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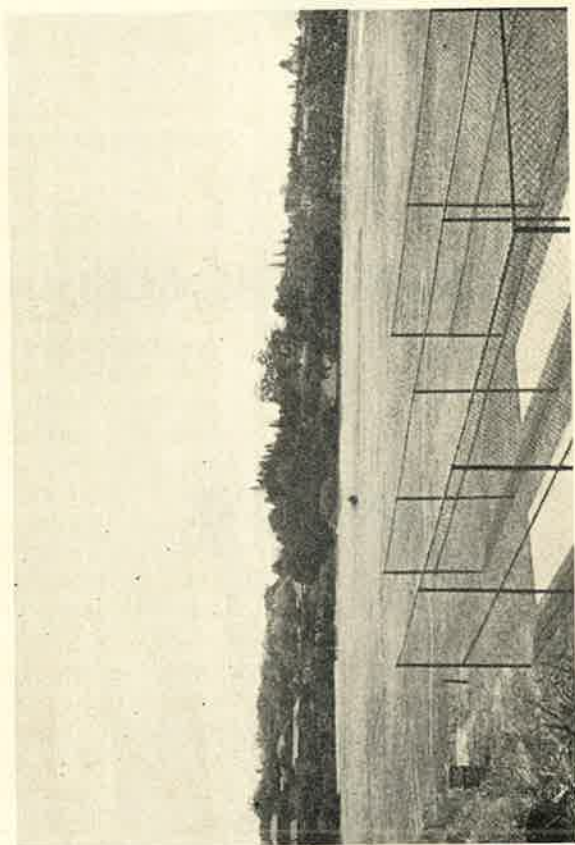


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Panoramic view of the new playing fields showing, also, the new cricket nets.

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STAFF, 1962

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Vice-Principal:

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MRS. S. GOSSOW

Obituary

MRS. KATHLEEN McLEAN.



As Kathleen Muir, Mrs. McLean settled in Natal in her early 'teens. While she was employed by Dunlop's, her undoubted gifts and abilities won her early recognition, and she was appointed Private Secretary to the Managing Director.

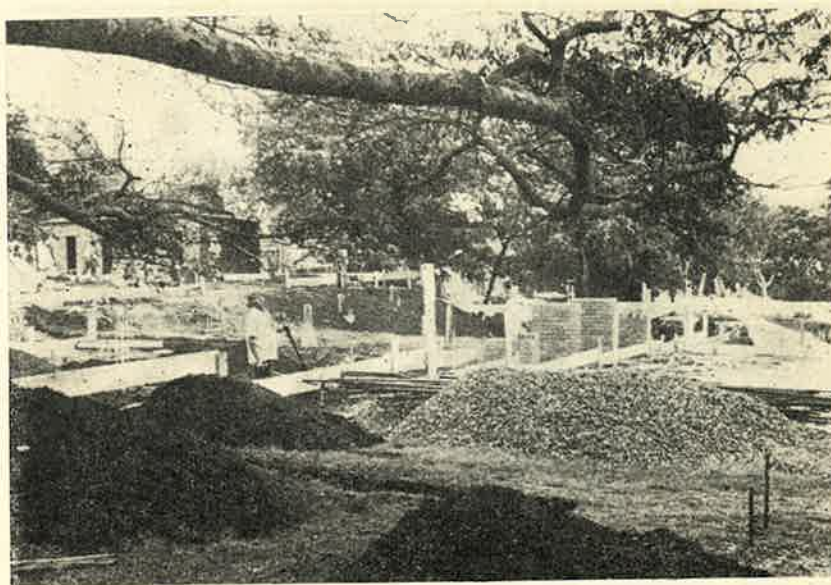
Marrying towards the end of the war, she and her husband lived in Durban until moving to Westville some seventeen years ago. This removal to the "rural areas" gave her the opportunity to use her talent for organisation, and she ran a highly successful poultry farm, until the increasing urbanisation of the developing borough brought about the termination of this venture.

Never one to remain idle, Kay McLean devoted her leisure, if such it could be called, to a wealth of community interests and became the first woman Town Councillor of the Borough of Westville. She was instrumental in establishing the committee which, in Westville, serves the needs of the Rudolph Steiner Home at Hermanus, C.P., for handicapped children. She was the enthusiastic and hard-working Competition Secretary of the newly established Westville Swimming Club, an active and over-worked Secretary of the Westville Schools Parents' Association, and co-convenor of the highly successful and remunerative fête held in 1961. Other charitable works, too numerous to enumerate, she performed willingly and efficiently.

Whenever transport was needed for school teams, whenever teas were to be served at School functions, whenever Morning Markets were arranged for fund raising, when books were to be collected to fill the vacant shelves of the School library, Kay McLean was never too busy to lend a helping hand and provide a gracious presence.

Her sudden tragic death on 22nd May, 1962, came as a shock to all who knew her, and cast a shadow over not only the School, for which she had worked so hard, but over the Borough as well. To her surviving husband and family, we extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy.

Just as Westville will never forget Kay McLean, so this School will always remember her for her vital personality, her tremendous gifts, her spirit of service and her readiness to help the children of others along with her own. She leaves a living memorial in many amenities we see around us.



Work on the new School Hall has really started . . . !

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SPEECH DAY

FRIDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 1962.

This was held in the Westville M.O.T.H. Hall. We anticipate that future prize givings and speech days will be held in the new hall now being built at the School. We thank, most sincerely, the members of the M.O.T.H. organisation who have permitted us the use of their hall in the past. Their hospitality has been greatly appreciated.

Our guest speaker, Dr. O. F. Black, commenced by saying that he had no speech to make but merely a message to deliver, a message of advice. He had, in 1960, spoken to Sixth Form pupils and had appreciated the response he had received on that occasion. In congratulating the School on its present stature, he said how impressed he was by the quality of its growth and development from what was only a few short years ago considered "a small school tucked away in a remote corner of Natal". Such was the present reputation of the School that, based on the Headmaster's report only, a major bursary had been awarded to Lynette Bonfa, prior to the announcement of the examination results.

On leaving school, continued Dr. Black, a pupil's education is not finished. Education is a continuous process and not necessarily merely academic. Youth lives in its own world, which is a very difficult one in which to live. Due to the shattering developments in Science and Technology, it is a vastly different world from that of the parents. More education, in the broadest sense, is needed to cope with the country's future needs, which must be met in a multi-racial society. Skills alone are not sufficient; "know-how" is not enough; "know-why" is just as important.

The heavy failure rate at Universities—for which the schools blame the Universities, and the Universities blame the schools—can basically be ascribed to lack of self-discipline. Pupils, when they leave school, must realise the vital import of the development of this and of a steadfast character.

At the conclusion of Dr. Black's address, the prizes and awards were distributed by Mrs. Black.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT, 1962

Continued Growth.

On successive prize days since we made our humble beginning with twenty secondary pupils in 1956, I have recorded the increase in our numbers with a certain pride and sense of achievement. To-day I quote the corresponding figures with more alarm than satisfaction. Despite the recent provision of high school facilities at Kloof, our roll jumped in 1962 by approximately one hundred pupils to six hundred and sixty. For 1963, we have no less than seven hundred and sixty enrolled, while in 1964, if the new high school is not ready, we shall very likely find ourselves vying for the extremely unenviable distinction of being the largest high school in the province. When one considers that the school has permanent accommodation for no more than four hundred and fifty pupils, the urgency of our need for relief can well be appreciated.

Opinion is divided on the advantages and disadvantages of co-education, though most of us think that in Westville it has been eminently successful. However, I mention the subject only because I want it generally known that the decision to divide the existing school into two single-sex schools has been taken on practical grounds. Experience has shown that the creation of two high schools of exactly the same type in an area as small as Westville would split, not only the children, but also the community, into two camps, whereas a boys' high school and a girls' high school should not only have few points of rivalry but rather be able to complement each other in every sphere of school activity.

Staffing.

Our staff continues to increase in number. At the beginning of 1962, we welcomed no less than twelve new colleagues, some as replacements, some to fill the additional posts created by the influx of pupils. Among these was Mr. D. J. M. Barton, who had been appointed headmaster of the Dundee Junior School, but, as an experienced teacher of mathematics, was attached to the staff of this school instead. During the year, Mr. Hurworth was promoted to the headship of the Harding Primary School but was allowed to remain at Westville for similar reasons. We are grateful to the Administration for their appreciation of our need for this solid core of senior masters, but I must once again draw the attention of parents to the seriousness of a situation where men of the calibre of Mr. Commons, Mr. Barton and Mr. Hurworth cannot be spared to occupy their promotion posts because there are not enough qualified teachers coming on to take their places.

Examination Results.

The examination results of 1961 were again extremely good and certainly did nothing to detract from the reputation we have built up for academic success. In the Senior Certificate Examination we had a 96% pass. Eighteen candidates of the fifty-three gained a merit certificate, the equivalent of the old first-class pass. Distinctions were gained in almost all subjects but the most worthy of note are two in Housecraft and one in Art, the first we have gained in these spheres. In the Junior Certificate Examination, the percentage of passes dropped a little to 91%, but thirty-two of our candidates gained a pass with merit and no less than fourteen won Provincial Bursaries—a very much coveted award. Results such as I have quoted are not obtained without much hard work, and I congratulate most sincerely both staff and pupils on their achievement.

Mention must be made too of a few of the academic honours which our pupils gained outside the school. For the past two years, the school has encouraged boys and girls to enter for the South African Bilingual Examination, a very difficult test in which the papers are of "A" level in both English and Afrikaans. As schools regard a third-class certificate as a highly creditable attainment, we congratulate Lynette Bonfa particularly on



PREFECTS, 1962.

Back Row: David Trezona, Peter Hastie.

Standing: Lynette Bonja, Daniel Remenyi, Karen Miller, Geoffrey Austin, Jane Castleden, Neville Dredge, Barbara Anderson.

Seated: Ann Sherratt, Peter Schollick, Alison Ross, Mr. N. W. Bowden, Gillian West, Mr. H. J. Commons, Terry Hayward, Esther Goldstein, Alan Munro.

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the outstanding feat of gaining a first-class pass. Peter Schollick took first place in Natal in the senior division of the Navy League Essay Competition, while Angus Barker won the English Essay prize presented by the Rotarians of Pinetown. These winning essays we publish with pride.

Discipline.

Instances of serious misconduct have been, and still are, rare in this school—a happy state of affairs which reflects credit on both staff and pupils. We have a happy and successful school, but we still lack a really strong school spirit. The besetting sin of this generation is selfishness and I want to see more instances of school coming before self. Too many of our boys and girls look outside the school for their interests. Still not enough participate in our activities, whether they are sporting, recreational or cultural. Far too few voluntarily attend school functions held out of normal hours. Those of us who know from long experience what boys and girls learn by mixing with their fellows in all spheres of school activity, deplore this tendency to be in the school but not of it, and we are concerned to find the cause. As far as this school is concerned, practical considerations have undoubtedly contributed. We have had the utmost difficulty in finding available space for the furtherance of sufficient cultural pursuits. Although we have been more fortunate in our sports facilities, even here a large section of the school has been apathetic. It is for this reason that I propose, when the school becomes a boys' school, to make games compulsory.

I find most Westville parents keenly interested in their children's education, and, generally speaking, responsive to any suggestions emanating from

the school. However, despite these compliments, which are most sincerely meant, I feel there are some criticisms I must make. Hands are held up in horror if one of our boys is seen smoking. The School is criticised if our boys are seen in town without their uniform. Yet many of the youngsters concerned are permitted to smoke freely in their homes, and are provided with expensive suits and are actively encouraged by their parents to wear them to town, to church and to social functions. Opinions may differ on these matters, but, in my view, it is the clear duty of every parent not to countenance or encourage anything which must inevitably lead to the breaking of school rules.

Hockey.

Turning to the extra-curricular activities of the school, pride of place must be given to hockey. Eight teams played regularly in the Durban League on Saturday mornings and all did well. At the end of the 1961 season, the school won the second division, gaining the right to play in the first league. To our great satisfaction, the first XI not only justified this promotion but took second place among ten teams, only two points behind Port Natal who have been the undisputed girls' hockey champions for many years. In addition to their fine performances in the senior league, a team of senior girls made a most successful tour of the Eastern Cape, where they met the leading schools and lost only one match out of eight played in little over a week. The mainspring of all these successes is our very precious hockey coach, Mrs. Slade, and no praise that I can give her is too high for her boundless enthusiasm and untiring efforts. We are pleased also to be able to congratulate Gillian West, not only on her able captaincy of the first XI, but on being the first Westville High School girl to gain Natal School colours.

The 2nd XI, one division lower, achieved identically the same success as the 1st, having been promoted from the third division to the second, and finishing in the second place in the higher company.

Rugby.

Rugby flourished and great strides were made towards the building up of a rugby tradition in the school. Our first team, a young, light and relatively inexperienced side, commenced the season amid gloomy forebodings of heavy defeats, but the boys approached the game intelligently, took pains to become thoroughly fit and practised assiduously, with the result that they finish a hard season with a creditable record, winning as many matches as they lost and suffering only two defeats of any magnitude. Two of the most interesting matches were against visitors whom we entertained during the season, the high schools of Umtata and Cambridge. Both games were drawn. The Umtata game will long be remembered, by those who saw it, as a classic. For the quality of the rugby, the keenness maintained to the very last match and the fine team spirit, we have particularly to thank that very staunch rugby man, our vice-principal, Mr. Commons. Under his guidance also, the second XV proved a much stronger combination than that of the previous year, while we were able for the first time to field a third XV. Unfortunately, although nine teams played regularly in organised competitions, some very keen boys had to be content with practices only. We think our numbers will now be great enough and our grounds adequate for the playing of inter-house matches.

Cricket.

The 1st XI has attained a higher standard of play and developed a fine team spirit. A feature of the team is that it contained no members of the 6th Form. On the season's showing, we should be a match for most high schools this year. Of the junior teams, the under 15 has been particularly strong and some of the present 1st XI members may soon find these younger players challenging them for their places. I thank Mr. Bishton for having devoted so much of his time to the 1st XI and having proved so able a coach, and to Mr. McMillen, who has not only looked after the under 15A

team but supervised the preparation of the grounds, now a task of formidable proportions.

Athletics.

Our athletic season was successful and enjoyable, but the enthusiasm shown by our boys was in general disappointing and much less than that of the girls.

By the time of the Annual Sports, the track was in almost perfect condition and was in fact adjudged by the Durban Athletic Club officials to be the best in Durban. It was not surprising therefore to find that no less than twenty-one records were broken in the course of the day.

At the inter-high school sports, our athletes repeated these good performances and in some cases improved on them, but found the competition so strong that even to take a place in a final was an achievement. At this meeting, Fayleen Browne and John Stevenson broke Durban Schools' records and nine of our boys and girls were selected to represent Durban and District Schools. During the season the school also took part in two very pleasant quadrangular contests, one at Queensburgh High School and the other at our own school. I express my thanks to Mr. Kemp, Mrs. Slade and Mr. Viljoen for the work they put into athletics.

Swimming.

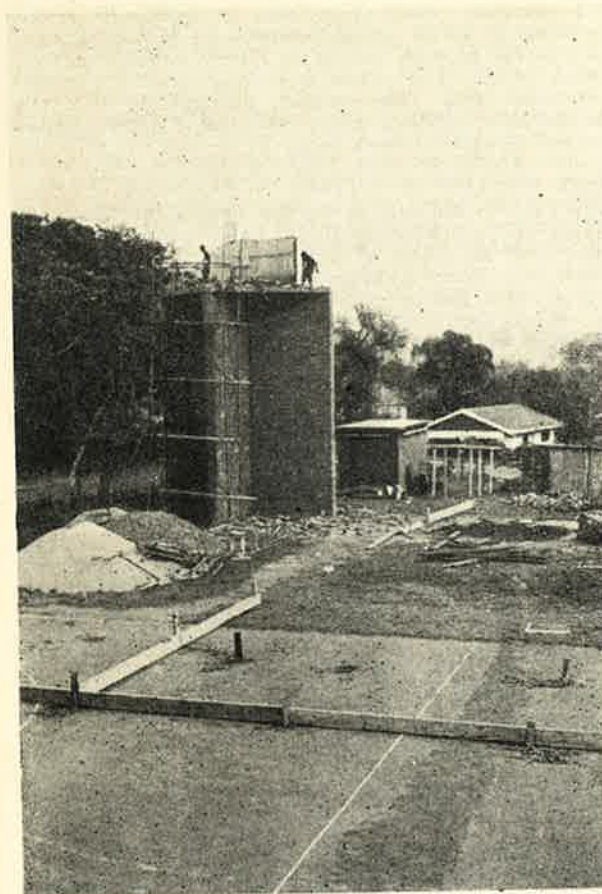
Swimming has also made great strides as a competitive sport, largely because of the excellent coaching provided by the Westville Swimming Club. Unfortunately, as the bath is not within walking distance of the school, our own efforts have to be restricted to the training, in out-of-school hours, of some fifty boys and girls who swim for the school at the annual inter-school gala each March. As a result of this dual preparation, our swimmers have reached so high a standard that the School may withdraw from the co-ed school gala and compete with the separate boys' and girls' high schools. In this year's co-ed gala the school gained 332 points, while New Forest took second place with only 104. Westville swimmers that day broke 15 out of the 23 records broken and won 6 of the eight relay races. Seven members of the school gained selection for the Durban Schools' team, and we have particularly to congratulate Marjorie Frank and Terry Hayward on winning their Natal Schools' colours—our first ever in swimming. The other great event of the season was a most enjoyable trip to swim against Estcourt High School. We rather discourteously repaid our hosts' very great hospitality by defeating their swimmers, but we are hoping very much to be able to make this match an annual one.

Tennis.

Though tennis continues to be the "Cinderella" sport of the school, there are encouraging signs of increased interest. On the girls' side, the juniors have practised particularly hard and performed creditably. The seniors have a much better record than their predecessors and won quite a number of their matches. With the boys, tennis conflicts with rugby, as the league matches are played on Saturday mornings. In consequence, although the school contains a good many talented players, the three teams which competed fared no more than moderately. A pleasing feature of the season was the playing of two mixed team friendly matches against Port Natal High School. Miss Nel and Mr. Evens have taken a very keen interest in our tennis and I thank them both.

Appreciation.

Apart from netball, which has waned in popularity since the Durban leagues were abolished, and table-tennis, which a small band of stalwarts have kept very much alive despite shortage of space, I have given a resumé of the sporting activities of the school. Before leaving the subject, I want to pay tribute to all those members of the staff who have assisted with the coaching of games. Sport is essential to the life of the school and our



The old order changeth — the water tower for so long a prominent landmark of Westville is in the process of being demolished to make way for the new Hall.

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pupils owe a great deal to men and women who voluntarily undertake the organisation and training involved. The school is grateful, too, to Mrs. Stockil and all her helpers for undertaking and carrying out so well the onerous task of providing teas and lunches for our many visiting teams. This catering, without which we could not meet other schools on equal terms, places a burden and a financial strain upon day schools which boarding schools are not called upon to bear.

Building Projects.

Cultural activities have been seriously hampered by lack of space. We have not had a single room which we could set aside for extra-curricular pursuits. This, of course, is one of the reasons why we have been so overjoyed to see building operations commence on our hall. We are grateful indeed to the Administration for having expedited this project and we shall endeavour to show our gratitude by making the fullest use of this great amenity. I would point out that we can think of no Natal high school of anything like our size which does not already possess a hall. The girls will have an equally beautiful hall in their new school without having to wait seven years for it.

Additions are being made to the existing library. The new room, which will have an area of 1,350 sq. ft., is to be completely re-furnished, and we

are to have a full-time librarian. Mrs. Gray, who is appointed in this capacity, has already spent weeks at the school, completely voluntarily, cataloguing our many new books and generally giving the library a new look.

We are further pleased to hear that certain other much-needed structural alterations are to be proceeded with. These include the building of a new woodwork room outside the main building, the provision of a science lecture room, a geography room, and a larger art room.

The Dramatic Society.

