson	C. Hamilton	J. Pilgrim
J. Barton	J. Hamilton	C. Poynton
S. Bennison	C. Hawker	G. Prosser
C. Bignold	F. Higgins	J. Rigby
L. Bowers	R. Hines	L. Roach
C. Braddock	M. Hitchings	A. Robertson
W. Brine	M. Hood	J. Robertson
S. Brown	R. Hooper	L. Rogers
S. Browne	M. Howson	C. Sharp
A. Bush	D. Hungerford	P. Quade-Smith
L. Buttery	J. Jones	L. Smith
J. de Castilla	K. Jordanoff	R. Rollings
N. Cato	E. Lang	S. Hughes
L. Clarke	K. Lankester	J. Staniland
S. Clarkson	E. Lefroy	J. Staniland
C. Collins	P. Lockwood	R. Suthers
H. Cooke	M. McCrae	S. Teakle
J. Coomber	L. McGrath	D. Tregonning
J. Darling	P. McMillan	J. Trotter
M. Darlington	G. McPharlin	Q. Volker
W. Davis	C. Malcolm	P. Wilson
J. Daw	D. Masel	P. Winter
K. Deans	E. Meares	S. Young
F. Devitt	J. Meecham	H. Volker
J. Donaldson	P. Meharry	J. Burt
H. Duncan	L. Metherell	C. Davy
E. Eadie	L. Moir	S. Sprenger
E. Elwin	Y. Morey	J. Sprenger
K. Folvig	J. Murray	A. Reddin
A. Gilbert	A. Newton	

VALETE - 1955

J. Dunkley	G. Murphy	R. Cameron
S. Glasfurd	J. Murphy	K. Craig
S. Ireland	P. Pottinger	P. Davis
J. Johnston	A. Roberts	K. Day
G. Lowe	D. Robinson	A. Davy
J. Lugton	F. Seale	E. Ellis
P. Paterson	J. Stewart	L. Fletcher
J. Robins	D. Turnbull	E. Fletcher
I. Stewart	J. Underwood	A. Fethers
C. Urquhart	P. Vincent	G. Foley
I. White	P. Ward	M. Hubbard
J. Aberdeen	J. Weir	S. Hubbard
B. Adamson	W. Whittaker	J. Hunt
S. Baird	M. Wilson	A. Liggins
J. Bird	B. Blair	M. Liggins
M. Brown	L. Hutchens	R. McCrackan
N. Buckie	F. McGillvray	A. Scarlett
P. Burton	L. Morrison	P. Scarlett
H. Campbell	R. Andrew	G. Turner
J. Clements	T. Dicks	L. Watson
C. Crosby	S. McColl	J. Thorogood
D. Dawson	S. Baird	S. Harvey
E. Douglas	G. Bathurst	
J. Dures	J. Bolton	During 1956
P. Dures	J. Foreman	E. Jackson
A. Fraser	Y. Grieve	V. Jackson
S. Glauert	D. Kelton	A. Jackson
L. Hartz	V. Lynn	C. James
M. James	J. Mackintosh	R. James
R. Jarvis	M. McLean	G. Vincent
P. King	L. Millen	R. Beckwith
J. Leaman	E. Sherwood	J. Beckwith
B. Lee	D. Simpson	D. Branch
J. Lindquist	J. Watson	A. Gilbert
L. McBride	S. Carson	C. Murray
J. McCoombes	G. Bartlett	Q. Volker
R. MacLean	H. Stallwood	H. Volker
J. Mayrhofer	S. Cameron	S. Ward
M. Michelides	K. Bate	E. Bedford-Brown
P. Mill	M. Burt	

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