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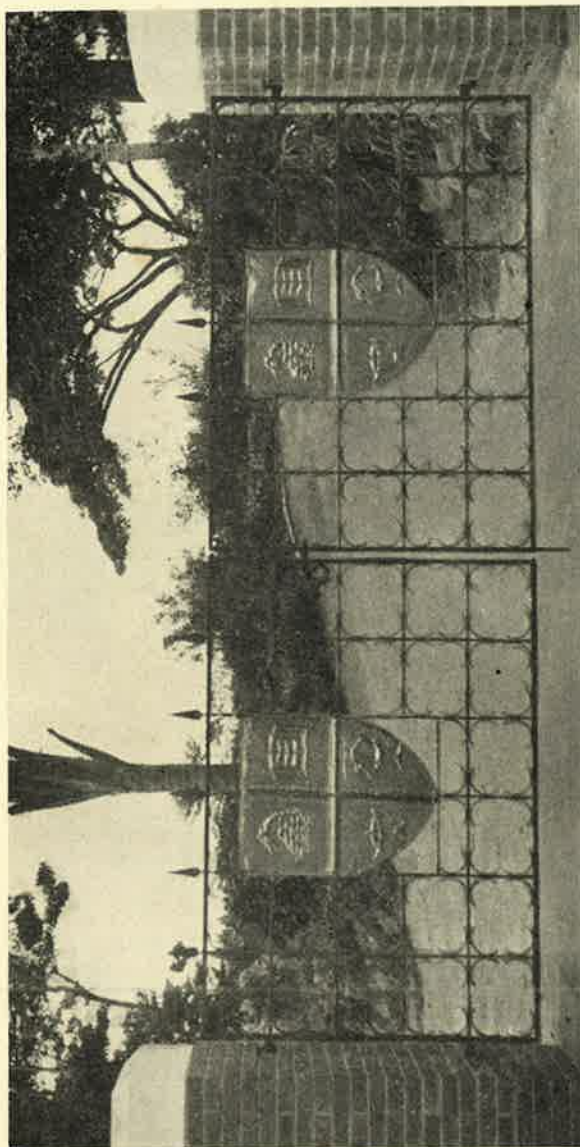


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SCHOOL GATES, ERECTED IN 1961.

The gates have considerably enhanced the appearance of the entrance to the School. The hand-beaten copper shields, depicting the School badge, are carried by wrought iron surrounds. Sponsored by Blair Athol Store.

STAFF, 1961

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MRS. S. GOSSOW

STAFF CHANGES, 1962:

Vale: Mr. E. Bradley, Mrs. E. M. Crocket, Mr. D. M. Duncan, Mr. W. R. Hodges, Mrs. A. C. Jacobs, Mr. M. C. Martin, Mr. O. H. C. Streit, Mr. D. G. Walters.

Ave: Mrs. C. J. Abernethy, Mr. D. J. M. Barton, Mr. A. Bishton, Mr. N. M. Campbell, Miss J. V. Comrie, Miss D. J. Good, Mr. D. C. Harmer, Mrs. M. Holtzkamp, Mr. F. R. Loxton, Miss A. A. Murray, Miss J. A. Simpson, Miss E. M. C. Smuts.

We say good-bye . . .



*Mr. W. R. HODGES (left) and Mr. E. BRADLEY
have between them taught for seventy-five years
in Natal schools.*

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THE VETERANS

We have said good-bye to them—to “Pop” Bradley and to “Father” Hodges—and in saying good-bye to them we have parted with more than a century of combined experience in the teaching profession!

Mr. Bradley, who trained at Kildare Place Training College, Dublin, Ireland, accepted a teaching post in Natal in September, 1919, after ten years’ teaching experience in Ireland, but due to shipping difficulties assumed his first teaching post in Natal in January, 1920. He was appointed to Dundee Secondary School, where Mr. Archie Gray was principal, and his duties included teaching English—set-book, “The Pilgrim’s Progress”—to Standard Eight. During his eleven years in Dundee, Mr. Bradley served under “Archie” Gray, James Black, Septimus William Pape, “Reggie” Banks and John “Willie” Hudson. He was then appointed principal of Dannhauser School where he served for six years. His next appointment was to Pinetown (1937), which, at that time, was the only school on the main road between West Ridge and Pietermaritzburg. Thence, he went to Melbourne Road in 1941 and to Addington in 1944. In 1949, he “retired”, but was soon recalled to Stellatwood, following the sudden tragic death of Mr. R. W. Kethro. Thereafter, Mr. Bradley taught as a temporary assistant at Overport for four years, and then transferred to Westville at the beginning of 1955. He thus taught on the Westville staff for seven years, so completing his half-century of teaching, retiring after fifty-two years’ teaching experience.

Mr. W. R. Hodges trained at Birmingham University and, in 1927, while teaching in Nottingham, decided to come to Natal. His first teaching appointment here was at Addington School in Durban. His headmaster was Mr. “Archie” Gray—the same head as Mr. Bradley served under on his first appointment! Since that first appointment, Mr. Hodges has had no appointment further “into the country” than Malvern!

Having served successively under the well-known old-timers “Archie” Gray, “Bill” Bates (Penzance Road) and Peter Comrie (Bulwer Park), Mr. Hodges then embarked on a long series of acting principalships, until, in 1939, he was appointed to Parkhill School, being promoted from there to Sydenham, and finally to Malvern Junior, from which post he “retired” in June, 1951.

In July, 1951, he accepted an appointment as “temporary” assistant at Westville School, under the late Mr. “Vic” Millard, this “temporary” appointment lasting ten and a half years—so he, too, has completed his half-century while on the Westville staff.

Both Mr. Bradley and Mr. Hodges admit to having passed the allotted span of three score years and ten, yet a younger pair of septuagenarians you could never hope to meet. Both pupils and staff will miss the ripe experience of this sprightly pair of veterans, and Westville High School will be the poorer for their retirement. While regretting their departure, it seems somehow fitting that both, who started their teaching in Natal under the same headmaster, should now retire from the same school staff.

On behalf of both pupils and staff we wish Mr. Bradley and Mr. Hodges a happy retirement—in the conscious knowledge that we lose by their departure, and that they will be sadly missed.

SPEECH DAY, 1961

The annual Speech Day and Prize-giving was held in the Westville M.O.T.H. Hall at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 8th December. The function was attended by the usual capacity gathering with "standing room only" at the back of the hall. The guests of honour were the Mayor of Westville, Councillor E. R. Browne, and the Mayoress, Mrs. E. R. Browne, who distributed the prizes and other awards detailed elsewhere in this magazine.

In his address, the Mayor struck a happy balance between the humorous and the serious, entertaining the parents and the pupils alike.

After congratulating the Principal, Mr. Bowden, and the School on the achievements of the past year, and expressing the hope that the pending examination results would maintain the customary high standards of the past, Mr. Browne then delighted his listeners by recounting an episode from a P.G. Wodehouse novel in which one of the leading characters officiated at a school prize-giving.

Deploping the absence of both a School Hall and an adequately-sized Town Hall in Westville, he said that even if a new Town Hall were built, it would have a character of its own, as school halls also do, but that the atmosphere of the Town Hall would not be one of "chalk, cheese and disinfectant".

Addressing himself to those pupils who were leaving school, Mr. Browne said, "We adults are not particularly proud of the world into which you leavers are going. To-day, you of the younger generation must realise that you have to face the responsibilities of civilisation. At the age of eighteen, the franchise is yours. You must take advantage of this and use it wisely. You teenagers must improve on your inheritance."

The Mayor proceeded then to outline the history of the Borough of Westville, from its earliest beginnings, associating the early history with the features of the coat of arms of the Borough. After a most interesting and diverting recital, Mr. Browne closed his address by pointing out that the early settlers of the Borough had had faith in its potential, and that this potential was being realised. "In view of the rapid developments made in the past", he said, "we can approach the future and go forward with confidence."

Those of us who were privileged to listen to Mr. Browne thoroughly enjoyed his address, which was delivered ex tempore and completely without notes. As a consequence, his informality of phrase and content made the prize-giving a very happy function.

Congratulations !



Jacqueline Freed, Dux of the School for the second time, receiving her award from Mrs. E. R. Browne, Mayoress of Westville. Mr. H. J. Commons, Vice-Principal, is in the centre. Jackie Freed won this distinction for the first time when she was in Form II, before the School became a High School, and, in 1961, she was Head Girl.

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HEADMASTER'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

Year by year in my annual reports I have recorded the steps by which this young school has advanced to full high school status. When we reopened in January, 1961, we did so for the first time as a purely secondary unit, commencing at the officially approved level of Std. VI.

Having now become a pure high school, we can anticipate no more major changes until we have become so large that a second high school is necessary. The Administration is well aware that it may be called upon to build another high school in Westville in the near future and is making plans accordingly. What the nature of the second school will be, is not a question on which I am competent to speak, and is, in any case, one which the parents of the area will probably be asked to decide. Popular opinion has it that the division will be on sex basis, and many practical considerations may well prove this prediction to be correct, but parents generally may be interested to know that the great majority of our pupils, as well as members of the staff and I myself, are very happy with the school as it is, and are very far from looking forward to the day when co-education may come to an end. Having been educated, and having taught for very many years in boys' high schools, I am in no way opposed to the single sex system, but I must warn any parents who are suspicious of co-education that the change-over will be unlikely to produce a higher standard of achievement and will most certainly not put an end to teen-age romances in the borough.

Turning first to the academic side of the school, I am happy to be able to give you an excellent report. We do not consider that examinations are the be-all and end-all of education, but we do regard the performance of our pupils in open competition in the Natal Junior Certificate and Senior Certificate examinations as a fair indication of the amount of work they have done, the knowledge they have acquired and the soundness of their instruction. In these examinations in 1960—the most recent I can quote—our senior candidates fared very well indeed with 11 merit passes from 33 candidates, while those who wrote the Junior Certificate produced some quite astonishing results—twenty-six passes with merit out of eighty-four candidates, fourteen provincial bursaries, and no less than thirteen distinctions in history alone from fifty-nine candidates in this subject. Lynette Bonfa gained distinction in all seven subjects—a performance very rarely achieved by any pupil in Natal—while Vivienne Platt with six distinctions must have been very close to second best in the province. Without particularly wishing to make comparisons, we sincerely believe that no school can have surpassed our Senior and Junior Certificate results in 1960. My main purpose in emphasising the excellence of these results is to show that, scholastically, we have more than justified the confidence which the people of Westville have placed in us, and to confound those critics who felt that as our numbers grew we would not be able to maintain the great successes of our first two years.

Regarding the work in 1961, I have a few brief comments to make. Generally speaking, things have gone well. We do not anticipate the most brilliant of results in the public examinations—we are expecting 1962 to be our bumper year in this respect—but our candidates have been thoroughly prepared and have, for the most part, worked extremely well.

In our internal examinations, we had a 75% pass in Form III. The number of failures in the third form may appear high. It is certainly more than we would like to see, but a heavy failure at this level is the general experience of Natal schools. The explanation is that many pupils are not equipped to meet the demands of the present J.C. syllabus and find it too academic and too difficult. It is for this reason that the Provincial Administration has this year introduced differentiated secondary education. Most teachers welcome this move—I cannot call it an innovation because it has,

in one form or another, been adopted elsewhere in South Africa and in other parts of the world. Not only will it enable the more gifted pupils to cover much more ground and the slower ones to work at a pace suitable to them, but it will mean happier school days for a considerable number of boys and girls, something which I personally regard as very important. Much has been said and written about the difficulty of classifying pupils in the one or the other stream at the Std. VI stage. There is an understandable fear that certain pupils placed in the ordinary stream may subsequently reveal some latent ability which would make it desirable for them to be transferred to the advanced stream, and that if they then attempt to change over they will find themselves greatly handicapped. My only comment here is that the number of such late developers I have encountered in a long high school career is very, very small. We must wait and see, but most of us have little doubt that the new system will greatly benefit the overwhelming majority of boys and girls, in whichever group they are placed.

Not all our failures have my sympathy, however. We have our share of those who fail because of lack of application and lack of interest. Time will not permit me to analyse the causes of this disappointing aspect of the school, but I am prompted to return to a subject on which I first spoke in 1958, viz., that of buzz-bikes. On that occasion I said to parents "If you want your son's school work and general behaviour to deteriorate, then buy him a buzz-bike", and later "In the hands of many of our lads these machines have proved a menace. Truancy and indifference to scholastic progress are two of the troubles which schools attribute directly to the buzz-bike". Now I say to you—regretfully—that a further three years' experience has merely strengthened me in this opinion. I realise that the expression of these views will make me unpopular in many quarters. I realise that Westville provides parents with many transport problems and that the buzz-bike has come to stay, but I am so anxious to warn parents of the dangers of buying buzz-bikes for sons of school-going age that I have compiled some statistics showing the places in form occupied by our buzz-bike boys. These figures, while not conclusive, are very illuminating.

We have some very worthy members of the school among our buzz-bike riders, but even so the fact remains that too many boys when given these contraptions become members of what I call the buzz-bike fraternity, are greatly influenced by their new associates, become less amenable to discipline at home and at school, spend too little time at home, and not only neglect their school books but devote little time to any form of reading or any constructive recreation.

A few of the boys to whom I refer are under age and have no right to be on the road at all. I can only deplore the attitude of parents who buy machines for their boys under these circumstances, as I do that of parents who allow their children to drive motor cars before they have reached the legal age. Adults must set an example, and what parents can claim to be doing this if they assist their children to break what is, after all, a reasonable and necessary law?

Happily, without being unduly complacent, I can congratulate the school on a pleasing standard of behaviour during the year. Few headmasters of comparable schools can have had fewer serious misdemeanours to deal with. Despite more staff changes than we like during the course of the year, discipline has been well maintained. The credit for this very satisfactory state of affairs must be shared between staff, prefects, and pupils. We have been particularly proud of the conduct and bearing of those boys and girls who have represented the school on tours and sports visits to other schools. Parents would be pleasantly surprised if they knew the number of compliments, both written and verbal, I have received on this score during the past year.

Of the minor offences which have to be dealt with during the year, far too many have been breaches of the uniform regulations. While the

dress of our pupils has certainly improved. I wish to say again that far from all come to school as completely and as neatly equipped as I think they should. Both parents and pupils frequently tell me how proud they are of this school. I believe them, but in many cases they do not reflect this pride by any smartness of uniform. We are still having "basher" trouble. In this connection I wish to inform parents that all our permanent class-rooms now have shelf lockers in which a basher can be kept, safe and clean. When bashers are broken, parents are usually told a tale of woe and the culprit is always someone else. Investigation normally shows that the mishap stemmed from some tomfoolery and that the owner himself was no innocent party. I am certain that if boys had to pay for their own bashers they would take far greater care of them than they do. On the girls' side, the school brooch will be prescribed as an essential part of the uniform in future. We are convinced that we erred initially in making it optional.

On the whole subject of uniform and smartness, I ask for the fullest co-operation of parents. Surely all will agree that children's self-respect should demand that they have due regard for their appearance, while a proper pride in the uniform of their school should be an essential factor in building up that strong corporate spirit which is our aim.

Despite the lack of a school hall which is essential to the proper functioning of a high school, there has been some cultural activity. With a young but enthusiastic producer in Mr. Kearney, the Dramatic Society successfully presented Phillip Johnson's Victorian melodrama "Who Lies There?" which I can adequately praise by saying that it maintained the high standard set in previous years by Mr. Harrison. The Scientific Society was very active, until the examinations drew near, and organised several lectures and some interesting visits. Recently a new group known as the "Friday Society" has come into being. The objects are to encourage educational activities beyond the school curriculum, and, in particular, to hold discussions, to invite guest speakers and to undertake excursions. If this young society, which has already arranged functions of considerable interest, can continue to manifest the enthusiasm which it has developed under Mr. Martin, I am sure it will play a big part in the life of the school. We have a Debating Society, too, which held many internal meetings but only one inter-school debate, which it won. There is no lack of interest in activities of this kind. This year, for instance, we hope to have among our staff three men all vitally interested in dramatic work. We shall certainly produce some plays, but how much more could be done if we had our own hall and stage!

An event of no little significance in 1961 was the appearance of the first issue of the Westville High School magazine. Mr. Hurworth, the Editor, deserves congratulation on having set a very high standard and it is pleasing to know that he received much commendation from older schools. We shall of course now bring out a magazine annually and if, as we hope, each issue is to be an improvement on the previous one, then our pupils must see to it that they effect this by raising both the quantity and the quality of their literary contributions.

