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HEADMASTER'S ADDRESS

Though new to most of you as Headmaster of Milton, I do not come to you as a stranger to the school. Except for a short period in Salisbury as Education Officer, I have devoted over a quarter of a century to my work at and for Milton, so that when I knew that I was to return here from Salisbury, I felt that I was, in reality, coming home again. My wife is an even older Miltonian, for she was appointed to the Staff at the end of 1918, when the school was but eight years old. You will not wonder therefore that Milton means so much to us. We both served under Milton's first Headmaster, Mr. E. B. de Beer, to whom the school owes so much, and have seen the steady building up of Milton's fine tradition from the days when these buildings you now occupy were not in existence, and with your help and that of those who will follow you, we intend that this tradition shall be carried on as pure and unsullied as it has been handed on by my predecessor, Mr. Ball.

The education of the young and their preparation for the work of the world is the most important duty that can fall upon the shoulders of any man, and you may rest assured that the staff and I will never shirk that duty. You have your part to play, your duty to yourselves and to the future of the land in which you live. The world today is passing through a period of crisis—it is not the first time that Miltonians have been called upon to face up to such a crisis—they have never yet been found wanting. I have every faith in the present generation of boys, in spite of disparaging remarks one sees at times in the newspaper—every faith that all of you are prepared to tackle the problems of this crisis in world affairs and that some of you will be called upon to play a great part on the stage that is now being set.

The age of opportunity is still with us: science, engineering, commerce in its world-wide ramifications, are all constructive forces giving boundless scope for youth and energy. You can render service to a troubled world by resolutely pursuing the careers you eventually decide shall be yours. One of the greatest men of our times, Dr. Nansen, once said: "The difficult is that which can be done immediately; the impossible that which takes a little longer." Remember this, those of you who sometimes get disheartened and wonder if your efforts are really worth while. Work hard, play hard, and you, in your turn, will, I am confident, hand on Milton's fine tradition as splendid as you have received it from former generations of Milton boys.

EDITORIAL

Since last year's edition of "The Miltonian" appeared, quite a number of changes have occurred in the life of the school. During the past year we have had another change of Headmaster; two of the older members of the Staff have gone—one to a well-merited retirement after many years of faithful service to the school, the other to become Headmaster of Liebenberg School at Enkeldoorn; three of our well-known masters have gone on long leave; and quite a variety of new faces can be seen in the Staff-room.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we welcome back to Milton Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Downing. Most of the masters, and some of the senior boys, will remember Mr. Downing as one of the two oldest members on the Staff at Milton School. We may rest assured, therefore, that our new Headmaster is one who has thorough knowledge of, and a great love for, the school in which he has served so long.

Mr. Downing graduated with honours in modern languages at King's College, London University, his other subjects being Latin and Mathematics. He taught at Palmer's Endowed School, Essex, and at Woolwich Polytechnic, before coming to Southern Rhodesia in June, 1924, to join the Staff of Milton School, under Mr. E. B. de Beer, its first headmaster. Mrs. Downing joined the staff of Milton School in January, 1919—the school was then only eight years old.

Later in his long period of service at this school, Mr. Downing became Deputy Headmaster, and acted as Headmaster several times before being promoted to Education Officer in Salisbury in May, 1948.

Having served throughout the Great War from 1914 to 1918, Mr. Downing was always keenly interested in the cadet movement, and was Officer Commanding, Cadets, at Milton School for many years; and at the time of his leaving for Salisbury, he had attained the rank of Battalion Commander. During the Second World War he was Officer Commanding, B.E.S.L. Company.

Always an ardent enthusiast of sport, our present Headmaster has played rugby, cricket, hockey, tennis, golf, squash and badminton—and he still plays a few of these at the present time. He was secretary and treasurer of the Matabeland Lawn Tennis Board and also of the Suburban Recreation Club for many years; so we can feel quite confident that Milton's activities on the sports' fields will always receive his greatest attention, encouragement and support.

In addition to all these qualifications, Mr. Downing takes a keen interest in music, and was assistant organist at St. John's Church, Bulawayo, for 23 years. He has also actively participated in the Child Welfare Society, is President of the Masonic Education Fund, and has many other outside interests.

It was with the greatest regret that we were obliged to say good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ball on their retirement in May of the present year. Mr. Ball was one who always had the well-being and the success of Milton at heart, and he did not spare himself in any way to help the school to progress. Mrs. Ball, too, was one whose charm and kindly manner and deep interest in the welfare of the school made her a very welcome person to all whom she met. We sincerely wish Mr. and Mrs. Ball many years of true happiness in their retirement near Umtali.

Last year the school held a fete in order to raise funds towards the building of a swimming bath. We are glad to see that, after some delay, plans for the construction of the new bath are taking practical shape; and we may look forward in the not-too-distant future to the gleam of cool water and the noise of merry splashing in the vicinity of the tennis courts.

It is sad to note that this year we again have no news in the magazine from the Old Miltonians. We shall always appreciate any items of interest that Old Boys of the school can send along to us during the course of each year. We feel

that one section of the magazine should be concerned with the activities of our Old Miltonians; so please let us have your contributions!

The Literary Section of the magazine still leaves much to be desired. We welcome contributions from any boy in the school, but please remember that the work must be of a good standard to be accepted. These may be handed in to the Editor any time before November of each year. There must be a large amount of literary talent which is still latent in the school, and we feel that if boys would prepare stories, poems, etc., over a fairly long period, far more work would be worthy of inclusion in "The Miltonian."

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A NEW FLAG

A new B.S.A. Company flag was presented to the school by Colonel Sir Ellis Robins, resident director of the B.S.A. Company, on March 3. The flag replaced the old one originally presented in 1925 and was hung near the school war memorial. A new Union Jack was hung in place of the old flag which had also been presented in 1925.

The new flags were handed to Sir Ellis Robins by A. Gersohn, the head boy, and Cadet 2/Lt. T. Bryant. After placing these on either side of the memorial plaque, Sir Ellis Robins addressed the school.

He recalled that the B.S.A. Company had been granted a charter in 1889 at the request of Rhodes and that Rhodesia had developed through the enterprise and initiative of a few pioneers, backed financially by the people of Great Britain.

The two flags, said Sir Ellis, replaced those originally presented in 1925. In that year Sir Henry Birchenough had presented the B.S.A. Company's flag, a Union Jack with the company's crest of a lion with elephant tusks, and Mrs. Wilson Fox, the widow of the managing director of the company, had presented the Union Jack.

Recently, Old Miltonians had presented further plaques to commemorate those old boys of the school who had lost their lives in the 1939-45 war and it had been felt that the original flags, now dilapidated, should be replaced.

NEW SILK FLAG

He had negotiated with the head office of the company to secure a replacement and he felt great satisfaction in now being able to present to the school a new silk flag on behalf of the B.S.A. Company.

Sir Ellis expressed the hope that the Union Jack would never be replaced as the national flag.

A new generation, he said, had taken over control of the country since the company had handed over its administrative duties in 1923. The future was theirs but the past must not be forgotten.

When the boys looked at the school memorial and the flags, they should remember not only those who had given their lives in the world wars, but also those whose courage and labours had made this Colony possible. Above all, they should remember the vision of Cecil John Rhodes.

OPENED IN 1910

Introducing Sir Ellis Robins, the headmaster, Mr. A. Ball, said Milton School was opened in Borrow Street in July, 1910, and named after Sir William Milton, an administrator of the Colony for the B.S.A. Company. The first headmaster was Mr. E. B. de Beer, who was at the school from 1910 to 1924, and the second was Colonel J. B. Brady, who left in 1929. When the flags needed replacements, Colonel Brady made representations to the B.S.A. Company and, as a result, the generous gift was being presented by Colonel Sir Ellis Robins.

SPEECH NIGHT

The evening's entertainment for Speech Night, held in the Beit Hall on April 14, opened with a short musical programme by the school orchestra and items by a choir.

In his annual report, Mr. Ball, the retiring Headmaster, said that satisfactory progress had been made. Out of 44 candidates, 40 succeeded in gaining Cambridge Certificates—a higher percentage than for some years; and of these 40, 22 gained matriculation exemption. During the year, a record number of 16 pupils from Milton had entered universities, and Mr. Ball stressed the importance of the post-certificate courses, particularly in the case of boys who gained matriculation exemption at a comparatively early age.

In regard to the general secondary school, the Headmaster stated that good work was being done, and many school-leaving certificates had been gained.

Mr. Ball next emphasised the fact that enrolment at Milton had increased from 420 to 457, and though 100 senior pupils left the previous December, there were 140 new boys. The Public Works Department was to be congratulated on renovating the class-rooms, but more of the latter were badly needed, as the present ones were becoming overcrowded.

After giving a resumé of the school's sporting activities, Mr. Ball mentioned the proposed school swimming bath, which he hoped would become a reality in the near future. He stressed the "critical position" which had arisen with regard to the playing fields, which had suffered badly as a result of the drought, and added that unless a water supply could be found—all water from Hillside Dams having been cut off since April, 1949—the school would have to curtail its games.

Speaking of his own retirement, Mr. Ball said: "To be head of a school such as Milton is a great privilege . . . My regrets at leaving will be tempered by satisfaction I feel in leaving Mr. Downing as my successor."

The prizes were presented by Mr. J. Cowie, Secretary to the Department of Education who, in his speech, paid tribute to Mr. Ball who, with the teachers, had faced and overcome many difficulties, including crowded class-rooms and inadequate supplies of text-books and vital equipment. He said that the Treasury was sympathetic, and was granting more money each year to the Education Vote.

Mr. Cowie criticised Rhodesian parents for wanting their children in high schools to take an academic course, when in many cases a general secondary course was more suitable. This was "overloading our academic courses with many children who would be happier and better educated on the non-academic side, causing quite unnecessary strain on the children and on the teaching staffs . . . the teachers in the academic Forms should be relieved of the burden of cajoling and driving through part of the Cambridge course large numbers who develop a distaste for an unsuitable course and leave before they reach the hurdle of the Cambridge examination."

The evening closed with an episode from Bernard Shaw's play, "St. Joan," which was ably produced and performed, and was well received by the audience.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE, 1949

The following pupils were successful in obtaining the School Certificate in December, 1949. The figures in brackets indicate the number of distinctions gained. Matriculation exemption is shown by an asterisk *

NINE CREDITS—*Baron, M.P. (5), *Danziger, F. (2).

EIGHT CREDITS—*de Villiers, E. H. G. (2), *Levin, G. G. (2), *Scott, J. E. (4).

SEVEN CREDITS—Gersohn, A., *Hardwick, P. J., *Mayers, R. M. (1), *Mirbach, M. (2), *Tipler, E. W., *Walshe, A. P. (1).

SIX CREDITS—*Davies, G. H. (2), *D'Elboux, R. J., Feitelberg, S. (1), Geffner, I., *Hervey, M. C. (3), Hounsell, R. C., *Israel, V. H., *Kellett, P. S. (1), *Nell, B. J. (2), *Prior, E. E., *Shepherd, R. H.

FIVE CREDITS—*Anderson, W. D. (1), *Barrow, B. (1), *Butcher, E. J., Hogan, C. R., MacGregor, H. I. (1), *Treger, G.

FOUR CREDITS—Barclay, J. A. (2), de Burbure, H. (1), Hussey, D. E., Lotz, G. G. (1), Pentz, A., Singer, M. J.

THREE CREDITS—Bradley D., de Volder, J. P., Pritchard, N. B., Rowelsky, H. W.

TWO CREDITS—Beavon, D.

ONE CREDIT—Fredriksson, B. G.

Supplementary Credits, 1949

(Obtained by pupils who were awarded their Certificates in 1948)

FOUR CREDITS—*Burton, M. C., *Weiss, A.

THREE CREDITS—Grill, B. C.

TWO CREDITS—Fabian, F. G., Kagan, N., Playford, L. D.

ONE CREDIT—*Chandler, B. R. H., Clews, R. L., *de Beer, B. H., *Finch, M. J., Harris, W. S., Hill, D., *Jordan, R. A., Landry, C. C., *Levitsky, N., Lieberman, E. I., Mackenzie, G. L., Riseley, J. C., *Robertson, J. A., *Sloan, N., Webb, B. P.

School Council Prizes: Empire Geography—Scott, J. E. Empire History—Mirbach, M.

Rhodes Trustees English Prize—Ward, T. A. (Group 2), Montgomery, A. (Group 3), Middeldorf, N. (Group 4), Hervey, M. (Group 5), Jordan, R. (Group 6), Levitsky, N. (Group 6), Hughes, D. (Group 7).

A. D. Campbell Memorial Prize—English—Hervey, M.

Barnett Smith Prize—Highest Aggregate—Danziger, F.

Ralph Moxon Memorial Grant—Smith, M. W. G.

R.R.W.U. Prize—Physics—Vides, L.

GENERAL SECONDARY SIDE NOTES

Disaster has overtaken the Poultry Club this year. Casualties began, by an odd coincidence, immediately before the braaivleis held on the King's Birthday, when two chickens disappeared. A week or two later all the rest went, too, and a few feathers found in the compound may or may not have belonged to them. The Club has suspended its operations (naturally) for the time being, but a new run is under construction which, it is hoped, will be braaivleis-proof.

Our vegetables have not been so severely ravaged this year and nearly 2lbs. of tomatoes escaped the notice of visitors. Shrubs (non-fruit-bearing) are being planted in the garden.

A considerable amount of building and general constructional work has been going on. The new fish pond has been built and has to be plastered but we are held up at the moment by the shortage of cement. A small lawn with flower beds is to be planted round the pond and the more powerful Fifth Formers, who are preparing the ground, have shown that they are not afraid of hard, physical work.

The scoring booth has been repainted and the number rollers renewed. A small zoo is coming on well, and a gum-pole shelter, to be placed beside the tennis courts, should be finished this term. Black-out blinds, to make it possible to use the projector in Room 16, will soon be up. All these projects have been carried out by Forms III, IV and V, but we should mention the splendid map-model of Bulawayo and district which Form I is making.

The Seniors have paid a number of visits to places of local interest, among them being the Cold Storage, the Matopos Experimental Farm and the Magistrate's Court. They have had talks from Rev. Ibbotson, of the Native Welfare Societies, Major Calogreedy of the Police and Mr. Bate of the Conservation Department.

We wish to congratulate Van Rooyen on his appointment as a prefect, and Bredenkamp, Carbutt, Davidson, Fisher, Micklesfield and Reilander on their performances for the school teams.

