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Photographic Society: Master in charge: Mr. L. Archell.

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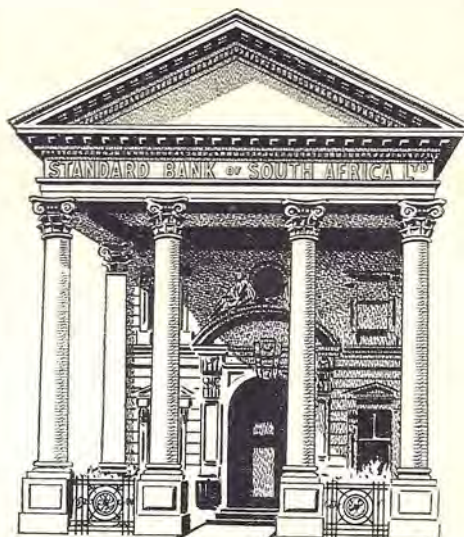
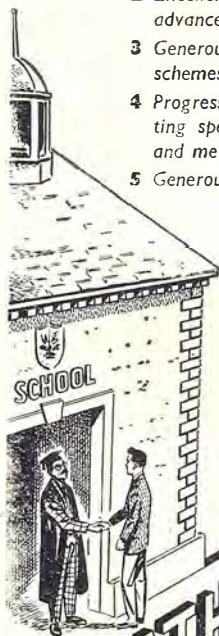
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*Here is no ancient pile all stained and scarred
By centuries of rain and blasting storm,
Yet in the few short years since thou wast born,
No backward look thy spreading frame has marred.
Forth went thy sons when jealous races warred,
Died at Latema, and 'mid Flanders corn.
While Achi Baba grim and battle worn
O'er Milton graves eternally keeps guard.
Proud were the man whose noble name you bear
Could he behold the inmates of your walls.
O'er half a continent thy summons calls
Fathers to place their sons in Milton's care,
Throughout this land thy cry rings loud and long,
“ Oh quit yourselves like men. Be strong, be strong!”*



The Headmaster, C. R. Messiter-Tooze, Esq.

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EDITORIAL

"From you have I been absent in the spring."

It is gratifying to feel that one has been missed during one's absence, and that one's labours, however humble, have not fallen entirely upon stony ground. And so it was with us, when we read in the Editorial of last year's School Magazine that we had not been consigned to complete oblivion by those who took over the tasks of editorship while we were on leave. True, the remarks they made were somewhat tongue-in-the-cheek—and, after all, every man is dispensable; but we did feel that those who sat—perhaps somewhat cramped—in the editorial chair did think about the absent Editor and begin to have an inkling of what is involved in producing a School Magazine. But let us try to be fair. While they were thinking of us, we, as we lazed on golden beaches watching the blue sky overhead and hearing "the wild water lapping on the crag," or as we toured through mountains, those "star-ypointing pyramids" of Nature—we also thought of them, as they endeavoured to collect in the requisite articles, or tried to interview prospective advertisers. But, joking aside, we would like to thank the two gentlemen sincerely for the meritorious way in which they carried out the job, and for producing a very fine edition of "The Miltonian."

Now, in this year of grace, we are back in harness again, and it once more devolves upon us to "deliver the goods." Once more we are obliged to dash around the School, coercing those who are responsible for certain items in the Magazine; and as we deteriorate from dashing to plodding our weary way, we spare a thought for those who are having pearls of wisdom cast before them—to many of them, perhaps,

"each day is like a year,

A year whose days are long."

But courage! The appearance of the School Magazine heralds the approach of the Christmas holidays, when cares may be cast aside, and mirth and jollity may reign unconfined.

It is our pleasant duty this year to offer a sincere and cordial welcome to our new Headmaster, Mr. C. R. Messiter-Tooze, and to Mrs. Messiter-Tooze, who arrived in January. We hope that they will be most happy here at Milton, and that the School will receive many benefits under Mr. Messiter-Tooze's active leadership. Already many improvements are noticeable since his arrival. New blackboards and floors have been put in many of the classrooms; new playing fields are being developed on the other side of Selborne Avenue; many books, both fiction and non-fiction, have been added to the School Library; and tarmac has been laid down on the roads round the School and also on the quadrangle between the Beit Hall and the Dining Hall—so that in future rainy seasons it will be possible to walk from place to place without squelching ankle-deep in red mud.

The past year has been a busy one for Headmaster, Staff and pupils. We have seen the formation of a Parent-Teachers' Association; the School Sports were held in April; in July we had a big inspection; in August, Speech Night was held; and a week later the School put on a very successful production of "The Ghost Train"; a little later in the same month came the Cadet Camp; and, as we go to press, a School Fête has been held to raise funds for extending the Beit Hall. Finally, there looms ominously near the grim shadow of the Cambridge and Higher School Certificate Examinations.

We noted with interest that in last year's Editorial there was a suggestion that the Magazine should be the responsibility of a committee of senior boys, aided by one or two members of Staff. We would willingly try this experiment, so perhaps next year we may persuade a few earnest souls to turn their talents towards the concoction of the School Magazine. If successful, this scheme would at least help to remove from the Editor the shafts of ironic and acrimonious wit which are occasionally heard (and not only in the classrooms!) as the Magazine is perused. To such as these, we might offer the quotation:

"We are none of us infallible—not even the youngest of us."

But until such a committee is willing, like Bark's, we regret that our present readers will have to endure what lies within the covers of this year's edition. And so, as Artemus Ward puts it,

"I now bid you a welcome adoo."

GENERAL NOTES

Our congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. G. Todd on the birth of a daughter in January, and to Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Robertson on the birth of a daughter in April. During the first term of the year, Mr. P. H. Gifford, Mr. S. W. Jones and Mr. P. W. Mans went on leave.

As there was a shortage of staff during the first term, Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Starr (who is still teaching at Milton) and Mrs. Thomson came to teach at the School. Their services were much appreciated.

A welcome goes out to Mr. C. W. Ross, who arrived from Natal to join the Staff in January. He was accompanied by his wife and little son.

On 24th January a meeting of parents was held in the Beit Hall to discuss the formation of a Parent-Teachers' Association. The idea was well received, and a committee was formed to discuss the matter further. The following persons were elected: Messrs. A. Everett, M. P. C. Went, N. E. S. Simon, T. M. Brewis, C. G. Hodgson, A. E. Flowerday, Dr. A. J. Cooper, Mesdames M. P. C. Went, W. E. Ashmole, F. C. B. shop, A. Everett, D. W. Chambers. On 9th March a Parents' Committee Meeting was held to discuss the foundation of a P.T.A. All present were in favour, and the following office bearers were elected:—

Chairman: Mr. C. G. Hodgson.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. M. P. C. Went.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. A. Everett.

The Staff representative is Mr. F. G. Jackson, the Deputy Headmaster. On 23rd June a P.T.A. meeting was held in the Dining Hall. The first part of the evening was taken up with business, during which the Chairman, Mr. Hodgson, explained the aim of the P.T.A. Mr. Everett outlined the debenture system to be inaugurated to raise money for the extension of the Beit Hall; and Mr. Brewis discussed arrangements for the Fête to be held on 3rd November, and asked for volunteers to help with the stalls. After the business, "One Minute Please" was organised by Mr. Hooper, of the Broadcasting Studio.

On 24th April, Inter-school Sports between Northlea, Christian Brothers' College, Technical, Plumtree and Milton were held at the Old Miltonians Ground. Milton was fortunate in winning most of the events. Prizes were presented by Mrs. Phillips, the Mayoress.

Early in May, Mr. Avery was admitted to hospital for an operation, and was unable to teach for a few weeks. We hope that he has now completely recovered his health. Mrs. Messiter-Tooze, the Headmaster's wife, took Mr. Avery's Art classes during his absence.

In May, Duly and Co. started work on clearing the ground opposite the School, on the other side of Selborne Avenue. This work was done free of charge, and we

appreciate the generous gesture. At the same time a water-boring machine arrived to put down a borehole on the new games fields site.

During the second term, Messrs. B. Thomson, R. Leavis and D. C. Barbanell went on leave.

We welcome back with us on the Staff Mr. R. R. B. Phillips, who is taking Woodwork classes in addition to those taken by Mr. Clubb.

Mrs. D. P. Howat joined the Staff during the second term to take over Mr. Thomson's Latin classes.

At the end of the second term Mr. S. W. Jones was transferred from Milton to the Inspectorate. He will be taking the place of Mr. J. C. Houlton in Salisbury. We wish him the best of luck in his new sphere.

Mrs. Tilbury has been transferred to Plumtree. We wish her the best of luck and lots of happiness in her new job.

Mrs. J. Wells did a two months' spell in the School Office and rendered valuable assistance.

During the third term, Mr. F. G. Jackson and Mr. W. P. Speirs went on leave. We trust that they have an enjoyable time and that they return invigorated.

Mrs. Hughes arrived to take over the duties of Sewing Matron in Charter House. Mrs. Robinson has transferred from the Staff of the Hospital to take over Mrs. Tilbury's place in Pioneer House.

The telephone engineers have been busy installing a new telephone system at the School. In order to avoid congestion on line 3292, we now have 3525 as well.

Mr. D. M. Clubb has been absent for most of the third term. He has been in hospital with malaria and pneumonia.

SPEECH NIGHT

The School Annual Speech Night was held this year on Friday, 3rd August, in the Large City Hall. A large gathering of parents, Old Boys and friends attended the function, and were greeted in the foyer by the Headmaster and Mrs. Messiter-Tooze.

The evening commenced with the speeches, which was a variation from the procedure adopted on previous Speech Nights. Another innovation was the presence of the Head Prefect, R. A. Iversen, on the stage with members of the School Council, the Guest Speaker, the Headmaster and the Deputy Headmaster.

The first speaker, Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Webb, Chairman of the School Council, made a short but effective speech, in which he welcomed important persons at the function, and mentioned that there was no possibility of any alterations being made in the school holidays in the near future. He also said that there seemed practically no likelihood of the results of the Cambridge School Certificate Examination being obtained any earlier than they had been in previous years.

The Headmaster, presenting his report on the work of the School during the past twelve months, reminded his audience that he himself had assumed duty only in January; and he went on to pay tribute to his predecessor in office, Mr. J. H. Downing, and to the Deputy Head, who had assisted him unstintingly.

The School, he said, had 700 boys, making it the second largest boys' school in the Federation. Classroom accommodation was limited, and the Prep. Rooms were being used for lessons. He hoped that this position would be improved in the near future, when new classrooms would be built. The hostels were being repainted and renovated, and he spoke appreciatively of the co-operation of the Public Works Department.

He next referred to the generous gesture by the City Council in allowing the School to use twenty acres on the other side of Selborne Avenue as additional playing fields. A borehole had been sunk and a pumping plant installed, so that grass fields could be developed in both the new and the old grounds. Despite the shortage of

playing fields, however, sports and games had been carried on successfully, and had been well attended. The School cricket and rugby teams had done very well in their matches against other school teams.

The Headmaster went on to give particulars about the newly formed Parent-Teachers' Association, which had an energetic committee and would perform valuable services to the development of the School, not least in raising funds and helping with school activities. He then mentioned the proposed extensions to the Beit Hall, which at present was inadequate for any school function. He hoped that parents and friends would generously support the Jubilee Building Fund.

He did not propose, he said, to give a detailed account of the academic successes which the School had achieved; but he did commend the high standard of work that had been reached. He had, however, found among parents a growing anxiety as to the future of their children in a multi-racial society. Many parents were alive to the fact that the future of the European boy in the Federation was not going to be so easy as it had been in the past, and that in many fields he would have to face competition from the educated African. Many parents were therefore beginning to insist that their children should stay longer at school and aim at higher professional qualifications. He warned parents, however, that not all boys were suited for an academic course, and many would undoubtedly benefit from a practical or a Commercial Cambridge School Certificate; while for the more practical-minded scholars there were courses leading to either the National Technical or the National Commercial Certificate examinations.

The School aimed at a high standard in discipline, manners and neatness of dress. He appealed to parents to help in these matters.

In conclusion, he thanked the Bursar and the Office Staff, the School Matrons and the Caretaker, and gave his appreciation of the loyal help of the teaching staff, who were most able, keen and hard-working.

The Guest Speaker, the Hon. Sir Roy Welensky, C.M.G., Federal Minister of Transport and Communications, said that the so-called colour problem was largely a problem of poverty and ignorance; a problem of "being afraid of being undercut in one's job and of having one's standard of living lowered." There was no need to be ashamed of this, and the problem was not insoluble. "But," he added, "it is vitally important to recognise the problem for what it is—a mixture of prejudice and poverty, with poverty as the predominant factor." He said that the solution to the problem required two factors to be taken into account—the elimination of colour prejudice and the removal of ignorance and poverty.

Sir Roy went on to say that the Federation was growing up and making rapid progress, and this was having a profound effect upon the Africans. The plans and ambitions of the Africans throughout most of the continent were being directed into a form of nationalism. The problem, and perhaps the tragedy, was that such nationalism often became unrealistic and removed from the realities of hard fact.

He concluded by saying that Africans must realise that there was no adequate substitute for schooling; but, on the other hand, Europeans must realise that it was right and proper that each person should have a fair chance in life.

Sir Roy was thanked by the Deputy Headmaster, Mr. F. G. Jackson, in an appropriate speech.

After the speeches there was a musical programme, in which the Milton Choir sang some Negro spirituals and other items, while the Junior Choir separately rendered suitable songs. In addition there were solos on the pianoforte and the violin by other pupils of the School.

During the ensuing interval, refreshments were served in the Small City Hall. These had been arranged by the women's section of the P.T.A.

The evening concluded with two one-act plays—"The Strolling Clerk from Paradise," a comedy by the sixteenth-century writer, Hans Sachs; and "Alison's Lad," by Beulah Marie Dix, a play of the Civil War in England. These were well received.

EXAMINATION RESULTS—CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE, 1955

The following pupils were successful in obtaining the School Certificate, 1955. The figures in brackets indicate the number of distinctions gained. Matriculation exemption is shown by an asterisk. Credits in Oral Language examinations have been included in the total number of credits only where success in the written language has also been obtained.

- NINE CREDITS.—*McCosh, C. J. (4); *St. John, B. A. (2); *Watson, J. W. (5).
 EIGHT CREDITS.—*Anstruther, W. J. (2); *Carpenter, B. J.; *Cousins, A. W.; *Fletcher, P. (2); *Henson, R. M. (2); *Hodes, M. (2); *Judge, A. J. M. (4); *Roth, A. G.; *Stevenson, A. (1).
 SEVEN CREDITS.—*Andrews, J. B. (1); *Bissett, I. C.; *Bruce-Brand, St. J. A. (2); *Davies, E. K.; *Ernstzen, R. C.; *Gelman, M. L. (3); *Griffiths, R. M. H. (1); *Strnad, J. F. (1); *Wotherspoon, M. R. (1).
 SIX CREDITS.—*Brennan, T. (1); *Bloch, E. W. (2); *Bowbrick, J. (2); *Inge, J. D.; *Lapham, D. F. (1); Molyneux, B. S.; *Tipler, R. B.
 FIVE CREDITS.—Bowbrick, M. (1); *Collins, S. J. F. (1); Cumming, D. H. M. (1); Erntzen, G. A. (1); Gait-Smith, M. J. (2); Gersh, A. M. (3); *Mitchell-Henry, D. (1); Norris, R. J. (3); Pulford, K. A. (3); *Sims, C. L. (1); Thompson, M. W.; Welch, G. R. M.; Ziv, L. (1).
 FOUR CREDITS.—Bland, K. C.; Cluley, F. W. (2); Herbst, A. D. (2); Kolman, I.; Neill, J. (2); Quantick, D. C. (1); Wilson, D. A.
 THREE CREDITS.—Barton, J. G.; Blatch, A. E.; Coleman, L. A.; Davies, H. J.; Eldridge, J. D. (1); Gibson, W. J.; Gould, P. F.; Lewis, B. C. (2); Matthews, M. E.; Siegel, G.; Washington, B. L.
 TWO CREDITS.—Jordan, D. H.; Ross, A.

Supplementary Credits, 1955

- FOUR CREDITS.—*McKenzie, B. W.
 THREE CREDITS.—*Flowerday, R. A.; *Smith, G. C. R.; *Smeeton, B. W.
 TWO CREDITS.—Brenner, S. I.; *Durham, C. B.; Holmwood, N. G.; *Lotz, J. P. (1); *Melmed, R. N.; *Milne, K. I. (1); *Pike, L. G. (1); *Rabinovitch, N. G.; *Rothbart, P.; *Walsh, R. P.
 ONE CREDIT.—Bower, E. F.; *Caw, G. R.; *Crittall, R. A.; Fairall, G. R.; Fisher, G. H. M.; Flinn, T. G. P.; Iversen, R. A.; Jones, B. C.; Knights, R. A.; Labuschagne, W. B.; Mackenzie, M. J.; *Render, L. H.; *Sanderson, R. P.; *Stephen, D. F.; *Waugh, A. N. D.; *Wolhuter, E. S.
 Higher School Certificate.—I. Abramov (Latin, French, Economics, English, General Paper); A. G. Bishop (English, History, Geography, General Paper, Subsidiary French); D. H. Greenfield (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, General Paper, Subsidiary French); A. M. Hawkins (History, Geography*, English, General Paper, Subsidiary French); F. D. McCosh (Physics, Biology, General Paper, Subsidiary Chemistry and Mathematics); S. A. Montgomery (Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, General Paper, Subsidiary Physics).
 Subsidiary Subjects Higher School Certificate. G. Barrass (Mathematics, Physics, Biology at Subsidiary Level, General Paper); G. P. Bradley (Geography); R. A. Flowerday (Geography, Mathematics); R. A. Iversen (Geography). R. H. Kaplan (Physics, General Paper); D. A. Ladbrook (Geography, Economics, Religious Knowledge, Afrikaans, General Paper); M. J. Mackenzie (Geography, General Paper); B. W. McKenzie (General Paper); R. N. Melmed (Biology, General Paper); W. J. Millar (Geography, Latin, Mathematics, General Paper); K. I. Milne (Biology, Mathematics); A. Pearson (English—full, French—full, Biology, General Paper); L. G. Pike (Mathematics); P. J. Rosin (Economics); P. Rothbart (Biology); G. F. Seligman (General Paper); G. G. R. Smith (Economics, General Paper, Art); A. F. Smith (Art); G. A. C. Stratford (Chemistry, Physics, Biology at Subsidiary Level, General Paper); D. E. Steyn (Afrikaans); R. P. Walsh (Mathematics); A. N. D. Waugh (Geography, History, General Paper).

Federal Government Scholarship.—S. A. Montgomery.
Beit Scholarship.—I. Abramov; A. M. Hawkins.
Government Continuation Bursaries.—E. R. Raine; R. H. F. Austin.
Charelick Salomon Scholarship.—N. Fagan; G. Levin.
Barnett Smith Prize.—Highest Aggregate Cambridge: J. W. Watson.
Ralph Moxon Memorial Grant.—A. M. Hawkins.
R.R.W.U. Prizes.—Physics: F. D. McCosh; Chemistry: D. H. Greenfield.
A. D. Campbell Memorial Prize.—J. Bowbrick.
School Council Prizes.—History: A. M. Gersh; Geography: A. M. Hawkins.
Rhodes Trustees English Prize.—Group 2: W. B. Hirst; Group 3: L. Rix; Group 4: D. Mitchell; Group 5: R. J. Norris; Group 6: I. Abramov.
Alliance Francaise Prize.—R. J. Norris.

The following results were obtained in the South African National Commercial and National Technical Examinations. Bookkeeping (b); Business Methods (bm); English (E); Trade Theory (two); Technical Drawing (d); Typing (t); Commercial Arithmetic (r); Commerce (k). Asterisk indicates distinction in the subject.

Standard VII.—Bickers, C. (d); Keith, G. (r); Marais, R. (d); Milne, D. R. (E); Morgan, A. R. (r); Oberholster, S. E. (E); Pomroy, E. H. (r); Reed, M. M. (r, d); Sher, H. H. (b); Smit, J. C. (d); Steele, A. (b); Taylor, N. F. (bm); Warren, T. (b); Wilson, L. (d); Zangel, A. F. (b).

Standard VIII.—Anderson, E. W. (E, r, b); Anstruther, P. G. (b*); Cogill, P. J. (b); Chesworth, R. H. (k); Emmerson, B. J. (b); Ferguson, C. C. (E); Lamper, D. B. (k); Long, A. A. (b, k, t); Nash, P. R. O. (k); Peachey, K. J. (b, k); Rosin, P. J. (b*); Rowe, D. E. (b, t); Sher, H. H. (k); Stainthorpe, A. (t, k, b); Taylor, M. L. (t, b); Van der Merwe, F. D. (b); Whiffler, L. L. (E, b, t, k); Yeatman, N. (E).

Standard IX or Intermediate.—Chesworth, R. H. (t, b); Lamper, D. B. (t, b); Mitchell, D. C. (t, b); Stephens, D. E. (b).

PIONEER HOUSE NOTES

Acting Housemaster: Mr. P. W. Mans. Assistant Housemasters: Mr. D. C. Barbanell, Mr. C. P. Kleyn.

During the first term Pioneer House suffered a great loss when Miss Howell left the House to work in an Institution for the Blind in England. Mr. Jackson presented her with a gold wrist watch in appreciation of all she had done for the boys during her long stay in Pioneer. Miss Sutherland joined Mrs. Tilbury as Matron.

The table tennis team lost heavily to Charter House in an inter-House table tennis tournament. The match was played in fine spirit, though at no stage of the game did Pioneer look as though they would win. Mr. Messiter-Tooze re-introduced the film shows, which took place on occasional Saturday evenings.

At the start of the second term Mr. Siebert took the place of Mr. Barbanell, who went on his much-needed vacation. This term was an extremely successful one for the house, as many boys were represented in School teams, but unfortunately we suffered again when we had to wait for a few days for a new Matron to take Miss Sutherland's place. However, Mrs. Datlan, who was the new Matron, left towards the end of the term along with Mrs. Tilbury, who had served us well. We welcomed two new Matrons, Mrs. Innes and Mrs. Robertson, who have been with us for some time now.