Much thought has been given to the provision of a library in keeping with the present status of the school and adequate to the needs of its pupils, with special emphasis on books of reference and reading-room facilities. Although we have not the good fortune which all newly-built high schools have, to be equipped with a specially provided and beautifully furnished library, we have a general purpose room of adequate size which would serve very well and we propose, at some sacrifice in the absence of a hall, to give this up for use as a library. In due course, when we have acquired the necessary four thousand approved books, we shall receive help from the Administration in the matter of a permanent librarian, but so greatly do we feel the urgency of this need that we shall provide a librarian from our

own funds in the meantime. We are now very strictly rationed for teachers and we can no longer spare a member of the teaching staff for the hours of work per week entailed in the care of a library of the size and scope required to fulfil the needs of more than 600 high school pupils. I am personally most enthusiastic about this project and will be very proud when I see it realised. My only regret is that it will be necessary to add to the school dues as a library fee. However, the total subscription will still be considerably lower than that levied in most high schools. Before leaving this subject, I wish to express sincere thanks to our senior English mistress, Mrs. Thomson, for having given up so much of her time, and to Mrs. McLean who has undertaken a big drive for books.

Once again it is gratifying to be able to report that the activities of the Westville Cadet Nursing Division of the St. John Ambulance have been well maintained in the school. Many proficiency badges have been awarded, and a great many hours of public duty have been performed, particularly at school rugby matches and other sporting functions. Special congratulations go to Susan Sutherland on winning the Individual Trophy for the third successive year. Mrs. Greene (the Divisional Superintendent) and Mrs. Sutherland have our warmest thanks for the splendid work they do in this sphere.

Turning now to the games of the school, we must first express our appreciation to the Administration for having converted the wilderness which previously flanked the school on the south side into so fine a sports field. We are particularly grateful that the Authorities, even at additional cost, agreed to our request that we should have one very spacious ground instead of two smaller fields on different levels. Progress on such projects is always exasperatingly slow and washaways on some of the high banks have not helped, but we are certain the new ground will be fully ready for use in the near future.

When we have this additional playing space, we shall be able to extend our games to include a greater number of boys and girls, and nothing will please me more. Such increased activity will make heavy demands on our staff, but I am confident that we shall meet them. We hope, too, that as more and more facilities are offered, those of our pupils who have so far shown no keenness for games will seize their opportunity and become more enthusiastic. May I take this opportunity of making my protest against the present system where games are outside the curriculum, with the result that heavy demands are made upon teachers for sports duties in some schools, while in others very little is required of them. Would it not be better if the school day were lengthened to, say four p.m. and games placed on the school time-table?

If success and enthusiasm are the criteria, there is little doubt that pride of place in the games of 1961 must be given to hockey. Coached intensely by Mrs. Slade, and during her enforced absence by her husband, the first and second teams reached a high standard of hockey and finished with remarkable records. The first eleven, competing in the second division, played eleven matches, won them all, scored 40 goals, had 3 scored against them, and then defeated the bottom team in the first division, thus gaining the right to move up to this division in 1962. With almost the whole team available again this year, prospects are bright. The second eleven, promoted from the 4th division to the 3rd, celebrated this elevation by again topping the league. They just failed to hold Port Natal in the promotion game, however, and will have to remain where they are, but only, I hope, for one more season. Brief mention only can be made of the 3rd and 4th teams which we entered in the Durban leagues for the first time in 1961. They competed in the 5th and 6th divisions and finished second and fourth respectively. Our junior team was placed third in the Junior League. This brief résumé will indicate how popular hockey has become in the school

and the strides the game is making. As Mrs. Slade and her willing understudy, Miss Carey, are with us again, we expect to see hockey going from strength to strength.

Of rugby it would be fair to say that the standard of the previous year was maintained rather than that there was any spectacular improvement. Light and inexperienced, the First XV gave a good account of itself—better in fact than was anticipated at the beginning of the season—but it was not as powerful or polished a combination as the strong team of the previous year, and it tended to suffer by comparison. However, it finished the season with the creditable record of scoring 150 points in 20 matches, compared with 130 scored by opponents. This figure reflects the position very clearly. Our scoring potential was not great, but our defence, against opponents almost invariably heavier, was extremely good. Highlights of the season were the visit of an excellent team from Worcester High School and the tour of East Griqualand and Border which seems now to have become a regular part of our rugby programme. With very little material of experience or size to draw on, we fielded for the first time second and third XV's. The members of these sides will be grateful to me if I make no public reference to their achievements, but they will agree with me that they benefited by the experiment and that it has helped to build up our rugby. The school is grateful to Mr. Walters for the enthusiasm he showed in looking after these three teams. Mr. Commons, also an ardent rugby enthusiast, produced two very good under 15 teams and Mr. Perrett did the same in the under 14 age group. A very encouraging feature of our rugby is that in both these divisions we now play the "A" teams of the leading boys' schools and, though we usually lose, we are giving a good account of ourselves and gaining the respect of our opponents for our good type of rugby.

We have many keen swimmers in the school and naturally the number is increasing rapidly now that the Municipality has provided Westville with a magnificent bath. Many of our swimmers, as members of the Westville and other clubs, receive expert tuition, for which we are grateful. Unfortunately, we are ourselves too far from the Municipal bath to make any use of it in school time, but Mrs. Slade and Mr. Viljoen devote a great deal of time after school to coaching some forty or fifty team members. At the inter-school gala in March, the School followed up its success of the previous year, defeating all the other co-educational high schools with even greater ease. Westville swimmers broke no less than 16 records, and won seven out of the eight relay events on the programme. Prior to this gala we had greatly enjoyed our own inter-house gala, the second in our history, but the first to be held in Westville itself.

Cricket continues to flourish in the school and seven teams played regularly in inter-school matches. The number of boys playing this grand game is not yet enough, however, and I am hoping that the opening of the new field, which will provide three wickets, will result in a quickening of interest. The first XI, which included four promoted from the previous year's under 14 team, did extremely well. Probably through inexperience, it lost its first two matches of the year, but it was not defeated thereafter and finished with a pleasing record. The boys were fortunate in having Mr. Walters to coach them and to give up every Saturday to umpiring their matches. The remaining teams all had particularly creditable records, the most successful being the under 14-A and the under 13-A which seldom lost a match, and both reached the final of their respective knock-out competitions in the Durban League. Special mention must be made of distinctions gained by some of our cricketers. Three—Neville Dredge, Michael Ezekowitz and David Wolfson—were selected to play for the Coastal Schools in Cricket Week, while no less than five of Mr. Kemp's under 14 boys, Graham Sanders (Captain), A. Phillips, D. Allcock, J. Drifill and B. Gessner, were selected to play for the Durban Schools against the Rhodesian Schools in January.

Except for a dearth of senior boys, Athletics was strong in the school. It was particularly pleasing to see the number of boys and girls who trained for our own inter-house competition and so helped to make our Sports Day the great success it was. A week or two later, at the Inter-High School meeting, our girls, captained by the Victrix Ludorum, Maureen Finlayson, repeated their success of the previous year and in a thrilling finish defeated Port Natal High School to take first place in the Girls' section—no mean achievement. Later, several of our runners gained the title of Natal Junior Champion, viz., John Stevenson, who broke the record for the under 15 half-mile by no less than five seconds, Jane Castleden, 100 and 150 yards, Marga Swart and Fayleen Browne in hurdles events. Many others—too numerous to mention—competed with distinction during the year and they were a credit to Mrs. Slade and Mr. Kemp who spent so much time in training them.

For lack of space I shall make but brief mention of other games. Tennis is improving, but is still a cinderella sport. Miss Nel, who has taken charge, has ambitious plans and I am confident that the game will come into its own. Four school teams have played regular inter-school matches, but the girls who are not members of teams have suffered from a lack of competition and their interest has flagged.

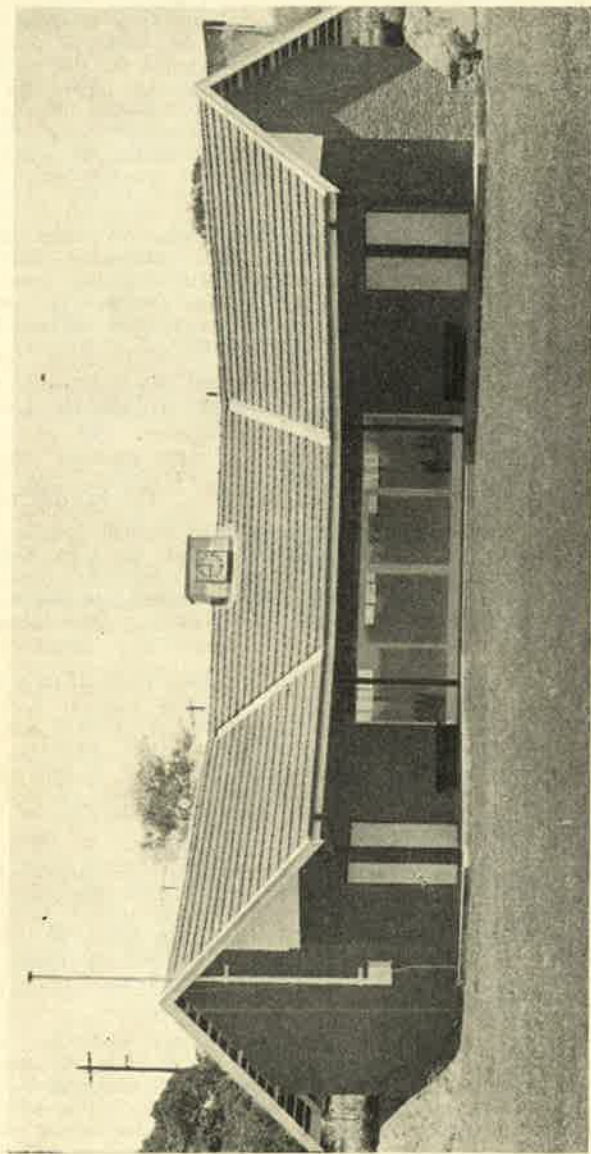
A team of boys also played league tennis and did reasonably well. Robert Shotland, the school champion, was selected to play for Natal in the National Junior Championships.

Netball had a bad year. One reason was that Miss Nel, the only netball enthusiast on the staff, had much of her time taken up with other activities, but the heaviest blow dealt to the game was the decision taken by the Durban schools to abolish the long-established Netball League. As, even formerly, schools used to complain about having to come to Westville to fulfil their league fixtures, we were not surprised to find that very, very few were willing to arrange friendly games. We participated in the Annual Tournament, but, understandably, met with little success. Here also, we have plans for this year.

Among so many activities, table tennis was this year confined to a select group from which four teams participated in the adult leagues. The first team, which included the coach, Mr. Walters, continued its winning sequence from the previous year, and having been promoted from Division 5 to Division 3, proved too strong here too and will now play in Division 2. The other teams finished well up in their respective leagues. During the season, Diana Corrigan and Berend Abendanon were chosen to play for Natal in the Junior Inter-provincial Tournament.

Here must come a brief, but sincere, expression of the thanks of the school to Mrs. Stockil and her team of girls, who catered throughout the year for all visiting teams and the adults who brought them. In a day school, hospitality such as we provide, usually including lunch, is a major problem, and without the band of enthusiasts who cheerfully render this service week after week we would have to forego fixtures with many schools we most enjoy playing against.

Again, and in even greater measure than in the past, the school gratefully acknowledges the assistance it has received from the Parents' Association. We think first of the record-breaking fête convened by Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Peet. The staggering success of this effort is ample testimony to the support given by the parents of Westville to their three schools. Throughout the year, the Committee of the Parents' Association pressed on with the provision of amenities for which the Administration does not make itself responsible. Outstanding among these is the cricket pavilion which most of you will have seen enhancing the considerable beauty of our main cricket ground. We count ourselves fortunate indeed to have so useful and



The Pavilion, built by the Parents' Association in 1961, on the main sports field. The clock was presented by the Westville Town Board. It is hoped that the steeple will be completed and erected early in 1962.

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so decorative a building. Funds have been provided for a new turf wicket, a canvas wicket-cover, a cricket scoreboard, top dressing and fertiliser, for prizes and trophies, and many items too numerous to enumerate here. For all that has been done, I thank Mr. Sanders and his Committee most sincerely. But what is just as much appreciated is the pressure which the Association puts upon the Administration to ensure that this school is not neglected. Unfortunately, the Provincial machinery works in such a way that existing schools have little spent on them while new schools are built on generous lines. Recently, Mr. Sanders played a big part in seeing to it that our new change-rooms—so vitally necessary to us—were not further delayed when Provincial funds began to run low. The building is now completed. We are grateful also to the Council of the Borough of Westville for presenting us with the clock you see in the cricket pavilion and to Mr. Anderson, one of our parents, who is supplying all the labour involved in the construction of the score-board.

Another landmark in the history of the school is the formation very recently of a properly constituted Old Pupils' Association. Howard Roberts has been elected as its first Chairman, with Roy Phillips as secretary and Jill Walton as treasurer. We trust that all who leave School will not only join the association, but actively support it and that close ties will bind the old pupils and the school. The attendance at the preliminary meetings and the keenness shown have been most gratifying.

No report of mine would be complete without reference to the good work of the staff. We are fortunate in having a solid core of teachers who have been associated with this school for a good number of years, and have more recently acquired others, some experienced, some very young, whose worth we have learned to appreciate and who are already showing signs of becoming attached to us and absorbing the spirit of the school. We hope to keep all these members of staff for many years, for nothing unsettles a school more than constant comings and goings.

You will have gathered from this report that we are building up a vigorous and efficient school. I am proud to say that we have something more than this—something which is very important to me—we have a happy school. I conclude by quoting two facts in support of this contention. During the inspection of the school held in June, quite apart from their official reports, the inspectors on the panel commented repeatedly on the excellent relationship between teachers and pupils, while in 1961, from a matriculation class of fifty-three, no fewer than eleven have elected to train as teachers. For this happy state of affairs I offer congratulations to my staff and my pupils.

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PRIZE LIST, 1961

FORM VI.

First in Form and Dux of the School
Second in Form
Third in Form

Jacqueline Freed
Maureen Finlayson
Frauke Menck

Subject Prizes :

English
Afrikaans

Latin
History
Mathematics
Biology
Art
Housecraft

Jacqueline Freed
Linelle Irvine and
Peter Oosthuizen
Jacqueline Freed
Jacqueline Freed
Peter Frow
Maureen Finlayson
Frauke Menck
Barbara Richards

Special Prizes :

Diligence

Round Table Floating Trophies

Walton Trophy for Service to the
School

Pauline Harding and
Cynthia Ramsay
Peggy Ponting and
Christopher Reynolds

Robert Youngleson

FORM V.

First in Form
Second in Form

Lynette Bonfa
Brenda Catto and
Peter Schollick

Subject Prizes :

General Academic Distinction
History
Geography
Physical Science
Housecraft

Lynette Bonfa
Jennifer Shadwell
Alison Ross
Victor Dennison
Gillian West

Special Prize for Diligence

Kathryn Cradock

Merit Certificates :

Lynette Bonfa, Brenda Catto, Peter Schollick, Vivienne Platt, Alison Ross,
Peter Munro, Jennifer Shadwell, Geoffrey Austin, Virginia Waller, Lydia
Gorven, Esther Goldstein, Moira Stern, Maryanne Dargie and Michael
Saner.

FORM IV.

First in Form
Second in Form
Third in Form

Angus Barker
Anthony Woods
Berend Abendanon

Subject Prizes :

General Academic Distinction
English and History
Afrikaans
Geography
Biology
Housecraft

Angus Barker
Anthony Woods
Berend Abendanon
Geraldine Evans
Wendy Selby
Jacqueline West

Special Prizes :

Diligence

Physical Training
Lester Hall Trophy for Good Fellow-
ship

Patricia Tunmer and
Irvine McGovan
Kelvin Nalson

Kelvin Nalson

FORM III.

First in Form
Second in Form
Third in Form

Alan Roberts
Claude Koenig
Jennifer Thornton

Subject Prizes :

General Academic Distinction
Afrikaans
Arithmetic
Physical Science
Latin
Biology
Art
Housecraft

Alan Roberts
Morton du Preez
Graham Burrows
Michael Mannheimer
Claude Koenig
Jennifer Thornton
Carol Regester
Pat Riddle

Special Prizes :

Diligence

For Service to the School

Silver Thimble for Needlework

Margaret Goldfinch
Rosemary Northern
Graham Sanders
Susan Peet
Jennifer Sydie
Gillian Cranston

Merit Certificates :

Alan Roberts, Claude Koenig, Jennifer Thornton, Michael Mannheimer,
Dudley Gager, Graham Sanders, Juliet Freed, Jennifer Yelland, Graham
Burrows, Margaret Goldfinch, Neil Barker, David Chivell, Alexander Duys,
Howard Driman, Susan Peet, Stewart Walker, Antoinette Bailey, Diana
Parker, Morton du Preez, Deborah Wyndham-Rickford, Sandra Oxenham,
Damon Wright, Alan Brooks, Christopher Ridl and Cedric Kuhlenthal.

