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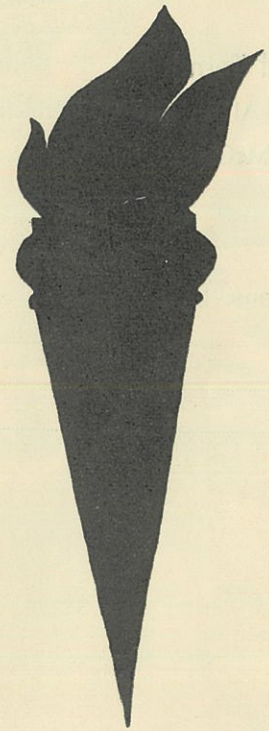
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SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1955

Prefects:

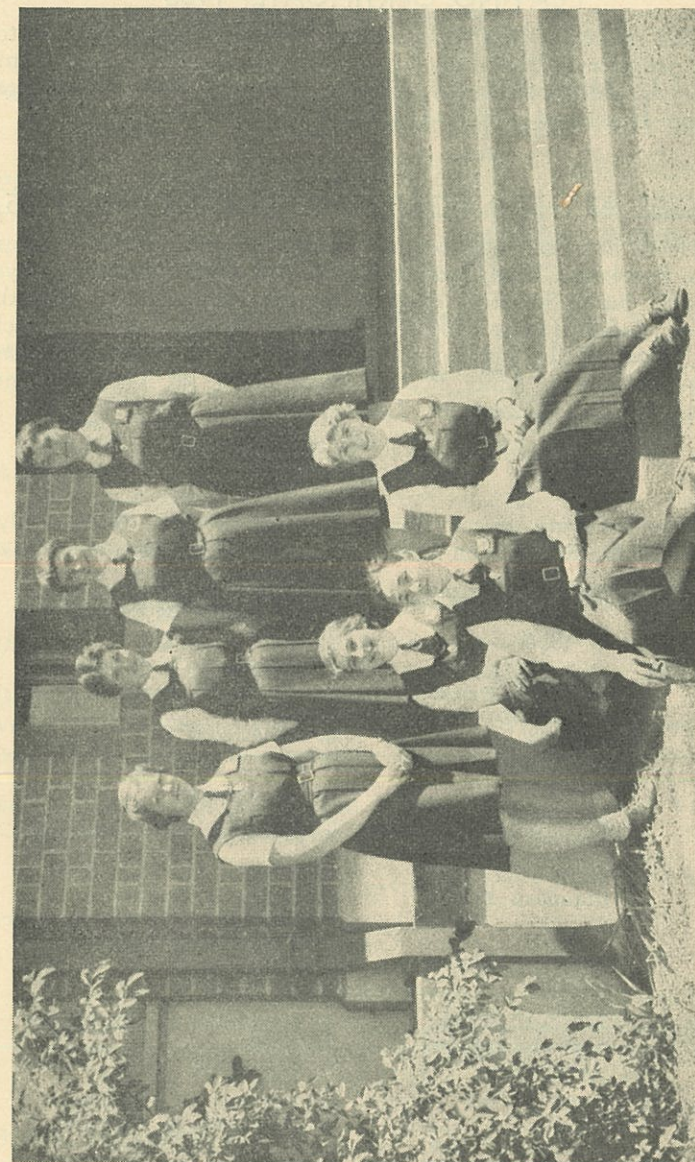
Rosemary Campbell, Elizabeth Fraser, Susan Hutchings,
Jennifer Hutchison, Joan Ingrey, Jan Innes, Grace Lok.

Sub-prefects (3rd Term):

Helen Adams, Alison Clarke, Genneice Gorey, Sally Kierath,
Margaret McGregor, Sue Wittey.

House-Captains:

MacCallum House	Elizabeth Fraser
Smith House	Jennifer Hutchison
Steel House	Rosemary Campbell
Tait House	Susan Hutchings



THE PREFECTS.
 Standing: Elizabeth Fraser, Jennifer Hutchison, Rosemary Campbell, Susan Hutchings.
 Seated: Janette Innes, Grace Lok, Joan Ingrey.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE, 1955

The following girls were successful in the Leaving Certificate, 1955: Jennifer Britten, Judy Cameron, Rosemary Campbell, Jennifer Doyle, Elizabeth Fraser, Carlyn Hanslow, Susan Hutchings, Jennifer Hutchison, Elizabeth Johnson, Robyn Schaaf.

PASSES IN THE INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE, 1955

Helen Bouffler, Jan Brentnall, Ruth Cameron, Diane Charlesworth, Penelope Clarke, Lynette Colechin, Barbara Deasey, Carolyn Edwards, Janis Edwards, Roslyn Englert, Ann Farago, Rhonda Hellyer, Judith Honor, Christina Houen, Denise Jones, Llyndell Jones, Dianne Kelly, Judith Kelso, Robin Klineberg, Janette Metham, Heather Newport, Janice Pocock, Freda Ross, Jill Topham, Ann Tucker, Miriam Wangmann, Lynette Woodhill.

Prize List, 1955

The following prizes were presented by Mr. Blake Pelly, O.B.E., M.A., M.L.A., on Speech Day, 5th December:—

Upper VI.	Standard Prizes	J. Britten, E. Fraser
	Divinity	J. Hutchison, R. Schaaf J. Doyle
Lower VI.	Merit Prizes	S. Robertson, C. Kershaw
	Standard Prizes	S. Kelly, A. Clarke
	Special Progress	P. Shaw
	Divinity	S. Robertson
Form V.	Merit Prizes	C. Houen, C. Edwards
	Standard Prize	M. Wangmann
	Special Progress	H. Bouffler J. Edwards
Upper IV.	Merit Prize	F. Hills
	Standard Prizes	G. Willis, R. Evans P. Gillespie, P. Perry J. Rhys-Jones, G. Roseby J. Angus G. Willis
Lower IV.	Standard Prizes	S. Beaumont, E. MacLaurin
	Special Progress	R. Barton
	Divinity	S. Beaumont
Upper III.	Merit Prizes	R. Prescott, A. Wildash W. Beirman, S. Sautelle
	Standard Prizes	E. Farago, R. Ward
	Special Progress	R. Craig, R. Helm
	Divinity	V. Jones

Lower III.	Merit Prizes	V. Williams, A. MacIntyre
	Standard Prize	J. Jones
	Special Progress	S. Steindl
	Divinity	V. Williams
Remove	Merit Prizes	C. Caffin, S. Grant
	Standard Prize	C. Whyte
	Special Progress	B. Luscombe
	Divinity	C. Caffin
Prep II.	Standard Prize	C. Baker
Prep. I.	Merit Prizes	K. Rughley, C. Eglington
	Standard Prize	H. Speechley, D. O'Neill A. Wark

Special Prizes

Music Prizes—

Advanced: B. Deasey.

Intermediate: S. Scarf.

Lower: V. Williams.

Beginner's Prize (Gift of Music Mistresses): C. Caffin.

Art Prizes—

Senior: J. Doyle, C. Kershaw.

Primary: N. Mander.

Needlework Prizes—

Senior: M. Wangmann.

Junior: L. Read.

Primary: S. Wilson.

Dancing Certificates (Gift of Bjelke-Petersen's): H. Adams, P. Clarke, R. Cameron, J. Ke so.

D. M. Clifton Memorial Prize for English: S. Robertson.

Violet Walker English Prizes: S. Milliken, C. Houen, P. Gillespie.

Dux of the School (presented by Mrs. R. H. Morris): Rosemary Campbell.

Peggy Barker Cup for General Merit throughout School Course: J. Innes.

Music Certificates

Pianoforte:

Grade VI.: B. Deasey, F. Ross.

Grade IV.: J. Shirley, R. Smyth.

Grade III.: S. Scarf, M. Wangmann.

Grade II.: R. Barton, B. Esplin, J. Jones, G. Roseby.

Grade I.: V. Williams, S. Wilson, S. Wright, R. Phipps, A.