The Dramatic Society came to life only in the first half of the year when "Anastasia" was presented in the Sherwood Hall. Large audiences greatly enjoyed the performances, and the acting of certain of the principals, particularly Jennifer Shadwell and Esther Goldstein, gained the highest praise from knowledgeable critics. Mr. Kearney, the producer, deserves our congratulations and thanks. He is keenly interested in dramatic work and, with me, is confident that the Society will make full use of the new hall.

The Friday Society.

The Friday Society, a group formed less than two years ago, to provide educational activities beyond the normal school curriculum, has made great strides and been particularly active. During the year, twelve visiting speakers of note addressed the society on a wide variety of topics, while excursions and tours were also organised, including Wilderness Trails. I congratulate the members and particularly their energetic secretary, Peter Schollick, on the full and varied nature of their programme, which showed a highly cultural trend, although on one occasion, with a somewhat loose interpretation of the term "educational activities", it did include a lecture on, and demonstration of, the "Twist".

The Debating Society.

The Debating Society had an active year until the examinations began to loom ahead, and it has been pleasing to see the encouragement given to juniors. Lunch-time debates were particularly popular. Unfortunately, mostly for reasons of transport, the Society found it difficult to arrange inter-school contests. Of the two held, the School won one and tied in the other. I trust that the in-coming committee will make the Debating Society the leading cultural society of the school. We certainly have the talent and potentially the interest, too.

Students' Christian Association.

The Students' Christian Association continues to function as keenly as ever. The members were fortunate this year to have the assistance of Miss Comrie until she went overseas to study. I trust that with new staff coming to the school the gap left by Miss Comrie's departure will be filled.

American Field Service.

A very interesting development in this area has been the formation of a Westville Chapter of the American Field Service. Parents and pupils will be interested to know that, just as our Peter Duys went as an A.F.S. scholar to the United States in 1961, so, early this year, we shall have a boy or girl from that country living in Westville and attending this school.

Old Pupils' Association.

The officers of the Association have been very active. The formidable task of putting such a young body firmly on its feet is being tackled resolutely and with enthusiasm. When our hall is completed, the Association will be enabled to overcome the overwhelming difficulty of having no headquarters of its own. The relationship between a school and an Old Pupils' Association can be a very healthy one, of great advantage to both, and I look forward with keen anticipation to the time when our old pupils are as firmly established as those of the older schools.

Vocational Guidance.

This sphere of School activity, which is directed towards giving careers advice to school-leavers, progressed in 1962 by having a special room in the School where individual interviews could be given to the Sixth Form and any other interested pupils. As a direct outcome of the development of this School department, a very successful careers information forum was organised, and held at the School, by the Rotary Club of North Durban. This valuable service was well attended by interested pupils and their parents. We are extremely grateful to the thirty-odd Rotarians who gave up their time to make this forum the success that it was. Short talks, followed by informal group discussions, gave pupils the opportunity of hearing the views of experts on a wide range of careers. We welcome the possibility of further such evenings being held in the future.

The Parents' Association.

As in previous years my report would be incomplete without reference to the support and assistance the school has received from the Parents' Association. Unfortunately, Mr. Doug Sanders, the Chairman, has had to resign recently for reasons of business and health. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have been, and will, I trust, continue to be, intensely interested in this school; both have been prodigious workers for its welfare. I am glad of this opportunity of paying tribute to Mr. Sanders. His devotion to the cause of education in general, his appreciation of the requirements of this school in particular and his relentless determination to see them fulfilled, are qualities which succeeding chairmen may emulate but will find very difficult to surpass. We thank Mr. Yeland for having taken over Mr Sanders' office for the remainder of the year.

Among the major items of assistance we have had from the Parents' Association in 1962, I mention the erection of a very beautiful picket fence round the new sports field, cricket nets and sight screens, heavy rollers and other equipment for the new ground, books for the library and the prizes for the Annual Prize Giving. But even more than for these, we are grateful to the committee of the Parents' Association, and to past committees, for having pressed our needs upon the Administration at every turn, with happy results.

Unhappily, I have to record the death during the past year of Mrs. Kay Maclean, who served the Parents' Association and assisted this school for very many years in almost every capacity. More adequate tribute will be paid the memory of this preeminent member of our community elsewhere in our magazine.

With deep regret also, we record the death early this year of one of our Fifth Form boys, David Aubrey Boyce, who was killed when his buzz-bike was involved in a collision. David was a steady, likeable boy of excellent character. His death was all the more tragic coming as it did when he had won a great battle to gain his J.C. and was setting out with renewed confidence to study for his "Matric".

Staff Changes.

At the end of each year we have to say goodbye to some members of the staff. We are fortunate on this occasion that our list is not a long one. We bid farewell to Mr Baker, who has been relieving Mr. Barton for one quarter; to Miss Faircliff and Mr. Herbert, who have filled temporary vacancies of only a few months' duration; and to Mrs. Muller, Mrs. Abernethy, Mr. Loxton and Mr. Bishton, who joined us at the beginning of 1962. We found these teachers most agreeable colleagues. We have appreciated having them on the staff and are most grateful for their help, but there cannot have been time for them to put down their roots in the school or to become well known to many pupils other than those they have taught.

Of what I may term the established staff, we are losing only one, but the loss is a sad one. I refer to Miss Jean Carey. Coming to us nearly three years ago, this young teacher took over the department of Biology, then still in its infancy, and impressed us all immediately with her dynamic approach and her tremendous enthusiasm. Since then, she has gone from strength to strength, working prodigiously, constantly studying new methods, obviously

inspiring her pupils with a love of her subject, and concerning herself with the general welfare of our girls. We can ill spare a young teacher of this quality. In fact, we would fight to keep her in the department which she has made her own if it were not for the fact that she has been called upon to enter the wider sphere of teacher training. I know that I speak for all our girls when I express my deep appreciation of all that Miss Carey has done for them.

Envoi.

Throughout this report attention has been drawn to the excellent work of my staff. My formal expression of thanks to them must necessarily be brief but it could not be more sincere. Pupils and parents are indeed fortunate to have in the school a body of men and women, so jealous of its reputation, ready to work so unselfishly in its interests and so happy in their association with one another.

In particular, I once again express my gratitude to Mr. Commons for his constant support and for the many burdens which he takes from my shoulders. Few young schools have had so able a Vice-Principal and fewer still have kept one for as long as six years. We hope that our good fortune will hold even a little longer.

The year 1963 will mark the closing of a chapter in Westville school history and will see the end of the Westville High School as we have known it. Let us therefore make up our minds to go out in a blaze of glory — that our last shall be our greatest year.

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PRIZE LIST, 1962

FORM VI.

First in Form and Dux of the School	Lynette Bonfa
Second in Form	Brenda Catto
Third in Form ..	Peter Schollick

Subject Prizes:

English	Lynette Bonfa
Afrikaans ..	Lynette Bonfa
Latin ..	Lynette Bonfa
Biology	Lynette Bonfa
Mathematics	Lynette Bonfa
History	Lynette Bonfa and Jennifer Shadwell
Geography	Alison Ross
Housecraft	Gillian West

Special Prizes:

Diligence	Vivienne Platt and Nigel Addyman
Pinetown Round Table Floating Trophies for Progress and Improvement	Gillian West and Gillian West
Walton Trophy for Service to the School .	Victor Dennison

FORM V.

First in Form ..	Anthony Woods
Second in Form ..	Angus Barker
Third in Form ..	Robin Chesters

Subject Prizes:

English	Angus Barker
Physical Science	Angus Barker
Mathematics	Angus Barker
Latin ..	Robin Chesters
Afrikaans ..	Anthony Woods
History	Anthony Woods
Biology	Wendy Selby
Housecraft	Gaynor Wakefield

Special Prizes:

Diligence	Elizabeth Simpson and Kurt Munstermann
Wandsbeck Women's Institute Prize for Cookery	Frances Rose

Certificates of Merit:

Berend Abendanon, Oliver Greenberg, Raymond Silson, David Wolfson, Winifred Rodda, Kenneth Reynolds, Peter Thompson, Graham Finlayson, Robert Porter, Myra Taylor, Michael Ezekowitz, Brian Cranston.

Congratulations



GILLIAN WEST AND DENNIS "SANDY" WEIR.

These two pupils have ended their school careers in a blaze of well-deserved glory. A perusal of the reports on the pages which follow will convince you that Gillian was a worthy winner of the Walton Trophy for Service to the School, and the Pinetown Round Table Trophy for progress and improvement. She was Head Girl in 1962.

The applause that resounded through the M.O.T.H. Hall confirmed Sandy's right to receive the Lester Hall Trophy for Good Fellowship.

To both pupils, we extend our sincere congratulations.

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FORM IV.

First in Form ..						Dudley Gager
Second in Form						Alan Roberts
Third in Form						Maxim Koenig

Subject Prizes:

English	....	....	....	....	....	Alan Roberts
Physical Science	....	....	....	....	....	Alan Roberts
Afrikaans ..	....	....	....	....	....	Morton du Preez
Arithmetic	....	....	....	....	....	Michael Mannheimer
Mathematics	....	....	....	....	....	Maxim Koenig
History	....	....	....	....	....	Jennifer Yelland
Geography	....	....	....	....	....	David Chivell and Bruce Barton
Bookkeeping	....	....	....	....	....	David Chivell
Biology	....	....	....	....	....	Jennifer Thornton
Housecraft	....	....	....	....	....	Gaile Meredith
Woodwork	....	....	....	....	....	Graeme Dicks

Special Prizes:

Diligence	....	....	....	....	....	Jeremy Flutter
						Graham Sanders
						Howard Driman
						Andrew Cruikshank
						Ian McBean
						Coral Vercoe
Lester Hall Trophy for Good Fellowship ..						Dennis "Sandy" Weir

FORM III.

First in Form ..	....	....	....	....	....	Jeremy Brown
Second in Form	....	....	....	....	....	John Chambers
Third in Form	....	....	....	....	....	Vivienne Chrystal

Subject Prizes:

English	....	....	....	....	....	Jeremy Brown
Physical Science	....	....	....	....	....	Jeremy Brown
Afrikaans ..	....	....	....	....	....	John Chambers
History	....	....	....	....	....	Lynde Honeysett and John Chambers
Arithmetic	....	....	....	....	....	Barry Meehan
Mathematics	....	....	....	....	....	Alexander Derungs
Latin ..	....	....	....	....	....	Owen Phillinger
Geography	....	....	....	....	....	Pat du Preez
Biology	....	....	....	....	....	Vivienne Chrystal
Housecraft	....	....	....	....	....	Waltraud Dietz
Woodwork	....	....	....	....	....	Jan Laubscher
Bookkeeping	....	....	....	....	....	Nicholas Ringrose

Special Prizes:

Diligence	....	....	....	....	....	Lynn Cutter
						Frederick Joles
						Ann McDonald
						Erwin Dedekind
						Kenneth Leverton

Certificates of Merit:

James Walton, Patrick Cavanagh, David Evens, Adrian Schollick, Martin Todd, Garth Dobie, Peter Horwood, Timothy Luckin, Glynis Hayward, Beryl Taylor, Duncan McLean, Diedrich Beier, Felicity Platt, Christopher Clarkson, David Jones, Nanette Evans.

FORM II.

First in Form ..	....	....	....	....	....	....	Mark Chesters
Second in Form	....	....	....	....	....	....	Ilse Schumann
Third in Form	....	....	....	....	....	....	Carol Woods

Subject Prizes:

English	....	....	....	....	....	....	Mark Chesters
Latin	....	....	....	....	....	....	Mark Chesters
Afrikaans	....	....	....	....	....	....	Peter-John van Zyl
Arithmetic	....	....	....	....	....	....	Peter-John van Zyl
Mathematics	....	....	....	....	....	....	Peter-John van Zyl
Geography	....	....	....	....	....	....	Carol Woods
General Science	....	....	....	....	....	....	Ross Heron
History	....	....	....	....	....	....	Ilse Schumann
Art	....	....	....	....	....	....	William Gertenbach
Woodwork	....	....	....	....	....	....	Peter Lane

Special Prizes:

Diligence ..	....	....	....	....	....	....	William Cooper
							Lee Commons
							John Granger
							Ian Cooper
							Cynthia Burne-Smith
							Nan Matthews
							Mary Hone

Certificates of Merit:

Peter Unstead, Margit Bommen, John Cheesmond, David Frow, Robert Goldfinch, Nicola Flint, Penelope Gracie, Chanel Wyndham-Rickford, Norma Verran, Peter Larsen, Kevin King, Jillian Hamilton, Kenneth Harrison, Priscilla Gorven, Susan Morse.

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St. John's Ambulance (Westville Nursing Division) — Marie Stokes' Memorial Challenge Cup Susan Sutherland (Form III)

PUBLIC EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1962.

Matriculation Exemption with Merit:

Nigel Addyman, Geoffrey Austin (Physical Science), Lynette Bonfa (English, Afrikaans, Mathematics, Biology, Latin, History), Brenda Catto (Music), Maryanne Dargie, Victor Dennison (Mathematics, Physical Science), Esther Goldstein, Carol Hoyle (Mathematics), Alan Munro (Mathematics), Vivienne Platt (English, Afrikaans, History), Alison Ross (Mathematics), Peter Schollick (Mathematics, Latin), Jennifer Shadwell (History), Moira Stern, Virginia Waller.

Matriculation Exemption:

Miriam Ballin, Jane Castleden, John Cooper, Peter Corrigan, Kenneth Davies, Sheila Dawes, Marjorie Frank, Lydia Gorven, Frank Graham, Peter Hastie, Terence Hayward, Michael Jewitt, John Kemp, Barbara Little, Alan Liversidge, Michael Meehan, Nicki Mets, Karen Miller, Derrick Planting, Daniel Remenyi, Michael Saner, Michael Smallbones, Clive Stuart, Alan Sudar, David Trezona, Anthony Williams-Jones.

Senior Certificate:

Martin Adams, Andrea Aiken, Barbara Anderson, Kathryn Cradock, Pat Drifill, Gilad Hodes, Keith Palmer, Ann Sherratt, Denton Thackwray, Gillian West.

Special mention must be made of the outstanding examination achievement of Lynette Bonfa, Dux of the School in 1962, who gained a distinction (80% or more) in each of her six subjects. No other Natal candidate equalled this performance.

Junior Certificate — Pass with Merit:

Antoinette Bailey, James Barker, Bruce Barton, Ursula Beier, Alan Brooks, Desmond Burgess, Robert Burrows, David Chivell, Roy Close, Lynette Cross, Howard Driman, Morton du Preez, Alexander Duys, Margot Fisher, Juliet Freed, Dudley Gager, Hilliard Gar, Johanna Gertenbach, Margaret Goldfinch, Dorothy Gorven, Peter Hamilton, Lorraine Jonnes, Claud Koenig, Cedric Kuhlenthal, Peter Kuhn, Robert Larsen, Ian McBean, Michael Mannheimer, Robin Matthews, Peter Moffatt, Andrew Munro, Sandra Oxenham, Diana Parker, Susan Peet, Carol Regester, Christopher Ridl, Alan Roberts, Michael Robertson, Graham Sanders, Ronald Sandison, Astrid Sannmann, Robert Stanton, Norma Stern, Patricia Stewart, Jennifer Sydie, Simon Templar, Jennifer Thornton, Stuart Walker, Damon Wright, Deborah Wyndham-Rickford, Jennifer Yelland.
(Twenty-three of these candidates won Provincial bursaries.)

Junior Certificate — Pass:

Colleen Abery, Caroline Adams, Christopher Adams, Margaret Allan, David Allcock, Graham Anderson, Owen Armstrong, Evelyn Bahrs, Karin Bahrs, David Baldwin, Susan Bird, Llewellyn Bohmer, William Bowden, Noalette Boyes, Jill Braybrooke, Pat Bullimore, Lawrence Burgess, Carolyn Clausen, Kenneth Craill, Gillian Cranston, Andrew Cruickshank, Colin Cuthbert, Darryl Dale, Bruce Davidson, Anne Dearing, Penelope Dennison, Graeme Dicks, Robert Dixon-Carter, Lois du Preez, Hazel Ebersohn, Allan Firbank, Jeremy Flutter, Nevelyn Fothergill, Kenneth Gillings, Pamela Gold, David Gossow, Douglas Green, Arne Gulbrandsen, Carol Hansen, David Hansen, John Hone, Beverley Keit, David Kennard, Sharon Konigkramer, William Kuiper, Garth la Réservée, Michael Lovatt, Richard Marston, Jennifer May, Roger May, Michael Meek, Rupert Mellor, Gail Meredith, Clive Mostert, Brian Munro, Rosemary Northern, Lesley Page-Wright, Gavin Parfit, Glynis Paterson, Elaine Perrin, Alan Phillips, Susan Quinton, Darryl Ramsay, Leilani Rowan, Thornton Robertson, Howard Rudder, Susan Russell, Carolyn Short, Roy Shotland, Alan Silbert, Kevin Simoni, Gordon Sink, Shanne Smallbones, Madeleine Smuts, Barry Stuart, Ilana Sudar, Penelope Tomlinson, Trevor Turner, Valerie Unstead, Jacobus van Zyl, Coral Vercoe, David Williams, Michael Williams-Jones, Kenneth Wilson, Martin Worth, Susan Worthington-Cooper.



LYNETTE BONFA.

Lynette Bonfa became Dux of the School for the second time in 1962. She achieved this distinction for the first time when she was in the Second Form, before the School had grown to full High School status. It will not be possible for this to occur again.

In the Junior Certificate examinations of 1960, Lynette gained a distinction in each of her seven subjects. In 1962 she was the winner of prizes in all six of her school subjects, as well as being a School Prefect. She has been awarded a major bursary by the University of Natal.

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RUGBY — FIRST TEAM.

Back Row: V. Dennison, D. Planting, A. P. Munro, G. Anderson, O. Meredith, G. Lawson, M. Moffatt, D. Weir.
Middle: M. Adams, D. Rudman, Mr. H. J. Commons, N. Dredge (Captain), Mr. N. W. Bowden, A. Thompson, M. Ezekowitz.
Front: C. Rosettenstein, B. Shapiro, P. Hamilton, G. Hodes.

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RUGBY

FIRST XV

The season started with many gloomy forebodings of a disastrous record ahead. Our resources seemed altogether inadequate to meet the demands traditionally made on the school team. A mere five of the 1961 team—only one a back—had returned to school and the Second XV of that year apparently provided little worthwhile talent. Thus we had, of necessity, to rely on the light and inexperienced Under 15 players of 1961, notably Hamilton, Rosettenstein, Ezekowitz and Shapiro.

The team settled down into a most workmanlike combination, its strength definitely at forward where loose men Dredge and Weir were outstanding, while Anderson and Meredith shone in the tight. Injuries gave the back-line little opportunity of moulding into an effective force, either in defence or attack. Thus, playing to our strength, we could not provide our numerous supporters with open rugby of the type most appreciated by spectators.

We did, however, provide them with exhibitions of tenacity. Undoubtedly the XV's most valuable asset was its fighting spirit. This, reinforced by its high standard of physical fitness, helped to cancel out much of the superiority in weight and strength of our opponents. Thus, in many of our matches we came from behind to challenge the opposition, with our XV—often less by the end of a game!—giving no quarter and allowing no latitude. In this respect they provided a very fine example to the lower teams and the school generally. There were lapses—notably a spiritless game against Mansfield and a listless one against Kearsney. But, just as these caused despondency, so those games against Pinetown, D.H.S. II, Ixopo,

Eshowe, St. Henry's and Umtata—in this last game our remaining 13 players gave the strong Umtata XV an anxious ten minutes in a final rousing rally—added their contribution to the growth of a fine rugby tradition at the school.

During the season we were happy to entertain touring sides from Umtata and Cambridge High Schools. The former stayed a day or two with us so that we were able to arrange an informal and most enjoyable dance at the school in their honour.

Record of Matches.

(Westville score given first.)

Away		At Home	
vs Pinetown	0—3	vs Michaelhouse II	3—8
Eshowe	12—3	College III	3—0
St. Henry's	3—3	Grosvenor	3—0
Kearsney	3—21	Technical H.S.	16—6
Northlands	0—11	Mansfield	0—22
D.H.S. II	8—10	Kingsway	16—0
		Umtata	3—3
		Cambridge	3—3
		Glenwood II	6—8
		Ixopo	8—6

Our Team Members.