Mr. Mans took responsibility for the House when Mr. Jackson took his vacation, which was spent in Bulawayo and later in Cape Town. Mr. Siebert left us when Mr. Barbanell returned refreshed to resume his duties. The "Pioneer Post", which had started at the end of the second term as a House newspaper, amalgamated with the "Charter Chronicle" to form the "Milton Gazette".

The painters started on the House after finishing Charter. The Fête took up everyone's time, but the Pioneer boys acquitted themselves well in the preparation.

The following boys represented the House in School teams:—

Cricket: Bissett (Colours), Brewer, Dawson.

Rugby: Iversen, Simpson, Harvey (Honours cap and Colour re-award); Herbst, Anstruther (Colours), Ferguson, Micklesfield, Dawson. Bissett, Finlayson, Cumming.

Hockey: Micklesfield.

Tennis: Bissett.

Water Polo and Swimming: Iversen, Micklesfield, Williamson, Drake.

R. A. I.

CHARTER HOUSE NOTES

Housemaster: Mr. D. J. Avery. Reident Masters, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Siebert.

Head Prefect: R. Chesworth. Prefects: G. Welch, D. Mitchell, M. Thompson and D. Lapham.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed the return of Mr. Avery from what we believe was an extremely successful holiday. He has run the hostel smoothly for many years, and we are pleased to see him back.

Mr. Stewart left us at the conclusion of the second term. We trust he will enjoy his new-found freedom! We are sorry to lose him but in his place we welcome an equally popular master, Mr. Siebert.

We would like to express our gratitude to Mrs. Tilbury for her help during the 'flu epidemic last term. We hope she will be happy in her new school.

The interior of our hostel was repainted during the holidays and the earlier part of the second term. Needless to say we take great pains to keep it clean.

Charter House was well represented in the rugby touring side which travelled to Natal. The following went on tour: R. Chesworth, D. Lapham, J. McVey, M. Thompson, R. van der Merwe, G. Welch. The non-travelling reserves were: P. Nicholls, J. Rutherford, F. van der Merwe.

The following boys have represented the School in sporting activities:—

Rugby: R. Chesworth, J. McVey.

Cricket: S. Bruce-Brand, J. McVey.

Athletics: R. Chesworth, R. Ferguson, J. Hooper, P. McVey, F. Seagrave-Sutton, G. Welch.

Swimming: P. Nicholls, J. Rutherford, M. Thompson.

Hockey: A. Gibson, I. Israel.

Tennis: S. Bruce-Brand, R. Dowdeswell, R. Ferguson.

Chesworth is to be especially congratulated on obtaining his Honours Cap and a Colours re-award for rugby.

We hope that the members of Charter House will do equally well in the examinations at the end of the year.

We also made a successful venture into the journalistic world with the "Charter Chronicle", which we later amalgamated with our erstwhile rival, the "Pioneer Post". Our paper, the "Milton Gazette", has extended its scope to include day scholars as subscribers and contributors. This is a weekly publication and now runs to six pages. Townsend and Eveline correspondents co-operate with the editors to give a comprehensive picture of school life and leisure in Bulawayo. Circulation is growing all the time, and we hope the paper will continue to go from strength to strength.

We trust all those Charter House boys returning to School will uphold the reputation of the hostel. To those who are leaving we offer our sincere wishes for everything of the best in the future. May they as "Old Boys" continue to give the School their loyal support.

R. C.

THE GHOST TRAIN

On 9th, 10th and 11th August the School Dramatic Society presented, in the Allan Welsh Hall, "The Ghost Train", the well-known comedy thriller by Arnold Ridley.

Owing to difficulty in obtaining scripts, casting was not possible until the end of the first term, and rehearsals began in earnest after the holidays, not only for the cast, but for a crowd of First-formers who, under the direction of Messrs. Leech and MacMillan, undertook to cope with the very important sound effects.

In the event the play was very well received—so much so that at times the players were hard put to it to cope with the laughter and the shrieks of excitement evoked by their performance. It seemed probable that the play could profitably have extended its run, but that was not possible.

The cast had a large proportion of experienced actors, all of whom acquitted themselves very well. A. Judge had the "plum" part of Teddie Deak'n, and made an excellent job of it, carrying the audience wholeheartedly with him whenever he appeared. P. Sensky gave a most natural and convincing performance as Richard Winthrop, and was very ably supported by J. Stidolph, who, as Elsie Winthrop, delighted the audience with a first-class piece of female impersonation. Outstanding in this, too, was H. P. Labandter, whose Miss Bourne, the middle-aged, parochial spinster, was a highlight of comic relief. Saul Hodgkin, the station master, was very ably played by D. A. Ladbroke, and no haunted station could be complete without him. The newly-weds, Charles ("Chorley") and Peggy Murdock, were very creditably rendered by I. M. Hutton and A. D. de Werth. On the wrong side of the law, H. Stock, who, with de Werth, was wearing grease paint for the first time, and who gave the company a bad fright by going down with 'flu a week before the show, crowned a term's hard work with a convincing performance as Julia Price; and a very glamorous Julia he made. His confederates in crime were smoothly and confidently played by J. Watson, as Herbert Price, and W. J. Miliar, as John Stirling. A. W. Cousins brought to the small part of Jackson (the detective) an authentic air that many a real plain-clothes man would envy.

These were the boys who appeared on the stage and enjoyed the stimulation of the footlights and the direct applause of the audience which, to the amateur actor, is ample reward for his efforts. But back-stage was another crew who all but stole the thunder. These were the First-form boys who had been practising for months to extract from a motley assortment of improbable apparatus the sound of a train. And how magnificently they succeeded! It is not exactly a tradition in the theatre to applaud the sound effects, but it is worthy of record that no one in "The Ghost Train" received more applause than the boys who played the title rôle. They were: V. Hochuli, S. Hatfield, S. McCormack, O. McGregor, I. Norris, C. Crimes, D. Cunningham, J. Brewis, A. Andrews and C. J. Goldhawk.

The Society was indebted to Mrs. Avery, who again gave up much of her time to act as prompt, to Mrs. Tooze, who at short notice made a very fine job of the female costumes, and to Mr. S. W. Jones for coping with the make-up. Also to G. M. Pincus, who most courageously prepared to step into the breach five days before the show when Stock was stricken with influenza.

MUSICAL APPRECIATION SOCIETY NOTES

The highlight of this year's activities was a concert held in the first term. Mrs. Watt, an ex-Covent Garden soprano, kindly undertook to provide a programme for us. Accompanied by Mr. David Lourie, she gave an excellent recital which thrilled the not-too-large audience.

Other programmes of this nature were planned, but difficulties at first not anticipated cropped up, making their performance impossible.



A SCENE FROM "THE GHOST TRAIN"

Back (left to right): J. Stidolph, A. Judge, A. D. de Werth, I. M. Mutton.
Front: H. P. Labandter, P. Sensky.

A variety of operas, symphonic works and concertos have been played throughout the year, and an experiment was made which took the form of a variety of dance music being played. The history of dance music was given from the original folk dances through the Dixieland Jazz Band to the ultra-modern "Rock 'n Roll".

The Society is, however, classically inclined, and this type of programme is rare.
D. A. L.

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY REPORT

There have been six meetings of the Society since the last issue of the School Magazine, four of which have been with other schools. Subjects have been varied and usually of topical interest, while the speeches have been good, but there is still room for improvement in most cases.

Our first debate was with Plumtree School, Milton being the hosts. It was held on 11th November, 1955. Mr. Dakin and Mr. Reeve, from Plumtree, proposed the motion, which was: "The accusations against the decadence of modern youth are unjustified". Messrs. Montgomery and Stratfold were in opposition to the motion.

Mr. Dakin opened the debate, speaking well, and pointed out that modern youth had achieved much in their favour. Mr. Stratfold, waging war immediately on modern youth, stated that most of the juvenile delinquency of the world was due to bad upbringing and home life. Seconding the proposition, Mr. Reeve attacked the opposition by emphasising many of his colleague's points. Mr. Montgomery was witty in his speech but brought out few fresh points. After the usual discussion with the house and the summing-up of each spokesman, the motion was carried by 19 votes to 17.

The first meeting this year—on 17th February—was another inter-school debate (with Townsend High School), Milton again being the hosts. The motion was: "Women should not participate in men's sports." Miss Park and Mr. Millar, proposing the motion, had as opponents Miss Holgate and Mr. Ladbroke.

Miss Park began the evening with an eloquent speech, pointing out that women are naturally quieter and meeker than men and should therefore play quieter games. Mr. Ladbroke replied to this, suggesting that banning women from sport would lead to estrangement between males and females. Mr. Millar stated that women are far too delicate for sport, but Miss Holgate, being a sportswoman, argued that recreation is essential in our lives. From the floor came several helpful suggestions and, after the summing up of each spokesman, it was found that the motion was in favour of 51 members as against the disfavour of 43. An enjoyable debate followed by a dance led to a very pleasant evening.

Our next debate was in the form of a Hat Debate held among our own members.

Mr. Millar was the first speaker, on the subject "Should women wear make-up?" The general opinion on this matter was that a great deal depends on how and when women apply the make-up.

"Should there be afternoon school?" was next expounded by Mr. Lapham, who was definitely against such an arrangement.

Next Mr. Welch discussed the subject "Should capital punishment be abolished?" Several good ideas were given both by Mr. Welch and speakers from the floor.

Mr. Pilcher, a prominent floor speaker, tackled the subject, "Men's clothing is conservative," mentioning the brightness of the male in nature and Joseph's coat of many colours. The retort to this from Mr. Welch, speaking from the floor, was that Joseph had been "picked out from miles away and slung into a pit."

Mr. Bishop dealt very ably with the subject: "Are the present school colours completely satisfactory," protesting against straw "bashers" but stating that Milton's blazer is the most distinctive in the Federation.

The final subject—"Should sex education be introduced into schools"—was a difficult one to speak on, but Mr. Ladbrook managed it very well, emphasising the necessity of the right teachers if such a thing should be introduced. This discourse ended an enjoyable and profitable evening.

The 6th April found Milton Beit Hall full of girls again in the form of the Eveline High School Debating Society. The motion before the house was that "Men's dress should be more ornamental." Proposing the motion were Miss Hooper and Mr. Pilcher, while Miss Drowley and Mr. Sensky hoped to put up a case against the motion.

Miss Hooper set the ball rolling with some startling statements about men's beauty and the clothing trade. In reply, Miss Drowley—speaking very well indeed—stated that a man is supposed to set off his female companion, and will not achieve this if highly ornamented. Mr. Pilcher emphasised some of his partner's statements in seconding the proposition and suggested that girls would improve their dress if they realised that men were outdoing them. A long speech from Mr. Sensky followed, in which his main point was that "there is beauty in simplicity."

The debate was closed after the usual comments from the floor and the summing up of each spokesman, the motion being rejected by 81 votes to 19. After refreshments, a dance in the Beit Hall added the finishing touch to a perfect evening.

A very poorly attended debate was held on 13th July, when the motion before the house was that "Schools should be run more democratically." Speaking in favour of the motion were Messrs. Welch and Ladbrook, with their opponents Messrs. Watson and Pilcher.

Mr. Welch began by stating that democracy is an ideal which should be used due to its power, as the majority was nearly always right. In reply, Mr. Watson said that children these days are unable to make good decisions, especially as far as school is concerned. Mr. Ladbrook attacked him fiercely by suggesting that democracy would help people to make up their minds and also help settle disputes. Mr. Pilcher rounded off by arguing that chaos would be a result of everyone wanting his ideas enforced.

There followed a few comments from the floor and the summing up of Mr. Watson and Mr. Welch. The vote showed the motion to be carried by 5 votes to 3.

The final meeting before the time of writing was staged at Founders High School on 12th October. "Commercial broadcasting should be introduced into the Federation" was the motion before the house, with Mr. Shamantilal and Miss Davis as the proposers and Messrs. Millar and Bishop the opposition.

Mr. Shamantilal, in his speech, surveyed the position from the economic, political, educational and financial point of view, giving figures to support his statements.

Mr. Millar asked, "What is the purpose of broadcasting?" and tried to answer this teaser he had set himself. He mentioned that the Federation could hear two commercial programmes from the Union. Miss Davis, in reply, stated that commercial broadcasting would be a great boon to trade, especially among the Africans, and would be a better advertising medium than the newspaper. Mr. Bishop, a lover of classical music, "wiped the floor" with commercial broadcasting and praised the present Federal Broadcasting Service. Several people spoke from the floor and, after each spokesman had summed up, a vote was taken, the motion being lost by 25 votes to 16.

As was the case last year, unless there has been the added attraction of a visiting girls' school with a dance after the debate, day boys have not attended very well except for a few stalwarts. The ability to speak sensibly in public is one that cannot just be acquired, and it is felt that the loyal boarders are getting valuable training in this matter. We hope for a future year of successful debating and for the attendance of more day boys.

The Committee wishes to thank all who have made the enjoyable evenings possible throughout the year.

J. W. W.

LIBRARY NOTES

The year began with Mr. Siebert as Staff Librarian, having taken over in the absence of Mr. S. W. Jones. The first term might well be called the term of promises, for it was during this term that many promises were made, but unfortunately only some of these promises have been fulfilled. With the exception of a few books from the Travel Book Club and Scientific Book Club, no new books were received. Indeed, what was of greatest value to the library was a new stamp and a new bottle of glue! However, we were promised two hundred fiction books and most masters in charge of individual subjects said that they had ordered numerous books. We were also promised editions of numerous British magazines, namely "The Listener," "The New Statesman and Nation" and "The Times Literary Supplement." Furthermore, we were promised the complete redecoration of the Library, with a rearrangement of the shelves together with additional ones. A selection of pictures was offered, from which we were to choose the best to replace the present rather drab pictures. Since none of these promises was fulfilled during the first term, very little work fell upon the Librarian; perhaps the hardest worked was the Assistant Librarian, R. Norris, who willingly gave up his breaks to issue books. The only work of any importance was to carry to the Library the former Sixth Form library books and to make room for them among the cupboards under lock and key. The latter work involved the complete reorganisation of the fiction section.

Popular at the beginning of the term were the various 1955 school magazines, and it was of great interest to read in them the diverse opinions on matches which involved Milton. Such quotations as "Milton were lucky to earn a draw" seemed to contradict the statement in the Milton Magazine.

Towards the end of the term Mr. Freeman took over from Mr. Siebert as Staff Librarian, and since then a great amount of work has fallen upon his shoulders.

The second term was a complete contrast to the first, for some 400 books had arrived during the school holidays. Mass labour was immediately recruited, and many Post Certificate boys dedicated their services to the Library during their free period. What the economist would call a division of labour took place, for while one boy glued a label, another stuck it into the book, and yet another stamped the book. Consequently this work was soon over, but what remained was to catalogue all these books, and it was only late in the term that this was eventually completed. The reason for all the activity was, of course, the arrival of the promised books, including 150 fiction books and several on Literature, History, Geography and the various sciences. Unfortunately the desire for knowledge among the Sixth Form caused the immediate disappearance of several geography books, which necessitated the closing of the Library until they were returned. The ultimate result was that Mr. Jackson ruled that all geography books be handed over to him. The arrival of a very, very limited number of adult fiction books was particularly popular, but unfortunately this section has been sadly neglected in the past, and it is only to be hoped that more will be added. In addition the second term heralded the arrival of the overseas magazines, but they have as yet only been used, to a limited degree, by Post Certificate pupils. The discontinuance of the Realite's met with severe criticism, for they had been particularly popular, but their increased price was something the Library funds could not bear. It is to be hoped that further magazines will be added in the near future.

A very generous donation of forty books by Mrs. R. Dowdeswell was gladly accepted, for the books, covered a very wide range of subjects.

During the term it was decided to open the Library every day at break instead of twice a week, but the system of Forms One on Monday, Two on Tuesday, etc., did not prove so very successful, and now it is open every day to anyone.

Comparatively few new books arrived during the third term, but magazines have been arriving regularly and, with the approach of the examinations, many of the non-fiction books have been taken out by the Post Certificate scholars. Another

very generous donation by Mr. A. M. Brown, including eleven Upton Sinclair novels, was gratefully accepted, and we wish to thank him and Mrs. Dowdeswell for these donations.

During the year there was the usual row as to whether the V P.C. forms should be allowed to spend their free periods in the Library. The Headmaster decided that they should stay but, owing to the large number of Post Certificate boys, some periods have been exceptionally crowded and, in contrast to previous years, a person who does not wish to be interrupted generally scorns the Library. On occasions, too, instead of the Sixth Form complaining about the noise made by the Fifth Form, the opposite has also occurred.

That the Library requires redecoration is obvious from the large deposit of guano which has been accumulating from the bats which dwell on the other side of the ceiling. It is unfortunate that nothing has yet been done in this direction, but there are good intentions and by next year the appearance of the Library should have changed considerably.

It would be impossible to list all the new books, for during the year no fewer than 517 new books were either donated or purchased. The Library now contains almost 1,000 fiction books and approximately 2,200 non-fiction books. Some notable additions to the Library include:—

Two volumes of the "Cambridge History of the British Empire", "The History of the English-speaking Peoples," by Sir Winston Churchill; "The Decisive Battles of the Western World," by Major-General J. F. C. Fuller (Volume 3); "An Elizabethan Garland," by A. L. Rowse; "Nineteenth Century England," by R. M. Rayner; "The Epic of America," by J. T. Adams; "The Study of Map Projections," by Steers; "A South African Geography," by E. Schwarz; "Africa," by Stamp; "Southern Africa," by Wellington; "Chisholm's Handbook of Commercial Geography," by Stamp and Gilmour; "Elements of Geography," by Finch and Trewartha; "The Principles of Physical Geography," by Monkhouse; "Physical Geography," by Lake; "Western Europe," by Laborde; "Geographical Regions of France," by de Martonne; "The Oxford Atlas" and "The Oxford Economic Atlas"; "Encyclopaedia of Literature" Volumes 1 and 2; "English Literature at the Close of the Middle Ages," by E. Chambers; "English Literature in the Sixteenth Century," by C. Lewis; "Prefaces to Shakespeare" (four series) by H. Granvill-Barker; "The Collected Plays" (Volume 1) by W. Somerset Maugham; and poetical works by John Dryden, Gray and Collins, Edmund Spenser, Robert Bridges, Robert Burns, Shelley, Matthew Arnold, Longfellow and Swinburne; "Inorganic Chemistry"; "The Ideas of Physical Chemistry," by H. and H. McKay; "Physical Chemistry," by A. Mee; "Inorganic and Theoretical Chemistry," by F. S. Taylor; "Practical Chemistry," by Lambert and Muir; "Chambers' Technical Dictionary"; "Bloxam's Chemistry, Inorganic and Organic"; "Introduction to the Theory of Mechanics," by K. Bullen; "Space, Time and Gravitation," by Sir Arthur Eddington; "Man and the Planets," by R. S. Richardson; "A History of French Literature," by L. Cazamian; "The United States and World Relations," by Mowrer and Cummings; "Essentials of American Government," by Ogg and Ray; "What is Democracy"; "A Latin Dictionary for Schools," by C. Lewis; and "The Oxford Classical Dictionary."

Finally, the following boys must be thanked for giving up their time during breaks for the purpose of issuing books: R. Norris, J. Watson, P. Henson, J. Pugh and R. Crittall.

W. J. M.

CADET NOTES

Consistent progress in the training of the Cadet Unit has been seen in 1956. The first term was taken up with Cert. A training, using the new syllabus introduced in 1955. Ten cadets passed the Part II examination, while twenty-six completed the requirements for Part I. During the first term more cadets than ever before

completed their range classifications on the .22 range at Brady Barracks and the .303 range at Woolandale.

The School provided one platoon for the Queen's Birthday Parade, while the company representing 12 (C) Bn. was under the command of Lieut. G. Todd.

This year's camp was held as usual at Inkomo Training Centre but, unfortunately owing to the facilities available and the number of cadets eligible to attend camp—schools were limited as to their numbers at camp. Therefore all our senior cadets were unable to attend camp this year. A feature of the camp was the amount of training undertaken by Cadet 2/Lts. and N.C.O.s, to whom must go credit for the success of the training programme. Cadet 2/Lt. J. S. Pugh is to be congratulated on winning the Sword of Honour, the highest honour to be awarded to a cadet. It is worthy of note that Milton cadets have won this award twice in three years, Cadet 2/Lt. Furber having won it in 1954. The unit did well in the inter-battalion guard mounting and field firing competitions.

The annual inspection, held at School on 12th October, brought the activities of the unit to an end for the year. The inspecting officer was Lt.-Col. Greig, O.C. of the National Service Training Depot, Llewellyn Barracks. In an address to the parade he stressed the importance of Cert. A in assessing the qualities of leadership in national service training. Cert. A certificates were presented by Col. Greig to successful candidates. After witnessing a display of foot and rifle drill and a guard mounting, Col. Greig said that the display would have done credit to a regular battalion.

The new tarmac quadrangle, which will be used regularly as a parade ground from the beginning of 1957, should be a great help in improving the standard of foot drill generally. It is hoped that the coming year will see the construction of a more adequate company office, store and armoury at the School.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

During the year quite a large number of boys have used the dark room and developed and printed their own films. Their results on the whole have not been of a very high standard.

On the other hand, R. M. Griffiths, N. A. M. Welch and D. H. Cumming have produced some very good pictures. Cumming has made a study of bird photography and, with good apparatus, much patience and care to detail of procedure, he has produced photographs of which he has every right to be proud.

We thank Mr. E. Gotz, of the Rhodesian Photographic Society, for a most instructive lecture.

