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With good wishes from Mr. A. H. Smith, O.B.E., of Edgehill, Botha's Hill.



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## EDITORIAL

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We feel that this Editorial should pay tribute to those who presented Macbeth.

We do not pretend to be unique among schools in presenting this particular play—it is the goal of every dramatic society. But there are reasons for our wishing to pay tribute.

First of all, this is the first full-length play we have staged since taking up our new quarters in 1939. The old tradition of the Annual School Play—the social and cultural event of the year—had long since died and there was no tradition to build upon. Not only that, but, we regret to think, there was a well-developed opposition to this sort of thing on the part of past senior forms, partly because of the claims of more robust activities, and partly because they could not become interested in such unmanly pursuits as play-rehearsing. We therefore attacked Macbeth with inexperienced actors.

This revival in interest must be attributed to the unbounded enthusiasm of Mr. Rutherford-Smith, aided and abetted by Mr. Metcalf, and to the most hearty co-operation of the senior boys who took part. Producers and cast were hard at it until all hours, the producers even until 4 a.m.

The second reason for congratulation is that “no plays” has meant “no props.” We have had to build up from scratch. Curtains, costumes, admirable and ingenious lighting effects, general stage machinery, all had to be created from nothing, under the guidance of Mr. Metcalf.

It will please all concerned to know that it was worth it. By the end of the fifth public performance the actors and actresses were well warmed to their task, and the improvement in confidence and stage presence gives assurance that in future years we shall no more have to start from scratch.

Another School feature we should like to comment on has been the sudden forward impetus of the Debating Society. This led to the formation of the Kearsney Parliament in its place, a function characterised by large attendances and spirited enthusiasm.

This noteworthy forward movement in the cultural activities at Kearsney—which will be remembered by the participaters long after class-learning is forgotten—could not have been possible without leadership from the senior boys, and we record our appreciation for all they have done. They have set a standard, and, above all, an *attitude* which will leave a mark on all at the School.

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## PEMBROKE HOUSE

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The big development now to take place at the College is of great interest to all, and a tribute to the courage and farsightedness of the Headmaster and Board.

The earlier part of the scheme visualises the provision of a new House and additional classrooms. As the figure involved in this development is something of the nature of £70,000—obviously too large a sum to consider at the moment—it has been decided to tackle the plan in two stages.

The first and immediate step (already begun) is the erection of three new specialist classrooms, to be followed soon by the building of half the proposed new House, to accommodate some 40 boys.

The new House is to be intimately linked with our honoured and greatly loved benefactor, Mr. A. H. Smith, O.B.E. At his request it is to be called *Pembroke House*. Mr. Smith was a schoolboy at Pembroke House School in England, and we are delighted to have the association of his life and work with us at Kearsney. We shall ever honour this link with Mr. Smith and the educational traditions of England.

Pembroke House was planned after our architect, Mr. L. Peyton, had taken a special trip round the country to endeavour to give us the very best. In form the House is rectangular in shape with a large open courtyard in the centre, reminiscent of the older colleges of England. It has a distinctive air and, we hope, atmosphere, which will do much to beautify the School and at the same time embody the latest in educational architecture.

To date we have received £7,000 in cash and £3,000 in promises. We are therefore still far removed from our target, but education is one of life's supremely worth-while things and we are confident that this development will play a creative part in the life of our Province and Country.

## SCHOOL NOTES

We welcome Mr. P. Metcalf, M.A. (Kearsney 44-47) to the Staff. With his past knowledge of local conditions he very soon settled down and has already played a most active part in the life of the School. Without his skill and energy as stage manager and electrician we could not have presented Macbeth. The Band, too, has come under his direct care and he has devoted many hours of his time to its music. We hope Mr. Metcalf will stay on!

We also welcome Rev. J. V. Cantrell to our midst as school padre. He, too, is no stranger to us, and we are now glad to have this closer link. His understanding of boys and his vigorous attack on the scripture syllabus are both greatly appreciated.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. G. Burger on their marriage at Easter. They now have their own home along Chapel Road and are beginning with energy the attempt to convert a wilderness into a garden!

We congratulate the Headmaster on (a) being selected by the Administrator as one of the three-man commission to investigate the teaching of History in Natal schools, and on the status of the English-speaking teacher; and (b) on his recent appointment as a member of the Joint Matriculation Board.

One of the events of the half-year was the visit of the Durban City Parliament to debate against the School—a debate which we lost by 17 points in a full total of 800.

We congratulate V. H. Dawes on his First Class First Division J.C., and his Bursary for being among the top twenty in the country.

An interesting lecture was given to the School on 1st May by Mr. G. Cramb on "The Stone Age Man in Natal." He told of personal excavations and the discovery of stone implements in very large quantities, showing that the population of Natal in prehistoric times must have been considerable. The dating of prehistoric finds is very difficult but clearly these implements date back many thousands of years. After his lecture Mr. Cramb exhibited many of his "finds" and promised us a selection for our Museum.

The School has won the Junior Crusade Shield for the European section of Natal, South African National Tuberculosis Association.

We are glad to see, after 15 years of mountaineering, some decent steps leading down from the Dining Hall and road.

The Braai-veils on the evening of Monday, 31st May, after the Old Crocks rugby match, was certainly a Kearsney innovation! A lot of work on the part of ladies and staff went into its preparation, and the nett result was a very enjoyable evening, with several hundreds of people entering into the fun, and the dogs of the neighbourhood having the time of their life.

On Saturday, 26th June, Rev. H. Cliff gave the School an interesting talk on "Chinese customs and superstitions." Mr. Cliff served

in China for over 20 years, where his three children were interned for six years by Japanese invaders and whom he did not see in all this time. He spoke with a real knowledge of his subject, and with a vitality and humour which kept us entertained throughout. Our impression is that it is good to live in South Africa!

The new classrooms were begun before the end of term, or at least the excavations and the accumulation of building material. This work proved far more entertaining to the School than the classroom routine.

The boys of the School were instrumental in distributing large numbers of forms for a Competition that is being run for the purpose of amassing further funds towards the Development scheme.

A fine collection of snakes caught in the School grounds have been preserved and mounted by Mr. Clegg for the biology Museum. D. Beatty and P. du Toit spent a useful morning with Mr. Desmond C. Fitzsimons of the Fitzsimons' Snake Park Laboratory who assisted them in classifying the snakes and detailing the life-histories and habits. A useful and permanent record is now available in the Lab.

J. M. Mudie and T. M. Odell have interested themselves during the past term with experiments in Hydroponics. A fair size tank has been set up and valuable assistance has been given them by Mr. V. Dicks of Sunnybrae Farm (an Old Boy). With the approach of warmer weather, results of the experiments now being conducted will be more apparent.

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## EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1953

### Matriculation.

*2nd Class:* J. M. Bradshaw, A. L. Doidge, K. M. Eddy, M. O. Hall, D. A. Hopewell, J. H. Leigh, R. P. L. Ramseyer.

*3rd Class:* T. W. Downard, D. H. Lowe, F. E. Porrill, B. J. von Sorgenfrei, G. A. Munnich, N. M. F. Smit.

### School Leaving Certificate.

*3rd Class:* C. G. Carelse, J. C. L. Milne.

### Junior Certificate.

*1st Class, Div. I:* V. H. Dawes.\*

*Div. II:* D. G. Cox,\* N. R. Cross,\* J. I. Giles,\* C. C. Groenewald,\* V. G. Groom,\* V. C. Milne,\* W. A. Whitworth,\* K. L. Brazier, B. Cohen, E. A. Fearnhead, G. V. Green, S. B. A. Longhurst, J. C. Pettit, T. A. Polkinghorne, A. E. Hindson.  
\* *Provincial Bursary.*

*2nd Class:* C. J. Dukes, R. G. C. Ford, D. W. Francis, A. C. Gage, A. Rowe, P. J. Ryan, E. S. C. Schreuder, B. S. Allison, B. A. Henfrey, I. C. Steyn.

*3rd Class:* F. E. Borgwardt, P. Court, I. A. Cunningham, J. O. Hopkins, D. C. I. Jenkins, B. W. King, D. E. Perry, R. J. Johnstone, L. P. Hagemann, W. J. Harwood, B. Haygarth, A. S. Mooney, B. E. Porter, D. C. Whitfield.

## Taalbond Examinations.

*Higher:* A. L. Doidge, G. A. Munnich.

*Lower:* 17 passes, the following being in Higher Grade: G. V. Green, C. C. Groenewald.

*Preparatory:* 51 passes, the following being in Higher Grade: D. Deenik, B. S. A. Longhurst, J. R. Tedder.

## Royal School of Music—Written Examinations.

<i>Grade V:</i>	A. Hoad	.....	66
<i>„ III:</i>	D. Bate	.....	80
<i>„ II:</i>	H. Timm	.....	71
<i>„ II:</i>	R. Parkes	.....	78

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## APPOINTMENTS

*School Prefects:* J. S. Barker, Head (F.); R. F. Tolken (G.); E. J. Frick (M.).

*House Prefects:* P. Hewitt, D. C. Roberts, P. Simkins (F.); J. Bull, L. Z. Deenik, R. B. McIlwraith, J. J. Alberts (G.); P. du Toit (M.); D. L. Kyle, D. S. Murdoch, F. C. Rowe (J.).

*Library:* M. E. Mealin, J. D. Mudie.

*Bell:* B. Cohen.

*Getstner:* T. A. Polkinghorne.

*Projector:* A. C. Gage, J. C. Pettit, C. C. Hopkins.

*Circulars:* V. H. Dawes.

*Chapel Committee:* J. S. Barker, K. W. Erasmus, J. C. Pettit, T. A. Polkinghorne, D. C. Roberts, P. G. Rodda.

*Cricket Captain:* D. S. Murdoch.

*Rugby Captain:* R. F. Tolken.

*Athletics Captain:* R. F. Tolken.

*Swimming Captain:* H. C. Fraser.

*Tennis Captain:* P. Court.

*Drum Major:* R. F. Tolken.

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## VALETE

B. S. Allison (52), P. H. T. Bowman (48), C. E. Bamford (52), T. R. Bowdon (52), C. G. Carelse (48), A. L. Doidge (50), T. W. Downard (50), K. M. Eddy (49), J. J. Eaton (51), D. Gripton (52), E. S. C. Garner (52), W. P. Grey (53), P. W. Haley (47), M. O. Hall (48), D. A. Hopewell (48), B. W. Haley (49), L. P. Hagemann (50), W. J. Harwood (50), B. Haygarth (52), B. A. Henfrey (52), A. E. Hindson (52), J. D. Inge (52), R. J. Johnstone (51), J. H. Leigh (49), D. H. Lowe (50), R. Lindsay (53), A. N. D. Lamprecht (53), B. S. Meumann (49), N. R. More (49), A. S. Mooney (49), J. C. L. Milne (53), G. A. Munnich (49), J. H. Newlands (48), F. E. Porriell (50), B. E. Porter (52), R. P. L. Ramseyer (50), S. D. Rowe (51), J. A. Sproson (49), N. M. F. Smit (50), L. R. Slater (50), I. C. Steyn (50), J. H. Saunders (52), A. J. Steyn (53), D. M. Spink (51), R. N. Tyler (50), B. J. von Sorgenfrei (48), D. C. Whitfield (52).

## SALVETE

H. B. Arney (Germiston), H. L. Bouman (Durban), C. Blackburn (day boy, Kloof), I. A. Bjorkman (Johannesburg), L. R. Bawcombe (Compensation), J. M. Barns (Durban), I. M. Chalmers (Westville), C. Coggin (Ventersdorp), M. J. R. Castleden (Durban), D. J. Cogen (Johannesburg), B. Colley (day boy, Botha's Hill), N. P. Dunscombe (day boy, Kloof), M. Don-Wauchepe (Cramond), R. A. Dyer (Malvern), J. P. Frolich (Durban), R. Grafton (Kloof), M. Gillies (Durban), T. R. Green (Carolina), C. H. Garnett (Stanger), D. B. Horner (Pietermaritzburg),



R. N. Hagemann (Newark), A. C. Hutchison (Hill Crest), C. C. Hopkins (Gillitts), A. G. Hornby (day boy, Botha's Hill), G. C. Hayward (Krugersdorp), J. Hulley (day boy, Kloof), R. A. Johnston (day boy, Kloof), J. A. W. Kelly (Durban), J. A. H. Lowe (Pietermaritzburg), J. H. Lowe (Pietermaritzburg), C. S. Lumley (Ndola), A. Munro (Johannesburg), J. Miller (Krugersdorp), T. Miller (Krugersdorp), A. F. McFarlane (Vereeniging), M. A. Moon (Durban), N. Pike (Umkomaas), P. J. Pitts (Durban), D. L. Pike (Johannesburg), A. K. Preston (Johannesburg), J. Rens (Kokstad), W. S. Robb (Chingola), W. G. Schermbrucker (Nairobi), D. G. Spargo (Johannesburg), J. Shave (Durban), M. Storm (Westville), S. W. Stott (Johannesburg), D. N. Slabbert (Vereeniging), D. H. Thresher (day boy, Kloof), T. K. G. Terblanche (Pietermaritzburg), D. A. Vogt (Johannesburg), L. G. van Heusden (Vryheid), R. F. Williams (Durban), B. G. Williams (Benoni), R. G. Wilkins (Durban), I. M. Wood (Pretoria).

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## CHAPEL NOTES

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The Circuit changes that occurred at the beginning of the year brought the Rev. F. H. Orchard to Malvern as Superintendent, and the Rev. J. V. Cantrell to the Manse at Kloof and the position of School Chaplain. We offer them both a most cordial welcome as old friends, for Mr. Orchard was our Chaplain for a period when we were at our old home on the North Coast, and Mr. Cantrell has already been in the Circuit for some time. In his new and closer association with us Mr. Cantrell lost no time in showing his deep and sincere interest in the School and all its activities as well as in the Scripture teaching, and he quickly established personal relations of trust and confidence among Staff and boys alike. We feel that his counsel and inspiration are going to be invaluable.

The Rev. G. C. Oakley, Vicar of Kloof for the past three and a half years, resigned his Living in April and returned with his family to England. He was very reluctant to take this step and we were just as sorry to say farewell to him, for as a preacher his addresses were pointed and helpful, and as a friend he was both cheerful and practical. We appreciate very much the work he has done for the School in general and for the Anglican boys in particular, and we wish him and his family a happy and successful future in England. The Anglican boys presented him with an oil painting of a scene in the Drakensberg mountains as a parting gift, and Mr. Oakley declared he would hang it in his study and view it with a great deal of nostalgia when English skies were grey for an unduly long time.

Mr. Oakley's successor is the Venerable Archdeacon F. R. L. Brooke who comes to Kloof from Hilton Road. We cordially welcome him to the Botha's Hill end of his new parish and we trust he will have many years of happy association with Kearsney College. When he took his first service in the Chapel on the last Sunday of the Half, he told us that he was a Methodist until early manhood, and had been a schoolmaster for some years before he was ordained. It seems evident that he should find himself quite at home with us

and that we should be quite at ease with him. We hope that he will find us all his very good friends.

On Sunday, 2nd May, we were honoured by a visit from the President of Conference, the Rev. H. W. Rist, M.A., who conducted the Morning Service and admitted a large number of boys to full membership.

The Chapel Committee this year consists of the following boys: D. C. Roberts, J. S. Barker, P. C. Rodda, K. W. Erasmus, T. A. Polkinghorne, and J. C. Pettit. We are grateful to them for the conscientious way in which they are carrying out their duties.

Six new pews have recently been purchased and placed in the transepts for the choir. They have been left unstained so as to match the organ screen.

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### ORGAN RECITALS

The Recitals, given at 4.30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of the month, have continued to attract a small but faithful band of music-lovers not only from our own district but also from Durban and Maritzburg as well.

- 28th March: An Organ and Piano Recital by Mr. Oram and Mr. Quarmby. Organ Sonata No. 4 (Mendelssohn), Nuptial Postlude (Roberts); Piano Solos: Sonata in A major (Mozart), Ballade in A flat (Chopin).
- 25th April: Mr. G. M. Oram: Prelude and Fugue in C major (Bach), Allegretto Grazioso (Hollins), Grand Choeur in E flat (Guilmant).
- 23rd May: Mr. Brian Goodwin, A.R.C.O.: Fugue in E flat ("St. Anne") (Bach), Largo, Allegro and two Variations (Festing), Canon in B minor (Schumann), Toccata in D minor (Reger). Dr. Thomas Bogyo played some cello solos.
- 27th June: Mr. Errol Slatter: Miniature Suite for Organ (Willan), Rhapsody No (Rowley), Choral Prelude "Der Tag der ist so freudenreich" (Bach), The Sanctuary Singers Male-voice Choir sang some negro spirituals very beautifully.

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### THE ORGAN

Sometime before the installation of the organ at the end of 1952, Mr. A. H. Smith added to his already generous donations a sum sufficient to provide two further stops that will carry the instrument a stage nearer completion. Import control has greatly delayed their delivery, and even now only one stop has been put in. The other one is expected to arrive by the end of August.

The stop that has recently been added is known as a "Stopped Diapason." It belongs to the flute family, but is not quite flute-like in quality, as indeed it should not be. It is difficult to express these distinctions in words, but I would say that flute tone is liquid, clear and fairly full, whereas a stopped diapason is not so liquid, is clear, and is mellow rather than full. It is differences such as these that determine the quality of an organ as a musical instrument, for diversity of tone-colour and of shades of tone-colour is essential to

full musical expression. The pianist and the violinist achieve their tone-colours by varying their muscular activity, but muscular activity avails the organist nothing once it has performed the service of depressing the keys of the keyboard. After that, he is dependent for his tone-colours on the pipes he has at his command.

I will not enlarge on this now, or the Editor will probably use his blue pencil, but I hope that he will allow me to say that the moral of it all is "Do not let us delay too long in completing the organ and its range of tone-colours."

I must add that I am delighted with the new stopped diapason. It is proving a most useful stop of the quieter kind, and I am looking forward to the arrival of the Clarinet next term. This will provide quite a different tone-colour and it will be an invaluable one.

I am, of course, more than grateful to Mr. A. H. Smith for his generosity in providing these additional resources to our beautiful instrument.

### **The Organ Fund.**

The Fund is still in being and is growing slowly. Since the last acknowledgments were made the following amounts have been received: Mr. A. H. Smith (still giving!) £307/10/-; Mr. G. C. Hulett (second donation) £40; Mr. G. P. Hotchkiss £20; Mrs. G. Murray £4; Mr. H. N. French (Cheshire, England) £10/10/-. (Mr. French and Mr. A. H. Smith were at school together, and they evidently still have lively recollections of each other. Mr. Smith sends a Chronicle regularly to his old friend, and Mr. French says he reads every word about the Organ with the greatest interest.)

G. M. O.

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## **CHOIR**

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We have been favoured with a much better general quality of tone in the trebles this year and the lead has not been so noticeably left to the few.

From these it has been possible to select a number of fair voices for the altos and there have been no real problems with the upper parts of the choral items practised. This, unfortunately, has not been true of the lower registers. Here, the general tone production has been poor and even for the memorization of fairly simple parts, constant repetition has been necessary. It seems that this section is too large and that the few better voices will have to be selected for special performances.

Sacred work done during the half year has been: firstly, of course, the learning of hymn harmonies; secondly, the anthems "Send out Thy Light" (Gounod) and "Gloria in Excelsis" (Mozart). These have been sung with enthusiasm by all sections of the Choir.

## PERCUSSION BAND

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This year we have started once again with a group of juniors new to the reading and making of music, and with the help of a few older members they are beginning to express themselves in the most musical of all languages.

The object of the Percussion Band is to teach those two most essential ingredients of music—time and rhythm—and for boys who have previously played no active part in music-making there is no finer medium.

It has always been the contention of the writer that the passive listening to gramophone records or even live performances as an aid to musical appreciation is negligible compared with the understanding and appreciation gained by taking part in some form of music-making oneself.

Some boys, of course, have an almost natural aural and rhythmic sense; others have to acquire it; but until it is acquired no real appreciation of the Art of Music is possible.

The present Band is now playing more as a team and hopes to perform at next term's concert.

R. Q.

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## MACBETH

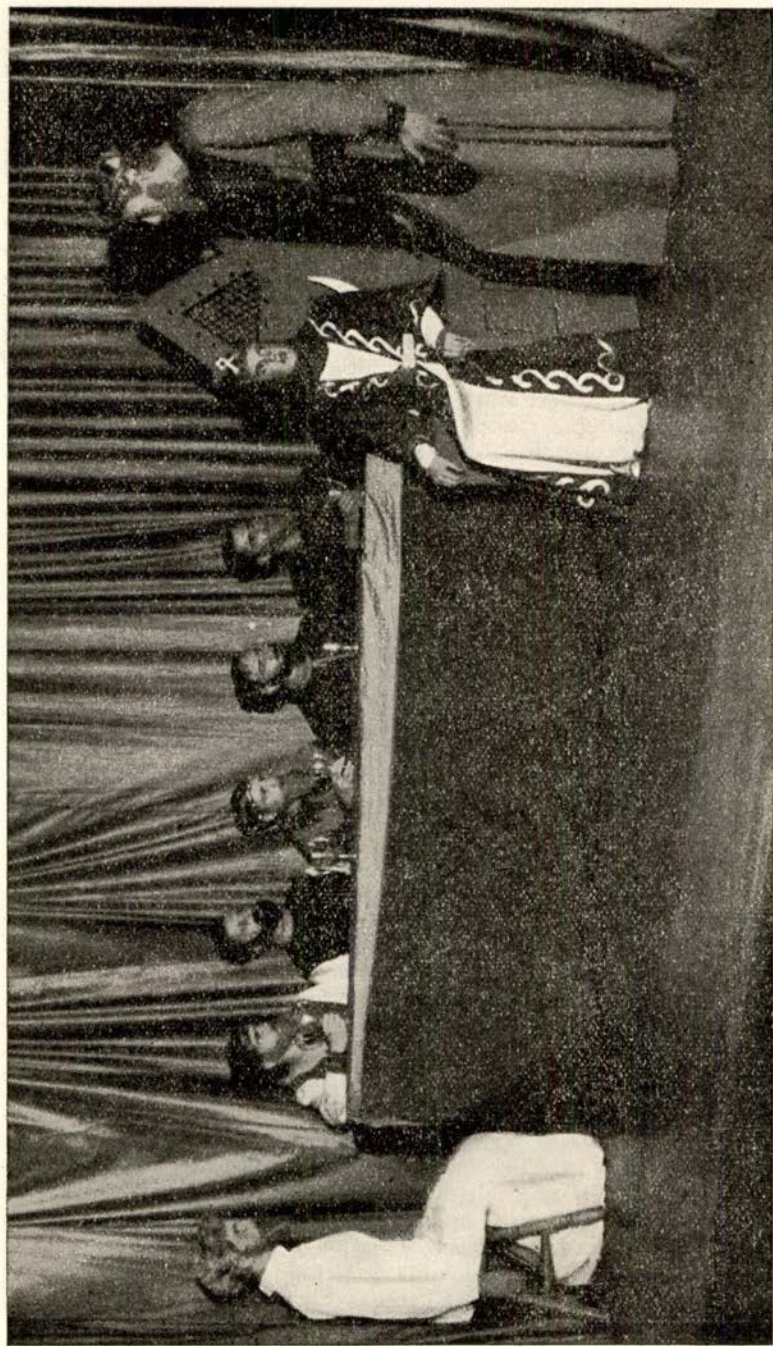
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*(Produced at Kearsney on 3rd, 4th and 7th June, and at St. Mary's School, Kloof, on 11th and 12th June)*

It is not known whether Shakespeare ever read Greek Tragedy, but this play is good Aeschylus. Retribution is catching up on the central character throughout, and once started on the downward path no amount of remorse can prevent him from plunging deeper and deeper into the crimes which lead ultimately to his death. It is the story of an ambitious but weak character, a man who disintegrates rapidly, covering his own vacillation and growing fears by progressive ruthlessness. In this he is not merely aided and abetted by Lady Macbeth—she is the prime mover, the temptress who leads to his fall.

The extent to which the play is dominated by these two characters presents two difficulties. One—the obvious one—is that the success of the production must lie greatly in the competence of two players. The other—not so obvious—is that there is no acting which is quite so difficult for inexperienced players as that of being on the stage and yet having little to do. To create a background

MACBETH: THE BANQUET SCENE



and yet be denied the words and action which would so greatly help is a difficult task.

Macbeth, it must be realised, is a tragedy with little stage action. There is much standing or sitting about; there are innumerable asides, when we are to presume that Macbeth's soliloquies, audible to the audience, are yet inaudible to his fellow actors who have to "hang about" in the background; even the most poignant scenes are dependent purely upon the emotion which Macbeth and his Lady can portray by voice and gesture.

Criticism must therefore be given with full understanding of these problems. The two central characters were supremely successful: had they failed, the play would have failed. Others, with smaller parts, could not so easily absorb the characters into themselves. The Scottish lords, for instance, were less of fiery Scotsman than dignified patriarchs, and the banquet scene was an admirable tableau for the Last Supper. One can appreciate the skill of great actors who make the most minor parts realistic, and who, too, can give an air of spontaneity with every performance. One felt sometimes, especially with Malcolm, that the reaction to a startling piece of news was: "That's not news, you have been telling me that for months." Freshness on the stage is not easy after months of grinding rehearsal.