Wolstenholme, R. Helm, R. Prescott, A. Bennett, M.

Dowling, D. Reynolds, L. Read, J. Alley, C. Horton.

Preliminary: E. Farago, J. Chidgey.

Musical Perception:

Grade III.: B. Deasey.

Secondary Scholarships: R. Phipps, R. Shaw.

Intermediate Certificates (1954)

H. Adams	S. Kelly	S. Scarf
L. Brooks	S. Kierath	J. Sutton
M. Baker	M. Loane	P. Shaw
S. Barlow	M. McGregor	S. Slocombe
A. Clarke	A. McGuire	J. Throsby
P. Clarke	G. McKay	M. Varley
C. Cropper	S. Milliken	C. Wilson
J. Crossing	J. Oldfield	A. Winlaw
G. Gorey	S. Robertson	S. Wittey

Leaving Certificates (1954)

S. Carpenter	S. Heron	E. Moore
H. Coleman	P. McKay	P. Mottram

Commonwealth Scholarships (1954): P. McKay, E. Moore.

Sport Awards

Athletics Champions: J. Cameron, J. Hall, A. Wolstenholme, V. Gilkes, C. Whyte.

Tennis Singles Champions:

Senior: J. Ingrey.
Junior: J. Shirley.
Primary: V. Gilkes.

Tennis Doubles Championship (McCredie Cup): J. Shirley, C. Edwards.

Gold Championship (Eleanor Murray Cup): S. Hutchings.

Prize for Most Improved Tennis Player (Gift of Mr. M. G. Copp): J. Kierath.

Cricket Bat (Crossing Prize) Steel House

Inter-Form Volley Ball Trophy Upper IV.

House Cups

Athletics (Helen Handley Cup) Steel House

Basketball (MacDonald Cup) Steel House

Tennis Cup Tait and Steel

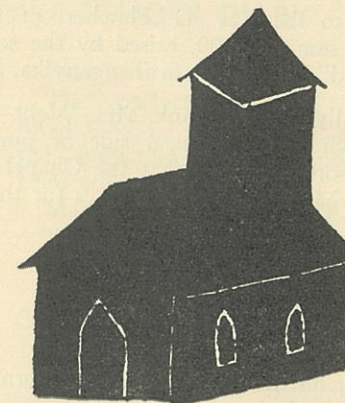
Tenn's Championship (Cropper Cup) Tait House

Hockey Cup Steel House

Cricket Cup Steel House

Debating (Jennifer Snelling Cup) MacCallum House

TAIT CUP Steel House



CHAPEL NOTES

As usual, we have held our morning Chapel Service before school on every week-day throughout the year, and in addition, have enjoyed many other services in the Chapel, at some of which religious films have been shown.

The first of these films we saw was "The Crucifixion," shown just before Easter. During Lent, Mr. Prescott gave an address every Thursday morning in Chapel.

Evening Prayer was said every second Sunday evening, and during Third Term each form in turn arranged these services, choosing hymns and psalms, and reading the lessons. Lower VI. came first, and showed the film, "What Men Live By"; at Fifth Form's service Miss Graham gave an address; on 6th November Upper IV. took charge, and we saw another film, "Which Will Ye Have?" Two missionaries from Egypt talked and showed slides on Egypt in Lower IV.'s service; finally, on 20th November, Upper VI. conducted the whole of their Farewell Service.

Other interesting talks during the year came from the "Bush Brothers," the Rev. A. Langdon, and the Rev. J. Greenwood, of the Bush Church Aid Society.

On the last Sunday of the School Year we held our Carol Service, with lessons read by the prefects, interspersed with carols sung by the choir and congregation, and appropriate verses spoken by each form.

On occasions, when many of our parents have been able to attend, services of Holy Communion have been celebrated in the Chapel. One of these was on 4th December, when the House

Captains presented to the Rev. G. Fletcher, of the Church Missionary Society, the sum of £200, raised by the school this year to support our "adopted" missionary in Tanganyika, Miss Beryl Long.

We should finally like to thank Mrs. Went for her unfailing interest and help where the musical side of our services is concerned; Miss Anderson, who sees that the Chapel is always beautified by flowers; and Miss Harper, who cares for the linen.

THE LITTLE COLT

Way out on the wilds of the buckhorn range,
A little colt was born;
His dam was a mare of highest breed,
She put all mares to scorn.

His sire, called "Pierce the Air," was wild,
As wild as a horse could be;
Soon they were going to join the flock,
Their life would be wild and free.

Their life would be all a colt would need,
Free and wild, though hard;
He would be just like a little seed,
Or an ant on a piece of card.

But soon, from a little yearling,
He would grow to be
A stallion, like his father,
A stallion wild and free.

A. MACINTYRE, Lower III., Steel.

SCHOOL DIARY

FEBRUARY.

Wednesday, 2nd:

First term began.

Saturday, 5th:

The prefects attended the dedication of S.C.E.G.G.S., Gleniffer Brae, Wollongong, and the induction as Headmistress of Miss K. McCredie.

Friday, 11th:

Many girls attended the St. John's Church fete.

Thursday, 17th:

The choir sang at a special Education Service at St. Jude's, Bowral.

Saturday, 19th:

The Guides left to spend the week-end at Gleniffer Brae.

MARCH.

Friday, 4th:

We attended the Berrima District Show at Moss Vale Showground.

Saturday, 5th:

S.C.E.G.G.S. teams played tennis and cricket at Frensham.

Sunday, 6th:

The Rev. Alan Funnell began a week's Mission to the school.

7th - 11th:

Half-term tests were held. Our All Schools' Swimming team began training, having been kindly permitted the use of Lady Ritchie's pool.

Friday, 18th:

Sixth Form attended the All Schools' Swimming Carnival.

Saturday, 19th:

S.C.E.G.G.S., together with Annesley and Canberra C.E.G.G.S., took part in a tennis tournament at Frensham. Frensham teams were the winners.

Monday, 28th:

The school went to Moss Vale to see the interesting Walt Disney film, "The Living Desert."

APRIL.

Saturday, 2nd:

Heats were held for Sports Day.

Tuesday, 5th:

Mlle. Volodarsky delightfully entertained some of us with French songs.

Wednesday, 6th:

Sixth and Fifth Forms respectively saw performances of "Pygmalion" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Bowral.

Thursday, 14th:

After a break for Easter, First Term examinations began.

Saturday, 16th:

S.C.E.G.G.S., Gleniffer Brae, sent their first team to Moss Vale to play tennis. A team from Annesley also took part in the matches.

Saturday, 23rd:

Sports Day.

- Friday, 29th:** The school choirs competed in the Bowral Eisteddfod.
- Saturday, 30th:** The special choir sang at the All Schools' Music Festival in the Sydney Town Hall.
- MAY.**
- Monday, 2nd:** Inter-House Debates were held—adjudicated by Miss P. Newman, and won by MacCallum.
- Wednesday, 4th:** End of First Term.
- Wednesday, 25th:** Second Term opened.
- JUNE.**
- Wednesday, 1st:** The school saw "The Life of Martin Luther" at the Theatre Royal, Moss Vale.
- Monday, 27th:** Half-term tests began.
- JULY.**
- Saturday, 2nd:** A hockey match was played between the mistresses (and masters), and the school 1st XI.—won by the Staff. Both players and spectators were charged "entry fees" and admission, the proceeds being in aid of the Assembly Hall Fund.
- 8th - 11th:** Free week-end.
- Saturday, 16th:** We welcomed back 25 Old Girls for the week-end.
- Sunday, 17th:** The prefects went with Miss Graham to St. Andrew's Cathedral for the Diamond Jubilee Service of S.C.E.G.G.S., Darlinghurst.
- Monday, 18th:** The Fifth and Fourth Forms saw performances by the Rayner Sisters at Bowral.
- Friday, 29th:** Ballroom dancing pupils attended a dance at Tudor House.
- Saturday, 30th:** Inter-dormitory hockey tournament—won by Baddams.
- AUGUST.**
- Wednesday, 3rd:** The Sixth Forms travelled by 'bus to Sydney to see "The Sleeping Prince," Terence Rattigan's play, at the new Elizabethan Theatre, in Newtown. The cast included Sir Ralph Richardson, Meriel Forbes, Dame Sybil Thorndike, and Sir Lewis Casson. All enjoyed this day very much.
- Saturday, 6th:** Every Form contributed items, including plays and an operetta, at an evening of entertainment in aid of the Assembly Hall Fund. £100 was raised.

