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FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS

The news that the Christian Brothers would open St. Patrick's College early in 1893 brought pleasure to the Hierarchy, the Clergy and the Catholic People of Victoria.

At the invitation of His Lordship the then Bishop of Ballarat, the founder of the Christian Brothers in Australia, Rev. Br. Ambrose Treacy, sent Brothers to open and to conduct the College. The site of the College in 1893 covered an area of one acre. Sturt St. marked the northernmost boundary then as it does today. The College property extended south only as far as the science laboratory, while there was no land east of the present classroom eastern walls nor west of the western end of the old Chapel. Today, extensive playing fields and spreading dormitories and shower blocks occupy well-nigh forty acres.

Before the Brothers opened St. Patrick's College they had conducted two schools, one in the West and one in the East. Primary and secondary classes were conducted at St. Patrick's School, Skipton St., since 1876 and in 1888 St. Alipius' School was opened in Victoria St., Ballarat East. At first the Brothers lived in a small cottage in Urquhart St., but later they moved to a double-storey brick house at the corner of Dana St. and Drummond St. Finally, the Brothers occupied a stone residence in Lyons St. and there they lived until they transferred to St. Patrick's in 1893. For those who can still remember these far-off days, I mention the names of the pioneer Brothers: Br. Liguori Ryan was first Principal and he had as his staff Br. P. J. Barron, Br. J. Duggan and Br. S. Kerrins. In the annals of the Christian Brothers in Australia, no names are held in higher esteem than the names of the four Brothers who so successfully opened this College. Br. Barron was appointed Provincial of the Brothers and he held this high office for twenty-five years. All four are now reaping the rewards of religious teachers who faithfully fulfilled the duties of their calling and who will we are sure "shine like stars for all eternity."

The College photo gallery gives pride of place to the first Roll Call group. Consisting as it did of thirty-six students made up of twenty-four boarders and twelve day boys, this first class contains the names of men who won fame for themselves and their Alma Mater. Here are some of this splendid group: Right Rex. Mgr. J. Lawless, P.P., V.G., Rutherglen; the late Dean C. Kelly, P.P.

The College suffered badly from the depression of the mid nineties. Many a promising scholastic career was cut short because of the difficulties of the period. However, boom time came again and the College Roll Call began to rise. The increased numbers emphasised the need for more land. The next area acquired was that occupied by the present tennis courts. Numbers continued to increase, mainly because of the splendid results obtained in the Public Examinations.

In 1896 Br. Nugent became Principal and during his term of office the College grew considerably. Br. Nugent built the present Hall which serves in turn as a gymnasium and hall, a dormitory and a hall again. From 1896-1900 Br. Nugent directed the College faithfully and well and great success was achieved. In 1900 Br. W. M. McCarthy succeeded Br. Nugent. He governed the College till 1904, in which year Br. Hughes was appointed Principal. During Br. McCarthy's term of office the College grew immensely. Br. McCarthy built the present classrooms and the science block and he purchased properties on the West, the East and the South sides. Perhaps at no time in its history did the College make such progress. Vocations to the Priesthood continued to increase and academic and sporting successes indicated a school spirit which nothing could diminish. The next issue of the Chronicle will begin the History of the College at 1900. FLOREAT, S.P.C.!

THE MONTH OF MAY

May is the month of Mary. Devotion to Our Blessed Lady has always been a special characteristic of the Christian Brothers' schools, not only in Ireland and Australia but throughout the world. Everywhere the Brothers teach the same love for their Heavenly Queen and every Brothers' school builds its Mary Altar.

Each hour the St. Patrick's College boy devoutly recalls the presence of God and addresses the Angelic Salutation Blessed Mother. A hundred times during the day he turns his thoughts from earth to Heaven with the glad praise of Gabriel's Ave on his lips. At night, when his day's work is done and his night study is finished, he assembles in the Chapel for the family Rosary which brings back sweet thoughts of Bethlehem and Nazareth.

In the month of May there are special devotions round the lovely Mary Altar. Here is recited the daily Litany of Loreto and each day a hymn of praise is sung to the familiar strains of one or other of the many beautiful hymns in Mary's honour. Many an Old Boy of the Brothers' Schools cherishes fond memories of the May devotions, even when other memories have vanished and gone.

Joyce Kilner wrote about the Rosary thus:

There is one harp that any hand can play,
And from its strings what harmonies arise,
There is one song that any mouth can say,
A song that lingers when all singing dies.
When on their beads our mother's children pray,
Immortal music charms the grateful skies.

GREEN, WHITE AND BLUE PAGE

ADRIAN JOYCE, our Head Prefect, has been at College since 1947. He comes from Ararat and he is the son of the late Dr. J. F. Joyce (1914-1917) and a brother of Gerard, now at Newman. Adrian is President of the College Holy Name Society, Vice-President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Councillor of Our Lady's Sodality and a member of the College Altar Society. He is a good public speaker and was a finalist in the Purton Oratory Contest last year. He was a member of the First XVIII, 1952, and of the 1952 Aths. Team. Adrian is studying for his Matric.

BRENDAN DAVEY is a day boy in the Matriculation Class and has completed seven years at St. Pat's. He is a College Prefect and is Prefect of the College Section of the Cathedral Holy Name Society. He is a member of Our Lady's Sodality and is a member of the Cathedral Adult Choir. He is an Officer in the College Cadet Corps and rows in one of the crews. His two brothers, Bill and Peter, preceded him at St. Pat's. Bill is with the Commonwealth Bank at Geelong; Peter is doing 4th Year Pharmacy.

BRIAN MAHER, from Boort, is a College Prefect. Brian is repeating his Matriculation and recently he won a Commonwealth Scholarship which he has deferred for one year. He came to St. Pat's in 1947 and was joined by his brother Kevin in 1950. Brian is a keen student and is prominent in all College activities. He is President of the College Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and is an executive officer of the Holy Name Society. He stroked the winning 5th Crew in 1952 and is stroke of the Second Four in 1953. He has represented S.P.C. in Athletics. Brian hopes to study Engineering next year.

BARRY MCGREGOR is a dayboy Prefect. He lives in Ballarat North and before coming to St. Pat's he attended St. Columban's School. He is a good student and was Dux of First Year and of Sub-Intermediate. He is doing his first year Matric. this year and he bids fair to obtain a good pass. If he is not on the playing fields or in the classroom, you may find him entertaining on the piano. He has many admirers of his skill at the piano. He is a member of the Cathedral Holy Name Society. He is a good sport with special liking for Football, Basketball, Tennis and Swimming. We are looking forward to Barry's brother Max for next year.

GAVAN RICE is a day student in the Leaving Class and is in his eighth year at College. He is a brother of Basil, who is at Newman doing 2nd Year Law, and he has two brothers at College—Paul in 2nd Year and Peter in Grade IV. Gavan is a keen sport and is good at Football, Cricket, Tennis and Golf. He is the son of Mr. Jim Rice, formerly of Murtoa and now of Ballarat. His two uncles, Frank and Joe, were boarders at S.P.C. in 1925 and 1926. Gavan is a member of the Cathedral Holy Name Society. Ex-students of the College will recall the statue of St. Teresa of Liseuse in the Matric. dormitory. This statue was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Rice in memory of Bob, R.I.P., who was a boarder from 1938 to 1941.

JOHN MOLAN is the son of Bill, who was a boarder during 1922 and 1923. John is in Second Year and he came to St. Pat's in 1951. His brother Kevin left College last year. John is one of the many boys at St. Pat's from the Western District and he is doing well at College. He is very keen on Woodwork, which he studies every Saturday morning at the School of Mines.

DENNIS WRIGHT lives in Nauru Island, Central Pacific. He is in First Year and he has a brother Geoffrey at Villa Maria. Dennis studies well and he is a splendid sport. He is a good bat and he has taken many wickets. He captained his team on the Junior Shed. Dennis likes football best and he hopes some day to be as good a full back as Maurice Sheahan's father was.



THE SODALITY OF OUR BLESSED LADY

The year began with each of the twenty-five members determined to maintain the zeal and earnestness of our forebears. We have been set a high standard by last year's Sodality members and will endeavour, under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Dr. McCunnie, to maintain our love and esteem for our heavenly patronesse, Our Blessed Lady.

The customary election of office-bearers was carried out at the termination of last year. Martin Shannon was elected Head Councillor, and he is assisted in his duties by Councillors Kevin Shanley, Adrian Joyce, Michael Bourke, Laurence Erwin, John Cotter, Raymond Dignan and Kevin Shea.

Our weekly meetings are held at midday each Friday, when the Sodality Office is recited in Latin by all members. This is followed by an instruction given by our Chaplain, Rev. Dr. McCunnie.

A terminal initiation will be held on 1st May, when those senior boys who have been deemed worthy to be admitted into the Sodality will be received and will share the indulgences and privileges enjoyed by members of The Sodality of Our Blessed Lady.

—M. SHANNON, H. Councillor.

WERRIBEE NEWS

"... As the Father hath sent Me, so also I send you . . ."

With these words Our Lord sent out His apostles into the world. Today He is still sending out His apostles, and amongst those whom He has sent out today are many old-boys from St. Pat's. At the moment at Corpus Christi College, Werribee, there are twenty-nine St. Pat's old-boys who are preparing themselves to be sent out into the world to work for Our Lord in a special way.

Later this year, please God, three of them, Nick Stafford, Bob Markey and Bryan Long will be ordained.

Vic Crennan and Pat Crudden are doing their third year of Theology and will be ordained, please God, sub-deacons at the end of this year. In free time, Vic, as sports president, organises the College sports, and Pat, with his assistants, supplies us with honey from the forty beehives under his care.

In second year Theology, S.P.C. has four representatives: John Barker, Brian McCormack, Bill Melican and Frank Monaghan. In first year theology there are five old-boys: Henry Nolan, Dan Arundell, Kevin Mogg, Damien Heath and Bob Connelly.

Amongst the students doing their philosophy are the first students from St. Peter's Minor Seminary, John Martin being their first prefect.

St. Pat's is represented in the second year of philosophy by John Brady, Bill McCarthy, Gerald Dowling, John Martin and John McKinnon. Kevin Warren heads the first year philosophers. Then comes that mighty man, Nick Serzants, Bill O'Connell, John McCarthy and Kevin

Murphy from amongst the grapes up at Mildura, and Laurie Halloran. This year we welcomed the usual group of new arrivals from St. Pat's: Brian Coffey, Peter Hackwill, Bill Holigan and, last of all because of an untimely bout of mumps, Pat Flanagan.

Many of these old-boys have come here straight from St. Pat's, but there are others who have been out working for a few years before coming here.

We are all looking forward to the Jubilee of St. Pat's, and to the opening of the new Chapel of which we are becoming quite proud.

We would also like to congratulate Br. Healy on his being made a Consultor, and to wish all a happy and a holy year.

—B. D. MARKEY.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

During the first term for 1953 the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been functioning with much success, due no doubt to the great enthusiasm displayed and practised by the members. Six new members have applied for admission and have been received into the Society, and we hope that their life in it will be long and happy.

Some modifications to the executive announced in the last issue of the "Chronicle" were necessary because certain members did not return to College, while others unexpectedly returned. The 1953 Executive is as follows: President, B. Maher; Vice-President, A. Joyce; Secretary, L. Erwin; Treasurer, K. Shanley.

Our members visit the Ballarat Base Hospital each week, and the Queen Elizabeth Benevolent Home and Nazareth House each alternate week, taking such comforts to the inmates and patients as the weekly contributions in the poor box will allow. We desire to thank all those who have helped us in the past term and we pray that their continued support will enable us to carry on our work for the remainder of the year.

—B. J. MAHER.

ST. PETER'S MINOR SEMINARY

Firstly, we must extend a welcome to the new Seminarists, namely, Peter Brennan, Tom Brophy, Kevin Carroll, David McGrath, Len Martin, Joe Pinzone, John Walsh and Brendan Smith. Brendan, although not being new to the College, is new to the Seminary. Those who have returned to continue their studies are Kevin Arundell, Bill Bainbridge, Ray Dignan, John Murray, Kevin Troy, Graeme White and Kevin Shanley.

A weekly instruction is generously given by the rector, Rev. Dr. McCunnie. Because of his supervision and helpful instructions, all is well at St. Peter's, and hopes are high that St. Peter's will produce more students to go down in the annals of S.P.C. as Priests of God. Br. Mullen, as Brother in charge, offers his assistance when needed and has given the students charges to do around the Seminary. In this way the house and grounds are kept spotlessly clean while the boys are given added interest after school.

The Seminary was represented in the First XI by three worthy members, Kevin Arundell, Peter Brennan and Ray Dignan, whilst Brendan Smith has greatly strengthened the Second XI. Congratulations to those players.

From the Seminary last year, Bill Holligan and Pat Flanagan went to Corpus Christi College, Werribee, whilst John O'Hehir, Bill Redmond and Alan Winchester went to St. Columban's Seminary, Essendon. We wish them all the best of luck and blessings in their endeavour and we pray that, one day, they may be ordained "Other Christs."

—K. SHANLEY.



AROUND THE ROOMS

MATRICULATION

The Matriculation Class of 1953 is somewhat smaller than previous years, but the quality of intellect is truly amazing. Seven of last year's boys returned to consolidate their year, and all have been elected prefects. They are Brian Maher, Laurie Erwin, Denis Bourke, Brian Dowling, John Deany, Tom Laffey and Adrian Joyce. Our other prefects are Martin Shannon, Kevin Shanley, Brian Grogan, Barry McGregor, Michael Bourke and Brendan Davy. Congratulations to all these boys on attaining the prefect band.

Early in the term it became apparent that the Matric. Class contained "men of many abilities." "Kanga" Dalton gained early distinction as a likely prospect for the 1st XVIII. This boy is good—watch him. Brian Dowling, our prominent musician, displayed his versatility on a sonometer recently. The performance was brought to an abrupt conclusion. Brian is a member of the second view, in which a little difficulty has arisen. The other members are Brian Maher, Brian Grogan and Brian Williams. Brian Grogan is reported to have remedied the situation:

Matric. has a strong representation at the boat-house, and proudly claims three of the four members from the First Crew. They are Denis Bourke, John Cotter and Don Bradmore. Laurie Erwin, Brian Gibson, John Wangman, Mick O'Callaghan, Peter Dalton, Kevin Shannon, Brian Vanina, Tom Laffey, John Madden and Brendan Davy all claim to be rowers. However, it is only the massive brutes like Brian Vanina and Brendan Davy who can thoroughly convince us.

Brendan recently became a colleague of Tom Laffey as a Cadet Lieut. Tom spoke to us on the importance of the Cadet movement, continuing a few nights later with a practical demonstration in the art of camouflage. Others of the day boys have been reported to have been tripping the light fantastic. Brian Williams and John Cotter had a rushed trip to Melbourne. Apparently Barry McGregor was prepared. I say, old man, what did go on?

Brian O'Loughlan has been gleaning the finer points of marriage. He should be quite expert on the matter. Kierce O'Loughlan almost succeeded in tying a permanent knot in his tongue. Don't worry, Kierce, there's always another opportunity.

Michael Bourke confounded Doctors by prolonging his illness at St. Vincent's. Hard luck you had to stay so long, Mich. However, no doubt the sight of Martin Shannon cheered him considerably. Martin and John Madden recently figured in an illustration of hair-do's sponsored by "The Argus." Brian Grogan has had recent conferences with the P.M.G. Department concerning a private bag. Brian's running commentary on the pictures is missed by all.

Kevin Shea delights in counting the contributions to the Propagation of the Faith. Kevin was recently seen spending lavishly at the Ararat trots. Did anyone see Adrian Joyce there? Brian Gaffney suffered a short lapse of memory, which proved rather unfortunate.

Our new boys this year are Joe Pinzone, Noel Gregory and Kev. Carrol. Joe readily became one of us by his amiable manner, but Noel

has chosen the last term to make an impression. Rumour has it that he has enlisted the aid of John Landy, to do so. Kevin Carrol is a more recent addition to our class. We welcome our new boys warmly and hope their year or years at St. Pat's will be most fruitful.

John Deany recently made a name for himself in figures. He led the first eleven throughout the season, and in true captain's style won the batting average. Congratulations, John! Other members of the team from Matric. were Kevin Shea, Michael Bourke and Robert Davies. Brian Gibson prefers rowing as a muscle-builder—he can snap overcoat buckles like matches—he does, too. John Wangman is one of our strong silent types. He is having a little advance training for the 1st IV. Kevin Shannon is quiet, too—no doubt concentrating on mathematics. The Matriculation Class made a recent contribution to a menagerie on the advice of a well-known identity.

As we go to print the National Eucharistic Congress is in progress, and is, thank God, an outstanding success. We hope and pray that all readers of the Chronicle, and in fact all Australians, will receive the message of the Congress and will hence receive that spiritual revival so necessary to every Christian of our nation. On this note we bid you adieu from the Matric. Room of First Term '53.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Once again we greet you with news and views of our term activities. We are well represented in the major sports of the term—Cricket and Rowing. From the First XI we have Kevin Arundell, Ray Dignan, Brian King, John McCormack, John Pinzone, Neville Rogers and John Coffey. In the rowing we have Tom Lanigan from the First Crew; P. Windsor, V. Colbert and G. Walsh, all strokes of Junior Crews. Other representatives in the Crews are B. Carey, I. Kean and J. McDonald. Greater interest has been shown in Cadets this year. We have many officers in the room—T. Lanigan, J. McDonald, I. Kean and K. Leitch. Then there are Sergeants T. Scarff, F. McCarthy, P. Taffe and B. Carey. A surprise promotion—to all but those promoted—and one which showed the intelligence of the War Office was the promotion of P. Bourke to Staff-Sergeant and W. Mahoney to Staff-Corporal.

One of our new members, John Rye, quickly achieved fame by his rendings (i.e., his own renderings) of well-known compositions. Nevertheless, John enjoys the piano. In addition, he had the temerity to criticise the style of Kipling; Kim to John simply doesn't make sense. (What heresy! Everybody else likes it). Brendan Smith finds difficulty in pronouncing the name of his next-door neighbour. Can you? Ciezlaw Miezwa. Anyhow Ciezlaw is absent from school now and then and when asked who is away Brendan manages to say something or other.

We are looking forward eagerly to the football season when some of our new boys will, we hope, live up to their high reputations. Whispers are circulating about John O'Shannassy and his mate Len Martin who hail from the Western District. Len is claimed to have run a hundred yards inside even time. Another "paper" footballer is Ross Muller, about whom there have been some astounding rumours.

The slumbers of the inmates of McCann House are sometimes disturbed by the raucous voice of Maurice Sheahan. He sleeps through it all of course. His room-mate, Frank McCarthy, has the habit of going walkabout in the early hours of the morning. Perhaps we should have mentioned the fact earlier, but an event worthy of note was the transfer of the cream of the senior boys to McCann House. Obviously candidates were screened very thoroughly before acceptance, for only the most worthy were admitted. Following the example of the Marx brothers, the whole class spent a night at the Opera recently; everybody enjoyed

the antics of Figaro and some of the more musical ones have since been heard to whistle "Figaro" at frequent intervals.

Gavan Walsh, that youth of precise accents, never tires of telling us about his crew. As well as Gavan, we have two others named Walsh—Michael who inhabits a rather doubtful sector of our fair city, and Greg, who is ever so keen on table tennis. Gavan Rice, with his ever-present "Cheshire" grin, infuses some spirit into the room. Bryan King, our zealous Sergeant-Major, uses his voice to advantage on Mondays. His immaculate uniform puts to shame some of his subordinates. We have among us one who is familiar with all the tricks of the Leaving room: Peter Windsor. Len Meeny is an able member of the Literary and Debating Society.

Noel Morganti brought back to school with him a portable radio; no doubt he felt the need of keeping in touch with current affairs. Noel's cousin, Brendan, and John (Jake) Kerrins sometimes surprise the faculty by arriving "à l'heure." Vin Colbert and Ron Colvin from Watchem sometimes recall incidents which occurred during the Christmas holidays. We gather from their reluctance to disclose further information that these incidents were not "above board." Neil Sist, another new boy hailing from Beaufort, has made his presence felt in the classroom and on the sports field. We also understand that he was Lord Baden Powell's right-hand man in days gone by.

Alan Ryan is among us for some weeks as a boarder; we hope he feels at home in McCann House. B. Mathews is always ready to brighten the inhabitants of McCann House with his abundant store of "wit" (that's what he calls it). Rex Start has achieved fame as the chief urger in Hill cricket matches. Bill Bainbridge has recently been appointed to the Committee of the Literary and Debating Society; he is also collector for the Propagation of the Faith and captain of a Hill cricket team. He is assisted in his sundry duties by Brian James, his bodyguard if he needed one. Bernard Bailey (Byron to his peers) has evinced great interest in his smaller brother. He has even been going to Sacred Heart on Sundays of late; family ties are strong. We almost forgot to mention the third member of the Old Buffers' Club—Tom Brophy from Warracknabeal. Bill Bainbridge, Brian James and Tom give us the good example—they show us first how we ought to study. We are grateful for the good example.

We have introduced most of our readers; since our space and time has elapsed we must leave the others until the next issue of the Chronicle, and bid you all adieu.

—D. BROWN, P. BOURKE.

INTERMEDIATE "A"

Greetings, readers, from this nucleus of S.P.C., Inter. A. A hearty welcome is extended to the new boys, Peter Jeffrey, who hails from Bendigo, John Walsh, from South Purrumbeet, near Camperdown, and Ray Lamaro, from Kerang.

The contest for the "front row" this term is very keen. In the first clash, Peter Pollard emerged as Prime Minister with Garry Leach, Kevin Maher, Terry Fitzpatrick, John Danaher, Peter Jeffrey, Barry Breen and John Gelder following in that order.

In the second contest many news faces appeared in the front row. Kevin Maher took over the Prime Ministership and was followed by Vin Corbett, Michael Hanrahan, Kevin Joyce, Peter Pollard, Joe Gallagher, Barry Breen and Brian Murphy.

In the sporting field our sole representative in the First XI is Terry Fitzpatrick, whilst, over at the Boathouse, Michael Martin is the only Inter. A. oarsman. In the senior park cricket we have one captain, Brian Murphy, and two vice-captains, Graeme Sampieri and Ray Lamaro.

Cadets form an important part of the college activities and here we have an officer, Barry Breen, and a sergeant, Michael Martin. Richard McArthur and Peter Kean are corporals.

Our bus-boys this year are Tony Lewis, Jim Mullins, Gerald Grough, Des. Papworth, Jim Saunders, Jim Hanrahan, John Donovan and Brendan Howman.

Des. Papworth recently had an accident with his bike and the result was a couple of teeth fewer and a smaller quantity of skin on his face.

John Hampton gets reminded, now and then, about a certain club. Perhaps it is an egg club. John Gelder has a very good razor blade and a few good rubbers, used especially for Algebra.

Graeme Sampieri is now in charge of our Altar and keeps the flowers in the vase beautifully and artistically arranged.

Brendan Howman seems to have a perpetual frown on his brow. Perhaps you can prove me wrong, Brendan. Our reading expert is Peter Jeffrey, who specializes in History. Peter Butler has a great attraction for Geometry, especially when it has to be done on the board.

Peter Kean held a dubious Latin "record" for some time; but he was then deposed by Bernie Coburn. Dealing with Latin, Michael Martin seems adept at taking "things" down. Graeme White has acquired a startling speed in rising from his desk on being asked a question. Richard McArthur wears a dazzling woollen scarf to night study. From whence this scarf came is anybody's guess, including Richard's.

Kevin Willey considers himself favourite for the ruck position in our First XVIII. "After all," he argues, "I am nearly four feet tall and they want big men." Doug. Anderson is saving up his vocal chords for the football season. His team in the Ballarat League will need it, too. Mel Creati will also be around when the football starts.

Harry Hackwill and Jim Hanrahan sit together and are the quiet boys of the room. Garry Leach and John Gelder sit in front of them and certainly make up for the lack of noise behind them.

Des. Papworth has perfected his "Bogart" faces and uses them to his advantage, or disadvantage, in the classroom.

Kevin Maher recently spent a few days sick(?) in the infirmary. Joe Gallagher is our music expert, while Terry Cain is always lauding food as served by a certain hotel in Sheep Hills. Tony Lewis carried out the "impossible" in Latin recently.

John Caine is usually to be found at the table-tennis tables. Brian Dow, and his horse, are very popular with the younger boys on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. He sometimes puts on a "Purtell" act, too.

I must now bring these notes to a close and say Au Revoir till we can again bring you these notes from Inter. A.

INTERMEDIATE "B"

Our class numbers twenty-nine of whom four are new to S.P.C. this year. They are Leo Ward (Moyhu), John Harris (Camperdown), Pat Conlan (Nandaly), Trevor O'Keefe (Birchip). John Ilott came back to school from work this year and Ambrose Joyce, who had to leave on account of illness last year, is back with us again. We have six day-boys, Les. Kemp, Michael Hayes, Peter Burke, Brian Scarff, Brian McMahon and John Ilott.

Academically, our most outstanding members would appear to be Tony Grigg, Brian Murray, Brian Tellefson, Les. Kemp and Peter Burke. However, the first term tests may bring some surprises.

In sporting activities we are well represented. Bill Drake was vice-captain of the First XI and topped the bowling averages. Peter

Carracher was in the Second XI. David Lardner was the Lindwall of the Under 15 Team. John Chisholm and James O'Beirne were successful captains in the Park Competitions. Brian Telfson is our sole representative in the rowing, where he does good work as a cox.

John Groutsch is to be congratulated on his promotion to Under Officer in the Cadets as the result of a successful Camp at Christmas.

Our Mission collectors, Bill Drake, Peter Carracher, Gavan Bourke and John Groutsch, are doing good work and already the class have given more than £4 for this cause.

And now for some sidelights on our activities. Brian Vear and Tony Grigg are avid readers of Western fiction. Pat Barry and Jack Chisholm go to sparring practice every night at 8 p.m. The Hoare Brothers, Jonn and Don, are for ever extolling the qualities of a certain make of car. They attended the motor show in Melbourne recently, but were not able to bring back any samples. Des. Joyce is reported to have had his first shave recently, but we understand there was no blade in the razor.

Brian Godfrey achieved distinction when he proved to be the tallest boy in the College on the occasion of the Roll Call photo recently. Graeme Cardillo (from Sunbury, you know) is the strong man of the class. Michael Hayes and Trevor O'Keefe have forgotten a good deal of homework between them this term. Although the football season has not officially started, Gavan Bourke has been doing some punting for a considerable time. Pat Conlan is a pianist of considerable talent and Graeme Cardillo is reputed to possess a fine baritone voice.

Jim O'Beirne, Brian Murray and Mick Hayes leave us each Friday morning to go woolclassing. Brian McMahon, from Creswick, is unable to attend on Saturday mornings on account of the distance. Brian Scarff is establishing a reputation as a maker of noise. When he and Peter Bourke get together things get moving. Terry Goss, who hails from Sorrento, is one of the quiet ones. He is reputed to be something of a swimmer.

Well, that is all from Inter. B for this term. We wish all a very happy holiday and hope to see you in the next issue.

SUB-INTERMEDIATE "A"

First mention for 1953 goes to Charlie Castle. Chas. is a member of the third crew. His other claims to fame consist in his being the biggest in the class and his efforts to "out-ask" Ken Curtin in the matter of questions. Rivalry between them is very keen, but it looks now as if teacher has applied the "veto."

Peter Brown and Frank Moloney have the honour of being the longest at St. Pat's. Frank must just about take the honours for being the longest in another respect.

John McKinley, according to reports, is the best wood-worker in Sub A. He is only surpassed, so they say, by Noel Rodgers of Sub B. Pull your socks up, John. Can't let Sub B get away with that!

Bill Crowe and Charles Castles, the "reformed characters," have been separated at last. Chas. staged almost a sit-down strike in the matter, but pressure from the powers that be eventually evicted him. For a time he had qualified as a "squatter" about whom we read so much. Now Bill has another Bill to chat to. Almeida's the name. Chummy, eh?

Anthony Foley is the skipping champion of the school. Skipped 1568 turns last year. His tongue can go faster than that though.

Marshall Younger is the best cricketer in Sub A. His demon bowling and sound batting have earned him this title. Michael "Hat-trick" Dinley is also a champion on the Junior Park. He is captain of the Under 13's who won every game outright.

Frank Caulfield, Brian and Michael Hickey and Ian Priestly are

prominent in the rowing as they are the coxes of some of the crews. Frank steers the Seconds, Michael the Firsts and Ian the Sixths.

John Van Suylen should have received a mention with the cricket stars, among whom we list also Jim Pierce, Irwin McGenniss, Reg. Haintz, Daryl Hunter and Peter Brown. The last four are captains of the teams on the Junior Park.

Owen Kehoe, Daryl Hunter and Peter Collier comprise the Sub A hill-rangers. Until recently when their absence became rather consistent they were not very keen about Saturday morning school.

There is always keen competition each Friday between the various rows to see who'll win the weekly Mission prize. Gerald Cameron now gives freely to this cause after some persuasive methods are practised by Ian Priestly. Our literary lion, John Curtin, penned these lines:

Our teacher has us fishin'
In our pockets for the Mission.
Up to date he has collected thirty pounds.
Our generous boys are many
(Some have put in half a penny),
So our total goes ahead in leaps and bounds.

Pretty good, eh? Congratulations, John! Our generous boys ARE many. God bless them! The total, thirty pounds in nine weeks, bears that out. An all-time record I would say. Record for the year is £80 set up by Grade Six a few years ago. Sub A are well on the way to setting up new figures this year.

Barry Joyce is a budding electrician. He now has electricity installed in his locker by means of a battery and about 100 yards of wire. He has installed one in Denis Mahony's locker also. Denis has not been able to pay the bill yet as broken bulbs have just about bankrupted him.

Reports are current that Martin Kennedy belongs to a foreign spy ring. These rumours originated from the weird sounds Mart. has been giving out lately. Maybe it's just the Redan war-cry, 1953 version.

Dan Lorkin is a good horseman. He is often found over in the horse paddock after school. Dan found the long glass an advantage during the cricket season, particularly when fielding and he was a little tired. He should be extra good at camouflage and concealment when the cadets go to camp.

In one of our desks we have a very good illustration of contrast. Sitting side by side are John Curtin, our genial fat man, and Michael Gallagher, our famous thin man. Let's hope the day never comes when John, failing to notice Michael, sits on him.

Paul Williams was one of the lucky ones. He was able to go to Sydney for the Eucharistic Congress.

Everyone is wondering if Noel McArdle owns a biscuit factory. The conjecture arises from the bag of biscuits that accompanies Noel to school each day. Not on the way home though!

Our only new boys are Denis McKimmie and Frank Pomeroy. Both are day boys and are doing quite well.

We are glad to see that "Begonia Bill" Almeida likes a variety of sports. Last year he was keen on mountaineering. This year it is boxing.

Gavan Greer is a professional "ink drinker." His record so far is half a bottle, but he expects to better that in the near future. Maybe he wants to join the "Ink-Spots" later!

Well, that completes our budget of items for this year. Cheerio! Be seeing you in August!

SUB-INTERMEDIATE "B"

This year our class is for the most part a class of newcomers—only ten "old boys" amongst us.

A big contingent came from Drummond St., viz., William Lannen, Rodney Duffey, Joseph Ballinger, Francis Constable and Barry Phelan. They, by their conduct and work, are following in the traditions of many former distinguished past pupils of both schools.

Our bus boys are Peter and Dan Mulcahy, Brian Tudor, Francis Green and Brian O'Connor. They come from Gordon and such places "down the line" and at times make us sit up and take notice of their neat homework. That is, some of them, sometimes!

From the Villa came Tom Mulcahy and John Shea, wise in the ways of tees, greens and drives. Paul McCulloch comes from the Christian Brothers', Yarraville, and is reputed to be a violinist of note.

From Colac came Peter Brennan to battle his way into the First XI; from St. Arnaud Leo Smith and Graeme McIvor to learn how to play table tennis, and from Swan Hill came Adrian Bennetto to ask in his own style a question or two or three or . . .

The resonant tones of David Hallam's bass joins pleasantly with cousin John Bourke's soprano in defence of Hopetoun. They show promise of being good detectives. Peter Gleeson, Peter O'Callaghan and Gerrard Wheelahan are new boys, but their big brothers must have tutored them—they know all the tricks of the game.

Gavan and Charles Ryan made a threesome with Denis Mellington at "The Barber of Seville," presented by the National Opera Company. They are ready to burst into the "Largo Al Factotum" or "Una voce poco fa" at the drop of a hat.

Graham Routson, Berrybank, is doing a wide course of wool-classing, wood work and metal work and fitting in his other studies when he can. Terry Brennan, a tennis enthusiast from Horsham and a very neat worker, will be joined by Pat Hayes, who has moved from Heywood to the Wimmera.

We thought to introduce all the new boys, but space has prevented us. Next term we shall know them better. In the meantime we shall leave them in Tom Furey's care—he has started a school of Fencing. Engarde!

SECOND YEAR

Greetings to Chronicle readers from the 1953 Second Year. We have been having quite a leisurely time so far, but we are gradually working up to top gear. Next term we will really be getting down to our studies in earnest. But in the meantime let us tell you about our first term activities. School work, of course, has been our main interest. From time to time we dragged ourselves away from classes to busy ourselves in other, more or less tedious, diversions—Cricket, Tennis, Table Tennis, Swimming. Some of the more adventurous souls, however, have journeyed further afield to find their distractions.

We welcome to the College the new boys of the class—twenty-four in all. They are all sizes and shapes and come from all parts of the State. The baby of them is Frank Bailey, from Korong Vale. Frank is keen on fishing and spends many a holiday trying to reduce the piscatorial population of the rivers of Northern Victoria. Anthony "Groucho" Borrack hails from further up the bush—from Cohuna. He seems to enjoy life to the full, especially does he enjoy Cricket, Table Tennis and French. Anthony doesn't talk as much in school here as he used to up home. I wonder why?

From Quambatook come two industrious lads—John Ryan, brother of the famous (or infamous) Peter B., whom he closely resembles, and John Graham, who will discourse at length on the beauties of Connie. John says there is no place on earth like Connie (and we are inclined to agree with him). Sea Lake this year sent us along a worthy representative in the person of Ray "Dave" Sands. Ray is at his best from

9 till 4. It is only after that that he appears out of his element.

Michael Godfrey, from Elmore, is one of those who is more often seen than heard (unlike another certain character in the class). Michael shares a back seat with another silent worker, Reg. Smith, from Lexton. Reg's "little" brother is also at the College. Warren Larsen journeyed down from Echuca to further his studies. Warren is very keen on Tennis and Hit Parades—that it, besides Study. He was disappointed when he couldn't go to the Opera.

The Western District sent along some sensible representatives. Reg. Fenton, from Heywood, was fortunate to secure a front seat in the class, thus making sure of advancing in his studies. David McGrath came from Coleraine and he is Second Year representative at St. Peter's. John "The Voice" Smith, from Lismore, often resembles a fog horn when he answers.

From the North-East come Maurice O'Donoghue, from Rutherglen, a budding artist who gets plenty of practice drawing a certain person; and Tony "Goldilocks" Hicks, from Wodonga. It is reported that Tony was inoculated with a gramophone needle. Tony seems to have a marked aversion for barbers.

Bernie Shannon, from Lancefield, until recently used to see that everything was under control outside the classroom. But he now prefers his present seat where distractions are fewer.

We haven't seen much of Denis Fowler, from Geelong, so it is difficult to record his escapades.

Des. Martin is one of the "savages from Bungaree." We are somewhat afraid of attacking Des. because there looms up in the background the iron arm of the law.

Noel Stevens, from Ararat, can be classed as a new boy, although he spent a short time at the College previously. Noel's pugilistic tendencies received a severe setback in the lockers one fine February morning.

Paul "Monsieur" Le Grand, though living in Ballarat, comes from the rugged mountain district of Omeo. He is striving hard to emulate his grandparents in the knowledge of their native language.

Les. Marnell, Frank Blomeley and Dan Davidson are a trio of students from the wilds of Ballarat East. Frank has been ill for some time and we have not seen much of him, but Dan and Les. are managing to keep up the reputation of the East.

Maurice Corbett and Brian Blood are two new bus boys from Gordon and Springbank respectively. Since Maurice arrived he has learnt much about the Geography of the College! Brian seems to be a poet, although he doesn't know it.

Barry Pomeroy is our most recent addition to the College. He now lives in Ballarat, but came from a place called Horsham, somewhere up on the fringe of the desert.

So much for the new. Now for the veterans!

Peter Shea, Frank Lloyd and Tony Serra know the ropes pretty well in Second Year. They usually manage to keep out of trouble this year. The same boys were a great help to the curator during the cricket season. Ray Sands helped these three to keep the general public up to date with the latest cricket scores.

Many boys in the class emulated the deeds of Ian Craig and others around the Ovals. Two of them were J. H. "Definitely" Devine and Peter Ryan. J.H. is noted for his prowess with the bat and ball, although he did not fare well in the finals. Paddy also achieved fame on the cricket field. One day he adopted a rather unconventional way of stopping the ball—at any rate he stopped it. He hasn't been to see his cousin since! John Hogan is also a cricketer of note, who specializes in centuries. But he was not always in favour with the Board of Control. Roy O'Connor is another international cricketer who has had to answer to the Board. Peter Harman's main scoring shot on the Shed

is a six. Peter is often frightened out of his wits in school by sounds resembling snakes!

Peter Whelan collects the names of the poor famished people in the class. Some day, in the near future, he is going to throw some sort of a seven-course meal (or something). John Molan excels in Woodwork, where he makes all sorts of contraptions. He is thinking of making a chaise longue which he can use in school. He is a cox, too. Another lightweight who coxes, not always straight, is Peter McDonald. Leon Gleeson is said to be shifting from St. Arnaud to Ararat. The reason for the change is that there is no back yard at St. Arnaud. Michael Murray comes from a little place outside St. Arnaud, Cara-something or other!

J. A. Devine, Les. Haynes and Geoff. Buttler are a trio who seem to be eternally playing Red Indians. All, too, seem to cultivate a perpetual smile. Les. is the French-B Champ., while John holds similar honours in Latin.

Howard Macnamara, when in his less studious frames of mind, often bursts into song. He likes to sing the latest hits and is seriously considering starting his own band.

There is a large group in the class who play handball together (though they are a bit weak), serve Mass together and even sometimes do their homework together at lunchtime. They are John Bongiorno, Robert Scott, Gary Coutts, Stan Webb, John Noonan, Paul Rice and Paul Kierce. Stan is a woodcarver—witness the shavings under his desk. The two Pauls, although some distance apart in school, manage to carry on a conversation by signals. Paul K. is hard to understand—sometimes he knows the answers but won't say them!

Brian Tucker and Frank Doherty, two illustrious representatives of the East, are front-seaters. However, they much prefer the outdoor life, communing with nature and tending the animals of the fields—pigeons and dogs. Peter Meiklejohn, another Eastie, spends his time trying to hit off situations with apt phrases. Some of them are good.

The bus boys form a solid block in the class. They include Gerard Cullinan, from Bullarook, whose interest is mainly bovine; Tony Ryan, a "gentleman" from Bungaree; Ken Ryan and Alan Donovan, wild men from Learmonth, and Terry Kingston, a bright lad from Napoleons. Only on public holidays, when the buses do not run, do we miss their intelligent (or otherwise) remarks.

Stan Roberts and John Elsbury hail from the North. Stan likes cricket and football, while John likes to collect pennies for the Missions. John usually supplies Denis King with the necessities of life during playtime. Denis is a keen scientist and is often able to tell the class about various experiments he does at home with his set.

Brian Costigan and Teddy Vaughan proved a very formidable combination in class until Brian received a clearance to the front of the class. Teddy was official scorer for the First XI, at which occupation he wasn't overworked. He is also a class librarian, ably assisted by P.K. and Michael Stokie. Michael took a week off after Easter to get over the celebrations.

Chris Houlihan holds a very responsible position with regard to the Missions. He is the class Treasurer and as such is responsible for collecting and depositing in the strong room the daily contributions. He usually goes about armed as a protection against dangerous characters. One such person, armed with a tomahawk, was seen around the College before Easter time. Whether he was contemplating an attack on Chris's coach or not we don't know. Later we heard that Tommy Evans had lost his weapons.

Geoffrey Slockwitch is frequently so engrossed in reading his library book that he doesn't notice that classes are being held.

Peter Nihill and Norman Lindsay are two of the tall timbers in the class. Peter has been busy keeping young trees alive (plus other things).

Norman has a hobby in the Park at week-ends, whatever it is!

Brian Maw and Alan Higgins are a pair from the wild and woolly N.S.W. On the way back to school they usually stop off at Bendigo for a while to do the sights.

Some questions the boys have been asking—What are R. O'Connor's dreams about? Why does Barry hiss so? How does John Ryan always get his Latin right? Why is Gary Coutts so popular at playtime? How wide was that fish you caught, Frankie? How do Brian and Ellen still manage to sit together? What did Paul Kierce do with all his ducks? How does Robert Scott manage to have so many late nights?

Cheerio, now, from Second Year, until next term, when we will report our progress during the Winter term.

FIRST YEAR

Of the 1952 boys George Pell proves himself a bright scholar and a reliable boy to do any job. He can usually make some runs in a cricket match. Francis Doble had bad luck at the beginning of the year when he hurt his finger while playing cricket. He had the finger in plaster for a few weeks. Michael Mason acquired fame as a reader and gets some commendation for his ability in this respect. A demon bowler in Shed Cricket is Garry Gemmola. He scares batsmen with his fast bowling. You can always see David McArthur at the table-tennis. John O'Brien is a very reliable boy behind the stumps and when an appeal comes from him, you can say the batsman is out. D. Jenkins is a quiet boy and we know he will prove a good Librarian for our class. Brian Sheehan is always at the handball courts and he usually can jerk the ball out of anyone's hands. Bob Coutts proves to be a noisier boy than he looks. Michael Ryan is always cracking jokes to Fred Hickey. Don Gilbert is one of the few boys from Sebastopol. His mind is often on something under the desk. Frank Denahy is a hard hitter at cricket. He made 31 in one match. Tom Prendergast sits in the back seat and when you hear any laughing down that way Tom's in it. Noel Morris is a student of the piano. He comes from East Christian Brothers and is slowly getting into the way of things at S.P.C. Pat and Bill Walsh are cousins and come from the country in the bus. Eris Blood learns boxing, but otherwise is a very quiet lad. Gavan Maher and Bill Cartledge come from St. Columban's. They are always seen together. John McCarty has a reputation as a long jerker. Brian Hayes comes from Berringa. He used to sit with Michael Ryan and Fred Hickey, but the partnership was dissolved. Tom Guthrie and Frank Maher are bus boys from Clark's Hill. Gavan Burke is a Buninyong boy. John Calnin comes from C.B.S., Drummond St. He shows up well at his school work. Tom Cleary and his brother Basil come from Elaine. Basil was unfortunate to go to hospital early in the year. Frank Quinlan is another boy from C.B.S. and a pal of John Calnin. He is a keen worker and is good at Essay writing.

John Doolan (Colac) is a very keen student. John also plays cricket on the Junior Shed. Barry Humphrey (Cressy) occupies a seat near the door. No wonder he always manages to get a handball court. Michael Wilson (Moonambel) is a boy who did not start school at the beginning of the year, but Michael does well in his study. Edmund Shepherd (Tresco) attends to the cleaning of the blackboard and always manages to do a good job. John McMahon (Deniliquin) is a boy who is extra good at his football and is also good at his studies. Graham Perrott (Hastings) is a Junior Locker boy and has often won praise at Night Study. Barry Healy (Barongarook) is a very keen student, if only a small one. He is also a keen footballer.

Leon Lynch (St. Arnaud) is a very good table-tennis player and is also a very keen student. Barry McCandlish (Trewalla)

is a very quiet boy and does not play much sport. Barry is among the good Latin students in the room. John Cantwell (Meeniyen) is one of our big boys and is a keen student and cricketer. David Hurley (Kyabram) is a quiet boy out of school, but not so quiet inside. However, he does his lessons well. Mervyn Jubb (Hexham) occupies a seat in the back of the room. At French time you can nearly always find him up the front.

Don McRae (Ballangeich) is a very keen student and is a promising footballer. Martin Nolan (Meredith), one of the tallest boys in the class, is a very good student and keen cricketer and tennis player. James Doran (Watchupga) is a very good student and also shows fine promise as a footballer. Ewen Cameron (Nhill) is another quiet boy, but is a very good batsman on the Shed. Peter Fay (Werneth) is going great guns this year. He also plays jerks very well. Bernard Elliott (Kyabram) is a Junior Locker boy. He was elected a Class Librarian. Kevin and Bill Bell are ardent South supporters and anyone who goes against them is in for a rough time. Michael Smith (Black Rock) is not so keen a student, but always seems to get there. Ted McKenzie (Warrnambool) did not come back immediately after Easter as he was unfortunate enough to catch the 'flu. Arthur Buttler (Corindhap) occupies a seat with Joseph Wright (Clifton Hill), so you can imagine the talk. Francis McDonald (Skipton) is a keen reader and a very good student. Laurie Thorp (Richmond) and P. McCumisky (South Yarra) are great friends—you hardly ever see them apart. They are also very good students.

Stan Maher (Bullarook) is a good student, but perhaps sometimes a good talker. Gerard Cathcart (St. Arnaud) is a keen footballer, but he trained too hard, too soon. Ray Skeyhill (Weerite) is a very quiet boy who does well at his lessons. He is also an expert at jerks. John Brien (Euroa) is an extra good student, not so good at sport perhaps, but always ready to have a try. Jim Nihill (Elmore) is an extra good sport. He plays tennis very well. John Sullivan (Lock) is a keen table-tennis player. Denis Wright (Nauru) is a very keen student. He also stars in the Junior Shed Cricket. John Murphy (Balranald) is a quiet boy and one of the best students in the room. Barry Stothers (South Melbourne) is a good student, but does not play much sport. Trevor Scott is a fair-headed boy who has more than a fair idea of his lessons and sport. Bill Houlihan (Glenthompson) is good as a student and at sport. He is a Junior Locker boy. Warren McGenniss (Melbourne) is a very good boy, who learns his lessons well. He always has a ready smile. We give Warren our sympathy and our prayers in his recent sorrow. Ian Kean (Sassafrass) and Bill Schofield are very good friends. They are hill climbing experts at S.P.C.

Peter Annett (Buckly Swamp) is a very tall boy, not very good at sport, but extra good at his lessons. Alan McInerney (Sea Lake) is only a small boy, but is very good at both sport and lessons. John Delaney (Bacchus Marsh) is a fair student. He is always willing to do a job. Michael O'Dea is another small boy who holds his own at work and play.

FIFTH AND SIXTH

As we go to press, class reporters and private investigators—of which there are many—come to hand with the following facts and information: We have only forty-seven in the room this year; twenty-seven in sixth and twenty in fifth. This gives us more room to swing a cat, which, of course, suits some characters admirably. Speaking of cats, one would have been handy the other day when a mouse timidly crawled across the front of the room while with shrieks of utter anguish Brendan Hickey and Brian Nolan sprang on to their seats, clutching frantically at the legs of their trousers. Karl Modrovich gauged the relative sizes

of himself and the mouse, then, quite convinced that it could not swallow him entirely, went on with his work.

Before discussing these morbid occurrences which make school life so dull, let us introduce you to our new palefaces. Excuse me, the influence of Peter Kuketz and John Houlihan is leading me along the wrong trail. I should have said new class-mates. In Sixth Grade we have J. Finn back with us after calmly knocking off school Easter 1952. Then there is John Castricum, from Hastings; W. Schreenan, Sebastopol; Roger Smith, Armadale; Ron Roberts, Ballarat; Len Haintz, from Dean, and Jim McCulloch, known to many as "The Stander," from Ballarat.

Daniel Sullivan, Ballarat, is the only new warrior to join the Fifth Grade war party.