FORM II.

First in Form
Second in Form
Third in Form

Jeremy Coventry-Brown
Kenneth Leverton
John Chambers

Subject Prizes :

Arithmetic

Latin
Mathematics
Afrikaans

Duncan McLean and
Geoffrey Trollip
Michael Hean
Michael Todd
Patricia du Preez

Merit Certificates :

Jeremy Coventry-Brown, Kenneth Leverton, John Chambers, Vivienne
Chrystal, Barry Meehan, Heather Kydd, Felicity Platt, Stephen Pillinger,
Martin Todd, Patrick Cavanagh, Duncan McLean, James Walton, Garth
Dobie, Gretchen Miller, Glynis Hayward, Dietrich Beier, Colin Lightening.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1961

Matriculation Exemption with Merit:

Bruce Dobie	Peggy Ponting
Maureen Finlayson (Housecraft)	Cynthia Ramsay
Jacqueline Freed (English, Latin)	Christopher Reynolds
Peter Frow (Mathematics)	David Sandison
Naomi Gorven.	Lorraine Schefferman
Robyn Kent	Peter Sheppard
Jillian Lewin (Housecraft)	Narve Skilleaas
Frauke Menck (Mathematics, Art)	John Smith
Peter Oosthuizen (English, Afrikaans)	Elizabeth Spillman (Latin)

Matriculation Exemption:

Gwenda Aitken	Linelle Irvine (Afrikaans)
Ernest Alder	Barbara Love
Hilary Barber	Rudi Loutit
Bernard Bell	David Paddon
John Bennett	Elizabeth Peet
Lynton Borchardt	Graeme Reeve
Vernon Browne	Barbara Richards
James Butler	Roland Sannmann
Leslie Closenberg	Robert Shotland
Jeffrey Davies	Ian Silson
Pauline Harding	Brian Thompson
Ann Haskell	Craig Troeberg
Hugh Howard	Robert Youngleson

Senior Certificate:

Carol Anderson	Michael Kennelly
Charles Bruyn	Clive Marnoch
Raymond Esmonde-White	Mary Stuart
Eric Kennelly	Norma Westgate

The Examination in Bilingualism of the S.A. Taalbond:

Linelle Irvine	Peter Oosthuizen
Frauke Menck	David Sandison

Junior Certificate with Merit:

*Berend Abendanon	Anne Baker
*Angus Barker	Clive Bower
*Wendy Chapman	*Robin Chesters
Brian Cranston	*David Dyer
*Geraldine Evans	Michael Ezekowitz
Graham Finlayson	Morris Fuller
*Oliver Grünberg	Lesley Jones
Walter Kassier	Annette Lambrechts
Robert Miller	Mollie Paul
Robert Porter	*Flynn Reynolds
Winifred Rodda	Wendy Selby
Clive Shedlock	*Raymond Silson
Elizabeth Simpson	*Myra Taylor
*Peter Thompson	Margaret Trollip
Patricia Tunmer	Jacqueline West
*David Wolfson	*Anthony Woods

An asterisk indicates that the pupil won a Provincial Bursary.

Junior Certificate:

Heather Anderson	Kelvin Bell
Patricia Blakey	Roderick Bosch
David Boyce	Fayleen Browne
Beverley Burgess	Carl Burgess
Ian Burgess	Lynn Conway
Wynyard Cooper	Diana Corrigan
Anthony Cwirko-Godycki	Roy Davidson
Basil Dennison	Terence Dennison
Allister Donald	Neville Dredge
Erica Driman	Henk Duys
Bernard Fabian	Peter Farrell
Victor Filen	Jacqueline Fripp
John Gannon	Denise Gardiner
Clifford Godbeer	Pam Gray
Simon Hands	John Hargreaves
Margaret Harland	Susan Hooper
Elisabeth Houghton	David Hurworth
Brenda Impson	Leslie Isaacs
Joy Johnson	Gaylyn Juul
John Klass	Annalee Krohn
Rhonda Lane	Creston la Réservée
Irvine McGovan	Wendy May
Michael Moffatt	Kelvin Nalson
Deborah Osler	Yvonne Palmer
Gail Parr	Christopher Phillips
Sally Platt	Brian Reeve
Charles Rosettenstein	Dennis Rudman
Graham Sandalls	Carol Shambrook
Bernard Shapiro	John Stevenson
Brian Taylor	Graham Tees
Grahame Thaw	Janet Wade
Gaynor Wakefield	Melvyn Walters

Nigel Westgate



PREFECTS, 1961.

B. Thompson, E. Spillman, C. Marnoch, M. Finlayson, E. Kennelly, F. Menck.
G. Atken, I. Silson, J. Freed (Head Girl), Mr. N. W. Bowden, R. Youngleson (Head Boy), A. Haskell, M. Kennelly.

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GAMES AWARDS AB INITIO.

	RUGBY	HOCKEY	CRICKET	NETBALL	TENNIS	ATHLETICS	SWIMMING
1959 —	Colours: T. O. Blackman F. J. Graham P. T. Kaye W. McKeone A. Simoni R. Swart Scroll: A. J. MacRitchie E. H. Rainbow W. Reiff P. J. Ridi G. R. Ward Honours: P. J. Ridi Colours: G. D. V. Martin A. F. Paul R. Swart B. T. Thompson	Colours: R. M. Jewitt G. M. West Scroll: A. M. Bakke M. E. Finlayson A. F. Sherratt J. R. Slevin Colours: R. M. Jewitt A. F. Sherratt J. R. Slevin G. M. West Scroll: E. A. Burnill	Colours: T. O. Blackman L. Borchardt Scroll: C. P. Levy R. Munro Colours: T. O. Blackman P. Howes G. M. West Scroll: F. E. J. Lincey V. A. Ross J. R. Slevin N. Wiles			Honours: H. L. Roberts T. O. Blackman Colours: B. B. Walker	Scroll: T. O. Blackman
1960 —	Colours: E. I. Thompson K. E. Naisson C. Marnoch D. J. Weir Scroll: J. B. Davies B. R. Dennison E. I. Kennelly M. J. Kennelly O. Meredith B. T. O'Keeffe D. G. Rudman G. R. Ward	Colours: F. D. Browne E. A. Burnill G. M. West Scroll: E. A. May	Colours: T. O. Blackman L. Borchardt Scroll: C. P. Levy R. Munro Colours: T. O. Blackman P. Howes G. M. West Scroll: F. E. J. Lincey V. A. Ross J. R. Slevin N. Wiles		Colours: G. F. ter Brugge	Honours: A. F. Sherratt P. Howes Colours: M. E. Finlayson	Colours: R. M. Jewitt M. L. Hendy T. O. Blackman R. Swart G. D. V. Martin
1961 —		Colours: F. D. Browne E. A. Burnill G. M. West Scroll: E. A. May	Colours: T. O. Blackman L. Borchardt Scroll: C. P. Levy R. Munro Colours: T. O. Blackman P. Howes G. M. West Scroll: F. E. J. Lincey V. A. Ross J. R. Slevin N. Wiles		Honours: R. H. Shotland	Colours: M. E. Finlayson Scroll: B. A. Anderson B. J. R. Castleden M. L. Joles E. A. May M. Swart B. Taylor	Colours: T. D. Hayward M. R. Moffatt M. E. Finlayson E. A. May

RUGBY

Prospects at the start of the season seemed to be far from bright as no less than eleven of the previous year's team had left, including the fly-half and the entire three-quarter line. In addition, no new importations of adequate calibre were received so the team had to rely almost entirely on boys promoted from the 2nd XV of the previous season and two others, Graham Anderson and Neville Dredge, who came into the team straight from the Under 15 side.

At first glance, the season's record does not seem a very good one—only seven victories out of twenty matches—but it will be noticed that an average of only just over six points a game was scored against the team. That was a fair indication of the side's potential. It was a far better defensive team than an attacking one. Moreover, the loss of five players in the back division proved to be a big handicap but it says a great deal for the side that it played on many occasions most entertaining and determined rugby.

In nearly all its matches, the school fifteen discovered that the opposition was far bigger and heavier, and it is greatly to their credit that the team as a whole never wilted but always harried their opponents. The outstanding matches of the season were undoubtedly those against Michaelhouse II, which we won, and against Worcester, East London Tech. and Northlands, all of which were lost, but they were games in which the School XV played magnificently, although badly outweighed.

The highlight of the season was the tour to East Griqualand and Border. Although only one match was won, the twenty boys who formed the touring party had a most enjoyable time. Tribute must be paid to the excellent appearance and behaviour of the team on all occasions on the tour, and the good name of Westville High School was enhanced both on and off the field.

We have lost a number of our experienced players again and, in wishing them all good luck in the future, this opportunity must be taken to say a special word about one of the boys who will be leaving—Kelvin Nalson. For three seasons Kelvin has been one of the most popular members of the team. Although not built on classical lines, he showed himself to be utterly fearless and his greatest attribute was his willingness to help the team by playing at full back when his heart was really in forward play. We shall all miss such a loyal team member and such a character on tour.

Detailed Results :

Pinetown	.....	.....	.....	.....	Won	24 - 0
Maritzburg College III	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lost	6 - 8
St. Henry's	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lost	3 - 6
Ixopo	.....	.....	.....	.....	Won	11 - 8
Kingsway	.....	.....	.....	.....	Won	42 - 0
D.H.S. II	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lost	6 - 10
Durban Tech.	.....	.....	.....	.....	Drawn	3 - 3
Michaelhouse II	.....	.....	.....	.....	Won	5 - 3
Kearsney	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lost	8 - 11
Mansfield	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lost	8 - 11
Worcester	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lost	3 - 9
Eshowe	.....	.....	.....	.....	Won	3 - 0
Ixopo	.....	.....	.....	.....	Drawn	0 - 0
Northlands	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lost	3 - 6
Pinetown	.....	.....	.....	.....	Won	5 - 3
Weston	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lost	3 - 14

Tour Results :

Kokstad	.....	.....	.....	.....	Won	8 - 0
Umtata	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lost	0 - 16
Cambridge (East London)	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lost	9 - 14
East London Tech.	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lost	0 - 8

Season's Record:

Played 20. Won 7. Drawn 2. Lost 11.
Points for: 150. Points against: 130.

Awards:

Colours were re-awarded to Brian Thompson.
Colours were awarded to Kelvin Nalson, Dennis Weir and Clive Marnoch.

Another tour has been arranged to East Griqualand and Border for the July holidays, 1962, and if it is as enjoyable as previous tours, all members of the party will have their fill of good sport and comradeship. A real bond of friendship has been forged between Westville and Umtata and Cambridge Schools, and it is anticipated that both of these schools will be visiting us next season when they tour Natal.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all the parents who helped to provide transport for our away matches, with a special word of appreciation to Mr. Weir for his generosity in donating a huge teddy bear for our funds as well as for his unfailing support.

Finally, sincere thanks go to Mrs. Stockil for providing such excellent lunches for the visiting teams and staff; to the girls who helped so cheerfully with the refreshments, and to the junior boys who acted as ball boys. All helped to make our Saturdays memorable and we trust that there will always be a steady stream of pupils willing to assist in this way.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Sir,

Towards the middle of last rugger season I was privileged by the Durban Rugby Referees' Sub-Society to be awarded the game between yourselves and Kearsney.

This game took place on the day your school held its fête, and I would like to record my appreciation of the fine sporting manner in which this game was played.

The lads on both sides played well and the last-minute try against Westville, giving Kearsney the odd point win, indicates the closeness.

Keep up the good work, Westville!

Yours faithfully,
PHIL. JACOBS.

THE RUGBY TOUR, 1961.

At last the long-awaited day of our departure for the tour of East Griqualand and Border dawned. Among the well-wishers who gathered to see us off on this chilly morning were several Old Boys who assured the new members of the team that they would really enjoy themselves on the tour.

We travelled by Pullman via Port Shepstone, eventually arriving in Kokstad at 2 p.m., ahead of schedule. Here, we were divided into small groups and we did not see one another again until the following afternoon when we played Kokstad High School. In this game, the Westville forwards excelled both in the tight and the loose and paved the way to a win by eight points to nil. We felt satisfied that we had given a good account of ourselves. That night, we were entertained at a dance given at the Girls' Hostel and had a most enjoyable time.

On Wednesday we travelled by Pullman to Umtata which we reached at 7 p.m. That night we congregated at the local cinema to see the South African film, "Die Jagters".



FIRST RUGBY TEAM, 1961.

G. Ward, G. Anderson, K. Nalson, M. Kennelly, D. Rudman,
O. Meredith, T. O'Keefe, B. Dennison, M. van Maasdijk, E. Kennelly, N. Dredge, J. Bennett,
J. Davies, A. Anderson, C. Marnoch, Mr. D. G. Walters, B. Thompson (Captain), Mr. N. W. Bowden,
R. Youngleson, D. Weir, K. MacFarlane.

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The following morning Mr. Walters arranged a visit to the Bunga—the Parliament of the Transkeian natives. A well-educated Bantu gave us a very interesting talk on the local system of administration.

In the afternoon the strong Umtata team gave us a drubbing to the tune of 16-0, and they thoroughly deserved their fine victory.

After dinner, we boarded the train for East London, travelling right through the night. This journey turned out to be a very happy and boisterous one, but under Mr. Walters' fatherly eye we were all in bed by midnight.

We arrived in Cambridge at 10 a.m. and the efficiency with which we were distributed amongst our hosts impressed us all. On Saturday morning a fair-sized crowd saw us lose to Cambridge by 8 points to 14. Although we managed to gain an advantage in the tight play, we failed to capitalize on this. Our fitness told in the second half but we found the loss of Michael Kennelly, who had to retire in the first half, too much of a handicap. In the afternoon, most of us went to the Border Rugby Union ground where Maritzburg College lost to Selborne 5-8. That night, we enjoyed ourselves at a dance held in our honour by the Cambridge pupils, and many firm friendships were established.

On Sunday we reluctantly bade our Cambridge hosts farewell. A day's rest did us good and we all arrived at the Tech. grounds on Monday morning in fine fettle. It was fitting that in our final game of the tour we should play excellent rugby and succeed in holding the powerful Tech. team to a 0-8 margin. All the team played a very hard game and our resolute tackling aroused admiration.

This match over, we embarked on the "Pendennis Castle", and after lunch a host of "fans" came to see us off. It was towards the early hours of Tuesday morning that the last of us crept into our bunks, very tired, but wishing that the tour had been longer.

A special vote of thanks must go to Mr. Walters, whose fatherly guidance kept us in check, and whose efficient organisation made the tour such a tremendous success. Mr. Walters celebrated his birthday on board the "Pendennis Castle" and the team made a presentation to him in appreciation of his efforts on their behalf.

Brian Thompson (Form VI B)

2nd AND 3rd FIFTEENS.

In a school with only a small number of senior boys, there is usually a very wide gap between the abilities of the 1st XV and of the 2nd and 3rd teams. Our 2nd and 3rd teams were composed of inexperienced and small players and, as a result, suffered some very heavy defeats at the hands of older, bigger and more experienced opponents. Because of the paucity of numbers, many 2nd XV players had to be called upon to play for the 3rd XV, whose matches were held in mid-week. The players in both teams always stuck to their task manfully and fully enjoyed their matches.

The combined results of the two sides were:

Played 20. Won 5. Lost 15.

Points for: 83. Points against: 374.

This year, with an increase in the number of boys in the Senior Forms, better results can be expected.

RUGBY — UNDER 15.

This section had a full and interesting season's rugby, and was again able to field two teams. The boys showed considerable zest for the game and were generally eager to learn, so that the standard of their play improved greatly as the season progressed. Thus, we could afford to be more ambitious than of yore in taking on teams of the first rank. In this, we were certainly not disgraced and were able to give a good account of ourselves against Northlands "A", Glenwood "A" and a weakened D.H.S. "A".

Dyer led the side intelligently and revealed a mature knowledge of the game. Ezekowitz and Hamilton were centres to be reckoned with, the former revelling in attack, the latter very fast off the mark and exceedingly hard-working both in supporting play and covering up in defence.