Schernbrucker, as Macbeth, faced with the prospect of memorizing and interpreting 700 lines, never faltered and gave a performance such as few boys could have possibly attempted. He became Macbeth in spirit and was himself conscious of the growing strain and the disintegration of his character—an unhappy split personality. He excited our pity, and that is a sign of realistic acting. We offer him our congratulations on his performance.

Jillian Ramsden, as Lady Macbeth, was equally at home with her part. Here we met an ambitious woman—ambitious for her husband, but more ruthless than he; once her mind was set, she relentlessly urged him on to a deed he did not relish. She too became unbalanced as a result and came to an unhappy end. We cannot too highly praise the poignancy and horror of her sleeping-walking scene, so sharply in contrast with her earlier character.

Of the others, Roberts, as Banquo, was self-assured and gave good promise of acting ability; he was always at ease and in command of his part. Hewitt, as Macduff, was perhaps a little strained and over-noisy, but he gave us a glimpse of the very human side of his character when he learned of the death of "his chickens and their dam." Dawes, as Malcolm, was unable to put the emotion into his acting that his character demanded; his speaking was clear and word perfect—and impassive. Fearnhead, as Duncan, spoke clearly and with dignity—but was he not over-restrained? Rodda, as Ross, had important lines to speak, in an unobtrusive fashion and one



<i>Servant to Lady Macbeth</i> .....	Jeanette D'Aubrey
<i>Attendant to Macbeth</i> .....	Frederick Borgwardt
<i>Messenger</i> .....	Neville Cross
<i>Soldiers</i> .....	Bernard Cohen
	Ronald Ford
	Alfred Rowe
<i>Prompter/Call Boy</i> .....	Bruce Longhurst
	Coenrad Groenewald
<i>Switchboard Assistants</i> .....	Colin Schreuder
	Christopher Hopkins
<i>Stage Hands</i> .....	Anthony Hoad
	Gavin Bruce
	P. J. Pitts
<i>Curtain</i> .....	Jeremy Low

Produced by Mr. R. RUTHERFORD-SMITH

Stage Manager: Mr. P. E. METCALF

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## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

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The record attendance at the first meeting of the term meant an immediate removal from our traditional quarters to the more spacious accommodation of the Dining Hall. Consistent attendances of 50 and over, accompanied by enthusiastic and well-prepared speeches, indicated that the lean years are behind, and this has been proved by later experience.

We had hardly got into our stride when, mid-way through the first term, we were challenged to a debate, by the Durban City Parliament, the Province's premier debating society. We accepted, with misgiving, and decided to support the motion: "That the Cinema, Radio, Television, and Comic Strip are combining to retard mental development and educational progress." The Parliament sent up no mean team, including their Prime Minister, Mr. Kerdachi, and their late Speaker, the Maclean of Lochbuie, past M.P. for Aberdeen and a close friend of Sir Winston Churchill. Our team was led by W. Schermbrucker, who had admirable support from P. Hewitt, P. Rodda, and M. Mealin. Judges comprised Mr. Peter Quain (Chairman), Mr. Sutler-Gore, Publicity Officer for the City Parliament, and the Headmaster. Battle royal was waged, before school and visitors, and in an elaborate system of marking, the verdict went to the City Parliament by 17 marks out of a full 800, though two of the judges favoured Kearsney. Stage experience was the deciding factor. It was great fun and a repeatable occasion, we hope.

Shortly after this was over, we put our heads together and reconstituted the Debating Society, after 220 meetings, into the Kearsney Parliament.



## KEARSNEY PARLIAMENT

Based on the Parliamentary system, this arrangement gives the same facilities for debate as before, with the added attractiveness of Parliamentary procedure. Constituencies have taken the place of names, the seating arrangement is as for Parliament, the Chairman becomes the Speaker, and a Cabinet has been formed. Question time has taxed Cabinet ingenuity to the utmost, but they have managed to satisfy questioners—even the one who asked of the Minister of Transport: "If Roger Bannister can run the mile in 3 mins. 59 secs., why does the South Coast train take six minutes to cover the same distance?"

M. Mealin spoke in Durban at the Hofmeyer Inter-School Speech Contest, on the theme: "That a politician should lead the people and not follow." Although unplaced, he spoke adequately and with, at times, wit.

## KEARSNEY COLLEGE PARLIAMENT

Office:	Name:	Hon. Member for:
Speaker	J. F. Reece, Esq.	Krugersdorp.
Dep. Speaker and Chairman of Committee	J. D. Mudie	Zwartruggen.
Secretary	D. C. Roberts	Outjo.
Prime Minister	M. E. Mealin	Stellenbosch.
Leader of Opposition	W. G. Schermbrucker	Nairobi.
Publicity Officer	P. G. Rodda	East London (North).
Dep. Prime Minister and Min. of External Affairs	P. Hewitt	Vereeniging.
Minister of Finance, Commerce and Mines	P. W. Khaled	van der Byl Park.
Minister of Transport, Posts and Telegraphs	G. S. Brown	Greytown.
Minister of Education, Arts and Science	D. L. Kyle	Dewetsdorp.
Minister of Defence and Labour	M. J. Simpson	Uitenhage.
Minister of Health and Social Services	J. A. Hunt	Machadodorp.
Minister of Justice	P. Simkins	Walvis Bay.
Minister of Lands, Agriculture and Food	P. du Toit	Wakkerstroom.
Dep. Leader of Opposition	J. S. Barker	Umkomaas.

### Programme

12th February:	Election of Officers for K.C.L.D.S.
26th February:	Debate: "That euthanasia should receive official sanction."—Lost.
12th March:	Debate: "That the Cinema, Radio, Television and Comic Strip are combining to retard mental development and educational progress."—Won.
19th March:	Debate against Durban City Parliament on the above subject.—Lost.
30th April:	Formation of Kearsney Parliament and Election of Ministers, etc.

- 15th May: Opposition motion: "That conscription be abolished."—Government win.  
 28th May: Government motion: "That initiation be introduced at Kearsney."—Government win.  
 25th June: Opposition motion: "That there should be equal pay for equal work."—Government defeat.

## AFRIKAANSE VERENIGING

### Ampsdraers vir 1954:

*President:* Die Hoof, S. G. Osler, M.A.

*Vise-Presidente:* J. W. Storm en G. E. Burger.

*Komitee:* R. Moffitt, P. du Toit, J. Alberts, L. Deenik.

*Sekretaris:* B. Cohen.

Danksy die ywer van komitee sowel as lede het die Afrikaanse Vereniging 'n baie geslaagde halfjaar agter die rug.

Nie alleen het vergaderings gereeld plaasgevind nie, maar daar was 'n bemoedigende geesdrif onder die lede om deel te neem aan die besprekings.

Wat nie so bemoedigend is nie, is die feit dat sommige van die senior lede van die vereniging nie altyd die leidende aandeel in die verrigtinge geneem het nie beide wat deelname aan besprekings en bywoning van vergaderings betref, as wat miskien die geval kon gewees het nie.

Ons wil die ernstige hoop uitspreek dat hulle in die toekoms, in hul eie belang, sal poog om groter gebruik te maak van hierdie geleentheid wat vir hulle aangebied word.

G. E. B.

### PROGRAMME

- 12 Februarie: Verkiesing van nuwe ampsdraers vir 1954.  
 19 Februarie: Debat: "Lugvervoer sal in die toekoms heeltemal die plek inneem van pad- en spoorvervoer."  
 Uitslag van stemming: Vir die mosie, 41 en daarteen 7.  
 5 Maart: (i) Ligte Afrikaanse musieknummers gespeel deur Mnre. Hoad, Parkes en Haworth.  
 (ii) Samespraak: „Nat en Sap.” Deelnemers: Mnre. Polkinghorne en Pearce.  
 (iii) Gesamentlike Sang.  
 19 Maart: Debat: „Wát speel die grootste rol in die wêreld vandag? Geld, Liefde of Brein.”  
 As sprekers het opgetree: Mnr. Ellison—geld; Mnr. Rindel—liefde; Mnr. Rodda—brein.  
 Uitslag van stemming: Geld, 15; Liefde, 19; Brein, 16.  
 7 Mei: Onvoorbereide Toesprake.  
 3 Junie: Debat: „Moet die doodstraf afgeskaf word?”  
 Uitslag van stemming: Gelykop met 25 stemme elk.  
 23 Junie: Debat: „Die moderne kind kry nie genoeg streepsuiker nie.”  
 Uitslag van stemming: Gelykop met 19 stemme elk.

## SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

*Entomological talk by Rev. J. H. Hunt on 14th May, 1954, at 7.30 p.m.*

Rev. Hunt opened his lecture by telling the Society that Entomology was not a harmless, useless occupation of old men, but one which vitally concerned South Africa. The Government was taking an interest in this young Science especially with respect to Agriculture, Timber and Forestry Research and Pest Control. He said that Entomology is divided into three branches: 1, Taxonomy (classification of insects); 2, Ecology (concerning the life-history of the insect and the study of its environment); and 3, Economic Entomology. His lecture was mainly about the first group, v.z. Taxonomy. Rev. Hunt explained that the "jaw-breaking" scientific names of the insects gave the shape and colour of the insect. He is especially interested in the Beetles of which there are one hundred and three families of extremely varied builds and habits. The entomological field in South Africa is relatively unexplored and, because of the large number of new species being discovered each year, books on the subject quickly became out of date. Members of the Society were shown the best methods of catching, killing, preserving and setting up the insects. An interesting demonstration included the utilisation and operation of apparatus concerned with insect collection. Some magnificent mountings of beetles were also displayed for the audience. At the conclusion of the talk, Rev. Hunt was thanked very sincerely for a most interesting and instructive lecture.

D. R.

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## FINNINGLEY PHANTASY

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The prefects this year are Barker, Hewitt, Roberts and Simkins. Barker is Head of the House, and Head Prefect of the School. The Prefects have done their work well. The general air of the House is a cheerful one. Some few members of it, however, are apt to confuse freedom with licence, and would, apparently, like the House run without the necessary restrictions regarding time and tidiness. The more thoughtful, however, realise that the few rules imposed are the minimum for the comfort and happiness of all.

The first term saw our triumph in the Swimming Gala. This was possible only because every member of the House played his part. Fraser, as Captain of Swimming, is to be congratulated. The success of many of our juniors was a very pleasing aspect of our win.

Our eclipse by Gillingham, whom we congratulate, in the Annual Sports was not undeserved. In spite of the keenness of du Toit and his committee the House did not pull its weight in the standards, and this was the deciding factor of the day. It is good

that the Sports should go to that House which displays general keenness.

We welcome Mr. Metcalf as one of our Housemasters. He knows the ropes! "Come January," he will be able to say before long, "I have been at Finningley, man and boy, these fifty years."

Sister Anderson, and for part of the time Mrs. Tedder, was kept very busy during the epidemic of 'flu we had. Happily most of the victims were ill for only a short time. We are pleased to hear Michael Gillies is recovering from the virulent attack by streptococci, and hope his convalescence will be short and his recovery complete. Otherwise our health record this half-year has been a good one.

Finningley is justly proud of the large part played by its members in the production of "Macbeth." All will join in congratulating Schermbrucker on his able portrayal of Macbeth. The supporting cast was good and Lady Macbeth (Jillian Ramsden), gave a very polished performance. Ghostly repercussions of the innovation of the part played by St. Mary's girls in the female parts are still heard! We offer our congratulations to Mr. Rutherford-Smith on his production, and to Mr. Metcalf on his very professional stage-management and lighting. This production we hope will be the first of many cultural feasts given by the School.

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### MACBETH MISAPPLIED

Stands not within the prospect of belief: a satisfied schoolmaster.  
That is a step on which I must fall down: at the bell tower.  
Come, let me clutch thee: I have thee not: the opposing fly half.  
There's no such thing: a wet Friday.  
This is a sorry sight: cottage pie and beans.  
Sleep no more: end of prep.  
O horror, horror, horror: ten more weeks.  
Confusion now hath made his masterpiece: Mc—h's Latin prose.  
Only it spoils the pleasure of the time: exam prospect.  
What, will these hands ne'er be clean? Any First Former.  
This place is too cold for hell: Milner House.  
The greatest is behind: Ch—I—n.  
For he is given to sport, to wildness and much company: d—T—.  
Thou art the best of the cut-throats: K—d.  
Bring me no more reports: the H—dm—r.  
The fault lies not with the stars: Mr. Q—y.

TWO HEADS.

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### LATIN FOR TODAY

Mensā: ablative of comparison, because mens ā better than womens.  
Dominos: direct object of "ludo" (I play). We play dominos in class.  
Rex: nominative of description. We are rex after Latin lessons.  
Mone: imperative, the root of all evil.  
Audio do: the Latin for "How goes it?"  
Puerorum, pueris: sympathy for the Staff.

C. R. E.

## GUESS WHO

No marks for guessing who said the following. (Answers below).

(a) Come again next week. (b) But I can't bear the rattle. (c) Quite the worst Matric form I have ever had. (d) You should have seen the garden last month. (e) I thought I'd done my prep. (f) My leg was miles off the wicket. (g) Of course the one that got away . . . (h) We can't all come top. (i) I let you have it cheap, master. (j) If you don't shut up there'll be a row. (k) I was cruising slowly on my own side. (l) I tell you he's a would champ.

Answers: ANY (a) dentist, (b) mechanic, (c) teacher, (d) gardener, (e) school-boy, (f) batsman, (g) fisherman, (h) prize-distributor, (i), sammy, (j) prefect, (k) road-hog, (l) boxing promotor.

A. B. C.

## A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE MOON AND THE EARTH

"Hello!" said the moon who was almost full and shining brightly.

"Hello!" replied the earth very mournfully with tears in his eyes.

"Why are you so sad?" asked the moon who was feeling in a jolly mood.

"Well if you were being blown up every now and again, you would not be very happy!"

"Why, who is blowing you up?"

"It is these wretched people who live on me," was the reply. "They test out their Atomic and Hydrogen bombs."

"Oh, you will soon get used to that!"

"No, I will not! They keep on dropping stronger bombs. I hope they destroy themselves one day!"

"Oh well, we all have our bad times," was the moon's only comment.

"What bad times do you have?" asked the earth sarcastically.

"Well I am often hit by shooting stars," was the reply.

"They do not seem to make much difference to you."

"Yes, they do," said the moon. "Look at the huge craters all over me."

"Anyway, you do not have destructive volcanoes on you," sneered the earth.

"I am glad I have not got any," was all the moon could say.

After this there was a short silence which was broken at last by the earth.

"Do you ever see any of these flying saucers up there?"

"Yes often," replied the moon. "They really are a nuisance."

"Do you know where they come from?"

"Yes, they come from Mars. By the way, do those rockets I see up here come from you?"

"Yes, they do," was the reply. "These silly earth-men are trying to go and live on you."

"They will never do that! There is no food for them here."

Just then the earth gave a long yawn.

"Oh! I am so tired," he complained. "I am going to bed."

"Good-night!" said the moon.

"Good-night!" replied the earth as a large cloud covered his bright companion and gave him the darkness he was longing for.

R. N. G. (Form III).

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

One of the sure signs of the inferiority complex is the disposition to compare one's lowly self with the very great, if the comparison is not entirely unfavourable.

I have been interested to read the results of Athletic Sports at Eton College (1,157 boys) this past year and compare them with our own (240 boys, including juniors). Here they are in tabulated form :—

EVENT.	ETON		KEARSNEY	
	<i>This Year.</i>	<i>This Year.</i>	<i>Last Year.</i>	<i>Last Year.</i>
100 Yards .....	10.6 secs.	10.5 secs.	10.5 secs.	
220 Yards .....	24 secs.	23.7 secs.	23.5 secs.	
440 Yards .....	53.1 secs.	55.6 secs.	51.9 secs.	
880 Yards .....	2 m. 7.5 s.	2 m. 10.6 s.	2 m. 1.4 s.	
Mile .....	4 m. 51.4 s.	5 m. 9.4 s.	5 m. 21s.	
High Jump .....	5 ft. 2 ins.	5 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	5 ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	
Long Jump .....	20 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	22 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	19 ft. 5 ins.	
Shot Putt .....	41 ft. 1 in.	40 ft. 9 ins.	40 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	
Discus .....	123 ft. 5 ins. (rec.)	144 ft. 4 ins.	128 ft. 9 ins.	
Javelin .....	155 ft.	153 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	—	

It would seem from this that any Eton—Kearsney contest would be an even affair, apart from the mile.

On the other hand, when we look at Eton's imposing array of open scholarships to Oxford and Cambridge, and their prizes for Latin Verse, Latin Essays, Greek lambics, and the like, we quite definitely and firmly Pipe Down !

Yours, INFERIOR.

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## ON READING

"Books maketh man" is my sole and soul belief. I am further completely convinced that knowledge is power—first-hand knowledge; vivid and thorough knowledge. Knowledge that is, as Archdeacon Smyth puts it, "freshly straight and candid about difficulties."

One cannot profess to be thoroughly truthful in one's teaching unless one draws his information from a good variety of sources obtained from books, and good books. One is eventually liberated from the slavery of asserting nothing as certain which is not certain, nothing probable which is not probable, and nothing as more probable than it is. True it is that the Spirit of the Lord will always supply us with messages to deliver, but true still is the fact that we must be ready with some material upon which the Spirit may establish His message. The material can only be collected from books written by inspired men, blood-precious books.

J. N.

(Readers will be interested to know that this little piece of philosophy is one section of a long letter written to the Editor by a young Zulu who is studying for the ministry, and to whom the Editor had sent a small book.)

## CRICKET

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Although cricket this term had to be fitted into February, all the teams have had a very full month. All the teams and divisions in the School are playing keen cricket, and what is lost, in places, in ability, is more than made up in constant enthusiasm. Thanks are due to all those members of the staff and the boys whose efforts and time have made the season so enjoyable and successful.

### First XI

Team appointments for the year were:

*Captain:* D. S. Murdoch.

*Vice-Captain:* M. F. Miller.

*Committee:* D. S. Murdoch, M. F. Miller,  
J. Bradshaw, U. G. Groom.

This term the 1st XI played five school matches and two matches against men's teams. All were most enjoyable and developed into closely contested games. Special mention must be made of the consistently good batting by M. Hulett, and the return to top form of Murdoch is very welcome. We suffered a spate of injuries; Groom with a dislocated hip, Bradshaw, Longhurst and Brazier all with damaged muscles. In spite of these injuries, the team acquitted itself well.

6th February vs. NATAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL At Durban  
Won by 6 wickets.

Technical High School batted first on a rain affected wicket which did not improve throughout the day. They found the excellent bowling of Longhurst and Daniel very difficult to play, and only Clague, who played a fine innings, offered any real resistance.

Kearsney started badly, with 3 wickets down for 5 runs, but Murdoch, Longhurst, Barker and Hulett batted well to give Kearsney a good win.

NATAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL. 76 (Daniel 5 for 23, Longhurst 5 for 36).

KEARSNEY. 180 (Murdoch 58, Longhurst 36, Barker 25 not out, Hulett 17, Daniel 16).

13th February vs. DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL At Kearsney  
Lost by 16 runs.

The wicket was very soft because of rain, and D.H.S. did well to reach 58. The Kearsney seam bowlers did not take full advantage of the help offered by the wicket, and tended to pitch short. The Kearsney batsmen found themselves in the same plight as did D.H.S., and Ridgeway, using the wicket to advantage, took 8 wickets for 17 runs to give High School a narrow victory. The Kearsney batsmen gave their wickets away through not playing positive strokes. They found it difficult to judge the pace off the wicket, and they played uncertain, hesitant strokes.

DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL. 58 (Bradshaw 4 for 16, Daniel 2 for 3, Longhurst 2 for 17).

KEARSNEY. 40 (Longhurst 10, Ridgeway 8 for 17).

17th February vs. GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL At Glenwood  
Lost by 25 runs.

Glenwood batted on a good wicket, which later crumbled in patches. This game developed into a very keen struggle, and interest was kept alive throughout the match. In the field, Kearsney remained on top until the first two overs after lunch. Inaccurate bowling and one dropped catch allowed Glenwood to add 36 runs for the last wicket.

The Kearsney batsmen were never at home, except for Hulett who played a magnificent innings of 37 not out.

GLENWOOD. 142 (Bradshaw 4 for 36, Ryan 3 for 36).

KEARSNEY. 117 (Hulett 37 not out).

20th February vs. HILTON COLLEGE At Hilton  
Draw.

Hilton batted on a wicket that remained damp all day. Brazier played his first game for Kearsney and showed distinct promise. The bowling was accurate, and was supported by excellent fielding. Palmer (68), again played a good innings for Hilton. The Kearsney batting was sound, and Bradshaw and Miller made a welcome return to form.

HILTON. 167 (Daniel 3 for 54, Perry 2 for 23, Bradshaw 2 for 26).

KEARSNEY. 136 for 5 wkts. (Bradshaw 36 not out, Hulett 29, Perry 27, Miller 20).

24th February vs. Mr. STANLEY MURPHY'S XI At Kearsney  
Lost by 8 runs.

A strong team under the captaincy of Mr. Lamb came up to Kearsney, and a most enjoyable and exciting game was played in damp conditions. Mr. Murphy's XI batted first and nothing was given away by either side. Mr. V. Hall batted very well indeed for his 47. Kearsney fielded brilliantly: special mention must be made of Murdoch's close to the wicket fielding, and Miller's wicket keeping. Both were of a remarkably high standard. The bowling was keen and accurate, and Bradshaw earned all of his 7 wickets.

Kearsney batted well, taking all runs offered, and went for a win. Perry, Murdoch and Dukes, in particular, batted very well.

In the second innings, both sides scored as quickly as possible, and the interest never flagged.

This was indeed a most enjoyable match, and we look forward keenly to this annual fixture with a team of fine cricketers.

1st Innings:

Mr. MURPHY'S XI. 99 (Mr. V. Hall 47, Mr. Booth 21); (Bradshaw 7 for 43, Daniel 2 for 34).

KEARSNEY. 91 (Perry 18, Dukes 19, Murdoch 16); (Watkins 4 for 25, Atkinson 3 for 16, Halse 2 for 26).

2nd Innings:

Mr. MURPHY'S XI. 123 for 5 dec. (Mr. B. Hall 45, Mr. Wilson 39 not out); (Bradshaw 3 for 41).

KEARSNEY. 68 for 6 wkts. (Perry 34 not out, Miller 14); (Dalton 4 for 9).



27th February

vs. MARITZBURG COLLEGE

At Maritzburg

Draw.

Once again a very keen game developed, and the sides were evenly matched. In the morning the wicket gave the bowlers a very little help, and after lunch proved to be a batsmen's paradise. Kearsney were put in to bat first and we were treated to a delightful display of batsmanship by Murdoch and Hulett. Groom and Dukes also batted very well, and were both out when looking well set for good scores.

Kearsney bowling was steady, but sadly missed Longhurst, who was not playing because of a bad back. A drawback to a delightful game was the poor standard of fielding.

KEARSNEY. 190 (Hulett 56, Murdoch 52, Dukes 14, Groom 12, Bradshaw 12).

MARITZBURG COLLEGE. 143 for 5 wkts.

13th March

vs. UMHHLALI CRICKET CLUB

At Kearsney

Won by 37 runs.

This game was made possible only because one Saturday, reserved for Athletics, was given over to Cricket. The team's thanks go to Mr. Hopkins for making this game possible, and to the Umhlali C.C. for making the long trip to play us. A most delightful game was played, and was thoroughly enjoyed by players and spectators alike.

Kearsney batted first on a poor wicket, and fortunes fluctuated. The innings started disastrously with three wickets down for no runs. Bradshaw then joined Groom, and these two between them put Kearsney into a sound position. Bradshaw, Groom, Daniel and Kyle (playing his first 1st XI game) all batted very well indeed.

Umhlali C.C. batted well, but the Kearsney bowling, supported by very keen fielding, never lost their grip of the game.

KEARSNEY. 143 for 9 wkts. dec. (Bradshaw 68, Groom 27, Daniel 19).

UMHHLALI C.C. 106 (Ryan 5 for 25, Bradshaw 2 for 22).

**BATTING AVERAGES**

	Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Total	Average
M. Hulett	8	1	56	153	21.9
Bradshaw	8	1	68	130	18.7
Murdoch	8	—	58	143	17.9
Longhurst	3	—	36	50	16.7
Perry	8	1	34*	105	15
Daniel	6	2	19*	45	11.3
Miller	8	—	20	83	10.4
Groom	4	—	27	39	9.8
Dukes	8	2	19	51	8.5
Barker	7	1	25*	49	8.2
Brazier	2	—	9	9	4.5
Ryan	6	3	8	13	4.3

**BOWLING AVERAGES**

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Longhurst	26.2	4	73	10	7.3
Bradshaw	79.6	19	224	23	9.7
Ryan	32	5	108	11	9.9
Perry	7	—	40	3	13.3
Daniel	54	6	220	14	15.7
Brazier	15	3	67	4	16.8

## Second XI

- vs. GLENWOOD Under 17B.  
 KEARSNEY: 134 (Simpson 50 not out, Brazier 24, Rathbone 4 for 38, Renwick 3 for 25).  
 GLENWOOD: 56 (Brazier 3 for 14, Ford 3 for 28) and 67 for 7.  
 Won by 78 runs.
- vs. HILTON 3rd.  
 HILTON: 137 (Chettle 35, McIntosh 26, Bayly 29, Ford 3 for 27, A. Rowe 3 for 26).  
 KEARSNEY: 76 (Valentine 23, Forbes 3 for 10, Wade 3 for 12).  
 Lost by 61 runs.
- vs. MARITZBURG COLLEGE 3rd.  
 KEARSNEY: 102 (Ford 27, Hart 4 for 15, Wood 3 for 8).  
 COLLEGE: 63 (Hart 21, Wood 25 not out, Pigg 7 for 11).  
 KEARSNEY: 35 (Hart 4 for 16, Mason 5 for 16).  
 COLLEGE: 79 for 8 wkts. (McKay 24, Woods 26, Pienaar 5 for 28, Francois 2 for 11).  
 Lost by 2 wkts. on double innings.