Mr. Cooper and Mr. Coventry joined the Side this year and have made themselves very welcome by the spirit and interest with which they have attacked their work. We say goodbye to Mr. Hall, who is retiring at the end of the year. How our projects would have been carried out without his practical knowledge, skill and readiness to assist it is difficult to imagine. We shall miss his experience very greatly.

HOBBIES CLUB

This has grown to such an extent that there is a long waiting list. Recently there has been a suggestion from the Education Department that a Hobbies' Room should be built and equipped. If this comes about, it should make a great difference as a larger number could be accommodated.

The activities this year varied from chemistry to carpentry. Some boys are satisfied with a big bang from hydrogen or gunpowder, whereas others are doing a systematic course from the growing of crystals to the properties of various gases. The making of sherbet and toffee is also very popular, but I do not think that chemical knowledge is the reason.

On the construction side a pinhole camera and several thermometers have been made as well as model aeroplanes, boats and a gramophone cabinet.

There has also been considerable activity in the making of microscope slides of all the various animals found in a pond. Sections of plants have also been mounted with success. A skeleton of a rabbit has been joined together and set up.

This year in fact the club has been very successful and has much to show.

D.L.G.

JUNIOR NATURALIST SOCIETY

There are a number of keen naturalists who have come along to the Hobbies Club to mount their specimens. Early in the year, when Hillside Dam held a fair amount of water, we went out collecting. Besides the more common animals such as crabs and fish, we brought back a good collection of water fleas and a sponge which grew on the side of the rocks. These specimens provided us with material for later examination.

The members also combined with other schools in the various meetings and outings of the Society. The exhibition of collections held this year was well supported by Milton with skulls, butterfly collections and microscope slides.

D.L.G.

MILTON DANCE BAND

This year a few boys exceptionally keen on music gathered together in the hall one afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed themselves playing modern and popular jazz tunes. That afternoon was such a success that the players decided in common accord to start a Milton Dance Band. A committee was formed and meetings took place, with the result that for the first time in our school a proper band was organised.



MILTON SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1950

Back Row: J. Haviland, T. A. van Rooyen, J. F. Brett, E. W. Tipler.

Seated: N. B. Pritchard, T. C. Bryant, J. H. Downing, Esq. (Headmaster),
A. Gersohn (Head Prefect), A. P. Walshe, J. Chadwick.

Towards the end of the second term the band held a concert for the school. The audience showed their appreciation by continual applause and later in the evening even took to singing with the band.

We had hoped to play for our school dance, but owing to the difficulties entailed in buying a suitable drum and modern music, the idea had to be given up. However, we have already had an offer to play outside the school, and we are confident that after this additional experience, the Milton Band will soon become successful.

The band is represented by a committee consisting of A. von Riesen (treasurer), B. Barrett (secretary), D. R. Elworthy, H. de Burbure, E. J. Pike.

The players are D. R. Elworthy (piano), R. A. Furber (accordion), S. de Burbure (violin), M. Emery (violin), J. Anderson (violin), Martin (drums), A. Ordman and T. Hill have regretfully resigned in view of the approaching examinations.

The committee wishes to thank Mr. Turnbull and Mr. Mans for their appreciable help and advice to the band.

H. de B.

CLASSICAL MUSIC MEETINGS

At the beginning of the year an invitation to all Charter House boys was given to attend a classical music evening. The evening was very successful indeed and it was proposed by various boys that other meetings should be held. Mr. Turnbull gladly agreed and so meetings became frequent. It was mainly a Charter House activity but Pioneer House boys and day scholars also attended. All the members are very grateful to Mr. Turnbull, who supplied them with records and also with the history of the various composers and their works.

A.V.R., IV L.

SCIENCE SOCIETY NOTES, 1950

This year three meetings of the society were held in which Mr. Jones of the Power Station, Mr. Hein of the Rhodesian Sugar Refinery and Mr. Hudleston of the Cold Storage Commission gave the members some interesting lectures.

Mr. Jones gave the members an idea of the work being done in Germany in bringing the output of the power stations to the pre-war standard.

Mr. Hein stressed the great importance of the by-products of sugar refining in Rhodesia, making special mention of molasses, which was now being used in the tobacco industry.

Mr. Hudleston, who spent many years in Brazil, gave us a very interesting talk on the pastoral and agricultural life of the country and changed our imaginative impressions of Brazil.

The members of the society are looking forward to the visit of Mr. Sibson, of the Power Station, next month.

At the end of the meetings, visits to the various works were arranged, and the society's thanks are extended to those gentlemen who so kindly gave up their time in lecturing to the members, and to those who acted as guides on the tours of inspection.

V.I.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club has been revived this term, and though a few meetings only have been held we have an enthusiastic following of about 30. There are few beginners this session; many who learned the game when the club was last in session are now quite competent players.

A league is being run at present, which will sort out our players, and a lightning tournament is to be held shortly. If we are strong enough we hope to challenge an outside club later.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY NOTES

The Dramatic Society confined their activities this year to the production of an episode from Saint Joan, by G. B. Shaw, on Speech Night.

CAST

Captain Robert de Baudricourt
His Steward
Bertrand de Poulengey
Joan of Arc

G. Levin
J. Crittall
B. Ault
E. Scott

This was produced in our dining hall, where a temporary stage had to be erected. It was well produced and the decor was effectively designed. The use of microphones to supplement the poor acoustics of the hall contributed to the success of the production.

Gerald Levin gave a very good interpretation of his role as the aggressive Captain de Baudricourt. He was convincing throughout the performance and his voice carried well. As his steward, J. Crittall acted well. B. Ault as Bertrand de Poulengey, a Gentleman-at-Arms, was not convincing. Rather than being filled with enthusiasm for Joan and her plans, he seemed too depressed. E. Scott made a pretty Joan, but he still has to learn to fit his gestures in with his lines, otherwise he will not be able to give a natural interpretation of whatever part he appears in.

The production was enjoyed by all.

P.M.

MUSIC NOTES

The highlight of Milton's musical activities in 1950 was the visit of Lili Kraus, and her kind concessions of seats for the school's concert and her brilliant performances with the Municipal Orchestra of the C Minor Concerto of Beethoven, and Weber's charming concert—Stück in F Minor. The performance of the orchestra in the Weber came as a revelation it was beautifully neat and coherent, a worthy partner to Miss Kraus's unsurpassed playing. The school is very fortunate in its allocation of free seats for the symphony concerts.

It is perhaps a pity that the music classes at Milton cease in Form III. An interest in better music is awakened in the first two Forms, but in Form III, and later Forms, one is deprived of the stimulation. However, it is true that for many the two years of early training prove to be a sufficient impetus for greater study of music.

Would it perhaps not be possible to form some sort of music society within the school, for those with an already keen interest? Such a society would require no financial aid from the school, as there are three or four pupils, and no doubt many of the staff, with fairly comprehensive record collections which could be used as the basis of the programmes. Perhaps some member of the staff would take it upon himself to foster the avid musical interests of an unfortunately small number of pupils.

Congratulations to E. R. Raine on the public performance of his composition, "Trio in C Major for Three Instruments."

He started working on this in April of this year, and it was first played, at a meeting of the Junior Musical Appreciation Club, in October. It has since been performed at a public concert in the Small City Hall. The instrumentalists—all boys of this school—were S. de Burbure (violin), H. de Burbure ('cello), and E. R. Raine himself at the piano.

In conclusion, congratulations to the School Orchestra on their competent playing on Speech Night.

M.P.B. V. P.C.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

This continues to be extensively used by a large proportion of the school. The following books are among those added to the Library in the course of the year:

There is no Armour—Howard Spring.
The Englishman's Castle—J. Gloag.
War History of Southern Rhodesia, Vol. I—J. F. Macdonald.
Androcles and the Lion, etc.—G. B. Shaw.
Masters of Painting Series: Gainsborough—O. Millar.
Masters of Painting Series: Chardin—B. Denoir.
Masters of Painting Series: Jan Ver Meer—F. van Thienen.
Manuel Illustre de la Littérature Française—Lanson and Tuffram.
Every Child's Book of Pets—J. B. Aistrop.
Physical Geography and Geology—L. D. Stamp.
Plays Pleasant—G. B. Shaw.
Plays Unpleasant—G. B. Shaw.
St. Joan and The Apple Cart—G. B. Shaw.
Man and Superman—G. B. Shaw.
Three Plays for Puritans—G. B. Shaw.
Back to Methuselah—G. B. Shaw.
The Doctor's Dilemma, etc.—G. B. Shaw.
Samuel Brohl et Cie—V. Cherbuliez.
Le Maître de l'Aube—F. Adine.
Life of Sir Henry Curtis-Bennett—Wild and Curtis-Bennett.
All Our Yesterdays—H. A. Tomlinson.
The Chamberlain Tradition—Charles Petrie.
Captain Caution—K. Roberts.
Scaramouche—Rafael Sabatini.
Fortunes of Captain Blood—Rafael Sabatini.
Columbus—Rafael Sabatini.
Orchid Island—P. Briggs.
Devil's Island—W. Allison Booth.
Dead Men's Boots—P. C. Wren.
Rumble of a Distant Drum—M. L. C. Akeley.
Great Religions of the Modern World—E. J. Jurji.
The Zulu People—A. T. Bryant.
English Literature and Ideas in the 20th Century—H. V. Routh.
An Introduction to European Painting—E. Newton.
Farm and School—Thomas and Voysey.
Science in Agriculture—J. W. Paterson.

Our grateful thanks are due to the following for donations of books: H. Landry, Capt. W. Adam, J. de Volder, Natal University College, S.R. Education Department.

Thanks are also due to those members of the school who have acted as Librarians, and given assistance in running the Library.

Finally, may we appeal to all members of the school for donations of books with which they themselves have finished, but which may interest others. Provided that they are in reasonable condition, any books will be acceptable. S.W.J.

VI FORM LIBRARY

It is unfortunate that the VI Form Library, which serves such a useful purpose, has to rely for additions on the members of the Post Certificate Forms and one or two interested members of the staff, as it receives no monetary grant from the school. However, in 1950, the VI Form Library received many donations of books, and we take this opportunity of thanking the generous donors.

The following additions were received in 1950:

The Beautiful Years—Henry Williamson.
 Cry, the Beloved Country—Alan Paton.
 Dr. Faustus—Marlowe.
 David Copperfield—Dickens.
 William Cobbett—Pemberton.
 Alexander Pope—Edith Sitwell.
 English 19th Century Life—Sambrook.
 Charles Lamb and Elia—Morpurgo.
 Salar the Salmon—Williamson.
 Darwin—Julian Huxley.
 Meredith—Sassoon.
 Landmarks of English Literature—Grondahl.
 A Leaf in the Storm—Lin Yutang.
 Androcles and the Lion—Shaw.
 Wuthering Heights—Emily Bronte.
 Of Mice and Men—Steinbeck.
 Cannery Row—Steinbeck.
 Modern Architecture—Richards.
 Jennie Gerhard—Dreiser.
 Poets' Pub—Linklater.
 Brighton Rock—Greene.
 The Professor—Charlotte Bronte.
 For Whom the Bell Tolls—Hemingway.
 Pygmalion—Shaw.
 Man and Superman—Shaw.
 English Letters of the 19th Century—Aitken.
 Eastern Approaches—Maclean.
 England, Their England—Macdonell.
 Ben Jonson—Nicholson.
 Best Short Stories Dreiser.
 Master of Ballantrae—Stevenson.
 The Country House—Galsworthy.
 Adam Bede—Eliot.
 Harry Lorrequer—Lever.
 The Life of the Bee—Maeterlinck.
 Theban Plays—Sophocles.
 The Woman Who Rode Away—D. H. Lawrence.
 The Confessions of Father Brown—G. K. Chesterton.

M.P.B. V. P.C.

SCOUT NOTES

The Milton Scout troop has been functioning as usual this year, with Mr. Archell as our very able Scoutmaster.

At the beginning of the year we had Lord Rowallan, the Chief Scout of the Commonwealth, visiting Rhodesia. Members of our troop attended functions held in his honour and at these they had an opportunity to meet the Chief.

During the year the Troop won the inter-Troop sports. We held two camps, the first at the beginning of the second term, during which the new Scouts were enrolled. The second camp should have been held at Mr. Hall's farm, but due to unforeseen circumstances it could not be; instead we camped at Hillside again.

During the last term a first-aid group was begun, from which a team was to be chosen to represent the Troop at an inter-Scout first-aid competition. We should like to thank Mr. Johnson for the instruction that he gave to the group.

J.D.S.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB NOTES

We welcomed back Mr. Archell after his long leave to England and from the beginning of the year he has taken a keen interest in the club.

The committee members this year consisted of Ashwin, Bayley and Blumenthal; we were sorry that Walter, who was a very keen member of the committee, left us last year.

When the club first opened this year, as usual there were numerous new members, mostly juniors, who were keen to learn photography.

The second term was a great success and the meetings were well attended.

The third term so far, has started very well with quite a number of members getting down to some hard work; this is a good sign, and the term should be successful.

Some very good work has been produced during the year, and most of the new members have reached a good standard. A rule was made at the beginning of the year that the new members should not use the enlarger, but it was found that after being "shown how," they were capable of using it.

Developing, printing, and enlarging as usual were discussed at the beginning of the year for the benefit of the new members. Later, toning, reducing and intensifying were demonstrated by Mr. Archell. He has encouraged all members greatly by his demonstrations in various branches of photography. The committee members have also assisted him greatly by keeping the photographic club running, and by regularly attending to the needs of the dark-room.

M.B. V.R.

CHARTER HOUSE NOTES

All thanks to Mr. Avery for all he has done to make this a most successful and most enjoyable year. Unfortunately he will not be with us for the first half of next year as he is going overseas on a well-deserved holiday. We wish both him and Mrs. Avery a pleasant visit, and look forward to their return.

We welcome to Charter House two new members of the staff, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Turnbull, incidentally an Old Miltonian, who will be leaving us shortly for Guinea Fowl School. We wish him all the best. At the same time we have had to bid farewell to Miss O. K. Munn-Mace, whose retirement follows many years of service. In her place we welcome Miss Moran.

Congratulations to Bryant on being appointed Head of the House, and to Tipler on being made a School Prefect; also to De Volder, MacGregor and Player on being made House Prefects. We were all sorry to lose Player at the end of the first term, but the farm was in a bad way. We wish all leavers the best of luck in their future careers, and hope that those remaining will carry on their good work.