L. A.

THOUGHTS WHILE ON THE SCHOOLS EXPEDITION TO SEBUNGWE, 1956

As the author of the "Kon-Tiki Expedition" says, "just occasionally you find yourself in an odd situation . . . and when you are in the midst of it you ask yourself how in the world it all came about." It was along these lines that my thoughts wandered while sitting drawing a sketch of the Zambesi late one evening. The duck were winging their way upstream with great swooshing beats, while timid cormorants followed in their wake with high-pitched calls of excitement. Away downstream a native tribesman called to the ferryman across the river to come and

take him home. Peace reigned everywhere, and it seemed as if I had been there all my life, yet we had only arrived two weeks ago, and soon we were to return to the bustle of city life. I vaguely remembered applying to go on another expedition, attending the lectures, receiving injections, vaccinations and evil-tasting pills of quinine extract on, followed by a long and dusty journey and then entry into the "Garden of Eden."

Having been on previous expeditions I knew what to expect—and avoid! The arduous task of digging in was followed by the stifling heat which left us exhausted and longing for an icy shower in the evening.

My mind now gathering momentum, I recalled some of the happenings since we had arrived. The first day I had associated myself with the herpetologists, who spent an entire afternoon looking for sand lizards—unsuccessfully. We obtained one specimen, and so, my spirits dampened, I had turned to the botanists.

These people guaranteed adventure, so, with renewed aspirations, I set off to determine what they regarded as adventure. This proved to be a suicidal decision, as this group not only carried its ever-expanding flower presses, but also butterfly nets and traps, rifles and much other impedimenta. I vividly remember tramping miles and miles of dense bundu with a bulging flower press weighing heavily on my shoulders, rejoicing in the fact that when the day was over I could return to my passive occupation of art and photography. However, the botanists showed discriminating tastes and once brought into camp six guinea fowl, which proved excellent as a meat course at dinner.

One day I had followed the ornithologists at a "great way off." It was safer to do so, since their marksmanship left something to be desired. They were furthermore a clannish crowd and preferred to explore in pairs. "Oh, no!" I was told. "You'll frighten the birds," upon a suggestion that I might accompany them on their way to some secluded tract where birds were present in abundance.

Thus rebuffed, I tried a more rosy quarter—the ethnologists. They welcomed me with open arms and bade me inspect their trappings. Spears and beads, baskets and pipes were gaudily displayed on the back of a Land Rover. Hearing rumours of their ulterior motive—that of enjoying the privilege of motorised transport—I beat a hasty retreat into the arms of the expedition's Spartans. These heroes were undoubtedly worshippers of Shank's pony, making daily pilgrimages in his honour to distant gorge and rocky alluvial plain. They were no less than the time-honoured geologists. One of their more innocent supporters suggested that their leader had in time past been occupied as a postman, since he walked so much, but this was refuted. Dismayed at having failed their arduous physical fitness test, I resolved to join the ichthyologists.

The last-named were the supposed mainstays of the expedition. Three of them were below me displaying their prowess at fishing. The instruction they received was (a) How to bait and cast, and (b) How to catch all onlookers by pretending one had just missed a thirty-pound "vundu." However, since the group I normally resided with was usually found in the vicinity of the river, I decided to stay where I was.

There remains to account for the artists' group. We usually depicted vivid scenes of the activity in camp: riverine scenes and paintings of the local "faces and places."

Suddenly I was brought to my senses; the sun was set by now and I was thinking in terms of the inner man. It had been a hard day with much work to be done and reports to be compiled. Expeditions are not all fun and games, but work is of a practical nature and can easily be enjoyed. Furthermore, the work is important; within a few years the backwaters of the Kariba Dam will inundate this area and many secrets to science will be covered and lost, maybe for ever. It is good to realise that Rhodesian youth is helping to keep up its reputation and show that yet we can "quit ourselves as men."

MILTON SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1956



Back row (left to right): E. F. Parker, W. Millar, K. C. Bland, D. H. Harvey.
Middle row: J. W. Watson, W. Anstruther, A. D. Herbst, G. R. M. Welch,
D. Mitchell, D. H. Cumming. Front row: R. Chesworth, R. A. Iversen (Head
Prefect), the Headmaster (C. R. Messiter-Tooze, Esq.), P. Sensky, J. S. Pugh.

Literary Section

MILTON SCHOOL EN FÊTE

The Day Before — in the School Office

The Beit Hall at Milton School is not large enough to accommodate the large number of scholars. There is not a stage, there are no dressing rooms, and if the School produces a play, or a show of any kind, we are forced to hire a hall. The Headmaster, aided and abetted by the Parent-Teachers' Association, has decided to hold a Fête to raise funds for the enlargement of the Beit Hall.

It is the day before the Fête. The night before, I had come in to the Office to do some work which was pressing heavily on my mind, and had fallen over a large marquee just inside the door, so a presage of what was to come had assailed me.

When I arrive the morning before the Fête, the Bursar is already there, and the air is electric. There are three Public Works Department officials and the Master in Charge of the Fête Lighting System round my telephone; the Senior Afrikaans Master, who is in charge of so much I have lost count, is speaking on the Bursar's telephone. He obviously cannot believe his ears when the people who offered to arrange facilities for the Children's Playground tomorrow tell him they can only let him have one swing, and that is all. He foresees that one swing will be appropriated by the children who live on the premises, and the rest will have a thin time.

The Public Works Department officials and the Master in Charge of Lighting assume expressions of dire consternation. The convicts working in the grounds have stuck a pick into a cable, and the situation is precarious. They tell me that the electricity in the School will have to be cut off until 3.30 p.m., and will I go and explain to everyone concerned?

I make a tour of the School and am not well received. Suppressing a desire to tell all concerned that the fault is not mine, I realise how disconcerting it is for a Matron to be machining busily and to find operations suspended in mid-air, so to speak. How frustrating for the Art Master's Lady, who, with her usual kindly forethought, has decided to bake cakes in readiness for the next day, so that all helpers may refresh themselves at Charter House during their labours in the morning before the Fête begins! As for the Cook Matron—my sympathy knows no bounds, for the Cold Room is filled to capacity with meat, vegetables, poultry, and even wonderful bream, and the day is hot and sultry.

Meanwhile the clouds gather, and it begins to drizzle. The Headmaster reviews the weather and feels the climate of Matabeleland is something he has never, as yet, experienced. Still feeling sympathetic, I assure him the morrow will be a perfect day.

During my absence the Bursar appears to have received numerous contributions for the various stalls tomorrow, as well as six large urns in which to make tea and coffee. I weave my way to my typewriter, fall over a case of coloured lights, and eventually settle. Just then I am distracted through the window by an anxious mother, who implores me to find her son, as he has forgotten his "break" sandwiches. I weave my way out again to the Staff Room, bearing the sandwiches, and manage to corner a young Master no older than my son. Whatever he will say about me when I have returned to the Office will not matter, because he has been well brought up to respect people—especially women—so much older than himself. I watch him departing in the drizzle towards the classrooms near the Swimming Bath, and rest assured someone's son will receive his forgotten sandwiches.

On my return, the Bursar has added to the collection in the Office, and is surrounded by delicious-looking cakes. The tea has arrived, and I suggest we sample "a little something," but receive such a glare, I retire again behind my typewriter. The Senior Latin Master enters, and on seeing the cakes (his wife is Convener of the Cake Stall) his eyes gleam. But the Bursar is helping with "Teas," so she, too, has ideas about the cakes. They are well matched, both quietly tenacious, both dignified. I reckon the outcome will be a fifty-fifty share.

A car arrives, and a parent arrives with no fewer than FIVE large cakes, a great box of mulberries, and an African bearer. I go to their assistance, and she tells me she also has a sheep for the Fête, but that she will not leave it at the Office. I am impressed, and she and I bear her offerings to the Bursar, talking happily—she has offered me innumerable plants for my garden, and we discuss plants and seeds. As we pass the entrance her eye falls on two buckets and a jar of tiny mosquito fish. She immediately offers to buy them for her fish ponds, and I promise to approach the Headmaster, and ring her up as to the outcome. Meanwhile the Head Boy follows me with his eye on the mulberries, which he wants for the Milk Bar he and the Prefects are running. As I have a son who can wheedle anything out of me, he receives the mulberries in toto.

When I am able to discuss the matter of the fish with the Headmaster, he tells me the boy whose parents had donated the fish had intended putting them in pairs into jars, and selling them to his friends.

The Headmaster bids me count the fish. His youngest daughter, who occupies a very large corner of my heart, accompanies me, and the two of us gaze at literally hundreds of tiny darting bodies.

"Oh, millions!" cries Tom, and I agree. We invite the Headmaster to assist in the counting, at which invitation he suggests I ask the lady to make an offer for the lot, so everyone is happy.

By now it is lunch time, and even my typewriter is obscured by cakes. I become bad tempered, and inform the Bursar ONE of us had better do some typing, so I instruct my Messenger to put the typewriter in my car, collect materials, and go home, leaving the Bursar unmoved, as she knows the Very Efficient Lady who assists us in the afternoons will do twice as much as I shall do at home.

Eventually in bed, I hear the rain falling steadily, but I still feel it will be fine tomorrow. The Powers-that-Be will not dampen the Headmaster's enthusiasm, nor count as naught his Lady's brave efforts. When her four children were ill, and she was far from well herself, she carried on with the Sewing Party, and taught in the School as well. No Power could disregard the Art Master's Herculean efforts—there is a firm conviction in the School that he has not been to bed for weeks—and his Lady and son and daughter-in-law have become first-rate poster painters. What of the Staff who combined unlimited hard work with teaching and extra-mural activities, spurring their spouses to lend assistance? What of the parents who bearded lions in their dens, metaphorically speaking, and extracted cheques, prizes, donations and goods? What of the mothers who baked, cooked, sewed and knitted? Lastly, what of the boys—the Prefects and senior boys, and many of the others, who were truly interested, and helped with all their hearts?

No, it will not rain tomorrow. When it is all over, I hope everyone will forget the things that have not gone according to schedule, and will bury irritations and differences of opinion in the limbo of things forgotten, so that their common effort will be worth their while. I myself must do some burying, I reckon, as I drift off into sleep. Tomorrow I will speak courteously to the Bursar, and even offer to help her with the "Teas." As I shall have to rise at 5 a.m. to assist at the Morning Market, and will look my age by the time I see her, she will not accept—but I shall OFFER all the same.

THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND

At the beginning of March, 1957, the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland will throw open its doors for its first intake of students. This will undoubtedly be a momentous occasion in the history of the Central African Federation and one for which the foundation was laid as long ago as 1945, when a donation of £20,000 provided the incentive for the formation of a group of men and women with the aim of founding a university in Rhodesia. After twelve years of preparation and ever-growing interest among peoples both within and outside our country, the object of "The Rhodesia University Association" has at last been realised: soon the collection of magnificently designed buildings now being completed on a site of 474 acres a few miles from the City of Salisbury will be united into the vital, living organism of a university.

Recently I had the privilege of being conducted round the fast-growing University by its Registrar-designate, who has but recently arrived in the Federation from London University to take over his new post. Six weeks before my visit, he told me, it was quite impossible to see how the construction of the buildings could possibly be completed in time for the first influx of students. But in that short period of time so much hard work had been done that, when I visited the site, the shells of all the buildings were complete, and only interior painting and furnishing were required to make the University ready for occupation.

It was early on a Monday afternoon when Mr. Angus drove me out to the site of the University at Mount Pleasant. Our tour of the various buildings which form the University was accompanied by a continuous noise of hammering and banging; everywhere work was going on at full speed to ensure completion of building operations before heavy rains begin. The first fact that impressed me about the buildings was that, although they were all of simple but effective design, they all fitted in extremely well with each other and helped to give the impression of different sections of one unit; here was no collection of structures of various sizes and designs, but a harmonious combination of similarly designed buildings all of which, from the staff houses to the massive Art Block, bear a strong resemblance to one another. The only exception to this rule is the Research Laboratories Block, which looks rather spectacular against the background of the more sober buildings which comprise the rest of the University.

The first building I visited was the main European Men's Hall of Residence, a double-storied block which accommodates the students in furnished and comparatively spacious study-bedrooms, each of which has, through a large window extending the total length of one wall, a magnificent view of Salisbury. Four of these rooms are combined into a unit with its own sitting room and ablution section. The Arts Block, which we visited next, is an immensely impressive structure which possesses a large entrance hall and several spacious lecture rooms, specially furnished with materials of excellent acoustical quality. The very comprehensive library will be housed in a section of the Arts Block until a separate building is provided for it; the large and experienced library staff was busily engaged in classifying books when we inspected that section of the Arts Block.

My brief tour of the University completed, I came away extremely enthusiastic about every aspect of it and excited at the prospect of becoming a foundation student of what promises to be a magnificent centre of learning. I think that the University, if given a chance by local and overseas critics, will be of great benefit to the future of the Federation and will provide a sound basis for complete understanding among the races.

A. B., VI.

THE STORY OF A HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT

My name is Captain George Nell and I am a navigator in the Royal Air Force. During the second World War I had the experience of flying as navigator to one of the greatest pilots in the Royal Air Force—Wing Commander Cedric Harrod, V.C., D.S.O. with two bars, D.F.C.

Harrod and I had been temporarily assigned to the U.S. Navy and were appointed to the "Eagle," an aircraft carrier which was the flagship of a large task force sent to make an attack on Tokyo.

The attack had succeeded and we were now steaming in retreat from the far superior Japanese fleet that had been sent to destroy us.

Harrod's plane, a Mosquito (the first and only one of its kind in the U.S. Navy), had been badly damaged in the raid.

The Japanese fleet was within a few miles of us, and in an hour we would be within range of its big guns. Harrod had been granted permission to attempt to damage the Japanese aircraft carrier and so slow their fleet down.

Harrod and I were to make the attempt in a "Wildcat" torpedo bomber which had a top speed of 270 miles per hour. We were to carry a 21-inch torpedo.

Harrod climbed into the cockpit and I wriggled down into the aft cockpit, which was also a gun position. We tested the inter-communication system and Harrod started the engine. It was the first time he had flown one of these machines, but he had tried one out before. The Double Row Cyclone engine made a tremendous roar as it started, and I saw the deckmen covering their ears. Flight Commander Smith gave us the signal to take off, and as we passed the bridge I had a glimpse of the Admiral of the fleet, Admiral Gryce, with an arm upraised encouragingly to us. The safety of his ships depended on the success of our mission. Harrod climbed steeply towards the sun.

"Watch our tail," he rapped. "There are Zekes prowling around." "Zekes" was the name given to the Japanese planes stationed on the aircraft carrier. They were fighter planes.

Harrod levelled out at 600 feet and turned eastwards. Suddenly, like a bolt from the blue, a Zeke dived on us, and it was only the unequalled flying skill of Harrod, and my alertness, that saved us. Harrod side-slipped and, as the Zeke roared past us, I got a wide deflection shot in and I saw the plane burst into flames.

I swung round; already I could see the Japanese ships as dots under a smoke haze.

Harrod's voice came over the inter-com: "I think our best chance is to dive steeply and fast; this plane will stand the strain of a fast pull-out."

The Japs had seen us and a few black puffs from exploding anti-aircraft shells smudged the sky ahead, then it seemed as if every gun in the Japanese fleet was shooting at us. Black clouds of smoke, in which flashes sparked, hung between us and the ships.

Harrod put the Wildcat's nose down and power-dived. I waited anxiously for him to pull out, wondering if the plane would stand the sudden and terrific strain as he heaved it level.

I felt as if I was being twisted out of shape as Harrod pulled out of the dive. We came out of it just over the sea and we were heading straight for the Japanese aircraft carrier. Hundreds of tracer bullets streamed towards us; the misses of bigger shells threw up torrents of water below us. The carrier loomed up monstrous. Was Harrod never going to let the torpedo drop?

Suddenly I knew the torpedo had been dropped when the Wildcat gave a buoyant leap.

In the instant that we turned away I saw a tremendous torrent of water rise by the side of the aircraft carrier. Then a tremendous eruption of foam hid the ship from our view. We were streaking away when I was dazzled by a flash in the cockpit. Perspex showered round me. As I started to recover from the shock I

saw blood trickling down out from under my left sleeve. The Wildcat shuddered, seemed to shake itself, and then flew on smoothly.

I d'd not feel any pain but my left side was paralysed. The inter-com. no longer worked, so I could not speak to Harrod.

Harrod snatched a look at me; it was a brief look, for there was danger on our starboard side—coming at us was another Zeke.

The Jap plane's guns flashed and Harrod blazed away with our two forward guns, and the impact of our big bullets knocked pieces off the Zeke.

It vanished from view and we flew on with the wind screaming in through the holes in our plane.

Suddenly I noticed Harrod cast a worried glance at the starboard engine; flames were licking round it. Swiftly the flames grew in intensity and smoke poured out. We were bearing in on the American fleet, but I knew I had not the strength to heave myself out for a parachute drop.

Flames painted the smoke a lurid red. The searing heat made me cringe back. Harrod turned the Wildcat onto its side and went down in a long screaming side-slip that blew the flames away from us. Through the side of the cockpit I watched the "Eagle's" deck looming up at us.

Harrod brought the damaged Wildcat down and just as it seemed that the blazing starboard wing would hit the deck and crumble, he pulled the nose into a landing position. I felt a crunch as the wheels hit the deck and a jolt as the hook hooked the arrester wire. Up through the smoke sprang the rescue men and I felt strong hands grip me and pull me out of the cockpit. I was put onto a stretcher and carried off. Just before I lost consciousness I glimpsed Harrod being similarly carried off. Apparently neither of us had escaped unscathed.

Later, when I regained consciousness, I heard the result of our raid. The Japanese ship was on fire and listing heavily, and it was threatening to sink. We had achieved what we set out to accomplish and in so doing had saved the American fleet.

We both recovered, and Harrod and I were soon back in operational flights.

M. A. S., V. A.

GIVE ME A CRANK AND RUNNING BOARDS

The engineers in the automobile factories are designing models now for the year after next. I do not care whether these cars have atomic engines, 19 cylinders, or run on treacle; or whether they have body panels of aluminium, spun glass, solidified milk or activated cat fur. This is how I want my next sedan designed.

We will start at the prow. Directly beneath the radiator you will bore a hole. Into it you will fit a revolutionary accessory which I call, for the want of a better name, the crank. I am presuming the 1957 sedan will depend upon the storage battery to get started. The storage battery's all right when it is all right, but on cold mornings it is inclined to curl up with its old dance programmes and dream. When this happens I can insert my crank in the hole, turn it by hand and get the engine started.

Then, if it is not too much trouble (and even if it is!), I want the designers to chop another hole in the top of the radiator, outside in the daylight, and place upon it a lid. We will call this the radiator cap. If you care to decorate it with a naked lady in silver or a leering fawn, I shall not object. My interest is in pouring water into my engine without having to hire the crew of a tow car to help me open the bonnet.

I also expect you to develop an apparatus I consider almost as important as the crank. It will be known as the choke. The choke will be a gadget on the dashboard that I shall pull out when I want to get my car started; I shall jiggle

fit according to the humours of the engine, the weather and myself. I shall be the judge of these moods, and when the engine is hot enough to run unchoked I intend to let no automatic metal brain like a thermostat make my decision for me.

The front seat of my new automobile, if it will make your lives pleasanter, may be wide enough for 16 acrobats and a spotted dog. But mostly I'll be sitting on it alone, and I'd like it to be comfortable. I know this is a revolutionary thought, but what I really want is a seat on which I can sit up straight, with my knees no higher than my hips. It may be possible for you to borrow a chair and copy its dimensions.

This seat must be one which I can reach without knocking off my hat or skinning my shins. I have given the problem serious thought and again I have a unique idea—running boards! Don't you fellows know that one of the pleasures of owning a motor car should be parking it beneath a tree on a hot afternoon, sitting on the big, wide, outside-door running board and discussing politics, ladies and atomic energy with the next door neighbour?

And now, gentlemen, my mudguards. These will be designed solely for the purpose of keeping mud from being splashed on me. They will not resemble the pontoons of flying boats; neither will they flow down in sweeping lines to stab me when I'm crawling under to get the jack beneath the axle.

I also want my tyre changing made easy. The bolts on my wheels will be where I can see them. You may throw away the hubcaps the size of washtubs. If you want hubcaps at all they must only be big enough to cover the hubs.

It is not essential that my new car should play gramophone records, fry eggs, freeze ice cubes or add electrically the stubs in my cheque book. I want only one dashboard accessory—a clock that keeps time.

My local mechanic, who keeps my car in running order, remarked that my ideas are quite feasible. But what, he asks, would they do to streamlining?

Gentlemen, please! I don't want a rocket to the moon, or a submarine, or a jet-propelled flying machine. I need an automobile with four wheels and a minimum of squeaks. It will travel on the earth, without ever taking off, at a maximum speed of 45 miles per hour. If my inventions make this vehicle look a little square in spots, what is wrong with that?

G. J. L., V A.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

Music has been known for many ages to man, but what we know as classical music has only been in existence for about four hundred years. This is probably due to the fact that instruments in the Middle Ages were rather imperfect but were considerably improved in the seventeenth century and came into wider use by serious composers.

In this era most leading musicians came from Flanders, but during the sixteenth century they died out and the most outstanding then came from Italy and England. Gradually this changed and only the Italian composers remained. Not only this happened, but most composers, whether Italian or not, wrote in the Italian style.

The most famous of these contemporary artists were Palestrina, who wrote church music still in use today, and Monteverdi. The latter was the father of modern opera. The first one he wrote was in 1607, called "Orfeo." Monteverdi was followed by Scarlatti and Pergolesi, who wrote "opera buffa" or comic operas.

In this time the violin was being perfected and men like Corelli and Vivaldi began writing music for instruments. This was the beginning of the great musicians' era.

The first two of these were the well-known Handel and Bach. The former travelled from his native Germany and went to Italy and England, where he wrote his famous oratorio, "Messiah," which is probably the best-known of serious music

among English people. Handel also wrote numerous operas and much organ music. Bach, however, never left Germany, and for a long time was never heard of outside of Leipzig, where he lived. He wrote mainly church and instrumental music such as concertos. He was one of the greatest musicians, and much of his music is heard today.

This takes us on into the eighteenth century, when the style again changed into what is called the classical sonata form. This is a work for an instrument accompanied by a piano. This is split into usually three movements with a theme introduced in the first movement, varied in the second and emphasised in the last.