In Sixth Grade, Tom Murphy, Joseph Sang and Trevor Haintz are eagerly seeking for No. 1 position in class. Robert McArthur and Harry Jermolajevs are casually seeking it, while the majority of the others are just simply seeking anything. Tom Murphy just about despaired of obtaining first place when he accidentally "bashed" a cricket ball through a window pane of sir's room.

Our "gammy-leg gamester," John Byrne, could hardly walk, yet, when urged to play, managed to scrape together 104 runs not out. Noel Harnett is our best mat man; he wrestles his mat twice a day and frequently comes out as victor. "Polo day is when Maurice Bourke is absent from school," some unkind reporter said a few days ago.

John Coughlan and Geoffrey Bedford had been practising their Pepsodent smile for weeks and then were unfortunate to miss getting their photos taken. Murray Clark simply hangs on the words of wisdom uttered at solemn moments by our philosopher, Noel Bortolin.

Lindsay Bradley and Denis Faulkner are not keen on milk, so rather than waste time while the others are refuelling they engage in a little domestic science.

Brian Bongiorno came to school one morning with red nail polish decorating his fingers. "My sister put it on," he insisted. Selwyn Shore, Ron Burzacott and Michael Duck have unofficially announced that they intend to be policemen. They practise their "beat" on the way into school.

Among the lower tribe we have Ian Slockwith, Peter Dobson, David Tydeman and John Fitzpatrick scheming and plotting to be No. 1 man. Dennis White and Tony Taranto frequently discuss in great detail methods of attacking—their sums of course. T. Dickson and Gavin Brown get on well together. Tom is a good listener, while Gavin provides everything else to make a pleasant conversation.

Spencer "Scrooge" McGoss can practically get blood out of a stone, so, when the gold leader goes to work, his men think they have just been in a washing machine and wrung out.

Kevin Murphy and Ray Brady caused a stir in the cricketing sphere recently; Kevin by wearing a blue cricketing cap, which he claims he will need in a few years time; Ray by being responsible for the dismissal of six batsmen when backstopping in a game against the Under 12 Team. John Whybrow thought he was good with the bat, but he lost some toffees.

Max Mallett has a voice which unfortunately can't whisper to Brian Gallagher, who in turn has a voice which can't whisper back. Brendan Hackwill spends most of his time in falling to the temptations of Tony Brauer to gaze at some antique or other which the latter possesses.

Brendan Hickey and Michael Brown seem to forget that the Begonia Festival is over, that they have put aside their clown uniforms and that there is no need to keep up the acting.

A reporter has just scooped a good story, so he tells us, but it will have to stand over till next issue. Cheerio till then.

THE JUNIORS

With jubilant eye I viewed my numbers for '53—only 28.

The tiresome task of classification completed revealed 8 for Grade IV, 14 Grade III, 5 Grade II, 1 Grade I.

For a few days I lived in a fool's paradise, thinking my teams shy and hesitant.

However, Begonia Week Gala and its activities over, a concentrated effort to make up for lost time showed only too clearly that shyness was non-existent. The "cherubs," I thought, were none other than a gathering of boys who had a horror of hard work. Many lacked the necessary knowledge for sound foundations of the previous grade's work, and this made the task of the teacher and of the class difficult in the extreme. Teacher decided '53 as the hardest job yet and is preparing for atomic action.

Probably the parents of these boys know only too well who are the culprits and will smile when they read that a determined effort to remedy this state of affairs has begun and will continue with increasing force until each boy works to full extent of the brain facilities bestowed upon him.

In Grade IV Vernon Clerk may carry the honours. But Peter Rice is more alert this year and he may decide to snap out of boredom and give Vernon a run for it. Dannie or John may be dark ones. Gordon is trying harder, but foolery has still a firm grip, and precious minutes are wasted. Brendan is a slow starter and has not yet shown his form. Our two newcomers, John and Tony, are trying to catch up to the others who attained a higher standard in Grade III as they were S.P.C. boys of '52.

In upper Third S.P.C. Warren holds his own against all the newcomers. He, too, has reached a higher standard. However, with the more ambitious attack of Peter, Laurie and Ron, and with Bernie thinking about it, Warren will have to be more accurate to hold his position.

In lower Third are some jibbers and determined non-starters. Michael T. and Gavan C. contentedly dream of times to come. The others have wisely agreed to commence working before the brewing storm on teacher's face breaks with uncomfortable results. If Terry O'H. works a little harder he may lead here. Peter H. could pace with him if he tried harder. Peter W. is spending his time with the "chicken" farmers.

Poor Peter N., where are you? Can't you, with that old-man-reasoning of yours, find a way to banish and vanquish for all time those dreadful wogs that are keeping your cheery face from being amongst us? However, Peter, when you do return well and strong I'll try to help you make up for lost time. Don't worry. Just get well.

In Grade II Damien was the last to decide to work and has now decided to give Barry a run for first place. Barry is trying to follow his brother Denis. Douglas is improving and reasons out conclusions. Frankie and Darryl still want to drown Maths.

Grade I: Anthony is opposed to any kind of work in Maths. or writing, but is beginning to read.

Many of the Juniors have suddenly become attached to chickens and are keeping them in the Infirmary.

SPORTS: Our cricket teams consist of Boarders (Captain Gordon) against Day-scholars (Captain Vernon). The teams are evenly matched and scores are kept low by good fielding.

MISSIONS: With low numbers this year we will have a marathon task to raise £45 for a St. Peter Apostle priest. For this term there is about £5 of it. Of this amount Peter Rice leads the way with over £1.

The term exams will be held in a fortnight's time.

GENERAL: We had a fleeting inspection by Br. Marlow and we managed to supply him with correct answers. He was pleased and he promised to visit us again.

Items of Interest

THE VISIT OF CARDINAL AGAGIANIAN

Most of the boys of St. Pat's had been following with interest the events leading up to the Eucharistic Congress, and indeed the actual Congress itself, and quite a number could name most of the high Church dignitaries who attended it. Therefore we were delighted when we learned that His Eminence, Cardinal Agagianian, Patriarch of Cilicia of the Armenians, was visiting Ballarat on the invitation of our Bishop.

A welcome was prepared for His Eminence the Cardinal in the grounds of St. Patrick's College. His Eminence was greeted at the front gate and walked through a guard of honour, formed by the College boys, to the College Oval where a large gathering consisting of all the children of the Catholic schools of Ballarat and environs and members of the clergy and laity had assembled to greet him. After a warm welcome and an interesting introduction by His Lordship, Bishop O'Collins, His Eminence rose and addressed the gathering in unflinching English. He expressed feelings of joy at the spectacles he had seen in Sydney and at that which was before him and he assured us that his visit to Ballarat would be remembered by him for many years to come. As a former professor of our Bishop at Propaganda Fidei College, Rome, he was delighted to see the capital of his diocese and to meet some of its people.

Before leaving, His Eminence expressed the wish that his visit to Ballarat be recorded by a holiday for the school children and this request was readily granted. We were deeply impressed by the Cardinal, his speech, his appearance, his actions, and we could see a great love of God shining in him. Therefore we were not surprised when it was speculated that he would possibly succeed the present Holy Father as Vicar of Christ on Earth.

The Ballarat Courier had the following account:

2000 STUDENTS GREET ARMENIAN CARDINAL

Two thousand students of Ballarat Roman Catholic colleges and schools assembled on the oval at St. Patrick's College yesterday to welcome Cardinal Agagianian, patriarch of the Armenians, who paid a private visit to Bishop O'Collins.

Ballarat and district clergy and members of religious orders and laity joined in the welcome.

Students of St. Patrick's College formed a guard of honour from the entrance gates to the dais on the oval, and as His Eminence approached the dais the Sacred Heart College choir sang "Ecce Sacerdos," to the accompaniment of violins and organ.

The bearded Cardinal wore a black soutane, piped and buttoned in scarlet, and a scarlet skull cap. He carried a black scarlet-tasselled hat.

Accompanying him were Bishop O'Collins, Rev. Fr. Peter Tuohy, of Beirut, the Cardinal's secretary, and Rev. Fr. Adrian Martin, of Camberwell.

Before going to the College Cardinal Agagianian met the Mayor, Cr. A. W. Nicholson, and the Town Clerk, Mr. H. R. Maddern, at St. Patrick's presbytery.

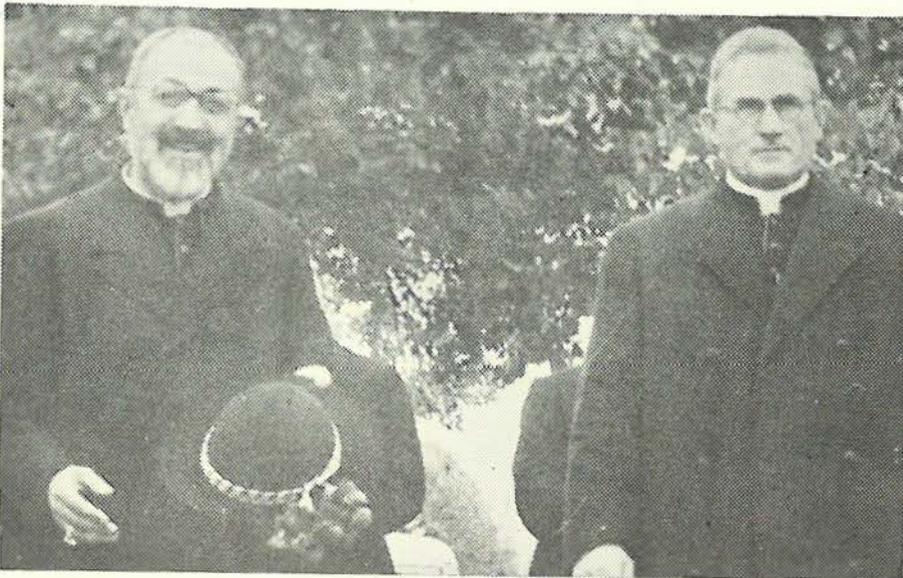
His Eminence, in conversation with the Mayor, congratulated him on the great beauty of the city, and spoke highly of the Australian soldiers who served in Lebanon during the last war. The Cardinal conveyed to Cr. Nicholson his blessing on the citizens and the city.

The Cardinal, who came to Australia for the Eucharistic Congress in Sydney, left Adelaide at 6.30 a.m. yesterday, returning to Melbourne in the afternoon.

Dr. O'Collins said the diocese was greatly honored by the Cardinal's visit, and for him, personally, it was a great joy.

The Bishop added that when he went to Rome as a student of Propaganda College, His Eminence was one of the first persons he met, and he was so pleased because he spoke in English. The Cardinal was his professor in his final year. He was loved by all, but the Australians had a special affection for him and that was why he came to Australia.

"Cardinal Agagianian was either a student with or a professor of 20 Bishops now members of the Australian hierarchy, including Cardinal Gilroy," the Bishop said.



IN A HAPPY MOOD

Bishop O'Collins said His Eminence was born in Georgia, Russia (Stalin's birthplace), 58 years ago. He went to Rome in 1906, left Rome to work in his native land in 1919, and after three years was recalled to Rome by the Holy See to be a professor in his alma mater, Propaganda College. In 1935 he was made a Bishop and two years later was Patriarch of the Armenians. In 1946 he was made a Cardinal. Thus he was 30 years in Rome as a student or professor.

Consequently, Dr. O'Collins said, he was in the unique position of understanding the mentality and culture of both the east and the west.

"I am quite sure that Almighty God will use Cardinal Agagianian to bring about a unity between east and west; to bring back to the one true fold those easterners who are Roman Catholics, but at present do not recognise the Pope as head of the Church; to bring freedom to those who now know it not, including his own beloved Armenians among whom is his mother, and to bring a lasting peace to the world," the bishop said.

Concluding, the Bishop said: "Cardinal Agagianian is a simple,

humble, Christlike man, gifted with a great intelligence, shrewd discernment, sound judgment, a charming personality, and a consuming love for his God and his fellow man."

World-wide

Addressing the children, the Cardinal said: "You are happy in your beautiful city and your wonderful country, and are preparing for a great future for the Church and for Australia. But remember that Catholics are scattered all over the world and some of your faith are suffering persecution in other lands, in dungeons and prisons and labor camps, because of their faith which is your greatest heritage."

Expressing appreciation of the great gathering, the Cardinal reminded the students that they were growing up in the most saintly tradition of Catholic families, in the love of God and Mother Church and their beautiful country, Australia.

They should be grateful for these great gifts, for their teachers, the nuns and brothers, whose aim was to make them happier and more conscious of the greatness of the church and their country.

"May you be prosperous, virtuous and happy, remembering that the greatest condition for true joy is to live in the grace of God. Keep the Commandments, be loyal always to the most noble ideals in public and private life.

"In this way I am sure you will help to build a still greater and more prosperous Australia and be an honor to your diocese, your zealous Bishop and your beloved country," His Eminence added.

The Cardinal spoke of the years he had known Bishop O'Collins in Rome, and of his fine work in his diocese.

At the conclusion of the function Cardinal Agagianian gave his blessing to the gathering.

THE NEW CHAPEL

Before the publication of this issue of the Chronicle our Altars will have arrived from Italy and Melbourne artisans will be setting and erecting our Altars and Holy Communion Table. Very little now remains to complete the Chapel. All anxiously await the Altars, which of course are the most important articles of furniture to be installed.

The Chapel is intensely interesting. Its architecture is rare and its workmanship unsurpassed. It surely is a credit to the architect, Mr. Cyril Kelly—a Christian Brothers' ex-student from Geelong—and to the builder, Mr. Weir. A feature of the Chapel is the absence of pillars. Nothing obstructs the view of the Sanctuary. Even the smallest boy will see the every action of the celebrant. Chaste and composed in its choice of colours, there is a dignity and religious atmosphere about the Chapel which are instantly apparent. Nothing offends, all is in perfect harmony. Indeed, the colour scheme itself is a masterpiece.

Daily, scores of visitors seek admission to the Chapel, and all leave with a feeling of entire satisfaction. Overseas visitors are not infrequent and one of the most recent was His Eminence Cardinal Agagianian. His Eminence expressed his delight at the beauty of God's House.

We trust that all Old Boys will plan to be with us at the Opening on Sunday, October 4th.

GLAD TIDINGS

S.P.C. Brothers and boys rejoiced at the good news that Fr. Phil Crosbie was safe. Since 1950 we had prayed that God would guard this good Priest whom we knew to be in Korea. The last copy of the Far East announced that there was no word of Fr. Phil and that in all

probability he was killed. Great was our joy to read in the daily press that he was safe. The Melbourne Sun wrote:

"WE LEFT AN AUSSIE HERO IN KOREA"

London, Fri.—The seven civilians who have arrived back in Britain from Korea have left an Australian "hero" behind them.

He is Father "Bing" Crosbie, a 35-year-old Roman Catholic priest. "Father Crosbie is a great man," Salvation Army Commissioner Lord, one of those released, said today. "He should be with us now."

Bishop Cecil Cooper, who was with Commissioner Lord, praised Father Crosbie highly for his heroic behavior during a death march of prisoners.

Commissioner Lord said that all the British prisoners had pushed hard for Father Crosbie to be released.

"I asked our guard what he could do for Bing," he said. "He told me that nothing was possible."

The Ballarat Courier had the following:

"SAFE" PRIEST FROM ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE

Rev. Fr. Philip Joseph Crosbie, whom the Department of External Affairs stated on Wednesday "was safe" after being interned in North Korea in July, 1950, is an ex-student of St. Patrick's College, Ballarat.

The College Principal, Bro. J. D. Healy, said yesterday that Fr. Crosbie attended the College from 1937 to 1939.

He gained his leaving and matriculation certificates at the College, where he also distinguished himself at cricket and football.

In 1939 he left for St. Columban's Society Training College at Essendon, and was ordained a priest in 1947. Ordained with him was another college classmate, Rev. Fr. Kevin Mangan, and soon after their ordination they returned and officiated at Mass at the College.

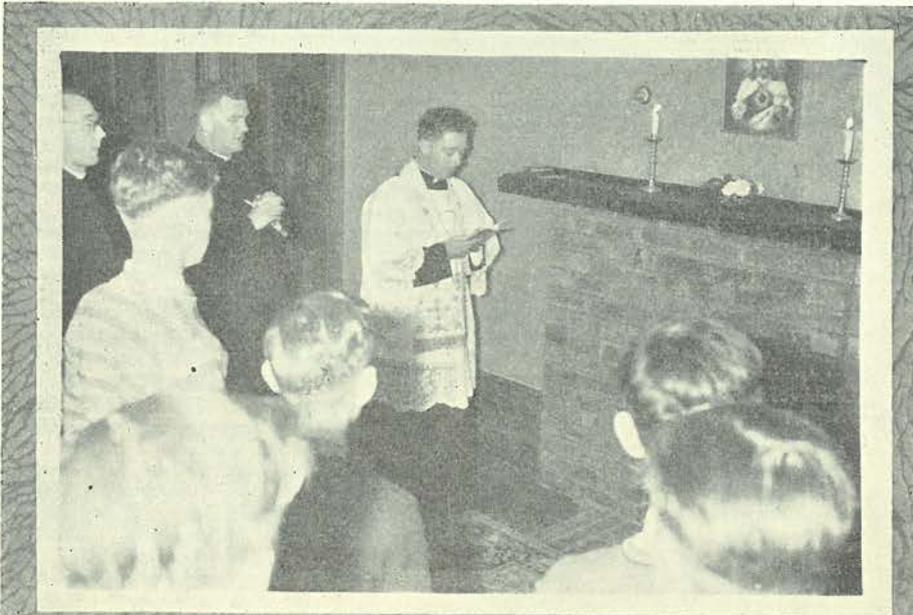
Fr. Crosbie later went to China as a St. Columban missionary.

He was interned in 1950. It was reported on Wednesday that the Australian Embassy at Moscow had stated that Fr. Crosbie "was in good health and spirits when seen about a month ago."

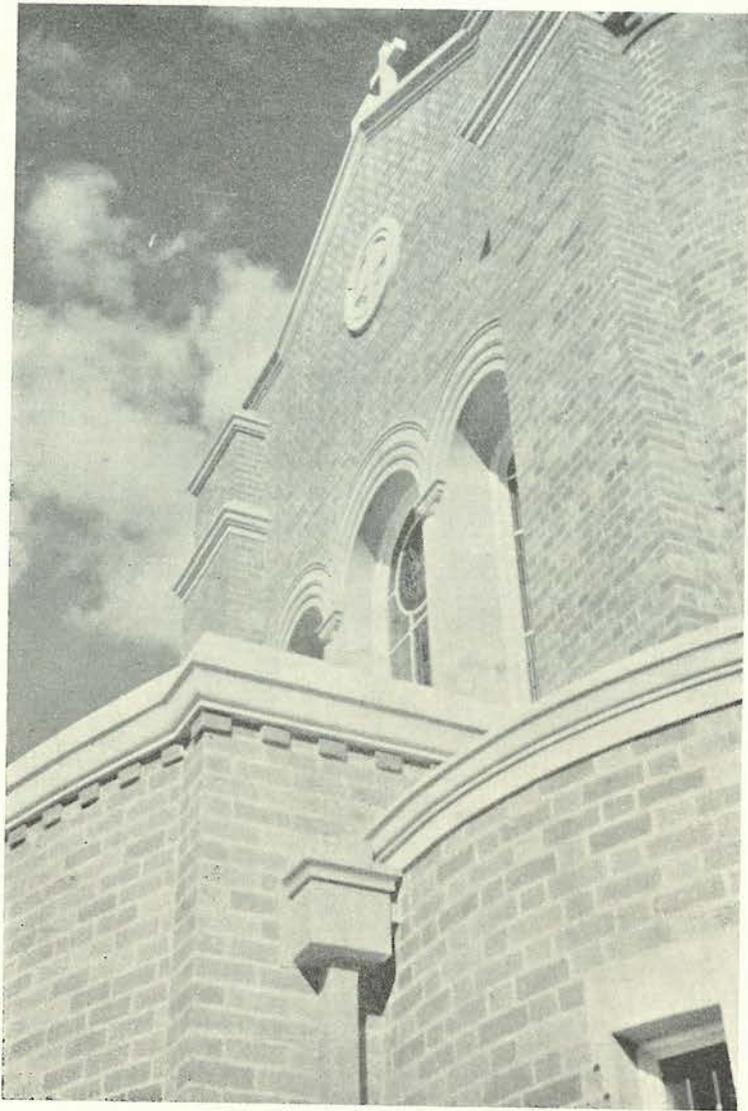
McCANN HOUSE

Featured elsewhere in this publication is McCann House, the most recent addition to the property of the College. This spacious residence, situated on the corner of Sturt and Wanliss Sts., was purchased at auction in 1952; the original owner, Mr. Troupe, our next-door neighbour since 1906, passed away in 1951 and Mrs. Troupe found the old home too large and spacious for her. Fifty feet of land at the rear of the old home was reserved, and there Mrs. Troupe has built a smaller attractive home for herself.

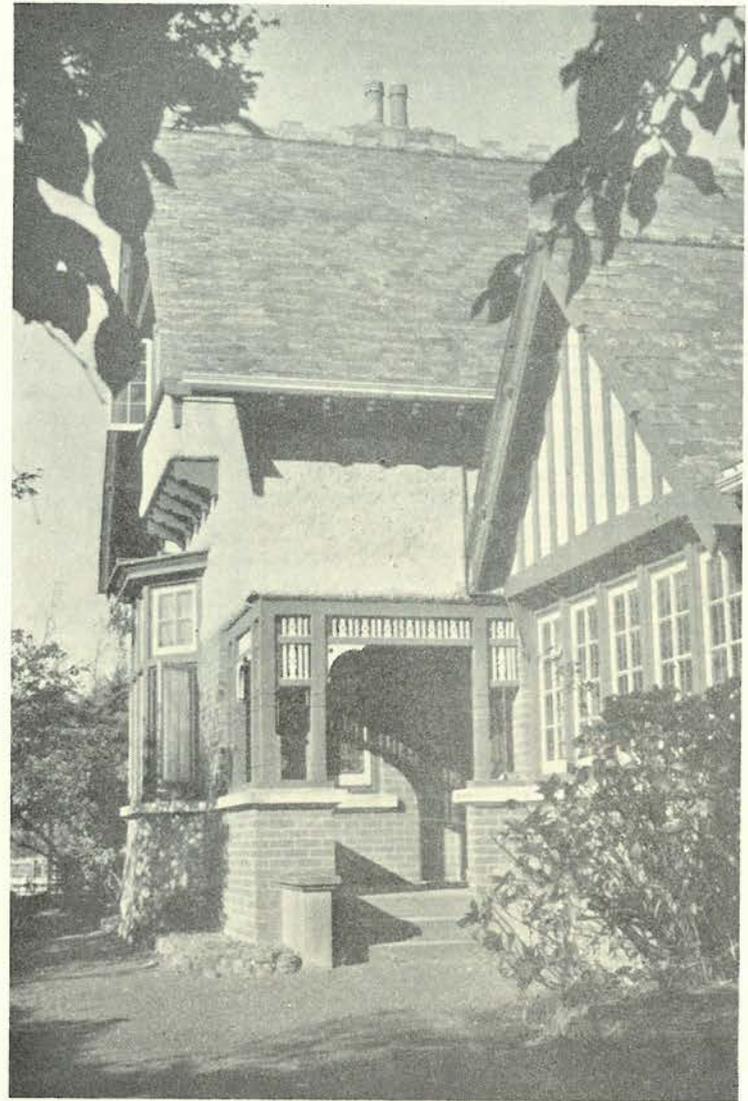
The new property was purchased as a home for a community of nuns who, it was hoped, would be available this year; the sisters would care for the large number of boarders and, in general, manage the domestic affairs of the college. However, when the number of boarders was increased this year new accommodation had to be found for them, and so it was decided to make temporary use of Troupe's. With a minimum of alteration the house was made ready to house twenty boarders, and members of the Leaving Certificate were chosen to reside there. The name of McCann House was chosen to honour the name of one of the great Principals of the College. Brother McCann, who passed to his eternal reward only a few months ago, was Principal at St. Patrick's in



DR. McCUNNIE BLESSING McCANN HOUSE



NORTHERN VIEW OF CHAPEL



McCANN HOUSE

the difficult years prior to 1930. Many of the successes in scholastic and sporting spheres—and indeed many of the priestly and religious vocations—which the College has enjoyed since those years have been due to the magnificent work which Brother McCann performed during his years of office. Appointed to a high administrative post in the Christian Brothers' Order in 1931 he never lost his keen interest in the doings of the College, or the ex-students. McCann House was blessed and consecrated to the Sacred Heart in the presence of boys and Brothers by Rev. Dr. McCunnie on Friday, April 10th. Scenes from the ceremony are featured in this issue of the Chronicle.

This new development presents a new aspect of boarding school life. The "Unit System" of boarding schools has long been advocated; certainly after a short trial it can be said that it is very popular with the boys; they appreciate the atmosphere of privacy and homeliness, and exhibit a keen interest in any alteration inside or outside the home. This has proved an interesting experiment and the residents, in spite of the insecurity of their tenure, would all vote that it has proved a real success.

J. J. SHEEHAN, M.L.A.

Mr. Jack Sheehan's victory at the recent State Elections was very praiseworthy. Ballarat had not returned a Labor candidate since 1932. Jack's election then ended, in Ballarat, a twenty years' "out" for Labor.

Before his election Mr. Sheehan was a teacher at the Ballarat High School. Here he was Senior History Master and O.C. of the Cadets, which he re-formed in 1950. He also had charge of the Senior Literary and Debating Society and his charges were keen public speakers. He himself is a splendid debater and he represented the Victorian University at the Interstate contest.

He served with the A.I.F. in New Guinea and Bougainville in World War II and he attained the rank of Lieutenant. He has always remained a loyal Old Boy of the College and we rejoice at his success. With his scholarship and his keen knowledge of politics, he promises to be a great success and we at S.P.C. are convinced that he will rise very high in his Party.



MEMORABLE DAYS—FIRST TERM, 1953

FEBRUARY:

- Tuesday, 10th—Boarders return to school after enjoyable Christmas vacation.
- Wednesday, 11th—First day of school. All glad to see many new faces, as well as old friends.
- Friday, 13th—We have a film showing us the fine points of cricket.
- Sunday, 15th—First victory for our XI over Ballarat Y.C.W.
- Wednesday, 18th—House teams for cricket competitions selected.
- Sunday, 22nd—Our XI go down before a strong team from Sth. Caulfield C.Y.M.S.
- Saturday, 28th—High School gains a narrow victory over St. Pat's. first B.P.S. match.

MARCH:

- Sunday, 1st—An Essendon XI prove too strong for us.
- Saturday, 7th—Ballarat College defeat St. Pat's.
- Sunday, 8th—All enjoy Old Boys' visit and friendly cricket match.
- Tuesday, 10th—We go to the Begonia Festival Concert given by the massed choirs of Ballarat at the City Oval. Our choir was 150 strong.
- Wednesday, 11th—Ballarat breaks her long spell of warm weather with a cold and chilly day.
- Thursday, 14th—St. Pat's join in Ballarat's Begonia Festival by taking part in a Physical Training Display at the City Oval.
- Friday, 13th—Grammar School's superior team are too strong for our XI.
- Saturday, 14th—Some boys go to St. Patrick's Day Races.
- Sunday, 15th—Our XI journeys to Geelong and easily defeats St. Joseph's.
- Tuesday, 17th—St. Patrick's Day. We sing Mass in the Chapel, and attend a High Mass at the Cathedral in honour of our patron Saint.
- Friday, 20th—St. Pat's gain a decisive lead over High School's XI.
- Saturday, 21st—Our hopes of a victory are dashed when Ballarat turns on first rain of term and "washes" cricket match out.
- Sunday, 22nd—St. Pat's XI win narrowly from a Kerang XI.
- Saturday, 28th—Ballarat College win a hard fought match against our XI.
- Sunday, 29th—St. Kevin's cricket XI offer little resistance to our young XI.

APRIL:

- Tuesday, 1st—We break school for the anxiously awaited Easter holidays.
- Wednesday, 8th—All tired after our week's break. St. Pat's defeat Ballarat College in a practice cricket match.
- Saturday, 11th—Grammar School gain a fortunate win over our XI.
- Wednesday, 15th—The senior school attends the Coronation Opera at Her Majesty's Theatre.
- Thursday, 16th—Ballarat prepares for winter with a heavy fall of rain and a chilly day.
- Sunday, 19th—Football season commences at St. Pat's with preliminary training and kicking.

NEWMAN NOTES

S.P.C. has a large number at Newman, represented in the faculties of Medicine, Law, Engineering, Dentistry and Science.

Kevin Tobin graduated in Law last year and is articled to his father in Ouyen. Joe Vaughan will soon be sitting for final year Dentistry and Joe Delaney did well to get honours in second year Engineering last year.

Richard and Leo Lenaghan, the twins from Tourello, now in fourth year Med., continue to turn out large quantities of work while retaining an active interest in College affairs. They are following in the footsteps of Dr. Dan and John.

Basil Sheahan and Ray Lilburne look very fit after their three months in Puckapunyal. Ray confirmed his brilliance with the maximum of honours in first year Engineering—one Exhibition, two First Class honours and a Second Class honour. Vin Strangio also continues his brilliant run of examination successes.

Freshmen this year were Geoff. Torney, John Bowman, Noel Woodford (Law), Cavan Bolger (Dentistry), Gavan Breen, Bill Foley (Engineering) and Gilbert Medwell (Science). These have settled in and show promise of enhancing all features of College life.

Cavan Bolger, Gerard Joyce and John Bowman are rowing in College crews. S.P.C. wishes success to all ex-pupils at Newman.

CADETS

Cadet training began this year on a very sound footing since our strength of Commissioned Officers has increased considerably. Three of last year's Cadet Lieutenants have returned and, as well as these, five of our Non-Commissioned Officers completed successfully a day's camp at Bandiana and are now promoted to the newly-instituted rank of Under-Officer. They are, in order of appointment, U/O's B. Davey, A. Kean, J. Groutsch, K. Lietch and B. Breen. Other appointments made after the annual training camps are, promoted to Sergeants, V. Colbert, B. Carey and F. McCarthy; Corporals D. Brown, B. Tellefson, B. Ryan, P. Kean, R. MacArthur and R. Start.

Number One Platoon has become a specialist platoon this year under the leadership of Sgt. V. Colbert, who successfully completed a course of training in the Vickers Machine Gun at the Christmas Camp. Already training is well under way and we hope to have this platoon trained to a high standard of efficiency before the end of the year.

A Cadet Badge has been designed for our Cadet unit and the design has been approved by the O.C. of Cadets. This design has been submitted to the makers and we hope that it will not be long before the finished product is ready. Before this year our Cadets have had no distinctive emblem to indicate the school they come from. There is no doubt that a distinctive badge will improve this position greatly.

A Cadet camp will be held during the May holidays at Mildura. There is no doubt that this site is popular as 130 of our Cadets have volunteered for the camp. Conditions are reputed to be excellent, even better than those at Bandiana, where we held our last annual camp. All things point to a successful camp and all are sure to benefit from and to enjoy their stay.

—CDT./LT. T. LAFFEY.

The Forum

SENIOR LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

There is a lot to be said for the mediaeval university custom which sent students travelling from city to city, flinging out a challenge to all comers to meet them in debate on any subject within the range of knowledge. He had to be master of his subject who was prepared to stand before a critical audience of professors and students, and have an answer ready for every objection that could be brought up against his thesis. It is not surprising that they became skilled logicians, cool and ready in argument, with a fund of oratorical and dialectical tricks ever at command.

That interchange of thought and opinion, that training in dialectic and rhetoric finds room, to-day, only in the Literary and Debating Societies which almost invariably arise in connection with institutions of learning. In Eton the rather exclusive "Pop" has provided a training ground for not a few Etonians who became famous in politics, law, and literature. In Australia, it has been frequently remarked that many men who rose to pre-eminence in Parliament, or at the Bar, received their first lessons in platform oratory in a school or club Literary and Debating Society. The late Hon. James Scullin is a classic example.

In St. Pat's there is no lack of interest and enthusiasm in Literary Society matters. There are two main Societies in the College, viz.: the Senior Literary and Debating Society for Matriculation students only and the Leaving L. and D. Society. Each week these Societies meet and under the chairmanship of one of their own members they carry out the programme drawn up by the committee.

Towards the end of the Second Term preliminaries for the Purton Oratory Contest are held and early in the Third Term the winner is selected. The results achieved in Public Speaking fully justify the one hour per week (Sunday night from 7-8) given to this work.

Although begun later this year than usual, the Senior Literary and Debating Society has already shown that its standard will be as high as in other years. To date several speech nights have been held at which prepared speeches were presented. The high standard of these augurs well for the future activities of the Society, particularly for the Purton Oratory Contest.

Br. Healy has again given great encouragement to the Society by acting as President. The high standard obtained is due to his efforts to make us realise the importance of public speaking. We are all grateful to him for his assistance and encouragement.

The Committee elected during the year consists of Denis Bourke (Secretary), Adrian Joyce and John Deany.

—D. M. BOURKE, Hon. Sec.

Obituary

REV. FR. WILLIAM BYRNE, C.S.S.R., R.I.P.

Rev. Fr. William Byrne, C.S.S.R., died at the Redemptorist Monastery, Pennant Hills, New South Wales. Father Byrne was a central figure at our Golden Jubilee celebrations and it was a great joy to him to meet so many College mates at the celebrations.

He left St. Pat's at the end of 1902 and he was ordained in Ireland in 1909. He was a splendid missionary and with a small band of Fathers he opened up the work in the Philippine Islands. After 18 years in the Philippines he was appointed Provincial of his Order in Australia. The expansion and the number of new foundations during Fr. Byrne's office as Provincial are a monument to his faith and foresight and to his courage and confidence.

To the end he retained an enthusiastic love for his Alma Mater. He cherished the memory of bygone days and he frequently expressed his gratitude to the Brothers who helped him in his studies. We know we have another intercessor at the Great White Throne. May he rest in Peace.

REV. BR. JOHN CORNELIUS McCANN, R.I.P.

The many ex-students of the College who attended St. Pat's in Br. McCann's time will be grieved to learn of his sudden death.

For the past five years he has been Provincial Bursar of the Australian Province and he has lived at Strathfield. He came to Ballarat in 1925 from the Christian Brothers' College, Kimberley, South Africa. Later, after the death of Br. Galvin and the transfer of Br. Reidy, Br. McCann became Head Master of St. Pat's. He was an immediate success and the College prospered under his direction.

He was appointed Provincial Consultor in 1930 and he remained in this high position until 1947. His duties now took him into all the schools of the Brothers in Australia and he did good work everywhere. He was always a hard worker and, as an examiner, he rewarded effort. His potent honesty and uprightness won for him many friends. His loss is a severe one and with his many friends throughout Australia and South Africa we pray that God may give Eternal Rest to his soul. R.I.P.

MR. OSSIE SHAW, R.I.P.

Old Boys of St. Pat's during the years 1908 to 1914 must remember Ossie Shaw. We regret to have to report his death, which took place on Sunday, April 19th.

Ossie had been in ill health for some time, but nobody suspected that death was so near at hand. His son Jim had gone to Sydney just a few days before and the news of the sudden death of his dad stunned him. His end was just as he would have wished it to be. He died fortified by the last Rites of the Church just a little time before the Priest was due again with Holy Communion.

After winning his Junior Public at College, Ossie left and in a very short time he had enlisted in World War I. He had had a very colorful career at College and the photos on the walls of the College bear ample testimony to his versatility. He was a member of Mr. J. Morrissey's

champion teams of '12 and '13 and was Vice-Captain of the renowned 1913 XVIII. He was also Captain of the First XI. Junior Champion Athlete in 1912, he became Senior Champion in 1913. In 1911 in the Melbourne Intercollegiate Sports he won the Junior Championship with firsts in the 100, 220, broad jump and high jump. That year St. Pat's won the Junior, the Senior and the Aggregate Cups. He was Handball Champion of the College for several years and while still at school he was Amateur Handball Champion of Ballarat.

He was with the 46th Btn. in France and was away for 3 years. After the war he went to the Sales Tax Department and he remained there till his retirement in 1952. During the years 1939-1945 he was transferred to the Air Force, where he was Personal Secretary to the Air Minister for Personnel—Air Vice Marshal Lucas.

The large gathering at the graveside bore ample testimony to the respect in which he was held. We offer Mrs. Shaw and Jim our sincere sympathy. R.I.P.

MRS. ANNIE MCGENNISS, R.I.P.

Deep sorrow came over the College at the sad news of the sudden death of Mrs. McGenniss, the mother of Barry, Irwin and Warren. Most of the older boys knew Mrs. McGenniss and very many who had left College in the last seven or eight years enjoyed her hospitality at the Wool Exchange Hotel, Melbourne. This hotel was a home away from home for St. Pat's boys in Melbourne. Boys who had to go to Melbourne for any reason, Newman exams, University interviews were made very welcome at the Wool Exchange by Mr. McGenniss and his dear wife.

When it was announced at the College that Mrs. McGenniss had died our first thoughts were prayers for our kind benefactress. Prayers were said and Masses offered for the repose of her soul. We had come to love Mrs. McGenniss because we realised that she was a staunch supporter of the College and a friend to the Brothers and boys.

The late Mrs. McGenniss' husband, himself an ex-pupil of the Christian Brothers, though broken-hearted by the tragic suddenness of his wife's death, showed truly Christian and Catholic Faith. He resigned himself to the inevitable, the holy will of God. The memory of the good, devout and exemplary life of Mrs. McGenniss was his great consolation. He was calm in the thought that a kind and merciful God would repay her.

Priests, Nuns and Brothers attended the Requiem Mass in St. Augustines' Church and the presence of the entire staff of the Wool Exchange Hotel and of many of the guests bore ample testimony to the genial nature of their former friend and employer. She had always been gentle and kind to her staff and they mourned her loss as that of a loving friend.

We at the College were sad too, because we knew the good lady so well and because on numerous occasions we were the recipients of gratuities from her. To Mr. McGenniss, too, we owe much gratitude. He has contributed already to our new Chapel and now he proposes a memorial in memory of his dear wife and our much respected and lamented friend. To Mr. McGenniss and Barry, Irwin, Warren, Gay and baby John Dominic we offer our sincere sympathy. R.I.P.

LEO JOSEPH KELTY, R.I.P.

Leo Kelty, third son of Mrs. and the late Mr. B. Kelty, was born at Beechworth in the North-East of Victoria and educated at the Presentation Convent, Chiltern. He spent many years at Swan Marsh, near Colac, until he sailed for England in May, 1940, with the Second A.I.F. as a member of the Royal Australian Engineers. After seeing

service in England, Scotland and New Guinea, he received his discharge from the service in 1946 and spent the last few years working at Kinglake and Mount Buller, near Mansfield. It was here that he was fatally injured by a falling tree on March 5th, 1953—aged 44 years.

Requiem Mass for the repose of Leo's soul was offered by Rev. Father McDonnell, P.P., at St. Joseph's Church, West Brunswick. A large congregation of Christian Brothers and friends attended the Mass and followed the hearse to the Melbourne General Cemetery.

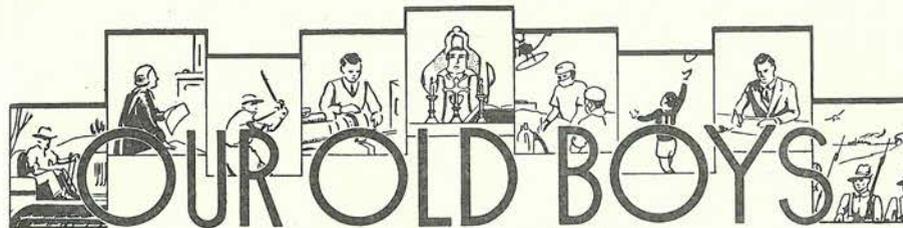
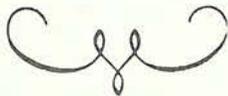
To Leo's mother and her family, particularly to Brother Kelty, we offer our sincere sympathy; may God in His Goodness grant rest to his soul.

MR. HARRY IGNATIUS McGUIGAN, R.I.P.

Mr. Harry Ignatius McGuigan was buried from St. Patrick's Church, South Grafton, New South Wales. Harry had a most colorful career. Born in 1895 not far from Ballarat, Harry was Dux of St. Pat's in his final year at College, 1909. After leaving College he entered the Melbourne University to study Civil Engineering. His course of studies was interrupted and he enlisted in World War I in the 3rd Field Artillery Brigade. However, on his return from France he continued his studies and in 1924 he gained the degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering. He married a fellow student and a graduate.

Among his numerous qualifications in addition to his University degree were the following: Municipal Surveyor 1925 (Vic.), Institute of Engineers 1926 (Vic.), Engineer of Water Supply 1928 (Vic.), Engineer's Certificate for Shires and Municipalities 1940 (N.S.W.), Certificate for Approved Valuer 1948, Town Planning Certificate 1950. After serving in various capacities of his profession in Victoria, he transferred to New South Wales and was appointed Construction Engineer of Glen Davis.

Always he retained his love for literature and in Grafton he founded the Old Volumes Club. For six years he conducted the Diggers' Session over 2GF. He certainly lived a full life and we are sure that his boundless charity will win him a blessed crown. To his wife and family we offer our sympathy. R.I.P.



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PERSONAL PARS

Present at the "Red Mass" at St. Patrick's Cathedral in February for the opening of the Legal Year were the following Old Collegians: **Dermot Corson**, who served the Mass; **Robt. Monahan, Q.C.**; **Tom Doyle**, a past President of the O.C.A.; **Paul Carey** and **Leo Little**.

Ned Hogan is in the hotel business at Koroit. His guest for the Warrnambool Racing Meeting was **Jim ("Buddy") Rogers**. Both seen together at the Stawell Gift.

Max Gill, Captain of St. Pat's in 1938, now in the Navy Department, Albert Park. A very keen golfer. Married man with young daughter.

Fred Labb often seen about town. Keen on racing—dogs or horses. Fred was a noted handballer while at St. Pat's.

Jack ("Utility") Hayes conducts a delicatessen business in Victoria Rd., Northcote, a few doors from Pat O'Neill, our Melbourne secretary. Jack is married with a son and daughter.

Tom Mooney is in the Sarah Sands Hotel, Brunswick. To be married in Sydney in May to Miss D. Condon.

Len. Culhane is now the singing master at Sacred Heart College, Geelong. A former member of St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Melbourne.

Jack Mansour is in the shirt manufacturing business in Carlton. A member of the Campion Society.

Frank Gregory is with the Taxation Department, Lonsdale St. A son of Bert Gregory, who was a champion footballer at St. Pat's.

Basil Hussey is a Dental Surgeon in practice at Windsor. Married to Terry Dwyer's sister, Pat. Busy family man with three children.

Les. Malcolm holds a responsible position with Monsanto Chemical Coy. The best and fairest footballer of S.P.C. 1933 team.

Jim Noonan is a chemist in the army. Jim was in Japan for some time. Still very keen on the horses.

Jack Mooney is with brother Tom in the Sarah Sands Hotel, Brunswick. A member of the Melbourne Branch Committee of the Old Collegians' Association. Main hobbies are fishing, shooting and "the dogs."

Dermot Sullivan is a busy Solicitor at Geelong.

Jack Sheehan is now the Ballarat representative of the State Parliament. Congratulations on your success, Jack. We are all certain that his oratory will make a great impression in the political world.

Fred Webster is General Secretary of the Old Collegians' Association. You will find him at the State Savings Bank, Ballarat.

Murray Byrne has now completed his law course. Now articles to his father, Mr. T. Byrne, Ballarat.

Holidaying at Lorne recently were **John Grogan** and **John Buckley**. John Grogan is doing Pharmacy and John Buckley has just been transferred to the Lands Department, Bendigo.

Frank Lucas was also seen on holidays at Lorne. Frank conducts a busy accountancy business in the City.

Jack Hill now with the Test Team in England. Congratulations on being our first Old Boy to accompany the Test Team abroad, Jack. While at St. Pat's Jack was Captain of the Cricket Eleven, and from that position has progressed through the cricket world with great success. Good luck and good hunting!

Pat Harrison is attached to the Police Department. Now stationed at Yea.

Dr. Jim Peters, the champion footballer of our 1930 team, now a busy surgeon in Collins St. Jim has had a brilliant academic and sporting career since leaving St. Pat's.

Allan Casey is in the Navy Department. Has only a few subjects to complete his law course. Despite his hard study he is still as cheerful as ever.

Kevin Brammer is a Chemist working in the same pharmacy at Brunswick as Mick Lane, formerly of Warrnambool.

Dr. Frank ("Mutt") Hetherington is a busy medico in practice at Malvern and Collins St.

Holidaying at Anglesea recently was **Brian Deagan**. Old Collegians of 1932 will remember Brian as Mr. Deagan, a lay-teacher at S.P.C. Brian is now in the Motor Registration Branch.

Dr. Bill O'Loughlin, a former President of the Old Collegians' Association, is in practice at Essendon. Dr. Bill is Honorary Physician to the nursing staff of the Sacred Heart Hospital, Moreland.

Laurie Larmer is with Horlicks Pty. Ltd. Married with two children. Vice-President of the Melbourne Branch of the Old Collegians' Association.

Basil Tierney, a Solicitor with T. W. Brennan, Queen St., City. Married recently and living in East Kew.

Dave and Jim Flynn are carrying on the family name in the hotel business at Streattham.

John Woods is ready to welcome Old Boys at his hotel at Skipton.

Bernie Carrigg is in the Education Department. A fine musician. Rendered items at the recent C.C.O.C.A. Smoke Night.

John James, Captain of our record-breaking Football Team of 1952, is in the Education Department. One of the best players on the ground for Carlton in his first League game. A great football career is predicted for John.

St. Pat's is well represented in the League Clubs for 1953—

Carlton—John James and Brian Molony.

Fitzroy—Joe Hickey and Vin. Williams.

North Melbourne—Les. Mogg.

Richmond—Kevin Hogan.

Melbourne—Gerald Gleeson.

St. Kilda—Brian Gleeson.

Lawson Muir is with the Catholic Vocational Guidance Bureau. A staunch supporter of all Old Collegians' activities.

Ted Heffernan is in the Education Department. Busy studying for higher degrees.

Deepest sympathy is extended to **Jim Shaw** on the death of his father "Ossie." "Ossie" Shaw was an outstanding athlete when he was at St. Pat's in 1913.

Fr. Fred Martin, who is working on the African Mission and who has been collecting in Australia, said that a fire on his mission station which was begun during the November riots meant a loss of £40,000 to the mission. He said the mission affected by the fire cared for 60,000 souls. Fr. Martin's own personal books were destroyed by the fire.

Look elsewhere in this issue of the Chronicle for news of **Fr. Phil Crosbie**.

Fr. Max Jongebloed has been moved to Koroit. **Fr. Will Dwyer** is stationed at Ballarat East. At present in Ballarat we have **Fr. Leo Fiscalini**, Administrator, St. Patrick's Cathedral; **Fr. J. Shelley**, Inspector of School; **Dr. McCunnie**, Bishop's Secretary and College Chaplain; **Frs. Pat Bohan** and **Des. O'Hagan** at the Cathedral.

Kevin Renwick (Deniliquin) and his wife also visited the College during their honeymoon holiday. We wish them well.

Laurie Vaughan was married last March. Laurie was at St. Pat's 1936-39. May God bless him and his wife.

Had a visit recently from **Jim Kenny**, of Yarroweyah. Jim has finished Architecture and is with a firm of architects in Hamilton. Jim studied at the Gordon Tech., where he left the following sporting records. He was Open Champion for two years and created records in the 100 Yards and the Long Jump.

Byrne is a Civil Engineer and lives in Bexley, New South Wales. He is married and has one daughter.

Peter has finished his Electrical Engineering and is with the S.E.C. at Yarraville.

Gerard is on the farm at Yarroweyah and Helen finished her Matric. at Sacred Heart and is doing Librarian work.

A recent notice appeared in the public press announcing the appointments to the honorary staff at St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne. Among the honoraries are three St. Pat's ex-pupils: **Drs. T. W. Capell, J. L. Connell, W. L. Kermond.**

Kevin Mooney, L.L.B., and **Jack Sullivan, L.L.B.,** are working together in Melbourne. Kevin left St. Pat's in '36, after being here for four years; Jack left in 1938. Kevin specialises in conveyancing and Jack in litigation. The firm is known as Mooney & Sullivan.