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## Under 15

This division did not have as much success as was anticipated during the first term, chiefly because the batsmen from whom we expected most failed repeatedly, against practically the same opposition, to come up to last season's form. Henderson, who used to get runs with his head well over the ball now prefers the distant view and gets nothing; Murray was often careless when set for a big score but is to be applauded for his competent captaincy and excellent fielding in all matches.

We have no more bouquets for fielding and it must be recorded that the fielding of Lefson and Cole, in particular, leaves a lot to be desired and was responsible for many of the big scores against us. The bowling was shared well by Polkinghorne, Murray, Voysey, Fisher, Timm, and Cole, and there is no reason why this team should not have much better success during the latter part of the year.

R. Q.

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| 6th February  | vs. TECHNICAL COLLEGE  | Away |
|               | Won by 70 runs.  |      |
|               | KEARSNEY: 120 (Lefson 21, Timm 24).<br>TECHNICAL COLLEGE: (Fisher 3 for 6, Murray 3 for 13). |      |
| 13th February | vs. DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL   | Home |
|               | Drawn (rain stopped play).   |      |
|               | D.H.S.: 225 (Tayfield 94, Cornelly 63, Polkinghorne 5 for 61).<br>KEARSNEY: 5 for 2.         |      |
| 17th February | vs. GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL   | Away |
|               | Lost by 4 wickets.   |      |
|               | KEARSNEY: 44 and 53.<br>GLENWOOD: 82 (Murray 7 for 22) and 19 for 6 wkts. (Cole 5 for 10).   |      |

20th February	vs. HILTON COLLEGE	Away
	Lost on 1st Innings.	
	KEARSNEY: 69 and 139 for 7 (Groom 54, Polkingshorne 36).	
	HILTON: 186 (Moore 68, Timm 7 for 27).	
27th February	vs. MARITZBURG COLLEGE	Away
	Lost on 1st Innings.	
	COLLEGE: 111 and 108 (Murray 4 for 35).	
	KEARSNEY: 74 and 41 for 3.	

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### Under 14

Unfortunately there is no great selection for this division—in fact 22 players in all. To oppose the pick of other schools whose selection has been into three figures has proved beyond the team's compass. There are signs however that talent is budding, and with severe and long practice it may be possible to create players who will do well. But it will need hard practice!

Full results will be given at the end of the year. The most consistently successful performer so far has been Hagemann.

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## SWIMMING

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### Committee for 1954:

*Captain:* H. C. Fraser.

*Committee:* N. Cross, E. Fearnhead.

**Gala.** On Saturday, 6th March, we had a hot sunny day for our Annual Gala. A record crowd attended and we were especially pleased to see so many old boys, the lanes had to be removed for the Old Boys' race.

The exhibition of diving given by South African Diving Champion, Miss Jean Bands, was one of the highlights of the afternoon. The Headmaster very appropriately described it as poetry in motion.

Trophies were distributed by Mr. Godfrey Logan, Chairman of the Durban and District Schools Swimming Association, whose speech brought back many pleasant memories to some of the older members of the staff.

Four records were broken:

- 50 yds. Free Style (Under 15): D. Spargo. 28.2 secs.  
(Needham, 1948, 28.7 secs.)
- 100 yds. Free Style (Under 15): D. Spargo, 65 secs.  
(Needham, 1948; Cross, 1953; 66 secs.)
- 100 yds. Free Style (Under 16): E. Fearnhead, 61.3 secs.  
(Needham, 1949, 61.5 secs.)
- 50 yds. Back Stroke (Under 16): N. Cross, 32 secs.  
(D. O. Hall, 1952, 34.8 secs.)

## RESULTS

- 50 yds. *Free Style (Open)*: 1st, Fraser. 2nd, Francois. 3rd, Pearce. Time: 27.3s.  
 50 yds. *Free Style (Under 16)*: 1st, Fearnhead. 2nd, Cross. 3rd, du Toit. Time: 27.6s.  
 50 yds. *Free Style (Under 15)*: 1st, Spargo. 2nd, Manning. 3rd, Craven. Time: 28.2s.  
(Record)
- One Length *Free Style (Under 14)*: 1st, Lewis. 2nd, Kelly. 3rd, Russel. Time: 18.6s.  
 One Length *Free Style (Under 13)*: 1st, Bryan. 2nd, Jewitt. 3rd, Coleman.  
Time: 22.3s.
- Diving (Under 15)*: 1st, Spargo. 2nd, Edwards. 3rd, McKeown and Gage.  
 100 yds. *Free Style (Open)*: 1st, Fraser. 2nd, Francois. 3rd, Pearce. Time: 63.2s.  
 One Length *Breast Stroke (Under 14)*: 1st, Kelly. 2nd, Bate. 3rd, Lewis. Time: 28.8s.  
 100 yds. *Free Style (Under 16)*: 1st, Fearnhead. 2nd, Cross. 3rd, Cohen.  
Time: 61.3s. (Record)
- 50 yds. *Breast Stroke (Under 15)*: 1st, Thompson. 2nd, Lightning. 3rd, Williams.  
 50 yds. *Free Style (Under 14)*: 1st, Lewis. 2nd, Osler. 3rd, Kelly. Time: 31s.  
 50 yds. *Free Style (Under 13)*: 1st, Jewitt. 2nd, Coleman. 3rd, Bryan.  
Time: 35.6s.
- 50 yds. *Breast Stroke (Open)*: 1st, Moffitt. 2nd, Fraser. 3rd, Tolken. Time: 35.9s.  
 50 yds. *Breast Stroke (Under 16)*: 1st, Cross. 2nd, Parkes. 3rd, Cox. Time: 38s.  
 100 yds. *Free Style (Under 15)*: 1st, Spargo. 2nd, Gage. 3rd, Lightning.  
Time: 6.5s. (Record)
- Diving (Under 14)*: 1st, Walters. 2nd, de Vaal. 3rd, Lewis.  
*Diving (Under 13)*: 1st, Lumley. 2nd, van Heusden. 3rd, Williams.  
 200 yds. *Free Style (Open)*: 1st, Fraser. 2nd, King. 3rd, Pearce. Time: 2 ft. 33.7 in.  
 50 yds. *Back Stroke (Open)*: 1st, Young. 2nd, Fraser. 3rd, Pearce. Time: 35.3s.  
 50 yds. *Back Stroke (Under 16)*: 1st, Cross. 2nd, Fearnhead. 3rd, Pitts.  
Time: 32s. (Record)
- Diving (Under 16)*: 1st, Fearnhead. 2nd, Cross and Cohen.  
*Diving (Open)*: 1st, Ryan and Rodda. 3rd, Moffitt.  
*House Relay Race (Under 13)*: 1st, Gillingham. Time: 92.5s.  
*House Relay Race (Under 14)*: 1st, Gillingham.  
*House Relay Race (Under 15)*: 1st, Finningley.  
*House Relay Race (Under 16)*: 1st, Gillingham. Time: 78.8s.  
*House Relay Race (Open)*: 1st, Gillingham. Time: 72.7s.  
*One Length Non-Finalists (Under 13 & 14)*: 1st, Dowdle. 2nd, Meyer.  
3rd, Hutchison. Time: 23.8s.
- Old Boys' 50 Yds.: 1st, D. Hall. 2nd, B. Haley. 3rd, M. Hall. Time: 26.9s.  
*Polo Match (Gillingham vs. Finningley)*: Finningley 2—Gillingham 1.

### Events Previously Decided.

- Plunge (Open)*: 1st, Pearce. 2nd, Alberts. 3rd, Simkins. Dist.: 46 ft.  
*Plunge (Under 16½)*: 1st, Dowdle. 2nd, Chaplin. 3rd, Beckett. Dist.: 45 ft. 11 ins.

### Trophies:

Inter-House—L. Forsyth Rose Bowl	Finningley.
Best Performance—Ian Tirrell Shield	D. G. Spargo.
Best Swimmer in each Age Group—	
Open—Robertson Cup	H. C. Fraser.
Under 16—Spradbrow Cup	N. L. Cross.
Under 15—Matterson Cup	D. G. Spargo.
Under 14—van Gorkom Cup	K. G. Lewis.
Under 13—Fearnhead Cup	C. P. Jewitt.
Diving—Arthur Levitt Cup	E. A. Fearnhead.

**Bath.** The water was never really clear after the suction pipe gave in, but we are pleased to report that the new pipe has arrived. New floats and lanes made a big difference on Gala day and we are hoping to get a first-class laminated diving board within the near future.

Because the Under 16½ age group was always much bigger, and the standard of this group also higher, than the Open group, this was changed to Under 16 this year, which brings us in line with other schools for competitive swimming. The Under 16½ records and standard times were taken over as Under 16.

### INTER-SCHOOLS GALA

Out of nine schools competing Kearsney came third with 17 points.

#### Results:

100 yds. *Crawl* (Under 15): 2nd, Spargo.

100 yds. *Crawl* (Under 16): 1st, Fearnhead—3rd Cross.

50 yds. *Back Stroke* (Under 15): 3rd, Spargo. (Spargo won his heat in 32.4 secs., breaking the record which was established by Cross last year.)

50 yds. *Back Stroke* (Under 16): 2nd, Cross.

50 yds. *Crawl* (Under 14): 2nd, Lewis.

6 x 50 yds. *Team Race*: 2nd, Kearsney.

4 x 50 yds. *Team Race*: 3rd, Kearsney.

**Life Saving.** The Life Saving Competitions were held on the last night of term. Kearsney came third.

Congratulations to Lewis for being selected to swim for Durban and District in the Inter-District Gala held at Vryheid. Unfortunately this Gala was held on the same day as our Athletic Sports and Lewis was unable to travel with the team.

J. S.

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## ATHLETICS

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*Captain:* R. Tolken.

*Committee:* R. Tolken, P. du Toit,  
R. Moffitt, E. Frick.

*House Captains:* R. Tolken (Gillingham),  
P. du Toit (Finningley).

The season opened with the annual visit of the Durban Athletic Club on 20th March, 1954.

The first of these meetings was held in 1931, and since then we have become used to looking forward to the visit of the D.A.C. as providing us with a most entertaining afternoon's athletics, and at the same time serving as a useful preliminary to our own Sports. We are grateful to Messrs. Reg Kitchin and Bob Calder and the other members of their Club for making this year's meeting possible.

Our boys showed up well against strong opposition. P. Ryan broke the School Open Long Jump record, while P. du Toit won both the 100 yds and 220 yds., the latter went on handicap from N. More, one of our Old Boys. H. Winder, another Old Boy, was fully extended by E. Frick in the Shot Putt. Kearsney "A" Team ran exceptionally well to win the 4 x 100 yds. Relay. In all track events Kearsney ran from scratch, the D.A.C. competitors being handicapped behind this mark.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to E. Frick (Under 19) and P. du Toit (Under 17) on being selected to represent Natal at the Junior South African Championships held at Kimberley, and at the Northern Transvaal Championships at Pretoria over Easter. It is of interest to record that N. More and H. Winder were members of the same team.

### PROGRAMME AGAINST D.A.C.

- 100 Yds. (Open): 1st, dy Toit (K.); 2nd, Ryan (K.); 3rd, Tolken (K.). Time: 10.5 s.  
 880 Yds. (Open): 1st, Ford (K.); 2nd, Milne (K.); 3rd, Bradshaw (K.).  
 Time: 2m. 14.6s.  
 Shot (Open): 1st, Winder (D.A.C.); 2nd, Frick (K.); 3rd, du Toit (K.).  
 Dist.: 44ft. 3in.  
 High Jump (Open): 1st, Gandy (D.A.C.); 2nd, Frick (K.); 3rd, Court (K.).  
 Height: 5ft. 8in.  
 440 Yds. (Open): 1st, Pigg (K.); 2nd, More (D.A.C.); 3rd, Evenitt (D.A.C.).  
 Time: 57.1s.  
 Javelin (Open): 1st, Winder (D.A.C.); 2nd, Gandy (D.A.C.); 3rd, Francois (K.).  
 Dist.: 136ft. 8½in.  
 Hurdles (Open): 1st, Guthrie (D.A.C.); 2nd, Groenewald (K.); 3rd, Gandy (D.A.C.).  
 Time: 17.5s.  
 Long Jump (Open): 1st, Ryan (K.); 2nd, Atkinson (D.A.C.); 3rd, Nathan (D.A.C.).  
 Dist.: 22ft. ½in.  
 Discus (Open): 1st, Mcllwraith; 2nd, Winder; 3rd, du Toit. Dist.: 144ft. 4in.  
 220 Yds. (Open): 1st, du Toit (K.); 2nd, More (D.A.C.); 3rd, Tolken (K.).  
 Time: 23.8s.  
 Mile (Open): 1st, Walsh (D.A.C.); 2nd, Frick (K.); 3rd, Bradshaw (K.).  
 Time: 5m. 12.8s.  
 Relay (4 x 110 yds. Open): 1st, Kearsney; 2nd, D.A.C.; 3rd, Kearsney. Time: 48.2s.

### SPORTS DAY

The Annual Sports attracted one of the largest crowds that Kearsney has seen at a function of this nature. The large number of spectators served to accentuate the problem of providing adequate seating accommodation for visitors, so that all may have an uninterrupted view of the Sports. We hope that by next year we shall have been able to make certain improvements in this direction.

Our appreciation is extended to Mrs. Goldman and her domestic staff for catering so efficiently for the many visitors, and to the ladies who worked so strenuously in providing teas.

The track was in excellent condition and did credit to Mr. Colley and the field staff. Despite a heavy shower before the start of the sports, the weather remained warm throughout the day, thus contributing considerably to the excellence of the performances. It was only during the presentation of the trophies that the thunderstorm, which had been threatening in the afternoon, finally broke.

The fine spirit of friendly rivalry, that was apparent throughout the whole athletic season, was also largely responsible for the success of the day. Seldom has enthusiasm reached a higher peak.

Six records were broken :

*Under 16½*: P. du Toit (Long Jump and 220 yds.).

*Under 15*: V. Milne (Mile).

Finningley (4 x 110 yds. Relay).

*Under 14*: J. Robbins (Long Jump).

*Under 13*: Gillingham (4 x 110 yds. Relay).

In addition P. du Toit equalled the existing time in the *Under 16½* 440 yds.

We should like to thank Mr. H. Viljoen for his keenness and ever-willing assistance with coaching and training.

Despite several magnificent individual efforts on the part of Finningley, Gillingham were able to win the Oliver Pearce Trophy by the narrow margin of 1,146 points to 1,097.

We are grateful to Mr. P. H. Hind, Chairman of the Board of Governors, for his keen interest in our Sports. Not only did he honour us on Sports Day by presenting the trophies, but he made a special trip to the College during the following week to distribute the certificates to the other competitors.

J. H. H.

## RESULTS

### Open

100 Yds.	.....	1st, Ryan; 2nd, Tolken; 3rd, Moffitt. Time: 10.5s.
220 Yds.	.....	1st, Ryan; 2nd, Tolken; 3rd, Hopkins. Time: 23.7s.
440 Yds.	.....	1st, Ryan; 2nd, Ford; 3rd, Tolken. Time: 55.6s.
880 Yds.	.....	1st, Ford; 2nd, Pigg; 3rd, Frick. Time: 2m. 10.6s.
Mile	.....	1st, Bradshaw; 2nd, Frick; 3rd, Miller. Time: 5m. 9.4s.
Hurdles	.....	1st, Moffitt; 2nd, Miller; 3rd, Brown. Time: 18.2s.
High Jump	.....	1st, Frick; 2nd, Moffitt; 3rd, Court. Height: 5ft. ½in.
Long Jump	.....	1st, Ryan; 2nd, Moffitt; 3rd, Pigg. Dist.: 20ft.
Shot	.....	1st, Frick; 2nd, Pigg; 3rd, Moffitt. Dist.: 40ft. 9in.
Discus	.....	1st, Moffitt; 2nd, Pigg; 3rd, Frick. Dist.: 137ft. 8½in.
Javelin	.....	1st, Moffitt; 2nd, Bradshaw; 3rd, Brazier. Dist.: 153ft. 7½in.
Cricket Ball	.....	1st, Bradshaw; 2nd, Moffitt; 3rd, Miller. Dist.: 96yds. 1ft. 4in.

### Under 16½

100 Yds.	.....	Ist, du Toit; 2nd, Schreuder; 3rd, Longhurst and Beckett.	Time: 11s.
220 Yds.	.....	Ist, du Toit; 2nd, Longhurst; 3rd, Daniel.	Time: 23.6s. (Record)
440 Yds.	.....	Ist, du Toit; 2nd, Schreuder; 3rd, Silburn.	Time: 55s. (Equals Record)
880 Yds.	.....	Ist, Schreuder; 2nd, Silburn; 3rd, Simpson.	Time: 2m. 14.6s.
Mile:	.....	Ist, Silburn; 2nd, Simpson; 3rd, Cross.	Time: 5m. 7.1s.
Hurdles	.....	Ist, Beckett; 2nd, Ovenstone; 3rd, Groenewald.	Time: 17.5s.
High Jump	.....	Ist, Murdoch; 2nd, Fearnhead; 3rd, Groenewald.	Height: 5ft. 1in.
Long Jump	.....	Ist, du Toit; 2nd, Francois; 3rd, Daniel.	Dist.: 20ft. 4in. (Record)
Shot	.....	Ist, du Toit; 2nd, Mcllwraith; 3rd, Fearnhead.	Dist.: 36ft. 10½in.
Discus	.....	Ist, du Toit; 2nd, Mcllwraith; 3rd, Erasmus.	Dist.: 141ft. 6in.
Cricket Ball	.....	Ist, Longhurst; 2nd, du Toit; 3rd, Murdoch.	Dist.: 90 yds. 9 in.

### Under 15

100 Yds.	.....	Ist, Craven; 2nd, Murray; 3rd, Milne.	Time: 11.7s.
220 Yds.	.....	Ist, Craven; 2nd, Milne; 3rd, Murray.	Time: 25.6s.
880 Yds.	.....	Ist, Milne; 2nd, Murray; 3rd, Tedder.	Time: 2m. 16.2s.
Mile	.....	Ist, Milne; 2nd, Murray; 3rd, Don Wauchope.	Time: 5 m. 8s. (Record)
Hurdles	.....	Ist, Craven; 2nd, Winder; 3rd, McKeown.	Time: 18.4s.
High Jump	.....	Ist, Murray; 2nd, Todd; 3rd, McKeown.	Height: 4ft. 10½in.
Long Jump	.....	Ist, Milne; 2nd, Murray; 3rd, McKeown.	Dist.: 17ft. 10in.
Discus	.....	Ist, Murray; 2nd, Coetzee; 3rd, Voysey.	Dist. 103ft. 6½in.
Cricket Ball	.....	Ist, Murray; 2nd, Polkinghorne; 3rd, McKeown.	Dist.: 88yds. 6in.

### Under 14

75 Yds.	.....	Ist, Robbins; 2nd, Hagemann; 3rd, Downie.	Time: 9.5s.
100 Yds.	.....	Ist, Robbins; 2nd, Lees; 3rd, R. Williams.	Time: 12s.
220 Yds.	.....	Ist, Robbins; 2nd, Lees; 3rd, R. Williams.	Time: 27.6s.
880 Yds.	.....	Ist, R. Williams; 2nd, Hagemann; 3rd, Lees.	Time: 2m. 32.4s.
High Jump	.....	Ist, Robbins; 2nd, Osler; 3rd, Black.	Height: 4ft. 6in.
Long Jump	.....	Ist, Robbins; 2nd, Lewis; 3rd, Black.	Dist.: 16ft. 9½in. (Record)

### Under 13

75 Yds.	.....	Ist, B. Williams; 2nd, Allen; 3rd, Meyer.	Time: 9.8s.
100 Yds.	.....	Ist, B. Williams; 2nd, Polkinghorne; 3rd, Meyer.	Time: 12.5s.
220 Yds.	.....	Ist, B. Williams; 2nd, Allen; 3rd, Polkinghorne.	Time: 28.3s.
880 Yds.	.....	Ist, B. Williams; 2nd, Bryan; 3rd, Millar.	Time: 2m. 36.2s.
High Jump	.....	Ist, Harvey; 2nd, Jewitt; 3rd, B. Williams and Pike.	Height: 4ft. 2½in.
Long Jump	.....	Ist, Meyer; 2nd, B. Williams; 3rd, Reece.	Dist. 14ft. 3¾in.



### Other Events

<i>Open Relay</i> .....	1st, Gillingham. Time: 48s.
<i>Under 16½ Relay</i> .....	1st, Gillingham. Time: 48.2s.
<i>Under 15 Relay</i> .....	1st, Finningley. Time: 50.2s. ( <i>Record</i> ).
<i>Under 14 Relay</i> .....	1st, Gillingham. Time: 54.1s.
<i>Under 13 Relay</i> .....	1st, Gillingham. Time: 55.8s. ( <i>Record</i> ).
<i>880 Yds. Non-Finalists</i>	1st, Spargo; 2nd, de Jongh; 3rd, Hoad. Time: 2m. 23.8s.
<i>Old Boys' 100 yds. H'cap</i>	1st, G. Hulett; 2nd, P. Haley; 3rd, Hind. Time: 6s. ( <i>WORLD Record!</i> )
<i>Tug-of-War</i> .....	Gillingham.
<i>Relay—Past v. Present</i>	1st, Present. Time: 46.6s.

### Trophies:

<i>Olliver Pearce (Inter-House):</i>	Gillingham.
<i>Tolken (Inter-House Relays):</i>	Gillingham.
<i>Hopkins (Best Under 13 Event):</i>	B. Williams (880 yds.).
<i>Pennefather (Under 14):</i>	Robbins (Long Jump).
<i>Grant Weston (Under 15):</i>	Milne (Mile).
<i>Les France (Under 16½):</i>	du Toit (220 yds.).
<i>Hulett (Open):</i>	Ryan (220 yds.).
<i>Trewhella (Flat Race):</i>	du Toit (220 yds.).
<i>Joliffe (Field Event):</i>	du Toit (Long Jump).
<i>Haley (Hurdles):</i>	Groenewald.
<i>Sulin (Open, Best Runner-Up):</i>	Frick (Shot).
<i>More (Under 16½, Best Runner-Up):</i>	Murdoch (High Jump).
<i>Winder (Under 13):</i>	B. Williams (880 yds.).
<i>Tolken (Under 14):</i>	Harvey (High Jump).
<i>Craven (Under 15):</i>	Craven (220 yds.).

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## RUGBY

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*Captain:* R. F. Tolken.

The standard of the 1st XV was generally high, but there were lapses. The uneven nature of the results is partly attributable to the fact that for many games we were seriously weakened by absentees from the back-line, and we seldom played at really full strength. The best performance of the term was put up against D.H.S., when the team played football of an order not equalled at Kearsney for nearly a decade.

The forwards have proved the mainstay of the team, and on them has fallen the brunt of both attack and defence. Longhurst, at fly half, played soundly, but the three-quarters have not risen to expectation, due largely to injuries. The ball seldom reached the wings, both of whom were strong scoring forces.

Congratulations to Moffitt (wing), Frick (forward) and Francois (full-back) on being selected for the Coastal XV, and especially to Moffitt on his selection for the Natal Schools side.

### MATCHES

1st May vs. ST. HENRY'S Away  
Won 14—11

Wet weather made the ball slippery, but this did not seem to hamper our line. The game was keen and fast from the beginning, and the Kearsney score was opened by Hewitt who, following up from a five-yard scrum, collected the ball on a rebound and fell over the line (3—0). Shortly afterwards Ryan made a break-away and ran to the try-line; he was about to score but, deciding to run round, crossed over the dead-ball line. Before half-time, however, further tries had been added by Frick and du Toit, both from movements initiated by Miller (9—0).

Kearsney eased off after half-time, and St. Henry's soon scored 8 points from a penalty and a goal. Stung by this score, Kearsney forwards fought back and dribbled the ball over the line, for Ford to score. Another penalty to St. Henry's made the final score 14—11 in our favour. Longhurst played well at fly-half.

8th May vs. DURBAN TECH. Away  
Won 17—3

Bradshaw scored from a penalty within a few minutes of the start of the game. Du Toit broke sharply, passed to Ryan, who scored after a 20-yard run, and we were six points to the good. Tech. followed with a penalty, and half-time found the score 6—3. The play had been rather dull and uninspired. After lemons, however, the two teams woke up and there was some spirited play as the game moved backwards and forwards. Francois, at full-back, started an open movement, passing to du Toit, who handed on for Ryan to score. Five minutes later the scrum heeled smartly, sent the ball back to the three-quarters, who reversed to the forwards, and Bradshaw scored under the posts. He converted this himself and also put over another penalty. It had been an enjoyable game, with good team spirit.