Shapiro, B.: Full-back. Showed great spirit which more than made up for his lack of weight. Positional play excellent. Made every inch of his kicks count along the touch-line; his goal-kicking was also of high standard. Unfortunately, he was injured late in the season and this undermined his confidence.

Lawson, G. A.: Wing. In the interests of team-building, played out of position. A strong and determined runner, difficult to stop over a short burst and so the key figure in some planned shock tactics. With better defence and peak fitness, could make a good wing.

Ezekowitz, M. D.: Centre. A strong runner with good hands and an elusive inside break and swerve. Used his boot to good effect in some long ranging touch-kicks. This year's experience will stand him in good stead next year.

Rudman, D. G.: (Colours). Vice-captain. Played out of position at centre where he showed considerable promise until injury kept him out of the game. His supporting play and excellent defence made him an anchor of the back division.

Munro, A. P.: Wing. With almost no experience of the game, developed into a powerful and fearless flier, difficult to bring down and excellent in defence. Injury kept him out of the game for a considerable part of the season.

Hamilton, P. N.: Flyhalf. (Colours). Controlled the tactics of the team from the fly-half position, a role new to him. What he lacked in size, he made up for in spirit. With this, excellent hands and a good boot, he was a considerable success. His supporting play was quite outstanding; many was the time he appeared from nowhere to relieve anxious situations. Unfortunately, ankle trouble worried him and upset his confidence somewhat towards the end of the season.

Thompson, A. J.: Scrum-half. (Colours). A vastly improved player who not only provided an efficient and plucky link but learnt to break on his own account and use his boot to good effect.

Adams, M. S.: A plucky loose-head support who, despite lack of weight, held his own against heavier opposition—often at the expense of a twisted spine—and assisted considerably with the hooking; also played a hard game in the loose and showed exemplary team sense.

Rosettenstein, C. J. G.: (Scroll). Showed vast improvement as hooker, a department of the game where we had the measure of almost all of our opponents, notwithstanding the lightness of our pack. As fearless and tireless as ever in general play.

Dennison, V. G.: Tight-head support. Also suffered in the front row of the scrum but remained cheerful throughout and tackled well. Another excellent team man.

Weir, D. J.: (Colours). Loose head flank forward. An indefatigable and fearless terrier of a player, very quickly away from the scrum and always at hand in defence and attack; when concussed, played by instinct.

Meredith, O.: (Colours). Lock forward. In addition to stout work in the scrum and lineout, supported well and played some storming games in the loose. Breakaways from the ruck were a feature of his game.

Anderson, G. F.: (Colours). Lock forward. Developed into a fine and shrewd line-out specialist who also toiled heroically in the scrum and gave a good account of himself in the general play.

Dredge, N. B.: (Colours). Captain. Tight head flank forward. His considerable speed and strength made him, along with Weir, the scourge of half-backs amongst our opponents, but a little inclined to go it alone. A good captain on the field.

Planting, D. S.: No. 8 forward. First gained selection as a replacement but subsequently, through sound attacking and general play, held his place.

Moffatt, M. R.: Utility man. A robust player, most at home in the thick of things but over-inclined to play a lone game, often against overwhelming odds. A fair place kick.

Hodes, G.: Centre. A hard player who could, when the mood took him, shine in defence. Would have made an excellent loose forward, but the demands of team-building precluded this.

Also played: Wolfson, D. B., Williams-Jones, A. E., Taylor, B. G., Woods, A. C., Shedlock, C. R., Kennaugh, V. A. J., Sudar, A.

RUGBY.

Second XV.

The record of results is anything but impressive. The early fixtures depressed us all. The team showed little skill and less spirit. Their attitude appeared to be that only their presence on the field was required—not team spirit, spunk and determination. As the season progressed, however, the XV began to get the idea and played some spirited games, determined to see each through to the final whistle though usually down on points. The team's supporters, who previously watched play rather shamefacedly, became even proud of our new-found attitude to the game.

By the end of the season, some of the team members showed much promise for 1963, notably Kennaugh, although somewhat moody, Woods at full-back, Shedlock—recovering his confidence and developing his defence, and Westgate, very much at home in his new No. 8 position. Fuller and Sudar played as pluckily and strenuously as ever, while Shotland proved a capable replacement at fullback. Austin—whose own form and hands were rather unpredictable—led the team well, ably supported as pack-leader by Wolfson, who revelled in attack but was shaky in defence.

Records of Matches.

(Westville score given first.)

vs Pinetown	3—12	vs St. Henry's	12—3
Michaelhouse IV	3—22	Northlands	3—6
Eshowe	3—14	Glenwood IV	5—6
College V	6—18	Kearsney	3—21
Grosvenor	3—6	D.H.S. V.	3—6
Empangeni	8—0	Ixopo	11—8
Mansfield	9—0		

Third XV.

This year marked the introduction of a 3rd XV rugby team in the school. This was an undoubted success as it provided representative school rugby for many enthusiastic players, who were unable to be accommodated in the 1st and 2nd teams.

The team played with a fine spirit and, although often defeated, always enjoyed their games of rugby.

The 3rd XV was ably led by M. Meehan. Other regular members of the team were: N. Addyman, K. Bell, P. Corrigall, A. Donald, A. Firbank, V. Fenn, M. Jewitt, W. Kassier, B. Reeve, D. Remenyi, T. Robertson, P. Storm, P. Thompson, F. Viljoen and B. Wilton.

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

UNDER 15 A.

This team consisted almost entirely of the players who represented the school in the Under 14 A group last year. The only newcomers were Bruce Barton, who ably filled the vacancy left by Garth Johnson, Richard Wade, who took Symes's position at front rank when Symes was moved to the three-quarters, and Ian Crawford, who took May's position on the flank when he, too, was moved to the three-quarters.

The three-quarters and forwards combined together to form a well-knit team and this proved an important factor in our victories over the "A" teams of other major schools. The team avenged the previous year's defeats by beating Ixopo and Alexandra, but only managed to draw against a strong Northlands XV, which had the previous year beaten us. D.H.S. managed to avenge their defeat at our hands in 1961 by scoring 6 points to our 5 in this year's match, Ridl scoring all the points for Westville. The team was heavily defeated by Michaelhouse (24—3) and by Glenwood (20—3), due mainly to our very poor tackling in both matches.

Ridl, our captain, proved invaluable in attack and defence and showed his versatility by ably filling the berths of wing, centre and fly-half at different times during the season. May shone particularly well in attack, although his efforts tended to be individualistic, and Symes, who was moved from the forwards to the "threes", excelled in defence and backed up well in attack. Wright at fullback proved a cool touch-kicker and was also conspicuous in defence.

In the forwards, Thompson was always in the thick of things and was often to be seen breaking away from the loose with the ball in his possession. Sanders led the forwards and together with Thompson and Wade, made up the front row. Walker and Singleton jumped well in the line-outs and du Preez, at eighth man, was a rather "looser" forward than most, but was always at hand to pick up the rolling ball.

Of the whole team, eight were invited to the Durban trials, but in the end only Wade was selected—as a reserve. Later Singleton was included in the team as a lock, when the previously selected lock was forced to withdraw through injury.

The summary of the matches played during the season is as follows:—

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts. For	Pts. Against
15	10	1	4	259	78

G.S.

UNDER 15 B.

On the whole, the Under 15 "B" had a very good season and improved tremendously on their last year's record. Though not a shadow of the "A" team's size, the team settled down quickly and won most of their matches, very often against teams that outweighed them in the scrum. At times, there were good movements with the ball being thrown around well, and with increased co-ordination between the forwards and backs, this led to constructive rugby. On the other hand, particularly against stronger teams, the backs were inclined to close up the game and rely on the forwards to gain the ground. This led to tight forward play with hard rugby, not very pleasing to watch. The line lacked both size and speed and, on defence, their tackling was apt to be sluggish and ineffectual. There was, however, a great deal of team spirit without which the team's record would have suffered heavily.

Led by Roberts and assisted, first by Kuhlenthal and, after he had been promoted to the "A" team, by Allcock, as vice-captains, the team played 11 matches of which they lost three and drew one.

Most of these matches were played at home or on King's Park, with the exception of our one trip to Maritzburg College, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

On the whole, I think that the team played for the enjoyment of the game, doing their best to win but not worrying over much when defeated.

The summary of the matches played is:

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts. For	Pts. Against
11	7	1	3	137	48

A.R.

UNDER 14 A AND B.

This group showed great enthusiasm for the game. Attendance at practice was good and they played with determination and vigour. To single out individual names for special mention would be unfair, but two players must be mentioned. They are George Wood (wing) and Peter Rolland (fly-half), who showed a lot of rugby sense. We will hear more of these two players in the future.

In the tradition of junior rugby, a few games were lost merely because of the apparent inherent fear of hard tackling.

In the main, the teams had a successful season, which closed with an enjoyable vleisbraai held at school.

Team selections were made originally from a group of almost fifty boys, but as the season wore on, injuries and waning enthusiasm made the selection of strong teams more difficult. Full teams, however, always turned out. The following boys were regular players, usually in the team mentioned:—

A team: A. Ridl (Captain), G. Wood, P. Rolland, O. Borchardt, C. Marks, M. Hean, G. Dobie, G. Trollip, R. Kent, G. la Reservee, D. Allan, N. Ringrose, D. McLean, P. Vermeer, J. C. Brown, S. Campbell.

B team: A. Shedlock (Captain) M. Hurworth, C. Thompson, N. Coni, N. McFall, A. Storm, D. Simpson, D. Fine, W. Gertenbach, P. Gilder, K. Leverton, M. Gershanov, J. Chambers, P. Cavanagh, D. Pirrie, T. Luckin, T. Sorour.

Summary of Results:

A Team: Played 12, Won 6, Lost 6, Points for 151, Point against 83.

B Team: Played 9, Won 4, Lost 4, Drawn 1, Points for 107, Points Against 83.

UNDER 13 A.

This team played satisfactory rugby and was well led by J. Cawood and B. Meehan, as captain and vice-captain respectively. The season started with a very good match against Pinetown, which was narrowly lost. This experience was repeated throughout the early part of the season. Slowly but surely, the team improved until towards the end of the season it drew with the strong Clifton team and beat Northlands and Kearsney.

The forwards played well, especially in the scrums, where R. Martin stood out as a good front-ranker. The back line's defence improved, but showed little penetration. Wuth and Cawood showed promise here.

Cawood must be congratulated on being selected and playing for Durban U 13 against Pietermaritzburg U 13.

Members of the team and teachers in charge wish to thank all parents who assisted so willingly with transport.

Summary of Results:

Played 15, Won 6, Lost 8, Drawn 1, Points for 91, Points against 72.

UNDER 13 B.

This group of boys was most enthusiastic and few ever missed a practice. They could not match their opponents in size and ability, however, but should do better this season when they will know more about the game and be physically better developed. Unfortunately, they lost all their games—some very narrowly—but even this did not dampen their enthusiasm.



Barbara Anderson. Lesley Page-Wright.
Aileen Joles, Jill Braybrooke, Sheila Dawes, Merle Joles, Jeanette Harris.
Karin Bahrs, Juliet Freed, Fayleen Browne, Mrs. C. Slade, Gillian
West (Captain), Mr. N. W. Bowden, Ann Sherratt, Pat Sulin, Pat
Drifill.

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HOCKEY REPORT — 1962.

This has been our most successful hockey season. Because of the large number of girls playing hockey, we found it necessary to have an additional hockey field marked out on the new lower field. This increase in numbers and the enthusiasm for hockey, enabled us to enter six Senior teams and two Junior teams in the Schools' Leagues. These teams played matches most Saturday mornings. We were pleased to have more home matches, but unfortunately only two of the 1st XI matches were played here.

The Inter-House hockey tournament was played in the 3rd term, and the standard of hockey was better than before. Congratulations go to Cliff House on winning this competition. Some of the umpiring of these matches was done by Gillian West and Fayleen Browne. This was most gratifying and I would urge other team members to study the rules and practise so that they may become proficient umpires.

The general standard of hockey has been good, but there are many players who would improve considerably if they would concentrate to a greater degree on stickwork and ball control.

The 1st XI have been most successful in their first season in the Durban Schools' A league, where they finished second out of ten teams.

League Results Were:—

vs Girls' High 1st	Won	2—1
vs Saamwerk 1st	Won	2—0
vs Kingsway 1st	Won	7—0
vs Northlands 1st	Lost	1—3
vs Port Natal 2nd	Won	2—0
vs Port Natal 1st	Lost	1—2
vs Girls' College 2nd	Won	2—0
vs Mitchell High 1st	Won	2—0
vs Girls' College 1st	Won	1—0

The highlight of the league matches was the match played at Westville against Port Natal 1st team, who have for many seasons won the Schools' League. Our girls played with much spirit and determination, but could not hold the strong Port Natal team, and finally went down 2—1 in a most exciting match. Much of the team's success this season has been due to the good play and fine leadership of our Captain, Gillian West, and of Vice-Captain Fayleen Browne. Team spirit was good, but those deserving special mention for their fine play throughout the season were Pat Sulin, Juliet Freed and Sheila Dawes.

Congratulations go to Fayleen Browne on being selected to play for the Durban "A" Schools' team, and to Gillian West, who played in the "B" team. Both girls were invited to Natal trials where Gillian was selected to play for the Natal Schools' team, at the Schools' Tournament in Graaff-Reinet.

Perhaps the highlight of the season was the tour of the Eastern Cape during July. The fourteen girls travelled there and back by sea, and, in all, were away twelve days, during which time they played eight matches—some against the leading schools in Port Elizabeth. Again, we are pleased to report that the team played well and brought much credit to our school.

Tour Results Were:—

vs Middelburg (C.P.)	Won	2—0
vs Victoria Park High	Won	5—1
vs Holy Rosary Convent	Drew	2—2
vs Pearson High	Won	2—0
vs St. Dominic's Priory	Won	2—0
vs Riebeeck College	Drew	0—0
vs Collegiate Girls' High	Lost	0—2
vs Cambridge High	Won	2—0

The most exciting match of the tour was against Collegiate, our last match in Port Elizabeth. The match was played at a cracking pace, with both teams playing good hockey. Collegiate scored two goals early in the match, and try as we did we could not penetrate their fine defence. Our last match was played in East London and, although enjoyed by all, it was rather an anti-climax after the thrilling Collegiate match. A feature of the matches was the general fitness of our team, especially towards the end of this strenuous tour. The outstanding play of Ann Sherratt on the left wing was noted by all.

Co'our Awards, 1962.

Honours: G. West, F. Browne.

Colours: A. Sherratt, J. Freed.

Half-Colours: P. Sulin, S. Dawes.

The 2nd XI, too, had a fine record. The team was promoted from the "C" to "B" Leagues, where they were finally placed 2nd of the 10 teams.

League Results Were:—

Played 9, Won 6, Lost 2, Drawn 1, Goals for 27, Goals against 7.

The team was well led by Pat Drifill, whose energetic play was a fine example to the many Juniors in this team. These girls played consistently well and fully deserve their position in the league. Many of the Juniors in this team did well in their first year in Senior hockey, and showed that we have several promising players, who with more experience and improved stickwork should do well.

The following were members of the 2nd XI:—

P. Drifill, B. Anderson, L. Pieterse, S. Conway, D. Crowther, M. Joles, K. Bahrs, J. Yelland, M. Bosch, J. West, G. Hayward.

The Junior A and B teams did well to finish 3rd in their leagues, because, for many of these girls, it was their first season of hockey.

3rd and 4th Teams.

The 1962 season proved most enjoyable, and certainly successful. The 3rd and 4th Hockey Teams played their first season of league hockey in 1961. They did well enough to establish a reputation for themselves even at that early stage! That reputation was enhanced in 1962. The standard of hockey improved considerably and the spirit in which it was played was particularly pleasing. On the whole, team members were younger and, in several cases, merely beginning successful hockey careers which lie ahead.

Lack of thrust in the forward line appears to be rather characteristic of Westville hockey teams. This must be overcome. Seldom did the score reflect the untiring efforts of the defence and the opportunities offered to the forwards.

Westville "C" participated in the "D" League, while Westville "D" were affiliated to the "E" League. Westville "D" was the only one of our teams to emerge league winners and they subsequently won the promotion-relegation match against Windermere "B", so gaining promotion to the "D" League. In 1963 both the "C" and "D" teams will play in the same league. This triumphant team was ably captained by Sandra Oxenham, and Alison Ross proved an efficient and reliable captain of Westville "C." I feel sure the captains will support me when I say that were it not for the co-operation of the team members, the season would not have proved as enjoyable, nor our task as pleasant.

Westville "C": Played 9, Won 4, Lost 2, Drawn 3, Goals for 16, Against 12.
Westville "D": Played 9, Won 8, Lost 1, Drawn 0, Goals for 21, Against 6.

5th and 6th TEAMS.

At the beginning of the Hockey season the principle was adopted that every girl, no matter how weak her hockey, would be given an opportunity of playing regularly for the 5th or 6th team. This resolution, which was applied when there was a regular turn-out of thirty girls, ceased to be of any significance by the middle of the season when it was barely possible to scrape together the number required to field two teams. The consequence was that few girls could boast of having played continuously for either the 5th or 6th team, much to the confusion of our opponents who often directed questioning glances at the girls in the 6th team whom they had previously met in the 5th. However, there was never any deliberate attempt to gain an advantage since there was, as the final League results show, very little difference in standard of play between the two teams.

Though this rather haphazard system may have, on occasion, resulted in confusion it did have the fortunate side-effect of avoiding undue rivalry and of encouraging a happy spirit among all the players. What the girls lacked in technique was amply compensated by their enthusiasm. Seldom was a game thrown away by the failure of a team to play to the best of its ability.

Both the 5th and 6th teams were entered in the "F" League, which consisted of 10 teams. The final result was very satisfactory with the 5th team occupying fifth place and the 6th team the sixth.

Junior League Results Were:—

Junior A: Played 9, Won 6, Lost 3, Goals for 28, Against 10.

Junior B: Played 7, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 2, Goals for 13, Against 5.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all who helped in any way, particularly parents who worked so hard raising money for our tour. Here, a special word of thanks must go to Mr. and Mrs. Sulin, who did so much for us.

Also, we must mention Mrs. Stockil and the girls who provided the refreshments for our matches on Saturday mornings.

Lastly, I should like to thank the members of Staff who coached the girls and gave up so much of their time on Saturday mornings to umpire matches.

The tour made by the Westville First Hockey Team in 1962 is an event which will be noted in the annals of our school. The previous two years the First Rugby Team had been awarded this privilege. With the aid of our ambitious coach, Mrs. Slade, a tour was arranged for the girls. Donations and fund-raising made it possible for the tour to be a grand affair. No train journey for the girls—we had sea trips in the two newest ships of the Union-Castle Line!

For many of us, it was our first sea trip and the day of departure was greeted with much excitement. With no mishaps, we were soon installed in our spacious cabins on the Windsor Castle. We bade farewell to parents, friends and well-wishers and before we knew where we were, we were heading for the open sea. That night was spent acquainting ourselves with the ship—and the delicious dinner provided.

Early the next day we arrived at East London. The morning was taken up with a very entertaining and pleasant tour of the city and surrounding districts. That afternoon we said goodbye to East London and sailed through the night to Port Elizabeth, our destination.

We disembarked about nine the following morning and found that we were not, as we had anticipated, staying with girls from one school, but were being accommodated by members of several schools. Soon this matter of accommodation was settled and we were taken home by our hosts.

That afternoon, we beat Middelburg, another touring team, 2—0. We soon found out that Port Elizabeth is extremely strict in observance of the rules. It was a match which taught us much.

Sunday afternoon was spent at an interesting zoo, "Wide Horizon." A large party of us went. This gave an opportunity to all hosts and guests to meet each other.

As our hostesses were back at school after the July holidays, we found that we had the mornings to ourselves. These were usually spent in town. In the afternoons, we travelled out to the schools to play our matches. The first afternoon we played Victoria Park High. We were fortunate enough to beat them 5—1, a victory which immediately raised our spirits and prestige. Fayleen Browne, our usual goal scorer, played exceptionally well in this match.