- Wednesday, 10th:** We welcomed a very distinguished visitor, Miss Agnes Catnach, Headmistress of a large Grammar School in London, who was touring Australia under the auspices of the Headmistresses' Association. She spoke to us about her school, and about education in England generally.
- A debating team from Lower VI. took part in a debate against a Fourth Year team from the Dominican Convent. The Convent team was victorious.
- In the evening, Steel won our Inter-House debates, again adjudicated by Miss Newman.
- Thursday, 11th:** Upper VI. saw the film, "Wuthering Heights" at Bowral.
- Friday, 12th:** The All Schools' Athletic Sports: Lynette Colechin gained second place in the Junior Championship, and our team ran fourth in the Junior Relay.
- Saturday, 13th:** We sent three teams to play in the annual hockey carnival at Frensham. Upper VI. were invited to stay and see the film, "Julius Caesar" in the evening.
- Monday, 15th:** Mrs. Went arranged a Musicale in aid of the fete.
- In the evening Matron Reynolds, of the Berri District Hospital, gave a talk to the girls interested in a nursing career.
- Tuesday, 16th:** Jan Brentnall was announced the winner of the Assembly Hall Fund Essay Competition.
- Wednesday, 17th:** End of 2nd Term.
- SEPTEMBER.**
- Wednesday, 14th:** Third Term began.
- Saturday, 17th:** We enjoyed a very interesting talk on Canada and the Eskimos, given by Mr. Phillip Allen.
- Monday, 19th:** Music examinations.
- Wednesday, 21st:** The "Trial" Intermediate and Leaving examinations began.
- OCTOBER.**
- 14th - 17th:** Free week-end; about twenty seniors spent the week-end on a tour of the Snowy Mountains Development Scheme.
- Saturday, 22nd:** The Guides entertained the school at a barbecue in the 100-acre paddock.

Saturday, 29th: The annual fete was held, followed by a barbecue in the evening. £1,100 was made, completing the sum that had to be raised by the parents and girls for the Assembly Hall Fund. During the afternoon the foundation stone of the Hall was laid by the Chief Justice of N.S.W., the Hon. K. W. Street.

NOVEMBER.

Tuesday, 8th: The Leaving Certificate examinations began.
Thursday, 10th: School photographs were taken.
Wednesday, 16th: Intermediate Certificate and school examinations began.
Saturday, 26th: Miss Howitt gave a talk on her trip to England via the Panama Canal.
Monday, 28th: Mr. Venables, of Bowral, gave a talk and showed slides illustrating Britain from a historical point of view.
 Inter-House Debating Finals were held in the evening, adjudicated by Miss Howitt, and won by MacCallum.
Wednesday, 30th: Form picnics were held.

DECEMBER.

Saturday, 3rd: Cricket match—Fathers' team v. School 1st XI.—won by Fathers.
 In the evening an entertainment was presented, including an operetta, plays, verse-speaking, and dancing.
Sunday, 4th: A service of Holy Communion was celebrated in the Chapel by the Rev. K. Fletcher, of the C.M.S. We presented our year's missionary offering of £200.
 A carol-service was held in Chapel in the evening.
Monday, 5th: The end-of-term Communion Service was celebrated at 7 a.m.
 Speech Day.

DEBATING NOTES

First Term Debates were held on Monday, 2nd May, the first being between Tait and Smith. The topic under discussion was that "Travel Does Not Broaden the Mind." Miss Newman adjudicated, and awarded the debate to Smith, the opposition team. The second debate, between MacCallum and Smith, was that "The Modern Press is a Menace to Civilisation." Again the opposition, MacCallum, were the winners. Then came the impromptu debate, between the two winning Houses; the subject chosen was that "Mother's Day Has Lost its Meaning." MacCallum drew the Government side this time, and were eventually declared the winners.

In Second Term, on 23rd August, the first debate was between Tait and Smith; once again Smith was victorious. In the second debate, MacCallum had its long run of victories, which has extended over a period of some years, broken, being defeated by Steel. Steel also won the final second term debate, declaring, against Smith, that "Tradition is More Important to a School than Wealth."

Third Term debates, then, consisted of a preliminary argument between Smith and Tait, that "A University Course is of No Use to a Girl," won by Tait, the Opposition; and the year's final, for the Jennifer Snelling Trophy, between MacCallum and Steel; this was a particularly interesting debate, the subject being Ibsen's contention that "The Strongest Man is He Who Stands the Most Alone." The MacCallum team, consisting of Christina Houn, Judy Cameron and Margaret McGregor, defended the statement, and the adjudicator, Miss Howitt, finally awarded the result to them. Thus MacCallum, unbeatable it seems, once more has won the Debating Cup. Congratulations to an excellent team!

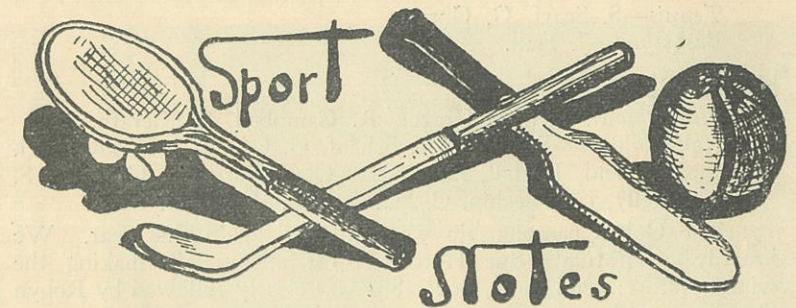
Our thanks, too, go to Miss Newman and Miss Howitt for their interest and good work done as adjudicators.

"NIGHT"

Like many a child, I feared the dark, and as darkness mostly comes at night, I feared NIGHT. The slightest noise at night would make me run screaming to Mummy, whom I imagined to be able to protect me from those "wild things." This lasted until the age of thirteen, although it happened less frequently as I grew. Then, instead of being terrified of the dark, I loved it as a friend. Suddenly nothing gave me greater pleasure than to walk alone at night; a solitary walker, I would no longer be frightened of snakes in the grass, of owls hooting, cows mooing and dogs barking; but it delighted me to try to distinguish the sounds.

Unhappiness also made me seek darkness; maybe that was the introduction to my nightly excursions. Who can know the wonderful things that happen when human beings are asleep, if one doesn't stay awake to see them at night? After, when just sitting on the grass under the dark-blue sky, the moon and the stars, I wonder how so many wondrous happenings could be created, to appear so differently by day and by night. I try to distinguish the Southern Cross, the "Saucepan" and the Milky Way, gaining great pleasure in recognising these and other wonders at NIGHT.

FREDA ROSS, Form V., MacCallum.



General Sport:

Sporting activities have extended beyond School and Inter-House matches this year. An assortment of tournaments played during the year have kept us keenly alert and interested in our favourite sports. We offer our congratulations to those girls who did so well to win these closely-contested tournaments. The results are as follows:—

Cyclit:

Senior Singles—Sally Kierath.
Junior Singles—Ngairé Coghlan.
Open Doubles—Ailsa Rodd, Carlyn Hanslow.

Table Tennis:

Senior—Ailsa Rodd.
Junior—Diana Metham.

Volley Ball:

Inter-Form—Upper IV.

Colours:

A system of awarding School and House colours was introduced this year.