This age brought with it the foundation of the orchestra. The composers of the new style were Haydn and Mozart, who were both gifted artists and produced music of all kinds. Mozart started writing music at five years old and never gave up until his early death at 35. Most of this music is "supremely beautiful" and was the end of this type of music.

The latest age was that of the "Romantic Movement," which was introduced by Beethoven, probably the greatest musician of all time. His greatest work is probably his third symphony, the "Eroica," which was his first "romantic" composition. Other musicians followed his example; these included Schubert and Weber, and a host of later contemporaries all well known. These were Liszt, Mendelssohn, Schuman, Chopin, Wagner and Berlioz. Liszt is known for his rhapsodies, Chopin for his piano compositions, while Wagner preferred operas. However, the Italians reigned supreme in the realm of vocal music. Rossini and Verdi were the champions and wrote on the "opera buffa" style.

The German school was now dying out, Brahms being the last of their great composers. They were succeeded by the Russian, with Borodin, Rimsky-Korsakoff and Tchaikowsky to the fore. Then there were the French, represented by Debussy and Berlioz.

During all this time English music has remained stagnant. Recently, however, there has been a revival and Englishmen again are showing their talent. These men are Vaughan Williams, William Walton and, later, Benjamin Britten. It seems as if Englishmen, who in the time of Queen Elizabeth I were second to none, are at last coming into their own again in our present Queen's reign.

K. P., V.A.

A LOCAL MARKET GARDEN

Recently I had a great opportunity of visiting a local market garden. One very often reads and hears about these smallholdings in other parts of the world, but seldom knows of one in one's own district or country.

One of the largest regions for small flower farms is in the Cape, especially around the larger centres such as Cape Town, or Durban in Natal. One can see these when passing through some of the many non-European farming areas, where the only person in charge is the owner, while his family participate in helping him, perhaps, with the selling of his goods.

In Cape Town, just off the Grand Parade centre, there are very many flower sellers, who are comfortably situated under an appropriate shelter. This shelter provides large porcelain basins, where the flowers can be displayed and kept under suitable cool conditions before being sold. Each basin has its own tap and, of course, a drainage system. There is a large slab-type roof, which keeps the direct sun off the flowers.

When turning the corner to enter this flower centre, one obtains an absolutely magnificent fragrant scent that can be had nowhere else.

This is a very well-known place, and many people only go to it to get the fragrant smell of the blossoms and to see the very bright array of colours.

Of course, flower selling being of such great importance to Cape Town, it is handled in a very suitable manner.

In Bulawayo, flower selling by small market gardens is still very much undeveloped. Until only a few years ago, flower selling has been done independently by Africans taking bicycle carts full of flowers from house to house in the residential areas. But since, perhaps, four years ago, it has been a growing concern, and now it is done on a larger scale. A few flower sellers began to congregate at the City Hall gardens and do their selling from there. Today it is more organised and small areas have been divided along the pavement, in white paint, so that each seller has a small square in which to display his flowers. These are still just placed on the ground in buckets and baths.

We hope that perhaps one day the Bulawayo Council will erect a proper basin method, whereby sellers could obtain fresh water, display their goods, and still keep the vicinity in a respectable manner.

In Bulawayo one can see some very beautiful gardens by just motoring through the various suburbs. These are private gardens where owners only want to have a show for themselves, but nurseries and market gardens are very seldom seen.

The market garden I was fortunate in visiting is in the Lochview area. The owner is a South African-born man, but having worked in the motor trade for many years of his life, he knows very little about market gardening.

He recently came to Rhodesia to start a market garden. He very sensibly realised his knowledge was limited, so he obtained an Italian, who is a specialist in carnation growing.

The farm he bought is only thirteen acres, yet it is adequate for what he wants. I have always been very interested in small market gardens, so requested to be conducted around this one. We first went down towards the river to the vegetable section.

On reaching it, I immediately asked him why he had so many vegetable beds, for I understood he grew flowers. He told me that the two flowers and vegetables—were grown in rotation, and proved to be very good for the soil, but he continued by saying that there was a greater demand for flowers and a greater price to the grower.

This farm had an automatic water spray system, which was made of very light aluminium pipe and could be transferred from bed to bed. It actually waters five beds in a row. There was a large pipe right up the centre of these two lines of beds, which obtained its water from the well. The water could be drawn off at various intervals. Having bought this farm from somebody else, it means some reorganising had to be done.

He had enclosed this section with wire netting and installed the new spraying methods.

I was very interested to see the flower garden, which was to the other side of the house. We strolled across towards it and, en route, he showed me the poultry section.

In several smaller breeding pens he has White Leghorns he had bought as day-old chicks. They were at all stages of life, having been bought at various intervals. Many of these were too young to lay.

In larger pens, just to the right of these, he had hen houses and runs with between seventy-five and a hundred birds. They were bred mainly for their eggs, but he also supplies dressed poultry. The manure is of great value as a fertiliser.

In the flower garden he was still in the stages of reconstructing fences and beds for seedlings. As I have already mentioned, his main cultivation is carnations. There are not many beds as yet, but he hopes to increase his output. In other beds in this enclosure he had many winter plants which were gradually dying off.

I asked him if he put elastic bands around the carnation buds as many gardeners do, but he said that his main aim was to prevent the buds popping. It was a very lovely show, and a pleasant aroma scented the air.

He still sends his goods into town by boys on bicycles very early in the morning, but he later hopes to be able to establish a boy selling at the flower-selling centre in the City Hall gardens.

I thoroughly enjoyed my afternoon at this place, and the real idea of seeing a local market garden satisfied my intentions. Things were still being carried on on a minor scale, and having already doubled his vegetable output, he has now only to treble his flower selling. There has always been a very constant demand for flowers, and to see where they are actually grown for selling purposes is a very pleasant sight. If all our small market gardens are like this one, Rhodesia has something of which to be proud.

B. W. B., V B.

MOTOR RACING

Today motor racing is one of the world's most important sports. We read reports of various events nearly every day in the paper, whether in Rhodesia or abroad. Despite this, the organisation of motor racing is not very well known.

Let us take the most important events—the world championship races. In order to have a single supreme champion, a single class of car has to be used. For example, it is no use having a world champion for 500 cc. and for one-and-a-half-litre cars. Therefore a certain class or formula has to be agreed upon. The governing body for motor racing is the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile, and they are mainly concerned in the choosing of the formula.

The main classes are as follows: Formula One races are races for cars of two and a half litres unsupercharged or 750 cc. supercharged.

Formula Three (Formula Two has died out) races are for cars with 500 cc. unsupercharged engines. They are for cars with motor-cycle engines.

Formula Libre races are for cars of any size, and often include pre-war cars of up to five litres.

The formula for 1955 and 1956 was Formula One. Therefore, if you wanted to compete in world championship events your car would have had to be two and a half litres unsupercharged or 750 cc. supercharged.

There are usually nine world championship events. They are held mainly in Europe and a few in South America. They are usually held in different countries, for example: British Grand Prix, Italian Grand Prix, and French Grand Prix. Every year one of the Grands Prix is given the title of European Grand Prix. This is the main event of the season.

A racing driver is judged by his five best performances. Points are awarded, and they are: eight points for first place, six points for second and four points for third. Sports-car races are not counted towards the championship, but points are awarded to the best car.

The position of the cars at the start of a race is determined by the times recorded at the practices. The cars are arranged on the grid as follows: In the front there are three cars abreast; behind them two cars in such a position that they can pass between the two gaps between the front three cars. They are in turn followed by three cars, and so forth. The fastest cars are placed in front and the slowest right at the back. In this way the fast cars are not held up by the slow ones at the start of the race.

The long-distance events, usually sports-car races, use the Le Mans type of start. The cars are drawn up in echelon in front of the pits. Opposite there are white discs painted on the track in which the driver stands. When the flag falls the drivers sprint to their cars, start up the engine and roar off. Various devices are made to ensure a quick start, including one idea to have the starting button situated on the steering wheel. In the Mille Miglia around Italy the cars are started off a ramp, one at a time. The number on the car is the time at which the car starts. The slow cars are started off first and starting goes on all day. Each car is given a target time in which to finish the race.

B. McK., IV A.

THE BEDOUIN RAID

The sheiks upon their camels ride into the setting sun
To raid the weary travellers whose day's work has been done.
They gallop o'er the sand dunes underneath the dark night sky
The leader of the party uttering a fierce war cry.

The oasis quiet and peaceful comes at last in sight
And all the Bedouins place themselves and wait in the chilly night;
Each prepares and loads his rifle and checks the magazine
And then lies low awaiting till the signal has been seen.

At last they hear the quiet command and see the upraised hand
And creep from all their hiding places in the yellow sand.
The rush is swift and silent and, taken unawares,
The travellers are mown down like common weeds and tares.

When the foul deed is accomplished and all is quiet again,
The merchants' wives and daughters are missing from the train;
Their spices and their merchandise are in the selfsame plight—
Their harem and their riches have vanished in the night.

M. F. S., V B.

THE MISTAKE

The following was the result of three radio stations broadcasting on the same wavelength. The programmes being broadcast were: Useful Tips for Housewives, Super X Oil Advertising, and a serial thriller.

"Good morning, housewives, the first safe tip we have to give to you today is to .

"Drop that gun, low rat, or I'll fill you full of . . ."

"Super X oil, which will give your engine longer life and . . ."

"That extra cherry on top of . . ."

"James, who was now recovering from the blow, was ruefully rubbing

"The oil filter will always be in better working order if only .

"You add the whites of two eggs . . ."

"To give the shock absorbers that extra, steady, spring . . ."

"Will drown you when you are dropped, tied hand and foot . . ."

"Into the oven, which must be at four hundred degrees. If you don't want your cake to drop . . ."

"While it is on the compressed-air jack, make sure your car's front suspension is greased with . . ."

"The next thrilling instalment of . . ."

"Useful Tips for Housewives."

W. R. G., IV A.

ESCAPE

Eight a.m. on Friday, 22nd, was the time and date of the escape.

It was three years and nearly eleven months since Joe Carr had entered Dartmoor. Until he was convicted of murder and got a life sentence he had been one of the best safe-breakers in England.

Sitting on his plank bed in a stone cell, Joe looked down at his long, thin hands and cursed softly. A rat ran across the stone floor. He moved to the barred window and peered into the thick fog in the courtyard beyond. He could see nothing and could only hear the monotonous "drip, drip" of a leaking tap.

"Tomorrow, and I shall be free," he muttered, rubbing his hands gleefully together. He returned to his bed and lay with hands behind his head, staring at the stone ceiling.

It was his old friend Richard who had arranged it all. They must be pretty hard up for safe-breakers if they are willing to help get me out of here, thought Joe. He had decoded the last letter yesterday. The plan was complete.

Friday morning found the moor covered in a sheet of swirling mist. Joe Carr was marched with a dozen others to the distant ruins of an old farm house, to break stones. He worked away from the others, moving continually nearer and nearer to where the single guard was sitting. Once level with the guard he began to speak to him. He watched him closely and, as he bent forward to light his cigarette by the flame in his cupped hands, Joe raised his hammer and brought it down with all possible force.

He glanced round. The others, some hundred yards away, had not noticed, for they still hammered lazily. Richard would be waiting with a car at the finger-shaped rock which was about a mile behind the farm house. With a jump he leapt the stone wall and ran quickly into the fog.

Three hours later Joe paused, the thick fog swirling past him. He had walked for hours, but there were so many rocks and the fog was so thick. He cursed aloud and ran determinedly on. Then he heard what he had dreaded: dogs barking. He had to find Richard. Desperately and without thinking, he ran deeper and deeper into the most treacherous parts of the moor. The rocks and boulders were a maze of hiding places, but the dogs would find him.

The perspiration poured off him and he panted loudly. He had been so sure nothing could go wrong. He stumbled onto a path alongside which were posts joined with a rope. He had reached the mire and knew he was miles from where Richard was. Blindly he ran on. The dogs were getting closer and closer behind him, when he stumbled, staggered and pitched headlong over the guide rope. His long hands stretched in vain to grip the rope and his screams—which got fainter and fainter as the bog sucked him down—were lost in the streaky fog.

P. N. R., V B.

A STARTLING DISCOVERY

The hot sun blazed down on the parched brown veld. The fantastic shapes of the rock kopjes shimmered in the ever-increasing heat. This was a real Rhodesian summer and it was very hot. The scene of shimmering kopjes was in one of the more remote parts of the Matopos Hills, where very few people have been. In fact it was part of my father's farm, which I was at the moment exploring with my friend Robin. We were both on horseback as we were too lazy to walk.

Stopping our horses, we paused for a moment under a not-too-shady Acacia tree. Robin mopped his ruddy face with a slightly grubby handkerchief.

"Phew! It's hot enough, isn't it?" he said, to which I answered, yes, it was hot and that was the eighth time he had said it during the course of the morning.

"I wonder if there is a place where we could find a decent bit of shade," Robin continued, his spirit not at all damped by my previous remark.

"We could look for one," I said, "if you feel energetic enough. We could try that kopje over there," I added as an afterthought.

After agreeing on this suggestion, the two of us walked our horses slowly down the rocky hill to a large kopje which was quite high and very overgrown with thorn scrub and small cacti.

"Looks as if there are plenty of snakes here," I said cheerfully, not looking at Robin, for I knew that snakes were his one horror in life. He didn't answer me, but continued to look straight ahead, his face slightly paler.

After tying the horses to a large, scarred cactus, we proceeded to make our way towards the kopje, which by now was quite close. Robin was holding his riding crop tightly in his right hand, while I walked along carelessly swiping at a bush every now and then with mine.

"I tell you what," I said to Robin, "I'll go to the left and you go to the right. If you find a cave of some sort, just give me a shout, and vice versa."

We set off, going in our arranged directions. As soon as Robin was out of sight I changed my direction and started to climb hurriedly to the top of the kopje, meaning to cut across Robin and give him a bad fright by leaping out at him with a loud "Ssssss!"—meant to represent a snake. On reaching the summit I stood on a large rock looking out for my victim, whom I expected to see far below me at any moment. I moved my feet impatiently, when there came from just behind me a rustling and a soft hissing. I spun round and, to my horror, saw in front of me a gleaming cobra ready to strike. With a sound like a turkey being strangled, I leapt from the rock on to a pile of dead leaves about six feet below me. Unfortunately I went completely through the leaves and fell another ten feet down a very large hole.

I landed on my back on something hard and brittle. For a moment I lay there, slightly dazed and winded. After a time I started to move and feel if I had broken any limbs. Except for a grazed knee and a sore behind I was perfectly all right. I stood up and saw, by the aid of a dim light which filtered through the leafy covering four feet above my head, that I was in a large circular chamber from which several dark holes led off. I thought of exploring, but then remembered my predicament and that Robin would most probably be looking for me.

A rustling came from the leaves above me and I looked upward in alarm, expecting to see my friend the cobra again. Instead, Robin's face appeared.

"How the hell did you get into there?" he demanded; then added, "I heard your chortle from down the kopje and made my way here immediately. Are you O.K.?" he questioned anxiously.

"Never felt better," I said, rubbing my behind tenderly. "A few bruises, but what does that matter. This is a super cave and there seems plenty to explore. Come down and see."

Robin came, climbing through the hole in the leaves more gracefully than I had. He proceeded to hang suspended in mid-air for a short while, and then dropped lightly onto the same thing I had landed on. He looked around the cave enquiringly and looked at me.

"Have you a torch on you?" he asked.

"No, have you?" I replied.

Robin had, which did not seem strange to me, for—although he was getting on for fourteen—he was still an ardent admirer of Enid Blyton's adventure books.

"I suggest we go along that passage," he said, switching on the torch. "We may find something interesting," and strangely enough we did.

We walked down the narrow passage slowly, pausing now to look for tell-tale cracks which might threaten a rock fall. About five minutes later we were still walking, and by now getting slightly worried. Robin flashed his torch to the roof of the passage and for a moment we were caught in the midst of a shower of flurrying bats.

"Should we continue?" Robin questioned, looking back over his shoulder. "May as well," I started to say, when Robin gave a strangled "Oops!" and fell headlong on to the floor. The torch fortunately was in a rubber casing and was not damaged. I slipped over Robin on to something that crunched, and picked up the torch. Shining it at Robin, I felt a chill run down my spine: Robin was sitting calmly among two skeletons, one whose jaw was crushed. He was the one I must have stood on.

"Good grief!" cried Robin, jumping up. "What in the world are they doing here?"

"Ask them," I answered, looking around interestedly. "We seem to be in a kind of tomb," I continued. "There must be at least twenty skeletons in here, and look at all these pieces of pottery—and just look at that!"

"That" was a pile of rusty spears, arrowheads and slightly ant-eaten bows. "It looks to me as if there was a massacre here," said Robin seriously. "I mean, just look at this fellow here." He was now standing by a scrawny skeleton which was minus its skull. "Perhaps they were living down here quite peacefully—more likely in hiding from someone—and then one night they were attacked."

"You could be right," I agreed, and then added, "what are those rusty boxes over there?"

The boxes contained many greenish bars, which were extremely heavy.

"Gold!" said Robin and I together.

"Robin," I said, "let's get out of here, it's got a kind of . . ."

"I agree with you," Robin said. "We can go back to the farm and tell your Dad about this and see what he has to say about it."

When we got out of the hole that led to the cave, it was already evening. The flaming sky of red and crimson was broken here and there by dark, menacing clouds. Already there were flashes of lightning in the sky and the distant rumble of thunder. We had no difficulty in finding our horses, which were still standing patiently under the scarred cactus tree. We mounted them and proceeded to make our way at a slow canter to the farm.

By the time we reached the farm house it was just beginning to rain and we hurried indoors, leaving the horses in the hands of the stable boy. We told our amazing tale to my disbelieving parents, who became convinced only after a lot of arguing and angry remarks from Robin and me, that it was true. My father went and phoned the man in charge of the Museum, who agreed to come out early the following morning. All during the night the storm raged and the rain pounded down unceasingly. Dawn came—an angry, inflamed dawn of a red sky. The water ran in rivulets off the thatched roof of the farm house, and the large lawn was just a lake. We had an early breakfast and were just finishing when the head of the Museum arrived in a mud-splattered jeep.

We set off at once for the kopje which contained the cave, and arrived there about an hour later. We climbed the kopje carefully because of the slippery rocks, and soon reached the entrance to the cave. The Museum man motioned one of the boys he had brought with him to go down the hole. The native did, and we followed. We were all crowded together in the small chamber when I turned and said, "Good heavens, I don't know which tunnel we took, do you Robin?"

Robin looked aghast. "I think it was this one," he stated, pointing to the one nearest him.

"I don't like the look of these walls," my father said. "What with all this rain last night I don't think it would be safe to go down any of these passages."

"You're right, Mr. Patterson," said the man from the Museum. "I'll just give these walls in here a few taps with my sample hammer," he added. His few taps appeared to me to be extremely hard, and it was with a sudden rumbling and cracking that the roof of the tunnel began to cave in. We all leapt back and were choked in a cloud of heavy dust.

"Well, that's that," said my father ruefully. "Now we'll never know whether your story was true or not."

"Oh, but I have proof," said Robin, butting in. "This," he added dramatically, and held forth a battered skull. Seeing our puzzled expressions, he turned to me and said, "You remember that hard, brittle thing you landed on yesterday? This is it, or rather was; you sat on the poor old boy pretty heavily!" The skull proved to be of great interest to the Museum man, who examined it carefully through his horn-rimmed spectacles. "I think this should help a great deal in the research on ancient peoples of Rhodesia," he said to us gravely, "and I can't thank you two fellows enough for what you have done." We later learnt that it was impossible to get into our cave, and so the gold and skeletons are still there today.

That evening, back at the farm, I turned to Robin and said, "Robin, how was it you managed to reach the cave entrance so quickly yesterday? It should have taken you about ten minutes longer."

Robin looked at me and laughed. "I didn't mean to tell you, but I was on my way to give you a fright and pretend that I was a snake.

"By the way," he added, "that cobra that gave you that fright: I killed it with my riding crop!"

From that moment onwards I have never again teased Robin about being afraid of snakes.

R. A., IV A.

THE DEVIL'S SCOURGE ?

Many hundreds of years ago, in the time of Good King Arthur, a great scourge swept over the land and affected all from the most tender to even the mightiest knights of King Arthur's Court. In truth there was not a single person in the whole of England who was not affected.

The scourge had not struck very suddenly, but had rather come about by the effects of gregarious living and all the hygienic details which this involved. Strangely enough, however, not even the most famous of the Knights of the Round Table were able to combat and resist the terrible symptoms and had to succumb finally, and often gaily, to their eventualities.

The symptoms themselves were very clear and apparent. First the mild twitching and tapping of the toes, then the syncope and jerking of the body's convulsions, and finally the glazing over of the eyes, the contortions of the face and the quickening of the heart beat, all terminating in a wild whirling, twisting and writhing gyration before unconsciousness took precedence over all.

Merlin, the greatest of all magicians, attempted to destroy the scourge, but he failed and, at his failure, most people lost hope. He did, however, make a thorough investigation of the causes and effects, and he stated that the scourge would finally kill itself; but until that time people would have to protect themselves and their properties against the culpable actions of the frenzied mob of affected lunatics. One final observation that the great Merlin made, however, was that the scourge would, many centuries from then, revive itself and bear down on the advanced civilisation of that time. The scourge would not again bear down with such great pressure as it had at that time, due to the advanced knowledge and equipment of the doctors, both mental and physical, of the coming civilization.

Now, 1,400 years later, his prophecy, never before recorded on the pages of history lest it should terrify history students, has finally come true and the world has once again been struck by the ravaging Devil's Scourge which has been nick-named by its convulsive symptoms prior to unconsciousness. The name of this Devil's Scourge? Why, Rock 'n Roll, of course!

C. G., IV A.

A TRIP TO ELIZABETHVILLE

Elizabethville is the capital of the Katanga Province of the Belgian Congo. It lies approximately two hundred miles from Ndola. To go to Elizabethville one must just attend to a few formalities. One has to obtain a tourist certificate and have it signed by the District Commissioner. An International Driving Licence is also a "must."