On Tuesday afternoon we played the Convent team. This was one of our most difficult matches as six of the Convent team play for Eastern Province. We managed to defend our reputation by holding them to a 2—2 draw. The next day, a match against Pearson High ended in a 2—1 victory for us. Gillian West, our captain, joined us at Port Elizabeth after playing hard hockey for Southern Natal Schools at Graaff-Reinet. The continuous play did not detract from her style and she played well throughout the rest of the tour.

Thursday afternoon Riebeeck College came in from Uitenhage to play us. Neither teams scored in this match. On Friday afternoon we were taken out to the Priory. Although this match was played on a rough field and partly in the rain, we managed to win 2—0. Our last match on the Saturday morning was a difficult one. Collegiate Girls' High thoroughly deserved their victory by 2 goals to nil. We were extremely fortunate to have, on many occasions, Mrs. Sutcliffe, a newspaper reporter, as our referee. She very kindly gave our matches good reports in the local papers.

During our stay we were taken on a tour of the General Motors factory. The girls enjoyed it immensely. From our morning excursions into town we soon became acquainted with Port Elizabeth and the ways of its residents.

Too soon, the day of departure arrived and we were loath to leave our new-found friends, but when the luxurious Transvaal Castle welcomed us aboard we started looking forward to the homeward trip. Quite a large crowd was there to see us off. It was with happy memories that we waved goodbye to this truly "Friendly City."

The next day we arrived in East London once again. After a morning on the beach-front, we prepared to go to Cambridge High School. Our name was by no means new to them as our rugby team had played there the previous year. Although it was an extremely hot day, we did ourselves credit by beating the Cambridge girls 2—1. We had to win that match as we had been told that we would not be allowed back on board if we did not do so! The next morning early we docked at Durban. Needless to mention, everyone was pleased to get back and tell of our victories.

I trust that this tour of the hockey team was not just a "flash in the pan" and that annual hockey tours will ultimately become an annual event for Westville High School girls.

On behalf of the team, I must express thanks to all the people, in particular Mr. and Mrs. Sulin, Mrs. West and Mr. Slade, for their preparations and fund-raising for the tour. Special thanks, of course, must go to our excellent coach, Mrs. Slade, without whom the tour could never have been as successful.

SHEILA DAWES, VIA.

BOYS' TENNIS.

In 1962, three teams played. Our First Team played in the Durban Lawn Tennis Association's Boys' Schools' League Second Division, and our Second and Third Teams in the Third Division.

The results are tabulated below:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Position
First	10	6	4	4
Second	9	6	3	4
Third	9	2	7	9

Unfortunately for us, four of our players were such good rugby players or linesmen that their services were in demand in that exalted sphere. In this way we often lost R. Shotland (vice-captain and first player), A. Sudar, P. Corrigan and D. Hurworth. The remaining players moved up to close the gaps and we drew on a reserve of players, including, on some occasions, boys of the Under 13 group.

B. Abandanon (Captain) and B. Cranston, third and second players respectively, played consistently good tennis throughout the season and received Scrolls, whilst R. Shotland well deserved his Colours award.

The Senior Singles Championship was won by R. Shotland, and the Junior by G. Buckle.

The Boys' Doubles Championship went to B. Abandanon and B. Cranston, and the Mixed Doubles to G. and B. Cranston.

A friendly match of mixed doubles played in February versus Port Natal High School gave Westville a narrow win by 42—39.

A second match was played in March when our girls played the Port Natal High School girls and beat them 30—23. On the same day our boys played their boys and again we won, the games being 34—13.

Westville has plenty of tennis talent, particularly amongst the juniors, but only with hard and consistent practising can we hope to better our results.

GIRLS' TENNIS.

There has been an increased enthusiasm for tennis in the past season, especially in the lower forms. Special mention should be made of the Std. VI pupils who have participated most actively this year. It is hoped that, as the number of pupils in the school increases, so will the enthusiasm of those in the upper forms.

By comparison with the previous year, the league results showed great improvement, especially in the open team matches. As can be seen by the results, our Open team was only narrowly defeated by Durban Girls' High School and by Technical College.



GIRLS' FIRST TENNIS TEAM.

Barbara Anderson Marion Bosch Gillian West
 Fayleen Browne Miss S. Nel Esther Goldstein (Captain)
 Mr. N. W. Bowden Vivienne Platt.

Sponsored by Greenacres.

The majority of the tennis league matches were played during the first term at Westridge courts. Friendly matches were played "at home" and at other schools. The Open Mixed team played Port Natal High School twice and won both times. Away matches were played at Ixopo High School on Saturday, March 31st, when the Open and Under 15a teams played against the Ixopo teams. Unfortunately, both teams were defeated. The weather was perfect and a delightful day was had by all.

Results of league and friendly matches played during the season:—

Open:

v. Kingsway High School	Won	47—34
v. Girls' College	Lost	17—64
v. Technical College	Lost	35—46
v. Girls' High School	Lost	37—44
v. Northlands High School	Lost	16—60
v. Eshowe High School	Won	55—26
v. Port Natal High School	Won	42—39
v. Pinetown Convent	Lost	32—49

Under 15a:

v. Kingsway High School	.....	Lost	24—57
v. Girls' College	.....	Lost	22—59
v. St. Mary's	.....	Won	45—36
v. Girls' High School	.....	Lost	22—59
v. Mitchell High School	.....	Lost	38—43
v. Eshowe High School	.....	Lost	34—47

Under 15b:

v. Northlands High School	.....	Lost	13—68
v. Maris Stella	.....	Lost	23—58
v. Girls' High School	.....	Lost	19—62
v. Windermere High School	.....	Lost	30—43
v. Mitchell High School	.....	Won	53—28
v. Convent High School	.....	Won	61—20

Junior:

v. Maris Stella	.....	Lost	26—55
v. Mitchel High School	.....	Won	42—39
v. Westville Junior School	.....	Lost	39—42

Congratulations are extended to Fayleen Browne on being presented with half-colours for tennis, a well-deserved award. A special "thank you" goes to Esther Goldstein, who proved herself to be a most reliable and helpful tennis captain.

Teams for the season were:—

Open:

1. F. Browne, M. Bosch.
2. E. Goldstein (Capt.), V. Platt.
3. B. Anderson, G. West.

Under 15a:

1. G. Granston (Capt.), L. Cross.
2. F. Platt, S. Oxenham.
3. E. Simpson, L. Jones.

Under 15b:

1. C. Abery (Capt.), L. Page-Wright.
2. V. Unstead, D. Wyndham-Rickford.
3. S. Bird, N. Fothergill.

Junior:

1. C. Gore (Capt.), C. Wyndham-Rickford.
2. P. Gracie, S. Sanders.
3. I. Schumann, R. ter Brugge.

The school championships were played in the 3rd term, with the following results:—

Senior Singles: F. Browne.

Junior Singles: M. Bosch.

Girls' Open Doubles: F. Browne and M. Bosch.

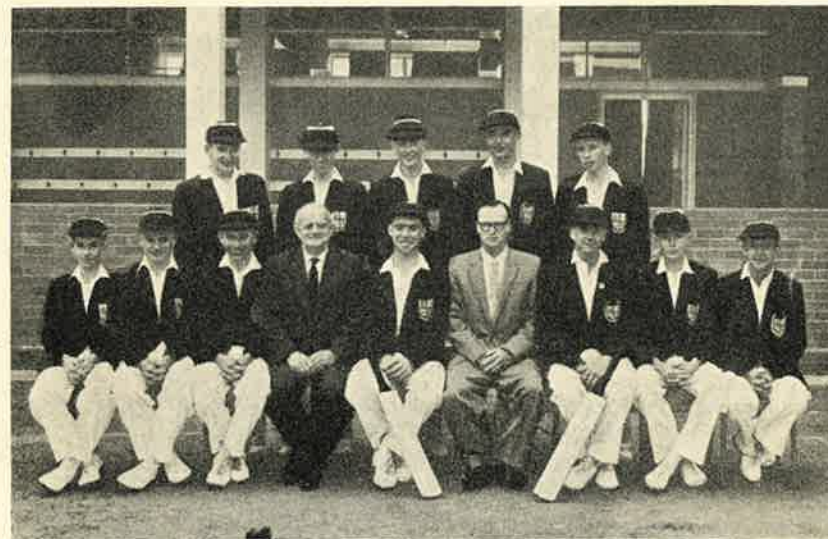
Mixed Doubles: G. Cranston and B. Cranston.

CRICKET: FIRST ELEVEN.

The school 1st XI consisted mainly of young, inexperienced players. Not a single Sixth Former has played in the team. This led to the school fielding a somewhat weak team, especially regarding batting performances, but the experience gained and maturity shown towards the end of the year, augurs well for the future.

The team was most ably captained by M. Ezekowitz who, through personal example in every department of the game, has done much to assist in the improvement shown. It was difficult to fault his field settings and handling of bowlers, even in difficult circumstances.

The team spirit developed excellently over the year, and the keenness shown by the players at practices was most gratifying.

**FIRST CRICKET XI.**

Back Row: D. Wolfson, P. Thompson, C. Shedlock, G. Anderson, R. May.
Front Row: D. Hurworth, G. Sanders, R. Shotland, Mr. N. W. Bowden, M. Ezekowitz (Captain), Mr. A. Bishton, N. Dredge, B. Wilton, P. Hamilton.

Sponsored by Woolfsons.

Awards.

M. Ezekowitz is to be congratulated on being awarded his colours. Special mention must be made of his outstanding achievements in batting where, as an opening batsman, his average of 164 runs for the last half of the year is truly remarkable.

Scrolls were awarded to N. Dredge, D. Wolfson, P. Hamilton and G. Sanders.

Team Members:

Regular 1st XI players were: M. Ezekowitz (Capt.), N. Dredge (V.-Capt.), D. Wolfson, G. Sanders, P. Hamilton, C. Shedlock, R. Shotland, B. Wilton, C. Greenberg, G. Anderson and R. May. During the first half of the year P. Thompson and D. Allcock played several matches for the 1st XI.

DETAILED RESULTS.**vs. Parents' XI.**

The season commenced with an enjoyable match against the parents. School batted first and declared at 112 runs for 3 wickets. The parents replied with 90 for 7 wickets at close of play. Match drawn.

vs. Mansfield High School 1st XI.

Mansfield, batting first, declared at 202 for 8 wickets at lunch. Dredge was the most successful bowler, taking 3 for 20.

School collapsed badly against an accurate, hostile attack. Only Ezekowitz, who scored 31 of the total of 57, was able to cope with the bowling.

School lost by 145 runs.

vs. Queensburgh High School 1st XI.

Queensburgh batted first and totalled 69 runs. Shedlock bowled well, taking 6 for 26.

School then forcefully attacked the Queensburgh bowling. Ezekowitz scored 84 runs not out, Hamilton 26 and Dredge 25 not out. Declaring at 162 for 4 wickets, School attempted to gain the innings victory.

Queensburgh, however, managed to see time out and ended with 56 for 8 wickets in their second innings.

School won by 93 runs.

vs. Eshowe High School 1st XI.

Westville, batting first, once again fared badly against the Eshowe opening attack, and totalled a mere 58 runs.

This meagre total, however, proved too much for the Eshowe batsmen, who were all out for 40. Credit for this achievement must go to Dredge with 5 for 15 and Ezekowitz with 4 for 12.

Westville showed better form in their second innings, which closed at 38 for 3 wickets.

School won by 18 runs.

vs. Harward High School 1st XI.

School's brittle batting was once again revealed in this match. Only Ezekowitz dealt competently with the Harward attack, scoring 56 not out, of the school's total of 77 runs.

Harward replied with 81 runs all out. Shedlock took 6 for 21 and Dredge 2 for 16.

School's second innings stood at 43 runs for 5 wickets at close of play.

School lost by 2 wickets.

vs. Port Natal High School 1st XI.

School, on winning the toss, put Port Natal in to bat and dismissed them cheaply for 49 runs. Dredge took 4 for 12, Wolfson 3 for 8 and Shedlock 2 for 7.

School failed in their attempt to reach the meagre Port Natal total, and mustered a mere 40 runs.

Port Natal declared their second innings closed at 100 runs for 9 wickets.

School had 31 runs for the loss of 3 wickets at the close of play.

School lost by 9 runs.

vs. Northlands High School 2nd XI.

On winning the toss, school elected to bat and were given a good start for the first time in the season by the opening bats: Wolfson 69 not out and Ezekowitz 22. This enabled school to reach the reasonable total of 157 runs.

Despite the absence of Dredge from the attack, Northlands were never able to master the bowling and were confined to a total of 117 runs. Wolfson followed up his sterling batting performance by taking 4 for 26.

School won by 40 runs.

vs. New Forest High School 1st XI.

New Forest, batting first, scored 129 runs by lunch. They could have been confined to a much smaller total had valuable catches been held. Dredge, May and Ezekowitz each took three wickets.

School's batting collapsed twice that afternoon. School were all out for 39 runs in their first innings and just managed to avoid the impending innings defeat, being 42 runs for 8 wickets when stumps were drawn.

School lost by 89 runs.

vs. Ixopo High School 1st XI.

Ixopo, batting first, were confined to the total of 65 runs, which was largely due to the excellent bowling of Dredge who took 7 for 26.

School replied with 113 runs, Hamilton contributing a useful 56.

Ixopo, in their second innings, scored 54 runs, avoiding the innings defeat by 6 runs. Ezekowitz took 3 wickets for 3 runs and Hamilton 3 for 16.

School scored the necessary 6 runs with the loss of one wicket.

School won by 9 wickets.

vs. Maritzburg College 2nd XI.

College won the toss and elected to bat. They scored freely and declared their innings closed at 247 runs for 9 wickets.

School, faced with the prospect of scoring 247 runs in 175 minutes, played out time and were 116 runs for 7 wickets at close of play. Ezekowitz scored 60 not out.

Match drawn.

vs. Kearsney College 1st XI.

Kearsney, batting first, scored 161 runs. Ezekowitz took 5 for 30.

School then replied with 82 runs for 5 wickets when, unfortunately, mist and rain forced an early close to the game. Ezekowitz scored 42 not out.

Match drawn.

vs. Technical High School (Durban) 1st XI.

School, batting first, were soon in trouble on a drying wicket, losing the first 6 wickets for 18 runs. However, as the wicket dried out, Shotland (53) and Greenberg (20 not out) relieved the situation and school totalled 120 runs.

Tech started their innings with a sound opening stand of 36 runs, but then collapsed under the steady bowling of Ezekowitz, who took 7 for 15. At close of play, Tech were 56 runs for 9 wickets.

Match drawn.

vs. Durban High School 3rd XI.

School batted first and declared at 169 for 8. Ezekowitz scored a forceful 106 runs, the first century scored by a Westville High School 1st XI player.

D.H.S. replied with 99 runs. Dredge took 7 for 41.

School won by 70 runs.

vs. New Forest High School 1st XI.

New Forest batted first and scored 112 runs for 8 wickets when steady rain made further play impossible. Hamilton took 3 for 29, and Ezekowitz 3 for 32.

Match drawn.

vs. Glenwood High School 2nd XI.

Glenwood won the toss and put school in to bat. School started reasonably well (50 runs for 3 wickets) but then collapsed, being all out for 99 runs. Shotland scored 33 and Ezekowitz 29.

Glenwood struggled throughout their innings and lost their 9th wicket at 67 runs. To everyone's surprise, the last pair of batsmen scored the necessary 33 runs in a most exciting finish.

School lost by 1 wicket.

vs. New Forest High School 1st XI.

New Forest won the toss and elected to bat, but were soon in trouble, losing the first three wicket for 7 runs. New Forest never recovered and were all out for 67 runs. Dredge took 4 for 26, and Drifill, promoted to the 1st XI from the Colts, took 4 for 8 in 10 overs.

School passed the New Forest total easily, scoring 162 runs for 4 wickets. Ezekowitz scored 88 not out, and Shedlock 56 not out.

School won by seven wickets.

Summary of Inter-School Matches.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
15	6	4	5

Offord Cricket Week

Westville High School, together with four other high schools, combined to form Durban Combined Schools, which played in the Offord Cricket Week. The following were selected from Westville High School as members of the combined side: M. Ezekowitz (Vice-Capt.), N. Dredge, D. Wolfson, P. Hamilton and G. Sanders.

The outstanding performance by one of these boys was that of Neville Dredge, who took 8 for 20 against Northlands 1st XI. Unfortunately, the week was marred by rain, one complete day being lost, with late starts and

finishes being necessary on others. However, the games were enjoyed by our representatives and, as all five boys will be available again, we look forward to more successes in the future.

SECOND ELEVEN

To build any real "esprit-de-corps" with a 2nd XI is extremely difficult. Any boy who shows promise is immediately "filched" by the 1st and the Under 15 game claims the best players who are the correct age. However, we had a nucleus of boys who played in all games and, led by Mike Meehan, the team enjoyed their season to the full. Several games had to be cancelled on account of the weather. Only nine matches were played (one of which was as the School Under 16) and of these, three were won in very convincing style.

The following played for the 2nd XI: M. Meehan (capt.), O. Greenberg, P. Thompson, L. Isaacs, R. Shotland, B. Abendanon, D. Hurworth, M. Saner, P. Storm, A. Sudar, A. Woods, D. Corrigan, C. McLean, S. Hands.

In the match played as the Under 16, some of the regular 2nd team players were too old, and the following boys from the Under 15 game played in the Under 16: R. Sandison, J. Drifill, R. Dixon-Carter, L. Seaton.

Details of matches:—

vs. Glenwood 4th at King's Park

Glenwood 131 (Thompson 5 wks for 30).

Westville 96 (Meehan 19, Storm 15 n.o., Thompson 14).

Glenwood won by 35 runs.

vs. Pinetown 1st at Pinetown

Pinetown 129 (Thompson 3 for 26, McLean 2 for 11, Greenberg 2 for 36).

Westville 62 (Meehan 16).

Pinetown won by 67 runs.

vs. Port Natal 2nd, at Port Natal

Westville 200 for 4 wks. dec. (Greenberg 68 ret., Meehan 39, Hands 31).

Port Natal 47 (Corrigan 3 for 9, Woods 4 for 11).

and 41 (Woods 3 for 10).

Westville won by an innings and 112 runs.

vs. Stamford Hill 1st, at K.P.

Stamford Hill 36 for 9 (McLean 5 for 15, Corrigan 3 for 3).

Westville 98 for 3 (Isaacs 28 ret., McLean 18, Hurworth 16 n.o.).

Westville won by 62 runs.

Under 16

vs. Alexandra High School, at Westville

Westville proved far too strong for their opponents in this all-day game, winning by an innings and 69 runs. The two Under 15 bowlers, Drifill and Sandison, took 3 for 2 and 2 for 8 respectively, while Greenberg took 2 for 4. Alexandra could only muster 23 runs in their first innings and 17 in their second. Shotland (49) and Adendanon (26) were the chief contributors to the Westville total of 109 for 4 wickets declared.

vs. Maritzburg College IV, at Maritzburg College

Maritzburg College IV 129 all out.

Westville 48 and 52.

College won by an innings and 29 runs.

vs. Kearsney II, at Westville

Kearsney 169.

Westville 84.

Kearsney won by 85 runs.

vs. Alexandra H.S. I, at Alexandra H.S.

Alexandra 133.

Westville 129 for 5 (Lawson 53).

Match drawn.

vs. New Forest H.S., at Westville

New Forest 92.

Westville 63.

New Forest won by 29 runs.

UNDER 15A

The Under 15A Cricket Team, under the very able captaincy of Sandison, had a most successful season. The team was fortunate in the addition of new-comer Barton, who proved to be a capable wicket-keeper and a most tenacious opening batsman.

During the first half of the season the team played in fixtures arranged by the Durban and District Schools Cricket League and suffered only one defeat. This was at the hands of a D.H.S. side and occurred when the team was sadly weakened by illnesses and by the requirements of open teams. The highlight of this part of the season was the selection of Sandison, Phillips, Barton, Wright, Drifill and Gessner to play for a Durban Under 15 team against a Northern Districts under 15 side. Sandison had the honour to be selected as captain and all members were awarded Durban caps.