The standard for these is very high, demanding from us sporting ability, general good conduct, and such qualities as sportsmanship, team spirit, school spirit, and helpfulness. The girls successful in gaining these are as follows:—

School Colours:

Cricket—R. Campbell, E. Fraser, C. Hanslow, J. Crossing, J. Hall.
Hockey—R. Campbell, E. Fraser, C. Hanslow, J. Crossing.
Athletics—S. Kelly, J. Hall.
Swimming—S. Kierath, R. Hellyer, J. Kirkwood.

Tennis—S. Scarf, G. Gorey.
Basketball—J. Hall.

House Colours:

Full Colours—M. McGregor, R. Campbell, S. Kierath.
Half Colours—E. Fraser, R. Schaaf, G. Gorey, J. Kirkwood, J. Oldfield, J. Hall, A. Clarke, C. Edwards, J. Crossing, S. Kelly, L. Colechin, C. Hanslow, L. Woodhill.

The Golf Championship was contested again this year. We heartily congratulate Sue Hutchings for once again making the winning score; good show, Sue! She was closely followed by Robyn Smyth, a good second.

Fifteen of our best swimmers represented the school at the Inter-School Swimming Sports at Milsons Point. We were successful only in gaining one place, despite the consistent training done in the lake.

Altogether, it has been a very happy sporting year, and although we are losing many of our players, the challenge for Colours should bring us victoriously through next year.

ATHLETIC NOTES

The annual athletic meeting was held on Saturday, 19th April. This day, despite the unsettled weather the previous week, proved to be ideal for the Sports.

This year standard tests were introduced, which meant that each member of the school had a great opportunity of gaining points for her House.

Many of the events had previously been contested, so there was time to hold a fuller and more varied programme on the actual day. Much pleasure and enjoyment were derived from this improved arrangement; its success was due to the great keenness of Miss Gorey, and the co-operation of the girls.

We congratulate Steel on gaining first position with a fine total of 393 points; Tait filled second place with 368 points, MacCallum came third with 290 points, and Smith was fourth with 212 points.

These girls who gained the position of champions of the respective age groups are to be congratulated:—

Open—J. Cameron; runner-up, R. Schaaf.

Under 16 years—J. Hall; runner-up, M. Varley.

Under 14 years—A. Wolstenholme; runner-up, R. Nevill.

Under 12 years—V. Gilkes; runner-up, E. Farago.

Under 10 years—C. Whyte; runner-up, V. Williams.

Our congratulations and thanks are extended to all those who contributed in so many ways to the success of this annual event.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS TEAM.
Standing: J. Borton, R. Nevill, J. Cameron, S. Slocombe, R. Schaaf, A. Wolstenholme, S. Kelly.
Kneeling: S. Beaumont, V. Gilkes, S. Lyons, J. Hall, L. Colechin, L. Woodhill.
Seated: M. Varley, J. Jones, S. Jurd.



THE ALL SCHOOLS' SWIMMING SPORTS

It is a very strange and unusual sight to see Sixth Form out of bed before 6.40 a.m., but the morning of March 19th saw us up and about at 4.30 a.m. The reason was naturally very simple—destination, Sydney. Some of our girls were swimming at the All Schools' Sports, held annually at the Olympic Pool, Milsons Point, and we, the Sixth Form, were going to represent the school as spectators and "barrackers."

Our moods, resulting from lack of sleep, vanished as if by magic when that wonderful name "Central" appeared outside the train window. When we arrived at the pool we saw many Sydney schools' teams, and also those of their country branches.

The swimming was exceptionally good, and many records were broken. Although we did not distinguish ourselves in every race, we certainly did not disgrace ourselves. Carolyn Edwards gained first place in a heat, and the cheer raised by our thirty-odd would justify S.C.E.G.G.S. any day.

The weather deserves a mention, for although it rained lightly once or twice, brilliant sunshine held the day for the most part.

The prizes were presented, and we relinquished our seats to the Boys' Grammar School. It was about 1 p.m. when we filed out, every one hoarse, and P.L.C., Pymble victorious.



SCHOOL SWIMMING TEAM.

Back: J. Kirkwood, S. Kierath, A. Rodd, J. Sutton, J. Brentnall.
Centre: C. Edwards, P. Constance, J. Shirley, D. Metham, R. Hellyer,
V. Gilkes.
Front: N. Coghlan, S. Stumm, R. Craig.

TENNIS

Much interest has been shown in tennis throughout the year; House and School matches were played during First Term, and tennis championships during Third Term.

The following girls are to be congratulated on their inclusion in the school team: S. Scarf, G. Gorey, S. Hutchings and J. Ingrey.

Due to a rather full programme in other sporting activities and school engagements, few school tennis matches were played.

A tennis tournament was held at Frensham, in which our school senior and junior teams, along with teams from other schools, took part. The Frensham team proved victorious in the senior section, while our girls came equal first with the Frensham girls in the junior section.

The junior team took part in another tournament of a similar kind here at school when teams from S.C.E.G.G.S., Wollongong, and Annesley, were present.

To the girls in future teams we wish every success. Our success in the past year is in no small degree due to the helpfulness of Miss Gorey, to whom we offer our thanks.

Tennis Trophy Winners:

House Cup: Tait and Steel.

Doubles Championship (McCredie Cup): J. Shirley, C. Edwards.

Tennis Championship (Cropper Cup): Tait.

Singles Champions: Senior—J. Ingrey; Junior—J. Shirley;
Primary—V. Gilkes.

CRICKET NOTES

There has been great enthusiasm for cricket through the school this year. The keenness of the "A" team in particular is reflected in the results of the matches they played:—

S.C.E.G.G.S. v. Annesley; won, 127 runs to 88.

S.C.E.G.G.S. v. Tudor House; won, 99 runs to 78.

S.C.E.G.G.S. v. Frensham 2nd XI.; won, 154 runs to 76.

S.C.E.G.G.S. v. Frensham 1st XI.; lost, 39-116.

Two girls, Sue Wittey and Margaret Varley, were the school representatives at the "Combined Schools" v. "Associated Juniors" cricket match, held in Sydney on Wednesday, 30th November.

Although many senior cricket players will be leaving at the end of the year, the rising juniors show great promise for future teams, and we wish them every success.

As in other sports, the results of the cricket this year were due to the coaching and patience of Miss Gorey.

HOCKEY NOTES

As in previous years, the girls have shown gratifying interest in hockey. The enthusiasm reached was so high that we were able to form a competent Junior Team, in addition to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Senior Teams.

The First XI results were:—

S.C.E.G.G.S. defeated Annesley.

Frensham defeated S.C.E.G.G.S.

S.C.E.G.G.S. defeated Old Girls.

Inter-House hockey was keenly contested this season. We congratulate Steel on winning the Inter-House Hockey Cup.

A match between staff and girls of Upper VI. was played in an effort to raise money for the Assembly Hall. The staff, regardless of all derogatory remarks made by the bystanders, proved to be victorious.

The season came to a close with an Inter-Boarding House Hockey Carnival, which proved to be an enjoyable event for many girls.

We should like to express our gratitude to Miss Gorey for the patient encouragement and untiring practice which she gave us during the hockey season.

BASKETBALL REPORT

As usual, the winter games of basketball were highly successful, and those who indulged in this sport enjoyed themselves immensely.

The senior school team represented the school in a match against Annesley in July, and although they lost, they did credit to themselves and the school. Unfortunately, an outbreak of mumps prevented the team from playing against P.L.C., Goulburn, but it is hoped that this match will be played next season.

The weekly House matches were duly played, and we all feel indebted to Miss Cozens, who coached and umpired the games. Let us all hope that the basketballers of next year will be as enthusiastic, and gain as much enjoyment from the game as we did.



SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM.

Left to right: S. Hutchings, J. Ingrey, G. Gorey, S. Scarf.