Dr. Tom Little, of Hawthorn, visited the College recently and he was

delighted with the new Chapel. Doctor's wife has not been well. We promise prayers.

Congratulations to **Jack Callahan**, of Ballarat, for securing highest marks in the State in Bankruptcy, Receivers and Liquidations of Companies at the recent examinations conducted by the Commonwealth Institute of Accountants.

When **John Bowman** entered Newman College at the beginning of this year he attended the boatshed for a try out. Newman coach praised his perfect style and said he was a credit to S.P.C. coach.

Bill Shea, ex-S.P.C., is a dentist at Leongatha. Bill is married with two children.

These are some of the S.P.C.-ites who competed at Stawell: **Des. Cook, Terry Brady, Michael Molan, Jim Kenny.**

Joe Nunan is now Head Master at Heyfield. **Maurice** finished his Arts course and is Head Teacher at Taroon. **Brian** is temporary Art Teacher at Heywood Consolidated School and **Terry** is temporary Assistant Teacher at Heyfield. **Joe** has booked in his youngest son **Jim** for 1957.

Drs. Gerald Caine and **Frank McArdle** have commenced practice in Ballarat. **Dr. Caine** has the late **Dr. Spring's** practice. **Dr. McArdle** has rooms with **Dr. Tom Greening**. **Dr. Frank** was married at Newman Chapel on April 18th. Congratulations, **Frank**, and God bless you and your wife.

ST. PATRICK'S (BALLARAT) OLD COLLEGIANS' FOOTBALL CLUB

AFFILIATED WITH THE V.A.F.A.

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SECOND ANNUAL REPORT BY PRESIDENT

I submit the Second Annual Report of the St. Patrick's (Ballarat) Old Collegians' Football Club.

At the commencement of the season there were high hopes that, following upon our satisfactory first year, the club would progress to a great extent during its second season. The club was faced with the problem of securing both many more players and a much greater number of supporters—two essentials towards the successful functioning of a football club. The good response of players to attend our practice matches was most heartening and there was every indication that the first and foremost of our difficulties would be overcome. However, despite the encouraging signs, the club encountered much the same trouble in its efforts to field a team as in its first year. The team lost many of its stalwarts of the first year—far more than anticipated—and so had to rely on a greater number of recruits for replacements. It was expected that the bulk of these recruits would come from those who had

just left St. Pat's, but our hopes in this respect were not realized as too few made themselves available. We gained few other Old Boys and so we had to rely on non-Old Boys with the result that the overall numbers were inadequate.

Once again we had the good fortune of using the No. 2 oval at St. Kevin's, Heyington, as our home ground and for training purposes.

The club had again affiliated with the Victorian Amateur Football Association.

Frank Kenealy was again elected captain and **Kevin Dowsley** was chosen vice-captain. **Mr. P. J. Kenealy** was again coach. Owing to the departure of **Kevin Dowsley** from Melbourne during the season, **John Barkley** was appointed acting vice-captain.

The team gained a good victory in its opening match, but won only one other game and drew with Teachers' College. Many of our matches were evenly contested and we failed by only a few points. However, our inability to field a regular stabilized team was a considerable handicap to us throughout the season. Our congratulations are extended to St. Kevin's Old Boys on winning the V.A.F.A. "D" Section premiership.

Once again **Frank Kenealy**, despite his team's lack of success, was an inspiring leader. **Frank** again polled exceptionally well in the V.A.F.A. "D" Section award. He again won the club's best and fairest trophy and **Brian McKenna** was runner-up. **Reg. Kenealy** received the trophy for the best clubman. These trophies were presented to the recipients by **Br. O'Malley** at his Jubilee dinner in the Melbourne Town Hall. At the conclusion of the last home and home match a presentation of a silver tea pot was made to **Mr. Pat McLoughlin**, a vice-president, for his stirring and faithful service as goal umpire over the two years.

We were again fortunate in having **Mr. Kenealy** as coach. His task of moulding the side into a winning combination was hampered greatly through lack of a stabilized side and the inability of many to practice regularly. The club's thanks, nevertheless, go to him for his untiring interest in the club.

During July the ovals at St. Kevin's were flooded and our ground was in an unfit state on which to play for several weeks. The team had two home matches in the weeks immediately following the flood and the committee was forced to look elsewhere for a ground. In instances where an Act of God inconveniences a club to such an extent as we encountered, the football body, with which such club is affiliated, should have the responsibility of procuring another ground. This is the case with both the V.F.L. and the V.F.A. The V.A.F.A., which is also a member of the Australian National Football Council and imposes responsibilities on its affiliated members, should in turn shoulder the same responsibility. **Mr. Fitzgerald**, our then secretary, spent much time and worry in an endeavour to secure a ground for the team and his efforts were eventually rewarded. Our thanks are extended to **Caulfield** and **Bellfield** clubs for the assistance offered us in our predicament.

The team again journeyed to Ballarat to play the St. Pat's First XVIII. We encountered Ballarat at its wintry worst and played our match in "near-zero" conditions. Once again the College team gained a good victory after an even first half. The club again organized a team of Old Boys to play in the Combined Catholic Old Collegians' Lightning Premiership at Kilmore. The team, under the captaincy of our own club leader, **Frank Kenealy**, won the premiership, defeating in turn **Essendon**, **Parade** and **North Melbourne.**

The club again held a pie night at the St. Kevin's pavilion midway through the season. The attendance was a little down on the previous year, but the night was a grand social success. **Mr. Kenealy** again gave those present a football talk.

Only one major special effort was held during the year for the purpose of raising funds for the club. This was a house party conducted at the home of **Mrs. Ives** in Brunswick. This was the second occasion

on which Mrs. Ives had given us the use of her home and the excellent and generous support she has given the club has been greatly appreciated. In recognition of her outstanding services, the club presented Mrs. Ives with a bridge chair. The house party itself was better attended than others the club has conducted and was both a social and financial success. However, despite the committee's time and energy spent in organizing such a function, the response of the many Old Boys, who were informed of the function in good time, was disappointing.

Other social functions organized by the club were two cricket matches, one played at Myrniong between the club and the Old Boys' Association and the other against the College First XI. In the latter match the Football Club scored an exciting win by a few runs. Our thanks go to Mr. Jack Hill in arranging for the cricket material provided for the match at Myrniong and to Br. Williams for loaning us the First XI material at Ballarat.

Once again the club received the full co-operation of Br. Healy and Br. O'Malley. Their great interest in the club was well evidenced on the occasion when both stood in heavy rain to support us in our match at Footscray. Br. Healy as usual was a genial host on the occasion of both our football and cricket trips to the College. It is indeed most encouraging for the club to have the full backing of the Brothers who guide the destiny of our Alma Mater.

As with almost all organizations, special thanks are due to many who help to keep such entities going. In our club's instance, our thanks are extended to both Mr. Leo Howard, the Old Boys' General President, and Mr. Pat O'Neill, Melbourne Branch Secretary, for the great support they tendered the club. The club's thanks also go to Br. Howard, Sportsmaster at St. Kevin's College, for providing us with the use of the pavilion for social functions and for his endeavours to obtain for the club a suitable ground following the flood. Our thanks also go to the St. Kevin's Old Boys' Football Club for providing match practice before the season commenced.

I wish to thank all donors to the club, especially Mr. Tom Davey for his generous donation towards the trophy fund and Mr. Tom Colgan for the membership tickets. I also thank Mrs. Ives, Mrs. Colgan and Mr. Kenealy for providing meeting places for the committee during the year. I wish to thank my fellow office-bearers and committeemen for their enthusiastic work. My thanks go especially to Mr. Reg. Kenealy, whose untiring efforts, both as assistant secretary and later as secretary, have placed the club in a solvent position. To the past secretary, Mr. Fitzgerald, I offer on behalf of the club the sincere thanks due to him for his enthusiastic work. The club was loathe to lose Mr. Fitzgerald's services, brought about by his enforced departure from Melbourne. To the players I wish to thank them for their fine sportsmanship and their excellent club spirit.

The club extends its sympathy to Mr. Joe Delaney on the death of his father. (R.I.P.).

The club has completed two difficult years. Its future prospects have been well outlined to you in the report of the Executive Committee at tonight's Special General Meeting. Whatever its future affiliation, the club will still need more regular players and more supporters to lend greater moral and financial aid. Then and then only can the club make great headway.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The following is a report compiled by the executive committee of the above-named club presented at a Special General Meeting convened at the A.C.A. Board Room, 118 Queen Street, Melbourne, on Thursday, January 29th, 1953, at 8 p.m.:—

We submit this report as a comprehensive impartial survey of the development of the club since its foundation on February, 19th, 1951, and its subsequent affiliation with the Victorian Amateur Football Association.

At a committee meeting since the close of the last football season considerable discussion arose concerning the lack of progress of the club over the previous two years. Eventually, it was recommended that a Special General Meeting be convened, so that you, its members, and other Old Boys present may be fully acquainted with all aspects of the club's activities, so that a decision may be reached as to the club's future.

In the first instance the club was formed to promote a greater interest among Old Collegians in the affairs of the Old Collegians' Association, and to provide recreation for Old Boys whilst upholding the worthy traditions of S.P.C. football.

Although great results were not expected in the club's first year, the committee felt that the satisfactory foundations which had been laid augured well for the future. However, at the conclusion of the second season the committee felt, generally, that little, if any, advancement had been made on the previous year's standing.

This can be attributed to several factors which we now proceed to outline.

The basis of the successful functioning of any football club is an adequate complement of players. While our registration lists were large for both seasons, disappointment was experienced in the fact that many of the registered players failed to make themselves available. Added to this was the fact that many players, who were resident University students from country districts, were not available during vacations and often because of conflicting University activities.

The number of recruits, too, from the College did not meet expectations. Since S.P.C. is a provincial college most of whose resident students come from country districts, it can be understood that the number of young Old Boys, who might be expected to make themselves available, will be small. In December, 1951, a large deputation of club members visited the College to recruit young players, but the response was most disappointing.

Yet another factor which contributed to the difficulty in fielding a full side was that many Old Boys have formed long standing associations with other clubs prior to the formation of this club.

Thus two alternatives present themselves, viz., to enlist more Old Boys resident in Melbourne who would be available every week, or to obtain the services of players who are not S.P.C. Old Boys. The first alternative has been explored with little result, as players, associated with clubs of higher standing, are reluctant to transfer to a lower grade of football such as "D" grade in the V.A.F.A. In the second instance it is felt that the inclusion of players who are not Old Collegians would not tend to nurture a club spirit founded on St. Pat.'s traditions, thus defeating one of the primary aims of the club's formation.

Closely associated with the importance of players towards the success of a club is the necessity for a strong group of loyal supporters. In this respect, beyond one or two regular diehards, the club has been sadly deficient. It can be appreciated that considerable inconvenience is encountered in meeting the many official responsibilities each match entails when all members of the executive committee, of necessity, are selected to play. In the best interests of the club the committee agreed unanimously that a non-playing executive committee is essential to ensure maximum of efficiency both on and off the field. The difficulty of filling positions of goal and boundary umpires, timekeeper, scorer, trainer, and first aid attendant is but one of many. In this direction more support was expected, directly or indirectly, from the Old Boys' committee, though tribute must be paid to the generous support of Mr. Leo Howard and Mr. Pat O'Neill. In addition also the club has enjoyed

the utmost co-operation of Rev. Brs. Healy and O'Malley. Both have been unstinted in their efforts to assist the advancement of the club.

Such advancement, it must be agreed, cannot be achieved without adequate finance. To meet the obligations incurred by affiliation with the V.A.F.A. during the 1951 and 1952 seasons required the expenditure of approximately £10 per week. That the club has at all times been financial is most gratifying, but through lack of supporters the burden of providing finance has been dependent too greatly on the generosity of club members. The importance of finance is accentuated by the fact that the V.A.F.A., as an associate member of the Australian National Football Council, requires its affiliated clubs to commit themselves to heavy financial obligations.

Although these considerations stress the difficulties under which the club has functioned, each and every member of this committee is anxious for the club to continue as an entity—not only to continue, but to prosper, flourish and progress.

Gentlemen, it is for you to decide, upon consideration of these facts—Is the club to continue? If so, with what affiliation?

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS, 1953

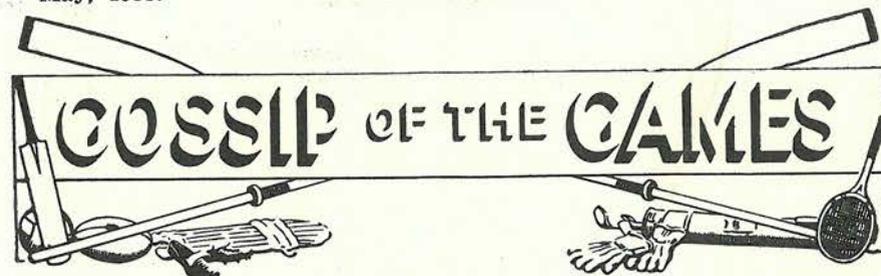
As is usual at this time of the year, football fever grips the air, and all and sundry from the oldest to the youngest, from the Saint to the sinner, are caught up in it. At least, that is the story at S.P.C., especially since this is to be, and I am sure will be, our 49th unbeaten season. Another reason for the high enthusiasm is that the memory of last year's phenomenal record-breaking team is still fresh in our minds.

On behalf of the remaining members of that team and our coach, Rev. Br. O'Malley, I would like to wish John James and Brian Gleeson success in their football careers. Both these boys played with S.P.C. last year. At the time of writing we have just found out that these two boys have succeeded in making the final training lists and have been chosen in the first teams of the year at Carlton and St. Kilda, respectively.

Of last year's team nine players have returned to school. They are J. Deany, M. Bourke, B. King, R. Dignan, M. Shannon, A. Joyce, K. Shea, W. Drake and B. Grogan. These are all good and capable footballers and they should form a very solid nucleus for this year's team. The fact that nine players of last year's team have returned leaves vacancies for only thirteen new players on the 1953 First XVIII training list.

Competition for these places is sure to be keen and consequently we are confident that new players of a sufficiently high calibre will be found to fill the remaining places. These boys, together with last year's veterans, should, under the capable coaching of Br. O'Malley, mould into a very worthy St. Pat's First XVIII. Boys possibly with the best chances of securing places on the list are G. Bourke, B. Ryan, D. Bradmore, B. Williams, B. McGregor, B. James, R. Davies, R. Muller, K. Carroll, B. Dowling, V. Colbert, J. Kerrin and P. Conlon. These and many others will all be in the running and we sincerely hope and we are quite confident that whoever makes the grade will worthily uphold the grand traditions of the green, white and blue.

—BRIAN J. GROGAN.



FIRST XI

Many enthusiasts came out in their cricket gear at the commencement of the season, all striving for inclusion in the limited First XI training list. After a week's solid training, the final list was announced. There was the automatic inclusion of six players who represented the College in last year's co-premier team. They were John Deany, Bill Drake, Michael Bourke, Bryan King, Terry Fitzpatrick and John McCormack. Nine other players were included, and they were Kevin Arundell, Peter Brennan, John Coffey, Bob Davies, John Pinzonne, Ray Dignan, Kevin Shea, Neville Rogers and Noel Gregory.

Solid practice at the "nets" and valuable match practice under the expert guidance of our coach, Br. Williams, improved each player as the season progressed. Mr. Galvin must be thanked for his untiring work, and his friendly advice to all the players. The Sunday games, too, provided valuable practice. Although not too successful in the B.P.S. competition, the team showed out to advantage in Sunday games. A state of nervousness and tension did indeed hinder our progress in B.P.S. matches. However, considering that the team was relatively young, and that many of the members will be returning next year, a strong team can be forecast for 1954.

S.P.C. v. BALLARAT HIGH SCHOOL

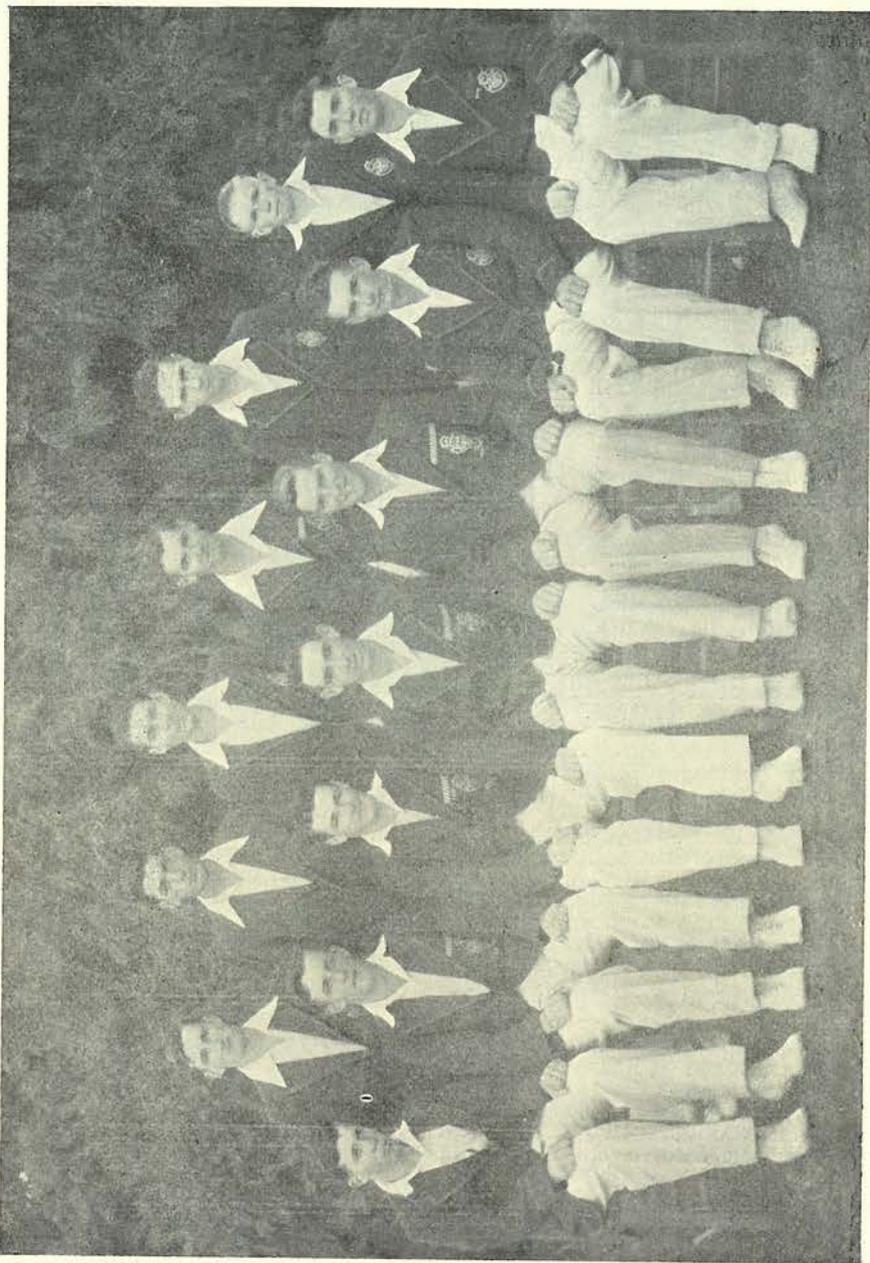
The opening match of the season was played on our oval, our opponents being Ballarat High. Bill Drake, one of last year's stalwarts, was our bowling star, taking 4/24 and 5/12 in the first and second innings, respectively. Bryan King, also one of last year's stars, was the most successful batsman, making 14 and 26 not out. High School, winning the toss, batted on what was a good wicket and they were dismissed by accurate bowling for 66. Then St. Pat's batted and were 9/69 when the innings was closed. Heavy rain fell overnight, but nevertheless play resumed on time next morning. High School were dismissed for 61, leaving us 58 runs to win. However, we were able to make only 45 and were beaten by 7 runs.

S.P.C. v. BALLARAT COLLEGE

The second B.P.S. match was played at S.P.C. against College. On this occasion we had first use of a good batting wicket, but we collapsed badly and made only 54, despite a fine innings by our captain, John Deany, who made 28. College replied with 150. Bill Drake, again the best bowler, took 5/43. St. Pat's fared poorly when they batted again and made only 46; thus College won by an innings and 50 runs.

S.P.C. v. BALLARAT GRAMMAR

The third match of the season was played at home against Grammar, who were vieing with College for first place on the ladder. They, winning the toss, batted on a batsman's wicket and were dismissed for the fine total of 194. Ray Dignan was the most successful bowler, taking 3/21. Once again the S.P.C. XI, failing to show the good form it produced in Sunday matches, was dismissed for 72. Following on we did a



S.P.C. FIRST XI

Back Row: K. Arundell, J. Pinzone, N. Rogers, R. Dignan, N. Gregory, P. Brennan.
 Front Row: T. Fitzpatrick, M. Bourke, W. Drake (v. capt.), J. Deany (capt.),
 B. King, J. McCormack, K. Shea.

little better, but made only 85. John Deany was responsible for a fine double, making 28 not out and 48. Grammar won this game by an innings and 37 runs.

S.P.C. v. H.S.

It seemed that fate had doomed St. Pat's to a bad season in cricket. We were in a commanding position at the end of play on Friday, but heavy rain which fell throughout Saturday deprived us of that cherished victory. We won the toss and batted and were dismissed for 113, being saved from collapse by a timely knock of 34 by Kevin Shea. He mixed aggression with a good defence and was ably assisted by John Deany, who made 28. High School were 3/20 at stumps, but, as play was abandoned on the Saturday, the match was drawn.

S.P.C. v. B.C.

After our moral victory over High, we faced B.C. an enlivened team. They, batting first, made 123. John McCormack, 3/20, and Bryan King, 4/19, were our best bowlers. We replied with 106, of which Bryan King made 33 and Bill Drake 23. However, in the second innings College made 183, leaving us 200 runs to make in 105 minutes. The St. Pat's batsmen immediately attacked the bowling, but in doing so were dismissed for a total of 61. College won this match outright by 138 runs.

S.P.C. v. G.S.

The S.P.C. XI, when it travelled to Grammar for the final match, was determined to amend its defeats and show all of the critics that they were wrong in their condemnation of the team. Our performance in this match was perhaps our best, as Grammar were runners-up. Grammar won the toss and batted on a wicket which became increasingly unreliable as the game proceeded. In quick time they were dismissed for 62. Bill Drake was responsible for an excellent bowling performance, taking 6 for 16 off 13 overs. St. Pat's batsmen, unable to handle the tricky wicket, were bundled out for 35. Grammar, batting again, made 45. The feature of this innings was the work of Bryan King. After taking two Millar-like catches in slips, he bowled two batsmen in his first over. St. Pat's, left 100 runs to win, set about their task in good style, but after being 2/40 collapsed to make 57, and so Grammar won outright by 43 runs.

Congratulations are due to Vice-Captain Bill Drake and to Captain John Deany for their consistently good form throughout the year, and also for their inspiring leadership.

AVERAGES

	Overs	Bowling:			Average
		Maidens	Wickets	Runs	
W. Drake	95	25	37	229	6.1
T. Fitzpatrick	43.4	5	14	127	9.1

	Innings	Batting:			Average
		Not Out	Highest Score	Runs	
J. Deany	11	1	47	182	18.2
B. King	11	1	34	110	11

S.P.C., 120, def. South Caulfield C.Y.M.S., 118.
 S.P.C., 106, lost to Essendon C.Y.M.S., 107.
 S.P.C., 101, lost to Old Boys, 107.
 S.P.C., 206, def. Kerang, 205.
 S.P.C., 134, def. St. Kevin's, 69.
 S.P.C., 122, def. St. Joseph's, 29 and 46.

SECOND XI

After last year's poor display, our Second XI redeemed itself beyond all doubt by winning the Ballarat Public Schools cricket premiership. Each of the six competition games was won very easily. The team showed good fielding ability and the bowling was consistent. Bill Mahoney was appointed captain.

Peter Carracher and Kevin Leitch were responsible for many bright opening partnerships. These two batsmen were very ably supported by Norman Harris, Leo Schreenan and Brendan Smith. Bill Mahoney and Brendan Smith were the most consistent bowlers, securing in all 13 wickets each. They were well supported by John Kerrins, John Coffey and John O'Shannassy.

The matches resulted as follows: S.P.C., 114, d. High School, 45 (Mahoney, 23; Smith, 3/10); S.P.C., 142, d. College, 26 (Schreenan, 40; Smith, 5/1); S.P.C., 94, d. Grammar, 54 (Leitch, 24; Kerrins, 3/18); S.P.C., 132, d. High School, 29 (Leitch, 22; Mahoney, 3/0); S.P.C., 139, d. College, 44 (Harris, 35; McCormack, 6/14; Dignan, 5/15); S.P.C., 101, d. Grammar, 38 (Carracher, 20; Coffey, 3/4).

BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Total	H.S.	Average
N. Harris	3	58	35	58
K. Leitch	5	88	24	29.3
N. Gregory	3	41	18	20.5
L. Schreenan	6	50	40	16.6

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Wickets	Runs	Average
J. Coffey	8	26	3.3
W. Mahoney	13	47	3.6
B. Smith	13	54	4.2
J. Kerrins	10	66	6.6

Congratulations, St. Pat's, on a grand premiership win.

—W. MAHONEY

THE HILL COMPETITION

The Hill cricket competition was keenly contested this season between the four teams—Treacy, Galvin, Nunan and McCarthy, captained respectively by W. Mahoney, W. Bainbridge, L. Schreenan and K. Shanley. Although the scores were not outstanding, some excellent cricket was witnessed.

Nunan, after making 93 runs in their first innings and 75 runs in their second innings against Galvin, were the ultimate victors. Ninety-one runs was the total compiled by Galvin in their first innings, and an unlucky 63 in the second innings. Batting honours went to two Nunan players, W. Bainbridge and Brian James.

Congratulations to Nunan on their fine victory in the struggle for the premiership.

—K. SHANLEY.

UNDER 15 CRICKET

The Under 15 team, which was captained by Rex Start, included the following: P. Butler, T. Brennan, J. Chisholm, P. Conlan, A. Higgins, D. Lardner, C. Murphy, B. Murphy, G. Routson, G. Sampieri, T. O'Keefe, R. Lamaro, M. Younger.

The first game was played against Ballarat College. It resulted in a win to S.P.C. by 62 runs. Our best performers were: G. Sampieri, 43 not out; B. Murphy, 3 for 6; D. Lardner, 3 for 9.

For the second game we journeyed to Geelong to meet St. Joseph's College. This was also a decisive win for S.P.C. Our opponents made

93 and we replied with 171. Our best work was done by Rex Start, 4 for 3; C. Ryan, 45; B. Murphy, 44; P. Butler, 2 for 3.

The third and final match of the season was with Grammar School. Again we were successful, the score being Grammar School, 62; S.P.C., 191. The outstanding performances were: D. Lardner, 4 for 20; M. Younger, 39; P. Conlan, 38 not out.

Heartiest congratulations to the members of the team on their good work in these games.

SENIOR PARK CRICKET

Captains of the teams on the Senior Park were J. Chisholm (Nunan), B. Murphy (McCarthy), J. O'Beirne (Galvin) and M. Younger (Treacy).

The teams were fairly evenly matched and competition was very keen. Nunan were able to go through the season undefeated. McCarthy won three of their five games and Treacy and Galvin one each. Some of the best performances in the pre-final games were: W. Crowe, 54; J. Gallagher, 50; B. Murphy, 49; B. Vear, 42; G. Sampieri, 6 wickets; K. Maher, 6 wickets.

In the semi-final Galvin defeated Treacy, 111 to 83 (G. Cardillo, 24 not out; J. O'Beirne, 22 not out; G. Routson, 22). In the final Galvin defeated McCarthy, 122 to 102 (J. O'Beirne, 51 not out; D. Anderson, 35; P. Butler, 24).

The grand final was therefore fought out by Nunan and Galvin. Nunan batted first and scored 118 (J. Chisholm, 31; V. Corbett, 20). In reply Galvin made 107 (D. Anderson, 40; K. Joyce, 17). Nunan's second innings brought them 129 (B. Murray, 45; D. Anderson, 6 wickets). This left Galvin with 141 to make, but they managed only 82, giving Nunan the premiership by a margin of 59.

The winning team included J. Chisholm, G. Sampieri, G. Breen, P. Hayes, B. Murray, J. Hampton, K. Maher, V. Corbett, P. Bourke, P. Barry, R. McArthur.

JUNIOR PARK CRICKET

The four teams were captained by D. Hunter (Treacy), P. Brown (Galvin), I. McGenniss (Nunan) and R. Haintz (McCarthy).

When the finals were reached Treacy had won five games, McCarthy two and Galvin two. Some of the noteworthy performances were: D. Hunter, 70; J. Hogan, 9 wickets and 7 for 59; P. Shea, 66 not out; P. Brennan, 65; L. Pierce, 68.

In the first semi-final Nunan defeated Galvin. In the second McCarthy defeated Nunan, so that Treacy and McCarthy met to play the grand final. The latter batted first and were dismissed for 55 (J. Threlfall, 9; J. Murray, 9). In their first innings Treacy made 59 (P. Shea, 18). McCarthy added 56 for their second innings (J. Murray, 20; J. Threlfall, 13). Treacy thus had to make 62 to win, but they were all out for 28. The premiership was thus won by McCarthy by 34 runs. Best bowling in the match was done by R. Haintz (5 for 12), P. Shea (5 for 16), B. Phelan (5 for 22).

The members of the winning team were: R. Haintz, J. Murray, A. Foley, B. Martin, L. Smith, B. Morgan, M. Hickey, J. McKinley, P. McCulloch, K. Curtin, J. Quinn, M. Gallagher, J. Threlfall.

THE SHED

As in previous years, there were two divisions here, Senior and Junior, to cater for the aspiring Bradmans and Millers of, for the most, Second and First Year classes.

In the Senior, McCarthy, Nunan, Galvin and Treacy teams were

captained by Peter Harman, Ken Fraser, Alan Higgins and John H. Devine. Games were played most enthusiastically and sometimes too vociferously, until McCarthy and Nunan staged the dramatic final.

In the first innings McCarthy was dismissed for 40 runs. Nunans replied with 63 runs, Bernard Shannon contributing a handy 21. The second innings saw the McCarthys take only 49 runs, leaving the Nunans only 27 runs to clinch the game. However, Peter led his team on and dismissed the opposition for 16 runs—perhaps the lowest score for the season, Humphrey taking 6 wickets and Hicks 4.

Congratulations to the McCarthys on a fighting finish to the season.

In the Junior Shed competitions McCarthy, Nunan, Galvin and Treacy captains were Dennis Wright, Roy O'Connor, Frank Doherty and Bernie Elliott. This is where every run and wicket was fought for (and argued about) to the bitter end. The end came on Saturday, April 18th, when Galvin and McCarthy clashed, a game reminiscent of the Bodyline Tests.

McCarthy losing the toss, batted first and with the aid of Gemmola's opening score of 24 compiled a total of 45. O'Connor led his Galvins out to bat, collecting 15 runs himself and, with Bell's 17, the score board showed them all out for 96. In the second innings the McCarthys returned only 33, Houlihan contributing 22.

Thus the season ended: Galvin premiers, followed by McCarthy, Galvin and Treacy.

Best performances:

McCarthys: P. Harman, 48, 50; Brian Maw, 29; A. Hicks, 5 for 28.

Nunans: John Smith, 57 n.o., 36; P. Nihill, 7 for 23; B. Shannon, 6 for 30.

Treacy: John H. Devine, 57; P. Kierce, 26; M. Nolan, 6 for 31.

Galvin: A. Higgins, 49 n.o.; B. Shanahan, 5 for 34.

THE UNDER 14 TEAM

The Under 14 team, captained by Reg. Haintz, won both games played. The first match was against Grammar School, who batted first and made 43 runs. B. Phelan took 3 for 3, P. Shea 3 for 10, R. Haintz 2 for 13 and J. Murray 2 for 16. We made 153 in reply. Best scores were P. Shea's 42 and R. Haintz's 26.

The second game was played against Ballarat College and resulted in a win for S.P.C. College batted first and scored 73. Our best bowling efforts were P. Shea's 3 for 4 and J. Murray's 3 for 18. Our total was 123 runs. Best batting performances were M. Younger's 59 retired, J. Murray's 19 and J. Threlfall's 17.

THE UNDER 13

Throughout the first term we have had inter-college matches with Grammar and College on Saturday afternoons. This has been a splendid idea and has given us the opportunity of knowing our friendly rivals better, besides enjoying the game in such sunny weather we have experienced so far. We take the occasion to thank the Ballarat College and Grammar teams for the games arranged.

We are pleased to record an undefeated season. Led by Michael Dinley, the team put all they had into the games. Below are given some of the results and outstanding performances, but there is not recorded the splendid fielding of Bill Houlihan, Paul Kierce and Warren McGennis, which is such an important part of any match.

A very pleasant break was the annual match at St. Joseph's, Geelong. In very hot conditions, the match was none the less enjoyable and resulted in an outright win for our team.

S.P.C. v. GRAMMAR

First innings: Grammar, 22; S.P.C., 97.

Second innings: Grammar 25.

(Hogan, 6/9; Fraser, 3/4; Dinley, 6/4; Kierce, 26).

S.P.C. v. COLLEGE

First innings: S.P.C., 202 (Hogan, 100 n.o.; Threlfall, 23); College, 39.

Second innings: College, 14 (Dinley, 4/8; Hogan, 5/6).

S.P.C. v. COLLEGE

First innings: College, 52; S.P.C., 64.

Second innings: College, 11.

(Shannon, 36 n.o.; Kierce, 26; Devine, 6/3; Dinley, 3/7).

UNDER 12 TEAM

Again they were champions of the B.P.S. competition. Under the captaincy of B. Elliott, who was playing his third year in the team, with E. McKenzie as vice-captain, the under 12's proved that they were too powerful for the opposition.

J. O'Brien once more wore the gloves and allowed 5 byes for the whole season in B.P.S. games.

J. McCarty, opening express bowler, frequently had the opposition very much shaken before the first over was completed.

L. Haintz's returns from deep leg left little to be desired.

Others to take the field for the Under 12 team were T. Murphy, K. Bell, T. Haintz, A. Butler, J. Sullivan, S. Roberts, J. Doolan, J. Houlihan, I. Slockwitch and F. McDonald.

The following is a summary of the season's games:—

S.P.C. DEFEATED COLLEGE

S.P.C., 167 (B. Elliott, 51 retired; T. Murphy, 51 retired).

B.C., 143 (I. Slockwitch, 2/27).

S.P.C. DEFEATED GRAMMAR

S.P.C., 67 (B. Elliott, 18; L. Haintz, 16; T. Haintz, 11).

G.S., 48 (J. McCarty, 6/13; E. McKenzie, 3/10; A. Butler, 1/1).

S.P.C. DEFEATED COLLEGE

S.P.C., 96 (B. Elliott, 29; I. Slockwitch, 19 n.o.).

B.C., 88 (J. McCarty, 3/20; T. Murphy, 2/31).

S.P.C. DEFEATED GRAMMAR

S.P.C., 7/213 (T. Haintz, 54; J. McCarty, 43 n.o.; B. Elliott, 35; K. Bell, 28).

G.S., 29 (I. Slockwitch, 4/9; T. Murphy, 3/9; B. Elliott, 2/6).

ST. ROCH'S OVAL

There were five teams on St. Roch's this year and at times some fine cricket was seen. Some of the notable bat wielders were J. Byrne (104 n.o.), T. Haintz (84), S. Roberts, D. King, T. Murphy, L. Haintz, J. Houlihan and J. Brien. The outstanding wicket rattlers for the season were I. Slockwitch, J. Brien, T. Murphy, B. Hackwill, D. King, A. Butler and R. Burzacott.

With the commencement of the semi-final the teams were as follows: Galvin (A. Butler captain), 31 points; Treacy (T. Murphy captain), 24 points; McCarthy (L. Haintz captain), 16 points; Nunan (J. Houlihan captain), 8 points; and Purton (I. Slockwitch captain), 6 points.

In the semi-final Treacy, 102, defeated McCarthy, 97. Treacy then played Galvin in the grand final, the honours going to Treacy team, which compiled 78 runs while Galvin team managed 70 runs.

Thus Treacy team won St. Roch's Premiership for 1953.

ROWING, 1953

This year, we are quietly confident, will see the end of the long run of failures by St. Pat's in the Annual Head of the Lake Boat Race. The circumstances this year are similar to when St. Pat's last won the Boat Race in 1937. We are fortunate enough to have the same coach, Mr. Otto Hauser, who is regarded by many competent observers as one of the best coaches in Victoria. The same racing boat, the O'Regan-Lovig, is to be used. This boat is judged by senior oarsmen to be the best racing boat on Lake Wendouree. Furthermore, it is significant that as in 1937 none of the First and Second Crew rowers from the previous year returned to College. This made it necessary for the coaches to choose their crews carefully as there was a large number of junior oarsmen available. As a result the picking of the crews was finalised much later than usual. The First Crew coached by Mr. Hauser is Don Bradmore (Bow), bow of last year's winning crew, the Fifths; Tom Lanigan (2), Stroke of the 1952 Third Crew; Denis Bourke (3), who rowed Three is last year's Fourths; and John Cotter (Stroke), bow of last year's Fourth Crew. The cox is Brian Hickey, who has had much experience with Ballarat City Rowing Club.

The Second Crew, again coached by Mr. Stan Wilton, one of the capable Ballarat City coaches, consists of Brian Dowling (Bow), a member of last year's Thirds; Brian Grogan (2), Brian Williams (3), neither of whom rowed previous to this year; Brian Maher (Stroke), Stroke of the victorious 1952 Fifths; and Frank Caulfield (Cox). This crew is one of our most likely winners. The ranking of these crews was later confirmed by a trial race.

The positions for the other crews were decided by a race held three weeks prior to Boat Race Day. The Third Crew, coached by Mr. M. O'Brien, is John Madden (Bow), John Wangeman (2), Charles Castles (3) and Brian Gibson (Stroke). Cox is John Molan. The Fourth Crew is coached by an Old Boy of the College, Mr. Frank Moloney. This crew is Laurie Erwin (Bow), Bernie Carey (2), Michael Martin (3), Vincent Colbert (Stroke) and Michael Hickey (Cox). The Fifth Crew is coached by another Old Boy, Mr. John Nolan, and it consists of K. Shannon (Bow), M. O'Callaghan (2), K. O'Loughlin (3), P. Windsor (Stroke) and P. McDonald (Cox). Two coxswains of former years, John Gallagher and Remon Ashkar, are coaching the Sixth and Seventh Crews. These crews are, the Sixths, A. Kean (Bow), T. Laffey (2), J. McDonald (3), B. Vanina (Stroke) with B. Tellefson (Cox); the Sevenths, B. Davey (Bow), G. Walsh (2), J. McDonald (3), T. Conlan (Stroke) and I. Priestly (Cox). St. Pat's thus seems very strong in its junior crews and it would be no surprise if St. Pat's gained the most victories in the Junior Races.

Throughout the season no-one worked harder or more enthusiastically for St. Pat's rowing than Br. O'Malley. Every day he was on the spot organising the various times for crews, supervising the boats and never sparing himself in his endeavours to ensure that the rowing was progressing smoothly. On behalf of all the rowers and coaches, we wish to sincerely thank Br. O'Malley for all he has done for St. Pat's rowing. Br. Healy's interest in the rowing was also very great. Many times he came down to the boatshed to look over the rowing and we would like to thank him for his kindly interest. Special thanks are due to our coaches, Messrs. Hauser, Wilton, O'Brien, Moloney, Nolan, Gallagher, Ashkar, and Mr. E. Jones, who coached the First Crew during Mr. Hauser's absence. They were all most enthusiastic and spared no effort throughout the season. The Ballarat City Rowing Club's assistance in the matter of boats and oars is greatly appreciated. Since the Ballarat City Rowing Club lost their boathouse by fire some years ago the club has had the use of St. Pat's shed. In return their members have coached our crews and the boats and materials, both of the City Club and the College, have been at their disposal and at the disposal of our boys.



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JUBILEE WEEK

OCTOBER 4th to 12th

List of Functions

A cordial invitation is extended to all Friends of St. Patrick's College to attend each and all of the following functions associated with the Opening of the Chapel and the Diamond Jubilee of the College's foundation:

SUNDAY, 4th OCTOBER:

- 11 a.m. Pontifical High Mass of Thanksgiving.
- 3 p.m. Solemn Opening of the Collegiate Memorial Chapel.
- 8 p.m. Jubilee Concert at the Alfred Hall.

MONDAY, 5th OCTOBER:

- 10 a.m. Solemn Requiem Mass for deceased Ex-Students, Brothers and Benefactors of St. Patrick's College.

TUESDAY, 6th OCTOBER:

- 10 a.m. Solemn High Mass for the Present Students of the College.
- 6 p.m. Jubilee Banquet for Present Pupils.
- 7.30 p.m. Solemn Benediction.

WEDNESDAY, 7th OCTOBER:

- 10 a.m. Solemn High Mass for Ex-Student Priests of St. Patrick's College.
- 1 p.m. Dinner for Clergy.
- 8 p.m. Jubilee Ball in St. Patrick's Hall, Ballarat.

THURSDAY, 8th OCTOBER:

- 7 a.m. Mass and General Communion for Ex-Students of Ballarat and District.
- 6.30 p.m. Jubilee Dinner for Ex-Students of Ballarat and District at the Alexandria.

MONDAY, 12th OCTOBER:

- 6.30 p.m. Jubilee Dinner for Ex-Students at Melbourne Town Hall.



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DIAMOND JUBILEE 1893—1953

FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS

This brief history of the College is continued from the May issue of the Chronicle, and it is with very much pleasure that we preface our remarks on this occasion by recording our grateful thanks to Almighty God that the Brother whose memory is venerated and who guided the destinies of St. Patrick's College from 1900-1904 and again during the year 1909 and later in 1920, in enjoying reasonably good health in Dublin at the advanced age of 90 years.

The year 1900 saw Br. W. M. McCarthy Superior of S.P.C. His was a dynamic personality and very soon progress in all facets of College life was evident. Properties were purchased and buildings erected, and under the capable guidance of this saintly and scholarly man there was tremendous advancement. His buildings included the present classrooms and science block, which now after more than fifty years testify to his foresight and courage.

The first property he secured was that known as "Longford House," which was owned by Judge Wanliss. Originally a two-storey building this red brick property was reduced to one storey, and until 1933 it served as a residence for the Brothers. The buildings attached to the property were converted into a laundry and sewing block. Today (and since 1933) Wanliss's provides accommodation for our large domestic staff with the laundry arrangements as they were in Br. McCarthy's day. Later, Br. McCarthy purchased the land for the present main oval and also the property which we now know as St. Roch's. Surely the foregoing purchases and the business deals effected during the years of his superiorship must have fully occupied Br. McCarthy! But no, during these years he taught the matriculation class with distinction, and the success of his pupils in the Public Examinations of those days focussed much attention on the College. During these years too, there were many vocations to the Priesthood, ample evidence that God was blessing the work of the hard-working Superior and his zealous staff of Brothers. In 1904, Br. McCarthy left St. Patrick's College to take up his duties as Provincial Consultor, with headquarters in Sydney. Br. Hughes succeeded him, and he was Superior for the three years—1904-1906. He, too, was a man of vision, and he continued improvements to the College. He purchased from the Holy Ghost Fathers a block of land which they owned. He installed central heating to the classrooms, and in other ways he improved the living conditions of the students. After Br. Hughes came Br. Duggan. However, Br. Duggan was

in a bad state of health, and in less than a year he was transferred to Kalgoorlie in Western Australia, and Br. Quinn took charge of the College in 1906. Br. Quinn was succeeded by Br. Carroll, and in 1909 Br. McCarthy was back again at the helm. Though Br. McCarthy governed for only one year on this occasion, he was busily occupied with buildings and improvements. He built the six handball courts and the pavilion, erected the verandah outside the classrooms, and he roofed in the area outside the College Hall. He converted the two old ballcourts into a billiard room and a library, and he built the tennis courts. In the year 1910, Br. McCarthy was succeeded by Br. Nunan. It is no wonder that we find this great man always ready to return to St. Patrick's whenever he was needed. He did indeed serve the College well, and it is fitting that his ex-students who today occupy high positions in Victoria and beyond it, cherish his memory, and cherish, too, the hope that he is enjoying the rest that his years and his faithful service in the cause of Catholic Education merit. The history of the College during this decade is an account of the achievements of Br. McCarthy, and his name will ever be remembered in the College he loved so dearly and for which he did so much.

RECTORS OF S.P.C.

BR. RYAN, 1893-1896	BR. MCCARTHY, 1919-1920
BR. NUGENT, 1896-1899	BR. KENIRY, 1920-1925
BR. MCCARTHY, 1900-1904	BR. GALVIN, 1925-1926
BR. HUGHES, 1904-1906	BR. MCCANN, 1926-1931
BR. DUGGAN, 1906	BR. O'NEILL, 1931-1933
BR. QUINN, 1906-1908	BR. PURTON, 1934-1939
BR. MCCARTHY, 1909-1910	BR. MACKEY, 1940-1943
BR. NUNAN, 1910-1912	BR. HEALY, 1943-1948
BR. KENIRY, 1912-1916	BR. MOGG, 1949
BR. TURPIN, 1916-1919	BR. HEALY, 1950-1953



Assumpta est Maria
in Coelum

O Happy Angels look,
How beautiful she is;
See Jesus hears her up,
Her hand is locked in His:
Oh, who can tell the height
Of that fair mother's bliss!

GREEN, WHITE AND BLUE PAGE

MARTIN SHANNON is a College Prefect. He comes from Lancefield and his first year at St. Pat's was 1947. After he passed his Intermediate Certificate Examination, Martin left College to work on the family farm. He returned to College last year and secured his Leaving, and this year he is studying for his Matriculation. He hopes to do Medicine at the Melbourne University next year. He is working hard for a Commonwealth Scholarship. Martin is Head Councillor of the Sodality of Our Lady, is Vice-President of the Holy Name Society and is a member of the College Altar Society. He plays with the First XVIII and was stroke of the Fourths in 1952. His brother, Keith, left College several years ago, and Bernie is a present student.

KEVIN SHANLEY is a boarder from Kirkstall. He is a College Prefect and is Head Prefect of St. Peter's Seminary. Kevin had left school for two years and he decided to return to study for the Priesthood. He is doing Matriculation this year. He is Treasurer of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Councillor of Our Lady's Sodality, Prefect of the Holy Name Society. Kevin plays a good game of football and is a member of the Second XVIII and Captain of McCarthy House in the Senior Oval Competition.

LAURENCE ERWIN comes from Ballan, is a boarder and a College Prefect. In 1950 Laurie was Dux of Intermediate B. He matriculated last year but returned to College to study for a Commonwealth Scholarship. Recently he was highly commended for his ability in debate. He is Secretary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, is a Councillor of Our Lady's Sodality and is Treasurer of the Holy Name Society. He is Captain of Treacy House and is a regular Second XVIII player. This year he was bow for the victorious Fourth Crew.

TOM LAFFEY has been at St. Pat's ten years. He came here as a youngster in the junior grades. He is a College Prefect and is doing his second year Matriculation. Much credit for the efficiency of the College Cadets is due to Tom. He is Cdt./Lt. and ranks next to our O.C., Capt. T. Halliburton. He was in the winning Sixth Crew. Tom intends doing Pharmacy and he has apprenticeship appointment already arranged.

JOHN DEANY is a College Prefect. He comes from Brunswick and has been at St. Pat's since 1949. Last year he secured 1st class honours in Greek and Roman History. He hopes to win a Commonwealth Scholarship and he proposes to study Industrial Chemistry next year. John is a Prefect of the Holy Name Society and a member of Our Lady's Sodality. He played with the First XI in 1952 and was Captain this year. Played with the First XVIII both last year and this year. He represented St. Pat's in Aths. and last year was runner-up to John James in the College Open Handball Championship.