The pack gave away little, with Rosettenstein always in the thick of things, Westgate consistently improving and Wolfson playing a shrewd game. Kennaugh played hard rugby but lacked finesse. At full-back, Shapiro showed great pluck and coolness under pressure, but was rather inconsistent and weak in kicking.

The "B" XV thoroughly enjoyed its programme of matches and, at times, played delightful and spirited rugby—the latter especially in the return match against New Forest. Meehan was a conscientious captain, ably supported by his deputy, Isaacs. In the pack, Liddle and Reeve made good progress during the season, while Woods proved a most reliable and effective full-back. Sandalls, at No. 8, proved a fierce tackler.

Results of matches:

"A" XV: Played 16. Won 9. Lost 6. Drawn 1.
Points for: 175. Points against: 93.

"B" XV: Played 13. Won 8. Lost 5.
Points for: 202. Points against: 93.

Team Members.

"A" XV: B. Shapiro, M. Ezekowitz, P. Hamilton, C. Burgess, I. Burgess, C. Shedlock, D. Dyer, M. Fuller, N. Westgate, C. Rosettenstein, R. Bosch, V. Kennaugh, J. v. d. Merwe, B. Liddle, G. Price, P. Thompson, D. Wolfson.

"B" XV: A. Woods, K. Bell, I. Silson, W. Kassier, M. Meehan, L. Conway, L. Isaacs, P. Storm, G. Tees, J. Hargreaves, D. Martin, C. Price, B. Reeve, C. Bower, G. Finlayson, A. Firbank, T. Robertson, G. Sandalls.

RUGBY — UNDER 14.

At the beginning of the season, numbers in this group once again warranted the formation of "A" and "B" teams, both of which played regularly throughout the season.

The "A" team had a successful season and was at times capable of first-class rugby. These occasions were, unfortunately, the exception rather than the rule, and the high number of points scored by and the low number scored against the team reflects weak opposition (the team scored 151 points in five matches) rather than inspired rugby.

Ridl led the team with verve and imagination, displaying a brand of leadership that is all too seldom seen in junior rugby. May, and later in the season, Sanders, did excellent work in leading the forwards. This proved a particularly difficult task in view of the fact that the forwards never developed real teamwork and tended to play as individuals.

Of the backs, Ridl, du Preez and May were outstanding and should do very well in the future. A distressing tendency to die with the ball and a habit of forming a shallow line in attack, must be overcome.

The "B" team had a most successful season and surpassed anything that was expected of them. They developed into a well-knit team which played open and attractive rugby when the opportunity offered. This was in no small way due to the captain, Gilbert, who led his team well and set a fine example as a hard-working forward.

Summary of Results.

"A" Team: Played 13. Won 9. Lost 4. Points for: 217. Points against: 48.

"B" Team: Played 12. Won 6. Lost 6. Points for: 155. Points against: 68.

RUGBY — UNDER 13 A.

Playing in its second season in a higher league, this team was unsuccessful in many instances, although a fine 42-0 win was recorded against Grosvenor. The forwards proved the spearhead of the side. The backs displayed a lack of constructive effort in attack, the ball seldom reaching the wings.

Played 15. Won 4. Lost 10. Drawn 1. Points for: 111. Points against: 244.

RUGBY — UNDER 13 B.

Owing to lack of numbers, this was usually a "scratch" team and most of the players, although keen, were inexperienced. Consequently results were seldom in their favour.

As the season progressed, however, signs of improvement were evident and several players, noticeably M. Hurworth, M. White, D. McLean (captain) and N. Freeman, should fare well in school rugby.

Results were: Played 11. Won 3. Lost 8. Points for: 32. Points against: 123.

TENNIS — BOYS

The Boys' Team played in the Second League of the Durban Lawn Tennis Association's Boys' Schools' League. They won four matches, lost three and were placed eighth. The team consisted of Robert Shotland (captain), Roy Shotland, Brian Cranston and Berend Abendanon. Michael Saner and Alan Sudar also represented the School.

Robert Shotland, who was the Senior Singles Champion, was selected to play for Natal in the National Junior Championships. He received his Tennis Honours Award. Roy Shotland won the Junior Singles Championship and the Natal Under 16 Handicap. In addition to these achievements, the Shotland brothers won the Boys' Doubles Championship.

The Form II Boys were challenged by the Westville Junior School and our team lost by four sets to five.

In conclusion, it is only fitting to record the enthusiasm of a small band of Senior and Junior tennis players who practised and played in spite of the strong counter attractions of rugby, cricket, swimming and athletics.

HOCKEY.

The hockey season has again been most successful and the school teams have established a proud record. Enthusiasm for the game has increased, as have the numbers of hockey players in the school, and, with this in mind, we hope the new field will be ready for use next season.

The Senior Tournament was played during August and our five teams all met with fair success. This tournament is always enjoyed and the competition is very keen with some sixty teams participating.

In 1960, the 1st XI narrowly missed promotion to the "A" Division, but with most convincing victories during 1961, they achieved their aim. So in 1962 our 1st XI plays in the "A" Division.

League Results were: Played 10. Won 10. Goals for: 38. Goals against: 2. The excellent team spirit and the fine leadership of Gillian West were vital factors in this team's success. Elizabeth Burnill, the vice-captain, was the outstanding player during the first half of the season, but unfortunately had to withdraw before the end of the season due to ill-health. Gillian West and Fayleen Browne also deserve special mention for their consistently good play throughout the season. Many of the more junior members of the team played very well and should have benefited greatly by their experience. There is every prospect of their faring well this season.

At the end of the season, the 1st XI played the promotion match against Kingsway "A". This was a most exciting game, Westville winning by 1-0 after extra time.

Colours were re-awarded to Gillian West. New awards were made to Elizabeth Burnill and Fayleen Browne and half colours were gained by Elizabeth May.

Detailed League Results.

v. Queensburgh	.....	Won	5-1	v. Girls' College III	.....	Won	7-0
Pinetown	.....	Won	4-0	Windermere	.....	Won	3-1
Eshowe	.....	Won	2-0	Girls High II	.....	Won	7-0
St. Mary's	.....	Won	2-0	Kingsway	.....	Won	1-0
Port Natal III		Won	4-0				

Friendly Match Results.

v. Mitchell High 1st		Won	1-0	v. Port Natal 2nd		Won	3-1
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The 2nd XI have had their share of success and must be congratulated on winning the "C" League after being promoted from the "D" League in 1960.

League results were: Played 10. Won 9. Lost 1. Goals for: 38. Goals against: 9.

The team played consistently well throughout the season, being ably led by Jackie Freed.

The promotion match was played in pouring rain and resulted in a win for Port Natal "C" by 2 goals to 1.

The following were regular members of the team: J. Freed, M. Swart, L. Pieterse, C. Abery, L. Maddock, C. Anderson, Juliet Freed, E. Bahrs, B. Love, A. Aiken, S. Dawes and N. Mets.

This year, for the first time, 3rd and 4th teams were selected. The former, Westville "C", represented Westville in the E League; the latter, Westville "D", played in the F League. We found that the two teams compared very favourably with their respective opponents. Results were: Westville "C": Played 7. Won 5. Drawn 1. Lost 1. Position in League: 2nd. Westville "D": Played 7. Won 4. Drawn 1. Lost 2. Position in League: 4th.

League participation provided the girls with greater incentive. In addition, we enter the 1962 season with players having a season's experience to their credit and available for promotion to "A" and "B" teams. This is of great value when one considers that the "A" and "B" teams are unavoidably depleted at the end of each school year.



FIRST HOCKEY TEAM, 1961.

P. Sulin, J. Freed, J. West, J. Braybrooke, V. Platt, K. Bahrs.

A. Sherratt, E. May, E. Burnill, Mrs. C. Slade, G. West (Captain), Mr. N. W. Bowden, M. Finlayson, F. Browne, S. Anderson.

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Two teams travelled to Port Shepstone to play the 1st and 2nd teams of Port Shepstone High School. The hospitality extended to them was greatly appreciated and the week-end spent there was enjoyed by all. We hope to extend an invitation to the Port Shepstone High School hockey teams to visit us during the 1962 season.

A feature of practices and matches alike was the enthusiasm of the players. If this prevails, the 3rd and 4th teams are here to stay.

The leadership and the co-operation of the two captains, B. Anderson and A. Haskell, were most commendable.

Our Junior Team was placed third in the Junior "B" League. League results were:

Played 8. Won 5. Lost 1. Drawn 2. Goals for: 26. Goals against: 9.

This team lost its opening game, drew the next two, then went from strength to strength, winning its last five matches comfortably. In the Junior Tournament, the juniors tied for first place in their section, but were beaten on goal average by Girls' High School "A".

Sincere thanks are due to all those parents who so willingly helped with transport; to Miss Carey, for her keenness in coaching the 3rd and 4th teams, and to Mrs. Tripe, for the help she gave the Juniors. Without them, the hockey season could not have been as successful.

Congratulations are extended to Evelyn Bahrs who won the hockey stick presented to the most improved player.

The following were regular members of the school teams:

3rd XI.	4th XI.	Juniors.
J. van der Merwe	J. Thornton	S. Soskin
B. Spillman	E. Peet	F. Platt
F. Lincey	S. Oxenham	A. Thackwray
U. Beier	S. Olivier	B. Leggott
W. Chapman	V. Uniacke	M. Bosch (Captain)
B. Burgess	C. Parsons	J. Wuth
B. Anderson (captain)	H. Barber	M. Joles
J. Castleden	C. Shambrook	P. Catto
J. Yelland	I. Liebenberg	G. Fothergill
A. Ross	L. Page-Wright	D. Crowther
P. Drifill	A. Haskell (Captain)	S. Conway

THE 3rd and 4th HOCKEY TEAMS' TRIP TO PORT SHEPSTONE.

The hustle and bustle at Durban Station never ceases, and this we added to on the night of our long-awaited departure for Port Shepstone. It had been arranged that the twenty-four of us would meet at the Destination Board at 10 p.m. and then we would board the train. An amusing sight we must have been, staggering under the awkward burdens of suitcases, hockey sticks, blankets, cushions and, of course, an abundant supply of food. At last, amidst great excitement, we managed to transfer ourselves and our baggage to the waiting train.

Although the train left Durban at one o'clock, it was well after 2.30 a.m. before the majority of us had lost interest in the goings-on outside!

We arrived in Port Shepstone at about 8 a.m. and were welcomed by the members of the school's first hockey team. The mile walk to the hostel from the station whetted out already ravenous appetites, and our joyous hearts were uplifted when we detected the aroma of cooking at the hostel.

Three dormitories were allotted to us for our overnight stay and we were given a few minutes in which to get ready before the ringing of the breakfast bell. (The frequent bell-ringing proved a source of amusement as well as of confusion to us.)

After a hearty breakfast, which we all enjoyed, thanks to the good food as well as to the pleasant company of our hosts whom we found to be extremely friendly, we changed and went down to the playing fields for our matches.

As luck would have it, the 3rd team, which played first, had to play in the pouring rain. We thoroughly enjoyed the match, although it was not the best of weather in which to play good hockey! We were beaten 1-0.

The 4th XI were fortunate in that the rain had subsided and they played well in holding Scottburgh 2nd team to a 2-2 draw. They drew 1-1 with Port Shepstone in the afternoon. The 3rd team had no match, so joined a group of girls from the hostel and went to the local cinema.

A social was organised in our honour that evening but, though it proved great fun, our party was so tired and sleepy that we did not object when it ended early.

Promptly after breakfast on Sunday morning, we walked the mile to the station to catch our train to Durban. We were sorry to leave so soon and to say good-bye to our newly-made friends. However, before leaving, we secured their promise of a return visit to Westville.

This trip to Port Shepstone was something which will be remembered as the highlight of our 1961 season.

Our thanks must go to Miss Carey, who was such a wonderful coach and who organised the trip, and to Miss Buccimazza, who accompanied us on the train, and without whom the trip would not have been possible.

Wendy Chapman (Form IV A)

TENNIS — GIRLS

Although the teams have played well, there is still plenty of room for improvement which can be achieved with practice. The enthusiasm for tennis has greatly increased during the past year, especially in the lower standards. It is hoped that this enthusiasm will continue to grow as the number of pupils in the school increases.

During the first term, the school teams played against Girls' High, Girls' College, Mitchell High, Windermere High, Northlands and St. Mary's. One very exciting match was that between the Under 15 teams of Westville and Mitchell High, the latter winning by 41 games to 40!

An enjoyable afternoon's tennis was held at the school on 27th September when Eshowe High School brought an Under 15 Mixed Team to play the school's Under 15 Mixed Team, Westville triumphing by 78 games to 59.

The School Open and Under 15 teams anticipated an enjoyable day's play on Saturday, 4th November, when they entertained Ixopo High School but, with Ixopo leading by a few games only, rain, which continued throughout the rest of the day, caused the matches to be abandoned.

Results of other matches played were:

Open: v. Technical High School. Lost 21-60.

v. St. Mary's. Won 61-21.

v. Kingsway High School. Lost 35-46.

Under 15 A: v. Convent High School. Won 41-40.

Under 15 B: v. Convent High School. Won 45-36.

Junior: v. Girls' High School. Lost 34-47.

During the second term, the School Championships were played. The results were:

Senior Singles: B. Spillman.

Under 15 Singles: M. Bosch.

Girls' Open Doubles: J. Freed and B. Spillman.

Mixed Doubles: B. Anderson and R. Shotland.

Teams for the season were:

- Open:** 1. B. Spillman (capt.) and B. Anderson.
2. E. Goldstein and V. Platt.
3. E. Burnill and J. Freed.
- Under 15A:** 1. F. Browne (capt.) and S. Simpson.
2. M. Bosch and E. Simpson.
3. F. Platt and S. Oxenham.
- Under 15B:** 1. G. Cranston (capt.) and L. Cross.
2. C. Abery and V. Unstead.
3. S. Peet and S. Bird.
- Standard 6:** 1. D. Crowther (capt.) and J. Wuth.
2. N. Evans and S. Conway.
3. G. Rhodes and L. Pieterse.

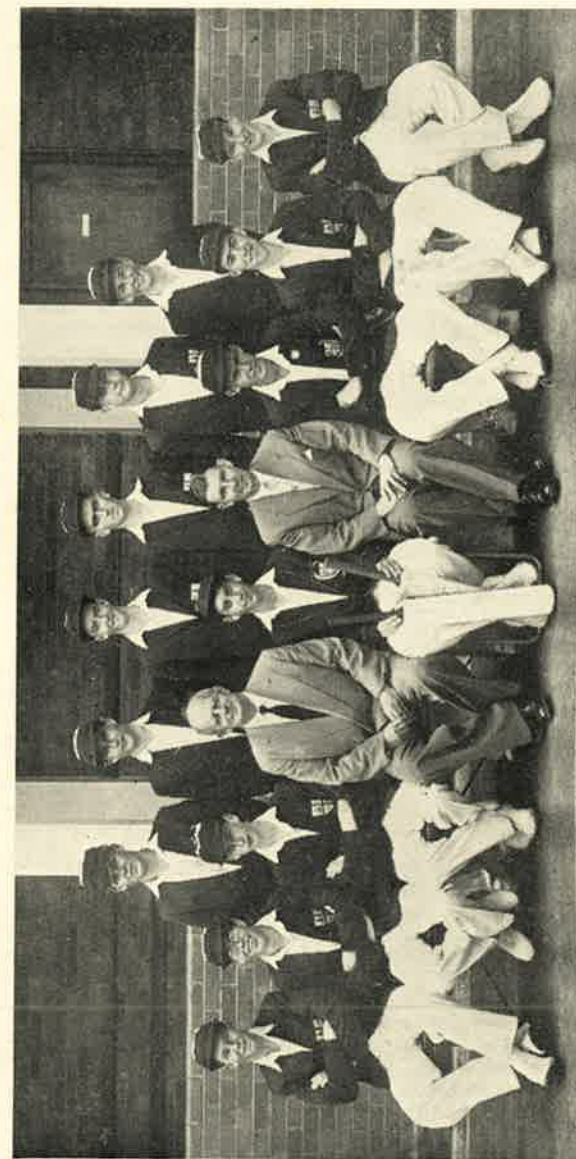
CRICKET

After successive defeats in the opening two matches of the year, when team building was in progress, the 1st XI improved tremendously, with the result that they won all the remaining matches except one, which was drawn. Four under-15 boys were taken straight into the team and did extremely well, gaining valuable experience and justifying to the full the decision to play them in the senior team.

A feature of the batting was that, although it was not consistent, at least one person made a good score in every game and in the last half of the season some excellent scores were recorded.

Results were: Played 10. Won 7. Lost 2. Drawn 1.