The second half of the season saw the removal of the team from the Durban League, and they played in fixtures arranged with schools which do not take part in the league. Once again they played extremely well and were successful in all but one match, this being against Glenwood Colts, when the team was beaten by the narrow margin of 14 runs.

Statistically, the team played 12 matches. They won 7 of these, drew 3 and lost 2. They scored a total of 1,293 runs at an average of 14.2 runs per wicket, and their opponents scored 747 runs at an average of 5.5 runs per wicket.

The batting tended to be brittle at times, although Barton, Allcock and Phillips all produced respectable scores. Most members gave good average performances throughout the season, and we have reason to remember the stand made by Ridl and Kuhlenthal in the rain and mist at Kearsney.

The outstanding bowler of the team was Drifill, who captured 40 wickets at a cost of 3.2 runs per wicket. Good performances were given also by Gessner, Simoni, Sandison, Wright and Ridl.

The end of the season marked the break-up of this team, many of whose members played together from the Under 13 division. Some will be promoted to the First XI; others will form the backbone of the Second XI. To all of them, I extend my congratulations and my thanks for giving us some delightful cricket during the course of the year.

Matches played were:—

Feb. 17th: vs. Northlands Under 15B

Westville 87, Northlands 17 (Roberts 23; Sandison 4 for 6).

Won by 70 runs.

Feb. 24th: vs. Glenwood Under 15B

Westville 58 for 4, Glenwood 53 (Barton 23 n.o., Phillips 23, Drifill 6 for 21).

Won by 6 wickets.

March 3rd: vs. Mansfield Under 15B

Westville 100 for 5 dec., Mansfield 24 for 8 (May 30 not out).

Match drawn.

March 10th: vs. D.H.S. Under 15B

Westville 51, D.H.S. 59 for 6 (Phillips 24).

Lost by 4 wickets.

March 24th: vs. Pinetown Under 15

Westville 74 for 3, Pinetown 63 (Allcock 39 n.o., Drifill 4 for 15).

Won by 7 wickets.

March 31st: vs. Ixopo Colts

Westville 125, Ixopo 67 (Ridl 37 n.o., Drifill 7 for 16).

Won by 58 runs.

October 19th: vs. Maritzburg College Under 15B

Westville 205 for 3 dec., College 77 (Allcock 74 n.o., Barton 61).

Won by 128 runs.

October 26th: vs. Kearsney College Under 15B

Westville 86 for 6, Kearsney 130 (Kuhlenthal 30 n.o., Drifill 6 for 22).

Match drawn.

November 3rd: vs. Tech. College Colts

Westville 122, Tech. 48 (Barton 55, Gessner 6 for 23).

Won by 74 runs.

November 10th: vs. D.H.S. Under 15B

Westville 121, D.H.S. 115 (Ridl 27 n.o.).

Won by 6 runs.

November 17th: vs. New Forest Colts

Westville 199, New Forest 18 for 3. Rain stopped play.

December 1st: vs. Glenwood Colts

Westville 65, Glenwood 79 (Driffill 7 for 17).

Lost by 14 runs.

Members of the team:—R. Sandison (Capt.), A. Phillips (Vice-Capt.), D. Allcock, B. Barton, A. Roberts, C. Ridl, R. Close, K. Simoni, B. Gessner, J. Driffill, M. Du Preez, C. Kuhlenthal, D. Wright.

Under 15B

This team had a satisfactory "innings." Under the capable and conscientious leadership of Bobby Dixon-Carter, it fared favourably. Although the fielding was not always up to standard, it was often saved by the good bowling of S. Walker, M. Meek and D. Smith. Batting scores were generally low, but Dixon-Carter, however, scored 127 not out against Kearsney. The team was beaten by D.H.S. in the second match of the fourth quarter and this put paid to its Knock-Out hopes. Of the five matches played in the fourth quarter, two were won, two were drawn and one was lost.

Regular team members were:—R. Dixon-Carter, A. Duys, S. Walker, M. Granger, M. Mannheimer, M. Meek, P. Rudder, A. Silbert, D. Smith, M. Robertson, S. Templar, T. Moran, C. Cuthbert, F. Joles, G. Burrows.

The following attended practices regularly:—M. Lovatt, I. Crawford, D. Gager, A. Cox, R. Larsen, R. Mellor, C. Parr, J. Butcher.

A special word of thanks is extended to our mascot-scorer Annece Burrows, and to M. Williams-Jones for umpiring.

Under 14A

This team did not have a very good year, particularly when, in the fourth term, they began to play the "A" teams of leading schools in Natal. They managed to hold only the D.H.S. "A" team to reasonable scores, but even then lost the game by 7 wickets.

In the first term of the year six matches were played. The team won 3, lost 2 and drew 1. For this period the best performances were Borchardt's 39 runs against Alexandra High and Twine's 5 wickets for 10 runs against the D.H.S. Under 14 "C" Team. In the match against Pinetown, both Borchardt and Twine took 5 wickets for 14 runs, and against Port Natal, Kent made 35 not out.

In the fourth term seven matches were played, of which the team drew 3 and lost 4. At least two of the drawn matches were stopped by rain, but a look at the scorebook shows that the team was, in both cases, in a very poor position when the games were called off. The best performances for this period were Shedlock's 44 runs against Kearsney and his 4 wickets for 19 runs against Glenwood.

This team is not likely to do well against good opposition unless the bowlers learn quickly that the best way of taking wickets is by bowling at the stumps off a good length. Until this is done, our batsmen will always be faced with the task of running up totals higher than they have ever done before.

Under 14B

With very few newcomers attaching themselves to our Under 14 cricket teams this year, there was practically no change in strength, so the season started with barely enough boys to make up the "A" and "B" teams. Practices, consequently, were poorly attended and little progress was made.

However, the "reliables" maintained sufficient strength for the Under 14B to field a full team for every match. Of the 13 matches played this year, Westville won six (including 3 knockouts) and were beaten decisively in all the others. The only individual performances worthy of praise were Clarkson's 45 against Mansfield, and Leverton's 5 wickets for 4 runs (including a hat-trick) against New Forest Under 14B.

Under 13A

New to the school, and having had little instruction in the techniques of the game, this group took some time to settle down. Once they had found their feet, the team made pleasing progress, and a marked improvement in all departments of the game was evident. If criticism is to be made, it is the lack of spin bowling; other than on the leg-spinning of Meehan, the team had to depend largely on the steady fast bowling of Phillips and Granger.

In their batting, the team was unpredictable—a feature of most teams concentrating on technique.

Congratulations must go to Meehan, Browne and Granger on being selected to represent Durban in the under 13 inter-town team.

Outstanding performances were:—

54 scored by Algie against D.P.H.S., against whom our team played very well to win.

51 scored by Meehan against Northlands.

Phillips, who took the most wickets, had a best performance of 7 for 20 against Kearsney.

In the inter-town game against Zululand Schools, Granger had the outstanding match analysis of 11 wickets for 18 runs. In this game, which Durban won, Meehan was top scorer with 28.

During the year, Browne proved to be the most consistent bat with 4 knocks of over 30.

The team played 12 games, of which they lost 2, drew 5 and won 5.

Regular team members were:—B. Meehan (captain), R. Heron, P. Algie, E. Browne, G. Cawood, J. Granger, A. Phillips, R. Martin, K. Harrison, C. Oxenham, C. Milford.

Under 13B

Team: R. Goldfinch (capt.), J. Yelland (vice-capt.), J. Cheesmond, D. Corbett, D. Excell, S. Gillbanks, G. Gower-Jackson, A. Hatfield, N. Hean, K. King, K. Manning, A. Matchett, D. Wuth.

The enthusiasm which the team showed was very pleasing. Practices were well attended, and consequently the cricket improved considerably. Mention must be made of Cheesmond, who bowled very accurately for long spells in every match. In one game he took 8 wickets for 12 runs. Hatfield had the distinction of scoring the first 50 for the team and regularly entertained us with his towering sixes.

Results of matches: Played 10, Won 3, Drawn 3, Lost 4.

NETBALL

This year, netball was played during the third quarter only, and even then under great difficulties. The girls who were not committed to hockey and athletics did, however, show great enthusiasm. This was particularly evident among the Second Formers.

It was found impossible to play any outside matches, but Junior and Senior House matches were arranged. Both sections were handsomely won by Cliff House.

As the new Hall encroaches on the present netball field, it would appear that it will be impossible for the girls to play netball this year.

TABLE TENNIS

The school entered three teams in the senior Table Tennis League. On the whole, they fared quite well.

The first team, consisting of Wolfson, Abendanon and Sudar, failed in its aim to gain promotion to the 1st Division, but came very close to doing so. Lack of experience let them down.

The 2nd team of B. Cranston, C. Burgess, I. Burgess and M. Fuller played in the 4th Division. They ended up 5th in the League. The consistent play of Cranston must be singled out. He did especially well when standing in for the injured Wolfson in the 1st team.

The 3rd team had as its members Diana Corrigan, Molly Paul, P. Schollick and M. Mannheimer. Although they did not win the 6th Division, they were by no means disgraced and their keenness was to be admired.

B. Abendanon and D. Wolfson were selected for the Natal Junior team which played at the S. African Championships in Johannesburg.

B. ABENDANON.

SWIMMING REPORT, 1962

We had a very successful Inter-House Swimming Gala on the 22nd February, 1962. Our Guests of Honour were the Chairman of the Westville Swimming Club, Mr. Castleden, and Mrs. Castleden, who presented the trophies.

Our girls and boys are to be congratulated on their very high standard of swimming. Thirty-five records were broken and one equalled in the forty-five events held. This is a truly magnificent performance.

Swain House won the Charles Swain Trophy for most points, with 147 points, from Cliff House 121, Carr House 118 and Wandsbeck House 91. Cliff House won the Castleden Trophy for the greatest number of points scored in relays.

Best performance trophies were awarded to:—

Girls

16 and over: McLean Trophy, M. Frank.
Under 16: Forsdick Trophy, A. Krohn.
Under 15: Ronald Green Trophy, F. Browne.
Under 14: May Trophy, G. Hayward.
Under 13: School Trophy, S. Jewitt.

Boys

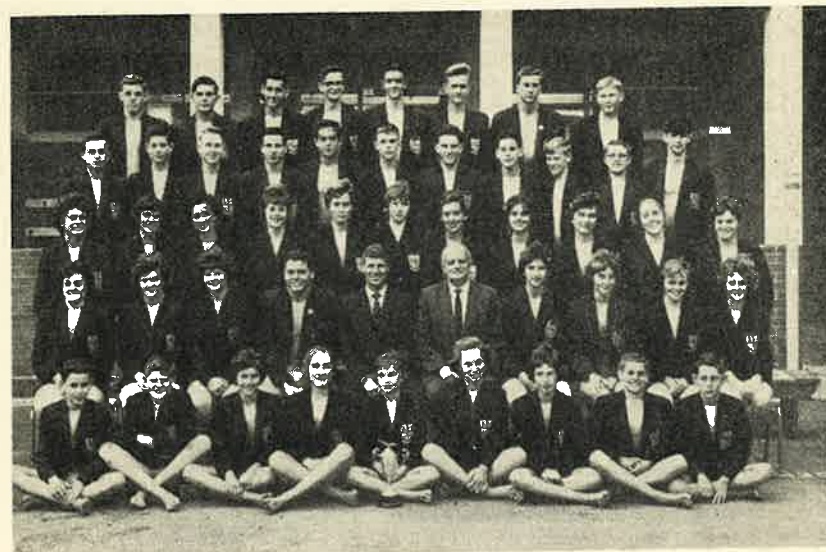
16 and over: McLean Trophy, T. Hayward.
Under 16: Youngleson Trophy, G. Price.
Under 15: Perry Trophy, J. Hone.
Under 14: Dredge Trophy, W. Gertenbach.
Under 13: School Trophy, A. Hatfield.

The Hayward Trophy for the boys' 200 metres freestyle event was won, for the second time, by Terry Hayward.

On March 9th our Swimming Team travelled by train to Estcourt to swim in a gala against the Estcourt High School. Excitement ran high as the week-end approached. Our team of forty very excited boys and girls spent a most enjoyable day in Estcourt, where we won a closely contested gala that evening. We look forward to this becoming an annual event, so that we can return the hospitality extended to us by the staff and pupils of Estcourt High School.

The Inter-School Diving was held this year at the D.H.S. bath, and once again our pupils showed up very well. Results were as follows:—

D. Weir, 1st Boys Open.
D. Allcock, 2nd Boys Under 16.
A. Roberts, 4th Boys Under 16.
D. Allan, 1st Boys Under 14.
S. Jewitt, 2nd Girls Under 14.
A. Hammond, 4th Girls Under 14.



SWIMMING TEAM — 1962.

Back Row: G. Thompson, M. Moffatt, K. Simoni, G. Finlayson, C. McLean, J. Hone, N. Dredge, A. Hatfield.

Standing: P. Moffatt, C. Marks, P. Kuhn, D. Weir, P. Storm, D. Allcock, R. Wade, G. Gar, C. Milford, A. Thompson, G. Price.

Middle Row: G. Hayward, S. Jewitt, J. West, S. Haynes, P. Gray, J. Hoyle, W. May, L. Pieterse, C. Radford, A. Krohn, M. Frank.

Seated: G. Paterson, E. Houghton, C. Abery, T. Hayward (Captain), Mr. C. J. Viljoen, Mr. N. W. Bowden, J. Castleden, F. Browne, G. Wakefield, D. Crowther.

Front Row: A. Roberts, D. Allan, R. Foulds, M. Hone, A. Hammond, P. Gracie, R. Sproule, W. Gertenbach, A. Sydie.

Sponsored by McLeod's Bazaar.

These performances were good as there is no "Co-Ed" Schools' division for diving, and we therefore compete against the leading boys' and girls' schools.

Our successes continued at the Inter-Co-Educational Schools' Gala on March 13th. We won easily with 332½ points from New Forest 104½ and Port Natal 87½, thus increasing yet again the wide margins by which we had won in 1960 and 1961. Our pupils set fifteen out of the twenty-three records broken at the gala, winning six out of eight relays, five of these in record time.

Individual records were broken by:—

Marjorie Frank—Girls Under 19: 100 yds. Backstroke, 50 yds. Butterfly.
Glynis Hayward—Girls Under 14: 50 yds. Backstroke, 50 yds. Freestyle.
Susan Jewitt—Girls Under 13: 50 yds. Freestyle, 50 yds. Breaststroke.
J. Hone—Boys Under 15: 100 yds. Freestyle, 50 yds. Butterfly.
A. Hatfield—Boys Under 13: 50 yds. Freestyle, 50 yds. Breaststroke.

The following swimmers were selected to represent Durban and District Schools at the Inter-District Gala held at Ladysmith:—Marjorie Frank, Susan Jewitt, Terry Hayward, Colin McLean, Dennis Weir and David Allan. John

Hone was also selected but had to withdraw. At this gala the Natal Schools team was selected to take part in the South African Schools' gala at Port Elizabeth.

Marjorie Frank and Terry Hayward were selected for this team. We are particularly proud of them as they are our first representatives in Natal Schools' swimming. Early in the year, Marjorie travelled to Cape Town with the Natal swimming team, where she took part in the Currie Cup tournament.

Swimming awards, 1962

Honours: M. Frank, T. Hayward.

Colours: M. Moffatt (re-award), D. Weir, C. McLean.

SWIMMERS' TRIP TO ESTCOURT

I think that all our pupils wanted to take up swimming when we arrived back at School! They had heard that the School team was going on a week-end visit to Estcourt.

With the help of John Kemp, a School banner was prepared for the trip.

On Friday evening at eight, we left Durban station, where a number of friends and relations had come to see us off. When we reached Pietermaritzburg, we were allowed off the train, which had no dining car facilities, to go to the tea-room, but before everyone had been served we were hustled back aboard, just in time, as the train pulled out of the station.

Although many present will not admit it, I am sure that everyone was awake when we reached Estcourt, where we were shunted into a siding. At six in the morning, both the boy and the girl captains of the Estcourt High School Swimming Team were there to greet us, and take us up to the school for breakfast. We were shown round the school, and later did some training. In the afternoon we went to a film show—where most of us caught up on our sleep!

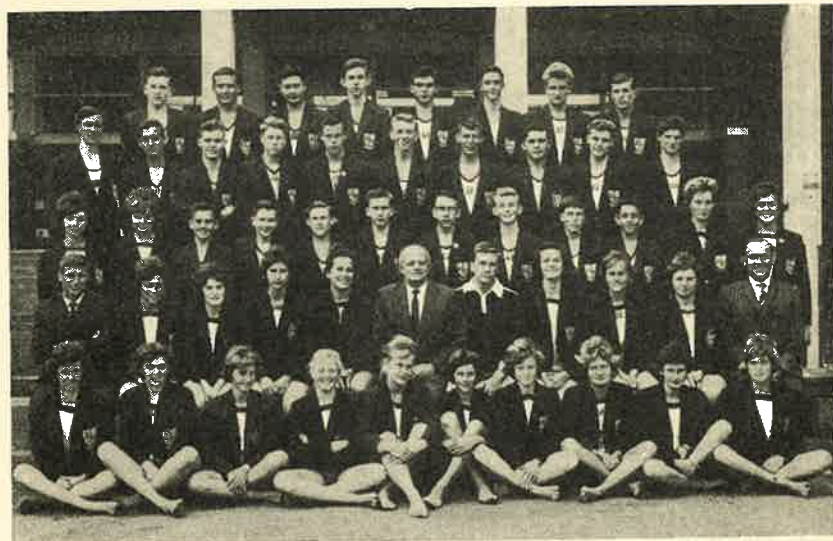
After an early meal, we went to the school baths, where all of the school and most of the local residents watched us defeat Estcourt by forty-six points in a very interesting and exciting gala.

Afterwards, we made our way back to the school, where we were given sandwiches and hot coffee, and then taken to a dance held in our honour. There, most of us met the Headmaster, Sports Master and Sports Mistress of the Estcourt High School.

When the dance was over and the speeches made, we walked back to the station in the rain and boarded the train. Once again, it was very late indeed when the last of us went to sleep. I can assure you that it was a very tired but happy team that arrived back in Durban the next morning.

I am sure that when I thank Mrs. Slade and Mr. Viljoen for a wonderful trip, it is on behalf of the whole team.

T. HAYWARD, VI B.



ATHLETICS.

Back Row: A. Woods, G. Anderson, G. Thaw, C. Bower, G. Lawson, C. McLean, D. Singleton, B. Taylor.

Standing: P. Corrigall, M. du Preez, C. Burgess, C. Ridl, G. Austin, C. Shedlock, E. H. Rudder, M. Moffatt, I. Burgess, J. Stevenson.

Middle Row: C. Shambrook, W. Dietz, N. Shotland, D. Beier, V. Braybrooke, T. Luckin, D. Trezona, A. Shedlock, D. Simpson, M. Gershanov, P. Gray, B. Anderson.

Seated: Mr. C. J. Viljoen, A. Joles, J. Harris, J. Castleden, G. West, Mr. N. W. Bowden, N. Dredge, S. Oxenham, J. Braybrooke, M. Frank, Mr. P. C. Kemp.

Front: J. Rolland, M. Joles, F. Browne, C. Burne-Smith, L. Page-Wright, R. Foulds, J. Wuth, P. Sulin, M. Roberts, S. Conway.

Sponsored by Wright, Le Roux and Salton.

ATHLETICS

On September 8th, the Fourth Annual Athletic Sports were held. Inspector and Mrs. L. W. Dwyer were guests of honour.

The excellent condition of the track probably contributed largely to the fact that 21 records were broken. To Mr. Kent, of the N.P.A. gardens section, our sincere thanks must go for all his assistance and advice in preparing the track.

Track and field events decided before Sports Day were marked by a paucity of entries and unless some other system of running these events can be devised, some of these events will have to be omitted, particularly in the Boys' Open age group, where there was little or no interest.