12th May vs. NORTHLANDS Home  
Won 23—3

Our first home match ended with a good victory for Kearsney against a side which had done well in its matches and was building into a good team. In spite of the size of the score, it should have been far greater. Time and time again the ball came out to the wing, who dropped it with no-one to stop him from scoring. In fact fumbling was very much the order of the day. All the backs were guilty. du Toit scored three times, each try being converted by Bradshaw. Then Ryan put in a magnificent run from his own twenty-five, showing a clean pair of heels to the opposition and scoring between the posts. Bradshaw converted and the half-time score was 20—0. Play in the second half deteriorated considerably, or at least Kearsney's did. Fighting well, Northlands scored one try, and this was followed by one from Longhurst. Final score 23—3.

May 15th vs. VOORTREKKER Away  
Lost 8—17

Voortrekker scored almost from the kick-off, in the corner. It was a fairly uneventful first half, play moving backwards and forwards without particular advantage to either side. Then a quick heel got the ball back to Longhurst, who passed to Moffitt, then on to du Toit and finally to Miller, who scored. Bradshaw converted and Kearsney led at half-time 5—3, little realising the nature of the final score! Immediately after half-time Moffitt scored again and we led 8—3. That lead was retained till ten minutes from the end, when suddenly we crashed. In quick succession Voortrekker scored a try, a penalty, a try, and a goal, and ran up a most unexpected—and not entirely deserved—margin of 17—8.

May 22nd

vs. MICHAELHOUSE

Away

Lost 3—20

Kearsney played very lethargically in this match. It seemed that they had momentarily lost their fire, and it was no surprise to find Michaelhouse scoring at regular intervals. A goal, a try, a drop, and a try gave them a deserved half-time lead of 14 points. Another try and penalty quickly followed, and we found ourselves 20 points down. Our only score came from a drop goal from the full-back, Francois. Altogether a most disappointing display.

27th May

vs. COLLEGIANS (Under 19) "A"

Home

Lost 3—20

We met a strong, and much heavier, Collegians team with our backline completely disorganised through injuries, and suffered our third consecutive heavy defeat. Collegians line broke again and again, and it was only fierce tackling by the forwards and centres that kept the score down to three tries by half time. Just after half-time a movement started by Bull led to Beatty scoring in the corner (3—9). For the rest of the game we could make little headway, against a better team, and two tries and a goal brought their total up to 20 points. In spite of this, the team played very well, and the tackling was excellent.

29th May

vs. GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Home

Lost 5—9

The ball was going back regularly to the Glenwood backs, who played with thrust, and were only held out by vigorous tackling on our part. Nevertheless tries had to come and perhaps we were lucky to keep the score down to two tries by half-time. The team played better in the second half, and might well have won the match if our three-quarters had been at full strength. A Glenwood try was followed by a brilliant break down the middle by Moffitt, who scored between the posts and Longhurst converted (5—9).

31st May

vs. OLD CROCKS

Home

Won 24—23

This was the most entertaining game of the season up to date. The "Old Cocks" were not particularly old, and certainly not crocks. Most of them were very fit and exceedingly fast, while the average weight of the forwards was 227 lb.—heavier than a Springbok pack! The ball was passed backwards and forwards in most exhilarating fashion, and the writer quite lost track of the scorers; in fact it was difficult to keep pace with the score! Again and again a burly forward would be seen dragging three or four would-be tacklers after him, before passing to the backs who cross-kicked and reversepassed in bewildering fashion. Nevertheless the Old Cocks did not have it their own way, and officially Kearsney won by one point. Perhaps we might have lost but for the co-operation of the other scrum-half, who pushed the ball away just as their kicker was about to convert a try scored between the posts!

June 5th

vs. DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL

Away

Won 22—3

Perhaps two consecutive late nights producing "Macbeth" did the trick, but it is certain that Kearsney played one of their best games ever against D.H.S. We nearly scored from the kick-off and thereafter pressed continuously until du Toit scored from a nice break. A few minutes later Miller opened up to Bradshaw, who scored, and this was the half-time score. After the interval good attacking play resulted in tries by Moffitt and Longhurst, neither being converted. A penalty to D.H.S. brought a momentary rally, but this did not last, and we pressed hard for the rest of the game, adding tries by du Toit and Ryan, both converted. The final score fairly truly represented the difference between the two sides.

12th June

vs. MARITZBURG COLLEGE

Away

Lost 8—30

What a re-action from the previous match! College, acknowledged as the best team in the Province, had beaten D.H.S. by approximately the same margin as we did, and a fairly even game was anticipated, even though once again our side was weakened. Hopes were not realised, though in the first half we kept the score down to 5—11, a try by Moffitt being converted by Longhurst. Weak tackling in the centre was our undoing. Shortly after half-time Longhurst put over a penalty (8—11) and things did not look too bad, but after that it was all College. Their centres penetrated again and again, adding 19 further points without reply, and it was a very disheartened Kearsney side that left the field.

19th June

vs. ST. CHARLES

Home

Won 9—6

There was a 40—0 defeat from last season to avenge in this game. The day was bitterly cold, and the ground soft after heavy rain. Everything pointed to a good struggle, and the spectators shrieked themselves hoarse, perhaps in an effort to get warm. The result was one of the most enjoyable and thrilling matches we have watched for years. The victory was well-deserved. In fact it could have been a great deal higher. We pressed almost throughout the game, and it was a pity that the actual victory came about through penalties. The first two tries were scored by St. Charles from snap movements while we were pressing them to their line. Sudden interceptions, and long runs ended in two tries, leaving us 0—6 down at half-time, a most inaccurate representation of the run of the play. Then a break by Longhurst gave Moffitt a clear run and he scored. Amid mounting enthusiasm we pressed again and again, evening the score from a penalty by Francois, and then, while the world scarce dared to breathe, he put over the deciding penalty very near the end. It was a most enjoyable game, with Kearsney worthy winners.

26th June

vs. PORT NATAL

Home

Lost 5—18

This was as disappointing as the previous game had been exciting, but all our three-quarters were missing but one. Injuries have hit us hard this term. The Port Natal side were heavier and stronger than we were, and very weak tackling in the early stages let them through twice, both tries being converted. We retaliated a little, Tolken broke strongly, and when he was tackled Francois (full-back, playing centre) picked up and scored, to convert his own try (5—10). Port Natal continued to prove themselves the better side after half-time, and it was not altogether surprising to find them scoring a further try and goal, for our defence was very weak.

## Second XV

vs. ST. HENRY'S	.....	.....	.....	Won 27—0
vs. DURBAN TECH.	.....	.....	.....	Won 25—3
vs. MICHAELHOUSE	.....	.....	.....	Lost 0—14
vs. DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL	.....	.....	.....	Draw 6—6
vs. COLLEGE	.....	.....	.....	Draw 6—6

## Under 15

*Captain:* H. Timm.

*Team:* Todd, Milne, Hulett, P. Craven, Richards, Timm (Capt.), Edwards, Bauer, Young, Nelems, Polkinghorne, T. Manning, Tedder, McKeown, Whittle.

The following also played: Murray, McLauchlan, Winder, Coetzee, Bawcombe, Gage, Moses, Hulett, M. Hoad, Thompson, Lightening.

In spite of two big scores against us, at the hands of Michaelhouse and D.H.S., the Under 15 side has had a very successful season so far. In both these games, it was the manner in which the Kearsney team allowed the scores to come and not the scores themselves, that was not at all creditable.

As the season progressed, however, the team developed into a sound combination and, on occasions, played first-class rugby.

The side has been very ably captained by Howard Timm and, under his leadership, has shown, at all times, a fine spirit of co-operation and willingness to respond to coaching.

With the thought that there remains much to be learnt, we wish them luck for the test of the season.

Congratulations to Bauer, Craven, Timm and Whittle on being selected for the combined Durban Under 15 side to play against a Pietermaritzburg side at Woodburn.

vs. ST. HENRY'S	.....	.....	.....	Won	12—3
vs. DURBAN TECH.	.....	.....	.....	Draw	9—9
vs. MICHAELHOUSE	.....	.....	.....	Lost	6—21
vs. GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL	.....	.....	.....	Won	11—0
vs. DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL	.....	.....	.....	Lost	3—15
vs. MARITZBURG COLLEGE	.....	.....	.....	Won	9—5
vs. ST. CHARLES	.....	.....	.....	Won	9—9
vs. PORT NATAL HIGH SCHOOL	.....	.....	.....	Won	18—3

#### Under 14

vs. HENRY'S	.....	.....	.....	Lost	9—16
vs. DURBAN TECH.	.....	.....	.....	Won	12—9
vs. NORTHLANDS	.....	.....	.....	Lost	9—16
vs. MICHAELHOUSE	.....	.....	.....	Lost	0—12
vs. DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL	.....	.....	.....	Lost	0—13
vs. MARITZBURG COLLEGE	.....	.....	.....	Lost	0—25

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vs. HIGHBURY 1st XV	.....	.....	.....	Lost	3—9
vs. TREVERTON 1st XV	.....	.....	.....	Lost	6—19
vs. HIGHBURY 1st XV	.....	.....	.....	Draw	6—6
vs. MARITZBURG COLLEGE	.....	.....	.....	Draw	6—6

## TENNIS

Committee: P. Court (Capt.), M. Miller, C. Dukes.

We entered again for the Brian Denness competition and, out of four matches played, lost two, drew one and won one.

No friendly matches were played during the second term on account of the Brian Denness competition but we hope to arrange friendly fixtures for next term.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Mr. P. Hind, Chairman of the Board of Governors, for his generous donation which enabled us to start work on our tennis wall.

As we are laying an all-weather surface with the wall, it will be of special benefit to us during the wet season.

Our thanks also to Mrs. Lewis who comes up from Durban on Monday afternoon to give special coaching to a group of promising juniors.

G. E. B.

### RESULTS IN THE BRIAN DENNESS COMPETITION

*Kearsney College vs. Maritzburg Technical High School:*

*Doubles:* Court & Miller won, 6-5; 6-5.

Dukes & Rowe won, 6-3; 6-2.

*Singles:* Miller won, 6-3; 4-6; 6-3.

Court won, 6-4; 6-4. Dukes won, 6-1; 6-4.

Rowe won, 6-2; 5-6; 6-3.

*Kearsney College vs. Maritzburg College:*

*Doubles:* Court & Dukes vs. Strachan & Gray, 3-6; 3-6.

Rowe & Perry vs. Evans & Higgs, 6-5; 5-6; 3-6.

*Singles:* Court vs. Strachan, 6-5; 4-6; 3-6.

Dukes vs. Gray, 2-6; 1-6.

Rowe vs. Higgs, 0-6; 0-6.

Perry vs. Evans, 6-5; 3-6. (Match stopped on account of bad light.)

*Kearsney College vs. Hilton College:*

*Doubles:* Court & Dukes vs. Stott & Lund, 1-6; 6-1; 6-8.

Rowe & Groenewald vs. Roy & Church, 1-6; 4-6.

*Singles:* Court vs. Stott, 2-6; 3-6. Dukes vs. Lund, 1-6; 2-6.

Groenewald vs. Church, 3-6; 3-6. Rowe vs. Roy, 0-6; 1-6.

*Kearsney College vs. St. Charles:*

*Doubles:* Court & Miller vs. Robinson & McLeish, 5-6; 3-6.

Dukes & Rowe vs. Davies & Lee, 6-4; 4-6; 13-11.

*Singles:* Court vs. Robinson, 2-6; 4-6. Miller vs. McLeish, 6-1; 4-6; 6-1.

Dukes vs. Lee, 6-1; 6-1. Rowe vs. Davies, 4-6; 1-6.

## CADET NOTES

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We welcome to the Detachment 2nd Lieutenant P. E. Metcalf, an Old Boy who joined the Staff at the beginning of the year and received his Commission soon afterwards. Mr. Metcalf who was one of our leading buglers in former years, at once took the Band under his wing with infectious enthusiasm, and put in a great deal of hard work with them. There was much to be done, for the Band had the honour of being invited to join with the High School and Glenwood Bands in putting on a display at the Durban Centenary Celebrations early in June. This event was a great success, and I am glad to quote the following letter sent to me by Commandant G. A. Alexander, the Organiser of the Centenary Band Display:

"I extend to your Band the grateful thanks of all concerned for all the hard work and time sacrificed in training for this exhibition. I should also like to congratulate them on the high standard of performance exhibited. Their playing, marching, bearing, steadiness and smartness left nothing to be desired. We also appreciate their readiness to co-operate and their exemplary behaviour. They were a credit to their Detachment. It was a privilege to have them on parade."

Perhaps the most notable thing about Cadet training this Half was the cancellation of three parades because of wet afternoons. Never before have high hopes been so liberally realised in this respect! In spite of these interruptions the routine training of "A" and "B" Companies has made good progress.

Shooting practices have continued as usual and with a general spirit of keenness that is very pleasing. But only three boys have scored possibles on ten rounds, and these are Houston, Pettit and Giles (i). It was disappointing that the Petiet Cup Competition in Durban was cancelled because of wet weather the previous day though shooting would have been possible on the day itself.

G. M. O.

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### Appointments:

*Student Officers:* R. B. McIlwraith, P. du Toit, J. S. Barker, P. W. Khaled, M. E. Mealin, G. S. Brown.

*Sergeant-Majors:* E. J. Frick, J. A. Hunt.

*Sergeants:* D. C. Roberts, D. Beatty, J. A. Cunningham, D. A. H. Valintine, D. L. Kyle, L. Z. Deenik, J. Bull, P. S. Murdoch.

*Corporals:* P. Hewitt, A. M. Pigg, J. J. Alberts, P. T. Francois, P. Simkins, P. K. Daniel, J. M. V. Bradshaw, F. C. R. Rowe.

*Lance Corporals:* A. E. Lightening, P. R. Russell, A. J. Howarth.

### **Band Appointments:**

*Drum-Major:* R. F. Tolken.

*Sergeant Drummer:* R. N. Pearce.

*Corporal Buglers:* I. C. Young, G. H. Haworth, V. C. Milne.

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## **OLD BOYS' CLUB**

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### **Marriages.**

N. Colepeper, J. Cowie, L. Dyson, N. Passmore, H. D. Pennefather, N. G. Pottow, O. D. D. Putterill, I. W. D. Stones, O. R. Southwood, A. R. King, L. F. Forsyth.

### **Engagements.**

G. Brokensha, E. Christian, C. Dent, Dr. R. G. Kitchin, B. Stewart, J. A. Franklin, L. Hallam.

### **Births.**

G. G. Ballard (son), B. W. Batchelor (daughter), N. Chaplin (daughter), J. Clarkson (son), H. Corbishley (son), J. L. Doveton (son), A. M. Foss (son), G. R. Foss (daughter), G. C. Jacobs (son), R. Maguire (son), C. L. MacNellie (daughter), H. Hackland (son).

### **Death.**

**Robert Leslie** who was killed in a motor-cycle accident in the early part of the year, was one of Kearsney's choicest characters. He entered the School at the beginning of 1946 and left at the end of 1950. In those five years he did not become outstanding either in studies or in sports but he certainly made his mark as a boy with great qualities or personality that promised a manhood of distinction and charm.

He took his fair share in work and in play, and did so with zest and great willingness. It was never his way to be a grumbler or a shirker; he had a natural capacity for enjoying life, for putting his best into it, and for getting a great deal of fun out of it as a proper and healthy reward.

His honesty of purpose was a notable thing about him. He never presented slipshod work, and he never sought to convey false impressions or to evade the consequences of normal mischief. He was a thoroughly manly boy—small in stature, but big in heart and sturdy in body as he was in character.

All who knew Robert, whether masters or boys, responded to the charm of his personality. He was popular for his good



qualities—because he really was a “good fellow,” always ready to help others, always ready for a bit of fun, and always an example of courage, integrity and courtesy. Thus it is that if his name is not writ large in the School records, it is enshrined deeply and warmly in the hearts of all who knew him, and we remember him with real affection.

Robert's school life was a vigorous and a happy one, and I know that the same can be said of his home life too. His loss is felt grievously there, and we offer our sincerest sympathy to the parents of so gallant and loyal a youngster.

G. M. O.

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## OLD BOYS' NEWS

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Congratulations to the Transvaal Branch of the Club on the organisation of a public concert in Johannesburg which netted £160 towards the College Development Scheme.

**D. Anger** (46-50) has settled down to the life at Chipinga, S. Rhodesia.

**J. Alexander** (45-47) writes at some length from England, where he has tried several posts in the past two years. Most recently he was managing a shoe-shop in Cambridge—"the home of the bike, of Byron, of culture and Thom. Gun"—and made numerous interesting contacts.

**J. H. S. Ayres** (42-46) was chosen as South African Captain of the Life Saving Team to meet Australia in July. This is indeed a tremendous honour, and in congratulating Ayres we bask in his reflected glory.

**G. G. Ballard** (39-41) is now with a stevedoring firm in Durban.

**A. Bulman** (46-50) was chosen to play for the South African Combined Universities Cricket XI.

**E. C. B. Brown** (35-40) has been elected Secretary of the Boshoff Street Sunday School, Pietermaritzburg, for the tenth year.

**J. S. Bertram** (26-32) now sugar-farming in north Zululand has recently entered his son for Kearsney and has also recently been appointed a Justice of the Peace. The latter is a signal mark of the trust and confidence reposed in him by the community amongst whom he lives, and we offer him our hearty congratulations.

**A. J. Boorman** (40-43), Secretary to the Durban Branch of the Club, is with Dunlops, Ltd.

**I. V. Bruton-Simmonds** (43-44) recently took part in a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore" in Johannesburg.

**E. B. Christian** (46-47) is tobacco farming, as an apprentice, in S. Rhodesia.

**P. R. Charter** (39-41) has been appointed Manager of Boswell's Circus for a period of five years.

**O. K. Clarkson** (44-47) is with the bank in Salisbury, where he has been scoring runs, and is now playing for the Salisbury R.F.C. Affection for the old School, he says, increases with distance.

**G. L. Coggin** (48-50) is trying to hitch-hike to England. He was last heard of in Tanganyika, after earning some money with work in Rhodesia.

**C. G. Carelse** (48-53) is with the A.A., Durban.

**R. G. Clarke** (50) came top in the final examinations for entry into the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, England. Congratulations! The Editor, having seen this lovely College, wishes him an enjoyable time there.

**R. M. Dolton** (47-52) is helping in his father's pharmacy at Clairwood, Durban.

**B. N. Dykes** (48-52) is studying Agriculture at a college near Salisbury.

**C. Tudor-Davies** (49-50) came top in the country, for the second time, in a radio-trician's exam last year and is now with the R.C.A., New York, taking a 2-year Advanced Radio-Technology Course. After that he specialises in such branch of the work as holds the bigger attraction for him.

**J. A. Franklin** (43-45) is with the S.A. Mutual, Salisbury.

**S. T. Fish** (47-50) is doing full-time work with the C.S.S.M. in Cape Town and helping with the Y.M.C.A. Hostel. He writes: "The scope of my work broadens every day and soon I shall be leaving for Natal to run a boys' camp at Margate."

**J. L. Good** (31-35) is Manager of the S.A. Liberal, Pietermaritzburg.

**F. R. C. (Eric) Groom** (37-40) claims that the running of his store in Kokstad uses every moment of his time. But we think we shall read of his usual large scores during the cricket season.

**B. Hanbury-King** (46-51) has completed two years training on agricultural machinery, and is now settled on his father's cane farm in the Nkwaleni Valley, Zululand.

**L. E. L. Hallam** (42-44) is Caltex traveller for Johannesburg Central, with C. C. Wakefield and Co. He expects to be married in November.

**D. Hopewell** (48-53) is studying B.Sc. Engineering at Howard College, with emphasis on Civil Engineering. At the moment he is on a flying trip to England and the Continent with his parents.

**G. G. M. Hurst** (42-45) has completed five years with the Southern Rhodesian Staff Corps, including a year in the Middle East. He is now instructor to territorials at the Drill Hall, Bulawayo.

**L. B. E. Hulett** (29-35) and his wife (with his wife piloting) came fourth in the Durban Centenary Air Race. He flew a Tiger Moth which he had bought for £125, and which he uses for trips from Zululand to Durban. He is farming in the Nkwaleni Valley.

**W. J. Harwood** (50-53) has gone to Southampton to study navigation.

**R. D. Hirst** (49-50) writes from Kingswood School, England, where he has taken his School Certificate and anticipates entry into the VIth form for more advanced work in Physics. As full-back for the 1st XV he has realised an old ambition by breaking corner flags and putting an opponent's wing quarter into hospital.

**D. O. Hall** (47-52) is taking B.Sc. Agriculture at Natal University.

**M. O. Hall** (48-53) is taking B.Sc. at Natal University.

**J. W. Johnson** (46-49) takes his Qualifying Chemist and Druggist's Examination at the end of the year. The course involves a study of Chemistry, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Calculations, Practical Dispensing and Physiology.

**G. A. Jones** (47-48) is a trainee paper-maker with S.A. Board Mills, Durban.

**E. N. A. Jackson** (39-44) has been cheese-making since leaving Kearsney, at Kromdraai Dairies, Cedarville, but we believe he is now engaged in the same work in the Transvaal.

- Dr. R. J. Kitchin** (44-47) has now completed his medical course.
- Dr. J. B. King** (29-30) is medical registrar at Baragwanath Hospital.
- O. E. Knaggs** (41-42) came from Cape Town to Durban to take part in the annual Heath—Eves Shell cricket tournament. He has written several radio plays (at 10/- per minute of delivery) and is now engaged upon a historical novel based on the life of Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, who was a personal friend of his grandfather.
- A. R. King** (45-48), who represents Natal at cricket and rigger, was elected captain for Natal's opening rigger match of the season. Congratulations!
- W. B. Letcher** (44-49) has taken his B.Sc. Agriculture and is working in S. Rhodesia in the Government Service.
- D. H. Lowe** (50-53) has embarked upon a B.A., LI.B. Course at Natal University.
- D. J. Livingstone** (47-49) is with the Salisbury Municipality.
- C. H. Lee** (58-52) is studying Engineering at Howard College.
- I. H. Lund** (45-49) is in his third year B.Sc. at Witwatersrand, and intends to take up teaching.
- T. M. McKenzie** (42-46) has left the bank and gone to Natal University to study for his B.Sc. Agriculture with a view to taking up soil conservation work.
- A. C. Mandell** (39-41) works as a "back room boy" for "one of the world's largest commercial recording companies" in London. He produces material for commercial programmes for every part of the world. When he has time, he does work also for the B.B.C.
- T. Metcalf** (48-51) is at the Training College, Pietermaritzburg. He is also "on note" as a local preacher.
- D. J. Metcalf** (46-49) is taking his last year of Articles with Messrs. Dix, Boyes & Co., Accountants, Pietermaritzburg.
- A. S. Mooney** (49-53) is with Illovo Sugar Estates.
- N. R. More** (49-53), within three months of leaving Kearsney, became the Natal Quarter Mile Open Champion. He competed in the National Championships and in the Empire Games Trials. Congratulations!
- E. J. Needham** (46-51) has fulfilled schoolboy promise by becoming South African 220 yards Breaststroke Swimming Champion. Congratulations!
- H. M. Pointer** (24-27) is with the Los Angeles Police.
- D. Proctor** (46-49) is making a very keen study of Radio Engineering as a hobby and relief from bank work.
- F. E. Porriil** (50-53) is enjoying work with the Ridge Road Pharmacy, Durban, and is studying three nights a week at the Tech.
- O. D. D. Putterill** (45-46) continues to lecture at the Baragwanath Engineering Training School, but deplores the very low standard of education of the Transvaal students who come on to him. His particular hobby is the collecting of gramophone recordings of classical music.
- R. D. Rich** (46-50) is in his second year of apprenticeship as a compositor, in Durban.
- G. S. Roberts** (26) remains continuously on the move as Bank Inspector, and was last heard of in S.W. Africa. His son is taking his Matric at Kearsney this year.
- P. R. Randall** (47-52) is, we hear, at the Training College, Pietermaritzburg.
- J. Redgment** (39-45) is Assistant Magistrate at Gwanda, S. Rhodesia.
- A. C. Richardson** (47-49), who recently returned from England, is working at the Umlhali Supply Store.

**P. H. Shekleton** (51-52) is working with S. H. Francis & Co., Pine Street, Durban. His principal diversion at the moment is underwater fishing and aquaplaning. Underwater fishing is apparently an exhilarating experience with sufficient risk to make it worth while!

**G. W. Shuker** (41-48) writes in most interesting fashion from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, U.S.A. Extracts from his letters will be found elsewhere.

**J. B. Speed** (46-48) is in Aden, working off 18 months' hard labour for landing without a passport!

**D. S. Speed** (46-47) is married and living in England.

**L. E. Trehearn** (43-48) has just passed the Finals for Chartered Accountant (S.A.) at his first attempt. Our hearty congratulations to him.

**J. D. Winder** (47-51) is now the Natal Discus Champion and competed in the National Championships. Congratulations! At our own Athletic Sports he also put the shot just short of 50 ft.

**P. J. Wills** (42-45) is working as a chemist in Avondale, S. Rhodesia.

**B. Zeeman** (47-48) has completed five years' apprenticeship as an auto-electrician with Messrs. Thos. Barlow, Ltd., Durban.

We read the following names of Old Boys at the Graduation Ceremony, Natal University, in March: B. J. Beck (B.A.), J. R. Burrows (B.A.—distinction in Economics), J. L. Bishop (B.Sc.), M. J. M. Leask (B.Sc.), M. L. Coppin (B.Sc., Surveying). Congratulations to all.