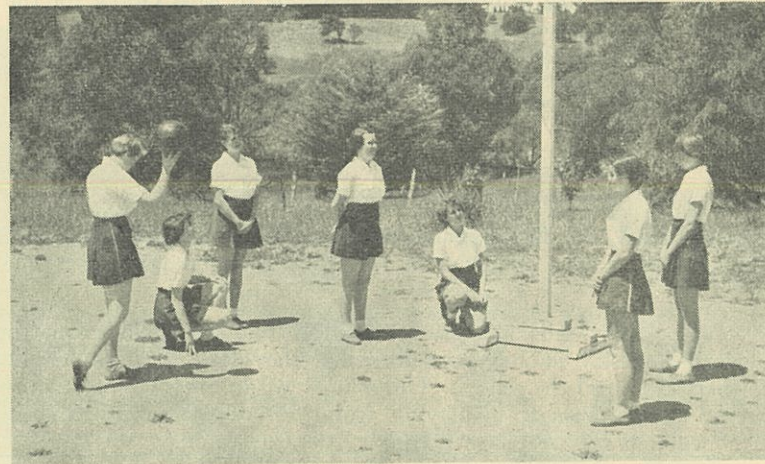
SCHOOL CRICKET TEAM.

Back: S. Kelly, S. Kierath, S. Hutchings, S. Slocombe, E. Fraser.
Centre: M. Varley, J. Hall, J. Cressing.
Front: S. Wittey, R. Campbell, C. Hanslow.



SCHOOL HOCKEY TEAM.

Back: S. Kierath, J. Cameron, S. Hutchings, S. Milliken.
Centre: E. Fraser, R. Campbell, J. Hutchison, J. Sutton.
Front: J. Crossing, C. Hanslow, A. Rodd.



SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM.

Left to right: J. Ingrey, L. Read, J. Hall, M. Cowley, J. Edwards,
 R. Englert, H. Read.

DRAMA

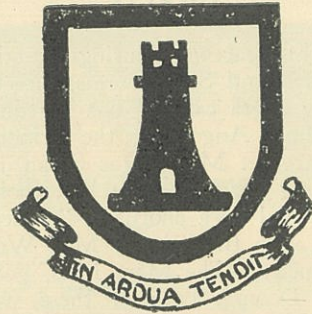
Our first plays this year were during second term, in aid of the Hall Fund. The Fifth and Sixth Forms, directed by Mrs. Went, presented an amusing opera called "The Fortune Ballot," in which Helen Adams as Mme. Angelique, the principal of an old-time "Academy," and Margaret McNeill as Sarah Jane, the maid who was bent on improving her station in life, took the leading parts; they were ably supported by a chorus of "students." For the same evening, Upper IV., with the help of Mrs. Woolcock, produced a very entertaining comedy, "The Mere Man," while Lower IV. enacted "The Golden Doom"; both of these were great successes. Remove and the Preps, under the guidance of Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Robinson, entertained us with "The Giant's Tooth," "Autumn Leaves" and "Who Stole the Tarts?"

The Third Term plays were prepared for the final week-end; these consisted of an operetta, "Captain Soot and the Fairies," by Lower III. and Remove; this was produced by Miss Stokes, with Nicolette Mander as Captain Soot, and Christine Caffin as the Fairy Queen.

Considerable success was achieved by Helen Adams and Sue Wittey, when they themselves produced "The Man in the Bowler Hat," with some keen Fifth Formers. We feel it is a good thing for senior girls to take charge of the production of a play, and hope there will be more of such able and willing producers in the future. Lynette Colechin and Penny Clarke took the leading roles in this comedy.

Finally, the Sixth Form's contribution, directed by Miss Hall, was "The Dumb Wife of Cheapside," adapted from Rabelais' story by Ashley Dukes. Margaret McGregor played the title role, managing extremely well the seemingly endless speeches that had to flow forth when her dumbness was cured; Sue Hutchings was her suffering husband, and everyone enjoyed the antics of the conceited "wise physicians."

All these performances have been very successful ones; we hope that our future dramatic presentations will be equally so. Certainly they will be more easily prepared and more comfortably viewed when we have the added advantage of using our Assembly Hall.



MACCALLUM HOUSE

Although 1955 has not been marked by any outstanding successes, we feel that every girl has done her utmost to see that MacCallum maintains a high standard in both work and sport.

A system of awarding School and House Colours for sport was introduced this year; the standard proved to be very high, so giving us a goal worthy of achievement.

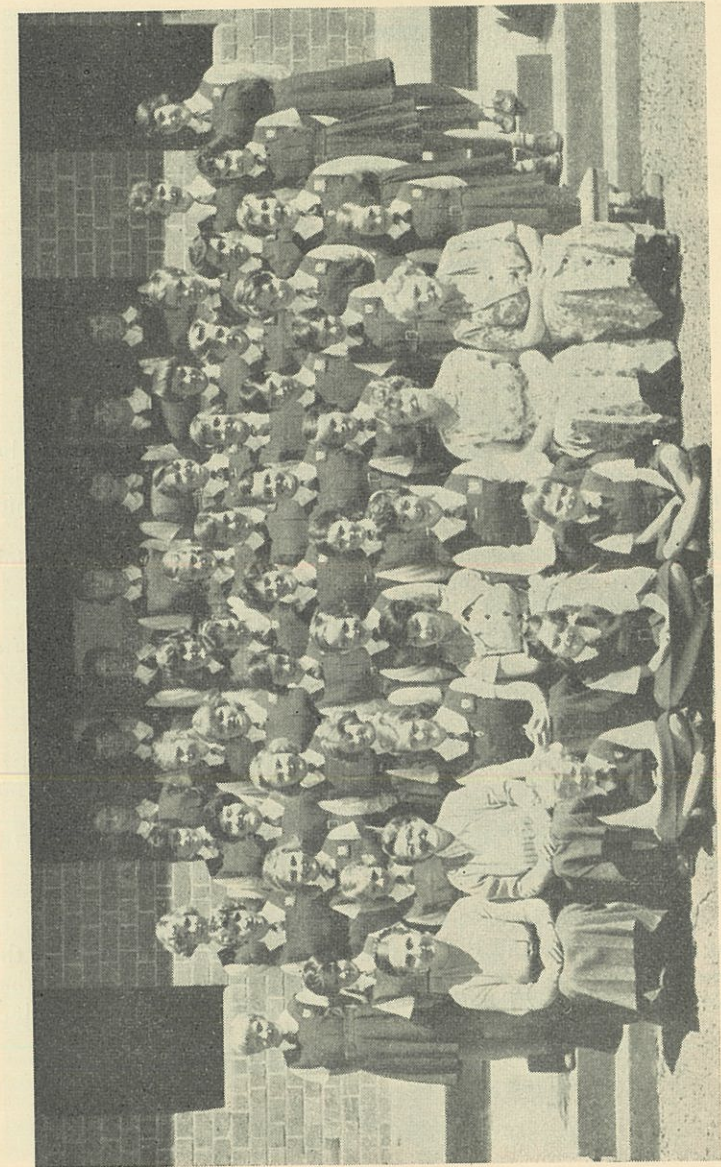
Girls of MacCallum who are to be congratulated on gaining their colours are M. McGregor, G. Gorey, J. Kirkwood, R. Schaaf, E. Fraser.

Owing to the inclusion of standard tests in the Athletic Sports, girls who may not have gained a place in the heats were able to help their house gain more points. I should like to thank all members of the house who worked so hard for these points. Along with these was an added number of team events to the Programme which enabled more girls to take part in the Sports, thus strengthening the unity and comradeship of our House. To Steel, the winning house on this occasion, go our congratulations.

The debating team, J. Cameron, C. Houen and M. McGregor, has once again brought to us the Jennifer Snelling Trophy; to these girls go our thanks.

To our House Captain, Elizabeth Fraser, who has so efficiently guided us in our many ways and activities we say a special "thank you."

To those girls leaving school we extend our best wishes for future success; they, as well as those returning, have still before them our challenging motto, "Aim for Higher Things."



MacCALLUM HOUSE.