- v. D.H.S. III — Lost by 5 wickets.
School 65. D.H.S. 143 for 8.
- New Forest I — Lost by 8 runs.
New Forest 134. School 126.
- Queensburgh I — Won by 57 runs.
School 149. Queensburgh 92.
- Northlands II — Won by 35 runs.
School 134. Northlands 99.
- Ixopo I — Won by 4 wickets.
Ixopo 90. School 103 for 6.
- St. Henry II — Won by 3 runs.
St. Henry 82. School 85.
- Queensburgh I — Won by 146 runs.
School 199. Queensburgh 53.
- New Forest I — Won by 27 runs.
School 156. New Forest 129.
- Ixopo I — Match drawn.
School 144. Ixopo 15 for 2. (Rain stopped play.)
- Kearsney II — Won by 44 runs.
School 102. Kearsney 58.



FIRST CRICKET TEAM, 1961.

K. Nalson, G. Anderson, C. McLean, B. Dennison, N. Dredge, C. Shedlock.
D. Dyer, D. Sandison, S. Hands, Mr. N. W. Bouden, R. Shotland (Captain), Mr. D. G. Walters,
C. Marnock, M. Ezekowitz, D. Wolfson.

Sponsored by Greenacres.

Best Batting Performances:

Robert Shotland—74 v. Queensburgh; 63 v. Ixopo; 58 v. New Forest.
Neville Dredge—59 not out v. Northlands; 35 v. Ixopo.
Michael Ezekowitz—52 v. New Forest; 39 v. Northlands.
David Wolfson—54 v. Queensburgh.
David Sandison—40 v. Queensburgh.
Graham Anderson—34 v. Kearsney.

Best Bowling Performances:

David Sandison—8 for 45 v. Queensburgh; 5 for 12 v. St. Henry's.
Neville Dredge—6 for 34 v. New Forest; 4 for 18 v. Kearsney.
Basil Dennison—6 for 34 v. New Forest.
Michael Ezekowitz—5 for 31 v. Northlands; 5 for 18 v. St. Henry's.

Half Colours:

The following players have been awarded their half-colours:

Robert Shotland.	Neville Dredge.
Michael Ezekowitz.	David Sandison.
David Wolfson.	

As six members of the team will be back at school in 1962, there is little doubt but that the standard of cricket will be high and a good season can be anticipated. Three of the team, Michael Ezekowitz, Neville Dredge and David Wolfson were selected, after trials, to play for the Durban Coastal XI during Offord Week, while a fourth member, Graham Anderson, was selected as reserve wicket-keeper.

Very sincere thanks go to Mrs. Stockil for organising lunches. These were served to visiting teams and teachers by girls who cheerfully gave their time on Saturdays. In this connection, special mention must be made of Susan Peet, Jennifer Sydnie and Pat Stewart.

Finally, tribute must be paid to the work of Mr. McMillen who had to prepare wickets under very trying circumstances. He cheerfully and willingly did everything in his power to ensure that play commenced on time.

SECOND XI.

This team played only six games during the season. For boys of this age, it is seldom possible to gain a definite decision in three or four hours on a Saturday morning, especially if rain has fallen or intervened. When the new field is available, the team will have a better opportunity to develop its potential.

Regular team members were: G. Austin, P. Corrigan, P. Hastie, T. Hayward, H. Howard (Captain), R. Loutit, M. Moffatt, C. Reynolds, M. Saner, A. Sudar, A. Thompson, D. Trezona, G. Ward.

UNDER 15.

Our prowess, as compared with our Under 14 team of 1960, was considerably reduced by the elevation to the 1st XI of Dyer, Ezekowitz, Shedlock and Wolfson. We were, however, fortunate in that Hamilton, a newcomer to the School, joined our ranks and considerably strengthened our game in all departments.

The team showed great interest and enthusiasm under the able and watchful captaincy of Meehan. Our fast bowling lacked steadiness while our slow attack was perhaps too slow. Greenberg, however, shows promise as a leg-spinner. Batting was inconsistent, with Hamilton and Wilton perhaps our best. While catches were held fairly well, ground fielding proved a weakness.

Summary of results:

Played 8. Won 2. Drew 4. Lost 2.

Team Members:

M. Meehan, L. Isaacs, B. Wilton, P. Thompson, P. Hamilton, B. Abendanon, R. Shotland, O. Greenberg, D. Hurworth, B. Reeve, K. Bell and P. Storm.

UNDER 14.

"A" Team:

The team was almost identical with that of last year's Under 13 side, with the addition of K. Simoni, who is developing into a promising opening bowler.

In January, 1961, G. Sanders, as captain, A. Phillips, as an opening bat and A. Allcock, as "twelfth man" played in the Durban and District Under 14 team against the Rhodesian Fawns. Sanders played a real captain's knock as, after the Rhodesian side's dismissal for 87, he contributed 29 of Durban's 89 for 7 wickets before being run out. His effort as top scorer steered Durban to victory by three wickets.

Five members of the group were selected to represent Durban against North Coast Schools at Verulam on November 11th, the team reading:

G. Sanders (Westville, captain), B. Gessner (Westville), J. Drifill (Westville), A. Allcock (Westville), A. Phillips (Westville), R. Mackrory (Northlands High), G. Chettleburgh (Northlands High), S. Pohl (D.P.H.S.), R. Taylor (Grosvenor), J. Haynes (St. Henry's), D. Smethurst (New Forest). Twelfth man, B. King (New Forest).

This match ended in a runaway win for the Durban team.

Unfortunately, the Knockout Trophy again eluded Westville High, who fell to New Forest (whom they had beaten by 6 wickets earlier in the season) by the narrow margin of 4 runs. Sanders won the toss and sent New Forest in to bat. At the end of 24 overs, they had scored 54 for 7 (declared). Westville started shakily, being 13 runs for 4 wickets, but recovered to 34 for 5 when Wright was run out. Amid great excitement, Westville were all out on the second to last ball for 50. Allcock excelled by carrying his bat for 27.

The record for the season was: Played 10. Won 6. Drawn 3. Lost 1.

Team members: G. Sanders (captain), R. Sandison, A. Phillips, D. Allcock, R. May, D. Wright, C. Ridl, A. Roberts, J. Drifill, B. Gessner, R. Close and K. Simoni.

UNDER 14 "B".

Nine League Matches were played during the year and the team, in a not very successful season, won only two of these, drawing one and losing six.

The best scores were made by P. Rudder, I. Dando and M. du Preez, I. Lowe, M. Lovatt, C. Kuhlenthal and R. Dixon-Carter were the most promising bowlers although I. Dando, with more experience, should become a force to be reckoned with.

UNDER 13 "A".

The Under 13A team had a particularly good year, showing excellent promise and losing only two matches throughout the season.

They reached the final of the Knockout Competition but unfortunately lacked attacking batsmen in that match and were beaten by Clifton.

The following represented this group in most of the matches: A. Shedlock and B. Meehan (captains), O. Borchardt, R. Kent, N. McFall, P. Bissett, G. Trollip, G. Dobie, J. Twine, D. Evens, H. Phillips and M. White.

Pen pictures of the team:

McFall and Kent—dependable opening batsmen.

Borchardt—opening bowler and forceful batsman.

Meehan—captain and improving leg-spinner. A reliable batsman.

Shedlock—joint captain. Quick-scoring bat and improving bowler.

Trollip and White—the most forceful batsmen in the team and reliable fielders.

Bissett—improved slow bowler and batsman.

Phillips—fine slip fielder.

Twine—keeps good length as an opening bowler.

Dobie—wicket-keeper.

Evens—offspin bowler.

UNDER 13 "B".

The Under 13B side laboured under the one great difficulty of all "B" teams, in that as soon as one of its members showed the first twinkle of "star" quality, he would be translated to more rarefied atmospheres. Nonetheless, the team enjoyed a not unsuccessful season. Of the eight games played, 4 were won, 3 lost and 1 drawn. In general the game played by the "B's" was unorthodox, its character being determined by a deep conviction that the orthodox style was something properly confined to the nets or practice field. However, despite the lack of elegance or skill shown by the team, it had the happy knack of reducing the master-in-charge to a state bordering on gibbering lunacy. They never lost a game quickly. They kept the master in suspense until the last ball of the last over before tossing the game negligently away. Against Fynnlands, we had two wickets in hand with one over to go. We lost one wicket with the third ball, one with the fifth and the last man, with one ball to face, with the sixth—interesting, but frustrating. Against Overport, we had our last man in with 12 runs to make for a win. Marks hit 4, 2, 1, 3 and then, with 2 to go, exchanged ends with his partner who was promptly bowled and ended the agony. To sum up—the cricket played by the Under 13 B's was always unorthodox but never dull.

The most successful bowlers of the side were Braybrook who took 5 wickets for 6 runs against St. Agnes; Twine who took 7 for 11 against New Forest and Pope who took 7 for 54 against Overport. Those who made a claim to be recognised as batsmen were Donald, Evens, White, Braybrook and Munro.

At one time or another the following were members of the team: V. Braybrook, J. Brown, C. Clarkson, B. Donald, D. Evens, N. Freeman, M. Hean, M. Hurworth, K. Leverton, C. Lightening, C. Marks, D. McLean, D. Munro, N. Pope, A. Schollick, M. Todd, G. Trollip, J. Twine, M. White and G. van der Wagen.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB — 1961.

As a result of the outstanding success of the two Westville teams in the 5th and 6th Divisions of the Natal Table Tennis Leagues the previous year, the 1st and 2nd school teams were promoted two divisions—to the 3rd and 4th divisions respectively, while two additional teams were entered in the 6th Division.

The 1st team, consisting of David Wolfson, Berend Abendanon and Mr. D. G. Walters, continued their winning sequence of the previous season and finished top of Division 3, and will therefore play in Division 2 next season. The other three teams finished the season quite high up in their respective leagues. For the first time, we had two girls, Diana Corrigan and Mollie Paul, playing in the 6th Division and they gave a good account of themselves.

Four of our players were selected for trials for the Natal Junior team and as a result Berend Abendanon and Diana Corrigan were chosen to represent their Province in the Inter-Provincial Tournament at Pietermaritzburg, and both performed very creditably. It is hoped that next year further successes will fall to the lot of Westville players.

Teams were:

- 1st Team: D. Wolfson, B. Abendanon and Mr. D. G. Walters.
- 2nd Team: M. Fuller, B. Cranston, C. Burgess, I. Burgess.
- 3rd Team: Mollie Paul, Diana Corrigan, P. Schollick, A. Sudar.
- 4th Team: M. Mannheimer, R. Sandison, C. la Reservee, C. Ridl.

SWIMMING

On February 22nd, 1961, we held our second Inter-House Swimming Gala, using, for the first time, the new Westville Swimming Bath as the venue. Our Guests of Honour were the Mayor, Councillor N. C. Gracie, and Mrs. Gracie, who presented the trophies. We were blessed with glorious weather for the occasion, as it was warm, windless and sunny. Although rain threatened, it held off until the function was completed.

Competition was very keen and performances good. For this, we must extend our sincere thanks to the instructors of the Westville Swimming Club for all the work they put into coaching many of our pupils. In the short time available at the start of the school year, no constructive coaching can be undertaken by schools. Because of this, we are particularly grateful to those members of the Westville Swimming Club who so freely and willingly gave of their time and skill.

Unfortunately, no records could be broken as all distances were measured in metres. However, best performance awards were won by:—

Girls:

- 16 and Over—McLean Trophy: Elizabeth May.
- Under 16—Forsdick Trophy: Jane Castleden.
- Under 15—Ronald Green Trophy: Caroline Radford.
- Under 14—May Trophy: Fayleen Browne.
- Under 13—School Trophy: Glynis Hayward.

Boys:

- 16 and Over—McLean Trophy: T. Hayward.
- Under 16—Youngleson Trophy: N. Dredge.
- Under 15—Perry Trophy: G. Price.
- Under 14—Dredge Trophy: J. Hone.
- Under 13—School Trophy: B. Donald and C. Marks.

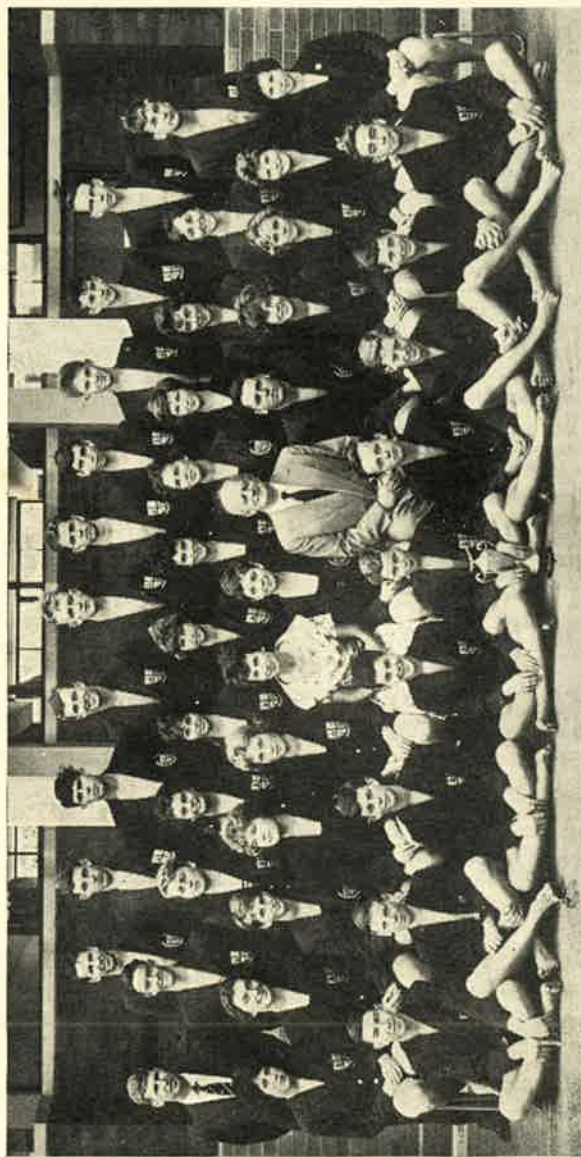
The Hayward Trophy for the Boys' 200 metres Freestyle Event was competed for, for the first time, and, very appropriately, was won by Terry Hayward.

Swain House won the Castleden Trophy as they scored most points in the relay events. Here, Caroline Radford deserves special mention for her fine swim in the last leg of the Girls' Open Relay where, after taking the water a good twelve yards behind the leading swimmer, she caught up to win by a touch, thus giving Swain House the victory.

Interest in the Inter-House Competition was maintained to the last relay event which was won by Carr House, who thus won the Charles Swain Trophy with 138 points from Swain House (128), Cliff House (105) and Wandsbeck (94). Carr House won this trophy for the second successive year.

Co-educational High Schools now compete at their own Inter-School Gala and our team must be congratulated on repeating its success of 1960 by winning this competition again and by an even wider margin than before. Westville gained 265 points, with their nearest rivals, Port Natal High School, finishing second with 101 points. Once again, Westville swimmers won seven of the eight relay events, all in record time. The team broke sixteen records and equalled one. Individual records were broken by:

- Elizabeth May—Girls' Open 100 yards Freestyle.
- Maureen Finlayson—Girls' Open 50 yards Butterfly and 100 yards Backstroke.
- Glynis Hayward—Girls' Under 13 50 yards Freestyle.
- T. Hayward—Boys' Open 100 yards Freestyle.
- N. Dredge—Boys' Under 16 100 yards Breaststroke and 100 yards Freestyle.
- J. Hone—Boys' Under 14 50 yards Freestyle.
- G. Gar—Boys' Under 13 50 yards Breaststroke.



SWIMMING, 1961.
 Back Row: D. Weir, G. Thompson, M. Moffatt, B. Taylor, J. Hone, T. O'Keefe, J. Klaas, M. Coucumbros, G. Price, D. Trezona.
 Standing: Mr. C. J. Viljoen, C. McLean, P. Harding, G. Hayward, L. Pieterse, J. Castleden, J. West, G. West, L. Jones, W. May, A. Krohn, N. Dredge.
 Seated: A. Baker, C. Radford, F. Browne, E. May, P. Gray, M. Finlayson, Mr. N. W. Boudien, T. Hayward, M. Madsen, G. Wakefield, C. Abery, M. Bloch.
 Front Row: L. Isaacs, N. Pope, D. Allcock, G. Gar, A. Roberts, P. Moffatt, B. Donald, C. Marks, A. Hanson.

Sponsored by Morrison's Mail Order House.

John Hone also broke the Natal Under 14 Butterfly record and subsequently represented Durban and District Schools at the Natal Schools' Swimming Gala.