This year, Pioneer House did not have the audacity to challenge us to our annual hockey match, so we contented ourselves with a strictly social match against St. Peter's on their ground. In the third term we had a most enjoyable tennis match against the same school.

As usual, the entertainment has been both varied and of a high calibre. An enjoyable "braai" was held during the middle term, and the standard of table tennis was as high as ever. Tipler again won the championship, and we were able to beat Pioneer House for the umpteenth time with a second-rate team. The Study Boys' Party, a ceremony introduced last year, has still to come off, but there is every indication that it will be another great success, particularly as De Volder will be celebrating his twentieth birthday. Early in the last term a cricket team, without our three 1st XI players, enjoyed a very even match against the Fairbridge Memorial College.

Charter House has always played a prominent part in the school's sporting activities, and this year has been no exception. The following boys are to be congratulated on representing the school in the various sports:—

Rugby: Horton, Frerichs, Bryant, Tipler, Bredenkamp and Pike.

Cricket: Horton, Frerichs and Tipler.

Hockey: Scher (vice-capt.), Horton, Bryant, Tipler and Dickinson.

Tennis: Brown, Scher and Frerichs.

Basketball: Tipler (capt.), Bryant, Horton, Frerichs and Pike.

Horton, Frerichs, Scher, Bryant and Pike are to be specially congratulated on obtaining Colour awards. E.T.

PIONEER HOUSE NOTES

Acting House Master: Mr. D. Rowe-Roberts; Assistant House Masters: Mr. B. Thomson, Mr. K. Kleyn. Matrons: Miss C. J. Howels, Mrs. M. Tilbury. Prefects: A. Gersohn, J. Brett, V. Israel, T. A. van Rooyen.

Once again Pioneer House has completed a successful year. The boys have done extremely well in sport and last year nobody in the House failed School Certificate!

We were unfortunate in having numerous staff changes, but nevertheless things still ran along very smoothly. We regret the loss of Mr. Dowley and Mr. Jones, while in their places we welcome Mr. Thomson and Mr. Kleyn. In Mr. Jackson's absence Mr. Rowe-Roberts has taken over duties as Housemaster; we take this opportunity of welcoming him and his family to the House.

Since the last magazine was printed the House has improved in a few ways. Firstly, it has been redecorated after ten years. Secondly, on Arbor Day we planted some thirty-four trees, all of which have taken, and the Matrons have established a very attractive garden. Last, but not least, F.G.J. has bought a "nearly new" car; still a Ford 10!

Table tennis thrived this year and there has been a general improvement in the standard of play. Once again Israel was House champion, and Kerr was this year's Junior champion. In enjoyable contests against Charter House we lost the first match and won the second. Our hockey match against St. Peter's was a manly victory after last year's defeat.

Among other achievements was the capturing of the pigeons by Lerman and Hill. This has taken many years, and at last they have been neatly (or otherwise) caged.

Congratulations to Gersohn (Snr.), on being appointed Head Prefect; Brett, Macdonald and Micklesfield on being awarded rugby colours; Wood (Snr.) swimming colours; Gersohn (Snr.) hockey colours; Davidson, cricket colours.

The following are to be congratulated on representing the school at various sports:—

Rugby: Brett (vice-capt.), Micklesfield, Goldberg, Macdonald, Davidson, Fisher and Ashwin.

Cricket: Davidson (vice-capt.), Israel, Carbutt, Micklesfield.

Athletics: Gersohn (capt.), Goldberg, Brett, Micklesfield, Kerr.

Hockey: Gersohn (capt.), Brett, Goldberg, French, Micklesfield, Israel, Carbutt.

Swimming and Water Polo: Wood (capt. of water polo), Goldberg, Micklesfield, Macdonald, Fisher, Jenkins.

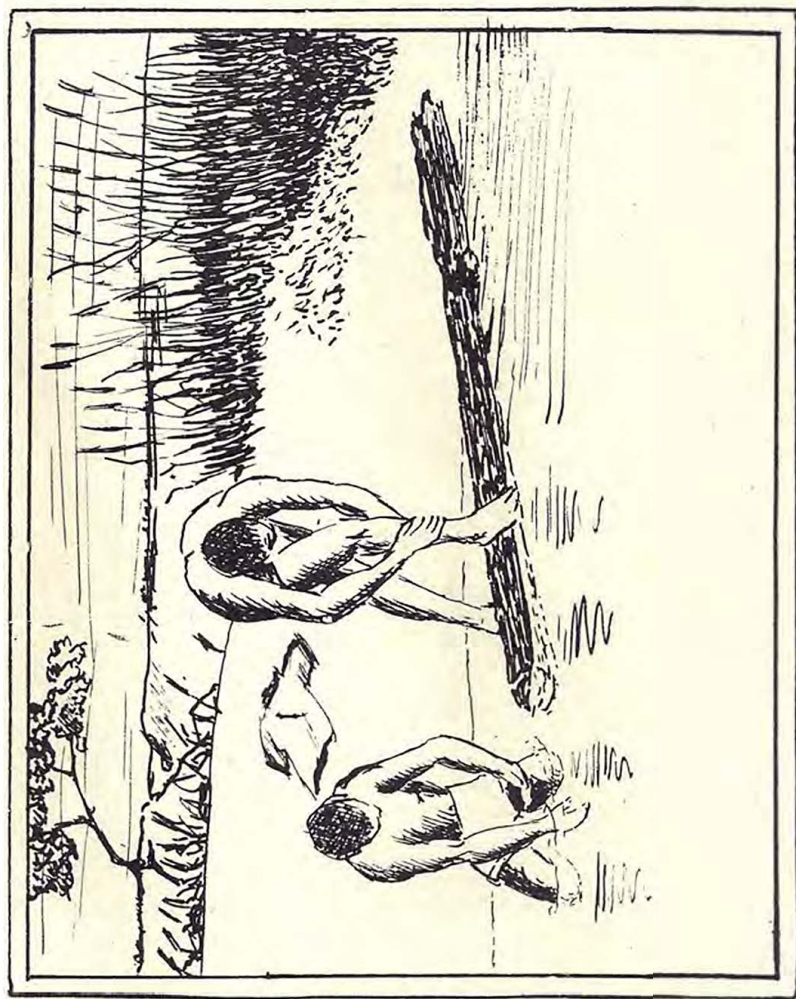
Tennis: Israel, Wood, Kerr.

Basketball: Wood, Brett, Micklesfield, Goldberg, French.

Boxing: Micklesfield, Macdonald, N. de la Rosa.

Bisley: Dahl.

A.G. V. P.C.



'The Evening Wash'

OPPIDAN NOTES

A constant accusation against us oppidans is that we leave it to the boarders to carry the school. Alas at present this is largely the case. It is high time some boys took more interest in their school which can give them so much in return for anything they can add to it. A great many more boys could turn out to watch 1st XV and 1st XI matches as well as take part in the great variety of activities offered to them.

At the end of last cricket season the Day Boys played the Boarders at cricket, and walked off the field victorious for the second year in succession. No rugby game was played but we are sure we could have given a good account of ourselves—even against the Boarders' well-fed forwards. There is some talent among us but a lot of this is latent due to personal neglect or laziness. So let us see a greater percentage of boys pulling their weight in the school and not leaving it to a few "old faithfuls." It is high time we saw more day boys in the school teams and taking an active part in the societies.

P.W. VI.

DEBATING SOCIETY NOTES

After a lapse of five years it was decided that a debating society was essential to the school and consequently a meeting of seniors took place in the Beit Hall. Officers were elected and once more the Senior Debating Society was in existence. We hope to see the Junior Debating Society a reality before the end of the year and hope to receive some promising speakers into the senior society from this training ground.

Since the election of officers at the beginning of August two meetings have been held with gratifying success. The first debate, "That Sport is over-emphasised at Milton," produced a lively discussion and a result of 14 votes for and 19 against. The motion before the House at the second meeting was, "That it is better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all." The turn-out for this debate exceeded the first and a hearty, if somewhat personal, debate ensued. The final voting was 50 for and two against.

For giving debating at Milton School a new lease of life we wish to thank our vice-president, Mr. Freeman, for his keenness in guiding us on the right lines and also for the very enjoyable after-meeting refreshments which he very thoughtfully arranges for us. Now that the "ice has been broken" the committee have great ideas for the future, among these being a regular debate with Eveline, and a Parliamentary Debate.

P.W. VI.

CADET NOTES

This year the Cadet Corps has maintained a good standard in all aspects of its training. Our congratulations go to 2/Lieuts. Chadwick and Haviland for obtaining both parts, and to Sgt. Rubidge for obtaining part one, of the Certificate "A," the qualifying examination for which was held at the end of last year. We also congratulate 2/Lieut. Bryant, C.S.M. Scher, and Cpl. Macgregor, who obtained Certificate "A," parts one and two, at camp this year.

Several welcome innovations have been made recently, with a view to brightening the syllabus of training. During the first term, a signals section was formed consisting of two N.C.O.s and eight Cadets. They received interesting and varied training in the procedure, principles and methods of radio transmission, and were recognised at camp as a separate unit.

The number of range parties attending the .22 range at the Drill Hall and the .303 range at Woolandale was increased at the beginning of the year. Special provision was made for the junior marksmen and in consequence their numbers, enthusiasm and prowess have correspondingly increased.

The site of this year's camp was Inkomo (near Salisbury), which has the advantage of being easily accessible by air, road and rail, and offers several facilities which other sites have been unable to provide, such as permanent water supply, proper hospital buildings, and a transitional field-firing range. It has been announced that Inkomo is to be the site of all future camps and it is hoped that they will be as successful as this one.

The Company, one hundred and seven strong, spent ten days under canvas and played a considerable part in the combined efforts of 4th Battalion in open competition, thus maintaining the traditionally high standard of performance which has come to be expected of the school.

Our efforts were well rewarded. We won the Lines Competition by a very comfortable margin and were third in the sports. No. 1 Platoon was placed third in the competition for the best drill platoon and the Bisley team, consisting of 2/Lieut. Walshe, Cpl. T. Loxton and Cadets Dahl, Bredenkamp, Smith, Malan, Mitchie and Engelbrecht are to be commended on winning the Milton Challenge Shield and finishing second in the grand aggregate. With pride we record that the "Signals Section" were personally congratulated by the Brigade Major for the efficient manner in which they maintained the camp communication system during their spell of duty.

After weeks of preparation under the watchful eye of Sgt. Markham, the guard put up a very creditable performance, and Cpl. Hardwick and Cadets Francis, Martin (stick-man), Brown, Dickinson, Goldberg and Israel are congratulated on their subsequent promotions. The guard were very fortunate to have with them Sgt. Wood as bugler, who not only carried out his duties with merit but was able to give the guard commander much useful advice, as the result of previous experience.

The morale of the Cadets at camp was excellent, since the food was very good, and tuck-shop and entertainment facilities were quite adequate. In addition, although many companies were cut down in strength due to the 'flu epidemic, there was surprisingly little sickness at camp, and at no time was the small camp hospital full.

During the camp the Cadet Officers and N.C.O.s were given much more responsibility than of late, and towards the end of camp shouldered much of the work of administration. That they succeeded admirably is obvious from the results that were obtained. There has probably never been a more successful camp and the Prime Minister praised the corporate spirit of the Cadets when he took the salute at the ceremonial parade on the Sunday before dispersal.

On Thursday, 8th June, No. 1 Platoon represented the Company at the King's Birthday Parade in the Drill Hall grounds, where Lt.-General Sir Clarence Bird took the salute at the march-past.

As the magazine goes to print the unit is due for its annual inspection by Lt.-Col. J. deL. Thompson, O.C. Troops, Matabeland, and preparations for his visit are well under way.

In conclusion we should like to express our gratitude to Major Stone and his staff at the Drill Hall, whose efforts, combined with those of our school officers, Capt. Rowe-Roberts, Lt. Dowley and Lt. Speirs, have kept the standard of training so high. We hope that the present standard gives them the satisfaction that they deserve.

J.S.C. VI.

GENERAL NOTES

A sundowner party was held in the School Library to make a farewell presentation to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ball from the School Council, the Staff and the Old Miltonians' Association. The boys of the school also gave a parting gift, on another occasion, to the retiring headmaster and his wife.

In May of the present year, Mr. B. R. N. Bloy terminated a long and meritorious period of service with the staff of the school, and went into well-earned retirement. A presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Bloy was made by the staff, and another by the boys of the school. We wish both Mr. and Mrs. Bloy great happiness in the years that lie ahead of them.

Our congratulations go to Mr. A. J. Hoffman, who has been promoted to the post of Headmaster at Liebenberg School, Enkeldoorn. Mr. Hoffman has served long and faithfully on the staff at Milton; and we would specially like to thank Mrs. Hoffman for always being so willing to teach at the school whenever she was called upon. May they both enjoy their new work at Enkeldoorn.

This year three members of the staff went on leave in July—Mr. F. G. Jackson, Mr. F. A. Hambly and Mr. H. G. M. Thurlow. We wish each of them a very pleasant and health-giving vacation, and are looking forward to their being with us again next year.

Mr. W. D. G. Watt, who was away on long leave in Europe at the end of last year; returned to the school at the beginning of the first term. Mr. R. Leavis returned from long leave in July. We offer our congratulations to the latter and Mrs. Leavis on the birth of a son early in the present year.

Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Jones on the birth of their first child—a daughter.

We extend a hearty welcome to the many new members of Staff who arrived at Milton during the course of the year—Mr. R. P. Cooper, Mr. H. O. Coventry, Mr. C. P. Kleyn, Mr. P. J. Retief and Mr. G. V. Turnbull. We trust that they will all enjoy their stay at Milton, and will be with us for many years to come.

A special re-welcome goes to Mr. R. W. C. Henney and Mr. B. Thomson, both of whom have previously been on the school staff. It is good to see and hear them again in the Staff-room.

We learn that Mr. A. E. Hall will be retiring at the end of this year. He has done sterling service not only at Milton but elsewhere in the Colony, and is a well-known personality in many parts of Rhodesia. We wish him and Mrs. Hall a happy future and many years of good health.

Mr. G. Turnbull will be going to Guinea Fowl next January.

Mr. N. L. Robertson, a former pupil, captain of rugby, captain of cricket, head prefect, cadet 2/lieut., will join the staff in January, from Rhodes University.