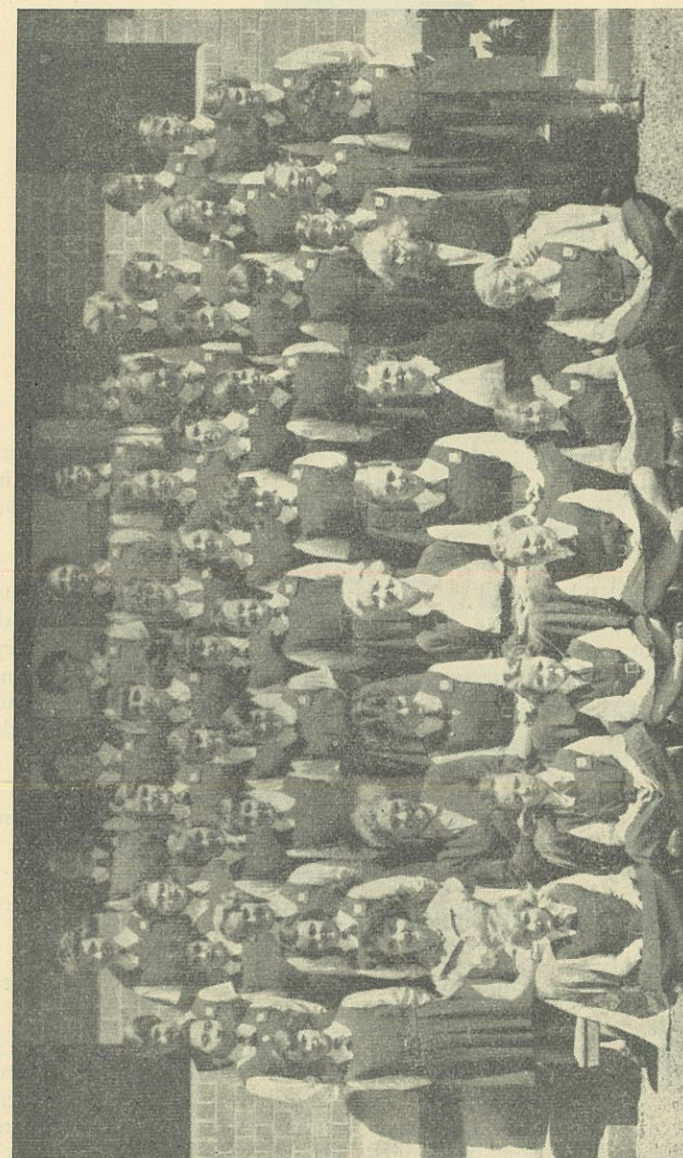
SMITH

Smith was not very successful on Sport's Day this year, but still had cause to hold her head high, by winning the marching. Once again we give our hearty congratulations to Steel for winning the day. Unfortunately, we do not seem to be a house that excels at sport, but in other events throughout the year we have certainly endeavoured to do our best.

In debating, our team members have been more successful, securing a place in the finals in both first and second term. We give you our congratulations, "Mac," at your win.

During the year we have been endeavouring to raise £50 for Miss Beryl Long, a missionary in Tanganyika, whom the four Houses have agreed to support. We rejoice that at last, after much scrimping and saving we have been able to lay our hands on the required amount.

The House captain, Jennifer Hutchison and the girls of Smith who are leaving, would like to take this opportunity of wishing the House the best of luck for next year, and reminding it that success depends on living up to your motto, "Semper Parata."



SMITH HOUSE.



STEEL HOUSE

At the begining of the year we were pleased to welcome Miss Hall as our House Mistress, Rosemary Campbell as Captain, and also many new girls. During the year Helen Adams was appointed Vice-House Captain.

With the help and co-operation of all members of the House we have been successful in Sport and Conduct this year; we do not seem to excel quite so much in Work, but as usual Rosemary, upheld the House and was Dux of the School. Congratulations, Rosemary! By dint of much patient collecting on her part, we have also managed to raise all our missionary money before the appointed time.

After a hard struggle, we at last came second to McCallum in this year's Debating competitions.

The following members of Steel are to be congratulated on receiving their "Cclours" for 1955:

R. Campbell, J. Crossing, S. Kelly, S. Kierath, R. Hellyer, S. Scarf, L. Colechin.

As the year comes to a close with our winning of the longed-for Tait Cup, we all look back on it as a happy and successful year for Steel. We thank Rosemary for her splendid leadership, and offer her, and all the other girls who are leaving, our very best wishes for their happiness and success in the years to come.



STEEL HOUSE.



TAIT HOUSE

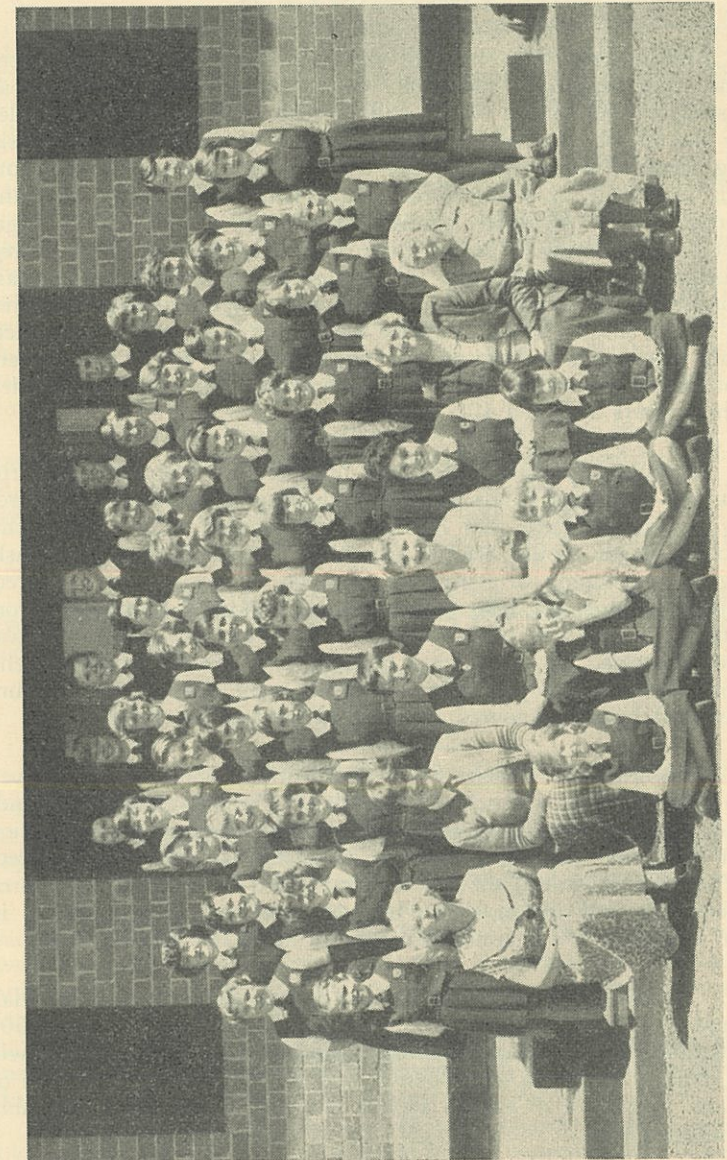
This year Tait House was pleased to welcome our new House Mistress, Miss Stokes; Susan Hutchings was elected House Captain, while on the Committee were Louise Brooks, Carlyn Hanslow, Serena Barlow and Margaret Varley.

We have not been able to gain such a high standard in sport as last year, coming second to Steel in most things; however, in tennis we managed to tie with Steel for first place.

Work this year has been of a fairly high standard, and we gained first place during second term, but our conduct marks have not been very good throughout the year.

As usual, Tait has never been outstanding at debating; in first and second terms we did not have any luck, but during third term we gained third place, with MacCallum first.