Swimming awards for the year were—Colours: Maureen Finlayson, Elizabeth May, T. Hayward, M. Moffatt.

In the Inter-School Diving Competition, held at the Glenwood High School Swimming Bath, our boys did well to gain places, as the competition was keen. There is no division into co-educational groups. It is a great pity that our girls show so little interest in this phase of swimming activity, as for the past two seasons we have not been represented in their section of this competition.

This report cannot be complete without recording our sincere appreciation of the facilities afforded us by Westville's Swimming Bath. The Mayor and Councillors are to be warmly congratulated on providing such a magnificent bath in such a congenial setting and our thanks go to them for permitting us such liberal use of the bath, both for training and competition.

NETBALL

The response to netball during the second and third terms was not as good as it might have been. Few matches were played but all teams took an active part in the Annual Netball Tournament at Windermere High School. The teams played well but were not up to the standard of the other schools. More practice, and still more practice, is needed if improvement is to be achieved. Since there is no organised netball league, it is hoped that a schedule can be arranged, so that every team can play at least one match a week. This should increase enthusiasm and go towards making netball a more popular school sport. Teams were:

- Open:** B. Anderson (capt.), B. Little, A. Krohn, P. Driffill, E. May, J. West, W. May.
Under 16: J. Warren (capt.), V. Uniacke, L. Maddock, A. Lambrechts, E. Perrin, C. Shambrook.
Under 15: J. van der Merwe (capt.), S. Peet, A. Dearing, Y. Palmer, D. Corrigan, H. Corbishley, R. Northern.
Junior: M. Bosch (capt.), F. Platt, J. Wuth, D. Crowther, B. Leggott, S. Soskin, A. Thackwray.

ATHLETICS

The year 1961 heralded the inauguration of a new schools' athletic venture when in March, for the first time, an inter-school meeting on a provincial basis was held at Potchefstroom. Teams drawn from the schools of Northern Transvaal, Western Transvaal and Natal competed at this meeting. Athletes selected from Westville High School to represent Natal were:

Anne Sherratt, Pat Sulin, Lesley Page-Wright, Carol Shambrook, D. Singleton and A. Shedlock.

Northern Transvaal, represented by 127 athletes, won this inaugural meeting, with Western Transvaal second and Natal, represented by 42 athletes, third. Natal won more events than either of the other provinces, despite a harrowing journey. The Natal team left Durban by road at 6 a.m. on Friday and arrived in Potchefstroom at 2.30 a.m. on Saturday!

Our third annual inter-house meeting, at which Mr. E. J. Morgan, M.P.C., and Mrs. Morgan, were guests of honour, took place on Saturday, 2nd September. The previous evening, tents and marquees, erected for catering and the entertainment of our guests, had been flattened by a howling gale and conditions were by no means pleasant throughout the afternoon. A strong, blustering wind swept across the track and temperatures were unpleasantly low. Despite the unfavourable conditions, however, some excellent times were returned, although more enthusiasm and support from the senior boys would have been appreciated. Best performance trophies were won by:

- K. F. Nalson—Boys' Open Discus, 149 feet 4 inches.
 Maureen Finlayson—Girls' Open 75 yards Hurdles, 11.5 seconds.
 E. H. Rudder—Boys Under 16, 880 yards, 2 min. 13.6 seconds.
 Lesley Page-Wright—Girls Under 15 Long Jump, 15 ft. 6 ins.
 M. W. du Preez—Boys Under 14 Long Jump, 17 ft. 2½ ins.
 Fayleen Browne—Girls Under 14 Hurdles, 11.6 seconds.

Maureen Finlayson must be congratulated as she was *Victrix Ludorum* for the second successive year. B. J. Taylor was *Victor Ludorum*.

The Kirby Trophy for the winning house was won by Cliff House with 155 points. Wandsbeck House (127½ points) was second and Carr House (123 points) was third. Swain House (85½ points), who won this trophy by more than fifty points in 1960, came a forlorn last.

Later in September, the Inter-High School Athletic Meeting was held at Port Natal High School. Our girls, captained by Maureen Finlayson, gained a thrilling victory over Port Natal and won the girls' section for the second successive year. Fayleen Browne established a new inter-school record in the Girls (Under 15) 75 yards Hurdles, with a time of 11.4 seconds. The boys, captained by M. Kennelly, finished seventh. E. H. Rudder improved on his 880 yards' time to finish third in the Under 16 Half-mile in 2 mins. 8.1 secs. (Subsequently, in Pietermaritzburg, he reduced this time still further in the Under 17 Age-group, finishing third in 2 mins. 6.2 secs.)

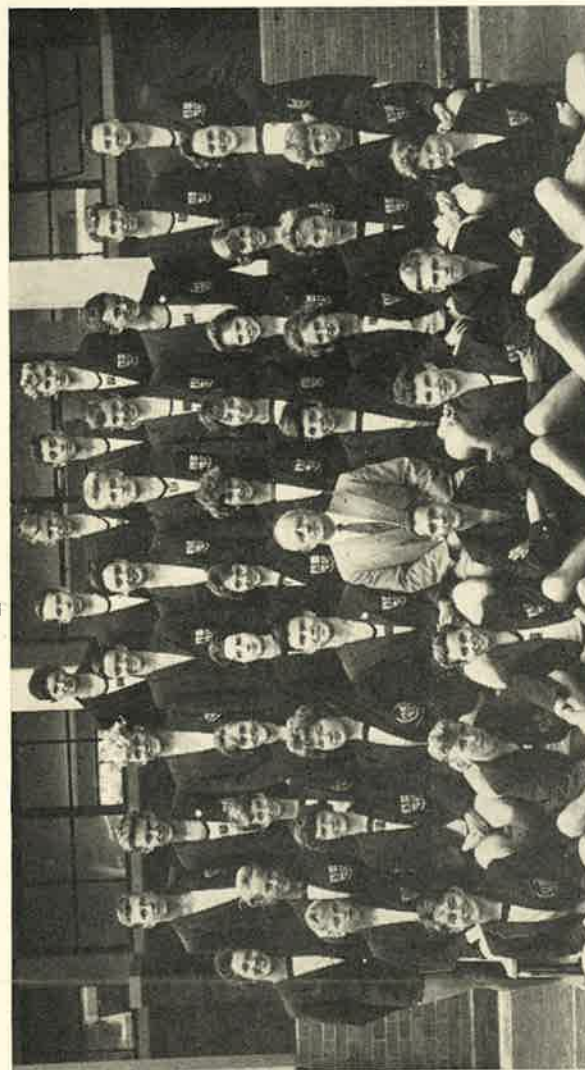
As a result of these successes, Jill Braybrooke, Maureen Finlayson, Jane Castleden, Pat Sulin and Fayleen Browne, and D. Singleton (our sole boy representative!) were selected to represent Durban and District Schools in the Inter-District Meeting held at Dundee.

The most promising and enthusiastic athletes were encouraged to enter the appropriate events of the Natal Junior Championships. The following girls won events:—

- 100 yards, Girls, Under 16—Jane Castleden.
 150 yards, Girls, Under 16—Jane Castleden.
 75 yards Hurdles, Girls, Under 15—Marga Swart.
 75 yards Hurdles, Girls, Under 14—Fayleen Browne.

In addition, J. F. Stevenson won the Under 15 Boys' 880 yards in the brilliant time of 2 mins. 2.3 secs., five seconds faster than the previous record.

Athletic awards for the year were—Half-Colours: Marga Swart, Barbara Anderson, Elizabeth May, Jane Castleden, B. Taylor.



ATHLETICS, 1961.
 Back Row: J. Stevenson, D. Trezona, H. Rudder, R. Shotland, I. Burgess.
 Standing: B. Taylor, C. Marnoch, K. Nalson, C. McLean, G. Thaw, D. Singleton, P. Corrigan, B. Thompson, T. O'Keeffe, G. Ward.
 Middle Row: G. West, L. Page-Wright, F. Browne, J. Braybrooke, B. Little, M. Joles, J. Castleden, C. Shambrook, M. Swart, S. Simpson, B. Anderson.
 Seated: E. Bahrs, S. Oxenham, E. May, M. Kennelly, Mr. N. W. Bowden, M. Finlayson, P. Sulin, P. Gray, S. Anderson.
 Front Row: A. Sherratt, R. May, A. Roberts, M. du Preez, D. Wolfson, M. Louatt, C. Abernethy.
 Sponsored by Reg Wright, Dan le Roux and Les Salton.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY REPORT, 1961.

"Who Lies There?" was the intriguing question posed by the society this year when it presented its three-act Victorian melodrama. From the very first moments of the play when the cellar door creaked mysteriously open, until the end, when Francie and George, the newly married couple, listened aghast to the guilty professor next door, shooting himself and his wife, the audience was gripped by the mounting suspense. Sighs of relief and nervous laughter were noticeable throughout the play. The response shown by the capacity audiences to the play, held on three nights at the beginning of the second term, was most gratifying.

Once again the society was fortunate in obtaining the use of the Westville Methodist Hall. It is to the school's credit that the obstacle of not having a hall has not discouraged it from theatrical activities. This established tradition promises well for the future when a hall has been built.

Jennifer Shadwell, in her first acting role of Francie, made a most winsome heroine. Esther Goldstein captured very vividly the affected manner of Madam, the third-rate singer. Her husband, the Professor, was played by Francis Graham with very convincing pompousness and superiority. Linelle Irvine spent some time acquiring a North of England accent for her part as the neighbour, Mrs. Butterworth. Both the accent and her portrayal of an agreeable elderly woman were very successfully handled. The comedy side of the play was stolen by Jacqueline Freed as the vulgar, over-dressed Mrs. Dubinski. Michael Coucumbros was also very amusing as the exceedingly nervous little Mr. Meakin, forever peering distractedly through his glasses. The agitated, highly strung mother, Mrs. Fearn, trying to appear calm for her daughter's sake, was well portrayed by Cynthia Ramsay. Terence Hayward, with evident relish, stepped into the boots of the domineering policeman investigating the murder. Michael Smallbones was perhaps inclined to be too serious but nevertheless coped ably with the part of the young husband, anxious to please and comfort his wife.

The Society is particularly indebted to Mr. Ray Walsh for his superb lighting effects and to Mr. Neville Brokensha for preparing and operating the sound effects. Mrs. Ramsay very kindly acted as hairdresser for the girls, whose hairstyles contributed a great deal to the Victorian atmosphere of the play.

Thanks must go to Mrs. Thomson for her much appreciated advice to both the cast and the producer, Mr. J. Kearney. Mr. A. Evens and Mr. O. Streit were responsible for the very attractive set, comprising marble fireplace, Victorian medallion wallpaper, umbrella stand and a snow scene outside French windows.

Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Pope capably managed the make-up department. Miss Buccimazza gave up much of her time to act as "prompt" both at rehearsals and performances. Mr. Chambers was a most efficient and helpful backstage manager. Our thanks are due finally to Mrs. Matchett for organising the catering, to Mrs. Stockil for arranging the programmes and booking, and to Mr. Hurworth for acting as business manager. All the necessary costumes were lent to us by the Natal Schools' Theatre Organisation and this certainly simplified the production of a period play.

In the third term, members of Form III boldly decided to present two of the plays from their set work "One Act Plays For To-day". Miss S. Nel agreed to produce "The King's Waistcoat" and Mr. J. Kearney, "The Monkey's Paw". A basic set was erected in the G.P. Room, designed to be suitable for both plays. Without special lighting, curtains, or an elaborate set, the plays thus depended almost entirely for their effect on forceful acting. Both casts showed their enthusiasm by rehearsing at lunchtimes and after school in order to have the plays ready in time.

On the last day of the term, these plays were performed before all the third forms and other interested forms. Teachers who watched them commented on the high standard achieved. Having undergone such an early training, these young actors should be very valuable to the Dramatic Society in later years.

The casts were as follow:—

THE KING'S WAISTCOAT

Lord Francis Webling	— Peter Moffatt.
Felicity Hammond	— Dorothy Gorven.
Bob Repington	— David Allcock.
Lady Susan Harcourt	— Ilana Sudar.
Isaac Hammond	— Ronald Sandison.
Zachariah Hammond	— Rupert Mellor.
Servant	— Hilliard Gar.
Prompts	— Jennifer Thornton,
	Cedric Kuhlenthal.



THE MONKEY'S PAW

Mrs. White	— Juliet Freed.
Mr. White	— Alan Brooks.
Herbert White	— Simon Templar.
Sergeant-Major Morris	— John Robinson.
Mr. Sampson	— Michael Meek.
Prompt	— Jennifer Sydie.
Backstage Assistant	— Robert Stanton.



DEBATING SOCIETY

Debates were held in V "A" classroom during the lunch break (from 12.40 p.m. to 1.15 p.m.) on Thursdays.

The following motions were debated:

- that the school curriculum is out of touch with the realities of life;
- that all government censorship of newspapers, books, films and radio should be abolished;
- that Africans should be given more political rights;
- that this society is in favour of socialism;
- that woman's place is in the home;
- that television should not be introduced into South Africa.

The main speakers were: Jacqueline Freed, Ian Silson, Esther Goldstein, Peter Oosthuizen, David Wolfson, Alan Heritage, Winifred Rodda, Susan Mould, Miriam Ballin, Moira Stern, Daniel Remenyi, Michael Coucumbros, Ross Ballington, Myra Taylor, Robert Miller, Wendy Chapman, Peter Schollick, Lynette Bonfa, Terry Hayward, Jennifer Shadwell.

During the year, two "hat debates" took place. The subjects were:

- South Africa's Main Problem;
- Fashions and Craze at Westville High School;
- Things that make me cross;
- Some people I really admire;
- Some suggestions for making life more interesting;
- Space Travel;
- What to do if bitten by a snake;
- How I learned to dance;
- How to behave at a birthday party.
- What to do about insect pests;
- Arguments I get involved in;
- My shopping;
- Pigs;
- Is honesty the best policy?

The speakers were: Ian Silson, Miriam Ballin, Esther Goldstein, Jennifer Shadwell, Myra Taylor, Susan Mould, Elizabeth May, Moira Stern, Daniel Remenyi, Barbara Little.

Only one afternoon debate was held this year. The motion was "Peace is a Pipe Dream". Daniel Remenyi, Miriam Ballin, Terry Hayward and Esther Goldstein spoke in favour of the motion; and Michael Coucumbros, Peter Schollick, Moira Stern and Jennifer Shadwell opposed it.

A team from our Society met Durban High School in an inter-school debate on Friday evening, 27th October, at D.H.S. Our team (Esther Goldstein, Daniel Remenyi and Jacqueline Freed) moved "that there should be no form of censorship at all". The adjudicators awarded a victory to Westville by a narrow margin. The evening was enjoyable and amusing.

M. Ballin (Form VI A)

STUDENTS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

(Westville High School Branch)

The Students' Christian Association is a world-wide organisation of which the Westville High School S.C.A. is only a small branch. It has as its objects:

1. to lead scholars to accept the Christian Faith and to live a Christian life;
2. to deepen the spiritual life of the scholars and to encourage the study of the Bible;
3. to influence scholars to devote themselves to the extension of the Kingdom of God;
4. to foster, among students, loyalty to the Church of Christ, in general, and their own church, in particular.

The Westville High School branch, formed in 1959, has continued to function this year under the management of senior pupils of the school. Lunch-break meetings have been held every week and there has been the usual variety of speakers. Two prayer meetings are also held weekly, one at a tea-break and the other after school or during a lunch-break.

The speakers have ranged from the burly missionary who arrived with a primitive drum over his shoulder and beat it at intervals to lend drama to thrilling tales of life among the savage tribes of Angola; to the woman doctor, whose account of the faith and perseverance displayed by a Bantu nurse of her acquaintance did not fail to touch her hearers. Besides these two, meetings were addressed by a former pupil of the school, a chiropractor, a nursing sister and many of the local ministers. A former champion miler used as his subject "Running the Race" and applied it to the Christian life. Many of the talks were well illustrated by anecdotes and all the speakers had words of wisdom and encouragement to offer their listeners. The School was also visited by one of the travelling secretaries of the S.C.A.

Among the highlights of the year's activities was a braai, held at "Doc" Watson's home in Atholl Heights. This event was greatly enjoyed despite a cold breeze and rain.

During the year, a new committee was elected. The election was controlled and presided over by "Doc" Watson.

The School Science Club combined with the S.C.A. to show the film "Red River of Life"—a film of scientific interest with a Christian approach.

The meetings of the S.C.A. are open to all members of the school, and the only charge for admission is a willingness to listen seriously to what the speaker has to say.