Outstanding results were as follows:—

Boys' Open 880 yds: E. H. Rudder (2 min. 9.1 secs.).
 Boys' Open Crosscountry: O. C. Meredith (15 min. 34.5 secs.).
 Boys' Open Mile: B. J. Taylor (4 min. 49.5 secs.).
 Boys Under 16 Javelin: J. F. Stevenson (168 ft. 8 in.).
 Boys Under 16 880 yds.: J. F. Stevenson (2 min. 5.6 secs.).
 Boys Under 16 100 yds.: C. R. Shedlock (10.7 secs.).
 Boys Under 14 100 yds.: G. S. P. Wood (11.3 secs.).
 Boys Under 14 High Jump: O. V. Borchardt (4 ft. 9½ ins.).
 Boys Under 14 75 yds. Hurdles: B. D. Donald (11.1 secs.).
 Boys Under 13 100 yds.: A. G. V. Phillips (12 secs.).
 Girls—Open 100 yds.: Jane Castleden (11.9 secs.).
 Girls—Open Discus: Barbara Anderson (99 ft. 7 ins.).
 Girls Under 15 100 yds.: Patricia Sulin (11.8 secs.).
 Girls Under 15 75 yds. hurdles: Fayleen Browne (11.2 secs.).
 Girls Under 15 180 yds.: Patricia Sulin (22.4 secs.).
 Girls Under 14 High Jump: Jeanette Harris (4 ft. 7½ ins.).
 Girls Under 13 60 yds.: Rosemary Foulds (7.8 secs.).

The Victrix Ludorum was Merle Joles, and the Victor Ludorum was N. B. Dredge.

The final House positions were:—

- 1: Carr—189½ points.
- 2: Cliff—148 points.
- 3: Swain—87½ points.
- 4: Wandsbeck—72 points.

At the Inter-Schools meeting held at Northlands Boys' High School, our team more than held its own. The girls finished second to Port Natal and the boys finished 6th.

Outstanding performances at this meeting were by J. F. Stevenson, who threw the javelin 172 ft. 5 ins., breaking the old record by 20 ft.; in the Boys' Open group, N. B. Dredge ran very well, clocking 22.7 secs. for the 220 and 52.8 secs. for the 440. (Both of these times are well within our school record); Fayleen Browne set a new record of 11.4 secs. in the girls' under 15 75 yards hurdles event. This performance was all the more meritorious when one considers that she ran with a torn leg muscle.

Competitors chosen to represent Durban & District at the Inter-District meeting were:—

J. F. Stevenson, Jane Castleden, Carol Shambrook, Fayleen Browne, Aileen Joles, G. S. P. Wood, Barbara Anderson, Pam Gray, Pat Sulin.

In shocking weather conditions, our members did very well to hold Pinetown to a tie in the annual meeting which was held at Queensburgh. A team from New Forest High competed for the first time this year. The final positions were:—Westville and Pinetown, first; New Forest, third; Queensburgh, fourth.

On September 22nd, a very successful meeting was held at Westville. Competing schools were New Forest, Northlands Girls' High, Northlands Boys' High A and B teams, and Westville.

Competition was keen and performances good. Northlands Boys fielded two evenly balanced teams which added to the interest of the meeting.

Outstanding performances at the meeting were:—

- D. Piper (N.B.H.S.), 2 mins. 0.3 secs. for the half-mile.
 G. Galbraith (N.F.H.S.), 5 ft. 10½ ins. in the high jump.
 R. Humphries (N.F.H.S.), 13.9 secs. for the 110 yds. hurdles.
 C. Shedlock (W.H.S.), 24 secs. for the 220 yds. under 16.
 H. Rudder (W.H.S.), 2 min. 3.7 secs. for the Open half-mile.

After a most enjoyable afternoon's athletics, Mr. P. Hardaker, the retiring headmaster of Northlands Boys' High School, addressed the gathering.

Athletics captains for 1962 were Gillian West and N. B. Dredge.

During March, Jane Castleden was chosen to represent Natal at the S.A. Junior Championships.

Awards for 1962:—Honours, Jane Castleden.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The play chosen for 1962 was "Anastasia", the fascinating, allegedly true story of the Princess who alone escaped the massacre of the Russian royal family. Because of the inherent tragedy of the plot, the standard of acting demanded was far more exacting than it had been for the two previous thrillers. Nevertheless, the cast responded remarkably well, and found themselves more and more engrossed in the situation they were dramatising.

Jennifer Shadwell, as Anastasia, and Esther Go'dstein, as her grandmother, the Dowager Empress, both gave outstanding performances. During the scene when the Empress relentlessly questions Anastasia till she is forced to accept the girl's sincerity, the audience at each performance was astonished by their superb command of a deeply emotional crisis. When these girls presented the same scene before the elocution examiners they were deservedly awarded an "A" mark. Frank Graham, as Prince Bounine, once again took the part of the 'villain of the piece', portraying with vigour the arrogant and ruthless exploiter of Russian royal blood. As his fellow conspirator, Michael Coucumbros cut a delightfully comic figure—one could not help being distracted sometimes by his curiously original reactions! Michael Saner, who took over the role of the other conspirator late in the rehearsal session provided the necessary contrast to his satellite by his permanent air of gravity and pessimism. Gilad Hodes handled with debonair ease the part of Prince Paul, and Lydia Gorven was a hilariously eccentric lady-in-waiting to the Empress. Barbara Little as the charwoman, and Robert Miller as the blind sleigh-driver, made the past come alive through their moving reminiscences. Peter Lovejoy as the old counsellor, loth at first to take part, afterwards found acting quite enjoyable. Raymond Silson brought the right degree of pathos into his part as Dr. Syrensky, Anna's devoted lover. For those who are accustomed to a smiling Barbara Anderson, and a grinning Daniel Remenyi, their appearance with deadpan expressions as housekeeper and manservant must have been singularly incongruous!

Our thanks are due to the many members of staff and pupils who helped so willingly to make the production possible, especially those who gave up hours of time in designing and erecting the set. Invaluable assistance was given by Mrs. Ramsay (hairstyles), Mr. R. Walsh (lighting) and Mr N. Broken-sha (sound), all of whom we very much hope consider themselves permanently affiliated to the cause of Westville High School drama. Finally, we are indebted to Mrs. R. Clark and Mrs. M. Richmond for their kind loan of antique furniture.

The time has come to tell the truth and to make an appeal to posterity! What is known as the Westville High School Dramatic Society has little claim to such a title. It would indeed be difficult to find another society with quite as perfunctory a nature as ours. As a formal body with an elected committee and definite membership, holding meetings and elections, it has no existence whatever. The term 'society' is merely a convenient one to suggest those forces which have organised themselves annually for the past four years to present a school play. When analysed, 'these forces' involve an interested member of staff who chooses a cast, obtains the necessary assistance from fellow-members of staff, and then engages in the normal ritual of production. Thus 'dramatics', as a vital participation in drama, so far has had significance only for the limited number of pupils fortunate enough to be selected for the cast of the one annual play.

What is needed is a committee of enthusiastic pupils, advised by members of staff, who would undertake to keep dramatic interest alive in the school, and provide a thorough initiation into the many aspects of theatre work for pupils in all classes. This object could be achieved by the production of a series of plays or play-readings, perhaps with one or two only for public performance, and the remainder for the enjoyment of the school. In this way, there would be a challenge to attempt different forms of production (open-air or arena, for example). Perhaps some kind of inter-class competition in the various forms might be arranged, to see which one could put on



Michael Saner and Michael Coucombros as the unscrupulous conspirators in "Anastasia".

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the best play. An encouraging opportunity would then be afforded many more pupils than at present either to act, or assist as stage-hands. The success of such a properly constituted society could be measured by the extent to which it made amateur dramatics an intrinsic and continuous feature of extra-mural school life.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman, Miss Esther Goldstein; Vice-Chairman, D. S. Remenyi; Hon. Secretary, Miss Miriam Ballin; Committee: P. F. Schollick, M. G. Coucombros and H. Duys.

Debates were held in classrooms during the lunch break on Thursdays. The Debating Society was much more active than ever before and a great variety of motions was debated.

Some of the more interesting motions debated were:

(i) Modern civilization is a failure; (ii) Communism is undesirable; (iii) Peace is a pipe-dream; (iv) There should be a world-wide form of government.



The Empress (Esther Goldstein) and Anastasia (Jennifer Shadwell).

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For the first time, the society was supported by a considerable number of juniors, particularly from Form 2A, so it was decided that the society would pay special attention to the juniors. Consequently, special junior debates were held, and motions such as the following were debated:

(i) Too much sport is harmful; (ii) Boarding-schools are preferable to day-schools; (iii) Latin and Greek should be removed from the school curriculum.

During the year, the Society was challenged to several inter-school debates, but unfortunately only two of these materialized owing to the rapid approach of the examinations. Thus, in June, the society sent a team to Durban High School to oppose the motion that "Democratic government justifies its existence". The society's team, Esther Goldstein, M. G. Coucombros, Jennifer Shadwell and D. S. Remenyi, though not victorious, managed to secure a draw.

In September, the First Inter-School Debate ever held at Westville High School took place in the library. Convent High School sent a team of four speakers, accompanied by a host of supporters, to propose the motion that "Public Opinion is a valid corrective." The same Westville team, opposing this motion, were adjudged victorious.

A provisional committee was appointed to arrange the activities of the Society for 1963. It is hoped that the Society will continue to grow and flourish in the forthcoming years as it has done in 1962.

D. S. REMENYI.

STUDENTS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

At the beginning of 1962, the S.C.A. organised a "welcome" braaivleis for Second Formers. This also served to welcome Miss Jennifer Comrie, the member of staff who "backed up" the S.C.A. Our travelling secretary, Miss Silverthorne, was the guest speaker for the evening.

Thereafter, regular Wednesday meetings were held throughout the year during lunch breaks. The name of the speaker and the subject of the address were featured prominently on a board at the foot of the main stairs. By this means, the pupils of the School were informed of the meetings.

Various speakers visited the School. The most outstanding, perhaps, was a member of the team which ran the "Mission to Maritzburg".

Towards the end of the third quarter of the school year, the S.C.A. showed the Fact and Faith film, "The Prior Claim," in the Westville Methodist Hall. Once again, a Gospel message was presented.

A. P. MUNRO.

THE FRIDAY SOCIETY

Hon. President, the Headmaster; Chairman, Moira Stern; Hon. Secretary, P. F. Schollick; Committee, Miss B. J. Carey, Mr. R. A. Warner, Esther Goldstein, Karen Miller and D. Remenyi.

As envisaged in 1961, after meetings had obtained good support, the activities of the Society were considerably extended in 1962. Twelve speakers dealt with a variety of topics from "Life in Soviet Russia" to "Our Stone Age Ancestors."

In May, Miss Aida Parker, the well-known columnist, addressed members on her impressions of life in the Soviet Union. She gave an interpretation of the Russian attitude towards the Western world, stressed the part women played in the building of their nation and told us of the high standard of education required of Russian children. In August, Mr. L. Ovenden gave a most interesting talk, "Whales and Whaling," which he illustrated with colour-slides taken in the Antarctic. At the beginning of September, Mr. G. Cramb, a lecturer at the Natal Technical College, addressed us on "Our Stone Age Ancestors." He described archaeological work he had carried out in Natal, the methods and procedure of "digging" and showed specimens of primitive implements. On the following Friday, Mrs. H. Reyersbach addressed the Society on "London during World War II." Her stories—some humorous, some sad—all defined her view of courage—"capacity for carrying on." Other speakers were:

Mr. J. P. van Zyl, who spoke on "Music as a Career."

Mr. Bruce Tichinin, an American Field Service Scholar, who was spending six months in South Africa, and spoke on the American way of life.

Mr. R. de Wet, Director of the Pinetown Bantu Administration, who addressed us on "Problems of the Urban Bantu."

Mr. Pieter J. Duys, an old boy of the school and American Field Service Scholar, who gave a talk, illustrated with slides, on his stay in the United States.

Mr. K. Cooper, of the Marine Biological Station, who told us of "Birds in their Natural Habitat."

Mr. Beresford, who spoke on Psychology and gave some hints on using the subconscious mind for purposes of study—highly useful information, too!

Members have also taken part in a number of excursions, visits to cinemas, etc. These activities have been very popular. Mariannhill Monastery was revisited during the Easter Vacation, as many members had expressed the desire to spend more time there, after a brief visit in November, 1961.



Without the protection of a surrounding vehicle, wanderers on the "wilderness trail" view a slumbering rhino bull.

Sponsored by Welcome Service Station.

A small party saw "Aida" at the Piccadilly Theatre in April, and, in the same month, some forty students attended a "Twist" demonstration at the school, given by members of the Dudley Andrews School of Dancing.

In August and October, three student groups took part in Wilderness Trails in the Umfolosi Game Reserve, Zululand, details of which appear elsewhere in the magazine. Those taking part were:

In August, Miss B. J. Carey, Toni Bailey, Lynette Bonfa, Kathryn Cradock, Carol Hoyle, Vivienne Platt, Virginia Waller, Mr. R. A. Warner, D. Remenyi, P. F. Schollick and A. Williams-Jones; and in October, Mrs. M. E. Davidson, Jane Davidson, Pam Gray, A. Barker, C. Phillips, G. Sandalls.

In September, a new committee was elected to take over from those 6th Form students who had formed the initial committee. They are as follows: Chairman, Myra Taylor; Hon. Secretary, H. Driman, with Antoinette Bailey and M. Coucumbros.

Support for all activities of the Society has been good and the membership has now topped the fifty mark. I think it can truthfully be said that the "idea" behind the Society—namely, to provide educational activities beyond the normal school curriculum—and to provide them in an informal atmosphere by talk and discussion has "caught on". To sum up, the Society has made great progress in its first sixteen months and I feel sure that it will go from strength to strength in the coming years.

P. F. SCHOLICK, VI A.

A VISIT TO THE UMFOLOSI GAME RESERVE

This was no usual visit to a game reserve. This was not an opportunity to drive round in a car on worn roads, to grind to a halt when an animal was sighted, to gaze at it speculatively, critically, then to drive on, resuming one's noisy inconsequential chatter. This was not the usual visit, absurd in its incongruity, and, to my mind, completely futile. We did not do that.

For three days, accompanied by a game ranger, we walked through the reserve; through the unspoiled veld, devoid of any human track. In the evening, the sky was our roof and the stars our night-light. Baboons, high in the krantz, chattered uneasily, providing the lullaby.

There was one strict rule to be observed at all times: silence on trail.

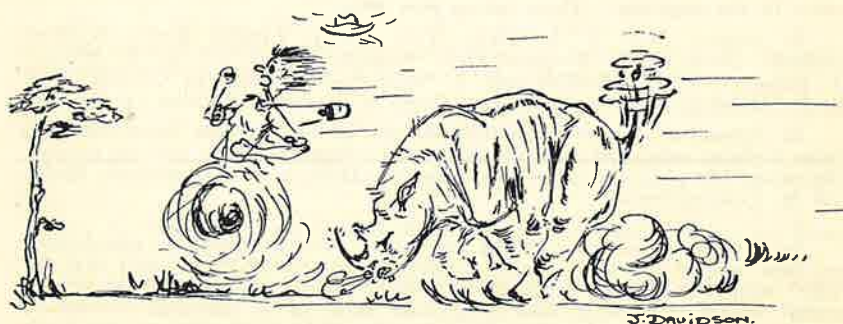
What a relief I found it, to be alone for a time with my uninterrupted thoughts. The silence gave me a feeling of aloof isolation, and awoke in me a new awareness. I was alive to my surroundings and receptive to Nature's images. I felt the courage of the trees by the river as, with untiring ambition, they twisted their slender strength upwards, and heard with increasing understanding the wood-dove's plaintive call.

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On the first morning we halted, to rest on a crag high above a valley. I stood gazing at the toy river below, at the graceful impala slaking their thirst. The howling wind slapped my face, and I thrilled with wild exultation. Fearful lest it should elude me, I cleaved desperately to the enduring solitude that so fulfilled the unnamed longing in my breast. This was freedom! For the first time I was realising the intensity of living: the joy of being unrestricted.

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I attach great significance, too, to my first close-up encounter with a rhino bull. It was completely unexpected. Seeing him as we rounded a clump of trees, we stopped dead, uncertain. Although there was probably little danger, I felt a faint shiver of apprehension. He stood there, in silhouette, a magnificent specimen; arrogant, supremely self-confident, the personification of primeval Nature. I was suddenly conscious of my own impotence—of the laughable insignificance of the human race. Tense, we stood facing each other. Excitement surged through me; I could feel the blood pounding in my veins. To me, this was a decisive moment. The rhino, proud symbol of indestructible Nature, was facing Civilisation, puny in stature, but insidiously cunning. I felt curiously detached, as if I were merely an onlooker at a play which was being suddenly magnified out of proportion.



This might have happened had the rhino bull not been slumbering.

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The original players were dwarfed. I was now watching a struggle between two major forces of life—Nature, unadorned in her simple truth, and her enemy, civilised man, superficial but clever. The bull, lowering his head, pawed the ground, apparently indomitable, but the ranger, stepping forward, brandished his horsehair whip and shouted. Uncertain, the rhino halted, blinked bewilderedly, then lumbered away. Civilisation had triumphed!

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On the last day, we stopped to rest in the river valley under trees dwarfed by the sheer jaggedness of the krantz above. Vultures, chuckling harshly, swooped down on their prey below. Peeping from their precarious perches on the rocks, the lush red aloes were a foil to the stark remoteness of the cliff face. Unaccountably, I felt sad and depressed.

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Only hours later we were on our way back to town, every mile bringing us nearer to the materialism of everyday existence. But we were returning infinitely richer than before.

Umfolosi. we can never forget you!

VIVIENNE PLATT, VI A.

HOUSE REPORTS

CARR HOUSE

Hose Captains: Ann Sherratt and T. Hayward.

During the past year Carr House has been, as usual, to the fore in most sports. In the course of the Rugby season the following boys represented the first XV: A. Sudar, M. Moffat, C. Rosettenstein, D. Planting, A. Thompson, C. Shedlock and G. Lawson. D. Rudman was vice-captain and also represented the school, but unfortunately he was injured towards the end of the season. Thompson and Rudman were awarded colours. A. Sudar did well at tennis and was also a member of the house cricket team which, although it did not win the competition, played well in all games.

Everyone expected Carr to win the Swimming Gala but we were defeated and finished third, although we contributed our fair share of swimmers towards the school team. M. Moffat was re-awarded his Colours and T. Hayward was awarded Honours.

Our athletics team more than made up for our failure in swimming. After being ahead on points from events run off before the sports-day, we carried on in this grand style to win all four cups offered to houses. Pat Sulin deserves special mention for her consistent running, while in the boys' division G. Wood shone. As usual, A. Sherratt ran well and F. Browne did everything expected of her. Here again, Carr had its fair share of members in the school team.

The Carr House hockey team finished second in the house matches. This is an improvement on last year's result. There were no fewer than five Carr girls in the first hockey team.

Special congratulations go to Fayleen Browne, vice-captain, who was chosen for the Durban team and awarded hockey Honours. The other four Carr representatives were A. Sherratt, who was re-awarded Colours, J. Harris, P. Sulin and L. Page-Wright.

Although inter-school netball was not played, house matches were arranged, but unfortunately neither the Senior nor the Junior team managed to reach the finals.



One of the newer amenities of the School is the Tuckshop — its popularity is revealed in this "Little Break" scene.

Sponsored by Horwitz and Shedlock.

CLIFF HOUSE

House Captains: Gillian West and N. Dredge.

The keen spirit and enthusiasm shown by the boys and girls of Cliff House has been a vital factor in the house's achievements in 1962.

Cliff did well in the inter-house games. Our teams showed a fine competitive spirit to win not only the Junior and Senior Netball competitions but the hockey tournament as well.

Unfortunately, we did not manage to regain the Kirby Trophy for the inter-house athletics but came second to Carr House, the winners. We were proud of Merle Joles and Neville Dredge, who gained the Victrix Ludorum and Victor Ludorum awards, respectively. Other successful house athletes were Aileen Joles, Jill Baybrooke, Gillian West, B. Taylor and J. Stevenson. Later, in the Natal Junior Championships, B. Taylor and J. Stevenson ran well in the mile and 880 respectively.