At the Old Boys' Branch Dinner in Durban, at the Playhouse, on 26th March, there were 30 present. It was an informal gathering, with no speeches. An interesting innovation was the fact that Old Boys who had just left were invited to be the guests of the rest, and several were able to avail themselves of this opportunity.

## LETTERS FROM AMERICA

*Extracts from letters from G. W. Shuker (41-48) who is studying sugar technology at Louisiana State University, U.S.A.*

"I have found everyone most friendly. You can sit down in a bus and you will soon be chatting to a total stranger as though you had known him for years . . . Quite a lot of leg-pulling goes on. I am continually being called a 'd—Britisher' and being told about the decadence of the British Empire . . . There are 8,000 students here and 5,000 cars, which warrant our own police force and "scorpion" squad. Our football stadium accommodates 65,000; and indoor arena for basketball, rodeos, horse-shows, etc. has a capacity of 12,000; an outdoor theatre accommodates 3,000. We have our own experimental sugar factory and generate our own electricity and steam for central heating, in the power house. We have Baptist, Catholic, Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, each with a student centre attached; all beautiful buildings and each with a resident minister. Every church is filled to capacity at every service . . . Football is our biggest sport and lasts from September to November. We are not one of the largest Universities and yet each of our eleven games makes about \$40,000 profit for the team. Baseball and basketball also draw large crowds and our best players are usually men who are brought to the University on scholarships. Sport, however, is very much restricted to the experts. The ordinary students take very little part in games . . . I find the average American has never heard of Durban or Natal, and even South Africa has no meaning. On the other hand when I mentioned 'Zululand' they pricked up their ears. No doubt Hollywood has something to do with that."

### EDITORIAL NOTICES

We wish to thank schools, both in South Africa and England, who reciprocate their Magazines with ours.

Nine hundred copies of the current Magazine are being printed. The Old Boys' Club has well over 500 Life Members (£5/5/-), an admirable proportion.

The Editor particularly requests that Old Boys will keep him up-to-date with their addresses. Quite a large number of Magazines are returned "gone away."

Increasing costs of production have raised the price per copy to 3s. 3d.

The Editor welcomes articles from present and past boys, and news of Old Boys will be recorded in the Magazine as received.



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## SI MONUMENTUM

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Events of the latter part of the year have been overshadowed by the death—peacefully, in his sleep—of our greatest friend and benefactor, Mr. A. H. Smith, at the age of 86. Few of the school have ever seen him, though he lived but a mile away, for his afflictions of total deafness, almost complete blindness, and frailty of body kept him confined to his home. But his name is a by-word, and we have great difficulty in picturing just what our school would be like today, had it not been for his keen and generous interest in us since the days we first moved to Botha's Hill.

Indeed, if Wren's memorial is to be found in St. Paul's Cathedral which lies about him, so does A.H.S.'s memorial lie on every hand here. Without being able to check the absolute accuracy of the details, we should like to record here some of the good things which we owe to him:—

First donation to the New School	.....	£2,500
Towards our Development Fund	.....	£7,000
Chapel donations	.....	£10,000
Organ Fund	.....	£5,000
The Smith Oval, at a cost of roughly	.....	£1,500
The tarmac road, half cost	.....	£600

Also:

Regular subsidy of the "Chronicle," up to £100 per issue.

The Drums for the Band.

The Cricket Scoring Board.

Numerous Cricket Bats.

The Epidiascope.

Donations to all kinds of minor enterprises.

Personal gifts to the Staff.



This means, as will be seen, that without his help we should not now have our Chapel, organ, cricket oval, or new buildings scheme, and should still be approaching the school through a sea of mud. These are the concrete benefits we have received at the hands of this kindly little gentleman.

For an appreciation of his character, we can do nothing better than quote parts of the memorial address given by Mr. Matterson, at the service held on the last morning of the Michaelmas term.

"Arthur Herbert Smith was the greatest benefactor Kearsney has had since the death of our founder, Sir J. Liege Hulett. And I want to give you a picture of the sort of man he was—this little man whose memory we shall hold dear and who has done so much for the development of our school.

As quite a young man he lost his hearing through diving, and was thus unable to enter any of the normal careers open to most of you. So he became of necessity the steward of the large fortune he inherited. He led a simple life and was thus able over the years to be generous to an extent that few people realise. There was this characteristic of his generosity that he obeyed the scriptural injunction not to let his right hand know what his left hand was doing. Few people will ever know the full extent of his benefactions, for he always avoided publicity. It is only with difficulty that we have ever persuaded him to allow his name to be associated with any of the things we owe here to his generosity. Few good causes failed to elicit his sympathy. Here are a few examples: St. John Ambulance, Red Cross, Funds for Troops, Ethelbert Home, Missionary Fund of the Methodist Church, Ministers' Pension Fund, Educational Institutions such as Natal University and Technical College, and Methodist Schools such as ours, in other parts of the country. There are numbers of men and women who owe it to A.H.S. that they were able to complete their University careers, and many a home has been made happier by the cheques which went out at Christmas and Easter.

In addition to his charitable work, Mr. Smith took a keen practical interest in art, photography and music. He was a good fisherman, a keen tennis player, and a very ardent bowler.

For the last few years A.H.S. was almost completely deaf and nearly blind, yet I doubt whether any of us who knew him with any degree of intimacy ever heard one word of complaint—a rare lesson to those of us who complain over trifles.

And lastly, there was behind all this a sincere faith in his God and a love for his church. Sunday by Sunday, until he grew too old, he would be seen sitting in his church at Musgrave Road, though he could not hear a word of the sermon—for he realised that he came there firstly to worship, and only secondly to hear the preacher. So in the atmosphere of the Church he loved, A.H.S. was able to worship his God in the silent world that was his.

Kearsney has lost a great friend. We mourn his passing, but we thank God for his life of service, for his example to us and to this generation, and we shall honour his name as long as this school exists."

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## PRIZE-GIVING

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This appears to be the only function of the school year at which reasonably fine weather may be assured. This year was no exception, and a very hot afternoon (an unusual feature at Botha's Hill) awaited those many parents and friends who came to listen to speeches and remove their offspring.

At 2.30 prompt, Rev. Dr. J. B. Webb, President of the Methodist Conference, opened and dedicated the new classroom block (not yet completed). Visitors and boys, standing in broiling sun, were glad that the ceremony was not a long one. Nevertheless, it was impressive, and the new buildings will fill a very vital need. We look forward to their early occupation.

Thence to the Hall, where the Chairman of the Board, Mr. P. H. Hind, welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Webb and officially introduced them to the school.

The Headmaster presented his report, as given below. After which, Dr. Webb spoke. His address, a delightful mixture of the gay and the serious, kept even the impatient schoolboys quiet and interested for well over the half hour, and, in the last hour of the school year, that is no mean feat. The Press, in usual fashion, reported only the serious and controversial part of his address, so giving little indication of the holiday spirit which pervaded the whole occasion.

Speaking with utmost sincerity and conviction, Dr. Webb stated that he felt that the trend of regimentation in South Africa today was sapping the very vitals of Christian democracy. Private schools are no longer welcomed by the Government, who have withdrawn subsidies from all schools built since 1949 (including that of our new brother school in Johannesburg, St. Stithians, whose scholars are now known, according to Dr. Webb, as "little Stits"!)." We are told," he said, "that education is the function of the State, and we are left in no uncertainty as to how it will be performed." The withdrawal of the right of parental option to send their children to which schools they wish is a form of regimentation, he said. In his opinion, parents had a certain wisdom that was above that of the State. Because of the withdrawal of their rights, more and more parents were seeking to send their children to the much more expensive Private Schools, and scraping the bottom of the barrel to do so.

It was not possible, he said, to imprison education within the walls of preconceived notions of society, and this applied to Bantu education even more than European. He was not, however, pessimistic about the future. Christianity persisted, because it was of God; had it not been so, it would have died. If the present trends be not of God, they will die.

Dr. Webb emphasised the Headmaster's plea for more and more boys to enter the teaching service. At one period there had somehow developed a stigma to this profession, but this had long since disappeared, and now he felt himself that the teaching profession and the Christian Ministry were the two greatest services which can be rendered to mankind. To exemplify the extent of his impressions he quoted the answer given by the boy who was asked whether he would take up teaching as a career, and who answered, "No fear! I want to do a job of work."

The prizes were most graciously presented by Mrs. Webb. On receiving a bouquet of flowers from the Head Prefect, she remarked that at girls' schools it was customary to kiss the givers of bouquets. By this time, however, the Head Prefect was at a safe distance at the back of the hall. Dr. Webb congratulated her on her restraint, but wondered what would have happened had he not been there himself!

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## HEADMASTER'S REPORT

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Mr. Chairman,

I feel that it is an honour to present this report, to be to-day the spokesman and servant of the Board of Governors, the Staff and Boys who have made this year a memorable and noteworthy one in the story of this rapidly growing college. We feel—I think not unjustifiably—that we are building up something individual here which is making a real contribution to the firm foundations of personality development and education in this province and country.

The year has been greatly pre-occupied with the Development Scheme on which we are now truly launched. It will be of interest to parents and friends to hear something of what is planned. After much discussion and long-term planning the Board boldly decided to alter the orientation of the college in order to ensure that new buildings would receive maximum light, and air, and also would form part of a new master plan focussed round a central campus. The new axis will be through the fields on to the Central Hall which will in turn lead on to the Campus.

The first part of this scheme was the erection of a new classroom block which you have just seen dedicated by the President of Conference. This is a worthy addition in every way and will I trust be an inspiration to all who work there.

The second part has largely been dictated by the growing entry lists and in order to balance the large developments which have in the last six years been of a non-revenue producing kind. The new House is a major project and is to be called "Pembroke House" in affectionate memory of the late A. H. Smith, O.B.E. It will be a fitting tribute to this beloved friend whose last thoughts were centred on this college and the boys. With this development goes also the

absorption of Milner House and its conversion into a Sanatorium for the whole school, a matter which we have long felt desirable.

Before I complete this survey of the development I wish to place on record our deep thanks for the life and work of Mr. Smith. He has done so much for this college since it was moved here that words are quite inadequate to convey our sense of gratitude. When I estimate that his unostentatious gifts have been in the region of £30,000 you will have an idea of our indebtedness to him. I am glad that he left to the college Beresford's portrait of himself, for this is where it should be. If ever a man loved Youth it was surely this lovable and friendly spirit. Denied much in life by reason of the physical limitations of blindness and deafness, he cheerfully gave so that others might have life and life abundantly. Of him it may justly be said

*"Si monumentum requiris, circumspice."*

You will be interested, Sir, to know that to-day our Development Fund, which was started only a year ago, now stands at the total of £14,000. We are hoping that by the time the new House has been built, this figure will be doubled.

After this picture of the long range work I wish to survey rather briefly the year's activities. This has been a sound year. Our numbers stand at 238, our Staff is sound and stable, our health satisfactory.

In the Public Examinations the results were only moderately satisfactory for Matric with: eight 2nd Class Passes, four 3rd Class Passes and four School-Leaving 3rd Class Passes.

They were, however, very good for J.C. with 16 in the 1st Class, 10 in the 2nd Class and 14 in the 3rd Class. Of the 16 First Class Passes eight were awarded Natal Provincial Bursaries and one in addition (V. Dawes) won a University of S.A. Bursary, awarded to the top score of candidates in the country.

Our policy has long been to stimulate interest in Afrikaans and the large number of entries in the Taalbond Examinations and the good results achieved there mirror the fruitfulness of this policy.

The Chapel is surely firming the foundations of education here. It would indeed be strange if that were not so for the beauty of the building and of the services held there cannot but have a real and abiding influence on the lives of us all. Our new Chaplain has helped greatly in this contribution to the inner life of the school.

The extra-curricular side of the life of the school has been very active. This year the Dramatic Society staged "Macbeth," a production which judged by any standards was good, and by the standard of schoolboy productions exceptionally good. The Debating Society has swung over to Parliamentary Procedure. One of the boys, W. Schermbucker, had the signal honour of leading a debate in the Durban City Parliament. The Music Society concerned itself with a concert, "Aladdin," and with choral work culminating in the Carol Service so traditionally enjoyed by us all.

Hobbies activities, Art and Modelling have been a welcome relief to school-work and helped to shape interests which will stand boys in great stead later in life.

The Scientific Society also has contributed much to interest in Natural Life and Scientific things.

On the Sporting side we have achieved creditably in Athletics, Cricket, Rugby, Tennis and Swimming. It is one of the wholesome sights of this school to stand of an afternoon and see "the players into cleanness leaping." In this connection I wish to record our thanks to the Chairman for a very useful tennis wall, to the Board for the new swimming bath plant, and the late Mr. A. H. Smith for the gift of a new field in tribute to his comrade and friend of many years, the late Mr. Clement H. Stott. The Board of Governors have wished to be associated with this tribute to one of the Founders of the College, to one who amongst other things gave the land on which the college now stands, and they have decided to name the rugby field which adjoins the Smith Oval, after Mr. Stott.

I should here like to ask Mrs. Stott to allow us to name this field " the Clement H. Stott Field " in memory of her late husband.

The Old Boys Club has been playing an increasingly important rôle in the life of the school and has this year given £1,000 towards the Development Scheme. In proportion to their capital assets this is indeed a princely gift and reveals, more than I can express, their interest, confidence and faith in the future of the college.

The year's record would not be complete without an expression of sincere gratitude to the Staff; to the Ladies for their work in the Chapel and on behalf of the Development Scheme; to the Board of Governors; to the Prefects and especially the Head Prefect, John Barker; the Native and Indian Staff; to the Bursar; to Mr. W. N. Cornelius; Mr. A. Brokensha and our careful and wise Secretary, Mr. Haley, and his office staff. To you, Sir, we all owe much for your useful and inspiring help this year.

I should like to take this opportunity to say something very briefly about education in general and also to make a few remarks on the growing problem of the shortage of teachers.

In order to match the phenomenal progress that is taking place in the world to-day, education too is embarked on very interesting developments: realistic syllabi; more useful and satisfying education for the vast numbers of children who do not go on beyond J.C.; education that is designed within the framework of one school to give the bright boy the opportunity to matriculate and the less bright the opportunity to acquire such learning and training as fit in with his abilities and aptitudes; education that is seeking to give life adjustment to those many whom circumstance and home influence all too often leave rudderless. In order to achieve success in these high aims we need teachers in numbers. In all the Provinces the need is a vital one and the indications are that the position so far from improving is steadily becoming more and more serious.

The possibilities of the next fifty years make this problem even more urgent for the economic and social progress which will probably take place is almost staggering. Let me give one fact only. The Union Carbide Coy. of the U.S.A. made a profit of almost 47 million pounds last year and of this more than a third came from products and processes that did not even exist in 1939. This indicates where we too may stand in fifty year's time, and is the measure of public interest and support required to ensure that the educational developments on which we are launched are not handicapped.

It might be well to remind ourselves that education is of absolutely supreme importance both to the individual and to the country; it is not a charity, it is the heart and soul of the nation. If we have the men who are educated and trained and willing to work there is no limit to our development.

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## PRIZE LIST, 1954

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- Form I:** Ist: T. R. Green. 2nd: S. W. Stott. Industry: M. G. Harvey. Afrikaans: T. R. Green.
- Form II:** Ist, B. G. Williams. 2nd: D. L. Pike. Industry: J. M. Barns and J. G. Syminton. Afrikaans: R. W. Simpson.
- Form III:** Ist, I. M. Chalmers. 2nd: R. J. Robbins. 3rd: C. M. Downie. Industry: G. R. Mellows. Afrikaans: I. M. Chalmers.
- Form IV:** Ist: J. R. Tedder. 2nd: D. H. Perry. 3rd: C. R. Moses. Industry: J. M. Nelems and M. D. W. Silburn. Afrikaans: J. R. Tedder.
- Form V:** Ist: V. H. Dawes. 2nd: V. C. Milne. Industry: N. R. Cross and D. W. Francis. Afrikaans: G. V. Green and B. L. Cohen.
- Form VI:** Ist: J. D. Mudie. 2nd: R. Rindel. Industry: P. Hewitt and K. W. Erasmus. Afrikaans: R. Moffitt and M. E. Mealin.

### Special Prizes:

- Hindson Memorial Prize for Literature*—Senior: W. G. Schermbrucker.  
Junior: A. J. W. Hoad.  
*Milner Memorial Biology Prize*: T. M. Odell.  
*Latin*: R. Rindel. *Music*—Senior: A. J. W. Hoad.  
*Science*: J. D. Mudie. Junior: C. Coggin.  
*Mathematics*: C. R. Ellison. *Drama*: W. G. Schermbrucker.

### Good Service Prizes:

- Meritorious Service as Head Prefect*: J. S. Barker.  
*General Service*: D. C. Roberts.  
*Chapel Service*: K. W. Erasmus.

### Art Prizes:

- Drawing and Painting*—Senior: C. Coggin.  
Junior: P. W. Mudie.  
*Pottery*—Senior: J. W. Taylor.  
Junior: R. G. Wilkins.  
*Modelling*: M. G. Harvey.  
*Christmas Card Competition*—Senior: 1. K. W. Erasmus.  
2. J. A. Hunt.  
Junior: M. G. Harvey.  
11a: G. C. Hayward.  
11b: A. Y. Lawrence.

### TROPHIES

- Robbins Cup*—Inter-House Shooting: Finningley.  
*Trotter Shield for Highest Scorer in Imperial Challenge Competition*: G. S. Brown  
(Score of 98/100)  
*Bamford Cup*—Efficiency in Cadets: P. du Toit.  
*Payne Shield*—Inter-House Tennis: Gillingham.  
*Tennis, Singles Championship*—Senior: M. Miller.  
Junior: B. G. P. Murray.  
*King's Cup for Cricket*: J. M. V. Bradshaw.  
*Music Certificates*: D. Bate, I. Bjorkman, G. Bruce, C. Coggin, A. Cole,  
A. Fearnhead, M. Osler, D. Pike, H. Timm.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

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We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf on their wedding, and welcome Mrs. Metcalf into our midst, hoping she will find our company agreeable. At the same time we offer our sympathies to Mr. Metcalf, who lost his father just before the wedding. Mr. Metcalf senior was well-known and highly respected in the educational and Church life of the Province and his very sudden death came as a great shock to family and friends.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Clegg on the birth of their son, Andrew. This now evens up the family distribution to a pair of each!

The routine of school-life over the later part of the year was upset by a number of circumstances. October was the wettest month for nearly twenty years and cricket was virtually washed out. In fact November 13th was the first warm cricket Saturday since the year before last—believe it or not! Scarcely had the weather settled a little when the outbreak of polio resulted in the cancellation of all further cricket matches of the Offord Schools week and of the Nuffield week. The only solution to all this appeared to be, "Well, let's go and have a swim." But this too was impossible for the bath has been unusable while extensive alterations are being made to the filtration plant. In desperation one finally said, "At least, then, we can do a bit of extra swotting," only to find this, too, almost impossible. The building of the new classrooms has brought such noise and disturbance that work, both in morning and afternoon, has been carried on under extreme duress. In one way and another, therefore, we have passed through a difficult period, and look forward to a resumption of normal life next year.

The Kearsney "Chronicle" has been subsidised, every issue, by the late Mr. A. H. Smith, who, as readers will know, has invariably forwarded some cartoon or photograph for insertion. We shall miss his financial help and his contributions, and would like to pay tribute to all he has done for the Magazine.

The winter drought broke with a vengeance on the week-end of September 24th-26th. It was our fault entirely. To have arranged the annual Choir Concert *and* a pre-season cricket fixture with Pretoria Boys' High on the same day was tempting Providence too much. Either event alone would have ensured rain. Will Natal farmers please note that for a small commission we shall be prepared to repeat the experiment in future years.

Probably the most interesting demonstration we ever remember here was the "Previews of Progress" presented to a spell-bound school by General Motors Ltd. We saw the progress of lighting from Edison's first incandescent lamp to the mercury vapour lamp which, smaller than a cigarette, gives off light one-fifth as brilliant sunlight; we saw a Bologna glass bottle used for hammering in a five-inch nail, but which broke into fragments when a small marble was shaken inside it—this to show the effects of stresses; we heard music transmitted by a beam of light to a gramophone pick-up; a miniature jet plane thrilled and deafened us; we saw an egg cooked on a stove which remained completely cold—in fact the frying pan was placed upon tissue paper which was unharmed; these and countless other experiments we saw, so gaining some inkling of the vast strides being made in scientific research today.

## CHAPEL NOTES

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One of the outstanding services of the year was undoubtedly the Anglican Confirmation conducted by the Bishop of Natal, the Right Reverend Vernon Inman, on the evening of Sunday, 28th November. The Venerable F. R. L. Brooke, Vicar of Kloof, presented seventeen boys for the laying-on of hands, and we were glad that a number of their parents were able to be present to share with them this solemn and uplifting occasion. The formal order of service and the simple symbolism of re-consecration were most impressive and so too was the Bishop's sermon, delivered with a forceful directness that went straight to the hearts and minds of his listeners. This is the first time that an Anglican Confirmation has been held in the College Chapel and we hope it will be the forerunner of many more as there is usually a big proportion of Anglicans among the School population. We have to thank the Rev. G. C. Oakley, the previous Vicar of Kloof, for arranging this appointment with the Bishop.

Another outstanding Service was that of Remembrance Sunday on 7th November. The order of this Service is now well established, and the usual form was followed. We were indeed glad to have the members of the Delville Wood Lodge (Pinetown) of the Sons of England Society to share the ceremonies with us, and it is good to hear that they propose to join us in this Church Parade annually in future.

This year an innovation was made in the Cadet Parade at the end of the Service, so as to include an additional tribute at the Old Boys' Memorial Pavilion, where the Plaque records the names of those who made the supreme sacrifice. Instead of sounding the Retreat outside the Chapel, the Detachment marched across the Oval and formed up facing the Pavilion. The senior Student-Officer then laid a floral tribute on the Plaque while the Band played the General Salute. Thus the final act of homage was fittingly paid at the Memorial itself.

The morning Service on the last Sunday of the School year followed last year's precedent of a Communion Service with the whole School present, and it again proved its value as a climax to our corporate worship on the eve of breaking-up and departure to many distant places.

The Annual Carol Service is noted elsewhere, and this too provided an occasion that many will recall with pleasure.

The School's singing of the hymns both at Morning Prayers and on Sundays has undoubtedly improved during the year, and has not infrequently reached a standard of real excellence. A good deal of this is due to the splendid lead set by the Choir who have developed a sense of time-keeping that has been invaluable in holding



the congregation in the pews to the pace set by the organ. A number of visitors have commented favourably on the tone and precision of the singing as well as on its heartiness, and they have declared it to be a thrilling experience to join with the School in its worship and praise.

During the last term new and more powerful lights were installed in the transepts above the choir pews and also in the Chancel, and they have immensely improved the appearance of those parts of the Chapel on dull Sunday mornings as well as in the evenings. Getting up to near the top of the 40 ft. high arches alone cost over £6 for the hire and erection of the necessary scaffolding, and the total cost of the alterations amounted to approximately £40.

Our thanks are due to the Chapel Committee for so conscientiously carrying out their duties during the year, and to the ladies who have arranged the flowers so beautifully. We should be particularly grateful to K. W. Erasmus for his care in seeing that the doors and windows are properly closed after services and at night, for this is an important matter in the changeable weather that we experience at Botha's Hill.

Tribute is paid elsewhere in this Magazine to our great friend and benefactor, the late Arthur Herbert Smith, who passed away at the end of September, but the Chapel Notes would obviously be incomplete without a reference to him here. Although he was never able to attend a Service, he truly shared in the fellowship of the Congregation for he followed everything that went on in the Chapel with the keenest interest. He always knew who the preachers were on Sundays, and he liked to have a report of every Service. We all know that the fine organ was made possible largely through his generosity, and it now stands as an eloquent memorial to one who loved and shared the worship of God with us in spirit and in truth. A simple but moving Memorial Service for our beloved friend was held in the Chapel on 1st October, the day after the funeral in Durban, and the last day of the third School Term.

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#### **Organ Recitals:**

*22nd August.* An Organ and Piano Recital by Mr. Oram and Mr. Quarmbury. The chief work was the First Movement of the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto in B flat minor.

*26th September.* Mr. J. C. Hodgson (Director of Music, Michaelhouse). Fantasia and Fugue in G minor (Bach), Introduction and Toccata (Walond), Air and Gavotte (Wesley). Mr. H. N. Groom, a Kearsney Old Boy, sang four songs that gave us great pleasure.

*28th November.* Mr. Brian Goodwin, A.R.C.O. Toccata and Fugue in D minor (Bach), Choral Prelude, Sleepers Wake (Bach), Carillon (Vierne). Mrs. D. Searle contributed vocal solos.

The October Recital had to be cancelled because a lightning strike during a severe thunder-storm the previous Friday evening put the starting-mechanism of the organ motor out of action and the fault could not be remedied in time.

## THE ORGAN FUND

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With the passing of Mr. A. H. Smith, the Organ Fund has lost its largest contributor. Our gratitude to him, and my own personal feelings are not to be measured only in terms of pounds, shillings and pence, nor, in my own case, are they to be assessed simply in terms of an organist's love for his instrument and the music composed for it. These things are incidental, and our real gratitude and our warmest affectionate memory will be for the opportunity that Mr. Smith's generosity has given us of enriching the worship of God with the beauty, the dignity and the musical *worthiness* that only the king of instruments can provide for a large congregation that delights in singing praises to the Holy Name.