DES BROWN is a day boy and he has been at St. Pat's since 1947. He has two younger brothers in Vth Grade. Des is a Corporal in the College Cadet Corps and is one of the dependables (and so are the twins) of the Cathedral Altar boys. He has been Dux of his class every year since 1947. In two of these years he was equal Dux. Des is studying for his Leaving this year and he looks like disputing the lead with all and sundry. He is a keen student and an ardent reader. He realises that there is no royal road to success, so he works hard.

Feast of Founder of Christian Brothers

Each recurring Feast of St. Ignatius—July 31st—is celebrated with due solemnity by the Christian Brothers and their pupils in Ballarat. Occasion is taken to honour the Founder of the Christian Brothers, Very Rev. Br. Edmund Ignatius Rice, who chose as his patron, the soldier saint St. Ignatius Loyola.

This year's High Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, was remarkable in that the officiating clergy were three recently ordained ex-pupils of St. Patrick's College. Rev. F. N. Stafford was celebrant, while Rev. Frs. R. Markey and B. Long were deacon and sub-deacon respectively. Rev. Fr. D. Boylan was Master of Ceremonies.

At 9.15 boys from the Brothers' establishments in Ballarat began filing into the Cathedral, and by 9.30 all were accommodated, and the Cathedral was filled to capacity. In the choir gallery was the choir from St. Paul's Technical College. These boys, under the baton of Rev. Br. North, rendered Concone's Mass for Equal Voices in very fine taste. They sang tunefully and devotionally, and their unisons and harmonies were artistically rendered. The senior students from St. Patrick's College Matriculation Class sang the Proper of the Mass and the responses. In both the Responses and the Proper these senior students sang with meaning, while their chording was admirable. The Junior Choir from St. Patrick's College sang Asprey's Benedictus after the Consecration. This arrangement suited the quality of their voices, and their harmony throughout was interesting. The Cathedral organist, Miss B. Nolan, played the accompaniments splendidly.

The High Altar of the Cathedral was artistically decorated for the occasion, and the rich vestments of all three officiating Priests sparkled in the brilliant lighting. College boys served the Mass faultlessly and graciously, and once again one could not but be struck by the beauty and the majesty of the Church's liturgy in regard to Holy Mass. On the Sanctuary were Very Rev. Fr. L. Fiscalini, Administrator; Rev. Dr. W. McCunnie, D.C.L., College Chaplain; Rev. Fr. J. Shelley, Inspector of Schools; Rev. Frs. Merrick and Sweeney, Melbourne; Rev. Fr. O'Reilly, Sandhurst; and Rev. Frs. O'Hagan, Downes, Culligan, Dwyer.

Rev. Fr. McHenry, C.S.S.R., preached a very practical sermon, building his case round the outstanding features of the life of Br. Edmund Ignatius Rice. Fr. McHenry realised that he had as his audience a congregation consisting entirely of boys from the Brothers' schools, and he very effectively suggested the Priesthood and the Religious life. His concluding prayer that some day in the not too far distant future, we might acclaim the greatness of Br. Rice, and that we might pray to him as St. Edmund Ignatius Rice, was very touching.

The text of Fr. McHenry's sermon is here given in its entirety:

"They that instruct many unto justice shall shine as stars for all eternity."—Daniel xiii : 3.

These glorious words of Holy Scripture apply in their fullest sense to him in whose honour we have assembled this morning—Edmund Ignatius Rice, Founder of the Institute of the Christian Brothers, and one of the most noble and notable educators of the Church of God. It is fitting that we should revere his name and extol his holy life, for not only did he dedicate his own life to God and aspire to the lofty heights of perfection, but by his Christian Schools and by the Institute he founded, he has done a grand work for God, and he has actively participated in the sanctification

and the salvation of a countless number of souls. Indeed of him and of the Christian Brothers who follow in his footsteps, it can be truly said that "they shall shine as stars for all eternity, because they have instructed many to justice."

It would seem that God called Edmund Ignatius Rice from his earliest childhood, and by piety and learning prepared him for the great work he was later to accomplish. He had holy, God-fearing parents, and the inestimable advantage of a good Catholic school—this latter boon being denied to most Catholic boys and girls in Ireland by the iniquitous penal laws of the time. We can see how well he used these years of training by the fact that when he left school at the age of seventeen, he was a good practical Catholic and had made great progress in his studies.

He began work at his uncle's business at Waterford, learning the entire business. It prospered under his wise and prudent direction, so much so that when he became the sole heir a few years later, on the death of his uncle, he found himself to be a very wealthy young man. His wealth and prosperity did not go to his head, however, and he remained the same steady sensible man. Indeed he used his newly-acquired wealth to help others, to relieve the wants of the poor, joining a Society for this purpose, which somewhat resembled our St. Vincent de Paul Society. He realised that money, which he had in abundance, could not satisfy the human heart; and the yearning grew within him to leave all things and to seek happiness in the perfect love and service of God in some Monastery in Europe. However, all whom he consulted regarding his vocation, particularly his brother an Augustine Priest, dissuaded him, saying that this was not God's will. So he continued to lead a holy life in the world, devoting himself to the exercise of charity, prayer and the frequent reception of the Sacraments. It happened that one day as he looked out from a window in a high building, a friend of his pointed to some ill-mannered, ignorant children, playing in the street below. He was urged to devote his life to the education of the youth of Ireland. God's will was evident. He would begin himself and strive to induce others to join him in the establishment of an Institute for the Catholic Instruction of boys. His early attempts to entice his companions to join him in this noble work failed, and he had to pay wages to the men who taught with him. Soon God blessed the work of this pious man and other did take up his work. He founded the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools of Ireland whom we know today as the Irish Christian Brothers. How God blessed the work of the Founder and of these early pioneers is evidenced by the tremendous expansion which followed. Soon, not only were the boys of Ireland being taught their Catholic Faith, but Brothers' Schools were to be found far beyond the country of origin of this magnificent teaching Order. We in Australia know the worth of the work done for the boys who attend the Brothers' Schools. We know that many a young man who is a Priest today and who raises his God in the Elevation at Mass in atonement for the wickedness of fallen men, many of these men, who today are priests, even as our three newly ordained who are celebrating this very High Mass, many, I say very Priests in the world are ex-students of the Order founded by Br. Rice. Nor is this all, for ex-students of the Christian Brothers occupy very high positions in every walk of life. The Brothers have trained them for the University and its many professions, for Commerce, for Parliament, and for the land. They have done a noble work nobly.

We pray this morning at this Holy Mass celebrated as it is by ex-students of St. Patrick's College, we pray today and we will continue to pray that the day will not be long in coming when we may be permitted by Holy Church to lift up our eyes to Heaven, and with hearts bursting with pride and gratitude to exclaim: "Saint Edmund Ignatius Rice, pray for us." Amen.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Under the direction of Rev. W. McCunnie, D.C.L., our Society has flourished. A reception at the end of the First Term admitted forty-one boys and these swelled our membership to 127. Every boy was requested to purchase and wear a badge, and this request was efficiently supervised by Brian Maher and Laurie Erwin, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Attendances at monthly Mass and the evening meeting have been excellent, and our Director has spoken to us on various important topics, which included the story of our saintly Pope, Pius XII, and Vocations to the Priesthood. Sincere thanks are extended to Dr. McCunnie for his most zealous direction, for it is by such outstanding leadership that members do reap large spiritual benefit.

Most of us realise what a privilege is ours, when we recall that we are members of one of the largest societies in the Church. The obligations of loyalty and service, which the Society requires are not stringent, but the benefits accruing to loyal members are very fruitful. It is a privilege then to belong to such a noble band of loyal men who unite to give glory to God and praise to His Holy Name.

—ADRIAN JOYCE.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

During the past term, one more responsibility has been added to the many borne by our College Conference, in the carrying out of the work of the Society in Ballarat. The members, however, do not regard this as a responsibility, but as an honour, for the Particular Council has seen fit to ask our Conference alone, to visit the Blind Home in Pleasant Street. We have been entrusted with the carrying out of this visitation without supervision by senior Brothers, as is done in every other institution visited by us. Each fortnight, sweets and tobacco are distributed to the inmates and one of the Brothers reads to them for a couple of hours. The gratitude they express for this small service makes one express gratitude to God for one's gift of sight which enables one to read and to enjoy the beauties of nature. Thus, we accept this responsibility as an honour, but it will place on the whole College the added responsibility of supporting, by their contributions in the poor box outside the Chapel, another worthy cause. Let us all remember the cry of the blind man in the Gospel, "Lord, that I may see."

The Society has been most grateful for the contributions in the past, but greater efforts must be made, for now we have to support an institution by ourselves alone, as well as share with other Conferences the three, namely Nazareth House, the Benevolent Home and the Base Hospital, we have helped since the inception of the College Conference. The financial burden is greater and therefore all are exhorted to try to give a little more. The Society wishes to thank all those who helped to make the recent raffle

such a success. This gives us capital to carry on when lean periods come, as come they do.

During next term, your St. Vincent de Paul Society will be looking for new members to carry on its work in the coming years. We ask you to be generous with your applications for membership, bearing in mind that a few hours spent in visiting the poor—Christ's loved ones—will be well spent and will not go unrewarded—

"As long as you did it to one of these,
My least brethren, you did it to Me."

—B. J. MAHER.

OUR LADY'S SODALITY

At the termination of the mid-term one may happily reflect upon two very successful and religious terms of the activities of the Sodality of Our Lady. This may be attributed to the guidance of our Heavenly Hostess, to the supervision of our Spiritual Director (Rev. Dr. McCunnie) and to the zeal of the Sodality members.

Since the beginning of the scholastic year the membership of the Sodality has been increased to thirty. In the last reception K. Troy, M. O'Callaghan, J. Wangeman, K. O'Loughlin, B. Vanina, B. Ryan, L. Schreeman and G. Ridsdale were found worthy of reception and were accordingly received. All members assemble in the College Chapel each week where the Little Office of Our Lady is recited. Following this is an instruction given by our resident Chaplain, Rev. Dr. McCunnie. These instructions are both edifying and enlightening and they greatly increase our knowledge of the Catholic faith and our love for Our Blessed Mother.

During the final term there will be another reception into the Sodality. Following this an election will be held when the Councillors for 1954 will be chosen. So we await the final reception for 1953 when more senior boys of S.P.C. will pledge themselves to honour, in a special way, the Mother of God.

M. SHANNON, Head Councillor.

ANNUAL RETREAT

Soon after the commencement of the Second Term our Annual Retreat opened. Two Redemptorist Fathers conducted the Retreat. The senior section of the College was in charge of Rev. Fr. Scanlon, C.S.S.R., and the junior section was under Rev. Fr. McHenry, C.S.S.R.

On the Tuesday evening, each Priest addressed his own group on the purpose of the Retreat. We were exhorted to make an earnest effort in order to gain all the special graces that would be showered upon us during the next three days. Silence was then kept until 4.15 the following day.

Each morning there were two Masses, the latter one being explained in detail to the both groups by Fr. Scanlon while Fr. McHenry celebrated the Mass. Fr. Scanlon's explanations were most enlightening and I feel that the Mass means more to every boy as a result of these talks. This was followed by a series of lectures, meditations and free periods until dinner. In the refectory, a spiritual book—"The Rose of China"—was read by the Brother in charge. This story was very interesting and the reading helped us to keep recollected and to observe strict silence. In the afternoon, Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Lectures and Meditation took place up till the time of our break. Tongues set to work then to make up for lost time. At 5.30, silence was again observed. After tea, a lecture Benediction and night prayers preceded our going to bed.

Bad weather kept the boys indoors most of the day, so it was not difficult to spend much time before the Blessed Sacrament at Exposition

in honour of the Feast of the Sacred Heart which occurred on the Friday of our Retreat. Our Retreat Fathers heard confessions each day, as long as there were penitents. Indeed, our Priests were most co-operative in attending to the spiritual wants of all. Any boy could approach them at any time. Silence was observed all day on Friday, the day of Exposition, and this provided a test for our real Retreat spirit. Temptations were strong, but Grace prevailed and all good resolutions were kept. At the conclusion of the Retreat, Fr. Scanlon imparted to us a Plenary indulgence and the other indulgences he is empowered to impart. He also blessed our religious objects—our Rosary beads, etc.

The Retreat ended on Saturday morning after Mass and General Communion. The Priests and Brothers complimented the boys on the splendid Retreat that had just finished and they expressed the hope that all the Graces obtained would remain with them through life.

—KEVIN SHANNON.

VOCATIONS

Reference to vocations at St. Pat's is always seasonable, because there are so many boys preparing for the Priesthood and the Religious Life, but somehow recent events make such an article especially suitable just now. I refer to—

- i. Our recent Ordinations.
- ii. The Feast of Br. Edmund Ignatius Rice.
- iii. To the division of the Australian Province of the Christian Brothers.

Our minds naturally turn to the Priesthood, the life of the Priest, his labours and his pleasures, when we witness an Ordination Ceremony. Reference to the pleasures of the Priesthood reminds us of that unparalleled joy to parent and to son when the Priestly son with the oils fresh on his newly consecrated hands bends in benediction over the kneeling forms of his beloved parents. Nor is this all, for words cannot describe the sheer delight of parent or priestly son when at his First Holy Mass he communicates with his Lord and His God, his Mother and Father and his loved ones. Joy inexpressible surely to perform these divine actions on behalf of those dear ones to whom he owes so much. These thoughts, together with those that remind them of the Priest's work, God's work, are strong motives to urge suitable young men to study for the Priesthood. Our prayer is that the anxious longing of Christ for Priests may be satisfied, for the harvest indeed is great and the labourers are few.

The Feast of St. Ignatius, the patron of the Founder of the Christian Brothers, turns our attention to this order of men who devote themselves to Catholic Education, or rather whose visible work is the instruction of youth firstly in the beliefs and doctrine of the Catholic Faith and secondly in those secular subjects which fit our boys to make their way in life and to attain the vocation God has destined for them. I said, "whose visible work is the instruction of youth," because the real reason why a young man becomes a Christian Brother is that he himself might become holy and good and by living the life of a Christian Brother, that he might save his own soul. It is to win Heaven for ourselves then that there are Christian Brothers and they will attain this objective by teaching boys.

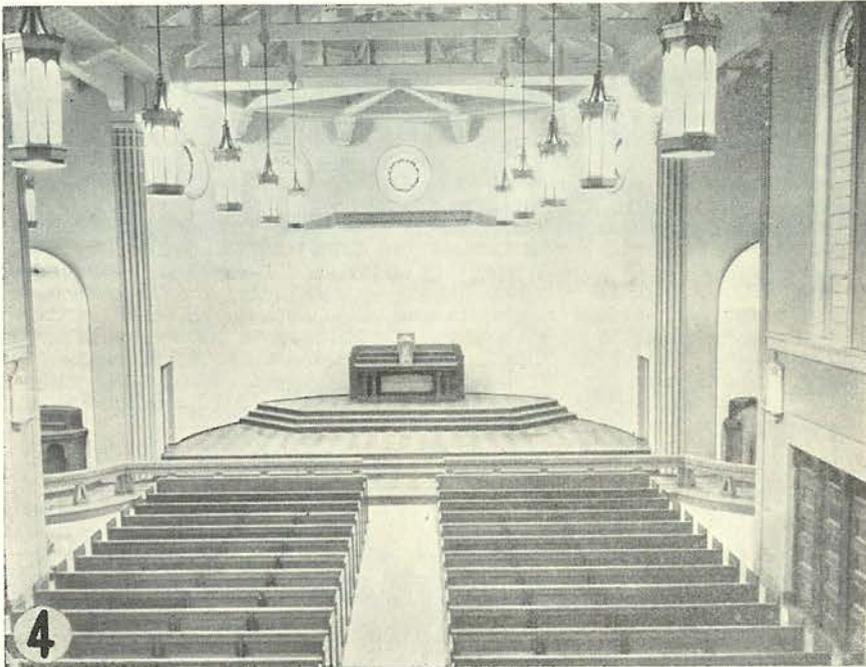
A further happening which might move us to consider life as a Christian Brother is the recent division of the Australasian Province into two Provinces. It is felt that this division of the Province will greatly increase vocations to both Provinces. Bishops and Priests are calling out for teachers, but unfortunately their requests cannot be satisfied. We need more Brothers, many many more. There is hardly a school of the Brothers where there is not a pressing need for help. Grand work is being done and God is blessing the work but much remains undone. Generous souls are

sought who are prepared to devote their lives to the service of God in religion. Any Priest or any Brother will advise you but you must make the first move. Never let it be said of you that you are not where God wants you to be, doing the work God wants you to do. Pray that He may make clear to you what are His designs in your regard, for remember that it is not you that choose Him but He that chooses you, for Christ has said:

"You have not chosen me but I have chosen you."

Think about it, pray about it, take advice about it. Remember those other words of Jesus Christ addressed to the rich young man:

"If you will be perfect go sell what you have and give to the poor and then come follow Me."



MATRICULATION

It is with sentiments of grief that we close our Second Term in the Matric. Class, for in the death of Michael and Gavan Bourke's father we feel a personal loss. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Bourke and her six sons and to Mary.

In common with Matriculation students of all Colleges, we feel that the time is closing in on us and that soon we will be at the mercy of the University examiners. Who is there who is not disconcerted by this thought? However, we have worked enthusiastically and long, and we feel in a state of more or less preparedness. All things being equal, we should give good accounts of ourselves at the Public Examinations.

As always, however, the absorbing interest of Second Term at S.P.C. is football, and Matric Class boasts of an unbeaten combined side. The fact that we have played no matches is incidental as we have had considerable difficulty in finding suitable opposition. However, we do pride ourselves with eleven members of the First XVIII. Brian Grogan is our Captain this year, and other members include M. Shannan, A. Joyce, J. Deany, K. Shea, M. Bourke, B. McGregor, D. Bradmore, K. Pike, B. Gaffney and B. Williams. It is a little more difficult to determine the Captain of our Second XVIII, as Brian Maher, Laurie Erwin, Denis Bourke and Kevin Shanley all lay claim to the distinction as Captains on the Senior Oval. We have a large representation in the Second XVIII also, and members include B. Dowling, J. Cotter, K. Carroll, J. Madden, R. Davies, J. Wangeman, K. Shannon and B. Gibson.

Many of our footballers distinguished themselves in various ways. John Deany recently astounded members of the First XVIII by arriving at training, and although a little hazy as to the procedure at first, he was an ardent learner. Kevin Shea has spent the last few weeks searching for a cork-screw, but now he has obtained one he is unable to locate the cork. Never mind, Kev., you are sure to find another one shortly. Miracles will never cease! There was great jubilation at the Prefects' table, when Adrian Joyce presented himself for Sunday dinner on two occasions. However, he was disappointed by the absence of Denis Bourke who on appearing was seen to be almost a cot-case.

A recent call from the Ballan Constabulary had a disastrous effect on Laurie Erwen's blood-pressure, necessitating a rushed trip home. Speaking of trips home, Brian Gibson displayed a remarkable consideration for his chilblains when he gave them a much-needed change of atmosphere in Melbourne. Brian Grogan enjoyed an extra day in Colac and faithfully upheld the good name of the Prefect band. At Colac also, Don Bradmore proved that one hand is as good as two and proceeded to mark and pick up the ball quite expertly with one hand. However, Brian Gaffney and Ken Pike were not very interested.

A few of our students have shown pugilistic tendencies. Brian Maher is the terror of the Senior Oval, whilst Peter Dalton simply refused to be governed by the (period) bell, in his attack on Noel Gregory. The efforts of Kevin Shanley to referee were all in vain. Kvin Shannon and Bob Davies are to be congratulated as they were instrumental in securing a promotion to the front seat for Brian O'Loughlin. Kierce O'Loughlan, too,

is to be congratulated on his recent athletic successes. However Barry McGregor was not entirely successful, with his photography, although he got some candid shots.

Tom Laffey and Brendan Davey continue to exert a favourable influence on our Cadet Corps. Tom is a very appreciative listener to Brian Vanina's graphic descriptions of his exploits during his week-ends home. Martin Shannan and John Deany, who both believe in the policy of an occasional trip home continue to debate on moral ethics and involved theological points. John Madden surprised all by failing to identify "Diana," but it is commonly felt that our star basketball player, John Wangeman, had a ready answer. On the same occasion Michael Bourke demonstrated a good knowledge of current affairs. Kevin Carroll and Mick O'Callaghan are the very essence of application and deserve to do well. John Cotter, Denis Bourke and Brian Dowling form a doubtful trio in the back seat, but Brian Dowling assures us that everything is above board.

If you haven't heard our senior choir as yet, you are cordially invited to attend our next performance—we can guarantee music at its very best. There was no difficulty in determining the leader of the melodies as Martin Shannon displayed the essential leadership. Laurie Erwin was surprised to find that the tenors functioned without him, but Adrian Joyce and Denis Bourke combine to make the altos by far the superior group. Brendan Davey holds the basses together, and surprisingly enough we all combine to create harmony.

Nevertheless, we have come to the end of a very happy term and with the "comforting" thought of imminent exams on our mind, we say goodbye from the Matriculation Class for the Second Term, 1953.

—A.P.J.

LEAVING CLASS

Once again, readers, we present a record of our term activities. We were again well represented in every phase of College life. In the First XVIII we had Bryan King (Vice-Captain), Ray Dignan, John O'Shannessy, Ross Muller, Vincent Colbert, Trevor Conlan, Brendan Ryan and John Kerrins, while Bill Bainbridge and Brian James also represented us in Sunday matches. We also had Paul Bourke, Captain, and Rex Start, Vice-Captain, of the Under 15 team. Leaving boys were prominent among the Cadets at the camp at Mildura, and several received well-earned promotions. These were George Thompson, Philip Johnson, John Coffey, Willie Jones, Peter Morris and Dan Duggan.

Owing to the enterprise of our Company Adjutant, Tom Lanigan, the Cadets now enjoy the privilege of a band of five drums. Leaving representatives in the band are Peter Windsor, who averages a pigskin a week, Graeme Murphy, John McCormack and Dan Duggan.

In school this term there has been quite a noticeable air of study and we all anxiously await the term exams which, this year, will be held just before our September holidays. There are several likely candidates for the top positions in the class. Amongst these are Brendan Ryan, Bernard Mathews, Philip Johnson, Gerald Ridsdale and Des Brown, although it is felt that there may be some dark horses in the field. One never knows until the numbers go up. However, the enthusiasm and earnest application of the more studious amongst us must bear fruit.

A recent event worthy of note was the Alliance Francaise, at which we were well represented. All were edified by the chivalry of Bill Mahony on this occasion. It bodes well for his future social career. No doubt we will be well represented in the prize list for these exams. We must wait and see. Des Brown and Michael Walsh recently lost their, up till then, blameless reputations, when they "wantonly" smashed a window—a terrible deed!

There has been of late a growing tendency to go down to the parallel bars after prayers and do some exercises. Prominent among these has been Tony Kean who has advanced, in this sport, out of sight. Three of our day boys have become prominent in the golfing world. They are B. Podger, Tom Scarff and Alan Ryan. After the return to College of our Old Boy Priests we received a holiday. As a result, several boys decided home was the place and proceeded thither. Among the above were N. Morganti and his fellow traveller N. Rogers. We trust they had an enjoyable week-end.

Early in the term there was a craze on "Five Hundred." The lesser lights of McCann House were caught up in this, namely P. Johnson, B. King, J. McCormack, M. Sheahan and J. McDonald. Tom Lanigan and Tony Kean were the centres of interest when they returned from Mildura. Their discovery presented the local police with a baffling puzzle. Indeed the mystery is not yet solved.

Bernard Carey has made a reputation for himself of being the most proficient and consistent asker of unwise questions—an unfortunate trait. Our most silent and industrious student in Leaving is Brendan Smith. However, he can be drawn into an animated discussion on the fickleness of Collingwood selectors. Speaking of Collingwood, there has appeared in McCann House two portraits of Magpie champions. The owner wages constant warfare to keep them unmolested.

No chronicle of our term's activities would be complete without some mention of the performances of Bernard Bailey on the football field and on the basketball court. Concerning this latter, Bill Mahoney has been airing certain views. Peter Morris led his team to a convincing win in the Debate on the Olympic Games. His views were shared by all. On that day Kevin Arundell was the star speaker. His effort was truly commendable. John Pinzone and F. X. Welch are very firm friends and are often seen together.

The "Old Men's Club" has been prominent in school activities once more. Its members are Tom Brophy, Brian James and Bill Bainbridge, all of whom are excellent public speakers. These three figured prominently in our recent Literary activities. John Rye and Neil Sist are two industrious students. John has the distinction of being the College organist. Kevin Leitch and Peter Taffe have formed a Mutual Assistance Club. We wish them success. Another permanent pair are J. Carter and G. Ridsdale who are both hard workers.

Kevin Waterhouse and Norman Harris have evaded the limelight this term so there is little to report about them. They are very busy. Frank McCarthy recently returned late from a long week-end. His excuse was well below par. We think it's old age. Speaking of latecomers, we must include Brendan Morganti and Greg Walsh, our renowned day-boys. Their excuses are most interesting. Leo Shreenan has given up the heaters before school since his clash with B. Righetti who seems to have a monopoly of them.

Well, readers, we hope your interest has not waned since the beginning of our notes, and so we bid adieu until next term.

—P. BOURKE, D. BROWN.

INTERMEDIATE "A"

Hearty greetings, readers, from Inter "A."

In the field of sport this term we had a number of good footballers. Most outstanding of these was Brian Murphy, who played at full-back for the important second match against College. In the Second XVIII we had a representative in Michael Martin, a ruck man. In the Under 15's

we had Terry Fitzpatrick, Graeme Sampieri, Peter Kean and Vince Corbett. Among the 'officials' for the First XVIII were Michael Martin, medical man, Terry Fitzpatrick, oval-marker and boundary, Kevin Maher, boundary, John Danaher and Joe Gallagher, time-keepers, John Hampton, oval marker and orange-boy.

In the first exam this term the winner was Peter Pollard. He was closely followed by Anthony Lewis, Kevin Maher, Joe Gallagher, Garry Leach, Michael Hanrahan and Terry Cain. In the second test, Barry Breen took over the 'Prime Ministership' with Garry Leach, Kevin Joyce, Anthony Lewis, Kevin Maher, Terry Fitzpatrick, Pat Baker and Joe Gallagher following in that order.

Garry Leach is reported to have invented a new type of rifle. He also astounds the class with his intricate phrases. Tony Lewis somehow manages to miss the tram of a Saturday morning and usually arrives a "little" after nine. Kevin Maher and Terry Fitzpatrick always manage to be sitting beside or behind each other. We are beginning to wonder! Pat Baker and Graeme White are the seminarians of this class. Joe (100%) Gallagher sometimes gets homesick—especially after a Latin period. Vince Corbett's kit-bag is used, against his will, for a good purpose every Wednesday. Brian Murphy prefers the use of zips to that of buttons. Peter Jeffrey continues to carry on the reading for the class in a very capable manner. John Danaher firmly denies that the bell was rung early on a certain Wednesday. Des Papworth has given up teaching for boundary umpiring out at Gordon way. John Gelder's rubber still comes in very handy at times. John Hampton has resigned from the egg board and has joined the orange board this term. Brendan Howman is reputed to be an expert rabbitier out at Snake Valley. Harry Hackwill can be seen every Sunday playing football in the Redan district—have the selectors seen him yet? Terry Cain talks a lot about a hotel at Maroona now. Bernie Coburn goes out to do gymnastics after night prayers, but invariably spends the time talking. Mel Creati has been vainly attempting to sell tickets for the Ballarat Football Club during the last few weeks. John Caine favours a table in the Library rather than a table-tennis table lately. Peter Butler thinks it is helpful to clear his throat during a hard Latin sentence. Graeme ('In a sort of a way') White finds it hard to make himself heard in class at times. Peter Kean does his regular (how many?) chin-ups every night. John Walsh tries to sit next to a fellow Camperdown citizen at night-study. John Donovan had a chat with a Collingwood footballer recently—or so he proudly informed us. Gerald Crough is just recovering from an appendix operation. Brian Dow is slowly developing into a second Neville Sellwood. If practice makes perfect, Brian should be good. Doug Anderson showed his fistic prowess at a recent Y.C.W. boxing tournament. His friends find Michael Martin very elusive after dinner, but usually find him down around the tuck-shop eating a pie. When the word 'rifle' or 'gun' is mentioned, Ray Lamaro's eyes usually light up eagerly. Graeme Sampieri is finding flowers for our altar hard to find. Richard MacArthur is trying to prove that the old saying, "Our wisdom advances with our age," is wrong. Jim Mullin's close friends are still trying to find out the secret of Jim's hair. Jim Saunders came in after lunch one day showing the signs of a battle. We wondered, but eye-witness Jim Hanrahan kept quiet about it. Mick Hanrahan is often in argument with Des Papworth about the merits of two teams in the Ballarat League. Robert Franklin and Kevin Willey, although alike in size, are direct opposites in nature. Robert is very quiet, whilst Kevin makes his presence felt. Kevin Joyce has not forgotten that Dolman or Clingan did not win the Stawell Gift. Peter Pollard maintains that intelligence is best shown by silence—sometimes.

Well that's all for now so, until we meet again next term, we'll say au revoir from Inter "A."

INTERMEDIATE "B"

The Dux last term was Brian Tellefson with Tony Grigg a very close second. These two have held the seats of honour at the room for the term just finished. Des Joyce was also elevated to a high position during the term but he had to enlist the aid of several large volumes to make sure of it. Late in the term Brian McMahon left us to take a position in the G.P.O. We wish him all the very best.

Our efforts on behalf of the Missions continue to be most generous. We have already collected about £11, and at the moment the section under the leadership of John Groutsch shows the greatest total.

The victorious First XVIII found no less than three of its members in Inter "B," viz., Bill Drake, Pat Conlan and Gavan Bourke. Accounts of their performances will be found in other pages of the Chronicle, and need not be enlarged upon here. In the Seconds, our representatives were Peter Carracher and Terry Goss. Somebody thought that Norman Von Nida had turned up the other day, but it was only David Lardner ready for school.

John Chisholm has been relieved of his duties as class watch-dog. Les Kemp, Peter Bourke and Brian Scarff are to be seen swooping on the chalk at 12.30 each day in keen competition to do Arithmetic exercises on the board. Then there is the Barry and O'Beirne Brains Trust and Mutual Aid Society whose head office is in the front seat, and who will be pleased to give advice on all problems. John Harris has developed quite a technique as scoreboard operator and we understand that he strums a nice guitar on occasions. Brian Vear is frequently seen designing new aircraft and reading stories of the Great Outdoors. Brian Godfrey and Brian Tellefson are now Corporals in the Cadet Corps. The Murray-Joyce chair feud flared up several times but peace seems to have been restored at last. Graeme Cardillo may be heard talking about the Sunday Socials at any play-time in the vicinity of the heater. Gavan Bourke and John Hott will usually be in the neighbourhood, also. Leo Ward never fails to give us all the local news when the weekly papers arrive from "Wang." We hear that Ambrose Joyce is the terror of the "ally" pitches. Trevor O'Keefe always manages to find a few extra marks to put on to the Arithmetic examinations. Don and John Hoare and Brian Godfrey scored top marks in the "Neatest Locker" competition recently.

The following lines concern members of this class, but the incidents related are entirely fictitious and any resemblance to actual happenings is purely coincidental.

A student whose surname is Goss,
Bought a great deal of pink fairy floss;
But a thief passing by,
Did the fairy floss spy,
Now the floss is a loss to young Goss.
A schoolboy by name Michael Hayes,
Had been absent for days and for days;
When asked what the reason
He said, "It's the season
For gathering the wheat and the maize."
You have all heard of poor Tony Grigg,
Who for silver did once try to dig;
When the mine all fell in
With a terrible din,
They just started to dig for poor Grigg.
With talents, brains and all the rest
We're famous, that you must agree;
So, one and all, the very best
From students of The Inter. "B."

SUB-INTERMEDIATE "A"

Congratulations to Marshall Younger, not only for his selection in the famed S.P.C. XVIII, but also for the many great games he has played with the team. His goal from the boundary line in the wonderful game against College recently was a beauty. Charlie Castles looks like getting a game as this is being penned, as his name figures in the list from which the team will be picked to play High School today. All the best, Charlie!

Bill Crowe is rapidly qualifying for the distinction of being the most paraded boy in the school. Monday usually finds him in the "defaulters" line-up, with the inevitable Saturday afternoon aftermath. An R.C. in more ways than one evidently. 'Tis said that Cadbury's and Nestles' have a special service for keeping up supplies to Colin ("O-fat-One-who-Ran-into-the-Wall") Dooley. We don't know if "W.D. and H.O." have the same supply problem.

Peter Collier's hair-do has created as much interest as Dior's new hemline. Peter had a mysterious illness during the term. Perhaps it could be named "Walkabout." At last Bill Almeida and "Bertha" have made contact with each other. Bill is one of the "star" ruckmen of the class. Noel Smith has had an unfortunate football season. He has been out of action for the past ten weeks with an injured finger incurred in the first match of the season. Charlie Castles, the "Crooning Corporal," and Marshall Younger, the "Troublesome Troubadour," are busy compiling a new song book. Their musical murmurs often penetrate the murmurs of the class at work and are not always appreciated in higher circles.

Ian "Mouse" Priestly recently changed his diet from cheese to onions. Several of his immediate neighbours at once changed their seats. Ken Curtin and Michael Fulton know all the ropes when it comes to dodging work. They often get their library books mixed up with their school books. Basil Threlfall had ideas of writing a novel we were informed, but, as it interfered with his studies, he changed his mind. Both Basil and nipper, John, are very keen on their work in school and quite a few in the room could well follow their example.

After John Curtain's poetic efforts in the May Chronicle, quite a few poems have been submitted. However, as most were on the libellous side they have been omitted. Colin Dooley and Basil Threlfall were so impressed with the Collier hair-do that they now sport similar coiffures. They should now qualify for any Porcupine Club if such exists. Michael Dinley is still "licking his chops" after attending a barbecue recently. Denis McKimmie is now making himself heard. For a long time Denis was seen but seldom heard. Irwin McGenniss, our football reporters tell us, is one of the best players on the Hill Oval. Looks like following in the footsteps of Marshall Younger and Charlie Castles. Another to attract attention in this respect is Denis McKimmie, who is leading in the best and fairest competition.

Ken Fraser and John McKinley miss each other very much during the first period after dinner. Usually inseparable, one does French and the other History. Paul Williams and Martin Kennedy are planning a camping trip for the Christmas holidays. They shouldn't forget anything!

Extract from Ken Fraser's football report: "Ken Fraser, that dashing half-back on the Hill, who gives his team such drive, is the most brilliant back on the Hill. He is practically impassible. That is why his team, Nunan, is double the nearest competitor." Our football critic reckons he's a second "Mopsy" Fraser, and is as gentle with the opposing forwards as that gentleman.

Brian Hickey, if reports can be relied on, must be the "Scourge of Durham Street." Gerald Cameron saves his "pocko" by chewing pencil cases and other such tasty morsels. Michael Gallagher is not up in the air so much now that John Curtain has been shifted.

Our room was given a thorough spring clean one Saturday morning recently. The statue, particularly, has taken on a new appearance, thanks to the efforts of Marshall Younger and Charlie Castles. Our Mission total

was halted at the £40 mark to enable us to put in for a pair of brass vases. These were purchased at a cost of three guineas and the Missions are off again. Another pair of larger vases costing six guineas will be purchased at a future date. These should then make our altar worthy of the lovely statue that adorns it and ensure that good, solid vases are available for decorating purposes for many years to come. Many thanks to those generous boys who made their purchase possible.

SUB-INTERMEDIATE "B"

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Joe Ballinger, his mother and family, on the death of Joe's father during the long week-end when the boys were away. (R.I.P.)

We have been pursuing our scholastic way steadily. English composition has been the subject that has interested us most, although some Geographers are—"Peering in maps for ports and piers and roads."

We were glad to welcome back Neville Gay and Terry Gillard after absence at hospital in the first term. Unfortunately they set the fashion for in swift succession three day-boys, Manson Garvey, Brian Gallagher and Peter Mulcahy entered St. John's, only to be followed by Charles Ryan and Noel Rogers. The last three heard the doctor's diagnoses—appendicitis. "Come, prepare your bosom for the knife," but Noel knew his Shakespeare: "The pound of flesh . . . 'tis mine and I shall have it." He reneged after five days' rest. We are pleased to report that all are well again.

The most thrilling day of the term was the return match with College. Played in a keen, hard and friendly way, with so much depending on it, it will never be forgotten. Tom O'Dea, Brian Shanahan and Len Sheahan's blood pressure was not normal at study that evening. "You shall not gauge me by what I do tonight."

We have important things ahead of us, however. The exams are in the offing. Michael Griffin's compositions have been good, but the handwriting will hardly cause the examiner to exclaim, "I know the hand, 'tis a fair hand." Barry is not so sure of the results, "There are some shrewd contents in yon same paper That steals the colour from O'Donohue's cheek." Michael O'Halloran's reactions were much the same. "Here are a few of the unpleasant words That ever blotted paper." David Hallam, as well as some of his cronies, had an easy passage. "He hath neither French, nor Latin, nor Italian." But exams means holidays, and John Lindsay will lead the chorus: "I am glad on't. I desire no more delight Than to be under sail and gone tonight."

So for the holidays, with Gratiano, we "wish you all the joy that you can wish," but somehow feel that the teachers will have the last laugh when in a few weeks, we can hope to hear—"I would detain you here some month or two." (with apologies to the Bard.)

SECOND YEAR

Greetings to readers from Second Year. Since our last bulletin we have been keeping up the class tradition in study, sport, conduct, etc. A select group of students has been doing extra work, especially on Saturday mornings—they are the scholars, who hope to gain a number of Junior Government Scholarships at the end of the year. There was another group—small, but select—who did a bit of extra work on Sunday morning—once!

Many of the characters in the class have made names for themselves in more ways than one, but none more so than Francis ("Byron") Bailey. In the very late hours of one winter's night, when all the College was deep in slumber and silver shafts of moonlight were filtering through the

dormitory windows, Francis rose from his bed of sleep and walked stealthily up the dormitory and into the Brother's room. He was armed with a pillow and was evidently prepared to do a deed of daring (like Mucius Scaevola of old). However his movements woke the Brother who, when he had gathered his startled wits together, demanded an explanation. Frankie then started to argue about the number of pillows on his bed. However after some persuasion he was prevailed upon to return to his bed, his deed of violence left undone. Incidentally, the Brother's hair showed distinct traces of white next morning.

Anthony ("How are you today") Borrack is one of the star full forwards on the Shed (whenever he can get a kick). Anthony has other occupations to while away the leisure hours. In one of these he is aided and abetted by one Les Haynes, who is always to be found where the fight is thickest. This pair is thinking of starting a sideshow act—something in the line of knives and things.

Brian Blood keeps Warren Larsen company down near the back of the room. Occasionally they take time off from their more strenuous studies to argue some knotty arithmetical problem. Two keen students just behind them, who argue algebraic problems are Geoff Buttler and John Graham. John Graham is always ready to give us examples of scientific principles. Everything seems to happen "up home" at Cannie. Must be a great place. But nothing ever seems to happen at Corindhap, Geoff! Or you won't tell us about it, if it does. Brian Maw is one who rivals John Graham in supplying examples at Science class. He always has a couple on hand. Judging from some of the specimens who come from Brian's district, there is much up there needing explanation. Brian Costigan was one of the Construction Engineers during the term. He is an expert in earth-moving jobs. He was assisted by Peter Nihill, the Surveying Specialist. Any levels you want adjusted, consult Peter. To complete the firm, there were Peter Harman and Howard Macnamara who did all the heavy construction work (or that's what they say). Anyhow, thanks to their efforts our drainage system is functioning well.

Gary Coutts and Robert Scott are keen soccer fans who manage to inflict satisfactory bruises on their opponents persons while playing in the ball courts. However they sometimes adopt soccer tactics on the Shed much to the annoyance of their opponents. John Noonan and John Bongiorno are soccer fans, too, who put into practice tricks they learn with the Y.C.W. Under 14 team, with which they play (sometimes). One of their opponents in the Competition (sometimes) is Stan Roberts, a dashing full forward for North City. How Stan manages to play at certain times is not known.

Gerard Cullinan is an orange-man and is said to hold the record for the consumption of oranges—14 at lunch-time. It is hard to believe, but he said so himself.

J. A. Devine has been seen skating around the College, though not always on the right part of his body. Long bike rides are John's forte.

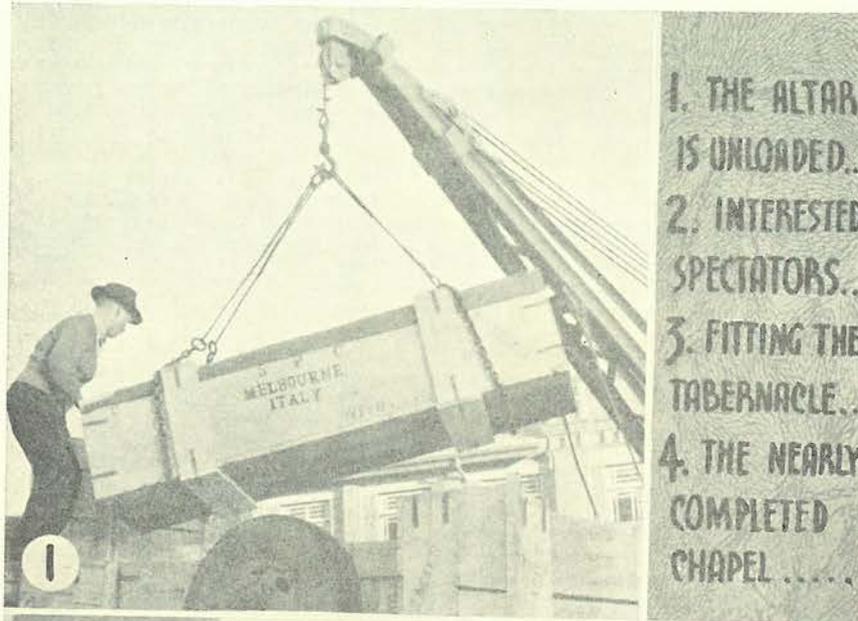
J. H. Devine is one of the Hill captains and sometimes leads his team to success. J.H. was a bit lonely towards the end of the term and often pined for a seat up front. Peter Shea spends a lot of time in school working out strategic moves for his football team. They seem to bear fruit, too, for his team finished one match with a record number of goals. John Elsbury is one of the caterers in the room. The Elsbury sandwiches are fresh and tasty and are highly recommended (so they say). Leon Gleeson received promotion to the front seat where he kept Brian Tucker company. Neither would change seats with anyone for all the world. Peter Whelan and Barry Pomeroy are others who share the same views. "There's nothing like a front seat," they say. Peter's writing, by the way, is now legible. Michael Godfrey found the going too fast so he took off some weeks from school. Evidently he got the idea from Denis Fowler, his deskmate. Another absentee from this section of the room was Reg

Smith who had ear trouble—left ear. He sits next to John ("Smiler") Smith. It's no wonder. The strange thing about it is that Reg didn't have his arm talked off too! When John is in any spot of bother (not that he often is, mind you) he usually disarms his assailant with that well known smile of his. John Hogan and Stan Roberts often act like those hillbillies we hear about. They seem to spend quite an amount of their time "afeudin', aightin' and afussin'."

Tony Hicks has been getting keener and has improved in his school-work since he applied for and obtained a position up next to the heater. He is kept on his mental toes trying to give better answers than his rival, Reg Fenton, who sometimes astounds the class with the wisdom of his answers. Maurice Corbett is vieing for the front seat but the competition is too keen and Maurice has to content himself with the second seat. He has been accompanied of late, in his journeys into knowledge, by Frank Lloyd, who prefers to be up nearer the heater. (It's a great thing this heater! You're telling me!) Ray Sands, on the other hand, took a seat nearer the back of the room—an indication that he is getting keener (or something). When Chronicle writing time comes round, Paul J. B. Kierce sharpens up the barbs on his nib, dips his pen in vitriol and proceeds to write scathing invectives against a certain person in the room. In the first term he virulently criticized this person's actions and this term he made cutting remarks about the standard of humour. Perhaps, well, perhaps, we Denis King is one of the assistant salesmen in the bookshop. His greatest difficulty is in making himself seen above the counter. However, he does a good job (when he turns up). Terry Kingston was missing from school a few days recently. Perhaps he had a spill from that motor-bike we heard so much about.

Paul LeGrand spends many of his spare moments thinking up new excuses for being away from school and for not having his work done. Some are original, others are of extremely ancient vintage. Peter McDonald finds the library a constant source of enjoyment. He has thumbed more pages than most other boys. Some say he just looks at the pictures. David ("Bloodthirsty") McGrath is one of the class "palefaces." Watch out for your scalp, David, when Tommy Evans finds his tomahawk, or is it the other way round? Tommy still has his hide-out in the hedge. With his cobbles in First Year he continues to terrorize the younger generation. Des Martin tries to keep John Noonan in order in school, but is not always successful. If Des were to kick John as hard as he does the ball on the Shed, there would be better results. Peter Micklejohn often spends a period or two talking over interesting topics with "Patch." However, the master does not always co-operate. John Molan is one of the four Shed captains in the room. He captains Treacy. In his spare time he dabbles in comprehension. Immediately Bernard Shannon took over the captaincy of Gaivin, the team met with their first success for the year. Bernie writes interesting conservation pieces in his note-book. Alan Higgins had success with his team, McCarthy, up to the time certain clearances were granted. When Alan arrived at the School of Mines for a recent woolclassing lesson, the instructor was able to give a practical demonstration using Alan's own fleece. The fourth Shed captain is Chris Houlihan who plays a very rugged game—in the Harry Caspar fashion—to lead his team, Nunan, to frequent victory. Roy O'Connor is still the quiet, gentle-voiced character that we knew last term (in the middle of the night).

Maurice O'Donoghue is an artist of note. Some of his works have already adorned the College notice-boards. He is also the possessor of a very fine lyric soprano voice. . . He harmonizes well with the deep bass of Teddy Vaughan. One morning they relieved the monotony of Latin declensions with a sort of Hit Parade. The class enjoyed the interlude immensely and are looking forward to the next recital. Paul Rice gives very good advice in verse. We don't know if he is speaking from experience or not. He certainly hasn't been in an aeroplane, so we think he must have



experience in order to write as he does. Other poets in the class are Michael Murray, who writes tense dramatic pieces about midnight episodes, and John Bongiorno who is a lyric poet of the old school. His latest opus concerns a young girl and a lamb. If space permitted we would publish some of these pieces. Tony Ryan continues to give us compositions of a high order. His humour, too, so we are told, is appreciated in some quarters—not very dependable quarters, though. Still, as the saying goes, small things . . . Peter Ryan was one of the class secretaries in the V.F.L. Highest Competition. His quiet persuasive manner always met with good results (from the tractor's point of view). Peter Shea was another secretary who used "kindly" ask the boys for guesses. John Ryan is Peter Ryan's shadow. In all his important decisions, e.g., when to buy pies, etc., he is advised by Peter, who always gives an unbiassed opinion.

Ken Ryan is somewhat lonely coming in on the bus now. Since Alan Donovan left, Ken has no one to hear him his lessons. However Les Marnell and Danny Davidson are luckier, and it is reported that they hear one another each morning (What) That might be the reason why they are improving so. Geoff Slockwith makes good use of the hot water pipes. He frequently puts his feet up on the pipes, relaxes in his favorite chair and spends a pleasant afternoon at his studies. Michael D. Stokie is one of the St. Roch's champs. He is usually seen "racing on the wing, where the best and roughest players take their place." When Stan Webb finds school life a bit tiring he takes a week's leave. However, he usually manages to drag himself along to the pictures at the end of the week.