Leaving Ndola one proceeds to Chingola along the main road. When nearing Bancroft one will see a sign with "To Belgian Congo" written on it. The Belgian Congo's Customs are at Tshinsenda. Tshinsenda consists of a few houses and an hotel. The Customs house is just a brick hut. After having done with all the formalities, one continues on one's journey. It is seventy-five miles to Elizabethville from Tshinsenda, or about one hundred and ten kilometres.

The road between Tshinsenda and Elizabethville is very bad. There is no place where one may buy any petrol between Tshinsenda and Elizabethville. The country that can be seen from the road seems to be very dry. This may be due to the fact that I passed through in September when there was no rain. The road is rocky, sandy and badly corrugated, and one cannot speed on it. One can often see a large power line that runs from the Le Marinel Hydro-electric Scheme near Bukama to Nkana in Northern Rhodesia.

The first sign of farming is seen about seven miles from Elizabethville. The most prominent object when one nears Elizabethville is the mine dump. It is not like the usual mine dump, as it is conical in shape, the waste being taken to the top of the cone by electrically operated cocopans. The entrance to Elizabethville is not very impressive, as one has to pass through the native quarters.

As one approaches the main town centre one passes through a railway boom and on to the main road into town. The town itself is not very modern. The shops are not large, although there are some very fine shops indeed. There are a number of hotels in which a person is sure to get a room for the night. The rooms cost about one hundred francs, there being one hundred and thirty-five francs in a pound. The cost of living seems to be quite high. Petrol costs about thirty francs a gallon. The meals are also expensive, supper costing one hundred and twenty francs for two people and breakfast costing about sixty francs for two. The breakfast consisted of a piece of paw paw, three thin slices of meat, bread, jam, butter and coffee. The coffee was deadly.

There seem to be only two cinemas in Elizabethville: one is in the town square and the other is just outside the main shopping centre. The cinema in the town square seemed to be the local "bug house" from the outward appearance. But once one was inside, it turned out rather a decent place. No smoking is allowed in the cinemas, which I think is a good thing. The seats were very comfortable. All the sub-titles were in French, Flemish and High Dutch. While we were there the next attraction was to be "Knock on Wood," starring Danny Kaye. Everything was spoken in French and even the songs were sung in French.

It seems that every Saturday evening, as the sun is setting, the Police Band marches into the square and plays different tunes. Usually the whole population turns out to watch the great event. All the police are natives. They have a dark blue uniform and wear fezzes. The Military Police are also natives. It appears that the ordinary private has to salute a lance-corporal or any member of the Military Police.

The airport at Elizabethville is about five miles out of town. It is about two miles off the main Jadotville-Elizabethville road. The airport itself is quite a large one. It consists of two main buildings, one of which is only for airport officials; the other building is for the public. It consists of a milk and coffee bar and a weighing and resting room.

Driving through Elizabethville one will see many modern cars. Indeed, about seventy-five per cent. of the cars are either the latest model or fairly new. One will be surprised at the number of Fords one sees. There are many models of Fords to

be seen. Another popular make is the Mercedes Benz. There are many European cars that are not seen in Rhodesia. The French and German Fords, French, German and Italian cars are reasonably common. One sees no Land Rovers there, as all the jeeps are Willys! In the Belgian Congo one drives on the right-hand side of the road and it is comparatively easy to pick out a Rhodesian, as he is usually at a loss.

Elizabethville has a population of about twenty thousand Europeans. It is spread out, the properties having fairly large grounds in the suburbs. While we were there I did not see much of the suburbs and therefore am unable to write about them. But I should imagine that it would be quite a pleasant town to stay in if one could speak French fairly fluently.

B. W., V B.

MY FIRST DRIVING LESSON

I had my first driving lesson a few months after I had celebrated my sixteenth birthday. The instructor, a short, middle-aged man, was employed by a large driving school, and I deduced from his attitude that he had probably taught many people to drive—or had at least tried to. I had an awful foreboding that I would be the one exception.

He came along in one of the driving school's cars, which looked as if it had suddenly stopped in front of a three-ton truck. I remarked about this to the instructor, but he only laughed and, with a reassuring smile, told me that he had just been teaching a woman how to drive. This did not make me any easier.

He first asked me if I had any idea as to how the engine worked. I told him that I had once learnt about the working of a dynamo at school. I was only pulling his leg, of course, but he seemed to believe me, for I distinctly saw a "Jerry Lewis" gleam creep into his face as he began to explain the construction and mode of the engine to me. I interrupted him at the end of half an hour, much to his annoyance, when he was in the middle of explaining how the crankshaft delivers the turning power developed by the engine, or words to that effect. It was all very well him explaining the intricacies of the engine, but I wanted to drive!

He first of all gave me an exhibition on the rights and wrongs in starting up a car, changing gear, and stopping the car. I thought I knew it all perfectly until my turn came. After two attempts at starting the motor (I had been pressing in the window cleaner!) it spluttered into life. I did everything the instructor told me, but nothing happened. I turned to the instructor, who looked at me with a half-amused grin on his face. He asked me if I had forgotten something. How was I to know that a car cannot go unless it is in gear?

When I had mastered the hard job (in my opinion) of starting the car, the instructor took me on a lonely road so that I could practise steering and how to change gears. I was doing a slow twenty miles per hour on this road and was changing gear from first to second when my hand suddenly slipped off the gear and it went into third. The result was an almost musical grinding of the gears (not very pleasing to the ears) as the engine spluttered and finally died out, bringing the car to a standstill. I looked despairingly at the instructor; he was staring straight ahead with an empty look in his eyes . . .

From then on he took over, and all the way back home there was a silence which we both understood. He dropped me off by my house, but just as I got out of his car he asked me, much to my surprise, when I would like my next lesson. He must have seen the surprised expression on my face, for the next moment, with a cheerful wink, he said to me: "Don't worry, they all are like that at their first lesson!"

S. G., IV A.

THE KILLER

The bullet whined past and embedded itself in the mud wall of the tiny hut. A sharp crack followed, and a puff of blue-grey, acrid smoke rose, catching the last blood-red rays of the dying sun, and drifted away from the pile of loose rocks.

The old native, bent over his small cooking pot, straightened with a gasp. A look of horror came into his old eyes, and he suddenly turned and ran, at a shambling trot, for the cover afforded by the timber around. With a bang that was almost deafening in the awful stillness, the powerful rifle spoke again. Uttering a choking cough, the old man threw up his hands and crumpled into a grotesque heap. A silent shadow detached itself from the fatal rocks and flitted over towards the still body, lying in a pool of viscous redness. A dove cooed. The Ghost Killer had struck again!

Nobody had ever seen this feared Ghost Killer face to face. He struck always at night, and disfigured terribly the bodies of his victims. He killed for the sheer lust for blood, and where he disappeared to, no person knew.

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It was a particularly dark and chilly night, and the natives living on the outskirts of the settlement shivered and huddled together for warmth.

The chattering population of the bushland compound fell suddenly silent with a terrible certainty. Was that a shot? Yes, for the reverberations still echoed among the hills.

It was in a lonely camp that this happened. A young native, outcast from his tribe, crouched over his pitiful fire, the flames playing streaks of light across his ebony countenance. The shot rang out, and the heavy slug tore into the earth nearby. With a startled grunt the native threw himself aside. On his stomach he wriggled into the shadows which lay menacingly around. Without a sound he parted the grass and slipped on. Only the night breeze rustled the leaves and head-high grass, and only the scounds of tiny animals scurrying through the grass disturbed the silence following that crashing shot.

The black shadow that was the young tribesman paused to reconnoitre. His sharp, probing eyes fastened on the place where just a minute ago a flash of brilliance had showed itself. Moonlight on a rifle barrel!

Below, the stealthy native could see the twinkle of cooking fires and the silhouettes of the huts.

The shadow now fell on its stomach and blended with the waving, whispering grasses. At last! Here he was at the end of his stalk! He cautiously put out a hand and slowly moved the branch ahead of him. It revealed a clearing of flattened grass, and in the centre sat a motionless figure clad in a shapeless balaclava cap and an overcoat. In one hand it held a gun, and hoarse, croaking chuckles fell from its lips. It moved, throwing the rifle to its shoulder. Another bang rolled among the hills, and down in the valley someone screamed shrilly, his voice terminating in a bubbling moan. Then silence. The young native, lying under the bush, gathered all his courage and sprang like a leopard.

He struck the sitting figure squarely in the back, knocking the rifle aside. The Killer, at first surprised, soon recovered. He writhed like a snake, and the two closed in a mortal struggle. Under the pale light of the waning moon their chocolate bodies, running with great drops of sweat, swayed and locked, trampling down the herbage. They fell together! The Killer, lithe and catlike, wriggled and found his mark on his enemy's throat. He squeezed, panting, with all his strength. The young man fell limp, but, gaining new energy, thrashed out again, but the murderer held on. Suddenly, without warning, the young native fumbled in his loin cloth and, with a jerk, withdrew something—something that glittered. The knife rose, poised, and plunged. The Killer, with the dark hilt of the knife projecting from his ribs, rose. He tried to walk away, but staggered and folded up quietly, crumpling on to the crushed grass. The Killer had met his end.

CRICKET NOTES

1956 Season Captain: K. C. Bland.

The 1st XI had a fairly successful season, but this was due to the performances of two or three outstanding players rather than to the all-round strength of the team.

With the exception of Parker and Bland the batting has been extremely unreliable. Some of the younger players showed promise, but were somewhat inconsistent.

The bowling, on the other hand, has at all times been steady, while the fielding, with the example of Bland before the team, has at times reached a very high standard.

In conclusion we offer our congratulations to Bland, who played for the South African Schools XI, and to Parker, who, with Bland, represented the Matabeleland senior side.

As we go to press we have heard with pleasure of the selection of Bland (who will captain the side) and Parker for this year's Nuffield side to represent Rhodesia.

Yet a further honour has come to Bland in his being chosen as twelfth man for the Rhodesian side to play the M.C.C.

PRINCE EDWARD vs. MILTON, 25.2.56

PRINCE EDWARD, 1st innings

Pafatis, c Bissett, b Parker	15
Roberts, c St. John, b Beets	11
Rawstorne, lbw, b Parker	64
McPhun, c Brewer, b Parker	49
Erskine, c Holmwood, b Beets	11
Greyling, lbw, b Bland	15
Nelson, b Parker	0
Locke, not out	20
Extras (6 byes, 1 leg bye, 2 wides, 1 no ball)	10

Total (for 7 wickets) 195

Kirkman, Den and Heppel did not bat.

Fall of wickets: 1/26, 2/27, 3/143, 4/160, 5/160, 6/161, 7/195.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	26	5	66	4
Beets	14	4	41	2
Bland	10.7	1	26	1
Holmwood	8	2	17	0
Crozier	3	0	11	0
McCosh	1	0	7	0
Alcock	4	0	17	0

MILTON, 1st innings

Bissett, c Heppel, b Nelson	9
Brewer, lbw, b Nelson	0
St. John, b Nelson	1
Bland, c Kirkman, b Erskine	41
Parker, c Erskine, b Den	6
Bruce-Brand, c Erskine, b Kirkman	21
Holmwood, c and b Erskine	2
McCosh, lbw, b Heppel	1
Beets, st Pafatis, b Kirkman	20
Crozier, not out	1
Alcock, st Pafatis, b Kirkman	0
Extras (3 byes, 1 leg bye, 2 no balls)	6
Total	108

Fall of wickets: 1/3, 2/10, 3/18, 4/29, 5/69, 6/77, 7/82, 8/107, 9/108.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Nelson	9	1	27	3
Den	6	1	27	1
Heppel	6	0	26	1
Erskine	4	0	21	2
Kirkman	0.6	0	1	3

Prince Edward won by 87 runs.

MILTON vs. PLUMTREE, 2nd and 3rd March, 1956

MILTON, 1st innings

Bissett, b Huckle	8
Brewer, c Piers, b Kimble	14
St. John, c Piers, b Kimble	11
Bland, c Bourdillon, b Huckle	37
Parker, st Tennick, b Kimble	8
Holmwood, lbw, b Huckle	25
Bruce-Brand, c Kimble, b Huckle	2
Beets, b Huckle	0
Crozier, c Bourdillon, b Huckle	0
Harvey, not out	2
Extras (3 byes)	3

Total (for 9 wickets) 110

Alcock did not bat.

Fall of wickets: 1/17, 2/34, 3/38, 4/49, 5/60, 6/99, 7/99, 8/99, 9/110.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

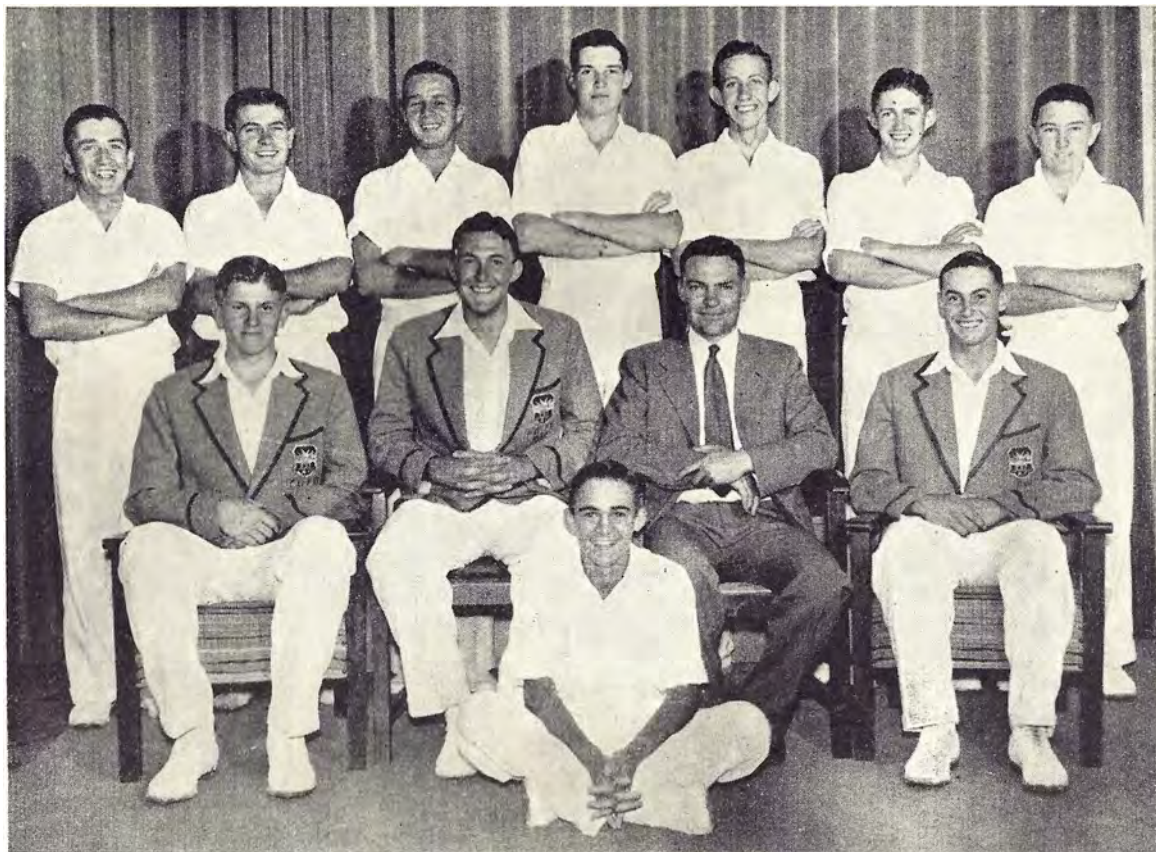
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dawson	5	0	18	0
Piers	3	1	2	0
Boyce	1	0	1	0
Huckle	10.3	0	33	6
A. Kimble	9	1	53	3

PLUMTREE, 1st innings

R. Kimble, run out	0
Bourdillon, run out	11
Carbutt, b Parker	0
Piers, b Parker	1
Huckle, b Parker	34
Pearce, c Bissett, b Parker	7
Boyce, c Parker, b Holmwood	15
Mackenzie, b Parker	3
A. Kimble, c St. John, b Parker	4
Tennick, st Bissett, b Holmwood	1
Dawson, not out	2
Extras (1 bye, 3 leg byes)	4

Total 82

MILTON SCHOOL 1st CRICKET XI, 1956



Back row (left to right): J. Neill, J. McVey, S. Dawson, R. Brewer, A. Bruce-Brand, B. St. John, I. Hyslop. Seated: E. Parker, K. C. Bland (Captain), N. L. Robertson, Esq. (Coach), I. Bissett. On ground: D. J. Beets.

Fall of wickets: 1/1, 2/2, 3/6, 4/17, 5/24, 6/64, 7/74, 8/79, 9/80.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	15	3	40	6
Beets	3	0	9	0
Bland	1	0	4	0
Holmwood	7.5	1	20	2
Crozier	3	1	5	0

MILTON, 2nd innings

Bissett, c Tennick, b Piers	46
Brewer, run out	2
Bland, lbw, b Piers	22
Holmwood, run out	8
Parker, c and b Boyce	8
St. John, not out	4
Extras (11 byes)	11
Total (for 5 wickets)	101

Fall of wickets: 1/29, 2/63, 3/76, 4/94, 5/101.

Bruce-Brand, Harvey, Crozier, Beets and Alcock did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dawson	3	1	15	0
Huckle	5	0	31	0
Boyce	3.4	0	19	1
Piers	5	0	25	2

PLUMTREE, 2nd innings

R. Kimble, c Sub, b Bland	2
Bourdillon, c and b Parker	10
Carbutt, c Beets, b Bland	0
Huckle, c Bissett, b Parker	0
Piers, c Crozier, b Holmwood	13
Boyce, not out	10
Pearce, c Beets, b Holmwood	15
Mackenzie, c Alcock, b Holmwood	1
A. Kimble, not out	1
Extras (2 byes, 2 no balls)	4
Total (for 7 wickets)	60

Tennick and Dawson did not bat.

Fall of wickets: 1/3, 2/3, 3/18, 4/19, 5/30, 6/51, 7/58.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	7	0	21	2
Bland	5	1	12	2
Holmwood	6	1	24	3

ST. GEORGE'S vs. MILTON, at Milton, 103.56

MILTON, 1st innings

Bissett, b McKay	11
Brewer, lbw, b McKay	17
St. John, b Rouse	2
Bland, b Rouse	2
Parker, b Turner	11
Bruce-Brand, c Fallon, b Turner	12
Kingsley, c and b Turner	7
Harvey, lbw, b Cockroft	1
Crozier, run out	1
Beets, lbw, b Cockroft	2
A cock, not out	0
Extras (6 byes)	6
Total	73

Fall of wickets: 1/22, 2/31, 3/33, 4/37, 5/47, 6/57, 7/58, 8/60, 9/69.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Purnell	3	1	8	0
Rouse	8	2	20	2
McKay	6	1	15	2
Cockroft	4	1	11	2
Turner	3.3	0	12	3

ST. GEORGE'S, 1st innings

McKay, b Alcock	29
Knight, b Parker	0
Hepker, lbw, b Parker	8
Rouse, b Parker	4
Bradshaw, lbw, b Parker	0
Walshe, c Alcock, b Parker	12
Fallon, b Parker	19
Cockroft, not out	22
Purnell, run out	13
Higgins, c St. John, b Crozier	5
Turner, b Crozier	9
Extras (9 byes, 7 leg byes, no balls)	18

Total 140

Fall of wickets: 1/0, 2/8, 3/14, 4/14, 5/28, 6/68, 7/103, 8/124, 9/130.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	10	2	46	6
Beets	3	1	5	0
Bland	9	3	19	0
Crozier	7.5	0	31	2
Alcock	4	0	22	1

MILTON, 2nd innings

Bissett, c Fallon, b Purnell	12
Bland, b Purnell	64
Parker, c Walshe, b Purnell	28
Kingsley, c Rouse, b Purnell	0
St. John, lbw, b Purnell	1
Crozier, b Purnell	8
Bruce-Brand, lbw, b Purnell	2
Brewer, not out	12
Harvey, run out	0
Beets, b Turner	0
Alcock, not out	13
Extras (3 byes, 1 leg bye)	4

Total (for 9 wickets) 144

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Purnell	9	1	30	7
Rouse	5	0	45	0
McKay	4	0	12	0
Cockroft	3	0	26	0
Hepker	4	0	12	0
Turner	2	0	17	1

St. George's won by 4 wickets.

NORTHLEA vs. MILTON, at Milton, 173.56

MILTON, 1st innings

Bissett, lbw, b Wentzel	0
Brewer, lbw, b Quail	7
St. John, b Wentzel	21
Bland, run out	19
Parker, b Quail	91
Bruce-Brand, c Hatty, b Quail	41
Kingsley, c Hatty, b Cross	5
Crozier, not out	0
Dawson, run out	2
Harvey, not out	5
Extras (1 bye, 1 leg bye)	2

Total (for 8 wickets) 193

Alcock did not bat.
Fall of wickets: 1/3, 2/12, 3/44, 4/47, 5/154, 6/171,
7/184, 8/186.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wentzel	10	0	55	2
Quail	10	0	62	3
Carlyle	2	0	8	0
Cross	6	0	43	1
Penny	3	0	23	0

NORTHLEA, 1st innings

Kenall, b Parker	2
Cooper, b Harvey	0
Quail, c Brewer, b Parker	0
Wentzel, b Bland	29
De Caila, c St. John, b Parker	11
Cross, lbw, b Parker	1
Penny, b Parker	0
Carlyle, lbw, b Bland	1
Hatty, b Parker	4
Finlayson, b Harvey	10
Scholefield, not out	2
Extras	4
Total	64

Fall of wickets: 1/0, 2/2, 3/27, 4/33, 5/34, 6/36,
7/37, 8/42, 9/51.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	12	3	28	6
Harvey	5	2	18	2
Bland	6	1	15	2

Milton won by 129 runs.