The enthusiasm shown for swimming increased appreciably. Cliff gained second place in the Inter-house Swimming and won the Castleden Trophy for Relay Events. Swimmers contributing to our successes were Jackie West, C. McLean and J. Hone. Full colours for swimming were awarded to C. McLean.

Cliff House was well represented in the School's first hockey XI by A. Joles, M. Joles, J. Freed, J. Braybrooke and G. West (captain). Gillian West was awarded her Hockey Honours as she was chosen to play for the South Natal Schools' Hockey Team and a Durban and Districts Schools' Team. Full colours for hockey were awarded to J. Freed.

Cliff House first XV rugby players were V. Dennison and N. Dredge. Neville Dredge, captain of the team, was awarded his full colours for Rugby.

SWAIN HOUSE

Captains: Barbara Anderson and G. Austin.

Again the house did not do as well as in 1960 but there was a definite improvement.

At the beginning of 1962, more interest was shown amongst the swimmers and the enthusiasm increased after the heats for the annual inter-house gala, with the result that we gained first place, receiving the Charles Swain Trophy for the most points scored.

In athletics, we made a gallant effort to better our position of the previous year and improved by being placed second to last in the Annual School Sports! Our relay teams admirably kept up the good work of the previous year and augmented our score. As there is a fair amount of talent among our juniors, we are more optimistic about the future.

Unfortunately, we were unable to repeat our successes in the inter-house hockey and netball and were placed last in both events.

The School's first tennis team was captained by Esther Goldstein and the second hockey team by Pat Drifill.

During the year, several members of the house were given awards in the various sports. The House congratulates G. Anderson, O. Meredith, P. Hamilton and D. Weir, who were awarded full Colours for rugby. D. Weir also obtained full Colours for swimming and was chosen to represent Durban Schools at diving. Barbara Anderson was chosen as a member of the Durban and Districts' athletic team in the Inter-District Sports.

Esther Goldstein and Jennifer Shadwell played a prominent part in the Debating Society, and took the leading roles in the Annual School Play, "Anastasia", winning wide acclaim for their outstanding performances.

The final outstanding achievement of the year was the winning of the Lester Hall Trophy for Good Fellowship by Dennis "Sandy" Weir, an award which was enthusiastically acclaimed by all present at the annual prize-giving and Speech Day.

WANDSBECK HOUSE

Captains: Jane Castleden, P. Hastie.

The possession of a few "stars" scattered among the various sports was not enough to secure success for Wandsbeck in any of the major inter-house sporting activities of 1962. It is interesting and instructive to note, however, that where we entered a team, as opposed to individual competitors, we were able to achieve the necessary co-operation and keenness to win through to the top. This reflects rather adversely on those members of the House who are content to leave the effort to our few outstanding performers. The result has been that there is no depth to our teams and, while securing the odd first place, the valuable second and third places, which make for success, have been surrendered to our rivals.

Under the able guidance of M. Ezekowitz, we were placed first in the inter-House Cricket League, winning all our matches. Ezekowitz, Sanders and May were regular players for the School 1st XI and the first two brought further honour to the House (as well as the School) by being selected to play for the Durban Schools' XI during Offord Week, Ezekowitz being Vice-Captain of the side. Ezekowitz has the further distinction of being the first Westville player ever to score a century (106 not out) in any of our inter-school matches. Dickson-Carter merits mention by emulating this exploit with a century for the Under 15 B team against Kearsney.

Though we swam a very poor last in the inter-House Swimming Gala, the House was given ample opportunity of shouting itself hoarse in support of our star swimmers. Marjorie Frank not only won her four events but broke the record in each. A young swimmer of great promise, A. Hatfield, also won his events, three of them in record time. These two, with H. Gar, represented the School in the Co-Ed Gala where Marjorie and Hatfield again shared honours by capturing two records each. Finally, Marjorie represented Natal in the South African Championships in Cape Town. For her outstanding contribution to swimming in the School, Marjorie was awarded Honours.

Placed last in the inter-House Athletic meeting, we nonetheless produced a number of athletes of considerable merit. Among these were Jane Castle- den, Barbara Little and Carol Shambrook, D. Trezona, H. Gar, C. Ridl, M. du Preez, O. Borchardt and G. Gibb. Nearly all of the above represented the School at the various inter-School track meetings and three of them, J. Castle- den, D. Trezona and G. Gibb were selected to represent the Durban and District Team in the Natal Inter-District Competition. Jane, Carol and O. Borchardt each set up new school records this year.

Our Rugby team showed some promise and regular players for the 1st XV were A. Munro, M. Ezekowitz and G. Hodes.

The House was represented in the 1st Hockey Team by only one of our girls—Sheila Dawes. Sheila was, however, a worthy representative as the award of half-colours to her demonstrates. We were placed third in the inter-House competition.

B. Abendanon was appointed School Tennis Captain and was awarded a scroll for his outstanding play. His prowess in an allied sport, Table Tennis, was also recognised when he was selected to play for the Natal side in the South African Junior Table Tennis Championship in Johannesburg.

The House takes this opportunity of saying good-bye to all of its members who have left school and we offer them our best wishes for success and happiness in their careers.

R. A. WARNER.

THE WESTVILLE OLD PUPILS' ASSOCIATION



During the past year, the Association has progressed beyond all reasonable expectations. The most important achievement during this period was undoubtedly the designing and final approval of the Association's colours. These take the form of a wire badge (incorporating the griffin of the school badge as its main feature), tie, cravat and scarf.

During 1962, the membership of the Association increased by 47 members, bringing the total membership to 110 members. This increase was largely the result of Mr. Bowden's efforts in recruiting most of the

1961 Matric Class as potential members. In 1963, we look forward to a similar increase. Pupils leaving school are assured of a warm welcome, for the very existence of the Association depends upon the numbers and enthusiasm of its members.

On 2nd September, 1962, the Association participated in its first sporting activity of a competitive nature. This was in the form of a Rugby match against the Pinetown High School Old Students' Association. The venture was successful and the Westville team won by 20 points to 5. While on the subject of sport, it is hoped that in 1963 the tradition will be established of playing the school annually in the spheres of rugby, hockey and cricket.

The first formal A.G.M. of the Association was held on the 4th September, 1962, when the Executive Committee for 1962-63 was elected and office-bearers appointed as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Robert Youngleson.

Vice-chairman: Mr. Andrew MacRitchie.

Secretary: Mr. Roy Phillips.

Treasurer: Miss Jennifer Slevin.

Executive Committee: Miss Sigrid Menck, Miss Jill Walton, Miss Jenny Wheeler, Messrs. Howard Roberts, Peter Ridl and Leslie Selby.

In order to raise funds, a competition was organized during the latter part of the year and in this regard the members of the Association express their deep appreciation of the enthusiastic support given to this venture by the pupils of the School. Furthermore, it must be added that the guidance and willing assistance during the year of members of staff, and in particular, Mr.



THE PAST PUPILS' BADGE.

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Bowden and Mrs. Stockil, is greatly appreciated. On behalf of the members of the Association I would offer to them our grateful thanks.

Undoubtedly our major advance was the approval and acceptance of an official badge for the Association. Designed by Robert Youngleson, it needed only minor amendment by Mr. Baillie-Searle of the Natal Technical College, to meet with general acclaim. The reproduction shown here does not do justice to the beauty and impressiveness of the badge as it appears in fact. Like the School badge, it consists essentially of a shield quartered by the Cross of St. George, which appears here in maroon with navy blue quarters. The prominent feature of the badge is the griffin, taken from the coat of arms of Martin West. The griffin, with its tongue in heraldic red, appears in silver grey on a heraldic red crown. The shield is outlined with double gold wire, the cross in single gold. The motto, the same as for the School, is in silver wire on a blue background.

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

ROY PHILLIPS.

MY YEAR IN AMERICA

Put young people from different countries into homes in a strange land and leave them. Put young people from different countries together and let them be. These are the basic principles of the American Field Service International Scholarship Program.

The American Field Service started during the First World War and by the end of the Second War had carried more than a million wounded of all nationalities. When peace was declared, the ambulance drivers, who wanted to keep alive the spirit of the corps, raised money to bring university students to the United States. This was soon changed when they found high school students were more likely to benefit from the programme. University students were already too old to change their ideas and outlook, and unwilling to enter into the spirit of compromise and toleration necessary for a successful adaptation to life with a strange family. Since then, AFS has never stopped growing so that even after acquiring its own headquarters building and enlarging its permanent staff, it cannot cope with the pressure of expansion.

I won a scholarship in August, 1961, and joined 49 other South Africans for a week of lectures in Johannesburg before we flew to Europe. After a short stay in Holland, we boarded an AFS-charter ship, bound for New York. There were 900 AFS-ers aboard, from eighteen European and Middle-Eastern countries, which made the ship sound like Babel until they became accustomed to speaking in English. But even before the ship had left port, international friendships were being started. Traditional forms of shipboard recreation took up most of our time, but on dull mornings we attended "orientation" lectures to give us some idea of what was ahead.

Finally, in miserable weather, we were welcomed by Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty. By some miracle, all of us seemed to emerge from the confusion of disembarkation in time to catch transcontinental flights or the train and 'bus connections which deposited us in the arms of some highly curious and excited American families. By that time, we were pretty excited and curious too. For the next ten months, we became members of these families and took part in their community activities. Community life has a much greater importance in America than it has here, and, in most cases, our visits had been financed by funds collected from the whole community, so that everybody felt somewhat responsible for us. During term-time we became members of the senior class of the local high school.

Here my experience differed from all but fourteen of the AFS-ers in the U.S. at that time, for I had been placed primarily at a private boarding school, The Choate School. I had a "family", nevertheless, and spent most of my vacations and free week-ends with them.

At Choate, I found myself in an educator's paradise. The school was private with a large endowment so that they could afford the most up-to-date equipment and attract the best teachers. Scholarship funds ensured that they could select a student without regard to his father's financial status. Apart from maintaining exceptionally high academic standards, Choate had a long tradition of teams in a wide variety of competitive sports. Tremendous emphasis was laid on excellence in sport and they approached all games with a professional concern. After losing a game there would be long post-mortems and the coach would act as if he had been personally slighted.

Although similar to English public schools in many ways, Choate had no prefect system, nor were form barriers rigid. Discipline was maintained by an Honour Code, which entrusted the whole school with the keeping of law and order. It continued to surprise me that everybody seemed to honour that trust. School was not the war between teacher and pupil that it is here. The Sixth Formers were given added responsibilities in that they had to guide new boys through the year and also supervise in the Work Programme. This was an interesting feature of school life by which each boy was assigned a job to help the permanent kitchen, grounds or maintenance

staff. These jobs took no more than half an hour or so a day and were fitted into each person's class schedule, but their combined effect made for the smooth running of the school. My task, for instance, was to check the dining tables as they were set for breakfast by Third Formers.

Americans have earned their reputation for organisation: from the moment we arose in the mornings to when we turned the light off at night, there was not a minute which had not been planned for. Class periods, work periods, sports periods, study periods and free periods were clearly marked out on a schedule prepared for each individual at the beginning of the year. Such a rigorous life became tiresome after a while and each term there would be a free day when classes were abandoned and a picnic arranged for the whole school. These days were supposed to be kept a surprise, so that there would be no neglecting of homework or rioting in anticipation the night before.

If school sometimes became tedious, the vacations certainly did not and I spent some of my most memorable days travelling with my American family. I enjoyed this nomadic existence at first although the pace began to tell after a while. Even when we stayed at home we kept busy and my family couldn't understand it when I seemed to enjoy a day of pure loafing. Their relaxation always entailed going somewhere or doing something active! The exception to this generalisation was "TV". They could spend hours sprawled out in front of the set in a darkened room, watching a "miracle medic" or "cop and robber" saga. I must admit I enjoyed TV whenever I watched, but have not missed it since.

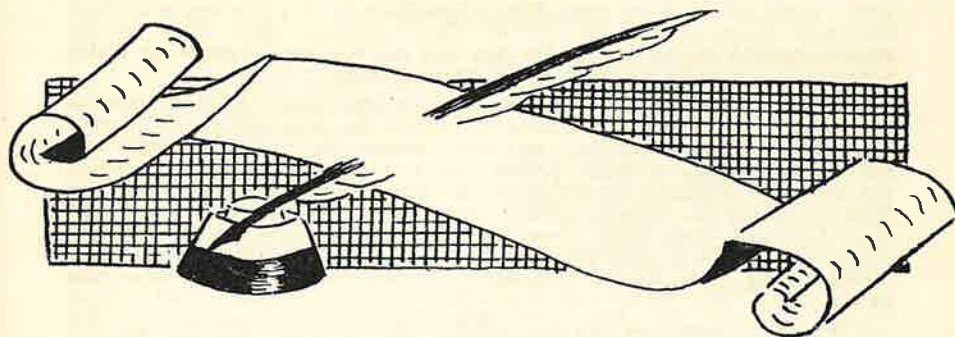
Perhaps the greatest experience of my AFS year was the 'bus trip just before we left the United States. For three weeks I travelled, together with representatives from twenty countries, on a route through the Eastern States, finishing off at what we called Midway, which happened to be Washington, D.C. We travelled for half a day and spent the following day and a half with a community. This gave us the chance to broaden our impression of the U.S. through meeting different types of Americans at places on our routes. At the same time we were together with and learning from representatives of many different countries.

In three weeks of confinement on a 'bus, we could not help but form friendships. After a year at school all of us could speak "American" fluently so that communication was no problem and everyone could add his opinion to the long and often heated discussions that arose. It is a wonderful feeling to have a Swede and a Pakistani actually listening to South Africa's case for apartheid, and more so when they show some sympathy for our difficulties!

Eventually though, we had to separate and return to our various homes, carrying with us a host of memories and a new understanding and respect for the problems and peoples of other nations.

P. J. DUYS.





HAIL AND FAREWELL

My school career has terminated. I stand on the threshold of a new, adult, independent world. I compare my impressions of this climax in my life with those of a new-born child exposed to a strange new environment, after being accustomed to the warmth and intimacy of its mother's womb.

My greatest debts I owe to my parents and to my school. Together, they have attempted to fashion a decent, civilised adult from an ignorant, helpless child. As an artist expresses his personality in his work, so have they expressed themselves in my character, whilst hewing and chiselling the rough edges smooth.

Through them, I have been educated in scholastics, social patterns and human relationships. Through responsibilities bestowed on me, I have gained more self-confidence and poise. During sport and other associations with my fellows, I have made many sincere friends. My parents and school have taught me the social conventions that one must abide by to exist happily in society. They have introduced me to the world of culture and I have learned social etiquette and appreciation of the pleasures of music, literature and art.

My parents have endured and been patient with the depressions and elations of adolescence. My teachers have been tolerant and have allowed me to express my arrogant, ignorant ideas. Teachers and parents have treated me as an individual, and have encouraged, advised, but never attempted to force, the direction of my activities and interests. I have often rebelled and shown little appreciation of their efforts. I have expected them to be perfect, overlooking my own imperfections; any small flaw in them has keenly disappointed me. They have borne all this with tolerance and understanding.

In the future that is before me, I shall be partly stripped of the dependence on and security provided by my parents, and devoid of the prestige gained during my school life. I shall be obliged to express my own personality, develop my own character, and keep my own head above the swirling sea of life. My family name and that of my school must always be respected and I shall endeavour to see that this is so. I shall apply the culture and knowledge gleaned to smooth my path through life.

A student mixing with people from all walks of life is prey to a thousand temptations. I have been taught many true values and these must guide me.

To repay the debt I owe to my parents and to my school, I shall strive to achieve what they expect of me. I shall regard any achievements I may compass as being to their pleasure and to their satisfaction.

In the past, I have been rather idealistic, and must now form more realistic views. I must adjust myself to new circumstances. The life ahead is a great challenge, and I shall always live in debt to the past, remembering my obligations to the future.

GILLIAN WEST, VI B.

(Prize-winning Essay of the Senior Division of the Navy League of South Africa Essay Competition)

Through the centuries a system of reciprocal trade has been evolved between nations, so that a country may pay for its requirements with money obtained by selling its surplus agricultural produce, minerals and machinery. Today, every nation depends on the products of another to feed its people adequately, to develop its industry thereby giving employment to the people, and, both directly and indirectly, to streamline its living. These factors in turn foster health, happiness and prosperity.

Thus it is our mode of life to import what we cannot make or grow ourselves, and to export our surplus goods, raw materials, wool and fruit. South Africa's industry is rapidly expanding and the economy of our country is becoming more and more an industrial, rather than a predominantly agricultural one. Yet heavy machinery and such highly-technical metals as stainless steel and titanium are imported, despite the fact that titanium ore is mined at Umgababa on the Natal South Coast, and a factory for titanium oxide pigment for paint is being established near it. Again, motor vehicles are imported in large numbers, as the range of vehicles produced in South Africa is small. Furthermore, it is not at present feasible to manufacture such articles as watches here, when centuries of tradition and experience on the part of the Swiss have enabled them to build up an industry second to none of its kind. To take another example: there is not sufficient demand in this country to warrant the very considerable research outlays necessary in developing and producing electronic computers. These articles must therefore be imported.

It is important to note that although the growth of secondary industry in the Republic has been rapid, many luxury goods have to be imported, and even foodstuffs from abroad find their way to the markets of South Africa. A fact which shows that South Africa has a long way to go in producing its own requirements is to be found in the circumstances surrounding the establishment of two new oil refineries, one at Durban, the other at Cape Town. That is, that although large quantities of chemicals, other than those manufactured by Sasol, are imported, there is no stated intention on the part of these refineries to produce them as by-products.

And since we are forced to import so much, how do we manage to maintain a favourable balance of trade, when so many other nations are struggling to make ends meet? The answer lies in a vast mineral wealth and a thriving agricultural industry. Gold, diamonds, various metals prescribed under the Atomic Energy Act, copper, asbestos, manganese and chrome ore are all exported, and, with the general exception of the first two, they are exported by sea. So too, do we export bulk shipments of wool, maize, fresh fruit, hides, timber and allied products, the sea being the only practical way of transporting bulk produce.

South Africa is an island. Girded by the oceans on three sides, to the north she is hemmed in by a hostile Africa, an Africa still fighting poverty, disease and mistrust, an Africa emerging from the dark ages, but without any real means of trustworthy communication, or industrial potential. As we cannot send our goods overland, and as the hire of an aircraft is extremely expensive for this purpose, we are thrown back on our ships, on our merchantmen, that ply between our ports and those of foreign countries. In war and peace, they are our life-line. Bravely they face the tempest in whatsoever form it may come, and carry out a task undeniably essential to our very existence. Piloting them are the men of the merchant navy; brave yet unassuming, honourable yet undecorated, they serve their country and the world.

As the population of a nation increases so must its trade, and consequently in South Africa's case, so must its shipping. On the South African register there are now twenty foreign-going vessels and twenty-five coasters. It is expected that this number will be increased in coming years. Both the Government and private enterprise, therefore, are extending port facilities

throughout the country, to cope with increased cargo tonnage. In the year ended March 31st, 1961, South African harbours handled 13,720 ships and nearly nineteen million tons of cargo, imports and exports. Present facilities in Durban harbour include pre-cooling stores, grain elevators, coal and bulk oil appliances and titanium conveyors. Over recent years there has been a twenty per cent increase in the number of cranes employed in the harbour, while last year two timber quays were rebuilt, a new ship repair jetty came into operation and now a new turning basin is being dredged. Similar improvements are being carried out at South Africa's other main ports.

The last crate has been placed in the hold. The Native stevedores chant in unison, as their last toil of the day is on the point of conclusion. Soon they are ashore and the mooring ropes no longer hold the vessel against the quay.

The tugs are returning, their task well done. A fully-laden cargo boat pursues her choppy passage from across the harbour-bar, out into an empty darkness and a destination that is anybody's conjecture.

P. F. SCHOLLICK, VI A.

DARE HUMANITY RISK A THIRD WORLD WAR?

(This Essay, which won First Prize in the Pinetown Rotary English Essay Competition, has had to be shortened)

The departing interstellar-ship slowly orbited a mysterious planet, a barren, deserted planet. Five decades before, specialists had declared it their firm opinion that this planet supported intelligent life. Radio signals had been detected and astronomers had observed several faint, but distinct flashes. They had decided to explore the planet and had sent a fully-equipped research ship.