Did you hear the joke about the dog which had four feet? No Then ask P.J.B. Where does Frankie get all the plastic string? What sort of a noise was that, John Elsbury? Did you see that photo of Paul Kierce in the "Sun" being congratulated by his sister? He must have done something very good (or have we got it right?) What's that big thing Tony ("Robin Hood") Hicks keeps in the boiler house. About that bike ride, Anthony? What was it you did besides ride? Did J. H. Devine have any tea that night he fell off the bar?

Cheerio for now from Second Year. We'll be back again next term with more interesting facts and figures (and jokes) for our readers.

FIRST YEAR

Here's a cheerio from First Year, the big class where all the serious study is done. You cannot hear about all our doings but we want you to know about some.

Ted McKenzie is very good at sport. He is Captain of the Under 5½ Stone team. He is also a very good marble player and is reputed to have won 100 marbles this term. He has found a new way for making lollies last a long time. Leon Lynch is a very good Shed footballer and is also a good scholar. He excels in Latin, but finds time to play a good game of marbles. John Sullivan is a fair student. When he gets out on the football field you would not know him. He is an ardent Collingwood supporter. Michael Smith does not like horses any more. He has decided to study seriously and the hurdles are becoming easier. It is wonderful what effort will do. Martin Nolan and John Cantwell are having a contest to see who is the tallest boy in the room. Martin is very good at his studies and plays football on the Hill. John is unable to play, as he had a bad injury to his knee last year. Laurie Thorp and Phil McCumisky sit together. Phil is the best reader in the room and Laurie isn't far behind, he is a very good footballer on St. Roch's. John Murphy is a very good student and one of the best footballers on St. Roch's. You will always find him with Ewen Cameron. Ewen hails from Nhill and like John is a good student and a good footballer.

Tom Cleary is a good footballer and is one of our best students. Frank Maher and Eris Blood are both bus-boys and they are good pals. David Hurley is one of our few quiet boys. He comes all the way from Kyabram. Peter Fay did not come back in the latter half of this term. Peter's Dad is very ill. We hope that he will soon get better. We fear Peter has left. George Pell is one of the "tall timbers" in the room. He sits with Barry McCandlish and Frank Maher. George does well at both work and play. He's a champion sprinter. Brian Sheehan is a very good footballer and is one of our good students. He sits with Bill Bell and John McCarty. Michael Ryan has his off days in school. When he gets down to work he does well. The two Quinlans—Paul and Frank—are not brothers and are not related. They are good students and good at most sports. Robert Coutts, Alan McInerney and Joseph Wright sit together. They are a quaint trio. Robert comes from Ballarat, Alan from Sea Lake and Josph from Melbourne. They do well at Latin time because Joseph is good at this subject.

John Doolan went home during the term as his father was very ill. We are glad to know he has improved. John is a very good singer. Graeme Perrott was a good footballer until a bad leg put him in the Infirmary. Graeme's father is an Old Boy of S.P.C. John Delahey is a keen student and a keener student. William Schofield, the scientist of the room, is trying to bring some old inventions up to date. Darryn Jenkins and John O'Brien sit together. Darryn can play a fair game of football but does not appear for the bounce of the ball always. John Murphy, Trevor Scott, Barry Humphrey and Laurie Thorp distribute the Weeties. The responsibility rests lightly on them. Bernard Elliott is very good at most things including talking. He is a full-forward on the Shed. Michael O'Dea is often seen with Stan Mahar. These two often do a bit of talking in school. Stan hails from Bullarook. Hugh Davies is a member of the Under 5½ Stone and is one of our music students. He comes from Launching Place. Arthur Buttler is a very good scholar. He is a good footballer too and is Vice-Captain of the Under 5½ Stone. Tom Prendergast is now in the front row. He used to be in the back benches. What happened, Tom?

Don McRae helps to keep things running smoothly in the Laundry. Don is a good, quiet student. Barry Stothers is a good student and a friend to all. He plays a good game of marbles. David McArthur is a pal of Michael Faulkner and they are often seen together. Brian Hayes is not heard often in school. He is a fair student but a good footballer. Michael Mason has been making model aeroplanes in his spare time. They do not look as well as Bill Bell's models. Barry Healy is a pal of John Doolan's and they are always together. Barry plays football on the Shed. He has no relations at College! Francis Doble is one of the noisy boys in the class. He is a good student at some subjects and he enjoys his game of football.

Roy Tynan threatened to blow up First Year when he brought some grenades to school. He shows best in school at Latin time. He is a good scholar. Bill Bell has taken up roller skating—with disastrous results—to his trousers. Bill is a keen student. John Brien is a keen full forward for Nunan. He is well up in the Shed goal-kicking. John is good at lesson time. Jim Nhill is Nunan's full back on the Shed. He studies well in school, but can never get away from his hands. Michael Faulkner, together with Jim Doran and Martin Nolan, play in the Hill Competition. They are good footballers. They study well sometimes. Michael Wilson is from Moonambel. He does not make much noise himself and is getting used to some of his more noisy companions. Robert Shepherd is a good trier. He tries hard at work and at play. Barry McCandlish is not so good at sport as he is at his studies. He comes from Trawalla. William Cartledge is a good jerkplayer. Bill comes from Ballarat North and barracks for South Melbourne. He is very good at Arithmetic. Pat

Walsh is a bus boy and is a quiet worker in school. Pat has a brother in Inter "A" class who is a boarder. Bill Walsh is Pat's cousin. He travels more than 90 miles a day to attend school. Noel Morris and Frank Denehy are sometimes late for school. They are good friends and willing workers. Noel and Frank are doing well at school. Frank fell off his bike and hurt his arm.

Denis Wright comes from Nauru Island. He is improving at his studies and is an excellent Shed footballer. He is a firm North Melbourne supporter. He has a brother at Villa Maria. Kevin Bell had the misfortune to break his arm early in this term. His arm is better now and he plays football just as well as ever. Francis McDonald is a member of the Under 5½ Stone team. He studies well and is quiet occasionally. Fred Hickey sits next to him. Fred can talk like a radio when he gets going. Gavan Bourke is a bus boy who arrived this term. He is a keen worker. Gavan barracks for Redan and says they are the best team in the Ballarat League. Brian Palmer (Bendigo) is a new boy who arrived this term. He is a keen worker and plays football on St. Roch's. Bill Bell and Warren McGenniss are keen South Melbourne supporters. Warren is class secretary for the football competition. Both are good scholars and are not afraid of exams. Darryl Scarff is a keen student and topped the class in the First Term tests. He is a fair footballer and plays on St. Roch's. His dad came to St. Pat's. Tom Guthrie comes from Bullarook. He sits with David McArthur who is another day boy. They get on well together and each helps the other. Gerard Cathcart comes from St. Arnaud. He is very good-natured and is a good man in the Shed competition. His brothers, Denis and Peter, attended S.P.C. Mervyn Jubb and Ian Kean sit together, so you can imagine the noise. Mervyn studies music and Ian keeps himself well posted with all that goes on about him. John McCarthy is an excellent full back on the Shed. He is also a good worker in school.

FIFTH AND SIXTH

Sizzle . . . sizzle! Yes, that hot story which just came in at the end of the first term is still cooking. Brian Gallagher, so this report says, is this very moment at work on the heater with frying pan, fat and sausages, while Sir is mending library books. Max Mallett, behind raised desk-lid, passes the cookables and the word when Sir has stirred from his work. While this blissful life goes on, Harry Jermolajevs experiments with his inventions of radar, television and hypnotism—used on teacher when roused.

Before continuing with dull school routine as outlined above, we welcome to Sixth Grade Eric Skapars from Ballarat East.

Michael Brown found it mighty hard to persuade our teacher that he did not have anything in his mouth when severely questioned during the term. "Nails" Goss is like the big bad wolf—he eats 'em all up. Ray ("Barbecue") Brady finds he is utterly famished whenever a fire is lit. Those noted for method and tidiness in our room are Murray Clark, David Tydeman, Ron Roberts and Michael Duck. Their desks are perfect examples of neatness. Always they will be found—books at the back, bread crumbs and apple-cores at the front. Charles Modrovich, Ron Burzacott and Roger Smith are forever star gazing in an effort to correct the calendar which they believe should read—"A month of Sundays always follows each term holidays." We wish them luck. Jim McCulloch and Joseph Sang rejoined us after spending some time in hospital. Joseph S. had a bad ear so John Coughlan now sits somewhere else.

Rumour hath it that Selwyn Shore failed to "cash in" after doing a little job for Peter Kuketz. It is whispered that Peter Dobson and Noel Bortolin pack six-shooters in school, keeping them handy for when "unliked" questions are asked. Wally Schreenan found to his dismay that he couldn't use his head for a hammer. Noel ("Voice") Harnett spent the term pulling

himself around in a pair of gum-boots.

Tom Murphy and John Castricum get on well together, even though John writes half his catechism answers in Dutch and the other half in English and then expects Tom to correct it and give him full marks. John Houlihan simply wouldn't look at us for a week or so. He pleaded that he was stuck down with a boil. Len Haintz, one of our musicians, has an absolute craving for the ivory keys—particularly during school hours. Trevor Haintz tells us how we should keep our desks—"novels on one side and crusts on the other." John Byrne and Brian Bongiorno stick together like flies on a sticky thing. "Red" Robert McArthur has his men twisted up like corkscrews after he has brought pressure to bear on them. Jim Finn controls the boot trade to and from the boiler room. Lindsay Bradley and Denis Faulkner still seem to be able to amuse each other with their rather doubtful yarns.

Some say Tony Brauer has only cotton to tie his bones together. John Fitzpatrick's usual morning salutation is, "I had to catch the late tram," while Brian Nolan varies the approach with, "I missed the tram." Dennis White's nerves are absolutely shattered by disapproving frowns which Leigh Miller casts on him when interrupted in his higher studies. Tony Taranto and John Whybrow being of the sticky nature have stamp collecting for a hobby. Brendan Hackwill is our maths speed artist, and at present holds the record. Tommy Dickson intends devouring the library before he leaves this room. Kevin Murphy has earned for himself the title, "Back seat ear-basher." But we must admit that Ian Stockwitch is not a passive partner to the combination. Gavin Brown and Brendan Hickey are the quiet and peaceable boys of the room so we won't flick any ink at them. Geoff Bedford continues with his inventions which could quite easily blow us to the moon. If that's where we are next term you will know what happened.

Cheerio till next term.

THE JUNIORS

With the close of Second Term go most of teacher's worries. The back of the year's work is well broken and many welcome beams of intelligence show on eager faces as with determined efforts to succeed they tackle their daily problems.

GRADE IV.—Here it looks as though Gordon may top. John Mc. will make him puff a bit, but Gordon's neater work will probably bring the honours. Vernon and Dannie have had a spell of bed and missed some new work and have not gained confidence in their own powers when this Chronicle went to press. However, they will be in the thick of it. Peter wants to be in it, but he does not give himself a chance. His lettering and figuring are anything but helpful. Brendan, on the other hand, is very neat, and figuring and writing generally very good, but he does not keep at his work as well as he should. John C. is still struggling to manage work that he missed last year. John comes from another school and lacks the more advanced foundation of College standards. However, John, there is still another term. Ballarat wasn't built in a term.

GRADE III. This grade was the backward one. Again the difficulty was foundation. Warren at first had it all his own way as he was a last year's boy. But this did not suit Peter B. His father is a schoolie so, says Peter, "Out of my way." Warren, who likes the easy-going-way was only too anxious to oblige. Laurie bucks up and says, "I'm from the same school. If Peter can, I can." But Laurie, it takes more effort than you are putting in at present. Bernie comes from the same school. He could top if he didn't keep one eye on teacher. Roger is a newcomer from a district school. He sizes up things. Finds Peter B. a top-placer, decides as his father is also a schoolie, he will be in the running too. But Roger

(like Bernie and Warren) could make better pacing if they worked harder. Ronnie has had a bad spell of illness, likewise has John N. Both these are very good triers and when the better weather of Third Term comes, then will make up for lost time.

LOWER III. Here are gems for the art of teaching. In some way or other all have a weighing difficulty to be eased by greater determination all round. Those with the greatest difficulties have been graded "Special" for some subjects. The improvements already shows this step was necessary for they attack their own grade work with more eagerness and more confidence. Of these, Terry O' is making the most successful effort. Peter S. tries too easily but self-esteem won't allow him to let Terry get out of sight. Peter H. has at last decided to study and is making progress. Peter W. wants to, but is often bored with hard work. I think he would like to form a Union to prevent teachers from wearing out their brains too soon. Michael and Gavan would certainly take office for Peter if he organizes one. Vincent is the neatest worker in the room and is beginning to make progress.

GRADE II. These show signs of being my shining gems when they reach Grade IV. Barry and Damien vie with each other for top place. Douglas is becoming more confident and reading and spelling decidedly improved. Darryl has decided that Timidity is a stupid fellow and so has pulled up with Courage. Frankie, though improving, still likes pal Waste Time.

GRADE I. Anthony has this grade to himself and is making progress. This will increase with confidence.

THE MISSIONS. Last term our mission fund for St. Peter the Apostle was £5/8/-. This term, so far, is £5/13/-, which will probably reach £6 by the closing day (headed by Peter and Brendan). St. Vincent de Paul's box has its weekly donations from the charitable-minded.

SPORTS. Our numbers are small and so are members for competitive sports.

FIRST FRIDAYS AND FIRST SATURDAYS. This year the attendance from this room has been very disappointing. As the children depend on their parents here, nothing can be done to help these little ones to obey Our Lady of Fatima's plea: "First Friday Communion of Reparation to the Sacred Heart," and First Saturday Communion in Reparation for the hurts to the Immaculate Heart of Mary." More co-operation from the parents in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Vernon, a constant attender, will reap many graces.

GOLF NEWS

Recently the Ballarat daily has displayed photos of several ex-students who have achieved success on the golf links. At Mt. Xavier, Mr. Jas. McCarthy won the Championship from his twin son, Jim. Both Jims are ex-students of S.P.C. Another ex-pupil, Basil Dawson, was close up

Juniors to win more than their share of success were present pupils Barry Podger, Alan Ryan and Gavan Rice. Barry is playing remarkable golf and he has played his way into Ballarat's country week team. Barry is only 17 and he is one of the youngest ever to be selected. He is very modest about it all and for this we like him the more. Ballarat is a golfing city and Barry's selection among the eleven best is truly praiseworthy. A pleasing feature of Barry's success is that his studies have not suffered. He is studying very solidly with his Leaving Certificate class.



HIGH MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL ON JULY 31st
Celebrant: Rev. Fr. N. Stafford. Deacon: Rev. Fr. R. Markey.
Sub-Dean: Rev. Fr. B. Long.

MEMORABLE DAYS

JUNE:

Tuesday, 2nd—Boarders return to school.
 Wednesday, 3rd—Many tired boys after first day of school.
 Thursday, 4th—A typical Winter's day—cold and windy.
 Friday, 5th—First XVIII training list announced.
 Sunday, 7th—First victory of the term for the First XVIII over Ballarat Y.C.W.
 Monday, 8th—A warm sunny day. B. Grogan and B. King elected Captain and Vice-Captain respectively of First XVIII.
 Tuesday, 9th—Cold and windy. Retreat began at 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, 10th—First day of Retreat.
 Thursday, 11th—Second day of Retreat.
 Friday, 12th—Final day of Retreat—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
 Saturday, 13th—End of Retreat. Cold, wet day.
 Sunday, 14th—First XVIII has a comfortable win over Pakenham.
 Monday, 15th—Rain.
 Tuesday, 16th—School sees Coronation Film.
 Wednesday, 17th—Still more rain.
 Sunday, 21st—First XVIII defeats S.J.C. Geelong easily despite bad conditions.
 Monday, 22nd—Cold, windy day.
 Wednesday, 24th—S.P.C. holds Grammar School scoreless in opening B.P.S. game. Pictures in the evening.
 Friday, 26th—Hooray! A fine sunny day at last.
 Sunday, 28th—First XVIII leaves Rokewood standing and wins easily.
 Tuesday, 30th—Wet and cold.

JULY:

Wednesday, 1st—S.P.C. gallantly ward off College's attack by three points.
 Saturday, 4th—Fine warm day.
 Sunday, 5th—St. Pat's defeat the Old Boy Amateur footballers.
 Wednesday, 8th—Despite cold wet weather, S.P.C. win easily from High School.
 Friday, 10th—School breaks at 11 a.m. for the long week-end.
 Sunday, 12th—Congratulations to Firsts, Seconds and Under 15's for their respective victories over St. Kevin's at Heyington.
 Tuesday, 14th—Back to school after a very enjoyable week-end.
 Wednesday, 15th—Rain.
 Thursday, 16th—More rain.
 Friday, 17th—The middle school attends a Commonwealth Employment Service lecture.
 Saturday, 18th—Ballarat surprises all with a beautiful sunny day.
 Sunday, 19th—Our First XVIII and our Debating team have respective victories over Gordon C.Y.M.S. at Ballan.
 Monday, 20th—The introduction of drums livens up the Cadet Parade.
 Wednesday, 22nd—Although playing under wet conditions, S.P.C. have a decisive victory over Grammar School.
 Saturday, 25th—Alliance Francaise competitions held at St. Pat's.
 Sunday, 26th—Ordination Sunday. Three S.P.C. Old Boys Ordained—Fathers Markey, Stafford and Long.
 Monday, 27th—Fine day.
 Wednesday, 29th—St. Pat's win a thrilling and hard-fought match against College by five points—50th consecutive victory.
 Friday, 31st—Br. Edmund Ignatius Rice's Feast Day. Fathers Markey, Stafford and Long celebrate a High Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

AUGUST:

Saturday, 1st—No school—owing to petitions of the newly-ordained priests.
 Sunday, 2nd—St. Pat's unlucky to be defeated by a senior Colac team by three points at Colac.
 Monday, 3rd—Fine day.
 Wednesday, 5th—S.P.C. conclude 49th year undefeated in B.P.S. competition by thoroughly defeating High School despite appalling conditions.

Items of Interest

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY-ORDAINED

On Friday, 31st July, unusual enthusiasm gripped the College. On that day our three newly ordained Priests and their parents and close friends visited the College. Fr. Bob Markey and Fr. Nick Stafford had been ordained by Most Rev. Bishop O'Collins in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, and Fr. Brian Long was ordained in St. Mary's Church, Heathcote, by Most Rev. Bishop Stewart. The College was represented at these ordinations and at the first Benedictions and the First Masses by the newly ordained. Brs. Healy and Murphy attended St. Patrick's Cathedral and Brs. O'Malley and Mullen were present at Heathcote.

Elsewhere in the Chronicle may be read the account of the High Mass sang by all three Priests in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, on the occasion of the commemoration of the feast of the Founder of the Christian Brothers—Very Rev. Br. Edmund Ignatius Rice. After the ceremonies in the Cathedral we all assembled in the College Hall to do honour to our priestly guests. Br. Healy introduced the three most recently ordained ex-students of the College. He said that this was always a pleasing duty and a privilege of the Head Master of St. Pat's, but the fact that today was the Feast of the Founder of the Brothers made the event doubly pleasing. Br. Healy said that so far as he was able to establish, these ordinations brought the total of ex-student Priests to 213. He said he felt that this number fell short of the actual number but that he could not find more than 213 names. That 213 Priests had pursued their studies at the College during its sixty years was grand. "Later in the year," Br. Healy said, "two more young men would be ordained in Dublin. They are Maurice Moloney and Tom Awburn. Both are for the Chinese Mission." Br. Healy then went on to give his recollections of the three Priests during their time at St. Pat's. Fr. Markey left College for some years and entered Werribee after having served in the Victorian Railways. Frs. Stafford and Long went to Werribee direct from College. All three, he said, were remarkable for the assiduity and for their piety and devotion to duty. They had been Prefects and had co-operated with the Brothers in every way. Fr. Stafford had had a brother, Peter, at St. Pat's while Fr. Long was the youngest of seven boys who attended S.P.C. His next eldest brother, Reg, had joined the Christian Brothers and was teaching in Perth. All were delighted to know that Rev. Br. Long had been able to be present at the ordination and First Mass and that he was present at the College on the occasion of this function.

The three Priests addressed the College and each testified to the debt he owed the Brothers and the College. They were loud in their praise of the attitude of the boys in their day and of the spirit of the boys at present. They expressed the hope that the big numbers of vocations would continue and that St. Pat's would still show the way in Werribee at least in numbers. They petitioned for a break for the boys and prolonged applause greeted the news that the rest of that day and next morning would be recreation. Prior to this assembly in the Hall our three Priests gave an individual blessing to the boys. We are deeply grateful for this blessing, realising as we do that this was the culmination to a very arduous week of ceremonies and of endless blessings.

CADET CAMP

The annual Cadet Camp was held this year at the Mildura R.A.A.F. camp during the May holidays. Seven Cadet Officers and 80 other ranks attended. A feature of the camp was the fine weather experienced during our entire stay there. A well-stocked canteen and pictures every second night also helped to make our stay enjoyable. An interesting programme was carried out, the most interesting feature of which was the pyrotechnics display and manoeuvre which was held on the Saturday night of camp. Due mainly to the help of an A.R.A. instructor, W.O.II. Holmes, the manoeuvre was highly successful and, since all took part, everyone benefited from it.

Our spiritual welfare was not neglected while at camp as Father Delahenty, one of St. Pat's own ex-pupil priests, made himself available almost every morning for Mass and every evening for Rosary. As we were the only Catholic unit in the camp, we appreciated the trouble Father went to in coming from Mildura to the camp every day. The Cadets responded well to Father's interest in us and their devotion was conspicuous.

A range practice was held on the Mildura Rifle Range, during which all Cadets used the Bren L.M.G. Many used this weapon for the first time. There was also a drill competition between One and Two Platoons resulting in a win by Two Platoon. The standard of the drill was very high and both platoons are to be commended on their earnestness and proficiency.

After a special Mass for our unit on Coronation Day, June 2nd, and Church Services for the other denominations, a march past was held, the salute being taken by Lt./Col. Weate, G.O.C., 3 Cadet Brigade. This was the last day of camp as we were to march out that night. All ranks agreed that the camp was most successful and that the experience gained was invaluable. Certainly the Army overlooked nothing in its effort to give those making the camp as thorough an insight as possible into the course laid out. Cadets instinctively like and enjoy their periods of camp and after the Mildura venture our next camp is sure to be well attended.

—Cdt./Lt. T. LAFFEY and U./O. B. DAVEY.

CADETS

Training this term has been confined mostly to drill movements in preparation for the Feast of Christ the King and the opening of the new Chapel to be held in Third Term. One hundred and twenty cadets have been chosen to march in the Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Christ the King and also to form a Guard of Honour at the opening of the Chapel. Great progress has been made and we hope that both these occasions will be made memorable by the excellence of our drill.

A re-arrangement of platoons was also made during this term. In place of the two Companies previously in existence, there is now only one, consisting of five platoons. The commanders of these platoons are, in order, U./O. B. Davey, Cdt./Lt. J. MacDonald, U./O. A. Kean, U./O. K. Leitch and U./O. J. Groutsch.

A number of promotions have been made since our Annual Camp. Cpls. R. McArthur and P. Kean are now Sergeants. Those promoted to the rank of Corporal are Staff/Cpl. Hanrahan and Cpls. D. Duggan, C. Castles, J. Coffey, G. Thompson and P. Johnson. Newly promoted Lance/Corporals are P. Morris, D. Anderson, W. Lannen, B. Phelan, N. McArdle and W. Jones.

A school band has been begun this term, due mainly to the enthusiasm of our O.C. Captain Halliburton, who was instrumental in securing some drums for our use. The Brothers at Drummond Street and Ballarat East have kindly lent us their drums until we can obtain our own, and we are

indebted to them for their assistance. A vast improvement has been noticed in drill since the drums have arrived, and if the improvement continues our displays in public during the Third Term will be worthy of St. Pat's.

Cpl. Duggan has been appointed Drum/Cpl. because of his previous experience in a school band at Bendigo. Other members of the band are Cdts. P. Windsor, G. Murphy, J. McCormack, L. Martin, D. Hunter, B. O'Donohue and J. O'Shannessy. It is to be hoped that when our own drums are obtained our band will be the equal of any in Victoria.

—Cdt./Lt. T. LAFFEY and U./O. B. DAVEY.

SOCIAL WHIRL AT S.P.C. FIRST TERM BANQUET

The First Term closed with the usual Terminal Banquet and all enjoyed this function very much. The tables were magnificently decorated both with artistically arranged flowers and with the many good things for which past banquets have been famous.

Brian Maher in the opening Toast to the Hierarchy and Clergy stressed the services rendered by the Hierarchy and Clergy generally and he emphasised in a very special way the helps afforded to boys of St. Pat's by our resident Chaplain, Rev. Dr. McCunnie, by Fr. Shelley, the Inspector of Schools, and by the Priests from the Cathedral Parish. He spoke, too, of the continued interest in the College of His Lordship the Bishop who was a frequent visitor. Rev. Fr. Shelley in his reply paid tribute to the sterling Catholic qualities of the College boys, to their respect for the clergy and to their general gentlemanly bearing. Tom Laffey traced the doings of our representatives in the various sporting activities of the term. He congratulated John Deany on his captaincy during the season and he congratulated John Cotter for stroking St. Pat's First Crew. Tom also thanked Mr. Galvin and Messrs. Hauser, Wilton, O'Brien, Moloney, Nolan, Tainch, Gallagher and Ashkar. He congratulated the coaches and the crews of the Thirds, Fourths and Sixths on winning and the Seconds, Fifts and Sevenths on their narrow defeats. He thanked particularly Messrs. Hauser and Wilton for their unselfish and laborious services both with the crews and in the repairs to the boats. Mr. Hauser expressed his pleasure at his associations with the Brothers and the Crews. He paid tribute to the wholehearted co-operation he received and he expressed the hope that St. Pat's run of "outs" would soon cease. Mr. Wilton endorsed Mr. Hauser's remarks. Lawrence Erwin proposed the toast to "The Visitors" and Mr. Galvin replied. The toast, "Matron and Staff," was proposed by Denis Bourke who was loud in his praise of the work done by Matron and her various staffs. He claimed that the present banquet was but evidence of the interest and ability of the ladies. On behalf of the boys, he thanked all who helped to prepare the repast. He thanked Br. Coyne and Dr. McArdle and Sister Walsh for the efficient manner in which they controlled the infirmary and attended to the sick. A reply to this toast came from the chair, and Br. Healy took occasion to add his own thanks and those of the Brothers to Matron, to Sister, to Dr. McArdle and to all who had helped the College in any capacity.

Musical items were interspersed and all enjoyed the community singing of several popular and suitable numbers. The singing of "Faith of Our Fathers" brought the function to a close.

THE SUNDAY FOOTBALL MATCHES

For many years now St. Pat's have been playing various school and local teams during the football season, in games now traditionally known as the Sunday Matches. Due to Brother O'Malley's excellent coaching, and the efforts of the players, this year's First XVIII has known defeat only once.

The first match of the season took place on May 3rd, and was played against the Old Boys. After a very hard match St. Pat's ran out the victors by nearly four goals. The score being 8.3 to 4.4. Bacchus Marsh C.Y.M.S. were the next to play St. Pat's, but again we were victorious with the score 10.15 to 6.3. After the term holidays training began in earnest, since there were many hard matches ahead. Our first match of the term took place against Ballarat Y.C.W. Although strengthened by certain Ballarat League players, our visitors were unable to counter the team work and position play which has made St. Pat's famous. The final scores were 11.14 to 5.10. On June 14th we played Pakenham Social Club, a team which was strengthened by some former St. Pat's First XVIII players. However, St. Pat's were again triumphant and final scores were 17.9 to 11.6. St. Joseph's, Geelong, played us on June 21st in typical Ballarat weather. Despite hail, rain and wind, the St. Pat's teamwork did not suffer, as we kicked 16.17 to Geelong's 0.2. The following Sunday St. Pat's played Rokewood, and ran out the victors after kicking 18.13 to 2.2. On June 5th we played the St. Pat's Amateurs, our Old Boys' team from Melbourne. This promised to be a hard game as non-stop, play-on football is played very effectively by our Old Boys. However, youth triumphed, as St. Pat's were again victorious. The scores at the final bell were 10.3 to 6.10.

Our first "away" match this year was against St. Kevin's, to be played at Heyington. This match had aroused no little interest, as our narrow win over Ballarat College seemed to suggest that the team's play was deteriorating. However, all doubts were dispelled when we defeated St. Kevin's 24.14 to 1.10. July 19th saw St. Pat's playing another "away" game against Gordon Y.C.W. at Ballan. Here St. Pat's gained a double victory as it defeated Gordon 9.8 to 4.12 in the football, and also won the debate against Gordon on the same night.

On August 2nd our long-awaited trip to Colac took place. Leaving Ballarat at 9.30, we arrived at Colac about mid-day after having a short "run" at Cressy. On arriving we were met by Mr. Halloran, who billeted the players and officials out to various homes. Here the team was shown great hospitality by the Colac residents who received us into their homes. In the afternoon we were driven to the Western Oval where we took the field against Colac Y.C.W. After a hard game, in which the lead was continually changing, even in the last quarter, Colac were victorious by three points, the score being 8.11 to 8.8. After the game we were driven back to the various homes where we were again welcomed. Many of our new friends had gathered to see us off, and at 7.30 that night we bade farewell to Colac. After some slightly discordant singing, during which we were treated to various solos, the team arrived at Ballarat in the best of spirits.

With only four more matches to play this year, the team seems to have acquitted itself admirably. As might be expected in these matches, St. Pat's are occasionally trailing, but several factors combine to revive our flagging spirits. First there are Brother O'Malley's "pep" talks, then there is the example given by our captain Brian Grogan and vice-captain Bryan King, and last but not least there is the never dying St. Pat's spirit "Floreat St. Pat's."

—BRIAN GAFFNEY.

THE COLAC TRIP

The long-awaited Colac trip took place on Sunday, 2nd August. The bus left the College at 9.30 a.m. with the members of the First XVIII. Br. O'Malley, our coach, and two other Brothers, Brs. Cregan and Archer, accompanied the team.

After a pleasant journey to Cressy we stretched our legs and had a

jog on the Cressy Football Oval. After the team had stepped out a real "Herb McKinley 440," we thankfully received from Br. O'Malley a block of Energy chocolate and numerous sweets, which were so generously donated by that great friend of the College, Mr. J. Rice.

On arriving at Colac we were received most hospitably by Mr. Halloran and by the people who organised the trip. Each boy seemed thoroughly impressed with Colac generosity on arriving at the oval for the big game against the combined Colac-Coragulac side. An interesting curtain-raiser was provided, in which St. Mary's, Colac, played St. Brendan's, Coragulac. The large crowd of spectators gave us a warm welcome as we took the field, followed by our opponents.

The game opened with surprising pace being shown by both teams. Teamwork was the highlight of the game and in this department our opponents, capably led by an ex-St. Pat's player, Tim O'Sullivan, matched our traditional play-on game. The scoring fluctuated for most of the day with the Colac side having a slight edge on us at three-quarter time. Due to the inspiring talk by Br. O'Malley at the break, and the never-say-die spirit of S.P.C., the lead was gained by St. Pat's mid-way through the last term. Ray Dignan constantly gave drive from the centre, while Don Bradmore and Bill Bainbridge defended ably. Bill Drake, although opposed by Colac's Hampden League rover, Dinny Morrissey, played admirably.

Within five minutes of the final bell, Colac scored a major and this gave them the lead again. We were given many opportunities to reply but the Colac half-back line was impregnable. The bell sounded and the game resulted in a win for the home side. Scores: 8.11 59 points to 8.8 56 points. It was our first defeat for the season. St. Pat's were beaten, but they gained the admiration of all by their teamwork and fighting spirit. Congratulations must go to the Colac team for their great win, and sincere thanks from all the boys to the friendly Colac people. We were indeed grateful to Mr. Halloran for arranging the trip and very thankful to all who looked after us.

—J. DEANY.

THE GORDON TRIP

The away match against the Gordon C.Y.M.S. held on the Ballan Oval on Sunday, 19th July, was most enjoyable and interesting despite the bad weather conditions. The members of this team had read the recently published article on our team in the "Sporting Globe," and their one aim was to defeat us. Players from all parts of the Gordon and Ballan districts were in the combined Gordon C.Y.M.S. team, but they could not daunt our style of play. Indeed, several players in the C.Y.M.S. team play senior football in the Ballarat League. Our players were slow in getting used to the away ground, but it did not take them long to gain the lead and play the fast open game for which St. Pat's is renowned.

The rain was very heavy before the match started, but just as the game was about to begin it ceased, and there was no more rain until well on in the last quarter. Both teams played the game very hard and it was evident from the first bounce of the ball that the match would be played hard and consistently.

The quarterly scores were 2-1, 1-3; 3-1, 1-0; 2-3, 2-5; 2-1, 2-5. St. Pat's defeated Gordon C.Y.M.S.—9 goals 5 behinds to 4 goals 12 behinds. The goalkickers for us were W. Drake (2), J. Deany, M. Younger (2), B. King (2), G. Bourke, B. Williams. The best players were W. Drake, J. Deany, B. Grogan, A. Joyce, W. Bainbridge, R. Dignan, B. King and D. Bradmore.

After the football match we then came back to Gordon where we enjoyed the hospitality of a very pleasant tea. The Debate against Gordon on "Whether the Two for One plan for Redistribution was in the Best

Interests of Victoria," was then held in the Gordon school. The Gordon debating team, namely, J. Conroy, B. Blood and F. Conroy, were all ex-students of the College and they formed the Opposition. Our debating team, the Government, was comprised of D. Bourke, B. Maher and L. Erwin.

All debaters spoke fluently and with conviction, and here again it was evident that there was going to be a keen struggle. The Chairman for the evening was Mr. Toohey, an ex-pupil of the College, and on who still retains his love and admiration for his Alma Mater, and the adjudicator was Mr. Street, the Head Master of the Millbrook State School. Mr. Street showed that he had good knowledge of adjudication, as his comments after the debate showed. He awarded S.P.C. the debate by a margin of eight points. The debate was very even and undoubtedly it would have been very hard for any adjudicator to arrive at a decision.

Mr. J. Conroy, on behalf of the Gordon C.Y.M.S., then thanked our two teams for going down to Gordon for the football match and debate. Br. Healy, on behalf of Br. O'Malley and the St. Pat's students present, thanked the Gordon C.Y.M.S. for the way they had entertained us during the day. Br. Healy went on to say that St. Pat's always receives a grand welcome at Gordon and that always a very friendly feeling between the teams of Gordon and St. Pat's prevails. Many of the Gordon C.Y.M.S. members are Old Boys of the College and they anxiously look forward to the annual occasion when Gordon and St. Pat's meet in a football match in the afternoon and in a debate in the evening.

—L. ERWIN.

THE LONG WEEK-END

Without doubt, the event in the Second Term looked forward to most by almost every boy is the annual football match between St. Pat's and St. Kevin's in Melbourne. Happy were the faces of all who boarded the Melbourne-bound train on Friday, 10th July, since a very pleasant week-end was expected by all.

As Sunday progressed it was evident that the weather was going to be ideal for football. A big gathering was expected by all, and it was no surprise to see so many enthusiastic Old Boys of both Colleges eager for the big game to commence. On the small oval adjacent to the main oval, the St. Pat's Under 15 team were victorious and as this game was in progress, the Second XVIII's were playing out an interesting curtain-raiser on the main oval. Here again, St. Pat's were too good for the Toorak boys.

Both senior teams took the field amidst great applause from their respective supporters, many of whom had travelled long distances to see the game. The match was a real thriller from the start, and although St. Pat's system, pace and team-work, was too much for the game and determined St. Kevin's team, a thrilling spectacle was provided. St. Kevin's fought back gamely to the end and it can be rightly said that this was one game in which the scores were no indication of the merits of the teams.

St. Kevin's were first to congratulate the victors and both players and supporters went away delighted with the game, and full of praise for the both teams. Although St. Pat's had comfortably won all three games, all had been evenly contested and nobody begrudged the victors their well-deserved wins.

Scores:—St. Pat's, 24-17-161; St. Kevin's, 1-10-16.

—DON BRADMORE.

LEAVING LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

This year the Leaving Literary and Debating Society has functioned very successfully. Once again we were fortunate in that Rev. Br. Healy made himself available to act as President of the Society. Throughout the year Br. Healy has given us much encouragement and assistance in our activities and we appreciate his great interest in the Society.

Early in the year office-bearers were elected. Mr. P. Windsor was elected Secretary and a committee of three—Mr. W. Bainbridge, Mr. L. Meeny and Mr. J. Carter—was appointed.

The standard achieved during the year was very high. All members were given an opportunity to speak and all derived much valuable experience in public speaking. Those to elicit special commendation during the year were Mr. A. Ryan, Mr. T. Lanigan, Mr. W. Bainbridge, Mr. P. Bourke, Mr. W. Mahony, Mr. B. Podger, Mr. T. Brophy and Mr. B. James.

Early in the year our activities consisted of Speech Nights, at which prepared speeches were given. The experience gained in these early meetings was of great benefit to speakers when they came to take part in debates and other functions later in the year. During the latter part of the term a Catholic Evidence Night, a Mock Coming-of-Age and a Mock Trial were presented. All were highly successful and reflected great credit on the Society.

Unfortunately our activities usually come to a close at the end of the Second Term, due to pressure of examinations. Thus it is fitting that we should now express our gratitude for the interest shown in and the assistance given to our Society by our President, Br. Healy. The experience gained under his direction should stand us in good stead when we come to take part in the Senior Literary and Debating Society activities.

—PETER WINDSOR, Secretary.

SENIOR LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

During the Second Term this Society has been very active, holding meetings regularly at which most members were able to speak. The standard achieved during the term was very high and augurs well for the standard of the Purton Oratory Contest to be held later in the year. All members of the Matriculation Class have during the year taken an active part in the Society's functions and all have benefitted immensely from the experience gained during the year.

Our functions consisted of Speech Nights, Debates, Catholic Evidence Night and a Mock Farewell. A very high standard was set in the Debate on Lotteries. Mr. B. Maher, Mr. D. Bradmore and Mr. B. Grogan formed the Government and were opposed by Mr. L. Erwin, Mr. B. Gibson and Mr. M. Bourke. Messrs. A. Joyce and D. Bourke acted as adjudicators, and Mr. M. Shannon as Chairman. The verdict went to the Government after a very interesting debate and two very comprehensive adjudications. A Catholic Evidence Night, presided over by Rev. Fr. Shelley, proved an outstanding success. Speakers were given a taste of the atmosphere of the Catholic Action platform and gained valuable experience in addressing on Catholic doctrine and answering queries put by objectors.

The highlight of the term's activities was the Debate against Gordon C.Y.M.S. in which the St. Pat's team, consisting of Mr. D. Bourke (leader), Mr. B. Maher and Mr. L. Erwin, gained the decision. The debate on the topical Two for One Electoral Reform Movement proved very interesting and informative.

With the experience gained during the First and Second Terms, we can look forward to a very interesting Purton Oratory Contest. Most members of the Matriculation Class will be able to take part in the contest, and with such a large number of contestants it is anticipated that this year's contest will be well to the fore in comparison with the Purton Oratory Contests of other years.

—D. M. BOURKE, Hon. Secretary.

OBITUARY

We offer our deepest sympathy to the Redemptorist Fathers on the severe loss which they suffered in the death of their Superior-General, Most Rev. Fr. Leonard, Buys, C.S.S.R.

Our sincere sympathy, too, to the Vincentian Fathers on the death of Rev. Fr. John Hall, C.M. Fr. John with his brother, Fr. Mark, are ex-pupils of the Christian Brothers in Sydney. No more loyal ex-students of the Brothers could be found. To Fr. Mark we offer condolences.

To Rev. Br. S. R. Young, Provincial, to Rev. Br. McGlade, Superior, and to the Brothers of St. Mary's Province, we tender our sympathy in the great loss they sustained in the death of Rev. Br. Raymer. We have prayed for his brave soul since news of his tragic drowning and we promise a continued remembrance in our poor prayers. Br. Raymer will ever be remembered as one who died in an attempt to save his pupils. His was a noble death and we are most edified. We are edified too by the Catholic faith of Brother's good parents who have suffered their loss heroically and who are perfectly resigned to God's holy Will.

MR. MICHAEL JOSEPH BOURKE, R.I.P.

To Mrs. Bourke, of Pakenham, and her children, David John, Brian, Hughie, Michael and Gavan, and their sister, Mary, we offer deepest sympathy on the death of Mr. Michael Bourke. Mr. Bourke had been ill for many years and though his death was not unexpected, it caused much sorrow for it took from Mrs. Bourke and her family a very loyal and loved husband and father.

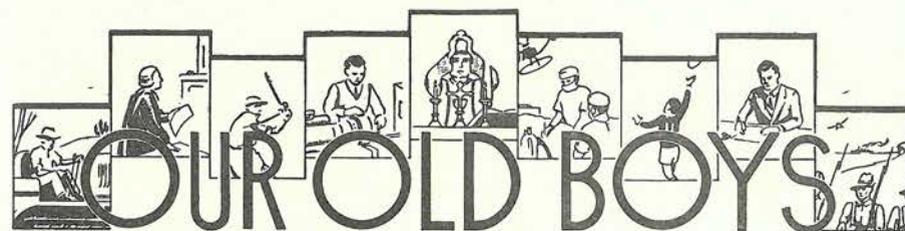
Mr. Bourke with his brother, Mr. Hughie Bourke, to whom also we offer our deepest sympathy, attended St. Pat's in the early days of the present century, and when his six sons finished in turn their primary education at St. Patrick's Convent School, Pakenham, he sent each of them to St. Patrick's College. At present Michael is doing his Matriculation and Gavan is studying for his Intermediate. St. Pat's had no more loyal son than Mr. Michael Bourke. He often visited the College, and he always evinced keen interest in College affairs. When the construction of the new Chapel began a cheque from Messrs. M. and H. Bourke was amongst the first donations received.

Pakenham completely went into mourning on the morning of the funeral. Cars had travelled from Melbourne and beyond and these, together with those from Pakenham itself and from the surrounding districts, made a impressive cortege.

The Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. O'Sullivan, and many Priests attended, among them being two ex-St. Patrick's students, Rev. Fr. T. Little and Rev. Fr. J. McNamara. So many sought admission to the little church that many had to remain outside. Never had such a funeral procession entered the little cemetery.

Mr. Bourke was respected by all just as he had been the friend of all. He was loved for himself, for his was a kindly affectionate nature and he was loved and respected for his work on behalf of his fellows. He was a public-spirited man who took great interest in municipal and political affairs. He was twice Shire President and he was President of the Pakenham Agricultural Society for many years. Indeed his presence was sought on most committees in his district.

He was first and foremost a staunch Catholic gentleman who practised his religion to the letter and to whom must go much of the credit for the sound financial shape of his parish. He was the right hand support of the local Convent and he was ever ready to encourage and support local Catholic functions. Pakenham's loss is great, the loss to his church is greater and it must have been a great consolation to Mrs. Bourke and her children and to Mr. Hughie Bourke to see the genuine sorrow of so many people and such varied interests. May a merciful God reward Mr. Michael Bourke for his genuine charity and for those hundred and one kindnesses which only his Maker knew. May he rest in Peace.



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OLD COLLEGIANS' ACTIVITIES

BALLARAT BRANCH

A very successful Dance and Dinner were held during Boat Race week-end. The Dance was held at "The Alexandria." The music for the Dance was arranged by Mr. F. Webster who engaged a band from Beaufort. The floor of the College Hall had been well prepared and the happy gathering enjoyed a pleasant evening.

The Dinner on Sunday at 1 p.m. was a great success. Ex-students arrived in big numbers, coming as far as from Melbourne and beyond. The good things provided were well served and all voted the day a great success. Mr. Leo Howard was in the chair, and during the proceedings Mr. J. J. Murray, of Ballarat, was elected General President for the

In his opening address, after the prayer for the Pope had been recited ensuing twelve months.

and the Toast for the Queen had been honored, Mr. Howard pointed out that the function was the Annual Reunion Dinner and that it was not the Jubilee Dinner which would be held later in the year. He was very pleased, he said, with the response made by ex-students and he felt that the large gathering augured well for the big events which were listed for later on in the year when Old Boys would have an opportunity of testifying their esteem and affection for their Alma Mater and their gratitude to the Brothers for what was done for them at College. Mr. Howard then called on Mr. Lawson Muir to propose the toast, "The Hierarchy and Clergy." Mr. Muir spoke very eulogistically of the Pope and of the Bishops and Priests, particularly of Bishop O'Collins and of the Priests of this diocese. He referred to the big number of ex-students of his own day who joined the Priesthood. He was grateful to the Priests of Ballarat for their great assistance to and their interest in the College. Very Rev. Fr. Fisco- lini, Administrator of St. Patrick's Cathedral, replied to Mr. Muir's toast. Fr. Fisco lini paid tribute to the grand work being done at the College. He believed he saw that nowhere would you find a better tone and spirit than at St. Patrick's. Like many another Priest, he owed his vocation to the College. He would always remember the Brothers who taught him at St. Patrick's and at Ballarat East. Mr. Murray Byrne proposed the toast, "Alma Mater," and Br. Healy responded. Mr. Byrne claimed that no Catholic College could give more than St. Patrick's College gave. It gave Religion and Secular education that could not be excelled. The grand number of good Catholic ex-pupils of the College bore ample evidence of the religious training imparted at the College, while the lists of the Public Examinations and other examinations show that the teaching received at the College fitted the boy for these examinations and for Bursaries and Scholarships available to Catholic students. Br. Healy in reply thanked Mr. Byrne and assured the gathering that the present boys at the College was determined to maintain the high reputation for scholarship and erudition won for the College in past years. He was a keen student and he appreciated the need for close application and for constant assiduity. Br. Healy referred to the Jubilee, pointing out that Jubilee Week would be October 4-12th. He said that the Chapel would be opened on October 4th and he invited Old Collegians and their families and friends to visit the College on that day. The Visitors was proposed by Mr. J. J. Sheehan, M.L.A. He warmly welcomed representatives from Ballarat's Public Schools—College, Grammar and High—and also representatives of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, A.H.C. Guild, National Foresters and St. Alipius' Old Collegians' Association. He congratulated Grammar on their Head of the Lake, and said that relations between the four Public Schools in Ballarat left nothing to be desired. Mr. Newsome, from Grammar, fittingly replied.

An address from the new General President, Mr. J. J. Murray, in which he expressed the desire for great co-operation from the members in an effort to have an Old Collegians' Organisation worthy of the past and its traditions and of the present and its achievements. He emphasised the spiritual side of an ex-pupils' life and prayed that God would bless the Old Boys and their Union.

MELBOURNE BRANCH

OLD COLLEGIANS' ANNUAL "AT HOME"
BRILLIANT SUCCESS — RECORD ATTENDANCE

July 7th., 1953, was the occasion when the Melbourne Branch of St. Patrick's Old Collegians' Association held their annual "At Home" at the Dorchester, Henley Lawns, Alexandra Avenue.

The Melbourne President, Mr. Leo Howard, assisted by the Secretary, Mr. Pat O'Neill and Mrs. O'Neill, received the 309 guests who danced to the accompaniment of two bands in the Dorchester Room and the Royal Room. The two halls were decorated with College pennants, flags and colours. Replicas of the College cap were distributed to the guests during the evening.

The Association and guests were honored by the presence of the College Principal, Rev. Br. J. D. Healy, and the Vice-Principal, Rev. Br. W. T. O'Malley.

Kindred Associations represented were: Vaucluse Past Pupils' Association, Loreto Past Pupils' Association, St. Joseph's College, North Melbourne, St. Kevin's College, Toorak, Assumption College, Kilmore, De La Salle College, Malvern, C.B.C. Parade, C.B.C. St. Kilda, Celtic Club.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of their dance by the Vaucluse Past Pupils' Association Debutante Set, who made the "At Home" the occasion of their Return Ball.

All Old Collegians voted the function a wonderful social success and many school-day friendships were renewed in the pleasant and gay atmosphere of the evening.

DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER

LOWER MELBOURNE TOWN HALL — OCTOBER 12th, 1953

All Old Collegians, parents and friends of the College are reminded that the Melbourne Branch of the Old Collegians' Association will celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the College at a Diamond Jubilee Dinner to be held in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall on Monday, 12th October, 1953, at 6.30 p.m.