MILTON vs. CHAPLIN, 24.3.56

MILTON, 1st innings

Brewer, b Finlayson	8
St. John, c Viljoen, b Finlayson	0
Crozier, b Kaschula	19
Parker, c Viljoen, b Kaschula	0
Bissett, c Finlayson, b Harris	32
Bruce-Brand, c Harris, b Carey	15
Dawson, c Steyn, b Harris	0
Kingsley, run out	1
Harvey, c Steyn, b Harris	0
Beets, not out	8
Alcock, c Pegg, b Harris	5
Extras	13
Total	101

Fall of wickets: 1/3, 2/32, 3/32, 4/34, 5/80, 6/82,
7/83, 8/83, 9/86.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Finlayson	7	1	19	2
Harris	8.2	3	19	4
Kaschula	4	0	17	2
Viljoen	1	0	10	0
Carey	5	0	22	1

CHAPLIN, 1st innings

Pegg, c St. John, b Harvey	3
Kaschula, c Dawson, b Parker	0
Steyn, c Parker, b Harvey	18
Todd, c Alcock, b Harvey	0
Carey, lbw, b Parker	0
Finlayson, c Alcock, b Harvey	0
Mitchell, retired hurt	8
Erasmus, lbw, b Parker	8

Harris, b Bissett	11
Viljoen, c Alcock, b Parker	0
Enslin, not out	0
Extras	0

Total 50

Fall of wickets: 1/3, 2/3, 3/3, 4/4, 5/11, 6/23, 7/44,
8/44, 9/50.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	9	3	11	4
Harvey	7	4	13	4
Dawson	4	0	9	0
Crozier	3	0	8	0
Bissett	0.5	0	6	1

MILTON, 2nd innings

Brewer, b Harris	4
St. John, c Todd, b Harris	5
Crozier, b Harris	0
Parker, c Steyn, b Harris	64
Bissett, c Viljoen, b Finlayson	23
Bruce-Brand, not out	12
Dawson, not out	3
Extras	8

Total (for 5 wickets, declared) 119

Harvey, Beets, Alcock and Kingsley did not bat.
Fall of wickets: 1/8, 2/8, 3/13, 4/74, 5/109.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Finlayson	6	0	24	1
Harris	6	0	29	4
Carey	6	0	25	0
Kaschula	2	0	10	0
Steyn	2	0	17	0

CHAPLIN, 2nd innings

Pegg, c Bruce-Brand, b Parker	9
Kaschula, c Dawson, b Harvey	2
Todd, b Beets	1
Carey, not out	21
Finlayson, b Harvey	0
Erasmus, b Parker	1
Harris, st St. John, b Dawson	1
Enslin, c Bissett, b Crozier	4
Viljoen, not out	8
Extras	7

Total (for 7 wickets) 54

Mitchell and Steyn did not bat.
Fall of wickets: 1/9, 2/10, 3/26, 4/26, 5/37.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	9	3	15	2
Beets	4	2	3	1
Harvey	5	1	6	2
Dawson	4	0	20	1
Crozier	3	0	5	1

Milton won by 51 runs.

MILTON vs. GILBERT RENNIE, 22.3.56

GILBERT RENNIE, 1st innings

Brownlee, b Bland	19
Muller, c Parker, b Hyslop	3
Roux, lbw, b Hyslop	8
Gilges, b McVey	33
Green, lbw, b Bland	1
Crowther, c McVey, b Beets	12

Jones, not out	0
Jordaan, b Beets	16
Allcock, b McVey	3
Reid, not out	4
MacRae, b Beets	6
Extras	20

Total 125

Fall of wickets: 1/8, 2/22, 3/50, 4/52, 5/79, 7/112, 8/115, 9/119.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	6	4	10	0
Hyslop	9	3	18	2
Bland	7	1	14	2
Dawson	5	0	29	0
McVey	5	0	19	2
Beets	3.4	0	15	3

MILTON, 1st innings

Brewer, b Roux	6
Bland, b Brownlee	75
St. John, b Allcock	4
Parker, c Muller, b Roux	78
Beets, b Brownlee	16
Kelly, b Brownlee	22
Dawson, b Roux	14
Neill, st Green, b Roux	5
Cousins, not out	6
Extras	10
Total	236

McVey and Hyslop did not bat.

Fall of wickets: 1/18, 2/33, 3/142, 4/179, 5/205, 6/216, 7/221, 8/236.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Roux	13.5	1	78	4
Allcock	6	0	57	1
Jordaan	1	0	13	0
Brownlee	11	1	51	3
Muller	2	0	27	0

GILBERT RENNIE, 2nd innings

Brownlee, c St. John, b Dawson	30
Muller, b Neill	6
Roux, lbw, b Neill	0
Gilges, c St. John, b McVey	24
Green, not out	2
Crowther,	3
Extras	1
Total	66

Fall of wickets: 1/16, 2/16, 3/53, 4/63.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	4	2	6	0
Neill	6	2	17	2
Beets	5	0	22	0
Dawson	3	0	11	1
McVey	1	0	10	1

Milton won by 111 runs.

MILTON vs. GUINEA FOWL, 29.9.56

MILTON, 1st innings

Brewer, c Jackson, b Kemp	43
Dawson, c Kemp, b Carstens	63
St. John, b Kemp	9
Bland, b Wither	24

Parker, not out	50
Bissett, c Jackson, b Frost	30
Bruce-Brand, not out	0
Extras	8

Total (for 5 wickets)227

Beets, Neill, McVey and Hyslop did not bat.

Fall of wickets: 1/101, 2/111, 3/118, 4/150, 5/224.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Frost	9	0	51	1
Weincier	10	1	45	0
Carstens	7	0	44	1
Wither	5	0	35	1
Kemp	6	0	43	2

GUINEA FOWL, 1st innings

Cole, lbw, b Bland	11
Jackson, c St. John, b Dawson	15
Bainbridge, b McVey	6
Kemp, b Bland	46
Weincier, c Parker, b Dawson	4
Wither, b Dawson	2
Frost, b Dawson	4
Clark, c and b Parker	23
Taylor, c Bland, b Parker	0
Watson, b Bland	0
Carstens, not out	0
Extras	13

Total 122

Fall of wickets: 1/24, 2/34, 3/42, 4/52, 5/54, 6/75, 7/119, 8/122, 9/122.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	15	4	32	2
Hyslop	3	0	9	0
Bland	9	5	19	3
Dawson	13	2	26	4
McVey	7	1	22	1

Milton won by 5 wickets.

MILTON vs. PRINCE EDWARD, at Prince Edward

13.10.56

PRINCE EDWARD, 1st innings

Roberts, c Bissett, b Parker	4
Kirkman, b Parker	8
McPhun, lbw, b Parker	1
Erskine, c and b Parker	6
Greyling, run out	1
Nelson, b Parker	47
Vaughan, c Neill, b Bland	22
Frangos, b Bland	0
McLean, b Parker	7
Heppell, c Bissett, b Parker	0
Extras	2

Total (for 9 wickets) 98

Den did not bat.

Fall of wickets: 1/4, 2/8, 3/19, 4/20, 5/23, 6/72, 7/72, 8/83, 9/98.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	18	5	48	7
Hyslop	7	2	8	0
Dawson	3	0	12	0
Bland	7	0	28	2

MILTON, 1st innings	
Brewer, b Den	8
Dawson, b Den	3
Neill, b Den	0
Bland, lbw	8
Parker, b Den	9
Bissett, c Vaughan, b Den	4
Bruce-Brand, run out	9
Beets, c Frangos, b Vaughan	7
St. John, b Den	13
McVey, not out	0
Hyslop, c Vaughan, b Den	0
Extras	4

Total 65

Fall of wickets: 1/12, 2/12, 3/22, 4/23, 5/29, 6/40, 7/46, 8/65, 9/65.

BOWLING ANALYSIS	
	O. M. R. W.
Nelson	8 1 18 0
Den	8 1 31 8
Vaughan	1 0 2 1

PRINCE EDWARD, 2nd innings	
Roberts, c Neill, b Bland	15
Kirkham, c and b Parker	29
McPhun, lbw, b Bland	17
Erskine, b Bland	27
Greyling, b Parker	0
Nelson, not out	35
Extras	5

Total (for 5 wickets) 128

Vaughan, Frangos, McLean, Den and Heppell did not bat.

Fall of wickets: 1/20, 2/63, 3/67, 4/69, 5/128.

BOWLING ANALYSIS	
	O. M. R. W.
Parker	12 4 45 2
Bland	12 2 87 3

MILTON, 2nd innings	
Brewer, not out	34
Dawson, b Nelson	0
Neill, b Nelson	0
Bland, not out	50
Extras	2

Total (for wickets) 86

Parker, Bissett, Bruce-Brand, Beets, St. John, McVey and Hyslop did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS	
	O. M. R. W.
Nelson	8 0 55 2
Den	8 2 18 0

Prince Edward won by 27 runs.

MILTON vs. ST. GEORGE'S, at St. George's, 14.10.56

MILTON, 1st innings	
Brewer, lbw, b Cragg	32
Dawson, b Cragg	1
Lapham, lbw, b Purnell	0
Bland, b Cockroft	93
Parker, c Cunningham, b Cockroft	26
Bissett, st Walshe, b Cockroft	7
Bruce-Brand, b Purnell	13
Beets, c Cragg, b Cockroft	9
St. John, lbw, b Purnell	16
McVey, not out	9
Extras	35

Total (for 9 wickets) 239

Hyslop did not bat.

Fall of wickets: 1/10, 2/15, 3/94, 4/157, 5/162, 6/173, 7/205, 8/216, 9/239.

BOWLING ANALYSIS	
	O. M. R. W.
Purnell	10.5 0 52 3
Cragg	14 2 56 2
Cockroft	12 1 63 4
MacKay	3 1 33 0

ST. GEORGE'S, 1st innings	
MacKay, b Parker	35
Hepker, b Bland	29
Cunningham, c St. John, b Bland	6
Bradshaw, b Bland	5
Walshe, b Parker	6
Fallon, c McVey, b Parker	0
Cragg, b Bland	14
Cockroft, lbw, b Bland	2
Doherty, b Bland	0
Purnell, b Parker	22
Kraggs, not out	6
Extras	5

Total 131

Fall of wickets: 1/63, 2/76, 3/76, 4/83, 5/83, 6/101, 7/102, 8/102, 9/113.

BOWLING ANALYSIS	
	O. M. R. W.
Parker	16.6 5 55 4
Hyslop	4 0 26 0
Bland	12 2 42 6

Milton won by 108 runs.

MILTON vs. NORTHLEA, at Northlea, 20.10.56

NORTHLEA, 1st innings	
Van Leeuwen, lbw, b Beets	0
Cooper, c McVey, b Harvey	2
Penny, b McVey	20
Finlayson, st St. John, b Dawson	11
Cross, c Harvey, b McVey	46
Yonait, b Dawson	24
Rendall, c St. John, b Dawson	25
Carlyle, lbw, b Dawson	6
Summers, c Kingsley, b Dawson	20
Mumford, not out	13
Scholefield, b Beets	0
Extras	3

Total 170

Fall of wickets: 1/1, 2/5, 3/33, 4/48, 5/102, 6/106, 7/118, 8/145, 9/164.

BOWLING ANALYSIS	
	O. M. R. W.
Beets	8.1 1 31 2
Harvey	5 3 16 1
Dawson	14 1 50 5
McVey	11 0 69 2

MILTON, 1st innings	
Dawson, b Cross	65
Lapham, b Cross	15
Neill, lbw, b Carlyle	9
Beets, c and b Carlyle	0
St. John, b Penny	22
Kingsley, not out	62
Welch, not out	2
Extras	5

Total (for 5 wickets) 180

Harvey, McVey, Crozier and Alcock did not bat.
Fall of wickets: 1/62, 2/81, 3/81, 4/101, 5/143.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Penny	7	2	28	
Scholefield		0	22	0
Summers		0	10	0
Carlyle	5	0	43	2
Cross	7	0	51	2
Kendall	2	0	23	0

Milton won by 5 wickets.

MILTON vs. TECHNICAL, 27.10.56

Milton won by 61 runs.

MILTON, 1st innings

Brewer, lbw, b Van Aardt	
Dawson, c Gadd, b Banks	
Neill, c Swain, b Van Aardt	
Bland, c Charsley, b Banks	2
Parker, c Cunningham, b Banks	13
Bissett, c Roberts, b Banks	39
Bruce-Brand, c Cunningham, b Banks	13
Beets, b Banks	10
St. John, c Kendall, b Van Aardt	4
McVey, c Gadd, b Cunningham	14
Hyslop, not out	0
Extras	
Total	109

Fall of wickets: 1/4, 2/8, 3/8, 4/16, 5/25, 6/61, 7/77, 8/84, 9/107.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Van Aardt	11		45	3
Banks	13.6	3	40	6
Smith	2	0	18	0
Cunningham	1	0	1	

TECHNICAL, 1st innings

Rumbold, b Parker	10
Baker, lbw, b Parker	0
Cunningham, b Parker	12
Gadd, c McVey, b Parker	0
Pugh-Roberts, lbw, b Beets	
Swain, c Bruce-Brand, b Parker	8
Charsley, b Bland	4
Smith, c McVey, b Bland	0
Kendall, b Parker	
Van Aardt, lbw, b Parker	0
Banks, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	48

Fall of wickets: 1/3, 2/19, 3/21, 4/24, 5/24, 6/29, 7/45, 8/45, 9/45.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	12	5	23	7
Bland	9		14	2
Beets	4		3	1

MILTON, 2nd innings

Brewer, b Banks	4
Dawson, b Banks	9
Bissett, lbw, b Smith	27
Bland, c Gadd, b Baker	23
Parker, b Banks	11
Bruce-Brand, b Banks	2
Beets, c Banks, b Baker	11
St. John, not out	5
Neill, not out	12
Extras	9

Total (for 7 wickets) 113

McVey and Hyslop did not bat.

Fall of wickets: 1/9, 2/32, 3/53, 4/65, 5/67, 6/95, 7/95.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Van Aardt .	2	0	18	0
Banks	6	0	25	4
Smith	5	0	23	
Kendall	2	0	15	0
Baker		0	12	2

2nd XI MATCHES

Vs. Prince Edward, 25.2.56—

Milton, 100. Prince Edward, 166 for 6.

Milton lost by 4 wickets.

Vs. Plumtree, 3.3.56—

Milton, 108. Plumtree, 181.

Milton lost by 73 runs.

Vs. Christian Brothers' College, 10.3.56—

Milton, 76 and 154 for 6. C.B.C., 73 and 54 for 7.

Milton won by 3 runs.

Vs. Northlea, 17.3.56—

Milton 72 for 7. Northlea, 130.

Drawn (rain stopped play).

Vs. Chaplin, 24.3.56—

Milton, 237 for 5. Chaplin, 136.

Milton won by 8 wickets.

Vs. Guinea Fowl, 29.9.56—

Milton, 112. Guinea Fowl, 63.

Milton won by 49 runs.

Vs. Christian Brothers' College, 3.10.56—

Milton, 141 for 7. C.B.C., 86.

Milton won by 5 wickets.

Vs Technical, 6.10.56—

Milton, 89 and 40 for 8. Technical 103 and 57.

Milton lost by 14 runs on the first innings.

UNDER 15 CRICKET

The Under 15 team has enjoyed a fairly successful season, winning five matches, losing two and drawing two.

The results were as follows:—

- Vs. Technical, 18.2.56—**
 Technical, 83 (Ross 7 for 23).
 Milton, 34 for 2.
 Match drawn.
- Vs. Christian Brothers' College, 25.2.56—**
 Milton, 108 for 5.
 C.B.C., 51 for 5.
 Match drawn.
- Vs. Plumtree, 3.3.56—**
 Plumtree, 50.
 Milton, 66 for 8.
 Milton won by 3 wickets.
- Vs. Technical, 10.3.56—**
 Technical, 80.
 Milton, 163 for 7 (Chalmers 44 not out).
 Milton won by 8 wickets.
- Vs. Northlea, 17.3.56—**
 Milton, 79.
 Northlea, 47 (Beets 8 for 12).
 Milton won by 32 runs.
- Vs. Chaplin, 7.4.56—**
 Chaplin, 91.
 Milton, 165 for 7 (Kelly 55, McVey 43).
 Milton won by 4 wickets.
- Vs. Guinea Fowl, 29.9.56—**
 Guinea Fowl, 112.
 Milton, 52.
 Milton lost by 60 runs.
- Vs. Falcon College, 13.10.56—**
 Falcon, 225 for 6.
 Milton, 141 (Ross 38).
 Milton lost by 84 runs.
- Vs. Northlea, 20.10.56—**
 Northlea, 83.
 Milton, 215 for 4 (Kelly 83).
 Milton won by 8 wickets.

The following played for the Under 15A during the year:

Mutton (Captain), Sanderson, Kelly, Ross, McVey, Chalmers, Blyth, Gibbs, Chambers, Streak, Barbour, Stainthorpe, Kennedy, Styles, Beets, Payne.

UNDER 14 "A"

The Under 14 "A" team has been ably led by B. Kilborn. They are particularly strong in attack, having two fast left-arm bowlers in Wilson and Smith. Both these boys should develop into useful cricketers if they can learn to control their length. Smith, who bowls at a medium pace, has proved a useful change. Dewar has been most effective with his slow off-spinners and is not easily knocked off his length.

The batting is reasonably strong, but the tendency to try to score off every ball must be curbed. Dewar is also an attractive opening bat and, with the

support of Smith and Kilborn in number two and three positions, they have made some very useful scores.

O'Hara has earned himself a place in the side with a very sound innings against Christian Brothers' 2nd XI. He has an attractive style and punishes the loose ball.

Stone has shown himself to be a wicket-keeper of promise, and quite a sound bat, too. Denyer, Carroll, Noyce, Botha and Barbour have all played well in recent games and have shown great enthusiasm for the game.

UNDER 13 "A" AND "B"

Under 13 "A"

This team proved to be one of the strongest we have had in recent years, the majority of the games being walk-overs. Two matches were lost—one to Technical School and one to Milton Junior—but these defeats have since been avenged. The highlight of the year was the 135 for 3 wickets knocked up in 70 minutes at Whitestones to clinch the match. The captain, McAllister, and his team have to be congratulated on their keenness, good behaviour, sportsmanship and form. The team was:

McAllister, Andrews, Baxter, Capon, Davies, Dunlop, McGregor, McLelland, Marshall, Rorke, Rosenberg, Sacks, Schultz, Simon, A. Thompson and Webb.

Under 13 "B"

This team was far too strong for the "B" teams of the Junior Schools and also proved to be too good for the "B" teams of the High Schools. Only one match was lost during the season and that was to the Baines School "A" team. The latter was the most exciting match of the season, with the match being lost in the last five minutes of play with 15 runs short of the Baines School total of 127. This team was captained in turn by Phillips, Andrews, Webb, French and Posselt, who was confirmed as the permanent captain in the last term. Other players of this keen team were L. Thompson, Price, Sacks, McLelland, Sprack, Jelbert, Betts, Haigh, Simon, Chalmers-Park, Quick, Dunlop, Shapiro, Rorke, Walker, Crimes and Hercburg.

RUGBY NOTES

Captain: R. Iversen.

Vice-captain: R. Chesworth.

Club Committee: R. Iversen, R. Chesworth, C. Bland, D. Harvey, E. Parker.

Rugby Colours.—Honours Caps: R. Iversen, R. Chesworth, C. Bland, D. Harvey, E. Parker, D. Simpson. Reward of Colours: R. Iversen, R. Chesworth, C. Bland, D. Harvey, E. Parker, D. Simpson.

New Awards of Colours: C. P. Reany, I. Alcock, W. Anstruther, A. Herbst.

The following players represented Milton in the 1st XV: R. Iversen (Captain), R. Chesworth (Vice-captain), C. Bland, W. Anstruther, J. McVey, I. Bissett, D. Cumming, C. Ferguson, C. Reany, I. Alcock, I. Ritchie, S. Dawson, E. Parker, D. Simpson, A. Herbst, D. Harvey.

Once again it is a pleasure to report on a most successful season. Unlike so many previous years, we were fortunate enough to have back at school the majority of our 1955 side, and so we did not have much difficulty in building up a good team this year. The five vacancies which existed in the side were easily filled from the considerable talent at our disposal. Bissett and Cumming were paired at half-back, and as the season progressed built up a sound understanding to become a really reliable pair of halves. McVey was brought into centre to partner Chesworth, who was, however, unfortunate enough to fracture a collar bone in the opening minutes of our first game. He was then replaced by W. Anstruther, who played well in this position but who really came into his own later in the season when he returned to his former position on the left wing. Ferguson deputised for Anstruther on the wing and, after his initial poor handling, improved considerably. Dawson and Ritchie, from last season's Under 15 "A", settled down well and have shown promise.

The older members of the side all improved on their last year's form, and of these Parker was perhaps the most complete player, although it is most

difficult to single out any of them, since their standard of play was high indeed.

Our policy this year has again been to play the passing game, and in this we were most successful. This success is best reflected in our impressive list of victories, which include the defeat of Grey College, who had beaten all their other opponents on their Rhodesian tour. This match deserves special mention here, since it was not only undoubtedly our best game this season, but it produced scintillating rugby in the best schoolboy tradition.

The spirit in the team was extremely good and all players showed a willingness to learn and a determination to win their games. In most games backs and forwards combined splendidly in passing movements, with the result that we scored fifty tries in twelve games and thirteen different members (with Harvey top try scorer and Parker top points scorer) were responsible for them. In all our games our backs were superior to those of our opponents, and they were, of course, our chief attacking force. They were, however, magnificently backed up by a grand pack in the loose play. The forwards improved in their tight play and were also superior in line-out work and in open passing movements.

At the end of the season the team travelled to Natal on a two weeks' tour. Here they met with unequalled success and won four out of their five matches. A full report of the tour appears elsewhere in these pages.