In the Chapel Organ we have an instrument that I am sure will colour the thoughts and reflections of this and future generations of Kearsney boys, not only while they are at school here, but, even more so perhaps, in the after-years of full manhood when they are dispersed throughout the Union of South Africa and beyond its borders in the continent of Africa and overseas. I know I am not wrong in believing that many of them will, as Old Boys, look back upon the Chapel Services as among the happiest memories of their school days. They would do this in any case, I know, but I also believe that their recollections will be all the more vivid and all the more helpful because they will recall also the splendid tones of the organ that accompanied their praises. May they at such times remember with prayerful gratitude the man whose loving generosity adds such richness to their memories.

Mr. Smith made frequent enquiries about the Organ, the Organ Recitals, and the Organ Fund right up to within a few days of his death. Only a fortnight before his passing he sent me a cheque for 300 guineas towards the cost of completing the instrument, and at the same time asked how much more was needed for the purpose. I think there is no doubt that had he been vouchsafed a little longer with us he would have seen that the necessary funds were supplied, for he hated leaving unfinished anything on which he had set his heart.

We now have to look to others to help us complete the Organ. The sum of approximately £500 is required, and it would indeed be meet and right if this could be subscribed as a tribute to the man who was so generous to the College in so many directions.

*Acknowledgements:* Mr. A. H. Smith (16th September), £315; Mr. D. G. Hudson, £1; Kearsney College Tuck-Shop, £5.

G. M. ORAM  
(Organist of the Chapel).

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## FINNINGLEY PHANTASY

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1954 has been a happy year for us. We have had our victories and our defeats—a cross-section of life as it should be lived, achievements and disappointments in almost equal measure.

Those who joined us this year, we trust, have learned to enjoy the corporate life of the House. Some have added lustre to our laurels; all, we hope, are the better for their time with us.

We had the excitement, early in the summer, of being struck by lightning. Strangely enough, our lights withstood this onslaught though the telephone did not. A strange peace descends upon us when the telephone is out-of-order! There are those who think

that Alexander Graham Bell might have applied his genius in directions less inimical to the peace of modern man. The gable-end still bears the scars of the bolt from heaven.

We have had a fairly good health record this year, and our thanks go to Sister Anderson who cares for us so well. It was unfortunate that she should have been laid low during the last week of term; we trust that she will soon be fully restored to health.

One of our last achievements was the winning of the Robbins Cup for Inter-House Shooting; congratulations to the House team and particularly to G. Brown who so ably led them, and was the best shottist in the competition. Our congratulations to Gillingham on their win in the Inter-House Tennis Competition.

Next year is likely to be the last in which we have only two houses competing. With the advent of Pembroke House, in 1956, triangular contests will be inaugurated to the lasting benefit of the school.

We congratulate Mr. Metcalf on his marriage to Miss Nan Wille. Our best wishes go to them, and we thank him for the part he played here with us.

Our prefects served us well. Their contributions to the good traditions of Finningley will bear fruit. Barker proved himself a good leader.

Our best wishes go with all who leave us this year. We trust that they will, in after years, recall happy days spent here and take with them lessons in living which will stand them in good stead throughout life.

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## GILLINGHAM HOUSE NOTES

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*Housemaster:* Mr. V. L. Clegg.

*Assistant:* Mr. H. S. Viljoen.

*Head Prefect:* R. Tolken.

*Prefects:* J. J. Alberts, J. Bull, L. Z. Deenik,  
I. D. McIlwraith.

We report a happy year in Gillingham—one crowded with activity and achievement.

The smooth running of the House is in no small measure due to the efficiency of Mr. Viljoen, whom we shall be extremely sorry to lose at the end of February, 1955. Mr. Viljoen has been most successful and we shall miss the cheerful manner in which he carried out his duties in the House. Many boys will miss him too, on the rugby field and on the athletic track, where his knowledge and wisdom in training methods proved of immense value. I should like to express my personal thanks to Mr. Viljoen for his companion-

ship and co-operation. We all wish him great success during his year at Stellenbosch, where he will be completing his degree of Master of Education at the University.

The Prefects have done their share in the promotion of a happy atmosphere. Under the leadership of that venerable old gentleman "Pop" Tolken, there has been a correct balance between discipline and happy freedom.

Apart from scientific achievements (refer "Atom Bomb" Alberts) Gillingham has played a full part in the life of the School. We congratulate Finningley on winning the Swimming Gala, but in March, a hotly-contested Athletic Meeting resulted in a win for Gillingham. Our new Sports Banner for this occasion was the work of Mr. Schreuder. We thank him very much for his contribution towards the enthusiasm of the day. The Sports committee, viz. Messrs. Tolken and Moffitt were hard working, but what was most noteworthy was the fact that every boy, from the most Junior to the most Senior, made it his purpose to score points for his House during the running of the "standards." It was quite evident that victory resulted from a lead gained prior to Sports' Day. Congratulations to Murdoch and Bradshaw on their inclusion in the Natal side for the Nuffield Cricket Competition in Bloemfontein. Congratulations too, to the House Tennis Team on once again winning the Payne Inter-House Shield. It is indeed with pride that we note how many of our Gillingham boys were represented in the First XV, First XI and First Tennis Team. The Band has had a good Gillingham following and has done well this year. For the second year in succession we took the cake in the unofficial Inter-House Cricket Competitions.

The Easter Stamp Fund run entirely by the boys has had our full support. The large sum of £20 was collected by a committee.

This year was an excellent one as regards health and we have been fortunate to escape the usual infectious diseases. Our thanks to Sister Brechin for her unstinting interest in the boys and care of the House.

The following Gillingham boys leave us at the end of this year: Alberts, Tolken, Bull, Mcllwraith, Deenik, L. Z., King, Gray, Erasmus, Theunissen, de Vaal, Copeland, Rowe, F. C. R., Rowe, A. D., Mudie, J. D., Odell, Pigg, Ellison, Francois, Moffitt, Todd, Taylor, J. W., Houston, Lightening, Howarth, McLeod, Pearce. We wish them good fortune and God Speed.

In closing this report we welcome the news of Mr. Rutherford-Smith's appointment to Gillingham. We anticipate his playing a very full part in the many activities connected with the House.

V. L. C.

## KEARSNEY PARLIAMENT

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The meetings, fewer in number this quarter, continued with unabated interest, and were made specially alive by the Parliamentary procedure. Question-time invariably found the ingenuity of the Prime Minister (M. Mealin, pronounced Malan) and his Cabinet sorely taxed. The ability with which they extricated themselves from sticky situations would point to the fact that the Parliamentary system has its value!

Much credit must be given to the lead afforded by the members of the Sixth Form, who all too frequently in the past have considered themselves too otherwise-occupied. The fluency of speakers, to name only a few, such as Schermbrucker, Rodda, Roberts, Mudie, Mealin and Cullingworth has been attained only by regular attendance and enthusiasm. The last-named has not missed a meeting in his three years in the Society. Those who return next year hope that a similar example will be shown by the new Sixth.

### Programme

- 6th August:* Government motion: "That South Africa should become a Republic." Government defeat.
- 19th August:* Government motion: "That Trade Unions should be abolished." Government win.
- 17th September:* Private member's motion: "That newspapers do more harm than good." Motion lost.
- 23rd October:* Sharp Practice.
- 5th November:* Opposition motion: "That the natives should be placed on the Common Voters' Roll." Won by 1 vote.

The last meeting of the year, held on 19th November, took the form of an informal Supper. During and after refreshments a number of musical and literary items were presented, and in an atmosphere of considerable festivity toasts were proposed and replied to (where possible); these included toasts to: the Queen, the Society, the Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Government, the Opposition, the Secretary, the Leavites, and last, but not least, Marilyn Monroe.

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## AFRIKAANSE VERENIGING

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Skrywer wil die hoop uitspreek dat die afname in geesdrif teen die end van die jaar uitsluitlik toe te skryf was aan die eksamenkoors wat lede van die vereniging beetgepak het.

## Program

- 13 Augustus: Debat: „Dat Johannesburg 'n beter plek is om in te woon as Durban.” Die uitslag was: Vir die mosie 12; daarteen 19.
- 27 Augustus: Onvoorbereide Verskeidenheidskonsert.
- 29 Oktober: Daar is ses passasiers in die vliegtuig maar net een valskerm. Wie moet dit kry?

Mnr. Hendrey, die Dokter; Mnr. Mckeown, die Ingenieur; Mnr. Copeland, die Boer; Mnr. Swinton, die Predikant; Mnr. Hoad, die Onderwyser; Mnr. Schruer, die Natuurkundige.

## Uitslag van stemming

Die Dokter, 3; die Ingenieur, 2; die Boer, 24; die Predikant, 4. Die Onderwyser en die Natuurkundige het geen stemme gekry nie.

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## CHOIR

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We are getting away a little from the old-style “Choir Concert” of part-songs, and solo or duet work, and are putting the responsibility on more select groups. The results are interesting and successful, but there is no doubt that something of the corporateness of the Choir is thus lost, the “also-rans” being left somewhat without objective. There is the added problem of converting piano-trained anthems into organ-led ones, this requiring a duplication of work.

The net result—no concert items for many singers, and no presentation of anthems—has given some singers a certain purposeless feeling, only salvaged by the combined attack on the Carols in the last term. This opinion has been expressed by choir members themselves, who nevertheless have sung with enthusiasm and attended practices diligently.

For the Concert we presented a pantomime in four acts, for treble voices—“Aladdin,” music by Alec Rowley, book by Rodney Bennett. Mr. Quarmby attended to the musical side, Mr. Rutherford-Smith to the play itself, and Mr. Metcalf continued his solid work as stage-manager. Their combined efforts were well worth while, though two nights before the presentation we had our doubts! A good deal of the success of this pantomime must lie upon the shoulders of Widow Twankey, who revealed quite a sense of comedy, and sang well when necessary. Aladdin himself sang well, but always seemed a little forced in his acting. The Play was good fun and well enjoyed by the crowd who braved the usual Concert weather, and our congratulations go to all who worked so hard.

## Cast

<i>Widow Twankey</i> .....				A. Lefson.
<i>Hoo-Zoo (errand boy)</i> .....				R. Grafton.
<i>Aladdin (Twankey's son)</i> .....				N. Polkinghorne.
<i>Princess</i> .....				C. Meyer.
<i>Azra (her maid)</i> .....				L. van Heusden.
<i>Almanazor (villian)</i> .....				I. Bjorkman.
<i>Shepherd Boy</i> .....				D. Cogen.
<i>Slave of the King</i> .....				P. Reece.
<i>Hawker</i> .....				D. Vogt.
<i>Slave of the Lamp</i> .....				P. Mudie.
<i>Emperor</i> .....				D. Horner.
<i>Chancellor</i> .....				J. Miller.
<i>Flag-bearers</i> .....				R. Newlands, C. Garnet.
<i>Chorus</i> .....				P. Coleman, S. Harwood, C. Garnet, R. Wilkins, R. Dyer, C. Coggin, J. Miller.

Carols occupied the final term, as usual. At one point the polio restriction seemed likely to prevent the service from being held, but at the last moment the medical officer relented and we were able to hold the service as arranged. The relatively short time available for practices, and the pressure of exams, always makes the Carol Service a nicely-timed affair, and were it to be held only one week earlier, the choir would not nearly be ready. The final days of training seem to make just the difference.

For the first time for many years Carol evening was fairly fine. The Chapel was nearly full, and would no doubt have been as full as in previous years had not polio interfered generally with people's movements. The service was not conducted by candle-light, as last year, but the new chancel lighting made a most beautiful background, providing the halo required by the singers on an occasion like this, though out of keeping, of course, with their normal characters!

After breaking the ice with "Gloria," in which some of the trebles had difficulty in locating top G, the choir thawed and rendered the Carols, set below, with feeling and some restraint. Contrary to custom, the trebles rather outsang the deeper voices. Diction was clear and even with the Chapel's notorious acoustics the words were heard by those at the back. The lections were clearly and feelingly read by Swinton, Pettit, Longhurst and Schermbrucker. Rev. A. J. Western, shortly to be transferred to Bloemfontein, gave a straight and sincere address, combining the Christmas message with words of Christian advice to those leaving the School.

### Carol Programme

- Hymn:* O come, all ye faithful.  
*Chorus:* Gloria in Excelsis.  
*Lection:* Luke I, 26-33.
- Carols:* What Child is this?  
It came upon the morning clear.  
*Lection:* Luke II, 1-7.
- Carols:* Unto us is born a Child.  
Christ was born.  
*Lection:* Luke II, 8-14.
- Carols:* Shepherds, shake off.  
Good Christian Men.
- Hymn:* Hark, the Herald Angels.  
*Lection:* Matt. LL, 1-2, 7-11.
- Carols:* An old King sat.  
There came three Kings.
- Hymn:* Still the Night.
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### AFRIKAANSE KAMP

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Gedurende die Oktober-vakansie is daar weer vanjaar 'n skool-kamp gereël op Scottburgh met die doel om Kearsney seuns die geleendheid te gee om hulle Afrikaans te verbeter.

Die eerste aand het 'n hewige storm losgebars. Sommige tente het gelek en by ander het die water letterlik onder deur gestroom, maar party van die juniors het eenvoudig dwarsdeur dit alles geslaap. Die volgende môre het nat beddegoed die wêreld vol gehang terwyl ywerige seuns besig was om diep slote om hulle tente te grawe!

Ontbyt is deur die seuns self voorberei en in die kamp genuttig; middag- en aandete is by die Strand Kafee geniet. Soggens was daar lesse vir omtrent 'n uur en smiddae 'n leesperiode na ete, waartydens sommige wreed wakker gemaak is.

Onderwater-swem en visvang het baie belangstelling gewek—dit is voorwaar 'n interessante wêreld! „Icky” Young en Fraser se onderwater-geweers het 'n vis elk geëis en nog 'n paar is deur Mnr. Storm se visstok aangekeer.

Namens al die seuns wat teenwoordig was wil ek Mnr. en Mev. Storm en Mnr. Viljoen baie hartlik bedank vir 'n baie aangename kamp, ons sal dit nie gou vergeet nie.

G. G.

This camp was made possible by some very generous parents who helped with transport and in many other ways. Thank you very much.

J. S.



## HONOURS BOARDS

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The two boards now erected in the Dining Hall contain the names of Head Prefects and Heads of the School, compiled after some diligent research work! The names recorded are as follows:

Head Prefect	Dux
1923 F. W. Hill.	1925 W. P. Bromily.
1924 H. N. Hulett.	1927 C. E. Wilkinson.
1925 E. A. Hagemann.	1928 C. O. Kirk.
1926 E. C. F. Hulett.	1929 P. J. Slabbert.
1927 D. Clark.	1930 A. B. Theunissen.
1928 M. H. Beckett.	1931 A. O. Crook.
1929 J. W. H. Howarth.	1932 W. H. C. Aitchison.
1930 O. W. M. Pearce.	1933 R. J. Crawford.
1931 K. Balcomb.	1934 E. C. Smith.
1932 J. L. Barratt.	1935 E. R. Burnett.
1933 A. M. Foss.	1936 W. G. Abraham.
1934 R. M. Driman.	1937 J. D. Raw.
R. H. Doidge.	1938 A. R. W. Metcalf.
1935 N. Reeves.	1939 D. J. Munro.
1936 K. W. Dyer.	1940 J. W. Clayton.
1937 A. P. Lowe.	1941 A. W. Paul.
1938 A. P. Lowe.	1942 D. P. Beningfield.
1939 G. C. Bazley.	1943 B. J. Woods.
1940 G. C. Bazley.	1944 V. C. Gevers.
R. Mark.	1945 L. F. Forsyth.
1941 J. W. Clayton.	1946 A. E. Squibb.
1942 I. E. Coutts.	1947 P. E. Metcalf.
1943 I. G. McLeod.	1948 D. N. Morrison.
1944 I. I. Ives.	1949 E. N. C. Kitchin.
1945 N. Theunissen.	1950 M. J. M. Leask.
1946 L. F. Forsyth.	1951 H. M. Winder.
1947 R. G. Foss.	1952 A. M. C. Mackenzie.
1948 D. G. Gardner.	1953 J. H. Leigh.
1949 J. R. Bishop.	1954 J. D. Mudie.
1950 M. J. Collins.	
1951 E. J. Needham.	
1952 R. N. Dolton.	
1953 D. H. Lowe.	
1954 J. S. Barker.	

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## ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

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Most evenings, for at least half the year, Botha's Hill might just as well be a little spot on the planet Venus, where the inhabitants (if there are any!) are completely unaware that a universe exists,

because the atmosphere is so thick that nobody with earthly eyes can ever have seen beyond it. (They must be even more complacent than we are!)

Such being the case, the only accurate astronomical information the Society can give you since August is that the sun seems to go down in the west—apparently to make way for the mist—but whether the moon, stars and planets have been behaving themselves since then we are unable to say.

Several observations of Mars were made prior to August, when it was at a near approach to Earth. The white polar caps were always visible and, when the seeing was good, dark green and orange patches which supposedly represent areas of vegetation and desert, but we had no glimpse of the mysterious canals.

The Astronomical Society always looks forward to the clear winter sky—life on Venus is all right for a time but one gets tired of it!

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### FOUNDERS' DAY

About sixty Old Boys visited the College on Saturday, 4th September, to celebrate Founders' Day. During the afternoon two teams of Old Boys played against the School 1st and 2nd XV's respectively; both matches were vigorously contested, and although the School won both, it was only after they had run the Old Boys off their feet to such an extent that they could no longer breathe.

Later, after the players had changed and refreshed themselves, the past and present sat down to an excellent dinner, a meal which was enlivened by clangings of the school bell and frequent bursts of laughter resulting, we suspect from anecdotes of the lighter (and more memorable) side of school life. The toast to the College was proposed by Mr. Charter, Chairman of the Johannesburg Branch of the Old Boys' Club, who reminded the gathering of the value of the intangible equipment which a school such as Kearsney can provide its pupils. In his reply, Mr. Reece reviewed the many things which Kearsney has to offer today which lie outside the classroom walls, and which will remain with the boys after studies and sporting feats are forgotten.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held after dinner, and is reported elsewhere. The main decision to record here is the making of a donation of £1,000 to the Development Fund. After the meeting, coffee was served, and reminiscences continued far into the night. General opinion was that the Reunion was well up to standard.

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### ART DEPARTMENT

This year's Exhibition showed a steady improvement in the standard of work; more careful drawing, a better sense of design

and more awareness of the possibilities of drawing on scraper board, painting in oils, lino cutting and printing, and of the fascination of clay work, particularly "throwing" of pottery on our two hand-worked wheels. In this connection our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Todd for so generously donating from their farm the clay which we use, and to Miss Maria Desselss for sparing time and space in her busy Studio at Westville to fire pottery for us and also for coming up on relief duty.

We were glad to have this year regulars like Taylor, Erasmus, Brown, Hunt, Goodricke and Silburn who though in the VIth form and studying for Matriculation yet spared time when possible to attend Extra Art thereby enhancing the standard of the Exhibition and proving an inspiration to the younger boys.

A list of Art prizes is given elsewhere but I should like to remark that Lady Mills and I found the choosing of prizewinners difficult as several ran second to the winners.

We look forward to further development of our activities next year.

A. E. L.

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## TUCK SHOP

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The Tuck Shop has once again had a good year. Many "customers" will no doubt be interested to know what happens to the profits which result from their supporting the Tuck Shop.

The following donations were made during the year under review:—

- (a) £15 to the Old Boys' Club to assist in the liquidation of the debt on the Pavilion. It has been decided to increase this figure to £20 in 1955.
- (b) £5 towards travelling expenses for guest organists.
- (c) £11 representing donations of minerals and sweets.

The cash in the Bank on 10th December was £175 13s. 9d. The total gross profits on the year's working were thus £206 13s. 9d.

In consultation with the Headmaster and Staff it was decided to allocate a portion of the net profits in the following way:—

- (a) £10 to Finningley House.
- (b) £10 to Gillingham House.
- (c) £3 to Milner House.
- (d) £6 to Junior House.

These amounts were arrived at by donating approximately 2/6 per boy to each House. These amounts are to be spent on providing comforts for the boys in the respective Houses.

- (e) £25 to the Old Boys' Club for the initiation of a fund for the erection of Squash Courts in the Pavilion Block.

(f) £20 to the Library for books.

(g) £20 for the purchase of good reprints for the Classroom Block.

The balance of £81 13s. 9d. will be carried forward.

The Tuck Shop assistants, viz. Messrs. Newlands, Hermanson, Chalmers, Rens and Harvey ii are shrewd, alert businessmen. The successful financial result of the year's working is in no small measure due to their loyal service.

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## SPORTING NEWS

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A most attractive "Honours" badge has been introduced as part of the official school colours. The badge resembles the normal colours badge, but is of silver wire on a blue Venetian cloth background, and within the shield bears the word "Honours" also in wire.

The Sports Committee has made the award retrospective and **a complete list of those entitled to badges is recorded below.**

The cost of the badge is 46/- inclusive of postage and may be obtained on application to J. H. Hopkins, Kearsney College, Botha's Hill.

A maroon tie, incorporating miniature silver crests, has been designed as a "Colours" award. It is expected that supplies will be available early in 1955 at a cost of approximately 16/- each.

### SPORTING HONOURS, 1925-1954

**Rugby.** 1925—E. Hagemann; 1926—T. Beckett; 1927—D. Clark; 1928—M. Beckett, C. Kirk, H. Kruger; 1930—J. L. Barratt, H. Kruger; 1931—J. L. Barratt; 1934—R. Mason; 1935—J. Larrington, N. Reeves, R. Mason; 1938—A. P. Lowe; 1939—G. C. Bazley; 1940—E. Groom, G. C. Bazley, G. Boyd; 1942—I. Coutts, N. Baker; 1943—T. Calder; 1944—T. Calder, R. McLeod, G. Barnes, D. Damp, J. Davey, I. Ives, N. Theunissen, N. Walker; 1945—N. Walker, A. Trentham, G. Hill, J. Franklin; 1946—R. Zeller; 1947—G. Ovenstone; 1948—A. R. King; 1950—E. T. Hansen; 1951—E. J. Needham; 1953—C. Carelse, J. Sproson; 1954—E. Frick, M. Miller, R. Moffitt, P. T. Francois.

**Cricket.** 1940—G. Boyd; 1941—P. Davidson; 1943—P. R. Jonsson; 1948—B. L. Stewart; 1953—D. H. Lowe; 1954—J. M. Bradshaw, D. S. Murdoch.

**Athletics.** 1953—E. Frick, N. More; 1954—P. du Toit.

**Swimming.** 1951—E. J. Needham; 1953—M. O. Hall.

**Tennis.** 1953—D. H. Lowe.

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## KEARSNEY COLLEGE SPORTS CLUB

### Year 1954

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The Headmaster has confirmed the following Team Colours Awards:—

**Rugby.** *Re-awards*—P. du Toit, P. T. Francois, E. J. Frick, M. F. Miller, R. Moffitt, R. Tolken, P. J. Ryan. *New Awards*—J. M. V. Bradshaw, J. Bull, N. L. Cross, L. Z. Deenik, R. G. G. Ford, P. Hewitt, S. B. A. Longhurst, P. C. Rodda.

**Cricket.** *Re-awards*—J. M. V. Bradshaw, P. K. Daniel, C. J. Dukes, U. G. Groom, S. B. A. Longhurst, M. F. Miller, D. S. Murdoch, D. F. Perry, P. J. Ryan. *New Awards*—K. L. Brazier, M. N. W. Hulett. *Colours Cap; Re-awards*—J. M. V. Bradshaw, U. G. Groom, M. F. Miller, D. S. Murdoch. *New Awards*—P. K. Daniel, D. F. Perry, P. J. Ryan.

**Tennis.** *Re-awards*—P. Court, C. J. Dukes, M. F. Miller, F. C. R. Rowe.

**Swimming.** *Re-awards*—H. C. Frazer. *New Awards*—N. L. Cross, E. A. Fearnhead, D. G. Spargo.

**Athletics.** *Re-awards*—P. du Toit, E. J. Frick, R. Moffitt, A. M. Pigg, P. J. Ryan, R. Tolken. *New Awards*—J. M. V. Bradshaw, E. S. C. Schreuder.

The Headmaster has confirmed the following HONOURS AWARDS for the year 1954:—

**Rugby.** P. T. Francois, E. J. Frick, M. F. Miller, R. Moffitt.

**Cricket.** J. M. V. Bradshaw, D. S. Murdoch.

**Athletics.** P. du Toit.

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## RUGBY FOOTBALL

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It has been quite a successful rugby season, all things considered. We have not the numbers in the senior school that so many of our opponents have. The forwards were invariably outweighed, but played well, and won more than their share of scrums and lineouts. The three-quarters, so often depleted and disjointed by injuries, did all that could be expected, and had we been at full strength more often we should have undoubtedly have won more matches. Throughout the season the team showed fine spirit and always played clean open rugby.

### MATCHES

7th August

vs. HILTON

Away

Lost 10—19

Our full-back, Francois, was injured in the first few minutes while stopping a forward rush, and had to leave the field. Fortunately he returned later and gave a good display of handling and touch-finding. In the meantime Hilton scored a converted try and goaled a penalty (0—8). Retaliation on Kearsney's part was met by a stern defence by Hilton. Ryan eluded his wing, put in a good run, and scored a try which Francois converted (5—8). After half-time play was fairly even, the really important difference between the two sides being that Kearsney's attacks came to nought whereas Hilton scored three tries and converted one. In the last moment of the game Moffitt dived over the try line and Longhurst converted from well out.