SOMERSET MAUGHAM

Throughout the novels, plays and short stories of Somerset Maugham, there runs a vein of cynicism which has seldom been equalled by any other contemporary author. Perhaps this was a consequence of the days he spent as a medical student at St. Thomas's Hospital. For here he gained a medical man's attitude towards life. He became aware of the defects and frailties of the human body and thus of the human mind—so much so that he could no longer accept his own station in society; he acquired a grim impression of life, an impression which has never changed and an impression which has left such a marked emphasis on all his works. Many people

often mistake this attitude of cynical honesty for one of bitterness on the part of the author towards society. Certainly Maugham carried with him through life a self-consciousness, partly due to his stammer and nervousness, which caused him to remain aloof from his fellows, but it is wrong to blame his cynical attitude to bitterness. For Maugham, like Shaw and many other of his contemporaries, felt he had a message for mankind—he maintained that, despite all its failings, human nature could, and would, rise above itself and above its surroundings. That is why Maugham aimed his biting cynicism at the snob; the social parasite; the seeker after limelight and other similar types; that is why the lack of hope, faith and charity, which mark most of his novels, is only superficial.

It is perhaps significant that Maugham was born in 1874. In "A Twentieth Century Gallery of British Authors" Richard Church comments that standing between two generations both as a novelist and dramatist, Maugham combined the disdain of the Oscar Wilde period with the derision of the younger writers such as Noel Coward and Aldous Huxley. Maugham definitely tended to cultivate their styles rather than his own and he did not find his true scope till he reached middle age. Although consistently a "best seller" since his first book, "Liza of Lambeth," appeared in 1897, this somewhat delayed maturity has caused the critics to be wary of him. Only recently have they considered him worthy of note, for they found that he was content with a standard of "hard, bright and metallic efficiency," as George Sampson in "The Cambridge History of English Literature," calls it. Certainly, the promise of his early novels never ripened into true fulfilment. It may be that Maugham thought that the full brunt of his cynicism would only be felt if he kept relentlessly to a standard of rigid efficiency. Indeed, if any feature of Maugham's style is to be singled out, it must surely be this restraint of feeling and lack of warmth. Maugham is undoubtedly a man of real creative gift, as many of his works have shown, but he chose to stifle the creative impulse with a hard, disdainful and casual exterior, sometime irritating, sometimes pleasing, and at all times remorseless. However, if success is at all an indication, then certainly the public has tolerated Maugham's moods and his apparent stoicism. This is not surprising, for assuredly, in execution, Maugham is a master, a craftsman who has never stumbled or faltered. Although his plan of work is outwardly simple and bare, it is at the same time subtle and cunning and it is these characteristics which compel an enduring interest to the reader. There are moments when the reader forgets the grim exterior and senses a streak of human goodness and sentimentality in the writer.

Will posterity remember Maugham and his works and accept him as did his contemporaries, or will it tire and be impatient with his savage irony, corrosive satire and his exposures of the weaknesses of the flesh? The best of his plays, such as "The Circle," will certainly hold their own for a long time to come, but his novels, as H. V. Routh remarks, have their position less assured. It may be that future generations will pass them over with an air of slight disdain and impatience, merely remarking that there lived and wrote in some past age a man, whose cynical outpourings could only have been the result of a disappointed and frustrated life. But some people, perhaps more intelligent and kinder than others, may realise that the "creatures" so deftly ridiculed and satirised by Maugham's fine hand belong not only to an age and society such as his, but have existed and will continue to exist as long as the imperfect flesh, bone and soul of the human being. Surely, with this attitude in view, Maugham will always hold an assured place in the future of English literature. G.L., V.P.C.

RUGBY FIELDS

The rugby fields this year were quite the worst they have ever been. In fact it is almost impossible to visualise them being any worse. Only two weeks after the start of the season there was not a blade of grass to be seen on any one of the three fields, and where six years ago there had once been a second "Hartsfield" one saw only

thick dust intermingled with small rocks, pot-holes and occasional thorns. The appalling conditions certainly did not encourage any type of contact with the ground, and the many small cuts and scratches which were unavoidable invariably developed into festering wounds, which were never really allowed to heal.

However, I do not attribute the rather poor performances of our 1st XV solely to the dreadful condition of the fields, on which they practised regularly three times a week. But I do blame these conditions for the poor rugby which they played. Perhaps it is mere coincidence that the only two matches won were the first two. Milton has always had the reputation of playing good, clean, hard rugby, whether on the winning side or the losing side. This, unfortunately, was not always the case in 1950, and yet I find it impossible to blame the players. The truth is that by mid-term there was no spirit left; keenness and enthusiasm were artificial; determination was still there, but was of a more optimistic nature. In short, the players literally detested practices, which were forever taking a heavy toll in injuries.

Such a state of affairs was bound to have a bad moral effect on not only the 1st XV, but on all other teams, whose fields were equally appalling. In fact one particular field was covered by four genuine inches of fine dirty dust, which although soft, didn't do one's lungs any good. At one stage the sore throat and 'flu epidemic was so serious that several well-known doctors strongly recommended that all rugby should cease immediately. Milton could not do that, and did not do it, but at present there is every indication that, unless considerable improvements are made, they will have to do so.

Why are our fields so bad? The answer is Water! Water! Water! All that is required is a good borehole. The water is here—believe it or not—but not in the top six feet. So, Old Boys, how about it? Give us the water; we'll give you the rest!

E.W.T., V.P.C.

THE MILTON SCHOOL MODEL

We learned in July that we were to make a model for the Bulawayo Agricultural Show representing the ideal Rhodesian farm. Each boy in the Form was to make a building but, with two weeks to go before the Show and nothing made, some hard work was necessary. One of the boys making the base was told that he could mix sawdust with the paper to make the papier mache, but on doing so he found, too late, that it crumbled to pieces when it had dried.

As a result there was insufficient ready-cut paper for the base. Paper, torn into small pieces, was brought by each boy, but still there was a shortage. The Bulawayo Chronicle, however, came to the rescue with a large sack of paper uncut. We had to start tearing this during school time, then soaking it ready to make the papier mache. Thus everything was ready for work to begin.

Slowly but surely finished farm buildings were brought to school. One afternoon several of the boys returned to school to make the base. The next morning alterations were made; more papier mache was mixed and added to the base. This last quantity of papier mache was of a good quality and proved to make an excellent top layer for the model.

With the base finished, the models could be put on. The house, made out of a building set, proved unsatisfactory, so another one was made out of tin, which was a great improvement.

A belt of trees had been shown on the plan and so many kinds of twigs were tried before a suitable one was found. A dam and a weir were made; on the road to the house sand was sprinkled, and lining the road were small pebbles painted white to show clearly the direction of the road to the house. Sand was put in the river bed, green powder around the dam showing vegetation and also to show an irrigated plot. The rest of the farm was covered in fine soil and, after several improvements, the model looked, in our eyes, quite good.

Mr. Graham, the Irrigation Department official, came to see how we were getting on. He told us where improvements could be made and generally proved very helpful over the small details. When he left we set about improving the model.

When it seemed that it was complete, three of the bases on which the buildings were made warped. New ones had to be made, but apart from final touches the model was completed. The papier mache was soaking wet, even after two weeks, but it did not spoil the general effect.

At the show the model attracted a great deal of attention and excited favourable comment. It evidently caught a reporter's eye as he took a photograph of it which appeared in "The Bulawayo Chronicle" on the following day.

A.A., IV.L.

WANKIE GAME RESERVE VISIT

A new venture was tried out this year . . . a week-end visit to the Wankie Game Reserve.

Eight boys each contributed a pound and enjoyed a pleasant party. Mr. McCay kindly lent us his station wagon for the purpose and this just held us, with food and personal belongings.

At the reserve Mr. Davison very kindly took us to the Ngamo Pan, where we were lucky enough to see about 300 head of game . . . eland, kudu, wildebeeste and sable. A trophy was collected here . . . one ostrich egg, which was blown on our return to Bulawayo. The boys doing this were very nearly gassed. Later in the day a group of eight ostriches were seen from the windmill Mr. Davison was repairing.

From the pan I collected some small floating plants. These turned out on identification to be *Wolffia*, a species of the smallest flowering plants in the world, previously unrecorded from Southern Rhodesia. They are less than 1/16in. across and were floating among some 4in.-long curly water-weed called Duckweed.

A rare sight was also discerned . . . the footprint of the only rhino in the reserve. Mr. Davison saw this while driving and he stopped the car to show it to us. It was very clearly marked in the sand. Though Mr. Davison has often seen the spoor he has never seen the animal.

On Saturday evening, as it was nearly full moon, Mr. Davison took us to Nyamandhlovu windmill to watch the animals come down to drink. We arrived just on dusk to see a herd of elephant move off. For the next half-hour we watched about 100 buffalo timidly approach the water and then gallop about 100 yards away each time they thought there was some danger. In the end most of them must have had a drink, but the sight amazed us considering how dangerous the buffalo is reported to be.

Then in the far distance we thought we saw something slowly approaching and to our amazement a herd of about 80 elephant in single file steadily and silently came to the pool. What a contrast they offered to the traditional idea of the clumsy elephant charging through the bush. They spurned the pan and drank their fill of fresh water from the tank which the windmill keeps filled. Each elephant squirted its 80 gallons into its mouth with conversational noises. Satisfied, we returned to camp at 7 p.m.

The next morning we did a round trip, via the short route, seeing 15 giraffe in one group and, very close to the car, a solitary one. We also saw two ostriches, many wildebeeste, some sable and two roan antelope. Mr. Davison pointed out to us two maribou storks. A striped jackal we saw cross the road, and in Dom Pan we saw the crocodile, Hugh Beadle.

We left about midday for Bulawayo and just out of the reserve two elephant crossed the road in front of us. We had intended to reach Bulawayo about 8 p.m., but unfortunately the car, which had been giving trouble, finally gave in about 50 miles from home. About two hours later Mr. Emery kindly arrived in his car and towed us back. We arrived about midnight, tired but feeling that we had had a very successful and enjoyable week-end.

Cameras were kept busy and many good photos were taken.

The trip was suggested by Mr. and Mrs. Davison, to whose generous help we owe much of its success.

It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange another visit next year. Transport is the only difficulty and it is suggested that some parents might be willing to come along with their cars.

D.L.G.

RUGBY NOTES

Captain: N. B. Pritchard.

Vice-Captain: J. F. Brett.

Re-award of Rugby Colours: N. B. Pritchard.

New awards of Rugby Colours: J. F. Brett, N. T. Frerichs, G. T. Horton, T. W. MacDonald, M. J. Micklesfield.

The following also played for the 1st XV: M. Davidsen, Knight, A. Walsne, A. MacDonald, T. Bryant, J. Goldberg, M. Bredekamp, A. Ordman, J. Reilander, J. Pike, E. Tipler, K. Burns, F. Ashwin, J. Haviland.

We congratulate N. Pritchard, A. MacDonald and M. Micklesfield on being selected to play for the Rhodesian Schools' team in the Western Province.

If we look at the results of matches in which the first team played it is obvious that the season has not been a very successful one. We found ourselves in the very difficult position of having to build up a representative side from a number of young and inexperienced players. Only one of last year's colour men returned and three others who had played in the 1st team before. The rest of the team we had to recruit from last year's Under 15, which no doubt provided us with potentially good material, but they were too young and inexperienced to take the rugby in the first team in their stride. It was not difficult to imagine that we would have a difficult season ahead of us. We unfortunately also suffered many injuries and only on two occasions were we able to field a full first team side. This might have been due to the fact that most of the players were young and therefore liable to get injured more easily than older players, or it might have been due to the condition of our fields which, if some improvement is not made in the near future, will force us to play some other game during the winter season.

But even in the face of these difficulties we might still have been able to cope, if it had not been that so many of last year's rugby players had left school. If this sort of thing continues to happen when boys reach the age of 16, it will be increasingly difficult for us to build good rugby sides if we have to do so with boys of 15 and 16 years of age. It is just ridiculous that the average age of our 1st XV this year was 16 years, and at the beginning of the season the majority of players had not turned 16 yet! I am absolutely certain that we could have sides in Rhodesia just as good as or better than the touring sides who come up here annually from the Union, if the average age of our sides were 17 plus.

The main weaknesses of our side this year were in the halves, the centres and the hook positions. It was apparent in every game we played that the pack had to work very hard to gain possession of the ball and when they did let it go to the back-line it very seldom went as far as the wings. Because of these weaknesses we were quite often forced to change the different players to such an extent that it had a detrimental effect on the team as a whole. However, we

intend to give a better account of ourselves in the next season.

We had the aid of Mr. Richard Foster and wish to thank him very much for giving up so much of his time and giving us such valuable assistance.

MILTON v. PLUMTREE

At Hartsfield, 10th June, 1950

Milton won, 22-11

Our first score came early in the game when near the Plumtree line, Pritchard found a gap in their defence and scored. Horton converted to make the score 5-0 in our favour. Plumtree, however, was not daunted and brought the game to our twenty-five, where we went off-side to give them a penalty kick in front of our posts; they were successful and the score was now 5-3. Our next score came about 15 minutes later when, from a drop-kick which failed, the ball bounced back for a forward to gather and score. Horton converted again and the score was 10-3. Soon after this Plumtree received the ball from a scrum; it was fumbled and Knight was there to pick up and score after a good run. A difficult kick failed and we led by 13-3. Our next points came when Pritchard sent over a well-directed drop-kick; score 16-3. Before half-time Brett and Walshe each scored a try to make our half-time score 22-3.

The second half presented a different picture, when we could not find the same form. The forwards had lost their dash and the three's very often were confused. Plumtree had much more of the game now and added another eight points to their total to make the final score 22-11 still in our favour.

MILTON v. TECHNICAL

At Hartsfield, 1st July, 1950

Milton won, 8-6

This was a very close game and offered nothing spectacular. We opened our score early in the first half when Horton kicked high upfield. The ball was fumbled by the Technical full-back and Goldberg, who had followed up well, scored a good opportunistic try, which was converted and we were five points up. A tough struggle among the forwards ensued now and our opponents hooked the ball more often, giving their three-quarters plenty of opportunities. Good tackling in our three line and bad handling on their part nullified all their efforts. We appeared to be superior in the line-outs but because we were so weak in the halves we gained little or no advantage from this. Just before half-time we added another three points to our score when Horton converted a difficult kick from far out. Soon after this Technical were awarded a penalty kick which they converted to make the half-time score 8-3 still in our favour.

In the second half we saw more of the ball from the set scrums, but were unable to use it to advantage. Our opponents' three line moved more often and we had to defend hard, so that they managed to go through only once to make the final score 8-6 in our favour. We missed four of our regular 1st XV in this game.