N. Gorven (Form VI A)

THE FRIDAY SOCIETY

Hon. President: The Headmaster; Chairman, M. C. Martin, Esq.; Vice-Chairman, Miss M. Stern; Hon. Secretary, P. F. Schollick; Hon. Treasurer, D. Remenyi; Committee, the above, with Miss W. Chapman, Miss E. Goldstein and M. Coucoubros.

At the inaugural meeting of this new school society, on 17th August, the Chairman suggested that the main object of the Society might be to invite guest speakers, undertake excursions and hold organised discussions.

On 22nd September, the first guest speaker to address the Society, Mr. Alan Paton, the well-known South African writer, gave a most interesting lecture on the life and poetry of the late Mr. Roy Campbell. Quoting often from Mr. Campbell's work, Mr. Paton demonstrated the clarity, imagery and energy of the poetry.

At the next indoor meeting of the Society, Dr. Black, the Student Adviser of the University of Natal, spoke on the necessity for a University education. He afterwards answered questions put to him from the floor.

On 25th October, a small group of members spent a most pleasant and instructive afternoon at the Mariannhill Monastery, despite the fact that, due to the limited time available, much of the Monastery remained unseen.

Last, but not least, mention must be made of the theatre parties which went to see the play "King of the Dark Chamber," by the Nobel Prize winner, Rabindranath Tagore, and also the film "Wild Strawberries." This latter was followed by an enlightening discussion.

Support for all these activities has been very good and it is hoped that activities will be considerably extended in the coming year.

P. F. Schollick (Form V A)

SCIENCE CLUB.

At last the much-needed cultural societies are beginning to function in our school. Under the guidance of Miss Carey, the Society aimed to investigate any subjects of interest to the wide cross-section of its members—and the response was most encouraging. A committee was elected with Jacqueline Freed as president, Betty Spillman as secretary and N. Skilleas as committee member. The formation of the Club met with a heartening response and it obtained as its first speaker Mr. Ward of the Natal University, whose lecture on Space Travel and Astronomy was well received by a large audience and set a high standard for the functions to follow.

One of the highlights of the Club's activities was the visit by some senior members to the Smith and Nephew factory in Pinetown. The factory provided a scientific slant on the production and testing of their products. Later the rest of the members enjoyed a similar visit.

Following an interesting film on lung cancer, we were pleased to have Mrs. Huthwaite of the Durban Museum to attend a Club meeting. While stuffing a bird and making a cast of a snake, she answered the varied questions of a large audience and kindly donated both materials and exhibits to the Club.

Two showings of the educational film "Red River of Life" were well attended.

The Club will no doubt develop in the years to come. It has a promising future, and we hope that lack of interest will not impede its progress. Although the membership already totals about 80, there are vacancies for enthusiastic junior members.

E. Spillman (Form VIA)

OUR EXCURSION TO THE SMITH AND NEPHEW FACTORY

Slowly the crowded bus rattled to a start and the party of thirty or forty pupils, members of the Science Club, set off for the Smith and Nephew factory at Pinetown. Although it is not far from Westville, the journey took quite a long time because the small bus was packed to capacity with pupils, their school cases and other paraphernalia.

On arrival at the factory, a gentleman spoke to us and explained what we would see. The factory guides split us into groups and we set off. The first part of the factory to be visited was the "Gypsona" plant. Here they make Plaster of Paris bandages which are a great help to doctors in the setting of broken bones. All that is necessary is to immerse the bandage in water, squeeze out the surplus moisture and wrap the bandage around the patient's broken limb.

Next, we visited that part of the factory where they manufacture gauze and cloth from the raw cotton. The noise was deafening and we were pleased to be out in the fresh air once more. In one room, where bales of cotton are stored, we were allowed to take samples of the raw cotton and we saw the cotton in its various stages of processing.

From there, we went to the Elastoplast factory and saw how the sticky gum was made. It was mixed in big drum-like structures and looked like thick ice-cream. The Elastoplast is made in huge strips, roughly three to four feet wide. It is then left to dry on big racks and after some time is rolled up and cut into the required widths. The Elastoplast is packed by hand and white women do this work.

Unfortunately for us, the Nivea plant was not operating the day we visited the factory, but we were shown the machinery which is used for the manufacture of Nivea Cream. A tin of the perfume used in the manufacture of Nivea Cream was passed around and although it was in concentrated form, we could still smell that clean perfume which accompanies all Nivea products.

We were then taken through the laboratory to see the chemical side of the manufacture of Nivea products and finally, to end the tour, were given a talk on make-up and beauty care by Mrs. Zena Gevisser. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

P. Tunmer (Form IV B)

THE SCHOOL HOUSES

As a review of the achievements of each of the four houses of the school is provided in this issue and should become a regular feature of the magazine, a short explanation of the origin of the names of these houses is appropriate.

Both Carr House and Wandsbeck House were created in 1947 on the occasion of the school's first-ever Sports Day and Fête. Mr. F. H. D. Lumsden, the Headmaster, decided that the house system would stimulate interest in school events.

Carr House was aptly named after Miss Gladys Carr, who had opened the first school in the old church hall at Westville in March, 1935. In 1941, Bernard House and six acres of land were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard to the people of Westville for educational purposes. Wandsbeck House owes its name to the farm on which this large farmhouse stood.

The post-war years saw a rapid increase in the number of pupils, and in 1950 it became necessary to form a third school house. This was named Cliff House, after Mr. P. K. Cliff, an Inspector of Schools and a long-standing friend of the school.

In 1957, the sudden death of Mr. C. E. Swain, a popular staff member and enthusiastic sportsman, led to the decision to name Swain House in his memory.

HOUSE NOTES

CARR HOUSE

House Captains: Anne Sherratt and B. Thompson.

The green of Carr House was well to the fore during 1961. Swimming proved our strong point, and we won the Inter-House Swimming Trophy for the second successive year. Credit for this must go to Terry and Glynis Hayward and Fayleen Browne, who scored many points for us. Annalee Krohn, Colleen Scott and Hilary Barber also won events, and the Moffatt brothers contributed many points. Michael Moffatt and Terry Hayward were awarded their colours for swimming.

Athletics was our weak point, and only our juniors saved us from complete rout in the inter-house meeting. Outstanding here was Fayleen Browne, who climaxed a good athletic season by breaking the record for the 75 yards girls under 14 hurdles event at the Natal Junior Championships. Our athletes won three best performance trophies at our own inter-house meeting. They were Fayleen Browne (Under 14 hurdles), Lesley Page-Wright (Under 15 long jump) and E. H. Rudder (Under 16 880 yards).

The members of the House who played regularly for the first Rugby XV were B. Thompson, J. Davies and D. Rudman. Of these, B. Thompson was awarded his colours, and the latter two received half-colours. Members of Carr House provided the nucleus of the Second XV.

D. Dyer and C. Shedlock, both under fifteen, have been regular members of the first cricket team throughout the year.

Hockey colours have been awarded to Fayleen Browne and Anne Sherratt, both regular members of the first Hockey XI. Both girls played in the Natal Trials without gaining selection. In spite of this strong core, our hockey team finished last in the inter-house competition.

Betty Spillman, who won the girls' open singles tennis trophy, captained the school tennis team, and Fayleen Browne was captain of the Under 15 A tennis team.

CLIFF HOUSE

House Captains: Gillian West and R. Shotland.

Our athletic team was successful in regaining the Kirby Trophy for Inter-House competition. All who assisted in this achievement must be thanked and congratulated. Successful girl athletes were Margaret Wheeler, Merle Joles, Jill Braybrooke and Marga Swart. Excellent performances by D. Singleton, N. Dredge, M. Kennelly and B. Taylor, who was Victor Ludorum, also contributed towards our success. Scrolls for athletics were awarded to Merle Joles, Marga Swart and B. Taylor. Marga Swart subsequently won the Girls' Under 15 75 yards hurdles event at the Natal Junior Championships.

Apart from a few outstanding competitors, such as J. Hone, N. Dredge and C. McLean, our swimmers did not excel.

It was disappointing that the strong Cliff hockey team, consisting mainly of first and second team players, failed to win the inter-house tournament. We were, however, runners-up. Our congratulations go to Wandsbeck House team which, consisting mainly of juniors, won this competition. Colours for hockey were re-awarded to Gillian West, captain of the first hockey team.

Robert Shotland is worthy of praise both for gaining honours for tennis and for being selected for the Natal Junior Tennis Team. He, and his younger brother, Roy, swept the board in the school tennis championships, winning the Open and Junior Singles titles respectively, and the Boys' Doubles title in addition. Partnered by Barbara Anderson, of Swain House, Robert Shotland shared the Mixed Doubles title also.

Cliff House boys who gained their Rugby Colours were C. Marnoch and K. Nalson. Scrolls were awarded to E. Kennelly and M. Kennelly.

Robert Shotland also received half-colours for Cricket.

SWAIN HOUSE

House Captains: Elizabeth May and G. Ward.

The House has not done as well as it did in 1960.

At the beginning of 1961, little interest was shown among the swimmers of Swain House. Fortunately, enthusiasm increased after the heats for the annual inter-house gala and to our surprise and delight we gained second place, narrowly losing to Carr House in the decisive relay which concluded the programme. Although beaten here, we won the Castleden Trophy for the house scoring most points in the relay events.

Unfortunately, we were unable to repeat our success in the inter-house hockey competition and finished last.

After having won the Kirby Trophy (most points) and the Chalmers Cup (Relays) in 1960, we had high hopes of repeating our successes, but again our optimism was misplaced. "And the first shall be last" was only too true a quotation when applied to us, for we finished an ignominious last, almost forty points behind Carr House, who were third. We congratulate Cliff House on their splendid win. As there is a fair amount of talent among our juniors we hope to give a better account of ourselves in the future. We cannot do any worse, so must try to improve.

During 1961, quite a few members of the House were given awards in the various sports. The House congratulates the following members:

D. Weir (Full Colours for Swimming); Elizabeth Burnill (Full Colours for Hockey); Elizabeth May (Full Colours for Swimming; Half-colours for Hockey and Athletics); Barbara Anderson (Half-colours for Athletics); P. Sandison (Half-colours for Cricket); and, in addition, T. O'Keeffe, B. Dennison and O. Meredith who were awarded Half-colours for Rugby.

WANDSBECK HOUSE

House Captains: Maureen Finlayson and R. Loutit.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of both boys and girls, our house has made very pleasing strides this year. In 1960, Wandsbeck scored the lowest number of points in the Inter-house Swimming Gala. This year, however, with more enthusiasm and practice, and with the assistance of a few newcomers, the house managed to gain many more points.

The spirit shown by the house hockey team was most gratifying. A considerable number of team members had to be chosen from Junior classes, but luck was with us and our first victory materialised. The step from fourth to first was a big one, and it is hoped that the team will be as successful this year.

In athletics we again had to admit defeat but gained second position. Competition was most friendly and all seemed to enjoy Sports Day. Cliff House deserved their victory. Awards were:—

Athletics: M. Finlayson (Colours); Jane Castleden (Half-colours).

Swimming: M. Finlayson (Colours).

A number of boys participated in the open rugby fixtures during the year. However, none of the boys from this house gained the distinction of playing regularly for the first fifteen. Two boys from the house were fortunate enough to be chosen as utility men for the rugby tour.

As far as athletics was concerned, the House came second in the Annual Sports. The Junior Boys and the Under 16 age group were the mainstay of the House. The Open boys were sadly outclassed in both field and track events, but the Open relay team gained second place.

The House is obviously weak as far as swimming is concerned as it finished last in the Gala. Here again, the juniors performed better than the seniors, mainly because of their greater numbers as compared with those in the older age group.

In the 1st Cricket XI, the House was represented by M. Ezekowitz and D. Wolfson, both of whom received half-colours for cricket, whilst several members of the House were included in the 2nd XI.

THE WESTVILLE OLD PUPILS' ASSOCIATION

The year 1961 saw the founding of the Westville Old Pupils' Association, and another milestone has been reached in the history of the school. Organised by Mrs. Stockil, Mr. Bowden and Mr. Commons, a meeting was held at the school on 8th September, 1961. This was attended by thirty-five ex-pupils of the school. Apologies were received from others who were unable to attend.

At this meeting a "Caretaker Committee" of seven was elected to draw up a draft constitution. This was prepared with the help of Mr. Bowden. All flaws and legal points were ironed out by Mr. McLean, who attended the final meeting of this committee.

This draft constitution was presented to, and adopted unanimously by, a general meeting held on 1st December, 1961, when a committee was elected and office-bearers appointed, as follows:—

Chairman: Mr. Howard Roberts.

Vice-chairman: Miss Jennifer Slevin.

Secretary: Mr. Roy Phillips.

Treasurer: Miss Jill Walton.

Executive Committee: Miss Sigrid Menck, Mr. Ezra Goldstein, Mr. Fred Graham, Mr. Andrew MacRitchie, Mr. Leslie Selby and Mr. Alex Simoni.

Any person who has been a pupil of the High School after January, 1956, is eligible for membership. Applications for membership from persons who attended the Westville School prior to January, 1956, will also be considered by the Committee. Country membership is available for persons who live more than twenty-five miles from the school. The annual subscription is two rand per annum for ordinary members and one rand per annum for country members.

News of Past Pupils.

Our past pupils are already well-scattered, not only around the country, but in "foreign parts" as well. Of the 1960 Matriculation Form, three are overseas. Glenn Brazil is in Israel, serving in the Israeli Army. Pieter Duys has temporarily forsaken his medical studies at Cape Town University and is in Connecticut, U.S.A., on a scholarship, while his old friend, and ours, Norman Mould, is in England, frantically studying Latin in order to gain entrance to an English university.

Sigrid Menck, Dux in 1960, nursed for three months at Grey's Hospital, when she passed her examinations with honours. She decided, however, that she would prefer Medical Technology as a vocation so she resigned and returned to Durban. As no vacancy for training was available, she accepted a temporary post in the Treasury Department of Durban Corporation. She hopes to commence her training in medical technology this year.

We have had news of the following past pupils. Nearly all of this is by word-of-mouth and it would be appreciated if pupils who have left school would keep in touch, by sending the occasional postcard in order that a register of past pupils can be compiled and kept up-to-date.

Form VI, 1960:

Monika Bahrs: Durban Teachers' Training College.

Anne-Marie Bakke: Nursing at Entabeni.

Marion Carey: Training as a librarian at Durban Municipal Library.

C. Glover: Natal University, Durban.

E. Goldstein: Natal University, Durban (Legal B.A.).

B. Gray: Studying accountancy.

I. Haselau: Natal University, Pietermaritzburg (Fine Arts).

Marylou Hendy: Natal University, Durban.

A. J. Hickman: At Kloof Garage; going to Army Gymnasium in 1962.

Rosemary Jewitt: Nursing at Addington.

C. Levy: Trainee chemist at Umbogintwini.

A. MacRitchie: Natal University, Durban (Chemical Engineering).

G. Martin: Army Gymnasium, Pretoria.

A. Meter: Air Force Gymnasium.

A. Mitchell: Part-time course at University.

R. Munro: Pure Science course at Natal University, Durban, with actuarial studies included.

C. Planting: Stellenbosch University (B.Com. or Law).

D. Olsen: Natal University, Durban.

P. Ridl: Quantity Surveying, Natal University, Durban.

F. Rose: Studying accountancy.

Pat Sauer: Secretarial course.

Jennifer Slevin: Secretarial course, Natal Technical College.

R. Swart: Army Gymnasium, Pretoria.

G. ter Brugge: Attending Wits. University to study mining engineering (Chamber of Mines).

C. Tolliss: Believed to be training as an accountant.

Jill Walton: Trainee librarian, Durban Municipal Library.

Jenny Wheeler: Training as Medical Technologist at King Edward V Hospital.

Form VI, 1959:

B. Genn: Training as an accountant.

F. Graham: Training as an accountant.

I. Heritage: Now in England. Was at African Explosives, Umbogintwini, when his family emigrated.

P. Jacobs: Durban Teachers' Training College.

R. Jacobs: Training as an accountant.

P. Kaye: Employed by his father and studying food technology.

K. Menck: Natal University, Durban.

R. Phillips: Natal University, Durban (Legal B.A.).

W. Reiff: Believed to be in Johannesburg. Occupation unknown.

H. Roberts: Engineering student at Natal University, Durban. Continuing his interest in athletics.

Valerie Ross: B.A. student, Natal University, Pietermaritzburg.
Intends to teach.

L. Selby: After two years' accountancy, is training as a teacher.

A. Simoni: Intends entering university to study law.

B. Walker: After service in the Income Tax Department and in a paint factory, is now believed to be employed by a travel agency.