The Executive and Committee extends a cordial invitation to all Old Collegians to come together on this significant occasion to demonstrate in a tangible manner their loyalty and love for their Alma Mater—especially in this, the Diamond Jubilee Year of the College.

The Committee is working hard to make this Dinner the greatest function ever held by the Association. The full co-operation, interest and attendance of Old Collegians is earnestly required to ensure that the Diamond Jubilee Dinner will be truly worthy of St. Patrick's College.

Circulars setting out the details of the occasion will be forwarded to Old Collegians named on our lists. Those Old Collegians and parents whose names are not in our possession, are asked to contact the Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. J. O'Neill, 64 Victoria Road, Northcote. JW1936 (Day); JX2486 (Night).

REMEMBER!

THE OCCASION—THE DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER.
DATE—MONDAY, 12th OCTOBER, 1953, at 6.30 p.m.
LOCATION—LOWER MELBOURNE TOWN HALL.

PERSONAL PARS

VIC. UNIACKE is now working with another Old Collegian, JIM PICKETT, in the carnival-novelty business.

Congratulations to FRANK KENEALY, Captain of our Old Collegians' Football Team of 1952, on his inclusion in the Victorian Amateur Football Team for the Amateur Football Carnival at Adelaide.

GEORGE ("BUNNY") CONLAN conducts a busy newsagency business in North Essendon.

MAURICE LAWSON has recently opened a new pharmacy in Nicholson Street, East Coburg.

GEORGE HINGSTON is Sales Manager of Marigny Laboratories, Collins St.

JOE VAUGHAN (1942-46) has completed his Dentistry degree—congratulations.

All interest these days is centered on Old Collegian, BILL SCOTT—Flight-Lieutenant Bill Scott to be exact—who will fly Australia's Sabre jet fighter in his attempt to crash the sound barrier. Bill has had a brilliant career in the Air Force, here and overseas, and all Old Collegians extend good wishes and good luck for his flight on August 21st.

JOHN O'MEARA can be found at Tatura, where he conducts a soft drink factory.

FRANK NIHILL has completed his Agricultural Science degree. Now with Monsanto Chemical Coy.

BILL DOYLE, Ballarat. Seldom misses a College football match.

BILL DELANEY is doing exceptionally well.

DES NUNN, FRANK GODFREY, KEVIN RYAN played with Ballarat Teachers' College against St. Pat's recently.

DES SLATTERY is doing Accountancy with J. O'Loughlin, Accountants, Queen St. Des. is the speedy winger of the Old Collegians' Football Team.

LEO. SCULLION is a Solicitor with Brendan McGuinness & Coy., Solicitors, Little Collins St., City.

JOHN WALKER is ready to welcome Old Collegians at the Ritz Hotel, St. Kilda.

JIM BYRNE (1938-40) is an investigator in the Sales Tax Department. Married with a young daughter.

JACK COGHLAN conducts his pharmacy at Yarraville. Jack is always interested in Old Collegians' affairs.

GERALD COFFEY, a member of the first class at S.P.C. in 1893, is still fit and well. Lives in East St. Kilda. A regular member at the Old Collegians' Annual Mass and Communion.

FRANK ("PARD") CODY, a champion athlete while at St. Pat's, is at Bowden's Pharmacy, City. A past Secretary of the O.C.A.

TERRY CLARKE is attached to the Licensing Court, Lonsdale St., City.

DR. TOM CAPELL is a busy medico in practice at Kew and Collins St. LIENT.-COLONEL LES. COLEMAN is attached to Army Headquarters, Melbourne. A regular supporter of Old Collegian functions.

BRIAN MCKENNA is doing Pharmacy. Captain of our Old Collegians' Football Team.

FRANK NUGENT is in the Sales Department of National Cash Register Coy. A member of the Melbourne Branch Committee.

VICTOR BATROS is the owner of Batros' Shoe Emporium, Warrnambool. Proud father of two sons and a daughter. Very keen on photography.

PAT ARUNDELL is now teaching at the Technical School, Bairnsdale. TOM DAVEY in the Customs' Department. Loyal Old Boy. Vice-President of Old Collegians' Football Team and a Committeeman of Melbourne Branch Association.

TERRY BROWN is in the Social Services Department, Geelong.

MATT HYLAND is in the Navy Office, Albert Park. Recently become the proud father of a baby daughter. Past Secretary of O.C.A., now back on the Committee.

BASIL HUSSEY has bought a dental practice in Perth. Likes the West and settling down well.

BERNIE JANES now at the State Savings Bank, Sydney Road, Moreland.

JACK LISTON is a representative of T. & G. Insurance Co. Came from Beaufort when at school.

GERALD O'SULLIVAN is on the land at Heathcote. Journeyed to Town for the "At Home."

JIM O'NEILL is doing Accountancy. With Croftbank Dairies Pty. Ltd. A Vice-President of Old Collegians' Association. Treasurer of O.C. Football Team. A grand worker for all Old Collegians' activities.

LAURIE QUINN is with City Mutual Life Assurance Co., City. Seen at St. Kevin's-St. Pat's football match.

Also present that day was Dr. JIM ROWAN, Post President of

O.C.A. and a Life Member. Retains a keen interest in all affairs connected with the College.

MICK HEALY, of Norlane, has sent along a Cup to be presented to that member of the First XVIII to be adjudged the best team man. The cup is a replica of that won by Mick himself in 1933.

Have been in communication with Mr. W. GEOGHEGAN, now of Queensland, re the Jubilee. He hopes to be with us in October.

KEVIN REILLY conducts Reilly's Hotel at Stawell. Ready to dispense good cheer to all Old Collegians up that way.

Fr. EDDIE NOWLAN is the busy Parish Priest at Gisborne.

JACK HINGSTON with the Ballarat Brewing Company, Ballarat. Father of two sons. We had a good day with him at Reunion time. He has some good stories of his Army days with his friend, RAY COSTELLOE. Ray is still teaching at Kiata, in the Wimmera.

STAN BATES can be found working hard at the State Savings Bank at Albert Park.

LEO BROWN is a Solicitor with Adami & Maher, Solicitors, Queen Street, City.

RUDOLPH REYNOLDS is in the Navy Department. Treasurer of O.C.A. An efficient and hard worker for the Association. Rudolf suggested collecting old gold for the new Ciborium.

LAURIE KHYAT showed some Stawell friends over the new Chapel. Thanks, Laurie.

ARTHUR THOMPSON, left S.P.C. 1947, is now Head Master S.S. Calstruche, near Kyneton. Arthur's brother, Graeme, is still attending College.

Senator H. S. HEWARD writes from Perth pointing out that a big function at Bindoon, W.A., Boys' Town, under the control of the Christian Brothers may make it difficult for some ex-students to be present at the Opening of the Chapel. Unfortunately we had to advise him that our date could not be changed.

EUGENE TYGUIN was married at Gisborne with Nuptial Mass on August 5th. Fr. E. Nowlan officiated.

BRIAN BRADY—Matron's son—married Mary Kenna at St. Joseph's, West Brunswick. They had a Nuptial Mass. Brian finished Final Accountancy.

LES MOGG is studying Accountancy at St. Joseph's, North Melbourne. In a recent Accountancy Examination he secured First Place in Australia.

JOHN PITCHER'S wife presented him with a baby boy. John says that wee Pitcher will be a full back for St. Pat's.

JOHN GIBBONS, B.Com., DipEd., was at St. Pat's 1936-38. He is teaching at Swan Hill High School. He is Secretary of the Mid-Murray Football League.

FRANK MCINTYRE was resident at S.P.C. 1928-1932. He has the General Store at Piangil, about 28 miles from Swan Hill.

Had a letter recently from John Mullins, M.H.R. John was one of Australia's representatives abroad at the Coronation Ceremony. He enjoyed beyond words his visit to Ireland where he met many relatives.

A very interesting letter from Rev. Fr. JOSEPH KEARNEY, S.C.A., just arrived at College. Fr. Kearney mentions the pleasure the reading of the Chronicle gave him. He is at the Presbytery at Broome when he is not travelling around his Mission. His recent journey took him nearly 3000 miles in a utility truck. He went to Wyndham and visited the various stations scattered throughout the Kimberley. Father has been five years at Broome and he hopes to be in Ballarat later this year. We trust that he may be with us at Jubilee time.

Fr. PHIL CROSBIE'S repatriation brought great joy to St. Pat's. We are not surprised at the great things that are said about him. We know his metal and appreciate his worth.

Fr. DICK SCARFE, from Tasmania, stayed a few days at College on his way to W.A. Father Scarfe looks very well and we hope to see him during Jubilee Week.



CRICKET

B.P.S. MATCHES

Keeping up the traditions of the Green, White and Blue teams of yesteryear, the 1953 First XVIII went through another season undefeated and thus won our 49th successive B.P.S. Championship. However, this year saw the unusual occurrence of a St. Pat's team being "down" in the last quarter—not once but twice. On each occasion it was against Ballarat College, but that will be treated elsewhere in more detail.

The team this year, as in other years under his guidance, trained vigorously with Br. O'Malley at the helm and reaped the full benefits of his inexhaustible supply of knowledge. Special thanks must also be given to Br. Williams who helped in Br. O'Malley's short absence. We must also express our gratitude to Br. Healy who trains the Under 15's, a team which proved to be an excellent recruiting ground this year.

The honour of being Captain of St. Pat's was this year bestowed upon Brian Grogan, who ably shouldered his responsibilities and was assisted by his admirable deputy, Brian King. These two were in turn backed up by many stars—John Deany, Bill Drake and Kevin Shea are a few who come to mind.

S.P.C. v. C.E.G.S.—24/6/53.

Our first game for 1953 was against Grammar School, and despite stern opposition and poor conditions, St. Pat's won well. Our poor kicking, however, robbed us of an even more convincing win.

The opening was good, and St. Pat's, through intelligent forward play, soon had a reasonable score on the board. Grammar School, however, using the wind intelligently, kept the ball in the "dead" pocket and play became congested. The scoreboard at quarter-time read: S.P.C., 4-6-30; C.E.G.S., nil.

The second quarter saw St. Pat's play their best football for the game. Although kicking into a strong wind, they completely outclassed their opponents. On the rare occasions that Grammar did break through they met a stone-wall defence. Half-time scores: S.P.C., 9-13-67; C.E.G.S., nil.

Grammar School kept the third quarter a repetition of the last half of the first quarter and made our forwards commit many bad errors. The occasions we did shoot for goal our kicking was poor. The scores at three-quarter time were: S.P.C., 10-18-78; C.E.G.S., nil.

The last quarter was again a tribute to our stone-wall defence, and we kept Grammar School scoreless. Our forward work was, however, still not the best. Final scores: S.P.C., 13-21-99; C.E.G.S., nil.

Goalkickers—S.P.C.: Shea (5), King (3), G. Burke (2), Deany (2), Drake. C.E.G.S.: Nil.

Best Players—S.P.C.: Deany, Dignan, Grogan, Drake, King, Shea, M. Bourke. C.E.G.S.: Thomas, Bygrave, Fawell, Ross-Perrier, Beasley, Young.

S.P.C. v. B.C.—1/7/53.

Our next game against College was regarded by all as a hard match, since College had "thrashed" High School the week before. We were also weakened by the unavailability of Bill Drake, our star rover, who had a poisoned hand.

The game started with a St. Pat's attack ending in a behind. College, against the wind, were soon in with their reply and had a slight lead. St. Pat's immediately set out to retrieve their position but kicked poorly. Quarter-time scores: S.P.C., 2-6-18; B.C., 0-4-4.

The next quarter saw, to my knowledge a previously unprecedented occurrence, namely, St. Pat's floundering against superior team-work, and except for an occasional thrust at goal, their play was meaningless. College meantime played very well. Half-time scores: S.P.C., 3-7-25; B.C., 4-8-32.

After the interval, St. Pat's came out a revitalised team and settled down to score heavily. College's defence was strong and St. Pat's bursts were repulsed. St. Pat's finally broke through and regained the lead. S.P.C., 5-9-39; B.C., 4-9-33.

The last quarter began hectically and no favour was asked or given. College with intelligent play levelled the scores with a goal and St. Pat's could only manage three points in reply. College surged forward and took a three-point lead with a few minutes to go. However, with the echoes of their war-cry ringing in their ears, the St. Pat's team rose to the occasion, took the lead and kept it. Final scores: S.P.C., 6-12-48; B.C., 6-9-45.

Goalkickers—S.P.C.: Shea (2), King (2), Deany, Younger. B.C.: Anders (2), Shaw, J. Strickland, Aitken, Birt.

Best Players—S.P.C.: Deany, Dignan, Grogan, King, Shea, Bradmore. B.C.: Birt, Cooke, J. Strickland, Shaw, D. Strickland, Morrison.

S.P.C. v. B.H.S.—8/7/53.

The final match of the first round saw St. Pat's completely outclass their rivals, High School.

Determined to make amends for their last display, St. Pat's brushed aside High School's attempts to keep them out, and set out after a good score. Their forward work was excellent as was evidenced by quarter-time scores: S.P.C., 6-4-40; B.H.S., nil.

High School in the second quarter showed much better team-work, and after a few minutes of attack registered their first goal. St. Pat's seemed to regard this as a reminder and immediately rallied on. Half-time scores: S.P.C., 12-9-31; B.H.S., 1-0-6.

In the third quarter St. Pat's took over from where they had left off in the second. The result was our best quarter for the day. Scores at the final change: S.P.C., 20-15-135; B.H.S., 1-0-6.

St. Pat's in the last quarter seemed to die off and thus their tireless opponents repulsed their attacks. However, a last minute burst put four goals on the board for St. Pat's. Final scores: S.P.C., 24-20-164; B.H.S., 1-0-6.

Goalkickers—S.P.C.: Shea (7), King (5), Drake (5), Deany (3), Younger (2), McGregor, G. Bourke. B.H.S.: Hayes.

Best Players—S.P.C.: Deany, King, Drake, Grogan, Shea, Williams. B.H.S.: Hamilton, Linsten, Thomas, Greenwood, Elder, Ruddick.

Thus with the first round finished, St. Pat's were still on top, but still to meet another determined challenge by College. The next match was to be against Grammar School.

S.P.C. v. C.E.G.S.—22/7/53.

Grammar School provided a few surprises in the first half, but St. Pat's ran away in the second half.

St. Pat's opened up the game with a goal and then a few points. However, Grammar School hammered back to score an equaliser. This

was repeated twice and Grammar were playing spasmodically but well. St. Pat's had the last say, and scores at quarter-time were S.P.C., 4-5-29; C.E.G.S., 3-1-19.

This quarter was very disappointing and St. Pat's held the upper hand in a low-scoring spell. Inaccurate kicking robbed us of a good half-time lead. Scores: S.P.C., 6-10-46; C.E.G.S., 4-3-27.

Rain had begun to fall and conditions were bad. This seemed to spur St. Pat's on to greater things, and they took complete control of the game. Scores: S.P.C., 11-15-81; C.E.G.S., 4-3-27.

In the last quarter, although against the wind, St. Pat's played excellent football and the forward led by Brian King gave an entertaining display. Final scores: S.P.C., 16-16-112; C.E.G.S., 4-3-27.

Goalkickers—S.P.C.: King (8), Drake (4), Shea (2), G. Bourke, Younger. C.E.G.S.: M. Fawell (2), Keane, Cutter.

Best Players—S.P.C.: Drake, Deany, King, Dignan, Grogan, M. Bourke. C.E.G.S.: D. Fawell, Thomas, Keane, Bygrave, Stohr, Bryant.

The injury sustained by Kevin Shea in this match proved serious for St. Pat's. Kevin was out for many weeks.

S.P.C. v. B.C.—29/7/53.

For this most important game St. Pat's introduced two new players, B. Murphy and J. Kerrins, who played full-back and full-forward respectively.

The game opened with St. Pat's attacking against the wind, and Brian King registered a point. College rallied back and soon took the lead. The game then see-sawed between the respective forward lines with an occasional goal. At the change-over the scoreboard read: S.P.C., 3-3-21; B.C., 3-3-21.

The second quarter saw College's attack breaking down and St. Pat's, through the agency of Bryan King and Brian Williams, kept the ball in our goal base. College rucks were well held in this quarter by St. Pat's "dashing duo," Drake and Deany. Scores were: S.P.C., 6-6-42; B.C., 5-5-35.

College's opening attack was turned by B. Murphy who had played well throughout. St. Pat's swung back into stride and were now getting drive from the centre line, however, poor kicking resulted in behinds. College kicked accurately to add 2-1. Scores: S.P.C., 6-12-48; B.C., 7-6-48.

St. Pat's attacked but only points resulted and College went forward. After some scrumbly play, College goaled to have a seven-point lead. St. Pat's through B. King regained the lead and kept it. A free-kick to College could only hit the post. Scores: S.P.C., 9-15-69; B.C., 9-10-64.

Goalkickers—S.P.C.: King (5), Younger, Drake, Bourke, Kerrins. B.C.: Anders (4), J. Strickland (2), Cock, Aitken, Nalder.

Best Players—S.P.C.: Drake, Deany, King, Grogan, O'Shannassy, Pike. B.C.: Shaw, Birt, D. Strickland, Richardson, J. Strickland, Cooke.

A word must here be said for our vice-captain, Bryan King, who, although he had sustained a chipped bone in his hand, played a brilliant game as his five goals indicate.

S.P.C. v. B.H.S.—6/8/53.

In shocking conditions St. Pat's journeyed to High School for the final match of the year. The game opened in steady rain which did not ease off all day. St. Pat's drove forward, and due to excellent ball-handling by Bryan King, a good lead was established. Ray Dignan and Pat Conlan, playing in new positions, were both doing well. When High School did attack our defence proved too strong. Scores: S.P.C., 5-5-35; B.H.S., nil.

In the second quarter St. Pat's discovered that the ball was becoming less playable. This cut out much work in the forward zone which would have succeeded in more favourable conditions. High School did, however, play much better football in this quarter. Scores: S.P.C., 8-7-55; B.H.S., 0-2-2.

The third quarter saw St. Pat's constantly in attack, but erratic kicking marred otherwise good play. On the few occasions that High School did attack, B. Grogan and his back men repulsed them. Scores: S.P.C., 8-14-62; B.H.S., 0-2-2.

By the time the last quarter got under way conditions were such that good football was out of the question. Besides, both players and the oval and the ball had become waterlogged. Such conditions did not seem to worry Bill Drake's ball-handling in the slightest. High School attacked more in this quarter than in any other, but they were frequently kept out by B. Grogan and J. O'Shannassy. Final scores: S.P.C., 10-17-67; B.H.S., 0-4-4.

Goalkickers—S.P.C.: King (8), Drake Dignan. B.H.S.: Nil.

Best Players—S.P.C.: Drake, Deany, King, Dignan, Grogan, O'Shannassy. B.H.S.: Thomas, Hamilton, Linsten, Greenwood, Ruddick, Elder.

So ended another season with St. Pat's still B.P.S. Champions, but this year strongly challenged by Ballarat College to whom we offer our congratulations. To those who didn't make the team we say, as has been said before at St. Pat's, "Hard luck, better luck next year."

PERSONAL PARS

BRIAN GROGAN: A very capable leader. Solid in defence. An excellent high mark and his glorious drop-kicking with either foot put St. Pat's constantly out of defence and into attack.

BRYAN KING: An admirable deputy. Makes up for his lack of inches with brilliant judgment. Always played ahead and was most unselfish. His glorious passing was responsible for many goals.

JOHN DEANY: A natural follower. Never turned in a bad game. Exceptionally agile for a ruck man and a good kick. His "palming" created many moves for the rovers.

BILL DRAKE: A pleasure to watch. His lovely passes gave forwards many opportunities. He was also most elusive and an excellent high mark for his size.

RAY DIGNAN: One of the most reliable in the team. Held "pivot" position with great success. Revelled in wet conditions where his superb ball-handling was seen to full advantage.

KEVIN SHEA: Combined excellently with **BRIAN KING** and other half-forwards to top off all their good work. Very fast and nippy on the ground.

MICHAEL BOURKE: A winger last year but played much better football on the half-back flank. Not at all afraid to go straight through.

JOHN O'SHANNASSY: Entrusted with important position of full back. Let very little pass. His long clearing drop-kicks often put us into attack.

DON BRADMORE: Although smaller than most of his opponents, he showed great courage whether in ruck or defence. Seldom brilliant but always safe.

PAT CONLAN: Despite the fact that he is still "Under 15," was one of the most reliable players. A real utility man who played well wherever placed.

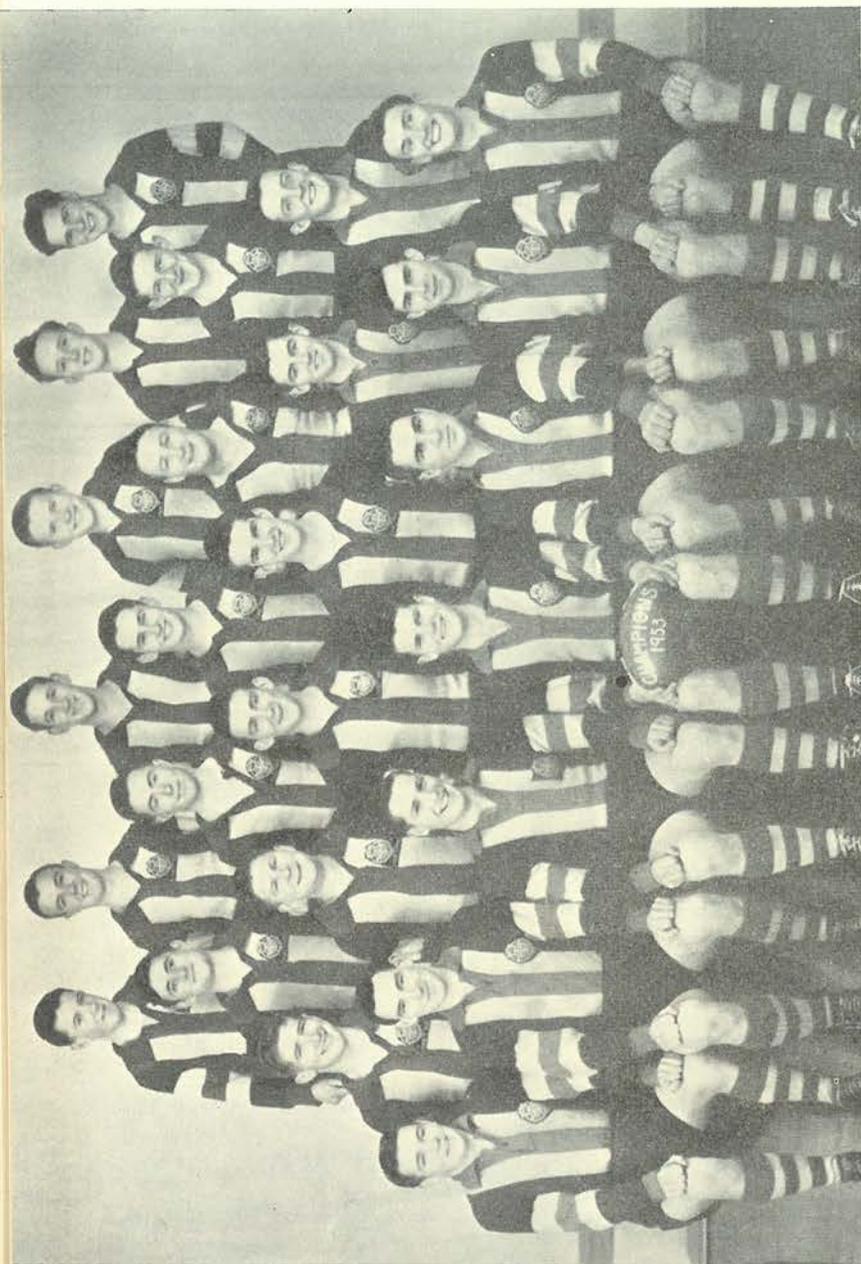
MARSHALL YOUNGER: Another Under 15 who showed his worth whether roving or in forward pocket. A good mark and excellent kick.

ROSS MULLER: Although small he was very effective. Played his best games whilst in attack.

BARRY MCGREGOR: Gave half-forward line an added touch of speed. Once he had the run of the ball he stopped for no one.

BRIAN WILLIAMS: An excellent high mark and good left-foot kick. Used his height and left foot kick to full advantage.

VIN COLBERT: A handy man wherever placed. Played much better in dry conditions where he could handle the ball well.



S.P.C. First XVIII, 1953—Champions Ballarat Public Schools

Front Row: W. Drake, J. Deany, B. King (Vice-Capt.), B. Grogan (Captain), M. Shannon, A. Joyce, K. Shea.
 Second Row: D. Bradmore, W. Bainbridge, B. Williams, B. Gaffney, R. Dignam, M. Bourke.
 Third Row: R. Muller, B. McGregor, P. Conlan, B. James, J. O'Shannassy.
 Top Row: G. Bourke, B. Ryan, M. Younger, V. Colbert, T. Conlan, K. Pike.

BRENDAN RYAN: Displayed great courage for a small man. Used his speed and left foot turn to every advantage.

BRIAN GAFFNEY: Welcomed the days when ball was not slippery but regardless of conditions he never gave up. A valuable ruck man.

GAVAN BOURKE: Did all that was asked of him in forward pocket. A good mark and a deadly kick when shooting for goals.

TREVOR CONLAN: A good mark and safe kick. Also displayed courage. His long kicks often put us into attack.

KEN PIKE: Used his speed to every advantage in the wing. A safe mark and always looked for a team-mate.

BRIAN MURPHY: The third of the "Under 15's" to come into the side. His coolness in defence was an object lesson to the more experienced. An excellent kick.

SENIOR OVAL FOOTBALL

This year, as formerly, the Senior Oval football competition aroused almost as much interest within the College as the B.P.S. matches, for the rivalry between the four teams proved to be very strong. Four prefects: Denis Bourke, Laurie Erwin, Brian Maher and Kevin Shanley, were appointed captains of Nunan, Treacy, Galvin and McCarthy, respectively.

Early in the season, Treacy showed itself to be the outstanding team of the competition, and it was still unbeaten at the conclusion of two rounds of matches. This record is understandable when we consider that in this line-up there are vice-captain and centre half-back Brian Dowling who, since being shifted to that position has carried all before him, centreman Bob Davies who was on the fringe of the First XVIII selection, as also was Charlie Castle, Treacy's stalwart ruckman, who gave his team yeoman service throughout the season. Others who deserve mention under the leadership of mobile, left-footed Treacy skipper Laurie Erwin, are elusive half-forward Trevor O'Keefe, rover Peter Carracher, and fast-moving, high-marking full-forward Paul Bourke.

Nunan, although they took some time to settle down, began to show their true form towards the close of the season, and they should provide stern opposition in the final rounds. A few of those who were responsible for the improvement of this team were nippy, high-flying centre half-forward and captain, Denis Bourke, fast left-footed utility player John Cotter, sterling defenders Kevin Carrol and Peter Nihill, who were seldom beaten, elusive although diminutive rovers Graeme Sampieri and Kevin Arundell, and ruckmen and forwards John McCormack, Neville Rogers and Kevin Shannon. With such a formidable line-up it will be seen that Nunan will be a dominating force in the finals.

Galvin, led by fiery ruckman Brian Maher, who was well supported by dashing centreman Brian Gibson, has had limited success so far, but they may spring some surprises during the final round. Marshall Younger, star all-rounder, who is now a regular member of the First XVIII, continues to be Galvin's outstanding player when not required for senior matches. Fast and elusive John Madden, and speedy ruckman John Wageman, were others to give Galvin good service, as did Neil Sist and John Ilott.

It is difficult to understand why McCarthy has not done well so far, as there are many outstanding players under swift-turning, rugged centre half-back Kevin Shanley and his deputy, full forward John Kerrins. Half-forward and centreman Trevor Conlan has earned promotion to the First XVIII by his high-marking, clever turning, and clean ball-handling. Full back Brian Murphy also earned promotion to the Firsts for the vital match against Ballarat College. Terry Goss and Len Martin are other McCarthy players who have rendered good service. Therefore, with such class players, McCarthy may yet figure prominently in the finals.

As we go to press, a beautiful shield has just arrived at College, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, of Wodonga. This shield is for competition within the College, and it will be won and held for one year by the team with the highest aggregate when points from the Senior Oval, The Hill, The Shed and St. Roch's are added.

—JOHN COTTER.

SECOND XVIII

Though not given so much prominence as our redoubtable First XVIII, the Second XVIII also has a record of which its members can be justly proud. Once again we went through the season undefeated, having played both Ballarat Public School matches and matches against the St. Kevin's Toorak, Second XVIII.

In the Ballarat games we were able to win comfortably in each game. Four games were played, two against Ballarat College and two against Ballarat Grammar. Despite poor weather conditions a high standard of football was achieved. In the games against College, the scores were: S.P.S. defeated College—13-5 to 5-3. S.P.C. defeated College 6-10 to 5-5. And against Grammar: S.P.C. defeated Grammar—13-11 to 0-3. S.P.C. defeated Grammar—15-11 to 1-5.

The match against St. Kevin's in Melbourne was our closest match for the season. We were able to win—7-9 to 2-6.

All members of the team were worthy of mention for their play at some time during the season. However those to give consistently good performances during the season were Brian Maher, Kevin Carrol and Charlie Castles, who comprised our ruck strength, Denis Bourke (full forward), Laurie Erwin (half-forward), John Cotter (half-forward), Trevor Conlan (rover) and Brian Dowling and Kevin Shanley who held the key positions in our back line.

—DENIS BOURKE and BOB DAVIES.

UNDER 15's

This year remarkable interest was shown in the Under 15 team. When the invitation to train was extended, 90 boys answered it. All were keen to earn a place in this all-important team. As a result, the selectors were obliged to have a Lightning Premiership so that all aspirants might be seen in action. This was done and the training list was narrowed down to about 30. Then, after the first match of the year, six more dropped out, leaving about 24 on the training list.

Several of these were sought by the First XVIII selectors and were exerted to train with them. Among these were Pat Conlon, Brian Murphy, Marshall Younger and Paul Bourke. Three of these later won their chance and played with the Firsts. Pat Conlon and M. Younger particularly are worthy of special mention as they became regulars. B. Murphy played on two occasions and did well. Terry Fitzpatrick also trained with the Firsts and showed out well.

Hence it can be seen that these players formed a solid backbone to build on. As the season progressed we played first Bacchus Marsh, who narrowly defeated us, but we avenged this defeat by a convincing win over St. Joseph's College, Geelong. Then the Melbourne trip came into sight and all were keen to win selection for this annual match. Our team was well balanced, although we lost the vice-captain, Rex Start, through injury. The game was evenly contested throughout until the last quarter when S.P.C. drew ahead and won quite comfortably.

We have still one match to play as this Chronicle goes to print and this is against Warrnambool. We are confident of a victory.

Outstanding players for the season have been: Pat Conlon, consistent and often brilliant, ruck play and marking made him one of the best. Marshall Younger held the centre position every match and was never beaten. Paul Bourke was one of the second year players and capably held down the centre half-back position. Brian Murphy is the makings of a champion. His clearing dashes were a delight and his kicking would have done credit to a much older player. Our two rovers, G. Sampieri and P. Shea, also did well in every match. Then of the younger players we had B. Costigan, T. O'Keefe and W. Crowe, all of whom played well.

Before closing I would like on behalf of the team to extend our thanks to our coach. His sound advice and constant encouragement helped us in every match. His placing of positions was calculated to bring out the best in every player and it did. Well, for one more season S.P.C. Under 15's have capably upheld all of this grand school's football traditions.

—PAUL BOURKE.

HILL COMPETITION

This year the standard of play on The Hill has not reached that of recent years. This is probably due to the fact that the average age and size of the players is less than usual. The games have been marked more by individual efforts than by good team play.

The captains for 1953 are John Devine (Galvin), Vin Corbett (McCarthy), Peter Shea (Nunan) and Kevin Maher (Treacy). Nunan and McCarthy are fortunate in having such fine captains and the success of these two teams is in no small measure due to the examples set by their leaders.

At the time of going to press, Nunan has a commanding lead on points and they are hot favourites for the Hill Premiership. McCarthy and Galvin have played some good matches, but Treacy has been a disappointment and so far they have gained but two points and those in the first match when they managed to play a draw.

In the points award for the best and fairest, Peter Shea has now taken the lead with 15 points. Next in order come D. McKimmie (13), B. O'Connor (9), J. H. Devine and J. Pierce (8), and V. Corbett (6).

Peter Shea also heads the goal-kicking list with 17, his best effort being 8 in the last match against Treacy; D. McKimmie (12), J. Hogan (11), P. Gleeson (11) and B. O'Connor come next on the list.

STOP PRESS.—Grand Final: Nunan 6-9 v. McCarthy 5-4.

SHED FOOTBALL

This year's Shed football has reached a higher standard than in previous years. The condition of the ground was partly responsible—a drain improved matters considerably. The enthusiasm of captains and players has also helped. On some occasions to hear the barracking and to see the reckless abandon with which players threw themselves into the game, one would think that it was the V.F.L. Grand Final that was being played.

At this stage the competition is very even (after a few clearances had been granted) and trying to forecast the winner is extremely difficult. However, Nunan leads with 24 points, followed by Treacy 20, McCarthy 16 and Galvin 8.

Galvin is ably led by Bernie Shannon who gets plenty of advice (and good play) from his deputy, Brian Phelan. B. Shanahan, A. Borrack, B. Healey, W. Bell and G. Cathcart and others in the team who usually shine. The captain and vice-captain of Nunan are Chris Houlihan and Barry Humphrey, who put plenty of fire into the game. Other Nunan stalwarts are A. Ryan, J. Nihill, W. McGenniss, D. McRae, J. Brien and L. Lynch. Treacy is led by John Molan with Brian Tucker vice-captain. B. Elliott,

D. Martin (who kicks goals from half-way), J. Lindsay, J. Noonan, G. Pell, W. Houlihan, D. King and M. Ryan are amongst the best for Treacy. Alan Higgins is captain of McCarthy and is assisted by John Bongiorno. J. A. Devine, G. Gemmola, G. Butler, J. McMahon, B. Maw and L. Haymes can always be depended on to throw themselves into the game.

Votes for best and fairest are given each match, and it looks as if this year's "Brownlow Medallist" will come from W. McGennis (at present 15 votes), C. Houlihan and J. Noonan (10 votes each). The "John Coleman" of the Shed at present is G. Gemmola with 18 goals, next to him come B. Elliot (10) and J. Brien (9).

We are getting ready for the final round and we expect some hard and fast games before the S.F.L. Premiership is decided.

Result of Grand Final: Treacy d. Nunan.

ST. ROCH'S

From the very outset, McCarthy team, captained by Tom Murphy with S. Shore as vice-captain, seemed to be the best balanced team in the competition. Such players as N. Kukety (full forward), E. McKenzie, J. Sullivan and H. Cameron seldom failed to gain a mention as best players on the field.

Ian Slockwitch, one of the finest players on this oval, captained Galvin which gave McCarthy a nasty jolt by defeating that team in the second round. Galvin has many fine players including L. Haintz (vice-captain), K. Murphy, G. Perrott, A. Butler and L. Thorp.

Nunan and Treavy, although served by many capable players, did not win as many matches during the season as might have been expected. Nunan had Brendan Hackwill for captain and J. Byrne for vice-captain. Other notable players were F. Quinlan, R. Coutts and R. McArthur.

John Houlihan led Treacy, while T. Haintz was his vice-captain. Others who deserve mention in this team are J. Murphy, B. Stothers, D. Scarff and J. Wright.

UNDER 6½ STONE

The Under 6½ Stone team this year swept all opposition before it. Only two matches have been played at the time of going to press, and both were won very easily. Bernie Shannon led the team, while J. Lindsay was vice-captain. Stars of the team were (besides captain and vice-captain) J. Molan, B. Humphrey, A. Borrack, J. Hogan, B. Phelan, P. Brown, D. Larkin, J. Nihill, J. Noonan, J. Bongiorno, W. McGennis and W. Bell.

Results:—

S.P.C., 13 goals 10 behinds, defeated G.S., 2 goals. (B. Shannon 7, A. Borrack 4.) S.P.C., 30-14, defeated B.C., 0-1. (B. Humphrey 10, A. Borrack 6.)

S.P.C., 37 goals 28 behinds, defeated B.C., nil. (A. Borrack 18.)

UNDER 5½ STONE

This year the 5½ stoners were ably led by Teddy McKenzie, while Arthur Butler acted as a very capable vice-captain. Others to take the field were D. King, G. Perrott, T. Haintz, L. Haintz, L. Haines, K. Murphy, J. Wright, J. Byrne, G. Brown, S. Goss, H. Davies, J. Doolan, F. McDonald, T. Dickson, W. Schofield, D. White and L. Bradley.

The summary of the games played is as follows:—

S.P.C., 5-13, d. B.C., 3-9. Best players: G. Perrott, A. Butler, J. Wright, T. Haintz. Goalkickers: J. Wright (2), T. Haintz, E. McKenzie, L. Bradley.

S.P.C., 1-3, lost to C.E.G.S., 4-4. Best players: A. Butler, G. Perrott, D. King, K. Murphy. Goalkicker: S. Goss

S.P.C., 7-9, d. B.C., 1-7. Best players: L. Haines, A. Butler, E. McKenzie, G. Perrott. Goalkickers: J. Wright (4), D. King (2), T. Haintz.

BASKETBALL

Though this sport is comparatively new to the College, nevertheless it has taken hold quite firmly. Interest is particularly keen, and becomes so much keener every year that one sometimes thinks that it may even oust football from popularity in years to come. The reason for its growing popularity is probably because it is much faster than football and the whole five players in each team are constantly in the play. Because the game is faster, the player must think quicker and thus the quick thinkers become the "stars." Because the court is small in comparison with a football oval, yet the game is similar in so far as high flying and turning are concerned, the whole five men are constantly in the play and thus each derives a greater benefit from his game.

This year's House teams were as even as could be expected. The four captains are the same as in the football of course, namely, Laurie Erwin, Treacy; Denis Bourke, Nunan; Kevin Shanley, McCarthy, and Brian Maher, Galvin. Only a few of the outstanding players can be mentioned in the space allotted so we will start with the two teams which are leading in the competition at present. Undefeated as yet is Treacy, whose captain, Laurie Erwin, is an inspiring leader, for in his position at half-back he repulses many opposing attacks and initials many of his own team's attacks. Bob Davies, the centreman, is also forceful in attack and scores an even occasional goal. Brian Vanena, the forward, does no more than stay under the basket throughout the game and score when the ball is thrown to him, perhaps the reason why his team are so far undefeated. Easily the best defender on the courts is Brian Dowling, and his fast clearing passes from the backline are often heartbreaking to attacking forwards. The other players in this team who deserve a mention are Brian O'Loughlin and Paul Bourke.

Galvin, at present second, can turn on dazzling team-work in patches, and if they can maintain such team-work during the final matches they will probably win the premiership. The backs and half-forwards, John Madden, Brian Gibson, Marshal Younger and Brian Maher, can combine with an invincible system of passing to end finally with John Wangeman who very rarely misses a shot for goal and who is the best forward in St. Pat's. These brilliant patches make Galvin a pleasure to watch in action, and they completely bewilder their opponents.

Nunan are another good side but they are somewhat inconsistent and unpredictable. The team revolves about Denis Bourke and John Cotter in the defence, and if these two are playing well, the whole team plays well because the forwards, Nevill Rogers and Graeme Sampieri receive so many passes. Other good players in this team are Kevin Shannon and Kevin Carroll.

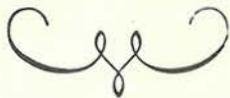
McCarthy, last but not least, are at the bottom of the ladder, probably because they have spent much of the season experimenting. Tom Lanigan has found his place on the backline and so too has Kevin Shanley at centre. Of the remainder, Terry Goss, John Coffey and Trevor Conlan are all good forwards, and Brian Murphy is a good back.

Only the Grand Final will tell which is the best team and, as that match has not yet been played, we can only but speculate. Each team has first class patches, and any of the four could win. The premier team will

certainly have to fight hard to gain that title. As to who will be the premier team, time alone will tell.

Most of us know how far any game could go without an umpire. However bad he may be, he is an essential for the conducting of the game, and basketball is no exception. In conclusion therefore we would like to thank Bryan King and John Hampton for their work on the courts as umpires, for they have made many a pleasant game possible.

—B. J. MAHER.

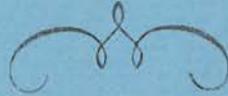




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DATES TO REMEMBER

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Boarders Return	-	February 9th
Classes Resume	-	February 10th
Easter Vacation	-	April 13th-20th
Head of the Lake	-	April 24th
First Term Banquet	-	May 11th
Boarders Travel	-	May 12th
Boarders Return	-	June 1st
Classes Resume	-	June 2nd



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EDITORIAL

Our Jubilee has come and gone, and we thank God that Jubilee Week was such a success. There was not a hitch in the arrangements, and our beautiful Chapel with its rich red Verona Marble Sanctuary lent itself to the colourful ceremonies of the several Pontifical and Solemn Masses.

These beautiful ceremonies would not have been possible had not our beloved Bishop made himself available. He was always ready to pontificate or to preside, and as a result we enjoyed the privilege of employing the wealth of ceremonial in the Church's liturgy. Our old friend, Bishop Roper, too was available when we needed him, and their Graces Archbishop Simonds of Melbourne and Archbishop Beovich of Adelaide honoured us with their presence. Right Rev. Mgr. Galligan travelled from Warrnambool to be with us, and Mgrs. J. Lawless, Rutherglen, and Fitzpatrick, Leongatha, were available during the entire week.

The many Priests who attended the various functions added colour and dignity, and the Brothers and boys of St. Patrick's College are sincerely grateful to them. To those Priests in particular who prepared addresses and delivered them so well we are especially grateful, as also to those other Priests who assisted in any way with the ceremony—Celebrants, Deacons, Sub-Deacons, Assistant Priests, Masters of Ceremonies, all have our grateful thanks.

I thank too all our friends, our ex-students, the parents of our boys and our friends for attending the various functions, religious and social, which were arranged. We pray that God may bless all these good people and that He will reward abundantly all those who contributed to the Chapel debt.

The College Annual, which will be ready for distribution with this issue of the "Chronicle," contains photos and accounts of the various Jubilee functions.

GREEN, WHITE AND BLUE PAGE

DENIS BOURKE: Dux of College 1953 and winner of the Special Prize for Christian Doctrine. Denis entered for a Newman Scholarship. He has a brother Paul in Leaving, and he is a nephew of Mr. Martin Bourke of Koroit. He holds a Commonwealth Scholarship which he deferred for one year. He is a member of Our Lady's Soladity and a Prefect of the Holy Name Society. He was secretary of the Senior Literary and Debating Society and was a finalist in the Purtin Oratory Contest. He rowed No. 3 in the 1st Crew and played with the 2nd XVIII. He intends studying Medicine next year.

BRIAN DOWLING has been at St. Pat's since 1949. He is a College Prefect and a Prefect of the Holy Name Society. His brother John who left S.P.C. in 1951 is studying Surveying. Brian was bow in the 2nd Crew and was the regular full-back for the 2nd XVIII.

BRIAN GROGAN, from Kerang, is a College Prefect and has been at St. Pat's for five years, coming in 1949. He has represented the College in football (Capt. of 1st XVIII), rowing, athletics. Executive member of the Holy Name Society. Now in Matriculation and hopes to do auctioneering next year.

MICHAEL BOURKE is the son of the late Mr. Michael Bourke of Pakenham East. Mr. Hughie Bourke is his uncle. Michael is a brother of ex-pupils David, John, Brian and Hughie, and of Gavan in Intermediate. He has a sister Mary at Mary's Mount. He is a College Prefect and councillor of Our Lady's Sodality. On the executive of the Holy Name and in St. Vincent De Paul Society. In the 1st XI and a member of the 1st XVIII.

John Madden is a day boy from Ballarat, and he has been at St. Pat's for nine years. He enrolled from Dawson Street in 1945. He is now studying for his Matriculation, and he hopes to win a Commonwealth Scholarship and to enter the Melbourne University to study surveying. His Dad, Mr. D. Madden, ex-C.B.C., Geelong, is District Surveyor for Ballarat and district. Mr. Madden supervised the work of levelling our ovals. John is in the Cathedral Holy Name Society. He is a good speaker and a very good sport. He rowed bow in our successful Third Crew last year. He is a good distance runner, specialising in the 880 and the mile. He played for St. Pat's in the 2nd XVIII and was a regular member of our 1st Basketball Team.

Michael Walsh is studying for his Leaving Certificate. During his nine years at the College he has been Dux of his class on four (4) occasions. Michael is a member of the Holy Name Society at the Monastery where he was an Altar boy for many years. He has represented St. Pat's in Aths both in Melbourne and in Ballarat, and this year he is a keen rower. His brother, Francis, two years his senior, has left College and is employed at the E. S. & A. Bank at Ballarat East. Michael's Mother has been for many years an enthusiastic member of the College Ladies' Committee and his Dad was a constant visitor to and a loyal supporter of the College to the week-end before his sudden death. He was a saintly man, and we pray for his eternal repose.

John Danaher is a boarder from Hastings. John is one of a big number of boys from the Peninsula, and he is the guide and consoler of most of them. He is in the Intermediate Class and he hopes to obtain his Certificate. He is a member of the Holy Name Society and was received into Our Lady's Sodality at the last reception. John is a very reliable boy and was appointed official time-keeper during the football season. His hobby is reading.



FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING PROCESSION AT COLLEGE

More than 5000 people assembled in beautiful sunshine to do honour to Christ the King. Some 4,000 preceded His Lordship Bishop O'Collins who carried the Blessed Sacrament in solemn procession.

The oval and grounds looked splendid after the heavy rains, and the entire setting was most impressive with religious banners carried by Sodalists signifying the district from which the group had come. During the procession the Rosary was recited through an amplifier by Rev. Fr. T. Russell.

After each decade the processionists sang a hymn in honour of the Blessed Sacrament or of Our Blessed Lady. The procession took more than an hour to wend its way round the oval. Then all assembled before the grandstand which had been converted into a beautiful high altar.

A moving and eloquent sermon was preached by Rev. Fr. McFall, C.S.S.R., the full text of which will be printed in this issue.

His Lordship Bishop O'Collins congratulated Fr. McFall on his eloquent address and he reminded the gathering that they had made their choice. They had chosen to serve their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. His Lordship urged all to remain loyal to Christ the King.

PROTEST.

His Lordship condemned as unjust, the cruel treatment meted out to High Church dignitaries in certain European countries. He cited Cardinal Mindszenty, Cardinal Stepinac and the latest victim, Cardinal Wyszyski. He called on all present to signify by raising the right hand if they supported him in a resolution of protest against this latest injustice against the Catholic Church.

An enthusiastic audience signified approval, and Bishop O'Collins promised to forward his protest and theirs to the authority responsible.

Bishop O'Collins was assisted by Rev. Dr. W. McCunnie and Father J. Shelley. Fathers Fennelly and Boylan were masters of ceremonies. The Administrator of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Very Rev. Father L. Fiscalini, was in charge. Music was supplied by the band from St. Joseph's Home. These little lads, under the direction of Mr. A. Rowell, accompanied the singing in very good style.

Fr. McFALL'S ADDRESS: THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST.

*"The Lord shall reign as King forever;
He shall bless His people with peace."*

—Psalms 28.

One Friday afternoon just over 1900 years ago, on a hill outside the City of Jerusalem three men paid the supreme penalty of their lives at the hands of Roman justice. Two of them were thieves, victims of the severe criminal laws of their time. The Third was a Carpenter turned Preacher, Who claimed to be the Son of God and a great King. A strange claim, but stranger still that not even death by crucifixion could shake His calm assurance. He claimed to be a King; and so with bitter irony and savage

cruelty His executioners treated Him as one. They put on Him the red robe of royalty, the colour of which paled beside the vivid scarlet of the blood which saturated it. They crowned Him—with a helmet of thorns; and they put the sceptre in His hand—but not before they had brought it down in a rain of blows on His aching head.