MILTON v. UMTALI SCHOOL

Rhodes and Founders' Rugby Tournament
at Hartsfield

Milton lost, 3-16

The game was played very early in the afternoon and was of a very poor standard. The first score came after five minutes, when Goldberg took advantage of a knock-on to run well and score. The kick failed and we led 3-0. We attacked immediately but Umtali defended well and we could not find a gap. The next score came when Umtali hooked ahead to cross our line for an unconverted try (3-3). Again we attacked but to no avail. Umtali began to see more of the ball now and soon scored near our posts. They converted and at half-time led by eight points to three. The second half was dominated by Umtali, who supported each other well so that they added another eight points to their score. When the final whistle went we had lost the game by 16 points to three.

MILTON v. QUEEN'S COLLEGE

Rhodes and Founders' Rugby Tournament
at Hartsfield

Milton lost, 0-45

After the first 15 minutes of the game we were eight points down and it was quite obvious that Queen's were by far the stronger side. At this stage Reilander, on the left wing, one of our best defence players, was so seriously injured that he had to leave the field. With 14 men it was impossible for us to offer the already much stronger Queen's side any opposition, and by half-time they led by 21 points to nil. The second half showed our weaknesses even more and we were outclassed in every department of the game. They were winning almost every set and loose scrum as well as the line-outs, and made very good use of their opportunities, so that their score mounted quickly and with demoralising regularity. They added another 24 points to the already high score, to beat us by 45 points to nil.

MILTON v. CHAPLIN

At Hartsfield, 22nd July, 1950

Milton lost, 5-12

In this game we were determined to play hard, and Chaplin, who went through the season unbeaten, had to work hard for the points they were able to get. We attacked from the kick-off but were brought back to our own half by a penalty kick. Chaplin attacked from here and scored after some very poor tackling by our centres. We now tried hard to transfer the game to their twenty-five but the accurate kicking of their full-back saved them time after time. Soon we were back in our own half again and we suffered another set-back when penalised for an infringement. Chaplin converted to make the score 6-0 against us. We attacked hard now and forced the pace for most of this half, during which we were unlucky enough to miss three penalty kicks to the posts. Just before half-time Chaplin added another try to their score.

The second half was a hard struggle between the two packs. Ten minutes before the end Pritchard took advantage of a knock-on, booted ahead and scored himself. The kick was successful and the score 5-9. Now we played really hard but it was too late in the game, and almost on time Chaplin kicked up field, the ball beat our full-back and they scored, to beat us by 12 points to five.

MILTON v. TECHNICAL

At Hartsfield, 29th July, 1950

Milton lost, 3-33

In the return game with the Technical we were unlucky enough to miss five of our first team members. Technical, however, on this occasion, played magnificently and fully deserved their win. They opened their score in the first two minutes of the game and led by five points. For the next 15 minutes we were able to hold our own, but after they had scored again we were completely demoralised, and we were well beaten all the way, so that at half time we had 19 points against us. In the second half they continued to force the pace and a few minutes before the end they had 33 points on the board. Just before the end our only score of the day came when for once the ball got as far as Knight, on the wing. He ran magnificently to beat van Schalkwyk and scored in the corner.

MILTON v. PRINCE EDWARD

At Hartsfield, 5th August, 1950

Milton lost, 3-14

Prince Edward scored early in the game from a penalty. We fought back hard but none of our efforts met with any success. Prince Edward scored again when their fly-half broke through our defence and scored under the posts after a series of half-hearted tackles by our threes. Our forwards never seemed to find their form and we won the final set scrum after 22 minutes of play. Just on half-time Prince Edward added another three points to their score.

In the second half, the game was ragged and very little resulted from movements on either side for the first half of it. Then came our only score again, when Horton converted a penalty kick from 45 yards out. Score 11-3. After this Prince Edward scored again and won the match by 14 points to three.

SECOND XV

We had a very poor 2nd XV this year. The rugby they played was very poor. They managed to beat one school. The following played regularly: Scher (capt.), Chadwick, Ault, de la Rosa, N., de la Rosa, J., Vides, Gardiner, Butcher, Forrest, Hardwick, Katz, Loxton, MacGregor, Mitchell, Whyte.

Results:

Milton v. Plumtree—Milton lost 0-9.

Milton v. Guinea Fowl—Milton won 13-3.

Milton v. Technical—Milton lost 0-11.

Milton v. Chaplin—Milton lost 0-19.



MILTON SENIOR 1st XV, 1950

Back Row: T. Bryant, A. P. Walshe, K. Burus, E. Tipler, M. Bredenkamp, E. Fisher.
Middle Row: J. Reilander, G. Knight, J. Haviland, A. MacDonald, G. Horton, F. Ashwin, A. Ordman.
Front Row: J. H. Downing, Esq. (Headmaster), N. Frerichs, N. Pritchard (Capt.),
 J. Brett (Vice-Capt.), M. Micklesfield, R. W. Mans, Esq. (Coach).
 Seated in front: J. Goldberg, M. Davidson,

THIRD XV

The following played for the 3rd XV: Israel; Bundock (capt.), French, Packenham, Bushby; McGraw, Black; Emmerich, Loubser, Bray, Plackett, Cooper, Woolfson, Cloete, Bayley.

Results:

Milton v. Technical—Milton lost 0-19.

Milton v. Technical—Milton lost 3-17.

UNDER 15

The Under 15 this season played well and won all their matches. The following have shown promise: Yudelman as captain; Harris, Vismer, Hyman, Ordman, Johnstone, Fraser.

Regular players were: Adams, Watridge, Stephens, Shapiro, Anderson, Yudelman (capt.), Harris, Vismer, Hyman, Gersohn, Ordman, Fraser, Johnstone, Brown, McGregor, Hill.

Results:

Under 15 A:

Milton v. Plamtree—Milton won 9-3.

Milton v. Technical—Milton won 6-3.

Milton v. Chaplin—Milton won 12-6.

Milton v. Technical—Milton won 17-0.

Under 15 B:

Milton v. Technical—Draw, 3-3.

UNDER 14

The following played regularly: Watson (capt.), Tipler, Fowlie, I, Fowlie, II, Kerr, Van Aardt, Lewis, Boucher, Iversen, Bushby, Coleman, de Jager, Smith, Robertson, Furber, Larkon, Connor.

Results:

Under 14 A:

Milton v. Technical—Milton won 71-0.

Milton v. Technical—Milton won 31-0.

Under 14 B:

Milton v. Technical—Milton lost 0-9.

Milton v. Technical—Milton won 14-6.

UNDER 13

The following played regularly: Christie (capt.), Anthony, de Lange, McKinley, Hopley, Courtney, van Blerk, Aitkenhead, McCosh, Rochat, Labuschagne, Hawkins, Deere, Wake-ling, Pierce, Pingstone, Gould, Bower, Hughes, Foster, Bushell.

Results:

Under 13 A:

Milton v. Milton Jr.—Milton won 27-0.

Milton v. Milton Jr.—Milton won 17-0.

Milton v. Technical—Milton won 12-8.

Milton v. Milton Jr.—Milton won 6-3.

Milton v. Technical—Milton lost 0-8.

Milton v. R.E.P.S.—Milton won 14-0.

Under 13 B:

Milton v. Milton Jr.—Draw, 0-0.

Milton v. Milton Jr.—Milton won 6-3.

The school played 30 games altogether. Won 16; lost 12; drew 2.

CRICKET

At the time of writing these notes it feels that the cricket has not yet got into its stride this term, and with only the victory over Technical behind us we still face strong opposition in the other teams, and though we may find some of them too good for us, we look forward to next year's cricket with the utmost confidence, because most of this year's team will be returning. We feel that promising cricketers have been leaving school too early and too often.

So far this year the most notable features have been the keeping and batting of Walshe, the improved run-making of Ault, and the all-round ability of Horton.

MILTON XI v. MILTON STAFF—

2nd February

Milton XI, 108 (Tipler 29; Micklesfield 23 n.o.)

Milton Staff, 39 (Retief 14; Micklesfield 6 for 30.)

Won by 69 runs.

MILTON XI v. OLD TECHS—10th February

Milton XI, 95 (Ault 23).

Old Techs, 94 for 8 wickets (Stuart 6 for 12).

Match drawn.

MILTON v. CHAPLIN—18th February

MILTON (First Innings)

Davidson, c Alderson, b Shiel, J.	53
Carbutt, lbw, b Shiel, J.	1
Tipler, st Duckworth, b Shiel, R.	21
Micklesfield, c Todd, b Kidd	29
Ault, c Duckworth, b Kidd	39
Walshe, c Shiel, J., b Hefer	30
Walker, run out	19
Butcher, not out	0
Extras	9

Total for 7 wickets declared 201

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Kidd	15	0	75	2
Shiel, J.	11	1	31	2
Shiel, R.	9	1	43	1
Todd	10	1	41	0
Kidd	2	0		1

CHAPLIN (First Innings)

Dollar, b Lobban	5
Alderson, c Davidson, b Micklesfield	2
Duckworth, lbw, b Stuart	22
Todd, not out	92
Hefer, not out	31
Extras	8

Total for 3 wickets 160

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Lobban	11	3	24	1
Micklesfield	6	0	19	1
Horton	5	0	15	0
Stuart	13	2	43	1
Ault	5	1	36	0
Butcher	3	0	14	0

MILTON v. PLUMTREE—3rd March**MILTON (First Innings)**

Davidson, b Ervine	11
Carbutt, b Ervine	2
Tipler, run out	3
Ault, b Napier	0
Walshe, b Ervine	0
Butcher, lbw, b Ervine	4
Micklesfield, b Napier	3
Horton, run out	44
Israel, b Barrett	14
Lobban, not out	7
Stuart, b Ervine	1
Extras	6
Total	95

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Napier	13	3	21	4
Ervine	14.7	3	31	5
Dawson	4	1	9	0
Pithey	3	0	10	0
Stubbs	2	0	13	0
Barber	2	0	2	0
Barrett	2	0	5	1

PLUMTREE (First Innings)

Barrett, lbw, b Lobban	11
Barber, b Lobban	0
Hyatt, b Micklesfield	7
Pithey, b Micklesfield	25
Raffle, lbw, b Horton	26
Broome, not out	16
Stubbs, b Stuart	1
Cambell, b Lobban	5
Ervine, lbw, b Tipler	6
Napier, b Lobban	0
Dawson, lbw, b Lobban	0
Extras	7
Total	104

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Lobban	14.6	2	30	5
Micklesfield	8	0	24	2
Horton	6	0	19	1
Stuart	11	2	18	1
Tipler	1	0	6	1

MILTON (2nd Innings)

Davidson, run out	0
Carbutt, lbw, b Napier	0
Tipler, lbw, b Ervine	3
Ault, c and b Stubbs	23
Walshe, c Ervine, b Stubbs	0
Butcher, b Napier	7
Horton, c Barber, b Pithey	29
Israel, b Stubbs	14
Micklesfield, c Ervine, b Napier	5
Lobban, b Pithey	5
Stuart, not out	9
Extras	9
Total	106

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Napier	18	8	23	3
Ervine	7	0	18	1
Dawson	5	0	15	0
Stubbs	5	0	14	3
Pithey	6.3	2	15	2
Barrett	1	0	6	0

PLUMTREE (2nd Innings)

Barrett, c and b Horton	8
Barber, c and b Lobban	11
Hyatt, b Horton	0
Pithey, not out	54
Raffle, c Israel, b Lobban	16
Broome, b Lobban	0
Cambell, lbw, b Lobban	0
Stubbs, lbw, b Lobban	3
Ervine, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	99

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Lobban	16	2	46	5
Micklesfield	3	1	7	0
Horton	6	0	14	2
Stuart	5.4	2	20	0
Tipler	1	0	5	0

MILTON v. TECHNICAL—18th March**MILTON (First Innings)**

Davidson, c Burke, b Tink	2
Tipler, b Tink	8
Walker, c Hartman, b Martin	7
Ault, b Hartman	55
Walshe, b Martin	9
Horton, not out	66
Butcher, not out	30
Israel, b Martin	6
Lobban, Frerichs and Stuart did not bat.	
Extras	16
Total, for six wickets	199

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Ziehl	14	2	6	0
Tink	12	1	35	2
Martin	6	0	25	3
Hartman	7	1	56	1
James	3	0	10	0

TECHNICAL (First Innings)

Hartman, c Walshe, b Lobban	19
Meyer, b Butcher	36
Burne, b Frerichs	2
Martin, c Butcher, b Frerichs	5
Ziel, b Frerichs	0
Robertson, c Stuart, b Lobban	15
Ovington, lbw, b Frerichs	11
Hadfield, lbw, b Lobban	1
Tink, lbw, b Lobban	0
James, b Lobban	0
Turrel, not out	11
Extras	11
Total	101

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Lobban	12	3	13	5
Horton	7	1	27	0
Frerichs	11.7	3	22	4
Stuart	4	1	5	0
Israel	1	0	6	0
Ault	1	0	1	0
Butcher	4	1	16	1

MILTON v. PRINCE EDWARD—25th March

MILTON (First Innings)

Walshe, b Ellement	10
Davidson, b Ellement	2
Walker, c Pichanick, b Daniels	2
Micklesfield, b Larter	9
Ault, c Larter, b Davis	14
Horton, c Pichanick, b Timms	7
Butcher, not out	36
Israel, c Pichanick, b Larter	1
Lobban, st Dunstan, b Larter	4
Frerichs, c Dunstan, b Ellement	2
Stuart, c Davis, b Ellement	2
Extras	2
Total	91

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Ellement	9.7	2	27	4
Daniels	4	1	11	1
Davis	6	3	12	1
Larter	9	3	26	3
Timms	5	0	13	1

PRINCE EDWARD (First Innings)

Ellement, c Walshe, b Horton	3
Timms, c Stuart, b Lobban	2
Pichanick, lbw, b Lobban	0
Larter, b Lobban	2
Auret, b Lobban	6
Davis, c Butcher, b Lobban	1
Jones, c Davidson, b Lobban	1
Franks, b Lobban	5
Gauche, not out	13
Dunstan, c Stuart, b Micklesfield	2
Daniels, c Davidson, b Micklesfield	0
Extras	2
Total	43

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Lobban	8	4	5	7
Horton	3	0	7	1
Micklesfield	5	0	20	2
Frerichs	1	0	9	0

MILTON v. ST GEORGE'S—26th March

ST. GEORGE'S (First Innings)

Simpson, lbw, b Horton	11
Butler, c Lobban, b Micklesfield	12
Allies, lbw, b Stuart	52
Dickinson, b Lobban	2
Harrison, c Walshe, b Horton	10
Sang, lbw, b Stuart	1
Mitton, b Lobban	10
Zakrevsky, c Walshe, b Lobban ..	3
Wilkins, not out	20
Cripwell, b Stuart	7
Bagley, not out	1
Extras	12
Total	141

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Lobban	15	2	53	3
Horton	8	1	27	2
Micklesfield	5	0	23	1
Stuart	8	1	26	3

Rain stopped play.