News has also been received of the following:

Phillipa Uniacke (1959): Nursing at Addington.

Beverly Dearing (1960): Bank clerk.

Jill McFadyen (1960): At Business College.

G. Edwards (1960): Bank clerk, Durban.

Christel Beier (1959): Secretarial work.

J. Seivewright (1960): Barclays Bank, Durban.

A. Paul (1960): Walvis Bay, S.W.A., working with his father.

R. Montague (1959): Radio electrician.

B. Mills (1958): Garage trade.

D. Thompson (1960): Apprentice motor mechanic.

W. McKeone (1960): Apprentice plumber.

Sandra Thompson (1960): Bank clerk.

P. J. Wade (1959): S.A. Nautical College.

R. de Gaye (1959): Outfitter.

M. Carey (1959): Contracting business.

Judith Gale-Brown (1960): Studying ballet.

G. D. Dyer (1958): Became Head Prefect of Kearsney College.

T. Blackman (1960): Amalgamated Packaging Industries.

M. Macdonald (1959): South African Railways.

Esmée Ebersohn (1960): Standard Bank, Pinetown.

D. Mills (1960): Photography.

G. Michaelatos (1961): South African Railways.

M. Wilton (1960): Southern Rhodesian Police Force.

Wendy Grant (1959): Studying ballet.

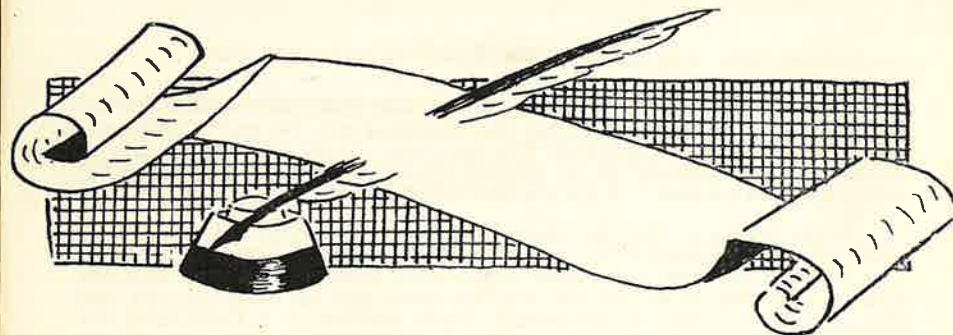
Lynn Grace (1959): Studying dress designing.

Lynette Gibson (1958): Secretarial work.

Judy Turner (1960): Secretarial work.

C. Scott (1961): Studying ballet.

Unfortunately, no singular achievements such as the passing of finals or even matrimonial news can be reported, but congratulations are extended to Adrie ter Horst (1958) who has recently become engaged.



BENEATH THE WAVES

The water was cold for summer. Adjusting my goggles, I paused for a moment before taking the final plunge which would send me far below, far under the shimmering, blue-green swells rocking gently around me. Their pearly crests, as they curled softly over, halting a moment before sliding down into the slippery depths, glistened frothily in the welcome rays of the sun, seeming to me like glimmering jewels flecking the rich crown of some ancient ruler. Fastening my breathing tube, I let myself sink. The icy water closed over my shoulders and head, filling me with a sense of fatalism as I severed all connection with the world above. I was alone.

The sunlight filtering through the water lit up the mystical gloom of the vast fairyland around, and I entered a new world—a world of laziness and slow-motion, of unreality and timelessness, but certainly not a world of monotony. Fishes flicked aimlessly hither and thither, providing an ever-changing kaleidoscope of underwater life, with all its flamboyant colours and varying shapes. The wild, tropical beauty of the coral bank beneath my feet vied in its rare splendour with the exotic blooms of the flowering sea-anemone. A myriad of the smaller inhabitants of this vast garden slid noiselessly past, while a giant ray fixed me with a cold, unwavering eye, before proceeding, calm and undisturbed, on his unhurried way.

Attempting to jerk myself out of the mesmerising fascination of the scene, I realised that it must be time to return. But here, with no need for this conception, time seemed to have lost its meaning, and it was difficult to judge how long I had been down. I did not move. A strange sense of reluctance swept over me. There was no denying the indefinable attraction of this silent existence, far from the strife, worries, and care of life above. What was it—this mysterious, bewitching quality about this paradise, so powerful that I felt its electric force enticing me to spend the rest of my days drifting, with no more arduous task than to admire the frail, beautifully-sculptured cockles decorating its caressing floor? Perhaps the tranquillity—the air of peace and a life without worry? Yet there seemed somewhere to be something sinister in this apparently perfect life. Shaking off my weird thoughts, I tried to move, but my muscles seemed weighted, and I stayed rooted to the spot. Panic overwhelmed me like a tidal wave, numbing my senses. I stood as if bewitched.

Swish! A movement in the rocks snapped me out of my terrifying reverie, and I found myself staring into the malignant, calculating, unblinking eyes of a giant octopus. The spell was broken. A flood of relief swept through me. I knew it was not possible and yet I seemed nearly to have been ensnared in the magic tentacles of this different world.

Shrugging inwardly, I kicked towards the surface and sunlight, far from the dim, meandering ways of that "underworld," that had seemed so magnificent, towards the sunlight, towards my world, and towards my kind of life.

Vivienne Platt (Form V A)

TIME

What is Time to us? Something that marches relentlessly onwards; something of which we can see neither the beginning nor the end? When one thinks of Time one is confronted with questions. Is the universe a chaos of madness and nothingness, or an ordered scheme of progress? Is the world an accident or a creation? Is life a dream or a destiny?

To-day we know that the earth is not only thousands, but millions, of years old. Our conception of Time is the duration of a continued existence. The Christian sees time and human history as a picture—the picture of a vast country stretching under the sun and the moon and the stars for ever and ever; and in the midst of this picture, lonely and sad, is a Cross rising out of the ground, with the figure of a Man hanging from it, dying for love of his friends and enemies. Behind the lonely Cross, all the country is called B.C.—in front of it, all is called A.D.

The Mohammedans reckon their dates from the Hegira or Flight of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina in A.D. 622, and speak of events as occurring in such and such a year A.H. or Anno Hegirae. The Jews speak of any date as A.M. or Anno Mundi—in the Year of the World, dating from the supposed time when the world was created. The Ancient Romans reckoned their dates A.U.C. or Ab Urbe Condita, which means from the year of the founding of Rome.

The units for reckoning Time are the same throughout the world. A day is the interval of time which elapses between the two successive appearances of the Sun at the same point in the Heavens. There is no doubt that this, being the easiest to observe, was the very first way in which Man reckoned time. A year is the time occupied by the Earth making a complete revolution round the Sun. When men observed the periods of the waxing and waning of the Moon, "Months" came into being. These natural divisions of Time date back to the days before history was written. The divisions into weeks, hours, minutes and seconds are purely artificial, and came into use later.

It is interesting to consider how our clock of to-day originated. The earliest method of telling the time was by watching the sun in its daily journey across the sky. Later the lengthening or shortening shadow of a stick in the ground marked the passage of time. The Egyptians thus invented a shadow clock. This was about 1500 B.C. The measuring of shadows led to the development of the sun dial. For many centuries time was measured by placing in water a basin with a hole in it, the basin sinking at a given time. Later, time was marked by the continual dripping of water into a vessel. A still later adaptation was the hour glass, in which fine sand was substituted for water. The next stage in the development of time measurement was the use of the candle and the lamp. A clock was invented which worked by weights and wheels. Finally, the pendulum came into use.

Time is often depicted as an old man bent with age, holding a scythe. Sometimes, he is also figured with a veil, probably because Time is obscure. Saturn, the Roman god of Time, fearing his sons would divest him of his powers, used to devour them at birth—meaning perhaps that Time consumes our lives.

Time is relative. The deepest experiences of life cannot be measured in terms of Time. We fret at the passing of the years and days, but, as somebody has said, we cannot waste Time: we can only waste ourselves. People bemoan the fact that as Time goes on, youth with its beauty fades and is replaced by old age. But there is a beauty in old faces which only Time can give.

Many poets have thought about Time. Longfellow goes beyond the conceptions of this world and sees it as the "Life of the Soul." It has its beginning and ending in eternity, which we on this earth are unable to perceive.

What is Time? The shadow on the dial, the striking of the clock, the running of the sand, day and night, summer and winter, years, centuries—these are but arbitrary and outward signs, the measure of Time, not Time itself. Time is the Life of the Soul.

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MY DAY DREAMS

Ah! Home at last. But oh! Still homework to be done. That is the thought that races through my mind as I open our front door. No one is at home; the house is in darkness; only the dog lies curled up next to the smouldering hearth. In the far corner, on an oak pedestal, a bronze bust of Einstein is staring down into a soft armchair. Ali is quiet, but there is still History to be learnt. Presently, I am sitting, relaxed in the armchair, with Einstein pensively surveying me. "In 1476," I began, but got no further for the scientist's eyes seem to be philosophising; and presently the furrowed brow has changed to a plain surrounded by ragged mountains, while his nose has become a huge atom with many electrons orbiting it.

These electrons collide with one another, as if striving for a better position, for supremacy, as the nations do to-day. A few, as they are struck, fly off into space; and the power of the atom weakens as the various cultures of the world are trampled and forgotten by the advance of science, or perhaps by the lust for power. A few group together, and another cluster is formed, followed by another; until there are thirty or forty groups. Each group tries to revolve in a different direction, like the different forms of government throughout the world trying to take different paths.

Suddenly a somewhat larger sphere begins to encircle the large atom, followed by many more, each trying to exceed the others in velocity; they are the sputniks of to-day, sent into orbit by America and Russia. Both countries endeavour to beat each other. But this is just lust for power.

Some of the electrons are drawn towards the larger. They are of a different colour, and some revolve in a different manner. These "captured" spheres are engulfed and, like the many oppressed nations of to-day, are forbidden to carry on their way of life, because of colour, race or creed. But no sooner are these oppressed electrons taken into captivity than they begin to exert great pressure on their captors and they burst forth, sending the oppressors crashing to the ground. The oppressed will always rise, and "blood will have blood."

The hills around the atoms begin to rumble, and the serrated mountains wrinkle with anger. The atom grows larger and begins to glow. Will it explode? Will man destroy himself with the atom bomb? The red is changing to an incandescent white, but still the electrons revolve, still life goes on.

Bang! The bust of Einstein is lying face downwards on the floor. An icy wind has sprung up and there are still two pages of history to be studied! I have completed my day dream, and Einstein's head is bowed as if weeping.

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SCHOOL

Perhaps I am prejudiced in favour of Westville, because I have never been to any other school.

Westvillians do not claim to have tradition or famous historical associations in their school, and yet it has had an interesting history. From the days of the draughty barn, housing classes I and II, it has developed to the spreading buildings and spacious playing fields of 1961. I have seen much of the development. I have grown with Westville and tried to absorb many of its worthy qualities.

Yes, the qualities! Although a friendly atmosphere of informality pervades the school, no one can deny the inherent dignity here. It is a solid school, dependable; we can rely on the firm foundations, to build up to greater heights; we expect it to forge ahead in the academic world, to take a leading position amongst Natal schools.

Westville School has provided me with an opportunity for education—no ordinary education, though. It has been full, varied, interesting and sufficiently long-sighted to prepare me for the outer world. Mingled in the outwardly dull realms of History, Latin and other subjects, there has been general culture. School subjects have been related to essential everyday occurrences, so that we feel ready for the reality of independent living.

We have been taught diligence and industry, pride and a sense of responsibility. But academics have never completely filled the school panorama. Sport has played a vital part in showing the way to co-operate for the eventual goal, a sense of fairness and perseverance. Westville is well-known for sport: my one regret is that I did not participate in it as enthusiastically as it warranted.

I can never show my gratitude for the privilege of sharing in co-education. How natural the school atmosphere is, how well do both girls and boys combine to make Westville the school it is! It is disappointing for one who has seen a co-educational school prosper to hear that this essential feature is to be removed in future years and that Westville is to become either a boys' or a girls' high school.

Enthusiasm is the key-word as I mention the staff of the school. Drawn from the top-most ranks, they are the greatest asset we have. They do not go unappreciated. They have encouraged the keen spirit of competition in all spheres, but there has been no pressure to change the friendly pupil-teacher relationship.

Through the School, I have gleaned knowledge and experience in most spheres, from amateur dramatics to world events; from amateur athletics to the intricacies of income tax. I feel well equipped to face the future.

Jacqueline Freed (Form VI A)

STAMPEDE

One sentinel, to guard the dawn
From reaching o'er his sleeping flock,
And enveloping them in the mists of death—
An angry howl of hunger flies
Upon the back of fleeting breezes,
While the white wakeful form his body eases.

His muscles taut, and powerful back
Awaits the danger—fears unknown.
He lifts his intelligent head,
Fine forehead, ever-watchful eye;
A mane waves to the stars belated,
Silvery, shimmering, with danger weighted.

A crowd of men with lassos ready
Ride into that valley of peace,
Their cries and echoes from hill to hill,
Wake the hornéd one from his earth-bound dwelling;
Within the minute a stampede is started,
All is confusion: the white horse is thwarted.

Mares run wild, their colts trod under,
Thundering hooves echo anew;
Tails high, manes wild, they gallop,
On and away from that menace unknown;
Threats of death: that terror of old,
Eyes white with fear, warm hearts run cold.

So is the world: confusion and capture.
So must the leader lose his flock to the Devil.
None can redeem us;
There lies but one path.
All honour and glory fades as the moon,
Setting peacefully over that valley at noon.

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MORALITY — ABSOLUTE OR RELATIVE?

"What! Don't tell me you associate with people like him! He's an unsavoury character if ever there was one. Why, do you know what he once did?" This brand of conversation is not uncommon at social gatherings, those innocent little "get-togethers" which allegedly foster nothing but friendship. No one can deny that they can be entertaining to all, and also helpful to those who are trying to escape from the prison which self has built around them. But whether they always promote friendship is certainly a matter of opinion.

Ladies' tea parties and men's clubs are used all too often, not to tend the seeds of friendship, but to nourish that ugly monster which is malicious gossip. Gossip, unless cautiously surveyed and analysed, can sabotage the lives of innocent people. Most of us are all too eager to snatch at any available morsel of derogatory news and to devour each delicious crumb. We are greedy for gossip, gossip which, if it contains any truth at all, is distorted beyond recognition. Even if the rumour is true, we are still in no position to judge. Do we know the inside details of the case; do we know the trials and provocations that person suffered before committing the act; do we in fact know that we would have done otherwise in the circumstances? Our pride cries out that our reactions would have been completely different, but this could only be proved if we endured all that the culprit endured, if we lived his life.

What is morality? Is it the principles by which we should live? Yet we are not able to state what is morally always right or wrong anywhere in the world, under any circumstances. It is a matter of opinion. One could almost say that morality depends on public opinion, and this is by no means considered conclusive proof of what should or should not be done. Public opinion differs from country to country. During the Second World War, the majority of the people in Germany supported the actions of the Nazis, while the British people condemned them as outrageously immoral. Morality, so defined, therefore, cannot be absolute. It depends on circumstances, and is not self-existent. It is conditioned by and related to other things.

Killing is usually considered against the laws of morality. Yet killing in war is condoned. Many people tried for mercy-killings have been acquitted. Therefore, killing cannot always be wrong in the eyes of the law. In all cases of murder there are many factors to be considered. It is the difficult task of a jury to survey the relative factors and to decide whether or not the action was justifiable. Yet even a jury's verdict cannot be conclusive. Many murderers have been acquitted; many innocents have been executed.

When one is young, one's parents are constantly stressing the fact that lying is wrong. Sometimes this lesson can be too well learnt. One should rather be taught tactfulness, that strange realisation of what is the time to be truthful or to prevaricate. To spare the feelings of a friend it is often advisable to conceal the truth; but then again frankness is often justified. Who can lay down a universal rule as to what is right or wrong? It all depends on the circumstances of the case, and very few of us know all of them.

If one's children were starving, one would have no compunction in stealing a little food for them. Others steal for their own gain, often even from those less fortunate than themselves. No one can say that, because a person thieves, he necessarily has a bad character. One's character is largely developed by environment and everyone grows up under different circumstances.

Morality is merely a question of opinion. What one considers right may be thought wrong by another. That is why one should never swallow gossip without examining all the factors. Rumours should not be believed just because they seem true. If morality is relative, one should never judge whether the actions of another are justifiable. It is not for anyone to say. If we were all omnipresent and omniscient, if we were all in fact gods, only then would we have that privilege.

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