14th August

vs. MARITZBURG COLLEGE

Home

Lost 3—23

With a heavy defeat of last term to avenge, Kearsney opened the game in grand style, pressing hard, and gaining an early lead through a penalty kicked by Longhurst. This remained the score until nearly half-time, and the team is to be congratulated on this, for it was obvious to the spectators that we were up against a very powerful side. A try and a goal just before half-time put the College into top gear, and in the second half Kearsney played second fiddle, as valiantly as they could. The opposition forwards were too heavy and fast for us, and the backs penetrative, and ultimately it was only a question as to how high the score would be.

18th August vs. OLD COLLEGIANS (Under 19) Away  
Lost 13—19

The game opened with vigorous attacks from both sides. A long run by Moffitt, stopped just short of the try-line, was countered by a Collegians try, which in turn was followed by one from du Toit. Cross then broke and handed to Ryan on the blind side; he reached the try-line and passed to Hewitt, who scored. Longhurst converted, and almost immediately the Collegians scored from a penalty (8—6). After half-time the opposite fly-half scored and converted a try (8—11). Then Bull intercepted and scored between the posts, for Francois to convert (13—11). There was no lack of action and excitement, obviously. Unfortunately (for us) Collegians scored two quick tries at the end and ran out winners of an even game.

21st August vs. P.M.B. TECH. Away  
Lost 9—17

A very hot day affected the play of both sides. The game was disappointing and rather spiritless. Nevertheless we should not have lost, and probably would not have done so but for du Toit's injury. Tech. scored from the kick off, but Longhurst equalised with a penalty. A little later Tech. scored again, and Longhurst again equalised. Kearsney forwards played badly in the second half, and let Tech. through again, but almost at once we had equalised through a drop goal by Francois. It was disappointing that our points should all have come from kicks, for there was little to choose between the teams. Du Toit was carried off injured ten minutes from the end, and in the closing minutes Tech. scored a goal and a try.

4th August vs. OLD BOYS Home  
Won 22—14

An exciting game to watch, as the score indicates, with both teams bent on attacking all the time. The Old Boys' team was a strong one, with many players playing good club rugby regularly. Their fitness can be gauged from the fact that several players played in a curtain-raiser, and immediately stepped on to the field again for the second match. Old Boys' backs were fast-running, but lacked the cohesion born of practising together, and certain tries proved not so certain. Towards the end, the greater fitness of the Kearsney forwards paid dividends, and we ran out comfortable winners. Tries for us were scored by Tolken (2), Ryan, Moffitt and Bradshaw.

6th September vs. HILTON Away  
Lost 8—15

We were honoured by being invited by Hilton as their guest players on Founders' Day. With a weakened side we played only moderately in the first half, and allowed Hilton to score four unconverted tries. Our nearest effort to scoring came from a good three-quarter movement which ended with Ryan injuring himself on the corner flag. After half-time play was more even and we began to justify the honour which had been done us. Moffitt broke, but the final pass was dropped on the Hilton line. Keeping up the pressure we scored through Bull and the try was converted. Again Moffitt broke but was held up on the line. There followed a missed penalty, and then came a movement from our own 25 which ended in Longhurst kicking ahead and handing on to Ryan, who scored (8—12). With a little more luck we might have been level or ahead by this time. The result was clinched by a good drop goal by the Hilton fly-half, and further pressure by both sides left the score unaltered.

## Second XV

vs. HILTON Lost 8—11  
vs. COLLEGE Lost 3—17  
vs. OLD BOYS Won 14—9

## Under 15

*Captain:* H. Timm.

*Team:* Todd, Milne, Hulett (P.), Craven, Murray, Timm, Hulett (M), Bauer, Young, Thompson, Polkinghorne (T.), Manning, Tedder, Mckeown, Winder.

Unfortunately a season, which could have ended on a very high note, rather faded out because of unexpected last minute cancellations of fixtures by some of our opponents whom we were due to play towards the end of the season.

However the U-15 can look back on a successful year. Although one is reluctant to regard a win as the be all and end all in any sport, a summary of the matches played during the year will be a very true reflection of the degree of success the U-15 team has enjoyed, especially to those who saw some of the wins being achieved.

The evidence was there of promising, if yet inexperienced, material, and we hope that this promise will be fulfilled when the members of the U-15 team move up into the senior school.

### **Results of matches played during the second half of the season:**

vs. HILTON COLLEGE	.....	Draw 11—11
vs. MARITZBURG COLLEGE		Lost 5—15
vs. MARITZBURG TECH.	.....	Won 19—0

### **Summary of matches played during the whole season:**

PLAYED 11. WON 6. DRAWN 2. LOST 3.

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## CRICKET

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Cricket started early this year to enable the 1st XI to prepare for a Michaelmas tour of Grahamstown. The weather and Polio have taken a heavy toll of the games arranged, and of the 70 due to be played, only 28 were completed, the rest being cancelled because of rain or Polio. The anti-Polio measures, particularly, caused havoc with the fixtures, and ended with the cancellation of both the Offord and the Nuffield weeks.

However, the matches played have been keenly contested, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Murdoch has captained the 1st XI well this year, and has been an outstanding example in the field. He has been keenly supported by the vice-captain and the team, and congratulations go to him and the committee, for the smooth running of the cricket. In addition, we are very grateful to Mr. McLean and Mr. Atkinson, for their willing help during this season. We trust that this happy association will continue indefinitely.

The College's special congratulations go to Murdoch and Bradshaw for their selection for the Natal Schools XI, and we sympathize with them on the cancellation of the Nuffield Week, and with Miller, who, we feel, was most unfortunate not to gain selection. J. M. V. Bradshaw was the winner this year of the "King's Cricket Trophy" for the best all-rounder.

### FIRST XI MATCHES

18th September vs. KOOKABURRA C.C. Home  
Lost by 1 wkt.

The season opened with a match against Mr. McLean's Kookaburra XI, played at Kearsney. It developed into a most entertaining game. Murdoch, Groom, Hulett, Daniel and Murray all batted well, but found Atkinson a constant danger. The Kookaburra XI was set 124 to win, and we were treated to some attractive batting by Mr. McLean and Mr. Throssel. Daniel and Bradshaw, supported by keen fielding, bowled very well.

KEARSNEY: 123 (Murdoch 41, Hulett 23, Daniel 15 not out).

KOOKABURRA C.C.: 136 (Daniel 4 for 27, Bradshaw 3 for 55).

25th September vs. PRETORIA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL Home  
Draw

We were particularly pleased to welcome Pretoria Boys' High School to Kearsney, but the day's play was unfortunately spoiled by rain. Pretoria batted first on a good wicket, which later became treacherous because of rain. Batten and Ackerman for Pretoria High batted soundly, and the Kearsney fielding was below standard. Daniel bowled well for his 6 wickets. Kearsney started badly, but Murdoch and Miller were pulling the game round well when heavy rain put a stop to further play for the day. We all look forward to renewing acquaintances with Pretoria High.

PRETORIA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL: 113 (Daniel 6 for 36).

KEARSNEY: 45 for 5 (Murdoch 19 not out).

27th September vs. ST. ANDREW'S, BLOEMFONTEIN Home  
Draw

Pretoria Boys' High had no sooner left, when St. Andrew's School, Bloemfontein arrived. Heavy rain had fallen, and although we made a start after lunch, only 30 minutes play was possible, St. Andrew's being 8 runs for no wicket, when rain washed out all further play. By way of compensation, the Kearsney boys entertained the visitors to a Cinema Show in Pinetown that night.

We offer our thanks to the Methodist Youth Camp for their kindness in lending their Camp to us for the accommodation of these two visiting teams.

### Grahamstown Tour.

The Headmaster very kindly excused the team, and the management, from attending the last day's school, and the party left on the 30th September, by sea, for Port Elizabeth to undertake a tour of Grahamstown. The team travelled to Port Elizabeth on the *Pretoria Castle*, and then to Grahamstown by train. The return trip was by pulman to Port Elizabeth, and on the *Athlone Castle* to Durban. The tour was a great success, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We offer our special thanks to the Headmaster, Capt. C. O. Rich, M.C., his Staff, and the Kingswood boys and the Old Kingswoodians in the Grahamstown district, particularly Messrs. Derek Jones-Phillipson, Ross Purdon, Percy Pike and Douglas Long for their wonderful hospitality to the team. Nothing was too much trouble for anyone. The Kearsney boys were welcomed at Kingswood as if they were indeed members of that School.



The practice arranged for us at Grey High School through the kind co-operation of Mr. Impey was cancelled because of the usual rain, and the team was to pay a heavy price for this lack of practice. The cricket shown by the Kearsney team was always below its usual standard, but it improved as the tour progressed. We shall know, in future, that two days' practice, before any matches are played, are necessary.

4th October vs. KINGSWOOD At Kingswood  
Lost by 150 runs

Kingswood batted first on a grass wicket, covered with a mat, because of wicket trouble, and suffered an early collapse, being 4 wickets down for 39 runs. The Kingswood batsmen then gained the initiative, and thanks to bad Kearsney fielding, and their difficulty in judging because of the unusual light, Kingswood compiled the winning score of 199. The Kearsney side was quite out of touch. The Kingswood bowlers remained on top throughout the Kearsney innings, particularly Keast, who bowled magnificently for his 7 wickets for 17 runs. Only Perry and Hulett showed any confidence. Kearsney batted again, and showed better form. Groom and Murdoch batted well and, at the close of play, looked set for big scores.

KINGSWOOD: 199 (Bradshaw 3 for 33, Daniel 3 for 72).

KEARSNEY (1st Innings): 43.

(2nd Innings): 59 for 2 wkts. (Groom 29 not out, Murdoch 16 not out).

5th October vs. ST. AIDANS COLLEGE At St. Aidans  
Draw

Kearsney was sent in to bat and showed slightly better form. Miller, Hulett, Groom and Brazier batted confidently. The Kearsney wickets fell mainly through trying to force the rate of scoring, from bowling just short of a length. St. Aidans was set 136 to win, in 3½ hours play. The Kearsney bowling was inaccurate, and too many deliveries were pitched off the wickets. The St. Aidans batsmen made no attempt to score the runs, and the game petered out in a draw.

KEARSNEY: 135 (Miller 35, Hulett 21, Groom 21, Brasier 20 not out).

ST. AIDANS: 117 for 6 wkts. (Ryan 2 for 20, Longhurst 2 for 38).

6th October vs. ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE At St. Andrew's  
Draw

Rain interfered with play for most of the day, and when St. Andrew's won the toss and batted on a matting wicket, Kearsney had the doubtful pleasure of trying to cope with a wet ball. St. Andrew's batting was very strong indeed, and they were a much better all-round side than Kearsney. After early set-backs, the St. Andrew's batting took complete control of the attack which was limited, because of the wet ball, to three bowlers. Kearsney, on the whole, batted well, and, not having sufficient time to score the runs, played normal cricket. The light deteriorated badly between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S: 240 for 6 wkts dec. (Longhurst 3 for 93).

KEARSNEY: 118 for 7 wkts. (Bradshaw 22, Dukes 21 not out, Groom 16).

7th October vs. PORT ALFRED C.C. At Port Alfred  
Lost by 5 wkts.

A strong Port Alfred Club team entertained Kearsney to a most delightful day. Kearsney lost the toss, and batted on a wicket which was very sticky indeed. A quantity of rain had fallen the night before, and during the Kearsney innings, the Port Alfred players mentioned its remarkable drying rate, and pre-

dicted that it would be dry after lunch, which proved to be the case. Kearsney did well to reach the total of 103 by lunch. Miller batted well, and he had willing support from Perry. The pitch was dry after lunch, but Port Alfred found Bradshaw difficult to play. A vital catch was dropped with the score at 5 and another one run later. These two catches cost us 70 runs.

KEARSNEY: 103 (Miller 46, Perry 21).

PORT ALFRED C.C.: 121 for 7 wkts. (Bradshaw 3 for 28).

9th October vs. RHODES UNIVERSITY At Rhodes  
Won by 4 wkts.

Kearsney was entertained by Rhodes University for the last match of the tour, and Rhodes, after winning the toss, batted on a pitch that looked as if it would crumble later in the day. Steady bowling by Bradshaw, Ryan and Perry, supported by keen fielding, dismissed the University XI for 87 runs shortly after lunch.

Perry and Bradshaw lost their wickets early, but Groom, who played a good innings, and Murdoch, between them, put Kearsney into a safe position. The middle batting collapsed, but Dukes and Daniel, both hitting the ball hard, took the score past the Rhodes total.

RHODES UNIVERSITY C.C.: 87 (Bradshaw 3 for 23, Ryan 3 for 13, Perry 2 for 10).

KEARSNEY: 103 (Groom 30, Murdoch 21, Dukes 14).

The Grahamstown tour ended on a very happy note, with the Kearsney boys being the guests of Kingswood at their annual dance. A good time was had by all. We are indebted to Mr. Murray of Kingswood for all his hard work in arranging the details of the tour, and to Mr. Bate who did so much umpiring for us.

#### Fourth Term

23rd October vs. DURBAN TECHNICAL H.S. At Kearsney  
Draw

Rain stopped play after 2½ hours' play with the Technical High School in a strong position. Fielding lapses cost Kearsney dear, but Bradshaw bowled well.

TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL: 102 for 4 wkts. (Bradshaw 3 for 25).

3rd November vs. COLLEGIANS C.C. At Kearsney  
Won by 32 runs

A Collegians XI visited Kearsney for a Wednesday game which was played on a patchy wicket. Kearsney batted first, and found Atkinson and Bence difficult to play, but Murdoch and Hulett showed a welcome return to form. Collegians batted after tea, but good bowling by Bradshaw, Ryan and Daniel, and two unfortunate run outs, combined to put Collegians in a difficult position.

KEARSNEY: 95 (Murdoch 44, Hulett 17) (Atkinson 3 for 14).

COLLEGIANS C.C.: 63 (Bradshaw 2 for 4, Ryan 3 for 28, Daniel 2 for 17).

6th November vs. DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL At D.H.S.  
Won by 4 wkts.

D.H.S. won the toss and batted on a true pitch which later opened up into wide cracks due to the heavy rains and the sodden soil under the surface. Murdoch used his quick bowlers only, and Bradshaw bowled in hostile fashion. He was supported by keen fielding and had an easy catch been accepted three wickets would have been down in his first over for no runs. That was the only chance given. D.H.S. never recovered from this first over, and only Leighton, who played an excellent innings, looked comfortable.

Kearsney lost two wickets early in the innings, but never looked to be in danger of defeat. Murdoch played a good innings of 22, and Miller, coming in when a collapse looked possible, played an excellent attacking innings.

D.H.S.: 69 (Bradshaw 6 for 28, Brazier 2 for 13, Longhurst 2 for 24).  
KEARSNEY: 115 (Miller 44, Murdoch 22).

20th November vs. UMZINTO C.C. At Kearsney  
Won by 32 runs

Kearsney batted first, and the innings was notable for an excellent innings by Perry, good lower order batting by Bradshaw and Daniel, and a hurricane innings of 32 by Ryan. King, of Umzinto, bowled very well indeed, and he earned all his seven wickets. Umzinto batted well, but Bradshaw and Ryan, supported by good fielding, never lost a grip on the game. If possible, we hope to be able to play this game as an annual fixture.

KEARSNEY: 172 (Perry 66, Ryan 32, Daniel 20, Bradshaw 17).  
UMZINTO: 140 (Bradshaw 6 for 57, Ryan 4 for 33).

27th November vs. ESTON C.C. At Kearsney  
Won by 87 runs

Eston put us in to bat on a wet wicket, but the Kearsney batsmen were never in trouble. Groom was bowled by a ball which kept low, just when he appeared set for a big score. Murdoch and Bradshaw put Kearsney into a strong position, and Miller and Daniel, both hitting the ball hard, added 60 runs in half an hour. Eston started to bat after lunch, and the game developed into a race against the rain. Good bowling by Bradshaw and Brazier dismissed Eston at 3.30, just as heavy rain started, but Polkinghorne, playing for Eston, played a very good innings of 23, and nearly deprived Kearsney of a well merited win.

KEARSNEY: 168 (Miller 43, Murdoch 36, Bradshaw 31, Daniel 16, Groom 15).  
ESTON: 81 (Bradshaw 5 for 23, Brazier 3 for 29).

4th December vs. STANDARD C.C. At Kearsney  
Lost by 43 runs

The last game of the year ended in a comfortable win for the Standard C.C. Upton 52, F. Smith 24 and Primos 24 all batted well. The bowling was accurate and was supported by keen fielding.

Groom, Murdoch and Miller batted well, but no other batsman reached double figures. The game was played in mist so dense that the "spectators" could see nothing at all.

STANDARD CC: 126 for 6 wkts. dec. (Bradshaw 3 for 35, Longhurst 2 for 17).

KEARSNEY: 83 (Murdoch 26, Groom 20, Miller 19).

### CRITIQUE OF PLAYERS

**MURDOCH** (Captain, and Honours). Selected for the Natal Schools XI. A sound left-hand batsman who watches the ball well, and can play either a careful game, or an attacking one. A brilliant close to the wicket fielder. A successful captain, and a player who is always keen to learn.

**MILLER** (Vice-Captain, Colours cap re-award). A good wicket-keeping batsman. The best wicket-keeper the school has had for some time and an attacking batsman, who, when he gets going, has a wide range of strokes. Particularly strong on the leg.

**BRADSHAW** (Honours, King's Cricket Trophy, and Natal Schools XI). An excellent opening bowler, who is always trying something new, who attacks all the time, and never tires. The best opening bowler the school has had for years. A sound batsman, usually No. 3, and an excellent deep fielder.

- GROOM** (Colours cap). A good opening batsman, who has had no luck. He is always out to his first mistake. A fluent stroke player, with a good range of strokes all round the wicket. His fielding has room for improvement. A right arm medium paced bowler, who keeps a fairly good length.
- PERRY** (Colours cap). Developed into a good opening batsman. He and Groom have formed a sound opening pair. A good fielder, and promises well as an off-spin bowler.
- DANIEL** (Colours cap). An off spin bowler, who on his day is very dangerous. Tends to lose his length if the batsmen attack. A sound middle order batsman, and a good fielder.
- RYAN** (Colours cap). A medium-paced leg-spin bowler, who always tries. A sound fielder, and a keen bat.
- HULETT** (Team Colours). A good No. 5 batsman who can hit the ball hard. A young player with a lot of cricket in him. His fielding has room for improvement.
- LONGHURST** (Team Colours). A fast bowler of promise, but he tends to lose his length and accuracy through trying to gain too much pace. He should develop into a dangerous bowler. A good fielder, and a fair bat.
- DUKES** (Team Colours). A good batsman, who has been out of touch with his game this term. Can hit the ball hard. A good fielder.
- BRAZIER** (Team Colours). A promising fast bowler, who can lift the ball. When he learns to vary his deliveries, he will be a useful bowler. A good fielder and a batsman who likes to hit the ball hard.

#### BATTING AVERAGES FOR 1954

	Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Total	Average
Murdoch	21	2	58	390	20.5
Miller	20	1	46	294	15.5
Groom	15	1	30	205	14.6
Hulett	20	1	56	271	14.3
Perry	21	2	66*	256	13.5
Bradshaw	20	1	68	248	13.1
Daniel	17	5	20	122	10.2
Ryan	16	8	32	61	7.6
Dukes	17	3	21*	105	7.5
Longhurst	14	1	36	90	6.9
Brazier	8	1	20*	48	6.9
<i>Also Batted—</i>					
Murray	4	—	13	39	9.8
Barker	11	1	25	56	5.6
Simpson	3	—	5	7	2.3

#### BOWLING AVERAGES FOR 1954

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Runs per Over
Bradshaw	195.1	41	610	64	9.4	3.1
Ryan	88.7	10	344	34	10.1	3.9
Perry	26.7	5	106	7	15.1	4.8
Daniel	130	14	527	34	15.5	4.1
Longhurst	102.5	17	359	22	16.3	3.5
Brazier	51	6	202	11	18.4	4
<i>Also Bowled—</i>						
Groom	22	—	100	4	25	4.5
Murdoch	16	—	97	4	24.3	5.4

**Catches:** 15 Murdoch; 10 Miller and 15 Stumpings; 7 Bradshaw, Dukes, Barker; 6 Daniel; 4 Brazier; 3 Hulett, Ruan; 2 Murray; 1 Groom, Perry, Simpson.

## Second XI

It was really unfortunate that, owing to adverse weather and the Polio precautions, the Second XI was able to play so few matches this term, for it has developed into a sound side and one of the most promising second teams that we have had at Kearsney. It is a great pity that the players have not been able to show their real worth in inter-school fixtures.

In batting, the most consistent have been Munro, Rindel, Kyle, Barker, Ford, Valintine, Groenewald and Simpson, while of the bowlers Ford, Pienaar, Pigg and Francois have been the most successful. The fielding too has improved considerably since the beginning of the year.

Kyle has proved a keen and energetic captain in which capacity he has been ably supported by Valintine and Francois as committee members.

### MATCHES

- vs. D.H.S. (Third) At Kearsney  
KEARSNEY: 128 (Munro 17, Barker 25, Kyle 46, Ford 19, Pienaar 12 not out).  
D.H.S.: 119 (Wallis 26, Slade 21, Taylor 35). (Francois 4 for 32, Ford 2 for 12, Pigg 2 for 22).  
Won by 9 runs.
- vs. Mr. G. HULETT'S XI At Kearsney  
G. HULETT'S XI: 116 (D. King 38, A. Clayton 31) (Ford 4 for 34, Simpson 3 for 16, Francois 2 for 20).  
KEARSNEY: 85 (Rindel 46 not out) (A. Clayton 5 for 7, D. King 3 for 27, Walley 2 for 11).  
Lost by 31 runs.
- vs. Mr. D. MILBANK'S XI At Kearsney  
KEARSNEY: 133 for 3 dec. (Munro 39, Groenewald 55, Simpson 12 not out, Barker 14 not out).  
D. MILBANK'S XI: 5 for no wkt.  
Rain stopped play.
- vs. AN OLD BOYS' XI At Kearsney  
KEARSNEY: 294 (Munro 69, Groenewald 26, Simpson 22, Barker 35) Kule 50 (retired), Francois 50 (retired), P. Foss 4 for 33).  
OLD BOYS: 142 (Colepeper 18, J. Chick 33, S. Osler 32, B. Theunissen 14) (Simpson 2 for 27).  
Won by 152 runs.

### Under 15

- 23rd October vs. TECHNICAL COLLEGE At Kearsney  
Draw (rain stopped play)  
KEARSNEY: 146 (Groom 43, Murray 31, Lefson 34).  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE: 35 for 5 wkts.
- 6th November vs. DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL At Kearsney  
D.H.S.: 189 (Myers 86, Todd 5 for 42).  
KEARSNEY: 112 (Todd 30) (Tayfield 4 for 28).

## Under 14

Rain and polio restrictions resulted in only two matches being played—a runaway victory against the much smaller Highbury side, and a smashing defeat at the hands of D.H.S. It is difficult to assess the team's potentialities, but it is weaker than teams of recent years. Denied of match practice, it has had little chance to improve. Hagemann was promising well, but was removed to a higher division. Polkinghorne (captain), Lowe (J. A.), Simpson, Robbins and Dowdle show signs of batting talent, and Robbins, Lowe (J. H.) and (J. A.), Dowdle and Thomas are fair bowlers; Osler is making a good wicket-keeper.

On the whole one is inclined to say that much more correct stroke play is going to be required if the team is to put up a good performance in 1955. Fortunately there is no lack of enthusiasm and fielding is good.

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## ATHLETICS

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### Natal Junior Championships, 23rd December, 1954

The following Kearsney competitors gained places:

<i>Under 17—100 Yds.</i>	1st.	P. du Toit.
<i>Under 17—Long Jump</i>	3rd.	P. Ryan.
<i>Under 17—Shot Putt</i>	3rd.	R. Moffitt.
	4th.	R. McIlwraith.
<i>Under 17—Discus</i>	3rd.	P. du Toit.
	4th.	R. McIlwraith.
<i>Under 17—Javelin</i>	2nd.	R. Moffitt.
<i>Under 17—Relay (4 x 110 Yds.)</i>	1st.	Kearsney College (P. Ryan, S. Schreuder, R. Moffitt, P. du Toit)
		<i>Time: 46.5 secs. (Natal Record)</i>

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## TENNIS

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*Committee:* P. Court (Capt.), C. Dukes, M. Miller.

During the second half of the year there was comparatively little activity with regard to tennis mainly because we were so severely handicapped by the weather.

Because of rain on Mondays or wet courts from rain on previous days our tennis coach was not able to come up once during the fourth term.

In all, three friendly matches were played. The first team played D.H.S. and Glenwood and a junior team played Highbury.

#### Results

- FIRST TEAM vs. DURBAN H.S. .... Lost 41—76 games. (Only doubles played).  
FIRST TEAM vs. GLENWOOD H.S. Lost 31—38 games. (Rain stopped play).  
JUNIOR TEAM vs. HIGHBURY .... Won (Sets, 10—2; Games, 68—40).

We extend our congratulations to the following:—

Court, Rowe, Dukes and Miller on being re-awarded their team colours.

Gillingham House on winning the Payne Inter-House Shield for the fourth successive year.