We thank Susan for her leadership throughout the year; she has been a really wonderful House Captain, and we wish her the best of luck in the future; and to those who are staying at School we say "do your very best, Tait, for 1956."



TAIT HOUSE.

THE ASSEMBLY HALL FUND

During the third term of this year Miss Graham announced that from henceforth the school would be collecting funds for an Assembly Hall, which was, as all present realised, urgently needed by the school. Immediately everyone was endowed with a surprising burst of enthusiasm for the collecting by various means (both fair and foul) of funds towards the Hall. Perhaps the first, and certainly most profitable, mania which swept unnervingly throughout the school was a "penny drive" originally inspired by an anonymous member of Lower 6th. Each class was provided with a certain portion of the Baddams terrace, and was simply told that the first to fill the allotted space would be the winner. Naturally, the office-staff was bombarded during the next few days by certain fervent enthusiasts from each class—some demanding 3d. worth of pennies, while others implored 10/- worth!

Perhaps the most surprisingly original item introduced for the purpose of raising funds was the circulating of hundreds of records to parents, old girls and friends of the school. On playing this record, people would hear a plea from the school committee, asking those listening to contribute as much as possible for this great cause. It was not long before several hundreds of pounds from willing parents and friends came pouring into the school. It was even contrived, no doubt by a committee of parents, to let descend upon an amazed populace in one of the main city streets, an abundance of brightly-coloured balloons advertising the fund.

However, the climax of this conscientious money-raising arrived on 29th October, the school's fete day. Parents, girls and friends had held functions and worked for months before in preparation for this—the "dead-line" for the completion of the sum required. When the day came, the school was thrilled by mingled feelings of excitement and anticipation. Imagine everyone's delight when, in the afternoon it was announced we had made that day £1,100.

Therefore, by the sacrificing and unremitting efforts of the Hall Fund Committee, parents, girls, staff and friends, the sum of £8,500 was raised for the much-deserved Assembly Hall. This amount will be doubled by the School Council, and we hope in the next issue of "Lux" to be able to publish a photograph of our splendid Assembly Hall completed.

"A SPECIAL HOPE"

For most of this year, all those connected with S.C.E.G.G.S., Moss Vale, have been thinking, planning, and hoping for something that will be of great importance to the school in the future. This is to be a new Assembly Hall, which we are all hoping to have to celebrate our Golden Jubilee next year, in 1956.

For fifty years now, the school has been in existence, and its beautiful position is something very outstanding. We are rapidly growing in numbers, so new buildings are becoming necessary. The hall is next on our list, so everyone has been working hard to raise the £17,000 needed to build it. We have already, from previous fetes and other efforts, raised £3,500, and aim to have the £5,000 still needed, by Fete Day this year, which is 29th October, and the date set for the laying of the foundation stone. A very generous gesture has been made by the School Council, which has promised to double all money raised.

The Assembly Hall will join two of the main buildings by covered ways. Gymnastics, and all school functions will be held in the Hall, which will seat 500 people. The building is to be of brick, with a tiled roof, and will have a gallery and a large stage.

We are proud to belong to this school, with its great tradition and all its high aims for the future.

We are all very grateful for all that the Council, parents, and everyone has done for the fund, and trust that our special hope will soon be fulfilled.

JANICE BRETNALL, Form V., Tait.

CRUSADERS

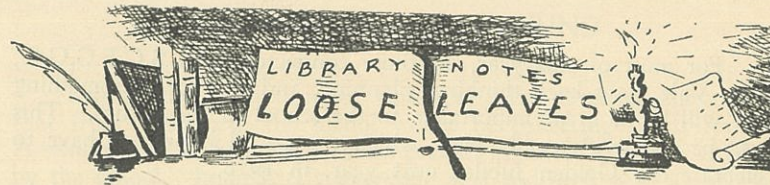
Crusaders have this year increased in numbers and at some meetings there have been 50 girls present.

We have been very fortunate in having a number of interesting speakers, including Mr. Troutman, Miss Eastwood, Miss Mitchell, and Mrs. Prescott, who has been especially helpful during 3rd term.

Miss Morley, of Frensham, organised a camp re-union of Crusaders of all schools in the Bowral District, and our members who went enjoyed themselves very much; they congregated at Mittagong and hiked to a nearby camping ground where lunch was eaten and later games were played.

A number of our members have received their badges this year, including Helen Adams, Barbara Deasey and a committee member, Jennifer Doyle. No committee has yet been elected for 1956.

The Committee and the rest of the Crusader Groups would like to wish you God's richest blessing for the coming year. We sincerely hope the Crusader motto, "Witness unto me," will hold true significance for you all.



LIBRARY NOTES

The Library this year has become one of the most important and most-liked parts of the school. This is mostly owing to the work of Mrs. Roe, from Tudor House, who, at the beginning of the year, sorted out the books worth keeping from the old library, and put them in new sections in three rooms of the Cottage. She also chose some new books, gave us a completely new system, and appointed ten librarians, who each had a section under her care. When the library seemed well under way, Mrs. Roe left us. We are all very grateful for the help she has given us.

Half-way through the year Miss Cue came to us and became our Library Mistress. Since then her energy and hard work have kept the library tidy and in order.

New pictures in both the Junior and Senior sections have added colour and interest, too.

All the Senior School's free periods and some of their weekends, too, have been spent in the quietness of the Library. In winter we often had a fire, in summer we were bathed in sunlight, and during the whole year the Library provided us with a welcome spot apart from the noise and bustle of the rest of the school, where we could prep, do reference work or anything else quiet that we pleased.

CROSSING INDIA

The last time I was in India was in 1955, and I remember arriving in Bombay—very crowded, but with its very clean and wide streets.

About 10 that evening we left Bombay by train for the next stage of our journey. The train was quite modern, and we were in an air-conditioned carriage.

Our compartment had two beds, which folded back into the wall to make a comfortable couch; there was also a small cupboard and a wash-basin which fitted into the wall.

Meals were brought from the dining car and served by a uniformed attendant.

When we arrived at stations en route it was very strange because we could not hear anything that went on outside, and had to walk round to the carriage door if we wanted to buy something, or else make signs through the window asking the seller to come inside to our compartment. It was rather a relief not to hear the noise and bustle that went on outside—rather like seeing a silent, but colourful, moving picture.

The trip took forty-eight hours. When we arrived in Calcutta it was an impressive thought to reflect that in so short a time we had travelled across India.

E. ARCHER, Lower IV., MacCallum.

FORM PICNICS

On 30th November we held our annual Form picnics. These have taken on a somewhat different aspect in the last two or three years, the object now being that besides pure enjoyment, we should gain something of educational value; perhaps they could be better termed "excursions." This year the Fourth Form visited Wollongong, while the Fifth and Sixth went to see two interesting places in the Picton district.

Fourth Forms:

We left school early in the morning in a hired bus, for Port Kembla Metal Works. When we arrived there, after signing our names in the visitors' book, we set off on our inspection of the works. We saw the metal being melted down in huge furnaces, and then coming down chutes, where it was cooled by water. This was the process of making copper pipes.

From there we inspected other places where scrap metal was melted down, ready for use, and also where they made wire cables and copper wire.

When we had seen everything of interest at the Metal Works, we made our way to "Gleniffer Brae," where we had a satisfying lunch. For those of us who had not seen the school before, it was most interesting to be shown over it.

But all good things come to an end, and by 4 p.m. we were nearing the peak of Macquarie Pass, on our way back to school, after one of the most enjoyable days we have had this year.

Fifth and Sixth Forms:

We set out at 9 o'clock and journeyed for about three-quarters of an hour along the Hume Highway, when the bus driver suggested we might like to see the Nepean Dam. We turned off the main

road, and a quarter-of-an-hour later arrived there. It gave us quite a surprise to come on the beautifully-kept lawns and gardens which surround the dam in an apparent wilderness of rocks and scrub. We spent a little time here, and then resumed our journey.