At last the leaders of the Jews, the men who had led the fickle crowd in that blasphemous cry "We have no king but Caesar" stood round the cross witnessing as they thought the end of His claims to kingship as the gloom of death settled over the place of execution. With evil satisfaction filling their hearts they returned to the city, leaving their God dead upon a cross, His royal title nailed in mockery above His head—"Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

Christ's death on the cross was not the end of His Kingdom. Within three days he rose from the dead, proving beyond a doubt that He is Lord of life and death, Prince of the powers of nature and King of the human race redeemed at the cost of His life. Christ rose from the dead to live and reign forever. He is Whom we honour and proclaim today—Jesus Christ the King of Heaven and Earth, of Whose Kingdom there shall be no end. For the Lord shall reign as King for ever.

History shows that again and again mighty efforts have been made to overthrow the kingdom of Christ, but without success. Rather those evil forces, like the sea dashing against the rocky cliff, have themselves been broken. For Christ is the "stone which the builders rejected, and whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken but on whomsoever it shall fall it shall grind him to powder."

For 300 years the great Roman Empire turned the full fury of its hatred against the kingdom of Christ, and with what success? The Emperor Julian, a self-confessed enemy of Jesus Christ, gave the answer to that question with His last breath in words which find an echo round the death-bed of every persecutor of the Church—"O Galilean, You have conquered."

For 1000 years Mohammedanism threatened to sweep in a great wave across Europe, wiping out all trace of Christianity, until in 1571 at Lepanto God raised His hand to scatter His enemies.

And in our own time we have seen men try to dethrone Christ and make themselves masters of the world. Today they are mere names, rarely mentioned, almost forgotten. But Christ the King lives and rules—"Jesus Christ yesterday, today and the same forever." "For the Lord shall reign as King forever."

Christ is our King, and as such has the right to our loyalty and devotion. That loyalty must be based on a deep personal love of our Lord which expresses itself in our way of acting so that we are not hearers of God's word only, but doers. And what form will that active love of Christ take? "If you love Me keep My commandments": in other words, live up to the obligations of your state of life. Loyalty to Christ means that in all places and at all times you live and behave as good Catholics. That obligation accompanies you to the office desk, the shop counter and the factory bench. To employers and employees, to parents and children, to husbands and wives, to the married and the unmarried, to school children, teenagers and grown-ups, Christ's words are the same: "If you love Me keep My commandments." The half-hearted, luke-warm Catholic who tries to compromise between the law of God and the godless ideals of the modern world is a traitor to the cause of Christ the King. Our Lord's own words leave no room for doubt about that—"He who is not with Me is against Me."

Loyalty to Christ implies also zeal for the spread of His kingdom, for His enthronement in the hearts of all men. You pray each day "Thy kingdom come," but do you understand and mean what you say, and, above all, do you do anything about it? Is your Catholicism militant and active, or do you sit back and let others do everything? Catholic Action is not restricted to a handful of specially chosen men and women. It is the duty of every Catholic according to opportunity and ability to try to make those

words of the Our Father a reality. You can't all join the organised societies of Catholic Action of course, but you can do a great deal by the good example of your own lives. You can talk to your non-Catholic friends about religion and the Church. You're not ashamed or frightened to air your views on politics or football or the latest fashions—why be ashamed to mention the name of God? We have the truth—let us spread it. And you won't spread the kingdom of Christ by sitting down and thinking about it. You must take up the offensive, carry the battle into the enemy camp by vigorous and energetic action. If you are not working for Christ then you are hindering His work—"He who is not with Me is against Me."

It is wrong however to think that Christ's claims for loyalty are restricted to the individual. He Who is the King of Kings has the right to expect reverence and respect from the nations of the world, and from their rulers and governments. They must recognise that all authority comes from God, and consequently must be exercised in accordance with the law of God: that the foundation of any system of government and any body of laws must be the unchangeable principles of the Ten Commandments: and that the Catholic Church, as the divinely established guardian of truth, has the right and duty of guiding peoples and governments in the service of Christ the King.

And yet in so many parliaments of the world today the Name of God is never spoken except in blasphemy, the Ten Commandments are never mentioned but as the old-fashioned laws of an obsolete religion, and the Catholic Church is recognised only as the enemy of progress and human liberty.

Those nations, like Poland, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia, once so loyal to Christ and which owe so much of their civilization and culture to the Church, are being forcibly dragged from the service of God by irreligious dictators who, like the Jews of old, cry out "We have no king but Caesar."

But just as the darkness of Good Friday was dispelled by the glory of Easter Sunday, so the pall of irreligion which covers the world today will be swept away and all men "shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with much power and majesty" and they shall know "that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God."

Whether we talk of personal or national loyalty to Christ, the ultimate and final choice rests with the individual, with each one of you. You must choose between the world with its attractions and the kingdom of God and its obligations—between Caesar and Christ.

The decision to choose Christ is not an easy one for human nature. It calls for a strong faith and trust in God and the overcoming of human respect. On all sides the enemies of your soul are trying to draw you away from God, and it is so easy to let yourselves be carried away by their propaganda and smart sayings. The very air you breathe is tainted with irreligion and immorality. Only a strong, lively faith can save you from contamination.

You are told, for instance, by the so-called intellectuals of our time that belief in a personal God, and sin and a future life is unsound. As Dr. Huxley said recently in Melbourne, they are "scientific impossibilities" which hinder the progress of truth.

Yet Jesus Christ spent the whole of His public life preaching the truth of those doctrines.

Whose word will you take—the word of materialistic, earth-bound scientists or the word of Jesus Christ the way, the truth and the life?

Again, the supporters of divorce, free love and other immoral practices too sordid to mention, hold out the pleasures of sensual indulgence as the bait with which to lure you from the restraining influence of the all-pure Christ. They tell you the Catholic Church is narrow-minded and old-fashioned.

But Jesus Christ says "Every one that puts away his wife and marries another commits adultery." He tells us "Blessed are the clean of heart."

Whose word will you take—the word of unprincipled propagators of lust or the word of Jesus Christ in whom no trace of sin was found?

The Communist revolutionaries try to fool you as they have fooled so many others with false promises of security and prosperity in a society from which God is excluded.

Jesus Christ warns you "Not in bread alone does man live. Seek first the kingdom of God."

Whom will you believe—the selfish, atheistic would-be dictators or Jesus Christ Who emptied Himself taking the form of a servant?

Each one of you must make the choice—Caesar or Christ. How will you decide?

Will you follow the example of the great St. Polycarp, bishop and martyr, who chose death rather than be disloyal to Christ the King? "For six and eighty years" he said, "I have been serving Him and He has done no wrong to me: how then dare I blaspheme my King Who has saved me."

Will you imitate St. Thomas More who suffered martyrdom at the hands of an earthly king rather than betray his heavenly Lord?

Will you join that band of living martyrs—Cardinals Stepinac, Mindszenty, and Wyskinski, and all the Bishops, Priests, Religious and lay people who have suffered and are suffering for Christ? They are our brothers and sisters in the family of God, our fellow-citizens in the kingdom of heaven, our comrades in the army of Christ the King.

If you choose Christ you will not be alone. You will be joining the countless Catholics who, inspired by the example of these sufferers for Christ, are today, in every free country of the world, gathering round the throne of their King as you are here, to renew that dedication of their lives to God which they made at baptism. And if you feel that the enemies of the Church have the upper hand, renew your courage with the words of our heavenly Leader: "Have confidence, I have overcome the world."

To those who follow Him, Christ gives that which the world promises but cannot give—peace. The value of the world's promises is seen in the broken lives, broken homes and broken nations which result from them. The human heart longs for peace—that longing can be satisfied by one thing alone, the Peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ. It is that which He offers you today as the reward of your loyalty. Peace of heart, peace in the home, peace with your fellow-men—these are the consequences of the faithful service of your King which puts you at peace with God.

In a few moments you will kneel down to consecrate yourselves and the whole world to Christ your King, and to receive His blessing. I beg of Him to give each one of you the grace and strength to be faithful to Him till death; and may He bless you and yours with that wonderful blessing of which St. John speaks: "Grace be to you and peace from Jesus Christ the Prince of the kings of the earth Who has loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood and has made us a kingdom to God, His Father; to Him be glory and empire for ever and ever. Amen."

ST. PETER'S MINOR SEMINARY

Since our last report, St. Peter's Minor Seminary, an integral part of St. Patrick's College, has continued to prosper under the guidance and direction of Rev. Dr. McCunnie and Brother Mullen. Our number now stands at fourteen.

Prefect Kevin Shanley continues to keep an eye on things, while fellow-matriculant Kevin Carroll is carefully preparing for the coming examinations. Another Kevin, Troy this time, divides his time between Matriculation and Leaving classes following his Latin teacher. He also looks in at Sub-Intermediate Latin Class.

Busily engaged in study in the Leaving room are Ray Dignan and Kevin Arundell, who are a great help to one another at History and Latin.

The old firm, Brophy, Bainbridge & Co., are often to be seen sweating it out over some Latin books; they reckon it's more like Double Dutch. Tom and Bill had a big handicap, but they are moving along nicely. Brendan Smith and Len Martin find the study a little easier.

Whoever sees one Intermediate boy, Pat Baker, without seeing the other, John Walsh? Pat is as close as John's shadow these days. John Murray and Peter Brennan are busily endeavouring to attain the standard required of Sub-Intermediate boys. And last but not least, the boy from second year, David McGrath, who, by the way, hails from Coleraine.

Ray Dignan has come under notice as a sportsman this year, representing S.P.C. in cricket, football and athletics. Those assisting him in those sports were: Kevin Arundell and Peter Brennan (cricket), Bill Bainbridge (football) and Len Martin (athletics).

The opening of the new Chapel was a thrill to all students of S.P.C. and to the students of St. Peter's especially. We were also pleased to welcome the large number of former S.P.C. students who are now studying at Corpus Christi College, Werribee. They chanted the Te Deum of the first High Mass in excellent style.

Heartiest thanks to our spiritual director, Dr. McCunnie, for his guidance and interest in both our material and spiritual progress. Thanks also to Brother Mullen who lives at the Seminary and who keeps us and our belongings in order. A Brother most interested in our well-being is Brother Healy who devotes much of his time, energy and patience in assisting those of us who are a little backward at the essential subject, Latin.

—W. BAINBRIDGE.

THE SODALITY OF OUR LADY

As 1953 gradually closes we can reflect upon a year of success in Sodality activities, and our final message is one of satisfaction.

A recent reception raised the number of Sodalists to forty-five. The following boys were received upon November 6th: B. James, T. Brophy, M. Hanrahan, B. Bailey, L. Martin, B. Godfrey, G. Walsh, J. Walsh, K. Carroll, N. Sist, P. Johnson, T. O'Keefe, J. Danaher, P. Jeffries, A. Grigg. Our most recent collective mission was on October 25th, when we were privileged to lead the procession in honour of Our Heavenly King.

So as the year terminates we close the door upon collective Sodality activities for 1953. But we remain Sodalists even after our years at school, and none of us is not resolved to remain devout clients of Mary, Our Queen. As a final message we sincerely thank Rev. Dr. McCunnie who has so efficaciously assisted us in our Sodality duties.

M. SHANNON (Head Councillor).

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Once more the end of the scholastic year is approaching, and the termination of our Society activities is almost complete. Although we regret the loss of many of our zealous leaders, we are indeed comforted by the thought that our Holy Name Society will once more be under the inspiring guidance of our Spiritual Director, Dr. McCunnie, and that he will certainly have the wholehearted support of the seniors next year. The devotion and fervour of the boys, who will remain, further ensure the flourishing Society which we have known during 1953.

Our membership this year was rather big, comprising after the recent reception when twenty boys were received, one hundred and fifty boys. This indeed expresses in a material way the spiritual standards of the College, and this remarkable fervour is evidenced in the frequency of the visits to the Blessed Sacrament. The Society has helped to cultivate a greater love for Christ, our Spiritual Leader.

We pray that those of us who are about to leave College will continue to be loyal sons of Mother Church, that we will immediately join up with parish Holy Name Societies, and that we will not lose the fervour of our first years in the Society.

ADRIAN JOYCE (President).

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT De PAUL

This review of the year's activities is penned with a feeling of gratitude. Our College Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has had a most successful year, and all its members are deeply grateful to the boys of the College for the generous support, both spiritual and temporal, which made this success possible. Only a small percentage of the students of this College can belong to the Society, but those who are not members of it are certainly not excluded from its work, and we are happy in the thought that those outside the Society realize this, and that they have shown by their generous support that they do realize it.

For the members of the Conference, the work has been long and arduous. We all know well the ratio of wet week-ends to fine ones in Ballarat, yet the members of our Conference have gone out, Sunday after Sunday, in wet weather or fine, meeting all types of people, some very unpleasant and repulsive, in their effort to cheer the hearts and to alleviate in a small way the discomfort of the poor. For this they receive no praise, nor would they want any, for that is not the spirit of the Society founded by Frederick Ozanam exactly a century ago. However, the retiring executive would like to thank sincerely all the members for their diligent work and for their constant co-operation which helped immeasurably towards the smooth running of the Conference.

Unfortunately this Conference was not the host for a Festival Meeting during 1953. We regret the circumstances which prevented this, and we hope that the 1954 conference will leave nothing to be desired when members from every Conference in Ballarat will meet at St. Patrick's College next year.

During the year members from our Conference visited the Base Hospital each week, and each fortnight we visited the Queen Elizabeth Benevolent Home, the Home for the Aged Blind and Nazareth House, taking comforts to the inmates in the form of sweets, tobacco and literature.

We extend a welcome to the new members who will carry on the work and traditions of the Conference in the coming year. They are Len Martin, Brendan Smith, Graeme Murphy, Tom Brophy, Kevin Arundell, Philip Johnson and Neil Sist. We express the hope that others will join the Society after they return to school. We would also like to congratulate the 1954 executive on their appointments, and we pray that they will carry out their duties well. The new executive is:

President, Kevin Shannon; Vice-President, Ray Dignan; Treasurer, Brendan Ryan; Secretary, Kevin Shea.

BRIAN J. MAHER.

COLUMBAN NEWS

We would like to open our paragraph by thanking the Editor for allowing us to steal a little bit of his valuable space. We believe that this is the first time that we, as a group, have forwarded Columban news to the "Chronicle."

Old Boys of the 40's will remember Maurice Maloney and Frank Auburn, both of whom are to be Ordained in Ireland at Christmas. Maurice is to the fore in the sports field, especially football.

Frank ("Wow") Ferrie is our only representative in the first class to complete their studies in our own college in Australia. Up to the present it has been the custom to complete the course in Ireland, as Maurice and Frank are doing. "Wow's" main fault is that he can recognise only two colours—Black and Red.

Peter Malone and Leo Donnelly give Pat Hickey, an Old Boy of "The Terrace," Perth, and a past pupil of Bro. Coyne, all that he wants to know about S.P.C. Peter's hobby is hedge-cutting; he's so keen on it that each afternoon he brings half of what he has cut into the bedroom with him. Leo hasn't changed much—he still cuts those bells mighty fine. John O'Hehir is fast gaining a reputation for himself as a Soccer player—the only trouble is that he spells it with a "k."

Well, we must now sign off, wishing you, one and all, a happy and a holy Christmas, and hoping to see some of you next year. What about it, boys! The fields are white for the harvest.

—AN OLD BOY.

TASMANIAN NOTES

The following appeared in the Hobart "Standard." It speaks for itself and shows that the influence of S.P.C. is widespread.

COLLEGE HAS GIVEN SIX PRIESTS TO TASMANIA.

Six Priests in Tasmania are Old Collegians of St. Patrick's College, Ballarat, Vic., where a new Chapel, built at a cost of £85,000 as a memorial to the 312 ex-students who lost their lives in the two world wars, was blessed and opened this month.

The Priests are Very Rev. Frs. D. Shaw, P.P., and F. Kent, P.P., Rev. Frs. G. M. FitzGerald, R. Scarfe, Adm., J. Flannery, and T. McDonnell.

They were represented at the ceremonies by Father Scarfe.

The Bishop of Ballarat, Most Rev. J. P. O'Collins, D.D., blessed the new buildings. Also present were the Archbishop of Adelaide, Most Rev. M. Beovich, D.D., and the Coadjutor Archbishop of Melbourne, Most Rev. J. D. Simonds, D.D.

On the morning after the opening, Solemn Requiem Mass for deceased Brothers, ex-students and benefactors, was offered by Most Rev. B. Roper, D.D., Subdeacon at the Mass was Father Scarfe.

The new Chapel replaces a timber structure built more than 60 years ago and far too small for the growing number of students at the College.

In his address, Bishop O'Collins complimented the College Principal, Rev. Bro. J. D. Healey, on his work of building the new Chapel.

"I like good things for the Church," he said, "and I like to think we have the best. Brother Healey and his fellow Brothers have given us the best here."

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE JUBILEE CHAPEL

It's sixty years since Christian Brothers came to St. Patrick's College and as this LIGHT goes to the printer final arrangements are being made for a celebration. Jubilee Week will begin with a Pontifical High Mass of thanksgiving on Sunday, October 4th. Celebrant will be His Lordship, Most Rev. J. P. O'Collins, D.D., Bishop of Ballarat.

In the afternoon His Lordship will preside over the solemn opening of the new Collegiate Memorial Chapel. This imposing Romanesque building has been erected in memory of Old Pupils who gave their lives in two World Wars, and its completion was happily timed for the week of Jubilee. It will replace the little Chapel with the severely rectangular Sanctuary and richly carved Altar that has lived in the memory of three or four generations of Old Boys—since the Holy Ghost Fathers first erected it nearly seventy years ago.

The new Chapel in salmon-coloured brick and cruciform in shape attracts the onlooker by its grace and strength and the expert by the architect's successful use of the curved line. The entrance which houses the elliptical staircase, the built-in confessionals, and the sacristies form a succession of curves that culminate in the spacious half-circle of the Sanctuary. Massive buttresses contrast with the curves and blend with richly decorated, slender windows.

Interior has majesty and propriety; no pillars impede the view of the Altar and, as becomes a boys' Chapel, there's plenty of colour in Sanctuary, furniture and lighting fixtures, and discreet daring in the rich greens, reds and blues of the windows.

It's a marble Sanctuary; the High Altar, two side Altars, the ornate Communion Table and the Sanctuary floor are all of red Verona marble. The Romanesque curve that enfolds the main Altar is repeated in the two side Altars; these are to carry statues of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Lourdes respectively, and on their curved backgrounds will be painted the scenes of the Sacred Heart appearing to St. Margaret Mary and Our Lady appearing to St. Bernadette.

Appropriately the High Altar dominates the entire Chapel. It is surmounted by a richly embellished baldachino, or canopy, from which hangs a reredos of rich velvet in burgundy—which in turn is the background for a life-size crucifix. A bas-relief of Da Vinci's "Last Supper," executed in snow white Carrara marble, ornaments the Altar and is illuminated by lights hidden in its base. Inset fluorescent lighting also illuminate the canopy and bathes the whole Altar in soft yet ample light.

The altar rails which sweep across the whole transept and nave have a carved cloth motif, the customary gates being replaced by an ornamental cord. The flooring under the fifty Queensland Maple seats is of two-tone cork tiles, and in aisles and transepts is rubber. Plentiful windows make the natural day-lighting rich bright, and "lanterns" suspended from the oregon ceiling and augmented by lights inside altars and in the baroque Stations of the Cross take adequate care of the night.

Sacristies are spacious and well appointed, an alcove on the Epistle side of the stalls carries a Pieta and on the opposite side is an image stained glass of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Altogether the new Chapel is an inspiring monument not only to the fallen, but to the Faith and courage of the Christian Brothers. Old Boys throughout the Commonwealth are hailing its advent with jubilation.

THE BUILDERS.

Host of the Jubilee is Rev. Brother J. D. Healy who for the past ten years has been Principal of the College. A native of Ballarat East, he is himself an ex-student of S.P.C., and it was under his direction that the new Chapel was planned and erected. Associated with him is Rev. Br. W. T. O'Malley who recently completed his twenty-fifth year of service to St.

Pat's—an attainment that brought him almost nation-wide felicitations and expressions of gratitude from thousands whose Catholic manhood was moulded at his hands.

Ex-pupils will recall many more Brothers who through 60 years contributed much to the products and traditions of S.P.C., but outstanding in the long list will be Rev. Bro. W. M. McCarthy.

He was Superior of the College in 1900-1904, again in 1909, and again in 1920. Today he enjoys reasonably good health in Dublin at the advanced age of 90 years. It was due largely to his vision and business acumen that the modern St. Patrick's rejoices in the excellent buildings and spacious playing grounds. And as he built magnificently the material College, so he laboured with eminent success in building the traditions of strenuous study, health, recreation and solid Catholicity that stamps St. Patrick's College as the educational capital of the Diocese.

[This account of our Chapel appeared in "Light" and we are grateful to Rev. Fr. J. McInerney for compiling and for inserting it.—Ed.]

ESSAY COMPETITION

During the year Barry McGregor, of our Matriculation Class, won an Essay Competition sponsored by Coliseum Motors. It was on the Holden Car, and it was later used by Coliseum Motors in a full page advertisement in the "Ballarat Courier." We print the extract as it appeared in the "Courier."

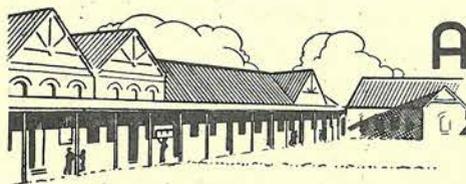
WHAT COULD BE MORE FITTING ON THIS MEMORABLE OCCASION THAN TO QUOTE AN EXTRACT TAKEN FROM A RECENT ESSAY WRITTEN BY A YOUNG BALLARAT STUDENT:

"National patriotism instinctively demands a pride in the products of one's own nation. Many types of cars have been produced on the Continent, in England, and in America, and these, especially those of the last two, have been highly regarded by many Australians. But it is natural that when Australia, our growing and expanding nation, sets to work and produces an Australian car, which is entirely distinct from any overseas manufacturers' products, the car appeals to the public of our nation. Many an Australian, when he realises he is driving a car built in Australia by Australians, for Australians, would experience a feeling of pleasure. . . .

"The Holden is beautifully proportioned and looks impressive. Neither unconventional nor a duplicate of any other model . . . because whereas it is one thing to buy a car, money must be found for the petrol, tyres, oil, etc. . . . The Holden car is a car of which all Australians might well be proud. It is light and manageable, as well as powerful. The recent production of the one-hundred-thousandth Holden is a great milestone in the manufacturing progress of the Australian nation, and indicates the car's popularity."

BARRY MCGREGOR, S.P.C. Matriculation.

[Congratulations, Barry, your essay reads well.—Ed.]



AROUND THE ROOMS

MATRICULATION

Once again we welcome you to the intimacy of the "Sanctum Sanctorum" of the College, the Matriculation Classroom. For many this is the last opportunity to distinguish themselves by outstanding reference in the pages of the "Chronicle," and hence we find much worthy of mention.

Our term has been most eventful, commencing with the opening of our magnificent Chapel, which inaugurated a week of Jubilee Celebrations. This was indeed an event which will distinguish for many their last term at S.P.C.

If you have visited our study recently you must have been impressed by our spirit of work. Yes, we have entered on the last phase of our preparation for Matriculation, Commonwealth Scholarships, Secondary Studentship Bursaries, Newman Scholarships, etc., etc.

Already two of our class have won Scholarships. Brian Gaffney's Scholarship entitles him to four years at £52 per annum. Brian Gibson, who has won a Forestry Scholarship, can now take up his residence at one of the Forestry Schools—free. As I write these notes four of our class are in Melbourne sitting for Newman Bursaries and Scholarships. We wish Denis Bourke, Brian Maher, Laurie Erwin and John Deany every success.

Our class positions have been decided. Congratulations to Denis Bourke who is Dux of College this year and who has won the Special Prize for Christian Doctrine and for Physics and Chemistry. Congratulations also to Brendan Davey, Dux of Christian Doctrine; John Deany, English Literature and Ancient History; Barry McGregor, Latin and Modern History; Brian Maher, English Expression and Mixed Maths; Laurie Erwin, Pure Maths.; Adrian Joyce, British History; and Brian Vanina, French.

Our Purton Oratory contest this year was a great success. Our adjudicator, Mr. Murray Byrne, LL.B., was very impressed and, of course, very impressive. His comments and criticisms were splendid. There were twenty-five entrants, and six contested the Final Contest. The winner was Adrian Joyce who had a most pleasing manner, a cultured voice and excellent matter. We congratulate Adrian on this victory. Several other speakers scored very well, and the Society's good work at the College continues.

The Dux of the College is quite a unique personage, displaying exceptional ability as a sports commentator, and with John Wangeman forms a formidable doubles combination which had recent successes in social tennis. Denis, however, is not our only boy with outstanding radio qualifications, for Michael Bourke exhibited a notable vowel purity, but was unfortunately heard only for a short time. Laurie Erwin, despite his winning suavity, did not enjoy the success of Brian Maher who had the better side on the particular day. However, all enmity was soon forgotten and Laurie and Brian have gone to Melbourne to chaperone John Deany and Denis Bourke during the week of Newman Scholarships. Don Bradmore, too, took a few days in Melbourne. Of course, we take Brian Gibson's trips for granted now.

Adrian Joyce is still feeling the effects of a well-known indiscretion on November 7th and—as yet—has not tendered an explanation. Brian Grogan showed a complete lack of discretion recently and, with Brian

Dowling, he shows an absorbing interest in photography. John Cotter and Brian Williams have received a sudden impetus to follow the teaching profession. Naturally, they would attend the Ballarat Teachers' College.

One of our most industrious students, Mick O'Callaghan, effectively introduced the element of humour to a recent history class. Don Bradmore did not meet with similar success in his endeavour to prove himself an exponent of the English Language. Among others, Don enjoys the hospitality of Bob Davis and Kevin Shannon who experienced a serious loss recently. Kevin Shea has been favoured with considerable good fortune of late, and we are expecting the "shout" very shortly. Speaking of "shouts," rumour has it that Brian Vanina and Ken Pike, very appropriately named, were entertained on a recent memorable afternoon. Everyone is wondering where Martin Shannon was on that same afternoon, for rarely do we see Martin and his inseparable companion, Brian Vanina, parted.

John Madden has been particularly busy with his associates. He had considerable difficulty in settling Barry McGregor after a serious upset; however, Barry recovered well to win an Essay Competition. Congratulations, Barry! John Wangeman and Denis Bourke have also been rather difficult to manage. Two of our less robust members actually succumbed to the Ballarat weather and had a spell in hospital. Both Brian Gaffney and Brian O'Loughlin soon recuperated, and are now proving their complete recovery by concentrated study. Most of the boys are very envious of the industry of Kevin Carroll and Kevin Troy. Not so Peter Dalton, who maintains regular correspondence with the U.S.A., although his desk-mates, Kevin Shanley and Noel Gregory, are zealous workers. Noel, who is one of our prominent athletes, just failed to break the five-minute mile. We have both the Captain and Vice-Captain of our Athletics team in the room. They are Brian Maher and Brian Gibson, and other members are K. Shea, B. Grogan and B. Williams. Tom Laffey and Brendan Davey were reported to have been training secretly, and hence everyone was disappointed to find their names among the officials' list.

However, approaching exams somewhat curtail our sporting activities and every available minute is employed in study or in prayers for success. Thus we draw towards the close of another school year which, for many, is their last, and which will be remembered by all as a most enjoyable year in Matriculation of 1953.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

In these, the third term notes, the Leaving scholars wish to congratulate those who obtained places in the October Tests. Dux of the class was Des. Brown; the Christian Doctrine prize went to Gerald Ridsdale; subject prize-winners were Peter Windsor, Brendan Ryan, Bernard Righetti, Neil Sist, Kevin Leitch, Bernard Mathews and Paul Bourke. Others to be congratulated are Bill Jones and Gerald Ridsdale for their successes in the Alliance Francaise competition held in July.

Leaving Class was represented in the B.P.S. tennis competitions by Brian King, Barry Podger and Neil Sist. Among the competitors in the Melbourne Sports were Leo Schreenan, Ray Dignan, Trevor Conlan, Bryan King and Neville Rogers. In preparation for our own College Sports, several Leaving "hopefuls" have been in secret training during lunch-time on the Hill Oval. The most successful was John Kerrins, despite the keen opposition of John Carter, John Coffey, Michael Walsh, Kevin Leitch, Brendan Morganti and Des. Brown. One of the enthusiasts to be often seen on the Oval after school is Kevin Arundell. He specialises in Marathon running. John O'Shannessy was unfortunate to break his wrist while high-jumping. However, it appears that, despite the deficiency, he can now work twice as fast. Among the enthusiasts who work on the "bars" after night-study, is Vincent Colbert who has become quite an expert at gymnastics with Neville Rogers.

Recently Tom Brophy, Brian James, Len Martin, Philip Johnson and Bernard Bailey had the honour of being admitted to Our Lady's Sodality. We feel sure they will distinguish the College at the coming Rosary Crusade. Amongst the altar-servers who helped to make the Jubilee ceremonies a success were Michael Walsh, Maurice Sheahan, Frank McCarthy, John Coffey, Noel Morganti and Bernard Righetti. Tom Lanigan, Peter Morris, Brendan Smith and Alan Ryan appeared to be very financial after November 3rd. Suspiciously enough, there were many others who were lighter in pocket after that day. Francis Welch's absence during the first week in November was very conspicuous. He declares that he was suffering from a throat ailment. Graeme Thompson is carrying on a vigorous campaign against the use of his nick-name, "George." Perhaps Graeme sounds more refined. Bernie Carey and Philip Johnson had a dual birthday party recently. The guests appeared quite contented when they came in late to study after it. Maths. II period usually proves most interesting, for several boys often propound new theories of their own. Amongst these intellectuals are Professors Ross Müller, Maurice ("Inky") Sheahan, Rex Start and Joe McDonald.

The closely-united "couple" of the class are Paul Bourke and Bill Mahoney, who are as inseparable as a pup and its shadow. Several suggestions have been presented as to which is which but none have yet been definitely established. Tony Kean and Greg Walsh were among the privileged few who recently enjoyed a change of scenery in the classroom. Kevin Waterhouse has continued to make good progress at night-study, since he was shifted to the front desk. Often when he arrives at school in the morning, Gavan Rice shows signs of having had a late night. Gavan continues to retain his social position. John McCormack appears to be reluctant to get up on sleep-in mornings. Consequently, his slumbers are much disturbed by other inmates of McCann House. John Rye recently helped to brighten night-study by his renditions of the "Marines' Hymn" and current hits. The spirit of study was noticeably diminished when several popular tunes were played.

Dan Duggan's father has been very helpful to the Commercial Law class. His assistance is greatly appreciated. Peter Taffe and Brendan Morganti recently signed a truce to end their long feud. Tenders have been called for a contractor to carry Norman Harris' bed into night-study, but so far there have been no acceptors. Tom Scarff distinguished himself recently when he gained top marks in a Commercial Law Exam.

John Pinzone is a willing worker each Wednesday night in the speedy and efficient disposal of laundry in the senior dorm. Graeme Murphy and Peter Windsor were recently detailed to clean the drums. However, we are still wondering why the drums did not receive their entire attention. In conclusion we present poem on a celebrated member of the class.

A remarkable boy is amongst us found:

His name is Gavan Walsh;

For History Speeches he's renowned

Which quite "bamboozle" us.

In lieu of our customary Xmas greetings we present this lyric:

O! Merry, Merry Xmas

And a very happy New Year—

Here's wishing you, your wish comes true

For a very Happy Xmas . . .

—D. BROWN, G. RIDSDALE.

INTERMEDIATE "A"

Once again, readers, hearty greetings come from the students of Intermediate "A."

All are enveloped in feverish activity now as the all-important exams draw near. As a result of the October Tests held recently Garry Leach was installed as dux of the class. Close behind Garry followed Anthony Lewis,

Kevin Maher, Michael Hanrahan, Peter Jeffrey and, in sixth place, Pat Baker.

The prize for first in Christian Doctrine went to Garry Leach, and the special prize for the best paper went to Michael Hanrahan.

This is the term of tennis and athletics and, although we had no tennis representatives, we had a number of members in the athletic teams. Our representatives were Gerald Crough, Harry Hackwill, Brian Murphy, Graeme Sampiere and John Caine. In mentioning the athletes, I must also mention those boys who helped as oval-markers, officials and advisers. Chief amongst these were Terry Fitzpatrick, Peter Kean, John Hampton, Joseph Gallagher, John Danaher and Kevin Maher.

One morning recently we found ourselves to have an important person in our midst when Peter Jeffrey, our number one reader, modestly announced that he had won a prize at the South Street Competitions. Watch out, Peter, or that Liberal Party will be trying to recruit you to its ranks!

Peter, together with Michael Hanrahan, John Danaher and John Walsh, was also recently enrolled in Our Lady's Sodality.

Bernie Coburn recently had a pleasant trip up from Melton, after convalescing for some days with the 'flu. Brian Murphy seems to have learnt a little from Ray Wienberg during the last holidays. He also seems to have corresponded with James Fuch. We have all heard of Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, but have you heard of Michael Martin and Jerry? We have! Michael is becoming very adept at using the phone. Graeme Sampiere has now joined the "horn-rimmed brigade" and is now bracketed with two other well-known boys in the class (not only for the possession of horn-rims either!). John Donovan's hero-worship of a certain cricketer slipped a peg when that cricketer was not installed as captain of N.S.W.

Brian Dow wishes that the show and gymkhana season did not coincide with the exams. Hard luck, Brian! Graeme White has recently taken to road-racing. It is reported that he is now within one hour of the leaders in ten-mile dashes from Burrumbeet.

Kevin Willey and Jim Saunders thought that it was unfair to match their long legs against such "shorties" as Jim Mullins, so they declined to compete in the sports. Terry Cain seems to be an expert on chainless motor bikes. Ray Lamaro can often be found with a friend discussing points from "The American Rifleman." Richard McArthur goes a little gay at times. Might a certain politician have something to do with it, Richard? Kevin Joyce recently told us that, with another jump, he might have hit the end of the pit in the broad jump. However, he did not say which end.

If Harry Hackwill does his 220 any faster we will have a cinder track at St. Pat's. Tony Lewis is very popular after eleven o'clock each morning. He seems to have a translation for the Latin. John Hampton was recently appointed ballistic expert for the sports. We asked John what that meant, but he did not know. Peter Butler, under pressure, has cleared up his old "throat trouble." Barry Breen seems to prefer it to be very windy these days. Peter Pollard has a very conservative taste in clothing—sometimes.

John Walsh likes doing arithmetic papers, preferably with answers supplied. Peter Kean likes moving around a lot during Latin period. Joseph Gallagher favours using a dictionary when he is writing his essays. We would not be surprised at all if John Danaher begins speaking fluent Dutch soon. John Gelder and Garry Leach had a misunderstanding on their bikes recently. Result—a good deal of skin lost!

Brendan Howman and Robert Franklin are the quiet boys of the class. They are seen, but seldom heard. On the contrary, Des. Papworth is seen, but very definitely heard. John Caine doesn't mind having an injured leg now and then, as long as his brother treats it. Mel Creati is known to prefer grey to blue in many things. Vince Corbett has to dodge the rain a lot, even in the classroom.

Gerald Crough seems to be trying to disprove the law of gravity with his leaps. Jim Hanrahan and Brendan Howman can be seen working very industriously together in the first period. Doug Anderson slept in acci-

dentally one Saturday morning recently after a function the night before. In closing Inter. "A" wishes all readers an excellent holiday and a happy Christmas and New Year. And so, Inter. "A" of 1953 says good-bye for the last time.

INTERMEDIATE "B"

The Third Term has been a very hectic one on several counts. Soon after we returned from the vacation we ran into the dreaded October Tests through which we came with not a few casualties. Our congratulations to Tony Grigg who took the honours in this exam. and is therefore Dux of Inter "B" for 1953. A close second was Brian Murray who also won the Christian Doctrine Prize. Brian Tellefson was third and was the winner of Fr. Shelley's Special Prize for Christian Doctrine. The remaining prize-winners were Des. Joyce, Les. Kemp and John Groutsch.

Inter "B" proved again this term to be well above the average in the realm of sport. Bill Drake was the Captain of the First Four and won the McNeil Cup for the champion singles player of the B.P.S., and this for the second year in succession. Bill is also a promising mile runner, and will be in the Aths. team. Gavin Bourke covered himself with glory in the Melbourne Sports by winning 16 points for S.P.C. We hope to see him repeat this performance in Ballarat. Pat Conlan who is a hurdler and a jumper, and John Groutsch who was in the relay team, are our other representatives in the Aths.

Peter Carracher and James O'Beirne played with the Seconds in the inter-school tennis. John Ilott is reputed to have won a two-mile event as a member of the Y.C.W. team. David Lardner is often seen training in the Park, but maybe that is for road work for his wrestling. John Chisholm tried his strength at the weight putt but finished head-down in the turf. It seems that he did not remember to release the weight. Since then he has taken to long distance cycling, in which he has no small measure of success.

John Harris seems to have given up the stars and to be going to the dogs. He is to be seen poring over text books on greyhounds at all hours of the day. Trevor (T. Martin) O'Keefe caused a stir at the University when he sent in his Entry Form. Extra staff had to be employed to handle the extra correspondence. Terry Goss took several days off to celebrate a double wedding in the family.

John Hoare had to return to school without brother Don after the Melbourne Sports. He looked very lonely up in the front seat until Don returned. Leo Ward and Brian Godfrey are assistants to the starter at Aths. training each afternoon. Leo is also taking an interest in rowing.

Michael Hayes finds it necessary to have a well-stocked larder now that he is sitting next to Des. Joyce.

Several of the class have become quite air-brained—sorry, air-minded—of late. A syndicate has been formed and planes are already rolling off the assembly lines. T. Martin seems to be the master mind behind the scheme, and Brian Vear and Tony Grigg appear to be the main shareholders. Graeme Cardillo has made one of his desks available for their surplus supplies and equipment.

Rival factions led by Brian Scarff and Peter Burke continue the blackboard feud, but it seems to be losing a good deal of its former ruthlessness.

Ambrose Joyce went off some time ago to help run the wool sales at Geelong. We were not surprised to hear that Tatyoon wool fetched record prices.

And now it must be farewell from Inter "B." We wish all our readers success at those coming examinations and, following them, a very happy Christmas and a pleasant holiday.

SUB. A

What a day! What day? Sports Day of course! As these notes are being penned, on that miserable day of days, we are all trying to resign ourselves to the fact that rain has washed us out of our day. Speculation as to when the sports will be held can be heard on all sides. Talking of sports, we must congratulate the team on their exciting win in Melbourne. For once we cannot claim much of the credit as our hopes, Marshall Younger and Frank Moloney, could only manage minor placings in their respective events. Marshall certainly was a bit unlucky to fall when he had the hurdles in his keeping. Even then he got up and ran second. Frank found the opposition a bit hot in the broad jump. Ken Fraser was "butter fingers" in the relay and dropped the baton—result! St. Pat's last. Just imagine it! St. Pat's last in a relay race! Doesn't seem possible. Denis McKimmie was our one "star." He ran a fine race to take the Under Fifteen 100 yards. Congratulations, Denis! The following lines were penned by Charlie Castle:

At the Melbourne Sports,
St. Pat's, of course,
Was represented by Marshall Younger,
And when that boy ran on to the ground
The crowds there gasped in wonder.
But Marshall's task was rather harsh
For he, he had to hurdle,
But towards the tape that silly ape
Was crawling like a turtle.

The great Tonette Band was founded by Con Fitzsimmons but, by a strange trick of fate, the "bootiful" music of the tonette has slowly died away. O peace, lovely peace!

Michael Dinley is being tipped as the Under 14 High Jump champion, whilst Ken Fraser and Denis McKimmie have been victorious in the Under 14 and 15 Broad Jumps respectively which were held prior to the rainy season. Our old friend, Charlie Castle, came third in the Open Weight Putt. John Van Suylen always likes a good, merry theme for his speeches. Quote: The deadies are arranged in neatly packed-up coffins on stations waiting for transportation; the rivers were full of corpses, etc. Basil Threlfall, Tom Jess, Michael Dinley, Denis McKimmie, Gavan Greer, Frank Moloney and Ken Frazer look our best prospects for the St. Pat's team to defend the "Courier" Shield in the B.P.S. Sports next Saturday. Gerald Cameron still chews his way through a couple of rulers per day. It appears that the pupils of Sub. have gone crystal set crazy this term. Their aerials form a spider web on the hill. Ian Priestly, Frank Caulfield, Anthony Foley, John Hurley, Lynn Murrell and John McKinley are the chief "Sparks." The last two have run to valve sets. Charlie Castle must be our personality boy. His name continually creeps into our notes. This time he earns the mention for winning the Sub's public speech competition with his speech on Sigmund Rhee of U.N.O. fame. Con Fitzsimmons is something of a bike rider as he won the recent Burrumbeet-Arch of Victory race. Our "versetarians" are in rare form these days. Frank Caulfield offers these lines:

Begonia Bill from Murrayville
Was such a lovely lad;
But when he saw our Birdie Bill,
Too bad, too bad, too bad!
They carried him to the churchyard,
And lowered him to his rest;
And our Birdie Bill from Crowville
Flew back up to his nest.
Now Begoniia Bill's in heaven,
He's as happy as can be,
And Willie Crowe's not far from there,
Up in his old pine tree.

The current sport of Paul Williams, Jim Pierce, Michael Gallagher, Noel McArdle and Martin ("Killer") Kennedy is tennis. I hear Noel's favourite game is mixed doubles. We have recently had a change of rooms, and there is now more room for expansion, consequently John Curtain is very happy about the move, and so is Michael Gallagher. Congratulations to Brian Morgan, the dux of the class. In a keen contest he defeated Ken Fraser, Frank Moloney, Michael Hickey and Peter Brown, who finished in that order.

Well, that takes us away for 1953; so Cheerio All! Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

SUB-INTERMEDIATE " B "

Once again you have the honour of walking through our scholastic kingdom. Although we are looked down upon by other mightier kingdoms, these kingdoms must admit that it was four of our subjects, John Shea, Denis Mellington, Gerard Wheelahan and Patrick Hayes, who were the last to serve in the old Chapel and, glory of glories, three who were first to serve in the new Chapel—namely, John Lindsay, Tom Mulcahy and Brian Shanahan, together with D. Lorkins, an infidel from Sub. "A."

That our company is prized is proved by the fact that boys come from far and wide to join our happy band. One of the farthest representatives comes from Swan Hill. He is Adrian Benetto and, of course, coming from about 50 miles beyond the black stump he is an expert rifleman, for in the recent shoot at the rifle range he was surpassed only by Graeme McIvor, another of our subjects who netted eighty-four out of a possible hundred, so making an average of twenty-one out of a possible twenty-five.

Terry Brennan, who is good at any racket, took a "Slazengers" and forced his way into the Second IV this term. Our numbers increased by one when John Smith arrived to make our fourth red-head and only Camperdown representative. Bill Lannen, a day boy, received a packet of croquettes for the most improved essay. Although I know the success did not go to his head, I am certain of where the croquettes went.

Tom Furey, our crystal set genius, is constantly being besieged with requests to "fix me set." He is the one responsible for the communications by radio in our kingdom. Graeme Routson from Berrybank has gone one further than the crystal set fans, for he has acquired a single valve set.

Michael Griffin, in his pursuit of knowledge, rides a bike about seven miles each day; while Basil Martin goes to the other extreme, for, although a Ballarat boy, he boards in order to gain more study-time.

It has been reported that Barry Phelan and Joseph Ballinger attended a juvenile ball at St. Aloysius' Girls' School. We don't know what they were doing there, but the head of our Spy Ring wrote "Mission Accomplished" beside their names.

Rodney Duffy, a member of the Emu Parade, and his bosom companions, Manson Garvey and Brian Gallagher, seem to have developed a strange Saturday morning illness, but the events of the week before this goes to print seem to have impressed on their minds that there is a remedy for this illness.

Brian Tudor, a bus boy from Gordon, has amassed the largest amount for the tractor appeal. Two others who have done well in this respect are Gerard Wheelahan and Barry O'Donohue. We take the opportunity of thanking each boy and his friends for their generous assistance in this worthy cause.

Dan Mulcahy has a lonely bus journey now, as his brother, Peter, is recuperating from his long illness in other States.

Paul McCulloch is looking more like a tennis racquet every day.

Michael O'Halloran gave us an impressive speech in our recent oratory contests. Another good speech was given by Neville Gay.

Laurence Kelly has brought much wealth to our kingdom by his tips "straight from the horse's mouth."

John Burke and Noel Rogers learnt the ropes as they changed them in the locker windows. Cousin David knew them already.

Peter Gleeson, owing to his knack of finding words in the dictionary speedily, is very good at English.

Charles Ryan, Basil Martin and Frank Constable are our cinematograph experts and are constantly enlightening us with interesting facts and figures.

Peter Brennan has received the prize for the best science sketch.

We commend to all the "People's Eucharistic League" which is being propagated by Leo Smith.

Gavan Ryan's enthusiasm for caligraphy is no less ardent than Francis Greene's. Gone are the days of the pot-hooks—they are now masters of the craft, though it took some "moral suasion."

Brian O'Connor and Leonard Sheahan, law-abiding citizens most of the time, made steady progress through the term.

May the Divine Infant bless us and our homes this coming Christmas.

—P. HAYES, W. LANNEN.

SECOND YEAR

The students and boys of Second Year bid you well and hope that you, gentle reader, have enjoyed the past three months as much as they. As one of the students recently remarked: "Quite a few boys will be sad when the end of the year comes." However that may be, most of the class has worked very well, and all are now looking forward to a happy holiday and a quick return to the studies next year.

The chief item of scholastic interest is, of course, the October Tests. A very keen struggle for the position of dux took place between Teddy Vaughan and Paul Kierce, and when the final marks were added it was found that Teddy had won by the narrowest of margins. Congratulations, Teddy, and Paul, and to the other place-getters, Gerard Cullinan, Michael Stokie, Geoffrey Slockwitch and Frank Bailey.

The Christian Doctrine prize was won by Gerard Cullinan. We are now getting ready for the final exams. and the scholarship, in both of which we hope to do well.

Main diversion during the term was athletics. Many were keen but few were good enough to win races and places in the Combined Teams for Melbourne and Ballarat Sports. The class was represented in the Combined Sports by Geoff Slockwitch, Brian Costigan, John Bongiorno, Roy O'Connor, John H. Devine and John Hogan. The postponement of the College Sports did not give us the opportunity of commenting on the fleetness of foot of some of the dark horses.

Another recreation during the term which aroused quite a lot of interest was tennis. The class had its stars, but none were more enthusiastic than a certain group of day boys who were tremendously keen on the game (we hope it was the game). Garry Coutts seemed to be the chief organizer while John Noonan, Robert Scott, John Bongiorno, Paul Kierce, Paul Rice and Stan Webb needed no encouragement. John Noonan and Stan Webb excelled in one particular type of game. John Bongiorno sometimes preferred changing batons and Robert Scott training horses to wielding racquets. Paul Rice's favourite sport is races, while Paul J. B. Kierce is keen on hit parades.

Frank Bailey has been indulging in his favourite pastime again—nocturnal strolls. This time he was looking for music in the master's room. What sort of music?

Brian Blood is often seen talking to himself. Perhaps it is that he likes to hear a sensible person talking.

Anthony Borrack finds the characters up near the front of the room more congenial than those down the back. One such is Kenny Ryan who often relates some of his deeds of daring around Learmonth. Anthony, by the way, is quite good at shadow sparring—sometimes. Up front this

term, too, is Michael Murray, whose desk-mate does not always see eye to eye with him. Nearby is Leon Gleeson who hasn't built a backyard for himself yet. Leon's strong point is putting up notices. Speaking of front seat celebrities: Tony Hicks and Reg Fenton made a special request to be allowed to remain in the front seat, which request was readily granted.