MILTON v. HEANY—27th September

Heany, 135 for three wickets (Scott 39).
Milton, 105 for eight wickets (Davidson 42).
Match drawn.

MILTON v. B.A.C.—30th September

B.A.C., 107 (Harris, W., 53; Micklesfield six for 30).

Milton, 111 for four wickets (Walshe 35 n.o.)

MILTON v. TECHNICAL—14th October

MILTON (First Innings)

Davidson, c Ziehl, b Tink	7
Pinchen, run out	2
Carbutt, b Ziehl	2
Ault, b Ziehl	7
Walshe, c Ovington, b Ziehl	45
Micklesfield, c Ovington, b Tink	39
Horton, c Martin, b Ziehl	11
Walker, b Martin	5
Israel, b Ziehl	1
Frerichs, b Tink	14
Stuart, not out	1
Extras	11
Total	145

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Ziehl	16	2	65	5
Tink	9	1	28	3
Martin	8	1	36	1
Hatfield	1	0	6	0

TECHNICAL (First Innings)

Meyer, lbw, b Horton	0
Ovington, b Micklesfield	2
Hatfield, run out	2
Mitchell, c Frerichs, b Horton	1
Borghard, c Pinchen, b Micklesfield	1
Tink, b Horton	1
Ziehl, c Israel, b Micklesfield	1
Martin, not out	50
Reid, lbw, b Micklesfield	0
McCullum, b Stuart	3
Van der Heever, c Walker, b Frerichs	35
Extras	9
Total	105

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Horton	8	1	19	3
Micklesfield	9	2	30	4
Stuart	5	0	25	1
Ault	4	0	17	0
Stuart	1	0	5	1

MILTON (Second Innings)

Davidson, b van der Heever	25
Pinchen, b Hatfield	16
Carbutt, st Meyer, b Hatfield	2
Ault, b van der Heever	15
Horton, not out	20
Walshe, not out	5
Extras	2
Total for four wickets	85

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Ziehl	5	0	18	0
Tink	4	1	12	0
Hatfield	5	0	33	2
Van der Heever	4	0	20	2

Won by 40 runs.

MILTON v. HEANY—18th October

Heany, 56 (Tipler two for three, Bebington three for 17).

Milton, 106 for one (Pinchen 49 not out, Davidson 33).

Won by nine wickets.

MILTON v. CHAPLIN—20th October**CHAPLIN (First Innings)**

Steynberg, lbw, b Horton	10
Alderson, c Israel, b Micklesfield	8
Duckworth, c Horton, b Frerichs	7½
Todd, c and b Micklesfield	4
Hefer, c Walshe, b Frerichs	4
Haw, b Frerichs	4
Ullyett, c Davidson, b Frerichs	7
Klemp, b Frerichs	5
Shiel, not out	15
Vincent, st Walshe, b Frerichs	5
Williams, c Davidson, b Ault	5
Extras	18

Total 154

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Horton	10	0	45	1
Micklesfield	7	1	11	2
Ault	1	0	3	1
Frerichs	12	1	45	6
Stuart	4	1	11	0
Tipler	4	0	21	0

MILTON (First Innings)

Davidson, lbw, b Williams	13
Pinchen, st Duckworth, b Shiel	13
Carbutt, run out	8
Ault, c Steynberg, b Todd	24
Walshe, st Duckworth, b Todd	1
Horton, lbw, b Williams	2
Israel, st Duckworth, b Todd	0
Micklesfield, lbw, b Todd	19
Tipler, run out	4
Frerichs, st Duckworth, b Todd	1
Stuart, not out	1
Extras	4

Total 97

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Hefer	7	3	16	0
Shiel	6	0	16	1
Williams	7	2	18	2
Haw	7	0	16	0
Todd	10	1	27	5

CHAPLIN (Second Innings)

Haw, b Frerichs	30
Steynberg, c Walshe, b Horton	7
Duckworth, c Walshe, b Horton	4
Todd, c Walshe, b Ault	10
Hefer, c Micklesfield, b Horton	2
Extras	1

Total, for five wickets 54

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Horton	9	1	25	3
Micklesfield	3	0	6	0
Ault	4	1	16	1
Frerichs	1	0	5	1

MILTON (Second Innings)

Davidson, b Hefer	0
Horton, c Vincent, b Shiel	14
Micklesfield, b Shiel	13
Walshe, b Shiel	5
Ault, not out	34
Tipler, not out	18
Extras	9

Total, for four wickets 93

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Hefer	4	1	21	1
Shiel	5	0	50	3
Todd	2	0	13	0

BOWLING AVERAGES

	O	M	R	W	Av.
Frerichs	26.2	4	86	12	7.2
Lobban	92.6	17	214	30	7.4
Stuart	60.2	12	155	15	10.33
Micklesfield	60.2	8	209	27	10.9
Tipler	10.0	1	38	3	12.6
Horton	79.0	5	275	20	13.75
French	10.0	0	52	2	16.0
Ault	21.2	2	101	4	25.2
Butcher	7.0	1	30	1	30.0
Bebbington	3.0	1	9	0	
Israel	5.0	0	25	0	

BATTING AVERAGES

	I.	N.O.	R.	Av.
Butcher	6	3	93	31.0
Horton	12	3	240	26.6
Ault	12	1	272	24.7
Pinchen	6	1	90	18.0
Walshe	12	2	154	15.4
Micklesfield	9	1	121	15.1
Davidson	14	0	208	14.8
Tipler	9	1	110	13.8
Lobban	4	2	25	12.5
Walker	7	0	70	10.0
Carbutt	9	1	73	9.1
Israel	7	0	43	6.1
Stuart	6	3	14	4.6
Frerichs	3	0	20	6.6
Hardwick	2	0	1	0.5

2nd XI—First Term, 1950**MILTON v. CHAPLIN:**

Chaplin, 1st innings, 170 (Avery 39, de Villiers 39; Scher 6 for 24).

Milton, 1st innings, 113 (Frerichs 50, Brett 33; Steynburg 5 for 17).

Chaplin, 2nd innings, 35 for 6 (Steynburg 13; Frerichs 3 for 5, Scher 2 for 10).

Lost by 57 runs.

MILTON v. PLUMTREE:

Milton, 1st innings, 63 (Hardwick 13, Brett 13; Shepard 6 for 24).

Plumtree, 1st innings: 229 for 8 (McKenzie 60; Black 2 for 28).

Lost by three wickets.

MILTON v. TECHNICAL:

Milton, 1st innings, 64 (Van Rooyen 17; Osborne 4 for 27).

Technical, 1st innings, 76 for 7 (Cruickshank 29; Scher 5 for 26).

Lost by four wickets.

3rd XI—First Term, 1950**MILTON v. TECHNICAL:**

Technical, 122 for 9 (Rudman 25, Osborne 32; MacGregor 3 for 26).

Milton, 58 for 4 (Singer 36 n.o.; Conway 2 for 7).

Match drawn.

Second Term, 1950

MILTON v. PLUMTREE:

Milton, 1st innings, 110.
Plumtree, 1st innings, 82.

UNDER 14 XI—First Term, 1950**A Team****MILTON v. TECHNICAL:**

Technical, 72 for 5 (Tilbury 19, Henderson 34; Diamant 1 for 8).
Milton, 61 for 2 (Diamant 21, Christie 20 n.o.; Martin 1 for 13).
Match drawn.

MILTON v. PLUMTREE:

Milton, 110 (Mauritzen 22; Tyson 4 for 30, Willows 3 for 24).
Plumtree, 94 (Tyson 35).
Won by 16 runs.

B Team**MILTON v. TECHNICAL:**

Technical, 61 for 9 (Clark 16; Pearce 4 for 8).
Milton, 44 (Larkam 15; Landsberg 2 for 2).
Lost by 17 runs.

MILTON v. TECHNICAL:

Milton, 129 for 7 (Pearce, F. 35, Gent 48; Clark 2 for 11).
Technical, 86 for 5 (Kruger 20; Thomas 1 for 9).
Match drawn.

UNDER 15 XI—First Term, 1950**MILTON v. TECHNICAL:**

Milton, 127 (Watridge 35).
Technical, 35.
Won by 92 runs.

MILTON v. CHAPLIN:

Milton, 170 for 8 (Wilson 37, Pinchen 22, Cairns 32, Dickinson 31).
Chaplin, 1st innings, 60.
Chaplin, 2nd innings, 66 for 4 (Stobbs 36).
Won by three wickets.

MILTON v. PLUMTREE:

Plumtree, 75 (Pinchen 4 for 24).
Milton, 121 for 5 (Oldham 42).
Won by six wickets.

MILTON v. TECHNICAL:

Milton, 96 (Wilson 24).
Technical, 55.
Won by 41 runs.

Second Term, 1950

MILTON v. QUEEN'S COLTS:

Milton, 113 for 2 (Oldham 76, Wilson 27).
Queen's Colts, 101 (Connor 27; Harris 3 for 4, Stephens 3 for 9).
Won by nine wickets.

MILTON v. GUINEA FOWL 2nd XI:

Milton, 238 for 7 (Wilson 82, Dickinson 30, Watridge 28).
Guinea Fowl, 82 for 4 (Harris 2 for 11).
Match drawn.

BOXING NOTES

During the year Milton has managed to keep its standard of boxing up to that of previous years. Two of the team, Jones and Taylor, have left, but we are pleased to note that there are newcomers among the juniors who are very promising for the future team. We have been fortunate in having all equipment renewed, and also in having been coached for a short period by Mr. Ledebor. The heavyweight of the team, Macdonald, has not managed to represent Milton this year owing to illness, but his place has been well filled by Micklesfield. "Colours" have been awarded this year to the team captain, J. Bennett. Milton did well against Plumtree at the beginning of the year by beating them 9½ bouts to 6½ in a boxing match at Milton. Results were (Plumtree first)

Carr (63) lost to F. Pearce (70).
Gorringer (68) lost to K. Pearce (73).
Griffiths (74) lost to Aitkenhead (74).
Whiley (78) lost to G. Smith (77).
Pithey (83) beat Daly (78).
Strover (88) beat M. Shepherd (82) t.k.o.
Troughton (92) lost to Paine (92) t.k.o.
Vaughan-Evans (96) lost to Malan (98).
McKenzie (97) lost to Charman (98).
Kimber (105) beat Ellis (105) t.k.o.
Stoker (112) lost to Coleman (112).
Cranswicke (121) drew with Whyte (119).
Hammond (123) beat Bennett (120).
Kolbe (132) lost to Bull (126).
Kimber (138) beat Taylor (131).
Naude (148) beat Du Toit (154).

There was also an exhibition bout between Purdon (157) of Plumtree and Micklesfield (175).

Two of the best fights of the evening, though difficult to judge, were those of Malan v. Vaughan-Evans and between the two captains, Bennett and Hammond.

Five of the team managed to obtain places in the Matabeleland championship finals, but were unfortunate in losing their fights. Taylor put up a very good show against Dunn, who proved to have the longer reach of the two; and Pearce, though he was not in a fit condition, having a cold, put up an excellent fighter against an experienced boxer, and lost the championship by a very narrow margin.

It was unfortunate that Macdonald, De la Rosa and Malan were not allowed to fight at camp due to various ailments, but Micklesfield and Bennett acquitted themselves well by winning their bouts.

The team will be showing its prowess against Plumtree in the near future. We are confident of its ability and wish the members well in their contests. J.B.

TENNIS NOTES

This year the school team has played only one inter-school match, in which it did well to put up a good fight against an exceptionally strong Plumtree side, which went on to win the Mim du Toit cup with the greatest of ease. Other close and enjoyable matches were played against the Standard Bank and against two Old Boys' teams. Very recently the school has begun playing in local league tennis for the first time, and so far has won all its three matches in the Reserve League.

The inter-House tournament was won by Fairbridge with Birchenough runners-up. The school singles champion is Ault, and he and Walshe again won the doubles title. Israel was a finalist in both these events, with Kerr as his partner in the doubles. The results of the Junior finals were: Under 15, Kerr beat Brown. Under 14, Furber beat van Aardt. Fern 1, Holmwood beat Elworthy.

Some of our players have done well in non-school events. Basil Katz, who left in August, has already played for Rhodesia and Matabeleland, apart from winning all the possible Rhodesian and Matabeleland Junior titles. No other schoolboy has ever been chosen for a Rhodesian team, and we congratulate him on this honour. Brian Ault again shares with him the Rhodesian Junior doubles championship, and now the two of them are privileged to be the first Rhodesians to be nominated by the R.L.T.A. to represent the country in the South African Junior Championships, which are to be played in East London early in January. We wish them every success. Israel has also been playing consistently good tennis and he and Walshe are to be congratulated on reaching the finals of the Rhodesian Junior doubles, thus making it an all-Milton final. Israel has also done well in singles and twice taken a set off Gartrell.

The school team against Plumtree was Ault (capt.), Israel, Walshe, Brown, Wood, Kerr, Frerichs and Scher. Oldham and Carbutt have also played in school matches. Colours have been awarded to Israel, and re-awarded to Ault. Once again a group of 16 players has had the benefit of coaching from Mr. Stilwell, but they should realise that a lot of concentrated practice is needed if they want to get the maximum benefit from the coaching.

HOCKEY NOTES

This year the enthusiasm of the large numbers attending practices at the beginning of the season augured well. Unfortunately, however, we had more than our fair share of injuries and, as a result, the forwards only settled down to play attractive hockey near the end of the season. The 1st XI played in the Men's 'B' League and always gave its opponents a hard game. The 2nd XI did very well when it deputised for the 1st XI in a league match while the 1st XI was at Plumtree. A number of social matches against local girls' schools was enjoyed by both the 1st and 2nd XIs.

The general standard of fitness was high, but in too many matches the hockey was of the "hit and rush" order although at times the team showed itself capable of excellent combined movements.