At about eleven we reached Maldon, where we were to inspect the cement works. Here we divided into groups and, under separate guides, viewed thoroughly every phase of cement manufacturing, and in spite of the heat and the pall of dust which seemed to be everywhere, we all had a most interesting time.

From here we went straight to Camden, coming once more to the Nepean, where we had lunch. We also had much fun "padding" (in some cases this was an under-statement!), and generally getting as close to swimming as possible.

At one o'clock we drove to Camden Park Estate and had a great deal of enjoyment from the ensuing two and a half hours, during which we discovered that the rotolactor is the only one in Australia, that it can milk up to 2,500 cows twice daily, that every hour 300 cows are milked, and also that the milk-bar sold delicious milk-shakes!

The milking was still in progress when we decided we had seen more or less everything, and departed for home. We arrived back about 5.30 p.m., having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and very grateful to Miss Hall and Mrs. Houen for taking us.

We all express our thanks, too, to the Managers and Staffs of the establishments we visited, for their consideration and courtesy in helping us to spend a very interesting day.

SNOWY MOUNTAINS EXCURSION

Instead of going home for "free week-end" in 3rd term, 24 Sixth Formers, accompanied by Mrs. Woolcock and Miss Howitt, went on an inspection of the Snowy Mountains Scheme. We had a most enjoyable and interesting week-end. The accommodation was very comfortable, and the meals were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our guide, Mr. Ian Ricardo, was with us throughout the trip, and was always ready to give further explanations, and to answer all questions.

The aim of the scheme is: to harness the waters of the Snowy and Tumut rivers and their tributaries; to provide the drier western areas of N.S.W. and Victoria with water for irrigation, and to supply hydro-electric power to the N.S.W. grid.

Saturday, 15th October.

Travelled from Moss Vale to Cooma by diesel, arriving at 2.10 p.m., then transferring to Pioneer Coach. Firstly, we went to

inspect the scientific Service Laboratories, models of dams (being tested under varying conditions) perspex models, diamond drills and samples from drillings were shown to us.

We then travelled to Island Bend, stopping at Jindabyne on the way. On the road out of the township, it was pointed out to us how the valley would be flooded and the township moved.

Arriving at Island Bend, we were shown to our snug rooms, and went to dinner. Afterwards, we saw films on parts of the scheme.

Sunday, 16th October.

After breakfast we attended a short service at the Island Bend Chapel. We then went to Guthega Dam. Much to everyone's delight, there was plenty of snow, so snow fights became a great source of amusement. This dam stores the water which is used downstream at the Mungyang Power Station. We inspected Mungyang Power Station. It generates electricity only when there is a great strain on the power supplying the N.S.W. grid. After return to Island Bend for lunch, we set off for Cabramurra. Unfortunately, we had a breakdown and had to stay there for a few hours. At long last we were on our way again in a different coach. We passed Adaminaby Dam Site. It was explained to us how the valleys would be flooded, to form the largest reservoir of the scheme. It will hold eight times as much water as Sydney Harbour. Arriving at Cabramurra, we went straight to dinner and then to our hostels.

Monday, 17th October.

Early, we left Cabramurra (the highest township in Australia), and visited the site of "TI," an underground power station. Then we went back along the road, where we transferred to four-wheel-drive vehicles and went down the steep pass to the site of Tumut Ponds Dam. There we saw the opening of the tunnel which was being built through to TI power station. We then travelled back to Cooma, lunched at Monaro Hostel, and went to the Information Bureau to see a film on the scheme. After this we said good-bye to our guide and reluctantly boarded the bus for the station; here we joined the diesel for Moss Vale, all wishing that our tour was just beginning rather than ending.

JANETTE INNES, Upper Sixth, MacCallum.

MUSIC

This year we have been fortunate in having on the staff Mrs. Went, a very enthusiastic musician, who has organised most of the school's musical activities throughout the year. She had been assisted by Miss Stokes, a keen pianiste.

Most of First Term was occupied in preparations for the Bowral Eisteddfod, and also for the forthcoming All Schools' Music Festival; on the 27th April we went to the Sydney Town Hall and joined with representatives of many other schools to produce an outstanding musical afternoon. Our contributions were "All Through the Night" and "The Tales from the Vienna Woods."

In Second Term all the pupils concerned were concentrating on their examinations; when the results came out, we were thrilled to learn that all had passed.

By August Mrs. Went also managed to arrange and produce an operetta. As usual, everyone concerned gave of her best, and when "The Fortune Ballot" was completed, there was great appreciation for their efforts.

Third Term has been perhaps the busiest in the musical sphere. To begin with, we had a Musicale to aid the Fete, and another at the end of the term, the proceeds of which went towards the Tape Recorder Fund. Meanwhile, Miss Stokes, with the Juniors, has produced an operetta, "Captain Soot and the Fairies," and, of course, everyone has been practising varied songs for Speech Day.

Altogether, the musical year has been interesting and extremely busy. We are very thankful to the music mistresses for the great interest they have aroused in what is one of the most important spheres of school life.

GUIDES

Our first activity this year was the visit of the Second Class Guides to "Gleniffer Brae," the new S.C.E.G.S. at Wollongong, where Miss McCredie, our former Leader, presides as Headmistress.

We left here on Saturday morning on the tiny Wollongong train. Although the weather began by being fine, it soon clouded over and was dull for the whole week-end; but this did not dampen our spirits. Some of us were billeted out to homes of Gleniffer Brae girls, while others slept in sleeping-bags at the school. On the Sunday we went to a small church near the school, and in the afternoon attended a Guide Rally near Wollongong. Our 2 days' visit was a most enjoyable one.

Unfortunately we were without a Guider for the first half of the year, and so we had to hold our meetings on Saturday evenings; but because of the counter-attraction of films, a number of Guides left, so that we were finally down to 20 members. Sue Kelly did an excellent job during this time as a Deputy Guider.

At our first meeting we decided on three new Patrols, called "Kangaroo," "Koala" and "Platypus," with the following officers:

Kangaroo Patrol: Lyn. Colechin, P.L., Lesley Klineberg, 2nd.

Koala Patrol: Rosemary Evans, P.L., Sue Wright, 2nd.

Platypus Patrol: Ruth Cameron, P.L., Janis Edwards, 2nd.

After our first two meetings, Mrs. Badgery, the Secretary for Badges in the district, came along sometimes; her help was thankfully received.

At the end of First Term three Guides went to Moss Vale and helped on a Stall, which some ladies were conducting to raise money for the Guides of the district.

In Second Term we were pleased to welcome Miss Cue as our new Guider; we then began again to have regular meetings on Wednesday afternoons.

We were now joined by so many new members that it became necessary to form another patrol; after much discussion it was named the "Lyrebird."

One Saturday evening in Third Term, when it was our turn to entertain the school, we invited them to cook their tea in the 100-acre paddock; then there was a campfire, round which we all sat and played quiet (?) games and sang songs. The whole school enjoyed the evening immensely, according to all reports.

Although we were unable to hold a camp this year, Miss Cue and Miss Wheeler took us for a 12-mile hike. After leaving school at 9.30 a.m. on a Saturday morning, we walked about six miles before coming to a lovely little stream, shaded by willow trees. We cooked lunch over an old barbecue and later Miss Cue tested some girls for their 2nd Class Badges. After a cross-country hike back to school, we had tea in the Rest Paddock. Altogether it was a lovely day.

At our last meeting of the year we entertained the Moss Vale Guides to tea, and although we began in the Lake Paddock, it rained very soon after we had settled down, so we were forced to adjourn to the Gym—for a none the less pleasant evening.

We should like to thank Miss Cue for her fine leadership, and for planning so many happy times for us this year.

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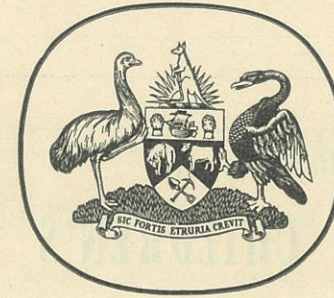
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