The general standard of rugby in the School was good, and the success of our under-age teams and other senior teams indicates bright rugby in the next few years. All the teams have played good rugby and there is obviously considerable talent in our junior groups. But this talent must be available for the required length of time or we shall be in the same position of a few years ago, when our 1st XV was on average a year too young.

Our Thirds deserve special mention here. They have had their best season in years. They distinguished them-

selves in beating the 1st XV's of both C.B.C. and Northlea as well as defeating the Plumtree Thirds, who were unbeaten for two decades. They have earned our heartiest congratulations.

The House matches were enthusiastically contested and the competition was won this year by Fairbridge, with last year's winners Heany—as the runners-up. Although 1st XV players did not take part in these games this season, the standard of rugby was good and since it was decided that House Colours would be worn from now on, the teams were better turned out. It has made refereeing much easier as well.

RESULTS OF 1st XV MATCHES

Vs. B.A.C. Under 19: Won 19-0.
 Vs. Technical: Won 13-5.
 Vs. Plumtree: Won 16-0.
 Vs. Prince Edward: Lost 3-6.
 Vs. St. George's: Won 18-3.
 Vs. Umtali: Won 9-0.
 Vs. Guinea Fowl: Won 35-3.
 Vs. Grey College: Won 16-11.
 Vs. Chaplin: Won 19-3.
 Vs. Guinea Fowl: Won 51-0.
 Vs. Plumtree: Won 10-3.
 Vs. Technical: Won 16-6.

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RESULTS OF TOURING TEAM MATCHES IN NATAL

Vs. Durban High School: Won 8-5.
 Vs. Maritzburg College: Lost 11-16.
 Vs. Kearsney College: Won 18-0.
 Vs. Michaelhouse: Won 6-3.
 Vs. Port Shepstone High School: Won 12-6.

MILTON vs. TECHNICAL

at Home, Saturday, 22nd June, 1956.

Won 13-5.

After our game against B.A.C. Under 19 the previous week, we were, of course, without the services of Chesworth, and at the same time both Herbst and Anstruther were unfit. This meant that we had virtually a second team back line playing. Everyone, however, did their best and the game was played at a fast and sometimes furious pace.

We drew first blood when from the start we pressed hard, and when Technical were penalised, Parker kicked an excellent goal against the breeze. (3-0.) After this the game went from one half to the other, with neither side able to score. Cumming and Bissett could not settle down. Both were too slow, and Bissett was guilty of very faulty handling. Centres McVey and Finlayson showed very little thrust. We were, however, rewarded when from a loose scrum Reany dribbled over for a score. Parker converted against the wind (8-0). In the loose play Alcock was unfortunately concussed and so Reany hooked. Just on half-time we suffered a setback when Technical intercepted a pass near our line and scored under the posts. They converted (8-5).

In the second half we were on top, but our backs just could not strike form and many scoring opportunities were lost. On one occasion Bland broke away from full-back after he had picked up splendidly—but there was no support for him. After this Technical took the game to near our line, but Bland brought welcome relief and then we attacked hard to be rewarded in the closing minutes, when Bland kicked across for Ferguson to jump magnificently and collect. He passed to Harvey, who crossed over and scored far out. Parker converted a difficult kick and the final score was 13-5.

MILTON vs. PLUMTREE

at Home, Saturday, 9th June, 1956.

Won 16-0.

The return of Herbst and Anstruther strengthened our backs considerably, and we went into this game with more confidence. The game started off with a whirlwind movement by both forwards and backs, and Plumtree managed to stop it only yards from their line, when they pushed Ferguson into touch. Both sides now settled down, but attacking movements were not given much room and neither side held any advantage for long. The defence of both sides was solid and no gap could be found. Plumtree were superior in the tight scrums, but we were superior in the line-outs and held a small advantage in the loose play. Many promising three-quarter movements were started by both sides, but they petered out in the solid wall of good defence. Just before half-time Plumtree were penalised and Parker kicked a good goal (3-0).

In the second half both sides attacked hard, but we were successful when we let the ball out along our backs. They were stopped and sent the ball back to the forwards, who made ground. The ball was then passed to Bissett at fly-half, and he went through for an excellent try after at least ten players had handled. Parker converted (8-0). From the kick-off Plumtree launched an attack and we spent some anxious moments until Bland relieved. We now attacked again, and although the defence held for some time, Harvey picked up from a tight scrum and passed to Ferguson, who dashed over in the corner (11-0). We scored once again in the closing minutes when Plumtree knocked on. Anstruther snapped up the ball and sent Harvey over under the posts. Parker converted and the final score was 61-0.

MILTON vs. PRINCE EDWARD

at Home, Saturday, 16th June, 1956.

Lost 3-6.

In this game we put up our worst display of the season, and this could be termed a game of lost opportunities. Right from the start we were on top and our opponents had to defend their line desperately. At crucial moments we dropped the ball. In spite of this we scored early when Parker dribbled the ball on after Harvey had broken away for a good try under the posts. Bland missed a very easy kick (3-0). Again we attacked, but our good start seemed to affect the ego of some of our players and we began to play carelessly. Our backs appeared to take it in turn to drop the ball, which we won from the line-outs but not the tight scrums. Prince Edward took advantage of all this and forced the game into our 25, where they were successful in breaking through our defence just on half-time (3-3).

In the second half we continued our indifferent display among backs and forwards alike, for the first fifteen minutes. Then we seemed to have new

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Back row (left to right): I. Bissett, S. Dawson, I. Alcock, C. P. Reany, W. J. Anstruther, A. D. Herbst, C. S. Ferguson, D. H. Cumming. Middle row: C. R. Messiter-Tooze, Esq. (Headmaster), E. F. Parker, K. C. Bland, R. H. Chesworth (Vice-captain), R. A. Iversen (Captain), D. H. Harvey, D. P. Simpson, P. W. Mans, Esq. (Coach). In front: I. Ritchie, J. C. McVey.

life again and on several occasions we nearly scored. Just when we seemed to be getting command of the game the Prince Edward fly-half found a gap in our defence on the half-way line and broke beautifully, catching our whole side on the wrong foot, to score far out (6-3). This final setback seemed to be too much for us, and although we held a territorial advantage for most of the game after this, we just could not penetrate the defence and when we came off, Prince Edward were the deserved winners by 6 points to 3.

MILTON vs. ST. GEORGE'S
in Salisbury, Saturday, 23rd June, 1956.
Won 18-3.

Our defeat in the previous game obviously did us the world of good. The faulty handling among our backs was corrected and the forwards were getting a much better share in the tight. Our attacking spirit was also evident again, and we opened the score when Bland kicked a magnificent drop goal from the half-way line (3-0). We kept up the attack now, but McVey knocked the flag down as he went over. Then Feldman was pushed into touch just short of the line. But from the resultant line-out Parker banged over for a try (6-0). After this we kept up the attack and it was mostly a lack of speed at centre which prevented us from scoring on at least three occasions. Just before half-time McVey crossed over for a very good try from an orthodox movement (9-0).

In the early minutes of the second half play switched from one half to the other and when in our half Dawson went off-side. St. George's kicked a good penalty goal (9-3). This was followed by a good movement among our backs, and when finally Herbst, on the right wing, kicked across, Reany collected and scored a really good try. Again the kick failed (12-3). Soon afterwards, in the loose play, Bissett, who had a much better game, recovered a lost pass and started a movement which ended when Alcock went over for a grand try. Once again the easy kick failed (15-3). Our next score came just before the end, when Iversen, now really despairing of Parker's kicking, gave the ball to Bland when St. George's were penalised. He was successful with a good kick to make the final score 18-3.

MILTON vs. UMTALI
in Salisbury at the Rhodes and Founders Rugby
Tournament, Saturday, 7th July, 1956.
Won 9-0

We were up against good opposition in this game, but scored an early success when McVey put over a well-directed cross-kick for Ferguson. He unfortunately overran the ball, but McVey himself was up in support, picked up and scored a very good try (3-0). Soon afterwards Ferguson just failed to get through when Bland put us on attack with a long kick. We had by now established a superiority in the tight and kept up the pressure, but Umtali defended very well. On occasion our handling was indifferent and we spoiled our chances. Our backs once again appeared slow, and it was clear that we were sorely in need of Chesworth's speed. There was no further score in this half.

In the second half Umtali attacked early, but Bland relieved. Once again we threw all we had into attack, but the Umtali defence held. Bissett was playing well at fly-half and kicked judiciously, but a change of direction was indicated since the open side defence was too solid. So Cumming passed to Ferguson on the blind side and he

dashed over for a try in the corner (6-0). We now saw plenty of the ball, both in the tight and line-outs, and only good tackling held us out. But once again Cumming sent Ferguson over in the corner just before the final whistle to make the final score 9-0.

MILTON vs. GUINEA FOWL
in Salisbury at the Rhodes and Founders Rugby
Tournament, Saturday, 7th July, 1956.
Won 35-3.

This game saw the return of Chesworth for the first time since he fractured his collar bone. Bates, at scrum-half, and Welch, at No. 8, were also given a game. Bates and Bissett, however, could not reach an understanding for the first ten minutes, and many scoring chances were lost. We opened our score early when Chesworth kicked a penalty goal (3-0). Some minutes later McVey broke well, shook off a tackle and passed back to Dawson, who scored (6-0). Soon after this we scored again when Bissett found a gap and scored near the posts. The easy kick failed (9-0). Our halves now began to reach an understanding and we scored once more when Simpson broke away in the loose and sent Ferguson over in the left-hand corner (12-0).

In the second half we were on top and had the game well in hand except on occasion, when Guinea Fowl launched some determined raids in our territory. After Iversen had broken away and was forced into touch a few yards from the line, McVey found a gap. He lost the ball, but Herbst was there to snap it up to score near the posts. Parker converted (17-0). We went further ahead when McVey scored after a deceptive change of direction (20-0). Guinea Fowl retaliated with a good penalty goal (20-3). Not long after this we hooked in the tight, McVey passed to Chesworth, who put in a scintillating run down the centre of the field to score under the posts. Parker converted (25-3). We pressed again and when they tried to clear, Bland caught the ball, made ground, passed inside and, after some very good inter-passing among the forwards, Simpson scored near the posts. Parker converted (30-3). Time was running out now, but we scored again when Parker let out to Simpson for another very good try. Parker converted (35-3).

MILTON vs. GREY COLLEGE (BLOEMFONTEIN)
at Home, Saturday, 14th July, 1956.
Won 16-11.

We fielded our strongest team in this game against Grey College, who had won their previous matches in Rhodesia with comparative ease. Grey College had the advantage of a particularly hefty pack, an excellent scrum-half and some very fast-moving backs. We knew we were up against it and if we were to win this game we had to give it all we had.

The early minutes of the game found us hard on attack with our backs running well. Then Grey came back into our half, but we cleared. From a scrum after this our backs moved fast, but we were pulled down just short of the line. We kept up the pressure, however, and our reward came when Simpson came away with the ball in the loose and sent Herbst over for an excellent try. Parker converted a difficult kick (5-0). Grey now came back with a vengeance, but our defences held. At this stage Ferguson went off with an injured knee and so we played a man short for the rest of the game. Harvey replaced him on the wing. For the next fifteen minutes both sides attacked and defended in

turn and some very good open movements resulted. Neither side were, however, able to score. And then, just before half-time, came a phenomenal penalty kick by Parker from just inside our own half to put us 8 points up. Immediately after this Grey College retaliated with a good penalty (5-3).

We were on defence in the opening minutes of the second half, but Bland was a tower of strength and saved us on numerous occasions. Grey, however, kept up the attack and scored a grand try when one of their centres picked his way through our defence. They converted and drew level (8-8). Again Grey forced the game into our half and their scrum-half scored (11-8). From the kick-off we were on the attack. In the loose McVey gathered and sent Simpson over for a splendid try. The kick failed (11-11). Grey now kicked off and there was a loose scrum which we won. The ball was passed out to the backs and McVey kicked ahead for Chesworth to gather at full speed; he beat the defence, swung out and sent on inside pass to Harvey, who scored under the posts. Parker converted to make the final score 16-11 in a game which produced excellent rugby and at the end of which the Grey College team displayed their good sportsmanship in chairing us off the field.

MILTON vs. CHAPLIN

in Gwelo, Saturday, 21st July, 1956.

Won 19-3.

After our success against Grey College we appeared to be well on our way towards a successful season. This game started off with a whirlwind movement by Chaplin which we stopped just short of our line. Bland then put us on attack with a long kick and Harvey was almost through. Play now reverted to the half-way line with Chaplin playing a hustling game and not allowing us a yard to move in. But our weight and greater speed soon began to take effect and we scored a good try after McVey had gathered in the loose (3-0). Soon afterwards Bissett picked up well, made a break and passed to Herbst, who scored far out (6-0). Just before half-time we scored a scintillating try when Bland came into the line and sent Anstruther away. He ran determinedly and passed inside to Harvey, who, in turn passed to McVey, the latter scoring in spectacular style (9-0).

Early in the second half Chaplin again played with grim determination, but they suffered a further setback when Bissett made a good break and then passed to Harvey, who beat several defenders to score a fine try. Chesworth converted (14-0). Chaplin now retaliated with a good try in the corner (14-3). After this play became rather scrappy with neither side able to get the ball away cleanly. We continued, however, to open up when given the opportunity, and eventually Herbst found a gap, passed to Harvey, who once again scored a very good try to make the final score 19-3 after Chesworth converted.

MILTON vs. GUINEA FOWL

at Home, Saturday, 28th July, 1956.

Won 51-0.

Guinea Fowl kicked off in this game and Parker caught the ball and passed to the backs to start a grand handling movement which ended one yard short of our opponents' line. Soon afterwards Parker kicked a penalty goal (3-0). Guinea Fowl now went on attack and nearly scored when they had an overlap, but they knocked on. Then we

attacked and Dawson followed up fast round the scrum to score when they tumbled. Parker converted (8-0). Then Herbst beat three men to score a good try (11-0). Not much later a fast three-quarter movement ensued and Anstruther scored under the posts after beating several defenders. Parker converted (16-0). We went further ahead when Parker kicked his second penalty goal (19-0). The game now reverted to our half, where Guinea Fowl tried hard to break through, but in the end it was Harvey who broke away from a tight scrum and ran 70 yards to score a grand try. Parker converted (24-0). Just before half-time Chesworth found a gap and he sent over Anstruther for a try. Parker converted to make the half-time score 29-0.

In the second half we attacked immediately and a fast movement broke down just short of the line, but Harvey dribbled on and scored (32-0). We were now superior in all departments and scored again when Anstruther passed to Finlayson, who replaced McVey. He made a nice break and passed inside to Iversen, who, in turn, sent Harvey over under the posts. Parker converted (37-0). And so the game went on in much the same way. Before the end Chesworth and Anstruther scored two magnificent tries, each of which Parker converted, the last one to make the final score 51-0.

MILTON vs. PLUMTREE

at Plumtree, Saturday, 4th August, 1956.

Won 10-3.

As is usual, this was a game in which neither side was prepared to give an inch. Fierce tackling and close marking were the order of the day. Chesworth was well marked and so were our wings. After fifteen minutes of constant attack we were successful when, from a very good movement started by Cumming and continued by Iversen, Anstruther scored a lovely try near the posts. Parker converted (5-0). Soon afterwards Herbst had a good run on the wing, but he was pulled down. We now saw plenty of the ball from the tight scrums and the line-outs and very nearly went through, but the defence was solid. Just on half-time, however, Anstruther put in a first-class run and, with deceptive change of pace, beat several defenders for a try. Parker converted (10-0).

In the second half Plumtree fought back extremely well and were hooking the ball more consistently in the tight. Things began to go wrong for us. Finlayson pulled a groin muscle, which meant we were limping at centre, and the team as a whole were beginning to feel the strain of the late night they had at the School Speech Night on the day before. The marking in the forwards was too tight and neither side could get the ball away cleanly, and scrappy play resulted. Then Harvey made one of his characteristic breaks, but a last-minute fumble robbed us of a score. Almost at the end Plumtree kicked a good penalty goal to make the final score 10-3 in our favour in a game which never really rose to great heights.

MILTON vs. TECHNICAL

at Russell House, Saturday, 11th August, 1956.

Won 16-6.

In this game we were without Harvey and Reany, due to injuries, and we decided to give Thompson a game at fly-half. The first fifteen minutes was rather scrappy, again due to bad handling and close marking. But we opened our score with a very good try when Bland kicked across to the forwards, who collected. They let out to the backs

and Chesworth scored near the posts. Parker missed the easy kick (3-0). Play now reverted to mid-field, where Chesworth put us on attack with a good kick, and when Technical were penalised for an infringement, Parker converted to make the score 6-0. Technical now retaliated with a determined rush, but we relieved and some scrappy mid-field play resulted. They scored, however, from a magnificent drop goal from near the half-way line (6-3). We were now playing a confused game, and when we were penalised they drew level with us (6-6). We now attacked hard and were on the Technical line several times, but good tackling kept us out.

The second half remained scrappy at first. After ten minutes, however, Parker picked up from a knock-on and scored a very good try, which he converted himself (11-6). Both sides now tried to gain ascendancy, but neither was quite successful. We were, however, the better attacking side and so drew further ahead seven minutes from time when Chesworth broke beautifully on the right wing to beat his man. He passed inside to Simpson, who ran with great determination and, in turn, passed to Alcock, who was well up in support, to score a very good try near the posts. Parker converted to make the final score 16-6 in our favour.

THE 2nd XV

The 2nd XV has again had a successful season generally. They have played attractive rugby and won six out of their nine matches. Their excellent performance in some of the games has been slightly marred by a very indifferent display in the game against Prince Edward and the second Plumtree match. A good number of players showed distinct promise and should come into their own next year as permanent members of the 1st XV. The following played regularly for the 2nd XV:

Welch (Captain), P. Anstruther, Brewer, Crozier, Finlayson, Goldhawk, Lapham, Ladbrook, Laughton, Micklesfield, Pike, Sensky, Thompson, R. van der Merwe, E. van der Merwe, Walker, Watson, Bates, Flowerday, Ashmole.

The following gained valuable experience when they played occasional games in the 1st XV: Finlayson (3), Micklesfield (3), Sensky (4), Bates (2), Welch (1), R. van der Merwe (3).

RESULTS

Vs. Technical: Won 6-3.
Vs. Plumtree: Lost 5-8.
Vs. Prince Edward: Lost 0-36.
Vs. Northlea 1st XV: Won 22-3.
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Vs. Chaplin: Won 14-6.
Vs. Guinea Fowl: Won 6-0.
Vs. Plumtree: Lost 3-16.
Vs. Technical: Won 14-0.

THE 3rd XV

The Thirds had their most successful season for many years, and have played rugby of a high standard. A good spirit prevailed here throughout the season, and of their seven matches they lost only one.

The following were regular members of the 3rd XV: Nicholls (Captain), Bruce-Brand, Ross, Gunning, Crossley, Reid, Noyce, Laubser, Edwards, Williamson, Rutherford, Yeadon, Yeatman, Davison (Vice-captain), Miller, Cooke, Kennedy, Walsh.

RESULTS

Vs. Technical: Drew 3-3.
Vs. Plumtree: Lost 5-11.
Vs. Christian Brothers' College 1st XV: Won 9-6.
Vs. Christian Brothers' College 1st XV: Won 20-3.
Vs. Northlea 1st XV: Won 13-11.
Vs. Plumtree: Won 13-3.
Vs. Technical: Won 9-3.

THE 4th XV

RESULTS

Vs. Technical: Won 19-0.
Vs. Northlea 2nd XV: Won 22-3.
Vs. Northlea 2nd XV: Won 12-8.
Vs. Christian Brothers' College: Drew 6-6.
Vs. Northlea 2nd XV: Lost 9-12.

THE UNDER 15 "A"

The Under 15s played attractive rugby this year. Both backs and forwards showed outstanding ability, and of the eight games they played only one was lost, while the others were won in no uncertain fashion. The rugby talent in this group will undoubtedly stand the School in good stead in a year or two from now. The following played regularly in the Under 15 "A" team:

Wynne, Feldman, Chalmers, D. Beets, R. Ferguson, Sanderson (Captain), Marx, Streak, Cleminshaw, Wigg, Engelbrecht, Goodwin, Crauser, Armstrong, Waterworth, Kennedy, Stainton, Strandvik.

RESULTS

Vs. Technical: Won 9-6.
Vs. Plumtree: Won 11-3.
Vs. Prince Edward: Lost 0-36.
Vs. Northlea: Won 27-3.
Vs. Chaplin: Won 23-3.
Vs. Guinea Fowl: Won 25-8.
Vs. Plumtree: Won 16-0.
Vs. Technical: Won 29-0.

THE UNDER 15 "B"

RESULTS

Vs. Technical: Won 12-6.
 Vs. Christian Brothers' College "A": Lost 0-3.
 Vs. Christian Brothers' College: Won 44-0.
 Vs. Northlea "A": Lost 9-11.
 Vs. Technical: Won 19-3.

THE UNDER 14 "A"

After a rather shaky start this season, the Under 14s soon improved and were successful in all their later games. A good number of players in this group have shown promise, and they played attractively in all their games. The following were regular members of the Under 14 "A":

Engelbrecht, Hutton (Captain), Muller, Cohen, Dewar, Carroll, A. Smith, Denyer, Botha, Drake, Noyce, Erasmus, Garry, Wilson, Bowyer, Crossley, Paterton, Lamb, Holstead.

RESULTS

Vs. Technical: Won 9-0.
 Vs. Plumtree: Lost 9-14.
 Vs. Prince Edward: Lost 0-3.
 Vs. Northlea: Won 44-0.
 Vs. Christian Brothers' College: Won 25-0.
 Vs. Plumtree: Won 6-0.
 Vs. Technical: Won 12-3.

THE UNDER 14 "B"

RESULTS

Vs. Technical: Won 6-0.
 Vs. Northlea: Won 26-0.
 Vs. Christian Brothers' College: Won 14-3.
 Vs. Northlea "A": Won 12-0.
 Vs. Christian Brothers' College: Won 27-3.
 Vs. Northlea: Won 14-3.