Now they were leaving a mystifying world of sand, stone and water. No intelligent life-forms were discovered, only a few small animals and scattered patches of vegetation were observed. On the other hand, heaps of rubble, scorched areas of earth and peculiar types of alloys all pointed to artificially manufactured objects conceived by thinking, reasoning beings. The oceans of the otherwise barren world contained many thousands of



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varieties of fish and plants; surely the land would have supported as great a variety of flora and fauna? Added to these facts were the indefinable feelings of merriment, sorrow or suffering that occasionally assaulted the more sensitive members of the team. There was an uncommon amount of radiation emanating from some spots.

The advanced form of life they sought found a living far below the surface of the Arctic Ocean. The unique colony had a plentiful supply of food, little work and various luxuries but the inhabitants were not satisfied, longing as they did for fresh breezes and green pastures and trees. Their mission had been the development of the edible resources of the oceans. Then they had heard the unemotional announcer reading a news broadcast. "War has been declared. The final step has been taken. This will be no chivalrous tussle but a desperate struggle for existence."

Thereafter contact with the land was broken. They were left to think and tremble.

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It was an inhuman, merciless war. Methods of warfare had been revolutionised as much by the splitting of the atom as by the discovery of gunpowder six centuries previously. Nuclear warheads were the order of the day and the method of distribution, rockets; together, reliable, accurate and deadly. Commanders who had previously led their forces in person, sat in safe atomic shelters pressing buttons. Their orders were usually carried out by robots, impervious to fear, lacking human frailties and devoid of pity, gallantry and courage; utterly ruthless and merciless. Robots or electronic brains built the atomic weapons, fired them, guided the missiles and finally destroyed men's buildings and took human lives. They ravaged entire cities at one stroke while aeroplanes, faster and better than before, did the lesser tasks. Guns, bacteriological weapons and gases were used in lesser degrees. Clouds of radiation carried by winds brought death and disease to peoples throughout the entire world. An excess of science threatened to annihilate mankind, for one effect had not been outgrown with the passing of time. The innocent citizen still suffered and bore the brunt. Thousands of millions were killed either quickly or agonisingly slowly; cities and towns were levelled, factories pulverised and homes destroyed.

Families left the cities, the erstwhile centres of civilization, as they had done in the Second World War. Humanity became less concentrated and sought the mountainous areas, deserts, small islands, places where the new horror weapons would not be used. The industrial areas were the first to be devastated, thus clothing, fuels, machines of all descriptions, were soon in extremely short supply. Unfortunately, it took longer for the enemy to locate the munition factories. Many peoples returned to an agricultural way of life for there was often no other way to prevent starvation. Vast areas of arable land were rendered uninhabitable by radiation and other destructive means. Thus thousands died of starvation and of diseases brought on by primitive living conditions. They were forced to develop the edible resources of the sea as well as its mineral resources to combat the lack of mines and farms. Many problems of slums and excess population were literally wiped out in a moment of time.

Admittedly, there were a few worthwhile results but the cost was tremendous. Medicine, particularly the cure and prevention of radiation sickness, advanced tremendously. Science, in the fields relating to attack and defence, also advanced. Wartime is the only period when every man's abilities are recognised and put to work. It came about that the law, "necessity is the mother of invention" was universally followed.

As the primeval instinct of brute force came to the fore, so developed the animal passions of selfishness, cruelty and hate. It has been observed that civilization is skin deep. That skin was fast sloughing. Why should he who was so much more powerful than the others, forego the advantages of his power? This was more markedly the case when a man's own survival or the protection of his young came into question. There were unavoidable periods of lawlessness in every settlement during which criminals, whether actively engaged in looting, or thieving or merely ruling by corruption in

usurped positions of authority, thrived. There were certainly many righteous men who respected their neighbours' property and his rights but the forefront was taken by those who were not as honest. The civilization which our forebears had painstakingly developed was fast dissolving. The results of a thousand years' struggle were being thrown to the winds. The dependence on force was no more than an inability to realise the value of man's great inheritance of reasoning.

Throughout history, wars have gained in severity, culminating in the two World Wars of this century which affected all countries and which influenced some countries to such an extent that they have not yet recovered. Would a Third World War not outstrip the Second, as the Second outstripped the First, in its severity? Logic leads me to believe that should we embark upon a Third World War we risk retrogression so severe that our standard of living would sink, should we survive, to less than that of the Middle Ages.

Very simple causes might force us to take that step. One of the present-day international arguments might assume colossal proportions. One of the modern demands, and so many are utterly ridiculous or warped, might become an ultimatum. The 'Cold War' could so easily develop into violent action. Many misdeeds have already occurred and another might not be ignored or taken so lightly. These are the most obvious causes.

We have, although suffering tension, avoided a Third World War thus far. There has to be a means of ensuring, permanently, that we never take that final dreadful step.

ANGUS BARKER, V A.

ALFIE

Alf het baie bang gevoel. Hy het koud gekry en was alleen. Dit was vroeg in die môre—Alfie se laaste môre. Hy het alreeds baie oor die saak gedink: hy wou selfmoord pleeg. Vir Alfie het niks reggegaan nie. Hy was moeg, te moeg vir die lewe, treurig en alleen. Tien voet daaronder hom, het die vuil, swart water geroep. „Ja,” het Alfie gedink, „nou hoor ek dit.”

Hy het vorentoe gestap en met beangste oë daarin gekyk. Sê nou daar is haaie? Hy het gesidder. Hy was altyd bang vir haaie. Maar dit kom op dieselfde neer. Van haaie of water—Alfie wou net sterf.

Hy het stadig rondgekyk. Hy kon niemand sien nie. O, waarom moet 'n mens sonder liefde lewe? Hy kan nie. Alfie het niemand nie. „Ja,” het hy treurig gedink, „niemand sal huil nie—niemand nie. Waarom?”

Sy hart het vinniger geklop, sy kop het ontplofbaar gevoel. Met trane in sy oë het Alfie die kruisteken gemaak, en in sagte, kort woorde gebid: „O, Here, vergewe my . . . Dis beter; ek weet dis beter . . .”



“THE IRONY OF NATURE”

J. DAVIDSON

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Weer het hy na die water gekyk—vuiler, swarter. Hy het vir die laaste keer opgekyk. Daar was geen son nie; die lug was vol wolke en op daardie oomblik het Alfie die gefladder van swart doodsverke gehoor.

„Meneer, asseblieftog Meneer, kan u asseblief vir my wys hoe om groot, groot visse te vang?”

Hy het vinnig omgedraai. Die seun was omtrent tien, baie kort, en hy het groot wawydoop blou oë gehad. In sy tengerige klein handjie het hy 'n visstok gehou. Hy het na Alfie gekyk. Net vir 'n oomblik kon Alfie nie begryp nie en toe het hy van die lag uitgebars:

„Ja! Natuurlik, Seuntjie; ja!”

G. LAWSON, V B.

THE BAT

I see him come towards me
Out of the black, black night,
His wings are ragged pieces,
His body a ghastly sight.
His eyes are red as the devil's,
His claws are sharp as a knife.
“O great and mighty creature
What is thy errand to-night?”
He swoops towards the heavens
Now lit by pale moonlight,
Deep dread dies within me
As this creature departs from sight.

NORMA VERRAN II A.

THE VALUE OF THE AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE

“Walk together, talk together
O ye peoples of the earth.
Then, and only then,
Shall ye have peace.”

This is the motto of the American Field Service. But what does it mean and why was it chosen? In exactly eighteen words we are told to strive together, as one unit, and to work in unison with one another.

This might be the ideal situation for world affairs. Man would work in the understanding of personal contact with his fellow man, thus achieving in a short time what each had aimed at independently but would have found impossible to attain. He would learn, to his advantage, that he is just one link in a chain, one spoke in the wheel which operates the world. This might also prevent major uprisings which must, in this nuclear age, result in the destruction of us all.

What could such a harmony achieve? Firstly, great progress would be made in commerce and industry. New inventions would come into being, under the collaboration of the various nations, to be shared by all. There would be a better understanding of each other so that any crises might be solved sensibly and without upset or outbreak of war. Perhaps some liaison could be made with the communist countries. But, most important, an indestructible bond of union would be formed which in future years could lead to a single world government.

The United Nations, comprised of representatives from most nations, is one form being used to achieve this aim, but it is at government level. At the level of the people is the American Field Service which may well contribute to the fulfillment of unity. The whole motive of the Service is to promote, develop and spread the knowledge and understanding of the peoples, customs, ideals and ways of life from one country to another. This is done by interchange of high school pupils so that mutual fellowship and goodwill arises between representatives of the countries involved.

At the moment the idea extends between only America, the instigator, and other capitalistic countries. But there is no reason why, in years to come, the scheme should not extend behind the Iron Curtain and so bring about a compromise between the concepts of these influential nations.

JENNIFER YELLAND, IV A.

There is a greed in all things. Greed has become associated with Man; he cannot dissociate himself from it, for society and so-called civilisation do not permit him to do so. His greed, which at first existed merely as a peculiar passion, is now a necessity, and there is no escape. It is firmly embedded in his standards; it is now a matter of principle for a man to have things; money, a car, a house, status and the "respect" of other people. Success is now the key to a happy life. Man strives for success, his ultimate goal, his purpose in life, and it seems that among the vast majority the symbols of his achievements are money, position and nice, nice words that flow from pen to paper and initiate him to true manhood. It follows that if he is to attain his position as a man in this world, he will, of necessity, have to become greedy.

The masses in whom greed is born through fear of not earning a "decent living" are dead men. They have no individuality, therefore they have no freedom, and sink back into a state of machine-like existence, whereby their lives become as the continuous hum of a tiny engine within themselves. Their own tiny engines are all a part of the "Great Civilisation," the ultimate engine, the god of efficiency, labour and death. So where then is their freedom, which is above all the symbol of manhood? Why is a man not satisfied with living and working? Why is he a slave to dead men and labour, who oil him with their crisp money?

If money were abolished, if labour were abolished, and if no man need fear, then all men would work and be happy.

Man has a deeper greed within himself, the greed of possessiveness. Man wishes to possess. If he does not possess, he becomes jealous, and thus is jealousy another form of greed. The greatest tragedy of this greed is the way in which it has twisted and warped man's emotions until love has crawled, broken and deformed, from the tangled wreckage of "conformity". Love in all forms is the basis of man's life. He is free to love, perhaps not to have it returned, but he is free always to love. Yet now his base has been shattered by greed; he will not accept the swift touch of love and let it go. Instead, he holds fast with both hands, and when finally he stares at what he is holding, he finds it has turned to ashes in his grasp. He is not content merely to love, and accept love given in return, and retain his freedom. He wants now to draw love out of people when more often than not there is no love in them to give.

And greed, this seventh sense, has become one with the great Lie, the great ebbing of the tide of man's spirit, when all around us the newspapers and the dead men proclaim that all is well, that we are making progress because we have much money and many guns and long, sleek space-ships and firecrackers that could destroy the world. We are coming closer to the Creator, the Unknown, because we have a bomb that could kill us all at any time. Very well. Set off the bomb, for we are nothing more than gaping, guided shells and our spirits are rotten inside. We live by fear, by money, by greed for life and love and other people, and we are not content merely to be ourselves. We walk and boast of our freedom and our petty, cold hope of Paradise. How small! How mean! Our hope is the hope of a blind, frenzied mole trapped in a box, a mole who will never cease to hope or to believe that there is a way out. A very noble role, but we are noble people. Give me this, give me that, give me yourself. That is all I ask of you. Give me yourself. That is all.

It is all. If we lose ourselves, and our selves are lost, if we give ourselves to bright, shallow causes in the name of progress, and bow down to smiling, syrupy people in the name of status, and to ourselves pay homage for God-knows-what reason, we are nothing but dead men. People who ask one to give oneself to them are smiling corpses. We are men, spirits in ourselves, and they must take nothing from us. We must not let them.

But, I suppose, inevitably we shall.

We have no option.

G. A. LAWSON, V B.

Stop! Close your eyes. Can you hear any low sounds or any high sounds? Of course you can! High sounds might be the songs of birds, a bicycle bell, or the music of the wind in the telegraph wires: low sounds, on the other hand, may include the growl of a dog, the sound of a passing car or a noisy lawnmower. These sounds are the raw material of melody. One day a country wagon passed by Sir Edward Elgar. The hoofs of the horses were going something like this—clip clop clipper clop. Elgar put the rhythm of the hooves and the tune of the whistling driver together and gave us a beautiful little picture in music called "The Wagon Passes".

There is music for all sorts of times and places: music for all moods, grave and gay. We need never tire of listening to music. The triangle of a percussion band has a silvery voice and adds brightness to a tune. The cymbals, when clashed, are fierce; when played with a drumstick they are mysterious. The castanets make us think of gay, whirling Spanish dancers. The tambourine has a gipsy sound. The drums inspire and brighten. The most seen colour in a garden is green; against it, the red, the yellow, the pink, look lovely. Strings in the orchestra are like the green in the garden. Against them sound the woodwind solo.

Music creates pictures and plays on the emotion. A superb picture is created by Mendelssohn's overture to Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The first notes are very slow. We are carried into the woods where the fairies live. There is a pause and we stop to listen, wondering what is coming next. There is a patterning of high, bright notes. The fairies have come out and are dancing more quickly than any mortals. The fast notes sound all the faster, coming after the very slow ones.

In the movement of the music in Mozart's and Haydn's minuets, we can feel the leisurely rhythm of the Court dance of two centuries ago. Strauss's lively waltzes make our feet itch to dance, and Tchaikovsky transports us into the graceful dream world of "Swan Lake" and "The Sleeping Beauty." Ludwig von Beethoven, although he became totally deaf, composed music which will surely live for all time. Very different from his strength and grandness is the ethereal grace and charm of Chopin.

It has been said that if a man were permitted to make the ballads of a nation, he need not care who should make its laws. In that sense the composers of the world's music have been unconscious law-givers, moulders of national moods and aspirations. That music was of great consequence to Antiquity, we know from the Bible. In Assyria, Babylon and Egypt, its sounds form many records of religious and social life. The Israelites were an intensely musical people, and it is thrilling to reflect that, if history does not err, the songs they sang by the waters of Babylon were heard again when they rebuilt Jerusalem; and that the melody of these same songs was preserved in the hymns sung in our first Christian churches and still lingers, floating like spiritual voices, in the sacred music of our day. To the Greeks, music was famous for its influences. Aristotle preserves for us a splendid saying of his age, "To reform or to relax the manners of a people it suffices to add a string to the lyre or to take one from it."

Silence we notice more than music. This is true in everyday life and it is true in music. We are listening to Handel's great "Messiah" and we have arrived at the Hallelujah chorus. Singers and players are lashed into a frenzy of excitement as they pile Hallelujah on Hallelujah. It sounds as though the whole world is joining in. Towards the end, we come to a phrase which is repeated four times. At the last repetition the music stops. We have complete silence. The audience holds its breath. What is coming? And then we have it in long, weighty notes: "Hal-le-lu-jah!" There are few moments in music which are quite so thrilling and moving.

Somewhere there is a song for everyone, for every mood, for every thought, for every emotion, for joy and exultation, for sorrow and suffering,

for duty and sacrifice and for consolation in the hours of death, but it has been given to only the very few to say the things our hearts would sing.

In the words of Ben Jonson, the great composers "are not for an age, but for all time".

J. SHADWELL, VI A.

LIFE

All was dark as I looked out of the window of my attic bedroom. Slowly a little ray of light crept over the distant horizon. It looked like a lone explorer searching in a foreign land for he knew not what. Soon others followed and the horizon glowed in the morning light. Gradually the life-giving sun rose and the whole world was flooded in a reddish-pink glow. A cock crowed.

In the short time of ten minutes the farm yard became alive. Milk-boys herded the placid-eyed cattle into their stalls. Their bells clanked and one of them lowed. Pigs snorted and grunted as they set about their breakfast of skimmed milk and scraps from the kitchen. Mother bustled out with a basket to fetch the eggs. This was heralded by much indignant squawking.

The tall sycamores which surrounded our house stood silent, looking down from their peaceful heights at the busy scene below. Their leaves rustled in the faint breeze. Squirrels ran hurriedly up and down their gnarled trunks, while a great, black hawk perched on top of the highest tree like a god looking down on his self-created world.

As the sun reached its zenith, the farmyard shimmered in the heat. The cattle sought refuge under the trees from the blazing inferno of heat, while the sky looked down from its azure heights but offered no protection from the sun.

Soon, like all days, evening came, bringing with it swarms of gnats and moths. Slowly the ground cooled and the air lost its heat.

K. HARRISON, II A.

DIE WETENSKAPLIKE WONDERS VAN VANDAG

Nog nooit in die geskiedenis van die mensdom is so veel vooruitgang en ontwikkeling op algemene wetenskaplike gebied gemaak soos gedurende die huidige Atoomtydperk nie. Dit is snaaks om te dink dat, al word dinge soos vliegtuie, vuurpyle en draadloos as alledaags en gewoon deur ons beskou, was hulle sestig jaar gelede net wonders uit wetenskaplike fiksie.

Ek sal eers moderne huisgeriewe oorweeg. Baie van die moderne elektriese geriewe, soos byvoorbeeld vloerpoleerders, stofsuiers en wasmasjiene, is werkbesparend en het baie nuttige gebruike, veral in lande waar daar bediende-probleme is, maar hulle kan ook uiters gevaarlik wees as 'n mens kragproppe en skakels met nat hande hanteer. In baie gevalle is die skokke wat mense as gevolg hiervan kry, noodlottig. Dit is goed en wel om ander geriewe soos draadloos en beeldradio wat ons in staat stel om in groter weelde te lewe, te besit, maar hulle kan die gevolg hê dat mense ure lank binnenshuis bly in plaas van te oefen en te ontspan in die ope lug.

Vervoermiddels het ook baie vooruitgang gedurende die afgelope halfeeu gemaak en ons is nou in staat om binne 'n paar uur deur middel van gereelde bus-, trein- en vliegtuigdienste die naaste dorp, provinsie of vasteland te bereik. Maar die toenemende verkeersophoping en lug- en treinrampe waarvan ons daagliks hoor, is die prys wat die mensdom moet betaal vir die vooruitgang wat op die gebied van vervoer gemaak is.

Myns insiens is die meeste vooruitgang op militêre en navorsings gebied gemaak. Die ontwikkeling van kernkrag as 'n brou van krag het die gevolg gehad dat ons nou kernaangedrewe kragstasies en skepe het, maar dit het die nadeel dat atoom- en waterstofbomme eendag vir oorlogsdoeleindes gebruik sal word. Dit is wonderlik om te dink dat Spoetnik I net vyf jaar gelede

gelanseer is en dat ruimte- en navorsing vantevore amper onbekend was. Nou is dit amper onmoontlik om tred te hou met al die prestasies en lanserings in verband hiermee. Daar is egter die gevaar dat satelliete eendag met atoombomme uitgerus sal word wat op voorafbestemde plekke sal kan land en ontplof.

Wie weet wat gedurende die volgende paar jaar sal gebeur. Miskien sal ons kernaangedrewe ruimteskepe ontwikkel wat na verre melkweë sal vaar op die mens se soek na kennis. Al wat ek hoop is dat die mens intussen nie deur middel van atoombomme die ondergang van die beskawing sal bewerkstellig nie.

A. WOODS, V A.

AN OLD FRIEND PASSES.

Sports functions at School have been characterised, during the past five years, by the presence of a tall, erect, grey-haired spectator. The future, alas, will see him no more. On 3rd January, 1963, our most ardent and enthusiastic supporter, Mr. Frank Sheppard, passed away.

The late Mr. Sheppard, resident in Salisbury for many years, came to Westville to spend his retirement near his son, daughter-in-law and grand-children. As he had a grandson attending Westville High School, he developed an interest in the sports activities of the School, and became a "regular" at the games held on the Main Field. Whether it was Rugby or Cricket or Hockey, whether it was Open or Junior division, Mr. Sheppard always took a keen and knowledgeable interest in what was going on.

We extend our sincere sympathies to his surviving family. While they will miss his person, we shall miss his presence. We feel that he was a part of the growing tradition of the School.

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