Gersohn, playing on the right wing, made an excellent captain. Scher, the vice-captain, played many good games at centre-half and distributed the ball well. Although we had a number of good goalkeepers, Horton was head and shoulders above his rivals. The play of the half-backs was sound throughout, but the backs were inclined to be erratic. The forwards missed many opportunities of winning by weak shooting when in the circle.

Of the three games played against Plumtree we lost two and won one. In the first game at Milton we had the better of things territorially, but failed to make use of our opportunities in the circle and were beaten 1-0. The return game at Plumtree we lost 3-1, but in the afternoon we beat another Plumtree combination 2-0.

The record of the XI is: played 13; won 5; drew 2; lost 6. A number of the games lost were by the odd goal.

Players who turned out fairly regularly for the teams were:—

1st XI: Horton, Israel, Carbutt, Bryant, Ault, Scher (vice-capt.), Dickinson, R., Micklesfield, Ripper, French, Brett, Goldberg, Gersohn (capt.).

2nd XI: Watridge, Bushby, de la Rosa, N., Bayley, du Burbure, S., Levine, Hardwick (capt.), Dickinson, W. Frerichs, de Burbure, H., Rubidge, Wood, D., Dahl, van Rooyen and Kerr.

The following were awarded Colours: Scher (re-award), Gersohn, Ault, Horton and Bryant. The other members of the 1st XI were awarded caps.

SWIMMING NOTES

During the 1949-1950 season Milton scholars competed in 24 Matabeleland and Midland swimming events, and since the majority of these events were for adults, the following results show that our swimmers are maintaining a very good standard.

Number of first places gained	15
Number of second places gained	17
Number of third places gained	9

Perhaps the two most outstanding swimmers during the season were J. Allan and J. Pike, for they were both chosen to represent Matabeleland in the Rhodesian championships. Pike was also selected to represent Rhodesia in the South African National Championships. These two swimmers had excellent results in the Under 16 Championships. Their successes were:—

Midlands Championships:

100yds. crawlstroke: 1, Allan; 2, Pike.
220yds. crawlstroke: 1, Pike; 2, Allan.
100yds. breaststroke: 1, Pike.
150yds. backstroke: 1, Allan.

Matabeleland Championships:

100yds. crawlstroke: 1, Allan, 2, Pike; 3, W. McGraw.
200yds. crawlstroke: 1, Pike; 2, Allan.

Rhodesian Championships:

100yds. crawlstroke: 1, Pike; 2, Allan.
 200yds. breaststroke: 1, Pike.
 150yds. backstroke: 1, Allan.

Other swimmers who brought credit to the school include: N. Stinton, W. McGraw, A. MacDonald, J. Anderson, B. Grill, P. Suttle, P. Walker, D. Wood, I. Hill, J. Goldberg, N. Pritchard, N. Cloete and G. Christie.

In the Matabeleland Schools' Gala the school won four of the six championship events.

Milton results: Senior diving: 3, D. Wood. 100yds. crawlstroke: 2, A. MacDonald. 100yds. breaststroke: 1, J. Pike; 3, N. Stinton. 50yds. under 16: 1, A. MacDonald; 2, J. Allan; 3, W. McGraw. 100yds. backstroke: 1, J. Allan. Team race (4 x 50yds.): 1, Milton. Time 1min. 49.4secs. (Matabeleland Schools' record).

In Water Polo we again managed to win the Rhodesian Inter-School Water Polo Championship for the Crusaders' Shield. The results of matches played in this competition were:—

- v. Technical School—won 3-2.
- v. Prince Edward School—won 3-2.
- v. Plumtree School—won 6-3.

School team: J. Allan (capt.), J. Pike, D. Wood, I. Hill, N. Stinton, J. Goldberg, M. Micklesfield. Reserves: E. Fisher, A. MacDonald.

Throughout the season the 1st team played 14 matches: won 9; lost 3 and drew 2.

The All-Round Swimming Championship for the MacFarlane Trophy was won by J. Allan with 78.6 points out of a possible 100 points. Results (headings read: speed: style swimming; trick swim: diving; total)

1. Allan	9	22.0	25.0	22.6	78.6
2. Pike	10	24.5	25.0	15.6	75.1
3. Wood, D.	4	24.0	25.5	21.0	74.5
4. Hill, I.	7	24.5	21.5	16.0	69.0
5. McGraw	8	21.5	23.0	11.6	64.1
6. Suttle	6	22.0	21.0	12.0	61.0

Two school records and three inter-House records were broken at the inter-House gala at the Bulawayo Municipal baths.

Fairbridge House won the gala with 75 points.

The results were:

100yds. senior championship: 1, A. MacDonald (F); 2, J. Pike (Bi); 3, P. Suttle (F). Time, 59.6secs.

50yds. junior championship: 1, D. Elkington (H); 2, Stainton (Bi); 3, Kerr (F). Time, 28.6secs.

Senior diving: 1, C. Theodosiou (F); 2, D. Wood (F); 3, J. Pike (Bi).

25yds. under 14: 1, Christie (F); 2, Courtney (F); 3, Stainton (Bi). Time, 13.6secs.

100yds. senior breaststroke: 1, J. Pike (Bi); 2, N. Pritchard (Bo); 3, N. Stinton (H). Time, 76secs.

50yds. junior backstroke: 1, Coleman (H); 2, Bouchet (F); 3, Going (H). Time, 39.4secs.

25yds. under 13: 1, McCosh (F); 2, Lapham (Bo); 3, MacFarlane (Bi). Time, 15.9secs.

50yds. under 16: 1, Suttle (F); 2, Anderson (F); 3, Elkington (H). Time, 26.9secs. (House record).

Junior diving: 1, Christie (F); 2, Bouchet (F); 3, Aikenhead (H).

50yds. senior backstroke: 1, Cloete (F); 2, McGraw (Bi); 3, Morgan (Bo). Time, 36.4secs.

25yds. junior backstroke: 1, Christie (F); 2, Coleman (H); 3, Going (H). Time, 17.4secs. (School record).

Senior relay, B teams (4 x 50yds.): 1, Fairbridge; 2, Heany; 3, Birchenough. Time, 2min. 6.9secs.

Senior relay, A teams (4 x 50yds.): 1, Fairbridge; 2, Birchenough; 3, Borrow. Time, 1min. 51.4secs. (House record).

Junior relay, B teams (4 x 25yds.): 1, Fairbridge; 2, Borrow; 3, Birchenough. Time, 61.5secs. (House record).

Junior relay, A teams (4 x 25yds.): 1, Fairbridge; 2, Heany; 3, Borrow. Time, 55.6secs. (School record).

Inter-House water polo: 1, Fairbridge.

Final points: 1, Fairbridge, 75 points; 2, Heany, 24 points; 3, Birchenough, 23 points; 4, Borrow, 12 points.

School Colours were awarded to J. Pike and D. Wood; re-award to J. Allan.

The 1950-1951 season is now well under way and, from Milton's point of view, promises to be a good one. We are very fortunate in having gained the services of Mr. Retief and Mr. Cooper, who are both giving valuable help in the coaching.

BASKETBALL NOTES

Since 1940, when basketball was first started in the school, our teams have not had very much opposition from outside teams. Now, however, the position is changing, for local clubs are taking an interest in the game. There are now three clubs in Bulawayo playing basketball regularly, i.e., Heany R.A.F., Bulawayo Basketball Club and Old Miltonians. We have not, as yet, had an opportunity of playing the O.M.s who have, by all accounts, a very good team. Our matches against the other two clubs have been good, constructive games resulting in an improved standard of play.

The school's junior team shows very great promise. In practice games this team fully extends the 1st team.

For the first time for many years the school has a sound defence. G. Horton and M. Micklesfield, the two backs, are a tower of strength. Top scorer during the past year has been D. Wood, a very agile forward with excellent ball control.

Results of Matches

1st team v. Heany R.A.F.—lost 21-19.

1st team v. Bulawayo Club—lost 57-56.

1st team v. Bulawayo Club—won 52-32.

Junior team v. Bulawayo Club II—won 34-29.

1st team players: Tipler (capt), Wood, Horton, Micklesfield, French, Bryant, Brett, Goldberg, Frerichs, Burns, Pritchard, Pike, Ault, Bredenkamp.

Junior team players: Stevens (capt.), Brown, Dickenson, Yudelmau, Fraser, Watson, Coleman, Kerr, Adams, Hill, E., Shapiro, Freeman.

Inter-House Basketball

This competition for the Robin Smith Memorial Trophy was won by Heany House, who did not lose a match. Fairbridge House gained second place and Borrow House third place.

The standard of play throughout the competition was the highest yet seen, all teams playing good basketball. This is the first occasion since the competition started that Heany has not been in fourth place. Congratulations, Heany.

Results of matches:—

Borrow 11, Birchenough 8.
Heany 19, Fairbridge 18.
Heany 14, Birchenough 2.
Borrow 14, Fairbridge 15.
Borrow 11, Heany 16.
Birchenough 12, Fairbridge 19.

Heany House team: E. Tipler (capt.), K. Burns, G. Horton, J. Brett, B. French, T. Bryant, J. Goldberg, B. Ault, G. Taylor.

SQUASH NOTES

Under the direction of Mr. F. G. Jackson the squash at school has thrived during the last year. A championship was organised towards the end of the first term and the record number of 26 entrants turned out for the eliminating rounds. Very little encouragement was needed until the semi-final stage was reached. At this point there was a slight hitch in the proceedings, followed by the school athletic meeting and the rugby term. After more than six months on the notice board the "draw" has disappeared most mysteriously. However it will be remembered by many that in the semi-final round Walshe had to play Israel, and Brett had to play Haviland, so it is possible that these games may be played fairly soon. They may be over by the time this goes to print—but it is unlikely as they have just been postponed until "after Bursary"!

The keys have been rather easier to get hold of this year, possibly because the lock had to be renewed after a notable member of last year's P.C. spent an afternoon sawing through the old catch with a hacksaw blade.

The rackets still depend on Elastoplast for their reliability!

J.P.H., VI.

39th ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

Six records were established at the 39th Annual Athletic Sports Meeting held on the 15th April, 1950. Bryant hurdled superbly to break the eleven-year-old 120yds. senior hurdles record by 1/10sec. Horton broke both the senior shot and discus records comfortably, while Knight broke the Under 16 long jump record with an excellent jump.

A large crowd witnessed keen athletics and it was not until the last two events that the House championships were decided. Fairbridge again!

At the end of the sports, Mrs. Ball presented the floating trophies. House points were: Fairbridge 118, Heany 110, Borrow 6½, Birchenough 59½.

Senior Victor Ludorum, J. Brett.

Under 16 Victor Ludorum, G. Knight and M. Micklesfield.

Under 15 Victor Ludorum, R. Stephens.

Under 14 Victor Ludorum, H. Watson.

Under 13 Victor Ludorum, R. McKinley.

OPEN RESULTS

100yds.: Gersohn (Bir) 1; Goldberg (H) 2; Bebbington (Bor) 3. Time, 10-3/5secs.

220yds.: Gersohn (Bir) 1; Goldberg (H) 2; Walshe (Bor) 3. Time, 23-4/5secs.

880yds. championship: Brett (H) 1; Knight (F) 2; Ashwin (H) 3. Time 2min. 20-4/5secs.

880yds. team race: Fairbridge: Heany. Birchenough.

Shot: Horton (H) 1; Bredenkamp (Bor) 2; Burns (H) 3. Distance, 40ft. 5½ins. (record).

1 mile championship: Brett (H) 1; Ashwin (H) 2; Hutchins (Bor) 3. Time, 5mins. 14-4/5secs.

Team race: Heany, Fairbridge, Birchenough.

Discus: Horton (H) 1; Loxton (F) 2; Gersohn (Bir) 3. Distance, 136ft. 4½ins. (record).

Long jump: Burns (H) 1; Bryant (H) 2; Ordman (Bir) 3. Distance, 18ft. 6½in.

High jump: Brett (H) 1; Bryant (H) 2; Forrest (F) 3. Height, 5ft. 2in.

Javelin: Rubidge (Bir) 1; Horton (H) 2; Frerichs (Bir) 3. Distance, 126ft. 11in.

Pole vault: Frerichs (Bir) 1; Loxton (F) 2; Bebbington (Bor) 3. Height, 8ft 11in.

110yds. hurdles: Bryant (H) 1; Ordman (Bir) 2. Time, 16.1secs. (record).

Relay (4 x 220): Heany 1: Birchenough 2. Borrow 3. Time, 1min. 41.2secs.

Relay (3 x 440): Heany 1: Birchenough 2; Fairbridge 3. Time, 3mins. 1-2/5secs.

Cricket ball: Burns (H) 1; Rubidge (Bir) 2; Horton (H) 3. Distance, 101yds. 2ft.

UNDER 16 EVENTS

100yds.: Knight (F) 1; Micklesfield (F) 2; Yudelmau (F) 3. Time, 10.7secs.

220yds.: Knight (F) 1; Micklesfield (F) 2; Yudelmau (F) 3. Time, 24.2secs.

880yds. general: Dorset (Bor) 1; Charman (Bor) 2; Singer (F) 3. Time, 2mins. 39 secs.

Javelin: Yudelmau (F) 1; Reilander (H) 2; Loxton (F) 3. Distance, 122ft. 4½in. (record).

Discus: Loxton (F) 1; Reilander (H) 2; Anderson (F) 3. Distance, 104ft. 10½in.

High jump: Lobban (H) 1; Bundock (H) 2; Pike (Bir) 3. Height, 5ft. 2in.

Long jump: Knight (F) 1; Adams (Bir) 2; Bundock (H) 3. Distance, 19ft. 9½in. (record).

110yds. hurdles: Lobban (H) 1; Micklesfield (F) 2; Adams (Bir) 3. Time, 16.5secs.

Shot: Macdonald (F) 1; Pike (Bir) 2; Loxton (F) 3. Distance, 31ft. 6in.

440yds.: Micklesfield (F) 1; Lobban (H) 2; Hutchins (Bor) 3. Time, 58.6secs.

Relay, 4 x 220: Fairbridge 1; Heany 2; Birchenough 3. Time, 1min. 44 secs. (record).

Cricket ball: Reilander (H) 1; Yudelmau (F) 2; Pike (Bir) 3. Distance, 91yds. 2ft



MILTON SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAM, 1950

Back Row: J. Goldberg, R. Yudelman, J. Kerr.