THE UNDER 13 "A"

The Under 13s have again had a really magnificent season. They played ten games, of which they won nine in grand style. The rugby has been of a very high standard and many of these juniors show distinct promise.

The following represented the School in the Under 13 "A": Hatfield, Von Loggenberg, McAllister, Du Rand, Dowdeswell, Davies, A. Thompson, Van Blerk (Captain), McQuoid-Mason, French, Fenton, Haigh, G. Thomson, Quick, Erasmus, Baxter, Johnson, Louw.

RESULTS

Vs. Technical: Won 33-0.
 Vs. Plumtree: Won 21-0.
 Vs. Milton Junior: Won 26-3.
 Vs. Christian Brothers' College: Won 25-0.
 Vs. Northlea: Won 29-6.
 Vs. Milton Junior: Won 30-0.
 Vs. Christian Brothers' College: Won 47-0.
 Vs. Northlea: Won 20-0.
 Vs. Plumtree: Lost 5-6.
 Vs. Technical: Won 19-0.

THE UNDER 13 "B"

RESULTS

Vs. Technical: Won 15-0.
 Vs. Milton Junior: Won 6-3.
 Vs. Northlea: Won 18-0.
 Vs. Milton Junior: Won 12-3.
 Vs. Christian Brothers' College "A": Drew 6-6.
 Vs. Northlea: Drew 3-3.

INTER-HOUSE RUGBY

Great enthusiasm was displayed in the House matches this year and, although certain teams won fairly easily, a number of games were closely contested. In view of the heavy programme of inter-school matches, it was decided to leave 1st XV players out of the senior teams. Despite this, the rugby was of a good standard and Fairbridge House won the competition with Heany House—last year's winners—the runners-up.

RESULTS

Senior XVs

Fairbridge beat Borrow, 5-3.
 Heany beat Birchenough, 11-6.
 Borrow beat Heany, 15-10.
 Fairbridge beat Birchenough, 15-14.
 Birchenough beat Borrow, 22-6.
 Fairbridge beat Heany, 23-0.

Junior XVs

Fairbridge beat Borrow, 25-5.
 Birchenough beat Heany, 6-3.
 Heany beat Borrow, 28-3.
 Fairbridge beat Birchenough, 22-3.
 Borrow beat Birchenough, 6-3.
 Heany beat Fairbridge, 16-14.

Log

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Fairbridge	6	5	1	0	104	41	10
Heany	6	3	3	0	68	67	6
Birchenough	6	2	4	0	54	63	4
Borrow	6	2	4	0	38	93	4

THE MILTON RUGBY TOUR OF NATAL

After many years of playing matches only against other Rhodesian schools and an annual match against a touring side from South Africa, we decided to undertake a tour to the South this year. The schools in Natal have been most kind and helpful in arranging a tour for us there. We found co-operation everywhere, and most of the schools we visited took great trouble to make our visit a memorable one.

The tour was undoubtedly a great success, both from the point of view of winning our matches as well as socially and educationally. The rugby throughout the tour was of a high standard and we encountered stiff opposition in

our matches. Our own team played as well as they were allowed to and, considering the strain of five matches in ten days, did very well indeed. Our backs, however, never really showed their Rhodesian form, but this was probably due to the very close defence of our opponents. Our forwards more than held their own in the loose and line-out work, but were matched in the tight.

We sincerely hope that the success of this tour will have a beneficial effect on the general standard of our rugby. Provided we are able to continue to play the same kind of rugby and have sides old enough to withstand the strain of a tour at the end of our season, there is no reason why tours like this one cannot take place at regular intervals.

MILTON vs. DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL Won 8-5.

The game was played in cool weather, and right from the kick-off both sides were hard on attack, but neither side was able to penetrate the defence. We did, however, take the lead in the first half, when Chesworth converted a penalty after Parker had missed two earlier opportunities. In the second half D.H.S. had two early opportunities to turn penalties into points, but both kicks were wide of the mark. After ten minutes D.H.S. drew ahead when their fly-half gathered a punt ahead to score a grand try in the corner. A magnificent conversion put them five points to three up. D.H.S. now attacked hard again and on several occasions looked dangerous and, with Bland not on his best kicking form, we were hard pressed. But our defence, which on many occasions was slow to come up, held, and just before the final whistle took the game to the half-way line, where, from a good three-quarter movement, Anstruther ran magnificently, beating several defenders to score under the posts. Parker converted to make the final score 8-5 in our favour.

MILTON vs. PIETERMARITZBURG COLLEGE Lost 11-16.

College was definitely the better side in this game. They played with more vigour and showed enterprise. Early in the game they unluckily missed several penalties, and on one occasion one of their centres made an excellent break to start a movement which we managed to stop just in time. But we drew first blood when Parker converted a difficult penalty after twenty minutes. This put heart into us and we attacked hard. Chesworth made a break and kicked ahead. The loose ball was well gathered by Anstruther, who sent McVey over to run an excellent try. Parker converted (8-0). Just before half-time we went further ahead when Parker kicked another difficult penalty goal (11-0).

In the second half College gained ascendancy again and we were on defence for most of this half. They opened their score with a good try, which was converted (5-11). Not much later our defence was beaten again for a try (8-11), and after twenty-five minutes they drew level with us when

we were penalised. College now made very determined efforts to gain victory, but our defence held, and then came disaster in the final minute of the game, when a twenty-five kick by Bland was rushed down. They collected and scored next to the posts. The kick was over and the final whistle went to give Maritzburg College a deserved 16-11 victory over us, retaining their unbeaten record.

MILTON vs. KEARSNEY COLLEGE Won 18-0.

This match was played just after nine in the morning on a very hot day. We played four of our reserves in this game, but nevertheless pressed early. Several good movements failed through faulty handling, but we kept up the attack and, after fifteen minutes, Parker picked up a loose ball, made ground and passed out to McVey, who sent Anstruther over for a good try. Parker converted (5-0). The heat was now beginning to tell and play was sluggish. But in the second half we went further ahead when Bissett, who was playing a sound game, made a break and passed to Harvey, who scored. Parker converted (10-0). After this Anstruther intercepted a pass and ran well, but was overtaken. Kearsney now attacked but a punt upfield took us to the opposition line. Both Simpson and Harvey made good breaks here, but were well tackled. And then Anstruther received the ball on the wing after a fast movement, and ran well to pass inside to Iversen, who scored his first and last try for Milton. Parker converted (15-0). Just before full-time a short punt by McVey was dribbled over the line by Simpson, who had played an excellent game, for a try to make the final score 18-0.

MILTON vs. MICHAELHOUSE Won 6-3.

We had the better of the early exchanges in this game, but suffered a setback when Herbst dislocated a finger and had to go off. Michaelhouse now came back with some good running, but Bland was kicking well and relieved on several occasions. Then McVey picked up a loose ball and let out to Harvey, who was playing on the right wing, to score a very good try in the corner (3-0). But Michaelhouse levelled scores with a penalty kick just before half-time.

In the second half we scored again when, after seven minutes, Harvey started a dribble for Simpson to pick up. He passed to Chesworth, who had a scintillating run from almost half-way to score in the corner (6-3). The game now increased in pace and both sides attacked hard on several occasions; some very good back play could be seen, but there was no further score.

MILTON vs. PORT SHEPSTONE HIGH SCHOOL Won 12-6.

In this game we played seven reserves, and it was soon obvious that few of them were on form and many opportunities were lost through sluggish running and indifferent passing and handling. After ten minutes we scored when Parker converted a penalty. We attacked again, but our efforts on several occasions petered out. Before half-time we scored again when a good three-quarter movement resulted in a try by Anstruther (6-0). In the second half Port Shepstone retaliated with an early penalty and soon afterwards drew level with a try (6-6). After fifteen minutes, however, Bissett made a break from full-back position and sent Anstruther over (9-6) and just before the end Anstruther passed to Van der Merwe for a good try, and the final score was 12-6.

MILTON SCHOOL 1st XV, 1956



Back row (left to right): I. Bissett, S. Dawson, I. Alcock, C. P. Reany, W. J. Anstruther, A. D. Herbst, C. S. Ferguson, D. H. Cumming. Middle row: C. R. Messiter-Tooze, Esq. (Headmaster), E. F. Parker, K. C. Bland, R. H. Chesworth (Vice-captain), R. A. Iversen (Captain), D. H. Harvey, D. P. Simpson, P. W. Mans, Esq. (Coach). In front: I. Ritchie, J. C. McVey.

The Mayoress, Mrs. Phillips, presented the trophies and the women members of the P.T.A. organised the teas.

Detailed results are as follows:—

McKenzie Shield points: Birchenough (Bi) 74; Borrow (Bo) 90; Fairbridge (F) 76; Heany (H) 106.

UNDER 13

100 yards: I, McAllister (H); 2, W. Quick (F); 3, J. Hooper (H). 12.9 sec.
High Jump: I, McAllister (H); 2, McGregor (H); 3, Capon (F). 4 ft. 6½ in. (record).
Long Jump: I, McAllister (H); 2, Posselt (Bi); 3, A. Andrews (Bo). 14 ft. 8 in.
220 yards: I, McAllister (H); 2, Capon (F); 3, Posselt (Bi). 30.1 sec.
4 x 100 yards Relay: I, Heany; 2, Fairbridge; 3, Birchenough. 59.2 sec.
Victor Ludorum: C. McAllister.

UNDER 14

100 yards: I, A. J. Smith (H); 2, M. Botha (Bo); 3, H. Wilson (Bi). 11.5 sec.
High Jump: I, H. Wilson (Bi); 2, M. Botha (Bo); 3, L. Denyer (Bi). 4 ft. 11 in. (equals record).
Long Jump: I, A. J. Smith (H); 2, P. Kelly (Bi); 3, H. Wilson (Bi). 15 ft. 10½ in.
90 yards Hurdles: I, M. Botha (Bo); 2, Adair (H); 3, P. Kelly (Bi). 14.4 sec.
220 yards: I, A. J. Smith (H); 2, M. Botha (Bo); 3, H. Wilson (Bi). 26.5 sec.
4 x 110 yards Relay: I, Heany; 2, Borrow; 3, Birchenough. 57 sec.
Victor Ludorum: A. J. Smith (H). and M. Botha (Bo).

UNDER 15

100 yards: I, Feldman (H); 2, Crauser (F); 3, R. Ferguson (F). 11 sec.
High Jump: I, Hutton (F); 2, Blythe (Bo); 3, H. Thomas (H). 4 ft. 10 in.
Long Jump: I, D. J. Beets (Bo); 2, Hope (F); 3, I. Armstrong (H). 18 ft. 7 in.
Discus: I, I. Armstrong (H); 2, R. Ferguson (F); 3, Feldman (H). 111 ft. 5 in.
Shot: I, Feldman (H); 2, Crauser (F); 3, R. Ferguson (F). 35 ft. 11 in. (record).
110 yards Hurdles: I, D. J. Beets (Bo); 2, Parrott (H); 3, Radue (Bi). 16.5 sec.
220 yards: I, Feldman (H); 2, Crauser (F); 3, Streak (F). 26.6 sec.
Javelin: I, P. McVey (H); 2, Sutton (H); 3, Streak (F). 122 ft. 3 in.
3 x 220 yards Relay: I, Fairbridge; 2, Heany; 3, Borrow. 1 min. 24.5 sec.
Pole Vault: I, D. J. Beets (Bo); 2, Denyer (Bi); 3, M. Edwards (F). 7 ft. 6 in.
4 x 110 yards Relay: I, Fairbridge; 2, Borrow; 3, Heany. 54.9 sec.
Victor Ludorum: R. Feldman (H).

UNDER 16

100 yards: I, B. Walker (Bo); 2, Finlayson (Bo); 3, Levy (Bi). 11.3 sec.
High jump: I, Kingsley (Bi); 2, J. Rutherford (Bo); 3, R. Brewer (Bo). 5 ft. 11 in.
Long jump: I, Finlayson (Bo); 2, R. Brewer (Bo); 3, F. van der Merwe (H). 17 ft. 8½ in.
440 yards: I, Finlayson (Bo); 2, Dawson (H); 3, R. Brewer (Bo). 59.7 sec.
Hoi, step and jump: I, Yeatman (Bi), 2, P. Anstruther (Bi); 3, R. Brewer (Bo). 36 ft. 6 in.

Discus: I, Crozier (F); 2, S. Gerber (H); 3, B. Walker (Bo). 115 ft.
Javelin: I, Crozier (F); 2, Ritchie (Bo); 3, Kingsley (Bi). 132 ft. 4 in.
220 yards: I, B. Walker (Bo); 2, Levy (Bi); 3, Dawson (H). 25.5 sec.
110 yards Hurdles: I, Dawson (H); 2, B. Walker (Bo); 3, P. Anstruther (Bi). 16.9 sec.
Shot: I, P. Anstruther (Bi); 2, F. van der Merwe (H); 3, J. Rutherford (Bo). 33 ft.
4 x 220 yards Relay: I, Borrow; 2, Fairbridge; 3, Birchenough. 1 min. 43.3 sec.
Victor Ludorum: B. Walker (Bo).

OPEN EVENTS

100 yards: I, Harvey (Bo); 2, Chesworth (Bo); 3, W. Anstruther (H). 10.6 sec.
High jump: I, W. Millar (H); 2, Bickers (Bi); 3, A. Micklesfield (F). 5 ft. 3½ in.
Long Jump: I, Chesworth (Bo); 2, Mitchell (F); 3, J. McVey (H). 19 ft. 5 in.
220 yards: I, Harvey (Bo); 2, Pugh (F); 3, Mitchell (F). 24.2 sec.
220 yards Team Race: I, Brennan (Bi); 2, R. Walsh (Bi); 3, Parker (F). 2 min. 16.9 sec. Houses: Birchenough, Heany, Fairbridge.
3 x 440 yards Relay: I, Birchenough; 2, Fairbridge; 3, Heany. (2 min. 49.3 sec.
Shot: I, Harvey (Bo); 2, Iversen (F); 3, Herbst (H). 39 ft. 3 in.
Javelin: I, G. Welch (Bo); 2, Parker (F); 3, Harvey (Bo). 153 ft. 6 in. (record).
One mile: I, Brennan (Bi); 2, Simpson (H); 3, R. Walsh (Bi). 4 min. 55.2 sec. (record). Team race, Houses: I, Birchenough; 2, Heany; 3, Fairbridge and Borrow (tie).
Pole Vault: I, C. Ferguson (F); 2, P. Anstruther (Bi); 3, Keefe (H). 9 ft. 9 in.
120 yards Hurdles: I, Bland (H); 2, Pugh (F); 3, W. Ashmole (Bo). 16.1 sec.
Discus: I, Parker (F); 2, Chesworth (Bo); 3, Iversen (F). 153 ft. 5 in. (record).
Hop, step and jump: I, Chesworth (Bo); 2, W. Anstruther (H); 3, Herbst (H). 41 ft. 3½ in. (record).
4 x 220 yards Relay: I, Borrow; 2, Heany; 3, Birchenough. 1 min. 49.5 sec.
Victor Ludorum: D. Harvey (Bo) and R. Chesworth (Bo).
Winners of McKenzie Shield: Heany.

9th BULAWAYO (MILTON) SCOUT TROOP

This year the Troop has maintained a membership of about 25 boarders. Camping has unfortunately been limited due to the late ending of the rains at the beginning of the year and the absence of the Scouter during the second term. We wish to express our debt of gratitude to our A.S.M., Mr. D. Harvey, who kept the Troop active during the second term despite many difficulties, not least of which was the unavailability of the gym. for much of the time and the very considerable domestic

difficulties he had to meet in his own home. During the first week-end of the current term a very enjoyable camp was held at Gordon Park, with Patrols under the leadership of P. Anstruther, H. Kew and R. Micklesfield. The camp was noted (among other achievements) for the very good conduct of all concerned in the park. Our congratulations to W. Anstruther on his appointment as Troop Leader.

BADMINTON

At the time of compiling this report only one match has been played this year—in March. Result:

Milton 2, Wanderers 7 (doubles), and 2-4 (singles).

Some fixtures are being arranged for the earlier part of this term. There can be no doubt that competitive play against better players, as provided by these friendly matches, does much to improve the standard of our playing, and it is to be hoped that matches will be played as frequently as possible, despite the slightly inconvenient time at which they take place. Result of match played in November, 1955: Milton 4, Protea 5.

The team playing Wanderers was: W. Anstruther, Bissett (Captain), Bruce-Brand, R. Brewer, Chesworth, Dawson.

STOP PRESS

11th October: Milton vs. Protea Shuttle Club, at the Drill Hall: Lost 4-5.

17th October: Milton vs. Protea S.C., at home: Won 8-7, made up of doubles 5-4, singles 3-3.

CHESS CLUB NOTES

The Club has, once again, had quite a successful and enjoyable year. We still suffer from the lack of similar clubs in other schools, Technical being the only one with a club like our own. Falcon College now has a Chess Club, and next term we shall challenge them to a match.

We have played twice against Technical this year—once during the first term and once during the middle term.

Technical beat us narrowly in the first match; we both had six points towards the closing stages of the match, and the final result depended upon the outcome of Ladbroke's game against Technical's No. 1. Technical succeeded in winning 7-6. For the return match in June two leagues were operated simultaneously; Milton won the First League contest by 10 points to 12, and the Beginners' League by 43 points to 22.

Our first team this year has been: Ladbroke (Captain), I. Anstruther, Iversen, Cousins, Walker and Broomberg.

The School Championships were played off during the middle term. Ladbroke, the Club Captain, won the senior championship and Kaplan won the Junior Championship.

We have succeeded in interesting Technical in a series of "postal" games. This Postal League will be based on the weekly interchange of written moves, and the final Milton vs. Technical result will be announced at the end of the year.

HOCKEY NOTES

The 1956 hockey season was altogether a successful one for the School. Although we won only three of our seven league fixtures we managed to draw with the powerful Panthers "B" side, and it was during this game that we produced our best hockey. After a shaky start the team settled down to play hard and, at times, constructive hockey, and we were unlucky to lose two of our games; the only team which was clearly superior to us were the league winners, Police. Team spirit was excellent and for once we did not suffer from our usual complaint of too much individualism. Micklesfield was a sound goalkeeper, while Rcthbart and Barton played a good but sometimes erratic game at back position. The halves were our strong point, Bland being a tower of strength both on attack and defence at centre-half and, except for a tendency to hit too hard when distributing the ball, his play was practically faultless. Beets and Peatt, the youngest members of the team, were

tireless workers at wing-half position. For the first time in many seasons the forwards managed to combine and, except for Parker, who tended to roam, the positional play was good. Israel was a useful left-wing, while Pugh, with good anticipation, made use of his speed to form the spearhead of the attack. He was also an able captain.

Only one inter-school fixture was played, in which we deservedly beat Plumtree for the first time since 1952 by three goals to two. Two friendly fixtures were played against Teacher Training College, who won the first game by five goals to three, but we had our revenge when we won the second game 1-0. A team was entered in a seven-a-side tournament at the end of the season and it did very well, finishing half way up the log. An enjoyable social game was played against St. Peters, and after a "great struggle," and with the subtle help of Bland, who scored the equalising goal for them, the game ended in a draw. We would like to thank the girls for the excellent cakes supplied after wards.

The 2nd XI, captained by Smeeton, played in the Second League and, although they finished near the bottom of the log, they were very keen and played some good hockey, scoring a notable win over Technical "A." There were many changes in the team, as the aim was to give as many boys as possible a chance of gaining experience.

House matches were played and Heany emerged winners by one point over Fairbridge, who sadly missed the services of Mr. Jackson as referee.

We would like to thank Mr. Blezard for his enthusiasm, and for the time he put in for coaching. Mr. Jackson's help when he was able to turn out was also appreciated.

Reserve League results:—

Vs. T.F.T.C.: Lost 1-5.
Vs. Plumtree: Won 3-2.
Vs. Old Prunitions "B": Lost 1-2.
Vs. Police: Lost 1-3.
Vs. Queens: Won 3-0.
Vs. Panthers "B": Drew 2-2.
Vs. T.F.T.C.: Won 2-0.

The following represented the 1st XI:
Pugh (Captain), Bland, Peatt, Beets, Micklesfield, Barton, Rothbart, Parker,

Israel, Bowbrick, Gibson, Smeeton, Calver. Bland received a re-award of Colours, while Pugh and Peatt were new awards. The remainder of the team were awarded 1st XI Caps.

J. P.

THE FENCING CLUB

Fencing was started at Milton at the beginning of this year for the first time. The Club is actually a junior section, similar to that at Townsend, of the Matabeleland Fencing Club, the latter body meeting with us every Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the School gymnasium. Instructors have been provided by the senior club and, since the beginning of the year, we have had Messrs. R. Montague and W. Pace. Unfortunately our chief instructor, Mr. R. Montague, has been transferred to Salisbury and Mr. D. Fisher is taking over his position.

At the commencement of the first term there was a lot of enthusiasm for fencing, and at the first few meetings twenty-five to thirty boys were present. Unfortunately this attendance gradually reduced itself to fifteen or so at the end of the term. The reason for this lack of interest is most probably due to the boring nature of the first few months' training, through which novices have to pass before going on to the more complicated defence movements.

Fencing continued during the holidays, and several boys were able to obtain extra instruction. The Townsend day scholars, also members of the Fencing Club, who had hitherto been instructed on Friday evenings at Townsend, joined us. Towards the end of our preliminary training in footwork, some of the boys and girls who had been fencing over the holidays gave a demonstration of line-drill at the City Hall.

During the second term and the August holidays we learnt the simple attack and defence movements with a foil, and after a lot of practice we started fighting among ourselves. This proved a great success, although at first it was rather rough, to the sorrow of

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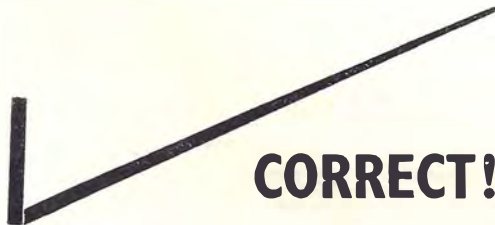
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