M. Miller on winning the Senior Singles Championship (Polkinghorne Trophy).

B. Murray on winning the Junior Singles Championship (George Hulett Trophy).

#### Senior Results

*Semi-Finals:* Miller beat Cross and Dukes beat Rowe.

*Finals:* Miller beat Dukes: 8—6, 0—6 and 6—4.

#### Junior Results

*Semi-Finals:* Murray beat Immelman and J. A. Lowe beat J. H. Lowe.

*Finals:* Murray beat J. A. Lowe: 6—1, 6—0.

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## CADET NOTES

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**Annual Inspection.** The Annual Inspection of the Detachment was carried out by Major L. Arthur of Natal Command Headquarters on Friday afternoon, 10th September. The choice of a Student-Officer to take the Parade had been a difficult one as there were two candidates of equal merit, namely, P. du Toit and I. McIlwraith. The selection was made the previous week by drawing lots, and the honour fell to Student-Officer du Toit. He deserves congratulations on the way in which he carried out his duties. The Parade went off with admirable precision on the whole, though faults were observable here and there. It is clear that the bearing of individual cadets on the march needs much more attention than it has been getting, but the steadiness of all ranks while being inspected was excellent.

Major Arthur expressed himself as well pleased with the performance of the Detachment, and specially thanked the Headmaster for the support and encouragement which the latter consistently gives to cadet activities. He said this was very highly appreciated at Natal Command.

**Band.** The Band worked keenly and willingly and put in a good deal of overtime (some would say) to prepare for the Durban and District Cadet Band Competition at Kingsmead on 2nd October, and for the Administrator's Trophy Competition at Maritzburg on 23rd October. No trophies came our way in either case, and there were those who thought the Band was a trifle unlucky to take only third place again at Durban and fifth at Maritzburg. But the hard work of Lieutenant P. Metcalf and his "musicians" has not been entirely in vain, for a remarkable improvement in bugling was noticeable, and there is a core of experienced players with whom to start afresh in the new year. May the 1955 road lead them to greater glory, for they well deserve it!

The Band performed splendidly at the Remembrance Sunday Parade, and the playing of the Last Post and Reveillé by Sergeant-Buglers Haworth and Young was especially commendable. Sergeant Haworth, acting as Drum-Major at a day's notice, acquitted himself with distinction.

Band Promotions: To rank of Sergeant-Buglers: Corporals  
Haworth and Young, I. C.

To rank of Lance-Corporal: Lightening,  
B. E.

At the end of the year the Band lost several of its more valuable members, including Drum-Major Tolken, drummers Pearce and Lightening and bugler Howarth; they will indeed be difficult to replace, and we thank them for their good service.

**Shooting.** The Petiet Cup Competition, postponed from May because of bad weather, was fired off in Durban on the first Saturday of September. The following are the teams and their scores: *Seniors:* Fearnhead 97, Erasmus 96, Groom (G.) 94, Pettit 84, Total 371, Position 9th. *Juniors:* Bouman 97, Bjorkman 96, Lawrence 96, Immelman 87, Total 376, Position 4th. Twenty-two teams competed. Strange how our Juniors invariably beat our Seniors in this Competition!

The Natal Command Bisley was held at the Durban North Range on the following Monday. We entered a senior and a junior team with six cadets in each. The Seniors came 8th in their class with a score total of 538, and the Juniors came 3rd in their section with a total of 494. The maximum possible was 600. For the Seniors Hunt scored 94, Khaled 92 and Brown 91, and only one Junior scored over 90, namely Richards with 92. The Junior Team however were successful in winning the Junior Brick Competition with a score of 11 out of 20. Major Arthur presented the trophy, a handsome shield, to Richards, the Team Captain, at the conclusion of the Inspection Parade.

The Imperial Challenge Shield Competition was fired off during the last term with many interruptions because of wet and misty



afternoons. The general results were excellent, and, subject to official confirmation of the scores, were about equal to last year's. The general average, counting 90 firers, works out at 87.57 points per boy, while last year's official average, counting 84 firers was 87.583. The highest scorer this year was G. Brown with a total of 98. As each boy receives a handicap of plus 2 because Government issued rifles are used, Brown will be credited with a possible 100 if his score is confirmed, and will receive a silver medal. The Competition produced 30 Marksmen (88 plus) and 34 1st-class shots (83-87). Scores of 77 and below were discarded.

The Robbins' Cup Inter-House Trophy was again won by Finningley, this time with a lead of 35 points. The best scorers for each House were: *Finningley*—Frick 95, Khaled 94, Fearnhead 94, Bouman 94, Brown 93, Pettit 91; *Gillingham*—McIlwraith 94, Erasmus 91, Alberts 90.

The following boys will attend a Student-Officers' and Senior N.C.O.'s Course at Ladysmith in January, all of them going with the rank of Sergeant: Cox, Cunningham, Francis, Green and Young (I. C.).

The Bamford Trophy this year was awarded to Student-Officer P. du Toit for his efficient handling of the Annual Inspection Parade.

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### DURBAN ROTARY CLUB CAMP

During the Michaelmas Holidays thirty six other Natal Matriculants and myself were privileged to be the guests of the Durban Rotary Club for a week. We camped in the R.D.L.I. grounds in Durban, and spent what was, for me, one of the most interesting and enjoyable holidays of my life.

In the event of rain we would have moved into the nearby dormitories, as it was, we used the R.D.L.I. showers and cooking facilities. The Rotary Anns catered for us, and we were given real home cooking, with second helpings always available.

One of the greatest value of such camps is the mixing of Afrikaans and English-speaking boys, and of country and town boys, with never any friction. We soon all made friends and became one happy family.

Every morning before breakfast a bus was waiting to take the bolder spirits to the beach for a swim. Whenever we went, either the Stanley Motors bus or a municipal bus took us.

Our theme this year was "the Citizen and his Responsibilities." This may sound boring but talks given by Mr. Kelsey Buchanan, Mr. Gordon Cramb, Rev. Wade, Councillor Ken Clarke and Town Clerk W. Howes were all eye-openers to us. The problems, living-conditions, possibilities and progress in Durban, as a typical city, were surprising and amazing. To illustrate the theme, we visited the municipal road projects, filtration plant, Ellis-Brown viaduct, law courts, mayoral election, museum and telephone exchange.

We also visited the Seamen's Institute, Howard College, Cato Manor clinics and health services, attended the Pick-a-Box show, attended the Rotary luncheon at the Hotel Edward, spent an afternoon touring the Bay in a tug, saw the "Daily News" Printing Works and had a talk by the Editor, toured the Bluff and visited Lever Brothers' Factory.

One evening we were shown a Durban Publicity film, which had been taken by two of the Rotarians. It concentrated on the beaches and gardens of Durban, and was very impressive.

This year's camp was two days shorter than usual, so we missed the usual Dance, but on the Saturday afternoon were free to visit cinemas, cricket or tennis as we chose.

Most tours, visits and lectures were informal and we were allowed to please ourselves as regards dress. Halfway through the week, whatever clothes were dirty, were washed at the Rotary Club's expense.

On the Sunday afternoon before dispersal we were treated to another feast from the Rotary Anns which included turkey, peas, jelly and ice-cream. We were each given a large mounted photo of the camp members which had been taken during the week. After lunch we all split up and left the camp, wishing it could have been longer.

Most of the other schools sent two boys, and I hope that in future years two boys will attend from Kearsney, for they will have the holidays of their lives and never regret it.

P. G. R.

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### DAY'S ELEGY

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The ten-to tolls the knell of parting sleep,  
Sixth-formers from their Somnus mattress creep,  
And flop into a cold and soap-filled bath,  
Reciting from "The Cloister and the Hearth."

House Milner hallowed plod their weary way,  
How jovial they are, how bright and gay,  
As breasting through the ever-welcome mist,  
They come to breakfast, glutinous and crisp.  
So from the Hall with bloated bellies stalk,  
To classrooms filled with dusty books and chalk.  
They are a happy band of pilgrims gay,  
As into class they wend their weary way.

The day moves on in shifts till once again  
They mass outside the Hall, despite the rain,  
Their starchy gastrovasculars to fill  
With carbohydrates, fats and chlorophyll.

With afternoon comes shooting, cricket, rain,  
As all turn out to exercise again,  
Their scraggy forms kept adequately filled  
With dainty morsels from the kitchen spilled.

At four they cleanse their grimy skeletons,  
And down to prep they file, these happy sons.  
Now sit they back to await in style and ease  
The climax of the evening—Soup and Cheese.

Once more they waddle out, once more well filled,  
Once more around the classrooms are they milled,  
Eager for Latin prose and Afrikaans,  
And all the interesting parts of plants.

At nine or thereabouts they plod again  
To comfortable beds, these lucky men,  
And murmur to themselves, "Ah! C'est si bon!  
How sad we'll be when from this school we're gone."

W. G. S.

# KEARSNEY COLLEGE OLD BOYS' CLUB

## Club Officials

*President:* J. H. Hopkins.

*Vice-President:* A. H. Doidge.

*Secretary:* P. E. Metcalf, Botha's Hill.

*Treasurer:* M. J. Collins, Box 1049, Durban.

*Executive:* O. McLaverty, H. N. Groom, N. Reeves, J. A. Chick,  
L. T. Polkinghorne, *Magazine Editor.*

## Durban Branch

*Chairman:* B. L. Stewart.

*Vice-Chairman and Treasurer:* F. Chick, P.O. Kloof.

*Secretary:* B. Theunissen, 41 Strathdon, 92 St. George's Street.

*Executive:* A. T. Winship, J. H. Howarth, T. Frankish.

## Johannesburg Branch

*Chairman and Treasurer:* A. B. Theunissen, Box 8569.

*Vice-Chairman:* R. J. Ireland.

*Secretary:* J. H. Charter, Box 3667.

*Committee:* G. Lancaster, E. J. Needham, G. R. Niven.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Kearsney, 4th September, 1954.

### Resumé of Minutes

**Ben Milner Memorial.** Credit balance of £11 15s. 2d. Fund open for contributions. Two biology books presented annually to School.

**R. H. Matterson Portrait.** This had cost £99 10s. 0d. and had been paid for from the general fund.

**Membership.** About 550 Life Members. £200 subs. coming in annually.

**Pavilion.** Debt now about £250.

**Honours Board.** To be erected in Pavilion at no cost to Club.

**K.C.O.B.C. Bursary.** Award of £15 made.

**Treasurer's Report.** Income (year and a half ending 30th July) £496. Expenditure £236. Accumulated funds now £2,062.

**Development Fund.** Agreed "that the Old Boys' Club donate £1,000 to the Development Fund, and that the actual expenditure of this amount be left at the discretion of the Executive."

**Memorial Plaque.** Agreed that the plaque be raised so that the head is about four inches higher than the base.

**Endowment Fund.** 54 policies, totalling £3,252, in force at 30th June. Mr. P. H. Hind to be trustee for next 10 years.

**Johannesburg Branch.** Had collected £160 from a Concert, for Development Fund.

### Transvaal Branch

This has been a year of ups and downs, typical of clubs such as ours. After the enthusiasm engendered by the Rupert Stoutt Concert on 5th February, when we netted £162 for the Development Fund, there was a lull until our Annual Meeting and Dinner on 16th July. We were delighted to welcome our President (on the coldest night of the year!), and also to have the Vice-President of the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce, Mr. R. P. Hacking, proposing the main toast. A few new faces have appeared on the executive, and the 1954/55 year promises to be successful. We have stopped the monthly get-together in favour of a Quarterly Meeting (an old Methodist institution!), the first being held at Walberton Manor on 18th November. The function took the form of an hilarious and teetotal Beetle Drive, and the dozen or so members who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as did Sister Attlee, our indefatigable hostess, to whom we extend our sincere thanks.

The balance of our programme includes the following planned events:—

5th March. Dance at Old Johannian Club.

3rd June. Annual Dinner.

18th August. A.G.M. and Social.

My executive join me in best wishes to Staff, Present Boys and Old Boys, for a Happy Christmas and Good Luck in 1955. We shall be particularly glad to welcome 1954 Old Boys at our Dance on 5th March.

A. B. T.

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## OLD BOYS' NEWS

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### Marriages

J. A. Chick, E. N. Jackson, D. G. Metcalfe, Dr. R. le Grove Smith, D. Weetman, Rev. B. J. Woods, G. L. Brokensha.

## Engagements

D. Anger, E. C. B. Brown, L. M. Preston, J. A. Smith, N. Theunissen.

## Births

J. Bertram (son), I. Coutts (son), Dr. K. Dyer (daughter), C. D. Nathan (daughter), K. Theunissen (daughter), N. Walker (son), R. Zeller (son).

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**D. Anger** (46-50) tells of meeting many Old Boys around about Chipinga, S. Rhodesia, the latest being John Peel and Owen Jackson. There were twelve Old Boys at the annual military training camp.

**J. H. S. Ayres** (42-46) has given up printing and is now farming in Zululand.

**D. W. Barker** (40-46) is Secretary and sometimes Captain of the Umzinto Cricket Club, beginning the season with an undefeated century. He is also Secretary to the Southern Districts Cricket Union.

**M. H. Beckett** (25-28), who is with an accountancy firm in Vryheid, is hoping to settle in Durban.

**Dr. D. P. Beningfield** (41-42) has seemingly grown tired of doctoring and is back on his farm at Empangeni.

Congratulations to **A. Bulman** (46-50) on being elected Captain of the Combined Natal Universities Cricket Team.

**G. G. Ballard** (39-41) is representative of Ellams Duplicators Ltd., Durban.

**J. A. Clarkson** (40-43) has completed five and a half years' teaching at Kingswood College, Grahamstown, and recently returned with his family, on long leave, to Durban.

**D. N. Crowder** (37-40) writes from Cape Town: "By this time I had expected to be in the Transvaal lowveld, but as a replacement has not been found for me I am still doing the planning for the new Cape Town station." He is showing a keen interest in the Youth for Christ work in the Peninsula.

**E. J. R. Caney** B.Sc. (Hon.) (44-47) has passed into his fifth year medicine and is an ardent fisherman. He spends a lot of his free time at the University Yacht Club, sailing as well as capsizing.

**C. G. Carelse** (48-53) is planning to leave shortly for Rhodesia, where he expects to work for about five years, amassing sufficient capital to enable him to start on a Commercial Art career. This steady flow of Old Boys to Rhodesia makes one wonder whether they are pursuing to its conclusion the interest in tobacco acquired in earlier years!

**G. L. Coggin** (48-50) had hoped to hitch-hike to England, and spent some time in N. Rhodesia and Tanganyika. A change in plans brought him back and he is now working in Durban.

**E. B. Christian** (46-47) is tobacco-farming at Trelawny, about 50 miles from Salisbury.

**I. E. Coutts** (35-42) has moved from Brakpan to Johannesburg, where he is an Inspector for his Insurance Company. The next step would be a Branch Managership.

**H. H. J. M. Cromme** (49-50) is a fifth year medical now. He plays a lot of hockey for the U.C.T.

**J. G. A. Coutts** (31-35) is Senior Clerk in charge of a department in the C. & A.G., in Johannesburg.

**V. D. Collingwood** (46-48) is in charge of the Spares and Indenting Dept. of Lloyds & Co., Ltd., Johannesburg. He is a member of the Old Johannians C.C.

**O. K. Clarkson (44-47)** writes an interesting letter from Salisbury, where he is in the bank, and taking Banking exams. He played rugby regularly for the unbeaten Salisbury R.F.C., and has now been elected captain of the Standard Bank 1st XI.

**R. W. Coote (46-47)** is with Marshall Industries, Durban.

**Dr. J. L. Couper (41-42)** has taken his medical finals at Cape Town and is now working at Uitenhage Hospital. It is twelve years since he started the course. After his first year he joined the Army and saw the rest of the war through. On his return he was involved in a very serious motor accident which put him out of action for a further three years. All credit to him for pluckily resuming his medical course and completing it. He is now married and has one son.

**V. Davy (38-46)** is captain of Pinetown C.C., and continues to make good scores and take wickets.

**E. C. K. Dowse (45-50)** writes from Hampstead, London. He has had the year in England, partly working, partly sight-seeing. He writes: "While walking out of Drury Lane Theatre I bumped into Peter Woodley. I have also met Peter Warmback, Roger Dersley and Colin Witherspoon."

**K. M. Eddy (49-53)** is taking his B.Sc., Mechanical Engineering, at Howard College, Durban.

**P. E. Ellis (45)** writes glowingly of a holiday spent in England a year ago, with a Morris Minor. He was able to see the Coronation Procession. After ten weeks in England and Scotland he made an extensive tour of France, Italy and Switzerland, finally returning via the Suez Canal.

Few of his Kearsney contemporaries will probably be aware of the fact that **J. S. Fox (40-43)** is the same individual as had been playing this season as fast bowler for the Western Province. When he left Kearsney, at the age of 14, he was a slow spinner. Congratulations!

**Eric Groom (37-40)** finds the running of his store at Kokstad a full-time job.

**H. N. Groom (44-47)** has taken most enthusiastically to insurance work with the S.A. Mutual and speaks with much authority and great persuasiveness! As Manager of the Point area, Durban, he covers a great mileage and now has a new Morris Oxford to help him along.

**V. C. Gevers (41-44)** has been made junior partner in the firm of Strachan & Taylor, Accountants. Early in December his only child contracted polio and had to be rushed to Durban. We are glad to know that his son is making a splendid recovery.

**N. T. Hamlyn (36-39)** held a public exhibition of his paintings at the T. S. Taylor Gallery, Pietermaritzburg, in November.

**Rev. F. G. Hittler (33-34)** has been at Brakpan for twelve months now. He writes: "We are liking the Transvaal and have found the Methodist people very warm-hearted."

**E. T. E. Hansen (47-50)**, better known as "Joe," for the simple reason that in boxing ability and in appearance he resembled Joe Louis, has made his place very secure in the O.F.S. Currie Cup side by his consistent displays of batting and bowling. Speaking from memory, we think that the only Old Boys to have played in first class cricket to date are he, Fox, Davidson, and Steyn. Others, please note.

**R. D. Hirst (49-50)** writes entertainingly from Kingswood School, England. Having taken the General Certificate (approximately our Matric) he was hoping to enter the Sixth Form for Advanced Physics and Chemistry. He tells of a debate with a visiting team from Kingswood, Grahamstown, on the Colour Bar.

**J. H. Hopkins (23-33)**, President of the Old Boys Club, is Chairman of the Botha's Hill Health Committee, i.e. is virtually Mayor of Botha's Hill. Congratulations!

**D. G. Hudson** (36-38), who is travelling for Shell Co., Durban, won first prize in a recent photographic competition, with a study of a ricksha boy.

**I. I. Ives** (40-44) has travelled for Shell Co. for over five years. He has now received notification from the General Manager that he is to spend fifteen months in the Area Manager's Department at London Head Office. He has sailed with his wife on 28th January. We wish him the best of luck.

**O. E. Knaggs** (41-42) has left the Shell Co., Cape Town, and is doing freelance journalism—short stories, radio plays (one of which gained second prize in a Transvaal Arts Festival) and a continuation of a historical novel.

**O. V. Leibrandt** (47-50) has a good post with the Audit Department of Escom, and now has his H.Q. in Durban. His work entails travelling to many parts of the Union, all expenses paid, in trains, boat, and hotels. He played first league tennis with the Sea Point Club during the past season. It looks as though O.V. is on a good wicket!

**J. C. Lorge** (51) is employed at the Durban City Market but hopes to get an apprenticeship with the Electricity Department.

**W. B. Letcher** (44-49) is seeking fame and fortune in Southern Rhodesia. He is working on a tobacco farm with Clive Mundell, as Groundnut and Cattle Sectional Manager.

**P. Lines** (46-49) has done one year practical work and toured Europe at the same time. He only has to do his thesis and then he will be a fullblown architect. He can hardly be recognised any more behind his enormous beard.

**D. H. Lowe** (50-53) tells of progress in the B.A., LL.B. course at Natal University and extensive reading of Latin authors. He also (a) plays cricket for Zingari C.C., (b) has reduced his golf handicap from 24 to 18, (c) hopes to join St. Peter's Choir, and (d) rides round on a Vespa.

**I. H. D. Lund** (45-49) wrote in October to tell of work being priority No. 1 at Wits, with exams in Maths and Physics looming large. Temporarily he had to give up his much-enjoyed singing lessons, and says, "The introduction to a grounding in singing that I had in the Choir at Kearsney is something for which I shall be for ever grateful. The amount of pleasure that I have gained from my singing is beyond measure."

**P. McLeroth** (44-45) is Electrician in a mine at Kitwe, N. Rhodesia.

**A. Moon** (49-52) has taken his first year B.Sc. at Wits. and will continue his studies at Natal University. He played for Wits. 1st XI and made some good scores, including two centuries.

**B. L. Nilsen** (27-28) bought a Zululand farm for £27,000 and sold it for £45,000! These figures have little meaning for us!

**W. B. A. Pearce** (28-37) speaks enthusiastically of the prospects of banana farming on the South Coast; better than sugar farming, he says.

**G. S. Roberts** (26), whose son has just taken his Matric at Kearsney, continues to travel the Union and S.W. Africa as Bank Inspector, but hopes soon to "settle" again.

**J. D. Raw** (28-37) supplies the Zululand news, as usual, and writes cheerily of himself and family, in spite of anxious moments with sickness.

**Dr. R. le Grove Smith** (36-42) is on the Medical Staff of the Frere Hospital, East London.

**D. G. Scott** (48-52) writes from Bedford School, England, where he is completing his second year post-Matric. After he leaves, in July, he goes to McGill University, Montreal, to take an engineering degree. At school he has taken a leading part in the Debating Society and praises the groundwork he received at Kearsney!

**G. D. Senior** (48-50) has been studying Hotel Management in England for three years and is now at the Rembrandt Hotel, S.W.7. He would like Old Boys in England to contact him. He could fix up accommodation and arrange meetings. We hope that Old Boys visiting England will seize this opportunity.

**K. B. Shea** (50-52) is serving a five-year apprenticeship with the E.S.C., Rosherville. He has done military training in the S.A.A.F. on Radar-Control.

**B. L. Stewart** (43-48), Chairman of the Durban Branch, is with the E.P. & Commercial Printing Co. He is a regular member of Old Collegians C.C. and has captained the team.

**G. H. Stein** (40-44), captain of Balfour Park C.C., is still scoring centuries, we see.

**M. Shelton** (46-49) finished his B.Sc. Physiology, last year, and is now doing Medicine at the U.C.T. He is still interested in golf and has done well for himself in this game.

**A. J. Tedder** (46-50) has now given up farming and is turning his attention again to exams in the hope of becoming a Vet.

**Pilot D. E. Todd** (43-48), who obtained his wings with the Canadian Air Force, is now training on jets in England, under Group Captain Paddy Hopkins.

**A. W. Shuker** (41-48) has completed his first year at Louisiana State University, where he has gained his M.Sc. Congratulations! A three-week holiday in August gave him the opportunity for a breath-taking tour of 8,000 miles through nine different states. This included the Colorado Canyon, Boulder Dam, Carlsbad Caverns, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Hollywood, San Francisco, Reno, Salt Lake City and Wyoming. How humble Felixton will seem!

**B. G. von Sorgenfrei** (48-53) is with the Standard Bank, Smith Street East, Durban. He has had military training with the S.A.A.F.—“one long loaf.”

**Rev. J. L. B. Taylor** (42-43) was ordained at the recent Methodist Conference and is now a full Minister. His induction service at Colesburg was conducted in his church, in English, by the Dutch Reformed Minister, an event without precedent.

**Rev. B. J. Woods** (40-43) gave up teaching in order to study for the Presbyterian Ministry, at Rhodes. With his background of Classics he must surely have found the course an easier one than many other candidates, and in December learned that he had secured his B.D. as an addition to his previous B.A. He has now been stationed for his first appointment at Van der Byl Park, with his newly-wed wife. We wish him happiness in the new work.

**H. M. Winder** (47-51) is with the British Marine Insurance Co., Durban. In a recent Insurance exam, set from London, he was one of the only two passes in South Africa, and he may go overseas shortly to continue his studies. He keeps very fit, holding the Natal Discus title and showing up well with other field events.

**J. H. Worth** (31-32) has been transferred to Cape Town as Manager of the S.A. Liberal. He writes: “We miss the sunshine and dry air of the O.F.S. The winters here are very damp. We receive more rain in 24 hours than Bloemfontein enjoys in 24 years!”

**P. J. Wills** (42-45) is with Dyson's, Chemist, Salisbury.

**R. L. Wicks** (45-49) has been transferred to the Union Castle offices at Mombasa.

More and more sons of Old Boys are now entering the school. In the following cases, father and son have both left and become Old Boys: E. A. (22-25) and B. G. (46-49) Hagemann; J. W. H. (24-29) and A. J. E. (53-54) Howarth; G. S. (26) and D. L. (51-54) Roberts.



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**BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE, 1954**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS—</b>							
Balance 1st January, 1954 .....	5,081	16	10				
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<b>LOAN FROM KEARSNEY COLLEGE OLD BOYS' CLUB .....</b>				235	5	2	
				<u>£5,332</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	
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							Paid to Board of Governors .....
					5,332	2	0
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<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS—</b>				<b>INVESTMENTS—Building Society Shares</b> .....			
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Magazine (Provision) .....	35	0	0	Subscriptions—Life .....	141	15	0
Postages, etc. ....	5	2	3	Annual .....	4	0	0
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