Middle Row: T. C. Bryant, K. A. Burns, F. C. Ashwin, M. J. Micklesfield, K. Johnson, B. Rubidge, R. Stevens.

Seated: Mr. L. Archell (Coach), G. B. Knight, A. Gersohn (Capt.), G. T. Horton (Vice-Capt.), J. F. Brett, Mr. W.

D. G. Watt (Coach).

UNDER 15 EVENTS

100yds.: Stephens (Bor) 1; Kerr (F) 2; Watridge (F) 3. Time, 11.6secs.

220yds.: Kerr (F) 1; Stephens (Bor) 2; Watridge (F) 3. Time, 26secs.

Long jump: Johnston (Bir) 1; Stephens (Bor) 2; Kerr (F) 3. Distance, 17ft.

High jump: Johnston (Bir) 1; Stephens (Bor) 2; Watridge (F) 3. Height, 5ft. 4in.

90yds. hurdles: Johnston (Bir) 1; Watridge (F) 2; Mee (Bor) 3. Time, 14.4secs.

Pole vault: Mee (Bor) 1; Dickinson (Bir) 2; Purves (Bor) 3. Height, 7ft. 2in.

Relay, 4 x 110yds.: Fairbridge 1; Birch-enough 2; Borrow 3. Time, 53.2secs.

Relay, 3 x 220yds.: Fairbridge 1; Birch-enough 2; Borrow 3. Time, 1min. 21.7secs.

Cricket ball: Stephens (Bor) 1; Watridge (F) 2; Kerr (F) 3. Distance, 97yds. 1½in. (record).

UNDER 14 EVENTS

100yds.: Watson (Bor) 1; Thomas (H) 2; van Aardt (Bor) 3. Time, 11.8secs.

220yds.: Watson (Bor) 1; Thomas (H) 2; Carrol (F) 3. Time, 27.2secs.

High jump: Elworthy (Bor) 1; Tipler (H) 2; Bushby (F) 3. Height, 4ft. 6in.

Long jump: Lewis (H) 1; Cremer (Bor) 2; Carroll (F) 3. Distance, 14ft. ½in.

Relay, 4 x 110yds.: Borrow 1; Heany 2; Fairbridge 3. Time, 58.5secs.

Cricket ball: Bouchet (F) 1; Larkin (H) 2; van Aardt (Bor) 3. Distance, 77yds. 2in.

UNDER 13 EVENTS

Cricket ball: McKinley (F) 1; Bower (F) 2; Aitkenhead (H) 3. Distance, 71yds. 2in. (record).

High jump: Iversen (F) 1; McKinley (F) 2; Deane (H) 3. Height, 4ft. 2in.

Long jump: McKinley (F) 1; Aitkenhead (H) 2; Jervais (F) 3. Distance, 14ft. 10½in.

100yds.: McKinley (F) 1; Pingston (H) 2; Pratt (Bor) 3. Time, 12.7secs.

Relay, 4 x 110yds.: Fairbridge 1; Borrow 2; Heany 3. Time, 1min. 1.5secs.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS**MILTON—PLUMTREE—TECHNICAL
CONTEST**

This contest was held on the 22nd of April on the Milton Upper Field. Plumtree were superior in the long distance team races, which carried many points, and were thus able to win the match. We must compliment these runners on excellent performances. The school relay teams won easily. Outstanding among the Milton athletes were Gersohn, Horton, Knight and Johnston. The following are the results:—

SENIORS

100yds.: Gersohn (M) 1; Knight (M) 2; van Schalkwyk (T) 3. Time, 10.3secs.

Shot: Horton (M) 1; Barnard (T) 2; van Schalkwyk (T) 3. Distance, 42ft. 7in.

440yds.: van Schalkwyk (T) 1; Nash (P) 2; Yule (P) 3. Time, 53.9secs.

120yds. hurdles: Wakefield (P) 1; Pithey (P) 2; Bryant (M) 3. Time, 15.7secs.

High jump: Kolbe (P) 1; Lobban (M) 2; Shepherd (P) 3. Height, 5ft. 7in.

Discus: Raffle (P) 1; Shepherd (P) 2; Horton (M) 3.

220yds.: Gersohn (M) 1; van Schalkwyk (T) 2; Nash (P) 3. Time, 23.4secs.

One mile: Yule (P) 1; Hoyte (P) 2; Goulding (P) 3. Time, 4min. 55secs.

Long jump: Knight (M) 1; Kolbe (P) 2; Burns (M) 3. Distance, 19ft. 5½in.

Relay: Milton 1; Technical 2; Plumtree 3. Time, 1min. 36.8secs. Milton were represented by Gersohn, Knight, Goldberg and Micklefield.

Javelin exhibition: Hyatt (P); Horton (M); Potts (P).

Pole vault exhibition: Frerichs (M) 1; Loxton (M) 2. Height, 9ft.

JUNIORS

100yds.: Oates (P) 1; Melloy (T) 2; Stephens (M) 3. Time, 11.2secs.

Long jump: Melloy (T) 1; Johnston (M) 2; Lukan (T) 3. Distance, 17ft. 8½in.

90yds. hurdles: Johnston (M) 1; Oates (P) 2; Melloy (T) 3. Time, 14.2secs.

880yds.: Oates (P) 1; Nelson (P) 2; Henderson (P) 3. Time, 2min. 17secs.

High jump: Johnston (M) 1; Kolbe II (P) 2; Lukan (T) 3. Height, 5ft.

220yds.: Oates (P) 1; Melloy (T) 2; Rance (T) 3. Time, 25.3secs.

Shuttle relay (4 x 110): Milton 1; Plumtree 2; Technical 3. Time, 53.9secs. Milton: Kerr, Shapiro, Johnston, Watridge.

**INTER-SCHOOL CADET
CONTEST**

Owing to injuries and flu only a handful of our first string athletes could compete. However, we still managed to come third in the contest. The following were successful from Milton:—

100yds. senior: Gersohn. 1st.

100yds. junior: Goldberg. 2nd.

220yds. senior: Gersohn. 1st.

220yds. junior: Goldberg. 2nd.

440yds. senior: Pritchard. 3rd.

Discus, junior: Loxton. 3rd.

Hurdles, senior: Bryant. 2nd.

High jump, senior: Johnston. 3rd.

High jump, junior: Johnston. 1st.

1 mile junior team race: Milton. 2nd.

Senior relay: Milton. 3rd.

In the senior relay we gained third place after having dropped the baton at the first change-over, but a determined running gained us this position.

After having done very well in the Rhodesian Athletic and Mashonaland Athletic Championships, Gersohn was selected to represent Rhodesia against the U.S.A. touring team in Bulawayo. He acquitted himself very well, especially in the 220 yds. His selection and successes have been a reward for constant hard training which seems to have frightened a good many Milton athletes, especially long distance. So get down to it next year, boys!

COMMERCE AS A CAREER

[The writer of this article is a South African by birth, who had his professional training in London. He is now a director of one of the largest Commercial Houses in Bulawayo.—Ed.]

A famous South African statesman, in giving advice to the Youth of his country on the question of careers, urged them, wherever possible, to go into business on their own account, but, if circumstances precluded them from so doing, to work for the Government.

A careful observation of the tendencies and inclinations of Youth in this respect over the past 25 years, both in this country and in the Union, has convinced me that this advice was superfluous. The Colonial-born youth, due no doubt to his environment, generally develops a sense of individualism which urges him instinctively to become his own master. This tendency is evident, particularly in this country, by the large percentage of school-leavers who take up farming, or train for one or other of the recognised trades or professions. In almost all of these cases, it will be found that the youth envisages the time when he will achieve an independent economic status.

The next largest group covers those lads who apply for entry into the Civil Service or the Railways. It is possible that in most of these cases the motive is security: the assurance of a good steady billet involving a minimum of anxiety, and the acquisition of certain privileges not available to employees in other vocations.

It is difficult to ascertain the actual proportion of candidates who are absorbed into the two main avenues of employment above referred to, but one can safely state, from experience, that the number of youths applying for commercial positions is almost negligible. It is precisely this fact which prompts one to state without hesitation that, for the right type of lad, the scope offered today in Commerce is practically limitless.

Undoubtedly, the early years of commercial training are comparatively irksome and the initial remuneration is not as attractive as that offered in other spheres, but the demand for suitable trainees is so acute that any lad who has the backbone and initiative to complete his period of training, and at the same time acquire the necessary standard of qualification, will eventually outstrip in remuneration and position his more cautious cousin who has chosen to plod along steadily in a Government job.

The range of activity in Commerce, too, is far more varied than that offered in most other spheres, covering, as it does, the handling of all classes of merchandise, as well as the administrative or clerical side. Many of the larger commercial organisations today are so perturbed about the shortage of men capable of filling senior positions, that they are offering special facilities for the training of selected candidates in all departments of their business.

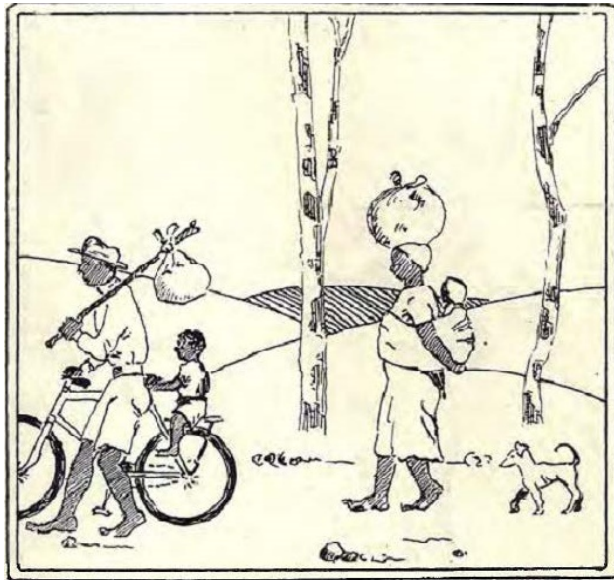
Unfortunately, here in this country it is not yet possible to supplement this practical experience with the theoretical training offered by well-equipped technical colleges, such as those which have been functioning for many years in most of the larger centres overseas and in the Union. Certain of the more progressive youths are filling this need by taking correspondence courses in commercial subjects with the recognised institutions, and the measure of success achieved by this mere handful of stalwarts is proof that the reward is certain.

There is a strong movement afoot in the country today to make available proper training centres for commercial students, and it may be taken for granted that when such facilities have been provided the average employer will recognise and support these institutions by the subsidising of students' fees and by insisting upon a higher standard of qualification for those employees applying for the more responsible

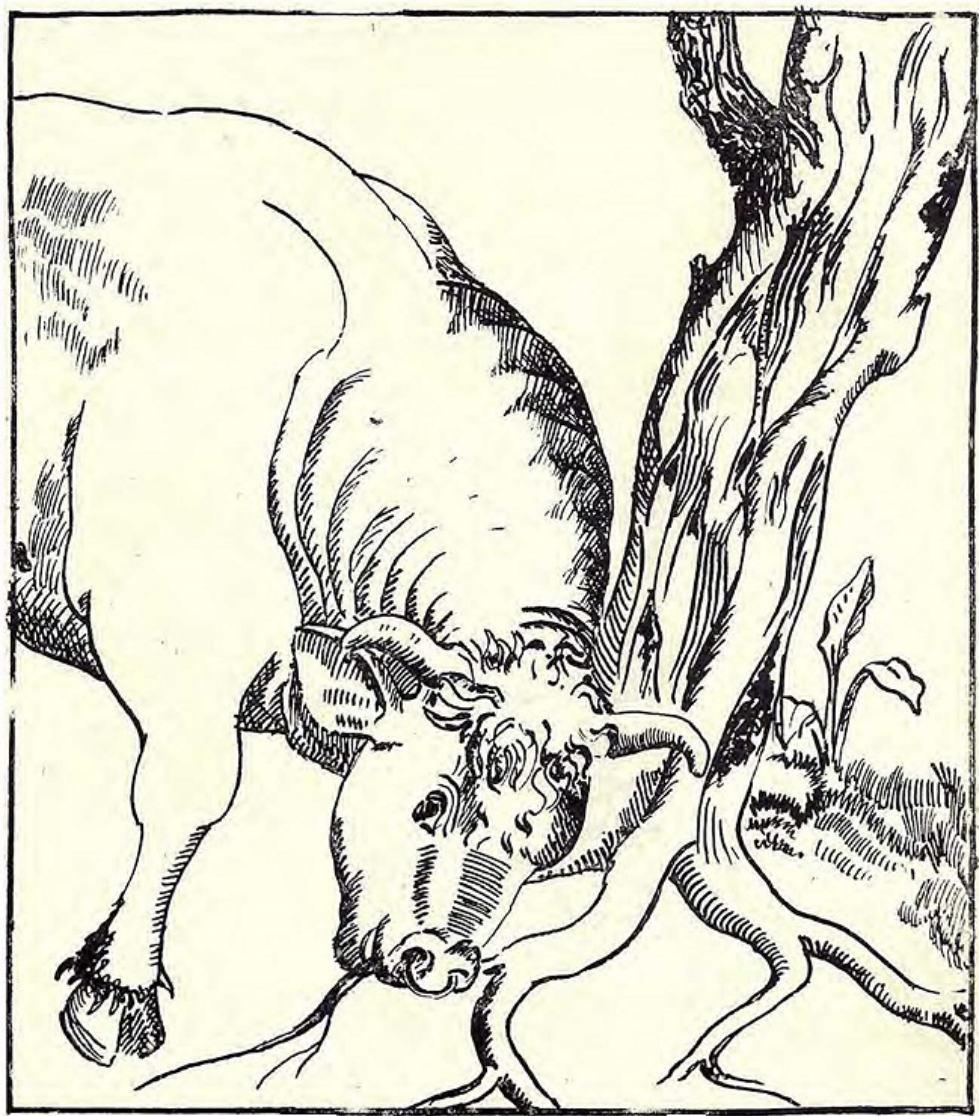
positions. Commerce will then cease to be regarded as the "Cinderella" vocation for men, and will take its rightful place as an avenue offering the widest scope for advancement to those who are prepared to equip themselves with the requisite knowledge and to accept the responsibility of leadership.

Until these very desirable conditions are brought about, one can only emphasise that the prospects of advancement in Commerce are exceptional, but that real success can be achieved only by those who are prepared to go through the hard school of experience, to absorb meanwhile from all possible sources a vast fund of knowledge and, what is perhaps most important of all, to acquire a deep understanding of human nature, which is essential in any position of responsibility.

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