Tony ("Cochese") Hicks and Peter ("Geronimo") Shea are the leaders of the Apaches in a do-or-die battle with the Abos under the leadership of Peter Whelan and assisted by Peter Ryan. Many bloodthirsty battles rage but with little injury to either side.

A certain paleface, David McGrath, is carrying on a private war of his own with his deskmate, Barry Pomeroy. However, since Barry stepped into long trousers, David has had to be more careful.

J. A. Devine and Geoffrey Buttler used to give one another great assistance at geometry; but recently they were busy acting as seconds for their mutual friend, Les ("Carruthers") Haynes, who was having a little argument with John ("Swollen") Molan. This event, which brought a capacity gathering, had a very colourful ending.

Maurice Corbett is a bit of mystery man—his whereabouts were top secret for a long time.

Many spectators at Olympic Park on Sports Day thought they saw John Landy doing a burn around the oval. They were informed, however, that the speeding figure was Brian Costigan. Roy O'Connor was another whose speed brought forth much comment.

Gerard Cullinan was the class theologian. One would think, therefore, that his knowledge of religion would have warned him against betting on certainties. But this certainty was very uncertain, and Gerard came to school during the following days without a shirt. Artier might do better next year, Gerard. By the way, has Artier finished yet? Tony Ryan was not as rash as Gerard in his gambling, and was able to give Gerard some well-chosen words of consolation.

John H. Devine has little difficulty solving geometry problems, especially those dealing with squares. He gets plenty of training at home on Thursday nights, isn't it? John has a liking for water from the fish pond. He has shown no ill effects, so he must be some sort of a fish. Not a queer one, we hope.

John Elsbury's singing about Brownie at the Jubilee Concert was almost the star attraction of the night.

There has been little written about Tommy Evans. He maintains that he hasn't done anything this term. It's pretty hard to believe, Tommy. Reg Fenton is reported to be very keen on the wet weather. Wonder why?

Michael Godfrey and John Graham seem to spend most of their time talking—about Cannie and Elmore, we suppose. Michael's chief occupation during night study seems to be in taking off Geoff Buttler's shoes. John is an expert at shooting at—not necessarily hitting—crows.

Peter Harman disappears on Friday mornings, and usually returns to school looking a bit sheepish. He keeps fellow-Glenthompsonian, Chris. Houlihan, company in school. That is since Chris. was promoted nearer the front of the room for paying attention to the wrong things.

Alan Higgins and Brian Maw are a pair—indeed. Alan supplies the brain for their joint enterprises, Brian the brawn. Recently however Brian was heard telling Alan to keep his eyes closed (for some reason or other). Brian handed chocolates round after the Melbourne Cup!

John Hogan and Peter McDonald often have their heads together (and it's not about school work), John probably discussing high jumps and Peter matches (for scientific experiments only!).

Frank Lloyd and Bernie Shannon are another pair who often have their heads together—but this time it's for study, usually Latin sentences (or something). Ray Sands usually bends over to give a hand. But Ray is the champ. when it comes to analysis (and synthesis too). Bernie is lucky he has a big brother.

Denis King is often heard muttering things about the master. We believe some of them are real masterpieces of invective. Terry Kingston

is headed for an early grace, they say. He insists on tearing up the roads on his brother's motor-bike.

Warren Larsen is the gymnast of the class. Some of his exhibitions draw gasps of admiration from the milling crowds. He teaches John Ryan a few points too (but they are not always about gymnastics).

Howard Macnamara is said to be reducing so that he can become a jockey. He has had some practice on the pony, but so far Scotty has had the better of the contest.

Des. Martin is the champion card sharper. He uses his arithmetical skill in playing the cards. His tactics in the big tournament were rather questionable. At one stage his opponents were thinking of sending for the police.

Les. Marnell is reported to have some secrets about Paul Le Grand. Paul has some about Les., too, no doubt. We must try to find out what they are.

Peter Meiklejohn has very strong views on the justice and injustice of "butts" (not Geoff). He ought to know—he gets plenty of them.

Peter Nihill is the champion fresh bread eater. We don't know the record. Perhaps Peter wants to go back home College-bred. Stan Roberts carried out an experiment with tins of petrol—once! Ken Ryan is the authority on cooking cats.

Maurice ("Wireless") O'Donoghue is a strong, silent type—when he's asleep. Even then he manages to have his say. Maurice is going to take over the Prime Ministership in a few years' time. On one memorable day during the term Maurice came to class wearing ten pairs of trousers (according to an eye-witness). It arose from an incident during the previous night's study. Maurice, however, was very disappointed that the master did not act according to plan.

Geoff Slockwitch makes frequent use of the dictionary (and it's not always for looking up words).

John Smith's smile is getting broader while Reg. Smith's height is getting taller. Where both will finish up is hard to say.

Michael Stokie was another one who was mixed up in the Artier betting plunge. Relations between himself and G.C. have definitely been frigid ever since.

Brian Tucker, still as quiet as ever (at times), made his presence felt at selling tickets for the spring cleaning—the tractor appreciated it.

Teddy Vaughan, the don of the class, spends most of his time making up questions. Sometimes he gets embroiled in an argument with P.J.B.K., but they haven't come to blows—yet.

Does anyone know the difference between a lamp and a lantern? Why is Peter Whelan so slow at running? Where does Maurice get to on a Wednesday afternoon? Where did J.A. get those beautiful vowels? Why did Paul Rice bring that beautiful bunch of tomatoes to school one day?

Vale from Second Year, and a Merry Christmas to all.

1st YEAR

A final word for the year from the boys of First Year. George Pell is the Dux of the class. Besides breasting the tape ahead of all others at his studies, he has been a very valued member of the Athletic team. Following George Pell were the following in order—P. Quinlan, M. Mason, W. McGennis, R. Tynon, D. Jenkins, J. Doolan, J. Murphy, J. Wright, F. Denahy, L. Lynch, L. Thorp, W. Schofield, J. McCarty. The rest of the field was spread out like the starters in the S.P.C. mile. Practically all were triers, but some were not able to keep up with the pace-makers. However, they gave a satisfactory account of themselves and will be able to advance to Second Year and harder work in 1954.

Darryl Scarff, Robert Coutts, Frank Quinlan and Stan Mahar were spiked by influenza during the exams and had to retire from the contest. They will be able to prove their worth in the final exam. in December.

The special prize for Christian Doctrine was won by Martin Nolan from Meredith. He missed a train earlier in the year, but there were few misses when answering his Christian Doctrine paper.

Bill (What's on) Bell is a keen aeromodeller. He has christened his latest model and there seems to be a resemblance somewhere in the name. Bill was in the Under 13 Relay team in Melbourne.

Warren McGennis can always be looked to for bright ideas. He never runs out of them. In between times he does some running with the Athletic team and did well in the Relay Race Under 14.

Don McRae was a casualty after the break for the Melbourne sports. He showed up after a week and was his usual smiling self.

John Doolan does not believe that small boys should be seen and not heard. John showed himself able to speak to some purpose at the Jubilee Concert, and after school any day can be heard emulating some prominent broadcasters when he brings out his rare game.

Collecting birds' eggs is the hobby of Noel Morris and Frank Denahy. Two broken arms in the year has curbed Frank's activities in that direction.

It is not often that a fellow-student causes a classmate to have recourse to Poety (?) However, Gerard Cathcart has accomplished the almost impossible, and a moving rhyme resulted about his purchase of a "Herald."

Darryl Scarff is an ardent gardener. Now and then he arrives at school with some garden tools that are calling out for repairs. Loud noises coming from the corner where he sits proclaims that the tools are on the move.

The mothers of some of our day-boys must think their sons have extra big appetites. However, a visit to the First Year room at 11 o'clock would reveal that those in the family circle are not the only ones to appreciate good cooking.

"The Three Musketeers" are Trevor Scott, Ewen Cameron and John Murphy. They are firm friends and can always be found together.

Laurie Thorp has managed to keep his job on the wheeties despite depressions, shortages and even times of plenty. The latest to be put on the outer are Joe Wright and Michael Smith. Their "unofficial" appointment as laundry boys was terminated recently.

Bob Coutts has set his mind on getting a set of gears for his bike, and is working hard to get them.

Denis Wright must know some secret way for finding handballs. An "old Nauruan Custom" that he favoured has recently gone out of favour.

John Brien and Hugh Davies can provide some noise when they get together, which is pretty often. Hugh pays periodic visits to Melbourne to see the dentist.

John Calnin and John O'Brien sparked up when Darryn Jenkins arrived back at school after a time in St. John's Hospital. Darryn hastened his recovery when he got word that a stranger had sampled his bed.

FIFTH AND SIXTH

Here we are again—worse luck! We anticipated sending our call from Mars this term, but those celebrated and distinguished pupils, Harry Jermolajevs, Geoffrey Bedford and Tony Brauer, have suspended operations on atomic energy—to be injected when discovered into their own muscles—and have diverted their skill to the formation of an "automatic homework writing pen." They are receiving much encouragement from Ray Brady, Tony Taranto and Brendan Hickey.

Murray Clark laments the fact that he is not Superman: "I wouldn't have to come to school then." Noel Harnett regrets Adam's fall for the same reason. Lindsay Bradley and Roger Smith enjoy an occasional chat about the things Roger Smith can do and are impossible for anybody else to do. We believe Max Mallett and Brian Bongiorno engage in the same

type of conversation. Every possible occasion that presents itself finds John Castricum "Castaway," D. Faulkner "Captain Kid," and Peter Kuketz braving the angry billows of the Lake. The latter want to be a "frogman"; has'nt far to go either; he's got the voice already.

Ron Mahar, from Bullarook, joined our ranks this term. Our congratulations go to Ian Slockwitch, established two records and won his other event; and Michael Brown who represented us in the Melbourne Sports. Brendan Hackwill, although under 12, high jumped in the under 13 event; John Houlihan and Ian earned our cheers in the B.P.S.

John Fitzpatrick, Peter Dobson and Brian Nolan have confidentially informed us that they secretly rejoiced at the postponement of the sports as they honestly thought they were not at their "peak," and really required another fortnight to round off their training. Kevin Murphy never failed to point an accusing finger at the handicapper whenever he was unplaced in cross-country events.

Spencer Goss showed good form early in the term, but attending some wedding celebrations caused his form to slump. Tom Murphy, running from scratch, gained most points for the season in the cross-country races. A search party had to be sent out practically every time Len Haintz went in these distance races. "Can't see any difference between my own and John Treloar's running style," sighed Robert McArthur after taking the honours in a one-lap event.

A running critic passed this remark: "If John Byrne and Selwyn Shore were as one 'legged' as they were 'one eyed,' they would have been champions in the Siamese trials. Ron Roberts and Wally Schreenan come to school with their Turkish baths. At least the number of pullovers they wear on hot days makes us think that they are Turkish baths.

After a desperate struggle to keep body and appendix together, Leigh Miller succeeded and has returned to us as whole as ever. When two boys were reprimanded, one for throwing Trevor Haintz to the ground, and the other for beating Brian Gallagher, they simply replied, "They are frauds. T.H. is not a real ball and B.G. isn't a drum." Evidently Michael Duck pointed the bone at someone who didn't appreciate witchcraft! What is all this about John Coughlan making a large leather wallet for his hip pocket?

Since the pantomime, Tom Dickson, John Whybrow and Jim McCulloch have decided that the stage is their career and have been practising ever since.

A vote of thanks must go to the different class captains who did such fine work during the term. We managed to set aside from our pocket money £84 for the Missions this year. God will certainly bless such generous hearts.

We would like to say a word about Eric Skapars, but we hardly seen him this term.

Dennis White and Charles Modrovich shine at English, but during mathematics they simply cease to exist. Ron Burzacott has only recently "clocked" in after many weeks spell. David Tydeman is the best writer in fifth grade, but "heavens!" that is not much praise. Gavan Brown and Noel Bortolin are good workers and very quiet in school. "Good gracious!" they must be the only two.

This year's Derby for Sixth Grade "nags," with gold trophies, etc., for the first six place-getters resulted thus: (1) J. Sang, (2) T. Murphy, (3) H. Jermolajevs.

The second division, catering for Fifth Grade "hacks" and again offering gold prizes, blue sashes, etc., for the first six past the post, brought this result: (1) F. Slockwitch, (2) D. Tydeman, (3) J. Fitzpatrick, (4) J. Whybrow.

May the Infant Jesus and His Blessed Mother bless all of you and your families in the coming festive season.

THE JUNIORS

1953 closes on a very strenuous year, with many ambitions aimed at, a few disappointments to contend with. These three cases, though not reaching the average standard of their respective grades, have nevertheless benefited greatly in other ways by their attendance at College.

GRADE IV. There were many keen contests in this grade. As each had a weak subject which he tried hard to master, no one could predict the final result. However, Vernon Clarke held his position of last term and became Dux of IV for 1953. He also won the Christian Doctrine Prize.

John McDonald looks like running into second position. Gordon Miller's black-outs for mental cost him his coveted position.

Brendan Rice managed to squeeze through with the passes and John Costa flat out crawled through with a smile wide enough to swallow all in front of him. Peter has had his usual luck of late, missing out on examinations. However his casual attitude to work would not bring him a top position.

Dan Dickson has been most unfortunate in having a long spell in hospital. He is recuperating in Warrnambool. We all offer you our sympathy, Danny, and hope your dreamy time will soon end.

GRADE III. Too many of these little fellows could see no need for study. Peter Noonan is the exception. He is working very hard to be Dux of class. His nearest rivals are Peter Bergin and Bernie Duvall. Laurie and Ronnie would like to be dux, but they dislike hard work. Roger is another ambitious boy who counts the cost. Warren still prefers to play and believes in working only when he must. John cannot do well until he becomes very regular. A nervous child is not assisted by being away from school; he, above all, should be regular.

LOWER GRADE III. Terence is working very well and is going ahead in fine style. He has even beaten occasionally some of the Upper Thirds. Though he has not repeated this feat, he has done splendid work, especially during this last term.

Vincent, too, is doing better work this term. Peter H. is anxious but is a wee bit tired. Peter S. is cheerfully improving. His happy smile is a winner.

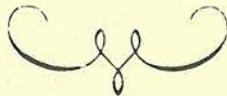
The juniors enjoyed their night out to the Pantomime, "Sinbad the Sailor." They think these trips are all too few.

MISSION FUND. The Mission Fund of St. Peter the Apostle is about £20. St. Vincent de Paul Fund has its regular weekly contribution. We have contributed more than £3 this year.

GRADE II. Our newcomer from England made the contest for Dux of class very interesting. Damien worked hard only when Malcolm was almost in front. Damien came first with Malcolm a close second.

Barry lost heart too soon and he allowed Douglas to sneak through with Frankie very close behind. Darryl is making rapid strides, and will soon be in the thick of it. Anthony is still very silent but he is taking in all he can. One of these days Anthony will surprise all with his knowledge.

The Juniors now wish all their friends, especially their parents, a happy and a holy Christmas.



The Forum

SENIOR LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

As in other years, the most important of the activities of the Senior Literary and Debating Society for 1953 has been the Purton Oratory Competition. This competition, conducted each year to perpetuate the memory of Bro. Purton, a most distinguished former Head Master of the College, is open to Matriculation students, and the title of Purton Oratory Winner is always keenly sought, since it carries with it the honour of being the best platform speaker in the College. As in 1952 our College Chaplain, Rev. Dr. McCunnie, donated this year's Purton Oratory Prize, and all members of the Senior Literary and Debating Society express their gratitude to him for his great interest and his generosity. We were very fortunate to secure the services of Mr. Murray Byrne, LL.D., a brilliant Old Boy of the College, as adjudicator. Throughout the competition, on the preliminary nights and again on the final night, his adjudication and constructive criticism on the speakers left nothing to be desired, and we express our gratitude to Mr. Byrne for his excellent handling of what must have been a very difficult task.

This year there were twenty-three entrants in the competition, and these competitors were just heard in three preliminary heats. From these heats six finalists were chosen: Mr. B. Maher, Mr. K. Shannon, Mr. M. Shannon, Mr. A. Joyce, Mr. D. Bradmore and Mr. D. Bourke. The final, held on Sunday, October 18th, before a large audience of friends of the College, proved to be most interesting and very entertaining. The standard of oratory achieved was very high and drew praise from our adjudicator, Mr. Byrne. The winner of the 1953 Purton Oratory contest was Mr. Adrian Joyce, who won from Mr. Denis Bourke and Mr. Kevin Shannon. Mr. Joyce, by his fluent style and excellent oration, stamped himself as a brilliant public speaker. Mr. Byrne, in his adjudication, predicted a great future for Adrian as a public speaker. The finalists and their topics were:

Mr. A. Joyce: "Reds could not Crush an Ideal."
 Mr. D. Bourke: "Disorder—Our Greatest Problem."
 Mr. K. Shannon: "Should we arm for Peace?"
 Mr. M. Shannon: "Civilisation is not Enough."
 Mr. D. Bradmore: "Democracy—Is there a Substitute?"
 Mr. B. Maher: "Science and the Future of Civilisation."

In the preliminary contests the various speakers and their topics were:

FIRST HEAT.

Mr. J. Cotter: "The Philippines—Our Most Vital Neighbours."
 Mr. B. Maher: "The Value of the Snowy."
 Mr. K. Shannon: "Dollar Imperialism."
 Mr. B. Gibson: "Tito and Yugoslavia."
 Mr. K. Carroll: "The Documentary Film."
 Mr. B. Grogan: "Hong Kong—Beautiful Problem Child."
 Mr. K. Pike: "Atomic Power—Is the Price Too High?"

SECOND HEAT.

Mr. J. Madden: "The Irish Union."
 Mr. M. Shannon: "The Mysteries of Nature are God's Manifestation."
 Mr. B. Davey: "The Eureka Affair."
 Mr. B. O'Loughlin: "Malenkov—Russia's New Leader."
 Mr. M. Bourke: "The New Order."
 Mr. K. Shea: "Christianity—Its Power and Influence."
 Mr. R. Erwin: "China's Foreign Policy."

THIRD HEAT.

- Mr. D. Bourke: "Hillaire Belloc and the Catholic Revival."
 Mr. A. Joyce: "Master Plan for Democracy."
 Mr. D. Bradmore: "Australia—A Sick Country."
 Mr. N. Gregory: "World Progress Depends on Spiritual Values."
 Mr. T. Laffey: "Leader of Red China."
 Mr. K. Shanley: "Beria and Malenkov."
 Mr. M. O'Callaghan: "Report on Spain."
 Mr. R. Davies: "New Roads to Abundance."
 Mr. K. O'Loughlin: "Napoleon—Man of Destiny."

HEAD PREFECT SPEAKS

These are two speeches made by Adrian Joyce during Jubilee Week. The first was made at the Jubilee Concert; the second at the Old Boys' Reunion in Ballarat.

My Lord Bishop, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, Rev. Brothers, Ladies and Gentlemen,—

It is fitting that on the occasion of the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of St. Patrick's College an opportunity should be afforded the present students of the College to express their pleasure and to make vocal their feelings of joy and jubilation.

The duty of expressing these feelings of the boys, my Lord, has been entrusted to me. I have been selected merely because I am, perchance, the Head Prefect of the College this year.

My Lord, very many of the present boys of the College are the sons and grandsons of good men and true who received their education at our grand College and who claim as their Alma Mater the College of which we are so proud.

Just over sixty years ago our College had its beginnings. Humble, indeed, were the achievements of those far away days. Soon, however, St. Patrick's College stepped to the forefront of Catholic Education in Victoria. Its sons won glory for their College by their scholarship, religious and secular, their successes in Public Examinations, and by the forthright Catholic Faith that they imbibed from the Brothers and which they jealously guarded.

The Brothers of those early days for much of the period of the sixty years under survey were Irishmen, and they were the Irish sons of Edmund Ignatius Rice, the Holy Founder of the Christian Brothers. These Irish Brothers planted well and they cared for their plants zealously. Their reward was the rich fruit that their teaching bore.

We are a later growth and are being taught by the Australian sons of this great Order. We rejoice in our good fortune to be the pupils of such men of learning and integrity. In season and out, they insist on correct rules of conduct and upright living. They remind us of our duties to our God, to our neighbour, to ourselves. We have much to be grateful for, and it is on occasions such as this that we realize, in part at least, what is our heritage, what is expected of us, and what we must strive to be.

It is very fitting that the sixtieth year of the association of our teachers, the Christian Brothers, with St. Patrick's College, should coincide with the opening of our splendid Collegiate Chapel. Only men fired with apostolic zeal and unbounded faith could embark on such a project in times so uncertain and with means so slender. We are indeed greatly favoured to have known the old and the new Chapels.

Even the youngest pupil of S.P.C. knows much of his College's history. He has read it in *Annuals* and in "*Chronicles*," he has seen it on the walls of our photo gallery. He knows of our ex-student Priests, of the great men of Medicine, of Science, of Law and of the Arts, who were pupils of St. Pat's. He has perhaps come from his home in the Mallee or the Wim-

mera, the Western District or the Riverina, where he has learned to love God and soil, and where he will after his College days settle again to mould his own life close to the good earth.

Our forbears accomplished great things with much credit to themselves and with immense glory to their College. We of today emulate the boys of yore, and thanks be to God, to our good masters, and to our kind and loving parents we enjoy all the privileges they enjoyed and more, for we share a heritage of sixty years, which we will proudly guard and which we will hand down unimpaired and untarnished to those who will come after us.

With you, my Lord, we rejoice during these festive days, we congratulate our masters on their past achievements, and we resolve that not the least gem in our Diamond Jubilee crown will be the spirit that animates the boys of this happy Jubilee year.

Mr. Chairman, Very Rev. Fr. Fiscalini, Rev. Fathers, Rev. Brothers and ex-students of my own College, I am grateful for your invitation to join with you ex-students in celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of S.P.C.

You appreciate perhaps more than we do just what this Jubilee means. To us it meant much preparation for the magnificent Church ceremonial during the days of Jubilee. You, however, in your maturity evaluate the success of the past years more practically. You have yourselves succeeded in life because of the training you received at the hands of the Christian Brothers. You know of your erstwhile school companions, some of whom you have not met since your days at St. Patrick's, but reports have reached you of their progress. You have remained the companions of others who, like you, have done well. Hence, I say, this Jubilee wells up in your breast feelings of profound gratitude to the men who made you what you are and to the College which you proudly claim as Alma Mater.

The boys of the College rejoice with you in the fact that we are the sons of no mean College. We pray that God will continue to favour us as in the past He has blessed you, so that when our turn comes to carry on the flame which you now bear we may be found worthy ex-students of a grand College, whose crowning glory is its alumni, not the least of whom are you gentlemen gathered here tonight.

CADET NOTES

1953 has been a particularly successful year for our Cadet Unit. It has seen the completion of what was probably one of the most successful annual camps ever held by the St. Pat's Unit. It has seen, too, the introduction of drums to assist with the marching, the appointment of a permanent guard platoon, and the procuring of a special cadet badge for the unit. And now, to crown this year of success, we are to play a privileged role in the coming Rosary Crusade.

The guard platoon was trained by Cdt. Lt. Lanigan, especially for the opening of the new College Chapel. On October 5th the guard formed up in front of the Chapel, where it was inspected by His Lordship, Most Rev. Bishop Roper, D.D., before His Lordship celebrated Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the souls of deceased Old Boys of St. Pat's. The remainder of the unit formed a guard of honour for the Hierarchy and Clergy as they proceeded to the Chapel for the Mass. Following Mass, His Lordship, the Bishop of Ballarat, Most Rev. Dr. O'Collins, D.D., inspected the guard with Lt.-Col. Coleman, a distinguished Old Boy of the College. His Lordship praised the drilling of the guard and said that its performance was typical of St. Pat's.

It was at this Requiem that the members of the unit wore, for the first time, the new College Cadet badge. The badge consists of the College Crest, set within a fan of bayonets. Beneath this, there is a scroll bearing

the following inscription: "St. Patrick's Cadet Unit, Ballarat." The badge is made of silver metal.

It was with a feeling of pride that we received the news that we had been chosen to form the "Cross for the Living Rosary," during the Family Rosary Crusade, which is to take place at the City Oval, Ballarat, on Sunday, December 13th. All platoons are to take part in the demonstration, training for which has commenced already. We are fortunate in having the assistance of Sgt. Knight for this preparation.

A large part of the unit is also preparing for the Royal Visit to Ballarat, which is to take place on March 6th next year. Only those cadets who intend to return next year are taking part in this training, which is also under the direction of Sgt. Knight. Lt.-Col. McDonald of the 8/7th Battalion recently inspected the platoons training for the visit. Following the inspection, the Colonel took the salute at a march past staged by the unit. He was accompanied by the Principal, Rev. Bro. J. D. Healy, and the C.O. of the unit, Capt. T. Halliburton.

Cdt. Lt. T. LAFFEY, 2.I.C. Cdt. U/O. B. DAVEY.

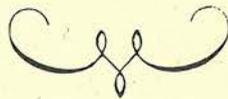
CADET PROSPECTS FOR 1954

It is with regret that we say farewell to Cdt. Lt. Tom Laffey who, for the past two years, has been second-in-command of the unit. He has carried out his duties most capably, and his loss will be difficult to make good. Other officers leaving this year the Cdt. Lt. Joe MacDonald and Cdt. U/O. B. Davey. This leaves Cdt. Lt. T. Lanigan, and Cdt. U/O's Tony Keane, Kevin Leitch and John Groutsch, all of whom will most likely return next year.

Applications have already been made to fill the vacancies, and those selected to go to the Under Officers' course are: Sgt./Major Bernie Carey, and Sgts. Peter Taffe, Tom Scarffe, Paul Bourke, Frank McCarthy and Vin Colbert, with Cpl. Ray Dignan as the reserve. This means, therefore, that the majority of the officers will be Matriculants, which has been the earnest desire of the Brothers for some time. Those selected for the N.C.O.'s course are: Cpls. John Coffey, Philip Johnson, Peter Brennan, Brian Telephson, D. Brown, Charlie Castles, L/Cpl. Peter Morris and Cdt. Norman Harris. Sgt. Richard McArthur is to attend the Vicker's School. With such a fine band of cadets willing to give up a week or more of their holidays for the St. Pat's Cadet Unit, it is difficult to see how 1954 will not be an even more glorious year for the unit than 1953.

Cdt. U/O. B. DAVEY.

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—One cadet is to be chosen from the St. Pat's Unit to attend the Royal Opening of Parliament at Canberra next March. We wonder who will be selected to represent S.P.C.—THE EDITOR.]



Mjr. Gen. V. C. SECOMBE, C.B.E.,

G.O.C. Northern Command.

MJR.-GEN. V. C. SECOMBE, C.B.E., WAS A CADET AT ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, BALLARAT, in Victoria, prior to becoming a member of the Corps of Staff Cadets at the Royal Military College on 18th February, 1915.

While at the R.M.C. he was prominent in Australian Rules football, athletics and cricket. He was a member of the First XVIII, won the 880 yards championship, was second in the mile and 440 yards championships, and third in the cross-country run. He graduated from R.M.C. in December, 1917, was appointed a Lieutenant in the Australian Permanent Military Forces and allotted to the Royal Australian Engineers. In addition to having raised, trained and commanded an Engineer unit on active service and being Engineer-in-Chief of the A.M.F. for almost four years he has held senior appointments in R.A.A.S.C., Q.M.G. Branch and M.G.O. Branch, and has been G.O.C. Northern and Eastern Commands.



On graduation from R.M.C. he proceeded overseas with the first A.I.F., and served with Australian Engineer units in England and France. He was Adjutant 5th Australian Divisional Engineers in 1919.

After the First World War he served for one year in Tasmania, where he commanded the Royal Australian Engineers of 6th Military District and was member and secretary of the District Inventions Board. This was followed by one year with units of the R.A.E. in Victoria and then a two-years course in Engineering at Melbourne University. After a short period in New South Wales, he was transferred to Perth, in Western Australia, where he commanded the Engineers of the Coast Defences and was Staff Officer of the Engineer Field and Fortress Companies. During this period he was also A.D.C. to the Governor of Western Australia.

From 1928 to 1932 General Secombe was stationed in Sydney, where he commanded Engineer units and was Staff Officer Engineer Fortress Units. He was also Hon. A.D.C. to the Governor of N.S.W.

From 1932 to 1934 he was stationed at Darwin as the Engineer Officer with the Special Constructional Party on the installation of the first six-inch guns and searchlights to be installed.

In 1934 he returned to N.S.W. as Staff Officer, Engineer Services, and during the year was also charged with the planning and supervision of construction of R.M.C. at Duntroon as it stands today.

In December, 1936, he was appointed to the R.M.C. as Instructor in Engineering. In December, 1939, he was posted to A.H.G. until April, 1940, when he was seconded to the A.I.F. and appointed to command 7th Australian Divisional Engineers.

From January, 1941, until end of March, when they were recalled to prepare to move to Greece, 7th Div. Engineers were under Western Desert Force and Cyreniaca Command. During that period, in addition to commanding his unit, he was C.R.E. of Tobruk and Benghazi Areas, and later of Matruh area.

In May, 1941, he was promoted Colonel and appointed AA and Q.M.G. 7th Aust. Div. He held that appointment during the operations in Syria. In November, 1941, he was promoted Brigadier and appointed D.D.S.T. to H.Q. 1st Aust. Corps, and moved with it to Java in January, 1942.

On return to Australia in April, 1942, he was Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster General in Headquarters of Second Australian Army until October, when he was appointed Deputy Commander of the Combined Operational Service Command in New Guinea. From March to June, 1943, he was D.A. and Q.M.G. H.Q. 1st Aust. Corps and N.G. Force. In June, 1943, he was appointed to Landforce Headquarters as Deputy Quartermaster General. From April to September, 1944, he was attached to H.Q. Northern Territory Force on "Q" planning.

In September, 1944, he moved overseas again, this time to Hollandia, in Dutch New Guinea, and later to Morotai, in the appointment of D.A. and Q.M.G. in Advanced Landforce Headquarters. One of his last duties in that appointment was to make the administrative arrangements for the official surrender of Lieutenant-General Teshima, the Commander of the Second Japanese Army, at Morotai, on 9th September, 1945.

From October, 1945, to February, 1946, he was again Deputy Quartermaster General at Army Headquarters and in March, 1946, he became Engineer-in-Chief and Director of the Royal Australian Engineers. While holding the latter appointments he flew to England and Germany for Engineer conferences and exercises, returning via America.

In January, 1949, he was promoted Major-General and appointed Master-General of the Ordnance and a member of the Military Board.

In November, 1950, he became G.O.C. Northern Command, and in November, 1951, he was promoted temporary Lieutenant-General and transferred to Sydney temporarily as G.O.C. Eastern Command. In May, 1952, he returned to Queensland as G.O.C. Northern Command.

HOUSEHOLD LINEN PARCELS (1953)

The results of the 1953 effort for the Collegiate Memorial Chapel will be found below. This opportunity is taken of thanking all associated with the effort for their generous help. A debt of approximately £40,000 remains to be met, but the help of our many friends has helped considerably to lessen the financial burden.

It was very gratifying to read the many letters of encouragement and congratulation from friends all over Victoria. The generous help that was forthcoming revealed a deep spirit of faith on the part of all, and God will reward you as only He can.

The parcels were drawn for on 9th October, with the following results:

- 1.—No. 40560: Miss M. AHEARN, c/o 251 Collins Street, Melbourne.
- 2.—No. 67478: Mrs. J. G. CRAMER, 116 Webster Street, Ballarat.
- 3.—No. 57087: Mrs. M. BROWN, 5 Queen Street, Mornington.

S.P.C. ABROAD

Interesting letter from John Quinlan, 3rd Officer, S.S. "Churrucqa," London.

After seeing the last Test both at Lord's and on television, I went to Ireland. The hotel accommodation isn't good by our standards, but the people at the ancient place I had to put up at in Cork were so gay and friendly that I quite enjoyed my stay. From there I made bus trips all over Southern Ireland. I was struck by the fact that the complete indifference of the Irish to mod. cons. and hygiene doesn't prevent them from being much happier and healthier and living to a greater old age than people who have all modern amenities. Besides, they have a FAR greater command of the English language than the English themselves, as is well illustrated by their Dublin papers when compared with English papers. After Ireland I went to Germany via Holland. I got as far as Hamburg, but could not go to Berlin without a pass for the Russian sector, which would have taken too long. So I stayed in Hamburg, a fine city—what's left or rebuilt of it. There are acres upon acres of bombed-out areas still. London still shows signs of bombing, but Hamburg must have been literally razed to the ground.

Back in London I went looking for a job at sea again, and chose this berth as third mate on the "Churrucqa," which runs between London, Portugal, Spain and French Morocco. I shall probably stay on her till I qualify for First Mate about March, 1954.

Best wishes to all at S.P.C.—John.

London, October 24th, 1953.

In Lisbon French can be useful.

We sail tomorrow for Lisbon again, and will load either there or in some other Portuguese or Spanish port for London. I expect to be back here in three or four weeks.

Lisbon is the finest European city I have seen so far. The streets abound in sidewalk cafes and picturesque squares and fountains. In the main avenue of the city—wider than Sturt Street—is an elongated artificial lake, complete with white swans and miniature waterfalls.

I am learning a little Portuguese from one of Hugo's Grammars, but have found French (what I can remember of it) quite useful in Lisbon. One of our Arab firemen got into trouble with the police and I was sent to bail him out of prison. Not one of the carabinieri could speak English, nor could I understand their Portuguese. The Arab could speak a kind of pidgin English. Things were getting very confused, especially as the Portuguese seem to be rather excitable in their speech. However, eventually, someone was found who could speak French. He translated from Portuguese into French, and I from French into pidgin English. Thus the problem was solved to the accompaniment of happy smiles from all except the Arab who was poorer by 100 Eseudos (25/-).

I didn't get a chance to go to Fatima last trip, but will try to make it this time. It takes three hours to the hundred miles by train—quite a way to go there and back in one day.

By the way, the Second Officer's position fell vacant the other day, and I have been promoted to it.

JOHN QUINLAN.

St. Columban's College, Dalgan Park,
Navan, Ireland, 17th Oct., 1953.

Dear Brother,—

The arrival of an Annual and "Chronicle" some weeks ago brought my mind to the fact that I have long owed you a letter, and matters came to a head today when the September "Chronicle" arrived. Maurice and myself send you our sincerest thanks for them and for all the Magazines you have sent during our three years here.

It is wonderful to know that St. Pat's new Chapel is completed and, please God, by this time has been opened. It will be a fitting Chapel for a great College, and through the Masses and prayers offered in it I am sure it will call down on the whole of Australia great blessings from God. St. Pat's has always been a fertile field for Vocations, both to the Priesthood and Brotherhood, and we pray that it may ever be so. We hope that the new Chapel will be a means of promoting a much greater love of God among the students and that, as a result, a new and greater era of Vocations will be ushered in.

It seems hardly three and a quarter years since Maurice and myself paid our last visit to St. Pat's. Please God by this time next year we will be back there to say Mass for you. We have been booked to return home on the R.M.S. "Orion," sailing from London the 2nd July, 1954. We are looking forward to our homecoming, and will take with us the memory of a great Catholic people—a people who have been more than generous to us; who have given when they could ill-afford it; who have put themselves out to make us at home. A family I met in Co. Kilkenny has invited me for Christmas for the past two years. I have spent most of my summer holidays with them as well. During the summer just passed they took me for a week's holiday in Galway and Mayo where I saw some of the loveliest scenery in Ireland. I loved especially the view of the Clew Bay glittering in the sun as we looked out over the sea from the shadow of Croagh Patrick. And then the wonderful drive down the Maam Valley to Cong where the picture "The Quiet Man" was filmed. The Church in Cong with its lovely stained-glass windows almost rivals the Medieval beauty of the famous windows of Milan Cathedral. The long drive past Lough Corrib with its hundreds of lakes. This was my first visit to the West. Now I have seen three-quarters of the Country—all that remains is the South, and I must pay a visit to Cork and Kerry before I return home.

This letter will be delayed a few days, Brother, as I would like to include some snaps of Fr. Phil. Crosbie taken the day he arrived at the College, and I won't be able to get them printed before the 21st. Fr. Phil. got a hearty welcome from the Priests and students assembled out the front to greet him. He looked well on arrival but he told us he was very tired. Thank God he is back again safe and sound. I don't know where he is at present as he left here towards the end of August. He was trying to get home through America, but was having trouble procuring a visa for the States. I know he will be warmly welcomed when he visits St. Pat's. Fr. Chris. Baker, D.D., who is at present studying in Rome, was here for the summer, so he, Maurice and myself had several long chats with Fr. Phil. Fr. Chris. has just finished his Doctorate of Divinity, and is beginning a course in Sacred Scripture. While over here he studied Greek and Hebrew, yet managed to see the whole of Ireland.. One of his last acts before returning to Rome was to attend the All-Ireland Hurling Final at Croke Park.

Maurice and myself were at Croke Park three weeks later for the All-Ireland Football Final between Kerry and Armagh, won by Kerry. And talking of football reminds me that I must congratulate you on the success of the 1953 St. Pat's team. Please convey my congratulations to Br. O'Malley and I wish you all every success in next year's B.P.S. competition. I might be able to get to see a match in Ballarat next year, please God. Those two matches against College must have been thrillers. But the old St. Pat's spirit came to the fore in good time. I have often thanked God that such a spirit exists at St. Pat's. It is especially evident in the cordial relations that exist between Brothers and students, between the students themselves and in the commendable pride the students take in the affairs of the College. Please God it will never change.

I noticed in the September "Chronicle" that the newly-ordained Werribee Priests (Revs. N. Stafford, B. Markey and B. Long) visited the College and celebrated High Mass. Maurice and I will be ordained, God willing, on the 21st December here at Dalgan Park. Ordination Day is a wonderful day anywhere, but here it seems to be more impressive on ac-

count of the whole class being ordained in the one Chapel. We have twenty-five in our class, which is a very good number, thank God. It is a pity that our people won't be able to be present at it, but that is only one of the minor issues. Maurice will say his first Mass at the College next day, but I will be going down to Kilkenny for mine, D.V. It was a great pity Maurice's father died just five months before his Ordination, but I am sure he is in Heaven praying for him. I think that Bishop Cleary (expelled by the Reds from China) will ordain us.

Next Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, we are broadcasting our last High Mass for this year. Each Sunday Radio Eireann broadcasts High Mass for the sick, and the different Colleges in the Country take it in turns, month about, for broadcasting. Our month is always October. The choir put a good deal of time into practising and usually the result is very pleasing.

After our Penance tract exam. next week we will start in earnest to learn off the Rubrics of the Mass. Each Fourth Year Divine has a chalice, missal, altar charts, etc., in his room, so that he can practise the Mass during study.

Congratulations on being appointed a Consultor, Brother. Will you still reside in the College or must you go to Sydney?

God bless you, Brother, and may He always protect you. Kindly remember us during these last two months in your prayers, and be assured of our prayers. Remember us to Br. O'Malley and Br. Mullen, and any other Brothers whom we may know.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

FRANK AWBURN.

LETTER FROM IRELAND FROM J. MULLENS, M.H.R.

Ryan's Hotel (Connemara), Co. Mayo,
26th June, 1953.

Dear Br. Healy,—

Here we are in the land of our forefathers—and both well after a strenuous time on the Continent and in London. We disembarked at Naples on May 14th, and were met by the car from the Embassy at Rome. A trip to Pompeii after breakfast provided the first taste of the weird—a veritable city of the dead: narrow streets with chariot ruts, and fountains worn by the hands of the drinkers, not to mention the homes and shops, all combine to unite the past and present. The Cathedral nearby is a beauty. The general election was due in 14 days and the Italian propaganda work is amazing with the Comms. most active: bill posting, cartoons, and street banners, stretched from building to building, are evidently not an offence, and even the churches and public buildings suffer in the avalanche. No punches are barred. The villages on the road from Naples to Rome were noisy with loud speakers, mainly Communist, operated from inside. Public meetings sometimes greeted us in the squares, and with the many parties and colours—some efforts quite artistic—indicated a life and death struggle for our friend De Gasperi and the Democratic Christians. It was disappointing to note that a coalition with Monarchists and others will be necessary, and that the Comms. and their allies polled about eight million.

The countryside provided an eloquent tribute to the Italian farmer. Owing to the rather poor soil the mediaeval villages are often perched on the mountain-side, and hardly an inch of the plain is left uncultivated. Sometimes the earth cannot be seen for the boundaries are planted with olive trees; overhead there is a lattice of wired vines covering the whole field to a height of about six feet. The exportable surplus of manpower from Italy each year is about 2,000,000, and it is a tragedy that land aggregation in Australia, and the prodigal waste of unused virgin soil with us, the cult of the merino, bars the entry of such astounding workers. Sooner or

later the standard of "unlock and use" the good earth will have to be raised in our country, to support a reasonable and very vital increase in population.

Rome, of course, is unique—the cradle of our civilization and every spot history. The modern and up-to-date streets now the first choice of tourist, student, artist, and world famous figures never overwhelm the deep and permanent impression of Latin Rome, the Catacombs, Colosseum and the long line stretching back to Tu Es Petrus. The Basilicas are indescribable: it is a matter of capacity to absorb impressions—measurements are meaningless. The story is repeated everywhere: our values simply have no relevancy. The "Oceania" had called at Messina—the much bombed port of Sicily: In the Town Hall was an exhibition of the art of Antovello of Messina, a 12th century painter. Our arrival synchronized with that of one famous authority on art who was greeted by the flash bulbs of the press photographers. I asked him the value of a Madonna, about 18 inches square painted on wood. He replied about one-quarter million sterling. Thus it is in Rome—churches, Borgesi Galleries and the like—a cavalcade of great names—Raphael, Michael Angelo, Del Sarto, the Catholic achievement of the ages.

No. 1 experience for Mariese and I was the fifteen minutes private audience with the Pope. He had been ill and looked drawn. Our Archbishop has a commanding presence, but the pale ascetic figure in white with the weight of the world on his shoulders, looked "out of this world." I shall never forget it. His Holiness spoke of Australia and showed a keen knowledge of and interest in our problems, political and industrial. The Comms. angle was a prime consideration—"situation very dangerous here," he said. I was fortunate enough to meet the leader of Catholic Action and from others also get a good background to the general turmoil.

Paris is probably the world's most beautiful city—gone to seed. The Comms. are gaining and the multiplicity of parties makes a dismal prospect for stable government. The country is riddled with cynicism and only one-third Catholic. France and Italy are the sick nations of Europe, and without West Germany it would appear that the Russians would have a picnic.

On the road to Rome we went to the top of Monte Cassino. The famous Abbey ruined by our bombs is now almost completely rebuilt with American money—a grand conception. 5,000 Germans held up our armies there, and the Poles finally reached the impossible looking summit. There is a very fine Polish war cemetery near the new Abbey.

The bronze doors by Ghiberti of the famous Baptistery attached to the Cathedral at Florence are indeed a wonder. They took a lifetime to complete. This home of the Renaissance owes almost everything to the De Medici family. I can understand the intense love of their spiritual home expressed by men of all races from Dante to Shelley.

No. 2 highlight was Lourdes where we stopped two nights and I bathed in and took the water. Words fail to adequately handle the intensity of "atmosphere" and feeling. There is a babel of tongues with pilgrimages from Brussels, Cologne, Ireland, Italy and the unattached like ourselves, from the four corners of the earth. Met the Aux. Bishop of Lancaster who led the English contingent. About 30,000 pilgrims in the candlelight procession on Saturday night.

London was a city of sightseers: Half a million people camped on the pavements in the rain the night before the Coronation procession. We were in the transept of the Abbey and saw everything of the Catholic ceremony, including the anointing dating back to Edward the Confessor. Attended lunch at Westminster Hall, Her Majesty the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, Sir Winston Churchill—all parliamentary delegates of the Commonwealth. We have met all the political big shots. Naturally, Mariese at 21 was thrilled by the Garden Party and Night Reception at the Palace. She was grand and more than held her own. At the Palace Reception had quite a talk with the Duke, arranged by his Catholic aide and his friend Michael Parker (Melb.). Ned Kelly was a novice alongside the hotel brigands of London: £3 each for bed and Continental breakfast, rolls or

toast, margarine, jam, coffee. We were meat hungry and sick in the stomach from meat hunger and were glad to cross to the country, Ireland.

The above is the hotel of Dad's first cousin. The family met us in Dublin with the latest Ford, and we went across the centre to the Mullens' home village, Ferbane near Tullamore. Two cousins, Kilmartin's, are Christian Brothers there, and I have attended 1st Mass of a Kilmartin "step-son." All the relations turned out in full force with a "welcome to this country." The food is an epicure's delight—bacon, eggs, home-made wholemeal bread, meat *ad lib.* and all melting in the mouth. My figure has run riot—three draughts of Guinness per diem. Coug is indescribable, and what we have seen to date calls for another letter. We have done most of the wildly beautiful West—seen the salmon at Galway weir, fished them in Lough Corrib here, and, in the car, have turned thousands of corners along the narrow walled roads to view the ever-changing scene. Connemarra is an artist's dream—the hills ranging from blue to purple, and the bog and fields studded with brown and green, with thousands of lakes and streams in the broad sweep to the Atlantic. There is a broad field here for the antiquarian, geologist and historian. The film, "The Quiet Man" (Barry Fitzgerald) was made here, no artificial sets and all the local colleens, including cousin Eileen, in the crowded scenes. Do see it if it comes to Ballarat. The Abbey ruin is the tomb of chieftains, abbots and the original grantee from infamous Queen Bess. Cromwell brought it to the dust. The cross of Coug (in Dublin) came from here.

Ireland is indeed TIR-NA-OIG—an earthly Limbo where the favourite phrase is "Here is time enough." Everything stops at the Angelus—even in the little shops which may be crowded with alien tourists on a bus trip. A place of serenity and sanity in the mad, atomic world.

We are both well, as I trust this finds yourself and the community. Our regards to Br. O'Malley. They have his like here, You might remember sometimes, in your way—

JOHN and MARIESE MULLENS.

P.S.—Hope to be in Australia at the opening of New Chapel. I have waxed eloquent about it to Brothers here.



Obituary

Rev. Br. M. B. HANRAHAN, M.A.

The death occurred on September 16th in Sydney of Rev. Br. Michael Benignus Hanrahan, one of the best known members of the Order of Christian Brothers in Australasia.

He was born of Irish parents in St. Bathans, South Island, New Zealand, 76 years ago. This small mining town was also the birthplace of the late Rev. Br. David Gabriel Purton, a distinguished Principal of St. Patrick's College, Ballarat, some few years ago.

On completing his primary and secondary studies at the Christian Brothers' High School, Dunedin, N.Z., Br. Hanrahan came to Australia. His early years as a teacher were spent at St. Patrick's College, Goulburn, N.S.W. Early in the century he was appointed Superior of the Christian Brothers' High School, Fremantle, West Australia.

When the Christian Brothers' Training College, Mt. St. Mary, Strathfield, N.S.W., was opened in 1908, Br. Hanrahan was given the responsibility of Superior of that establishment and director of the young student brothers.

In 1918 Rev. Br. Hanrahan was elected a consultant to the Australian Provincial of the Christian Brothers, and from 1930 to 1943 he governed the Order as Provincial of the Australasian Province.

For the past ten years he had been engaged in the training of the young members of the Christian Brothers' Congregation at Strathfield.

He was respected and loved not only by the members of his own Order, but by all who knew him. They respected his intellectual and his mental powers, and they loved him for his Christian charity and his generous nature.

The Christian Brothers have lost one of their most distinguished members, and Australia has lost a foremost educationist.

Rev. Br. M. M. O'GORMAN, B.A.

Rev. Br. Michael Martin O'Gorman, a Christian Brother from St. Patrick's College, died on Thursday, September 4th.

Br. O'Gorman was a native of County Clare, Ireland, and to the end he cherished an affectionate regard for his native land.

Himself a pupil of the Christian Brothers, he joined this religious teaching Order about 44 years ago.

He completed his teachers' studentship in Dublin, and came to Australia in 1912. He taught with great success in all the States of the Commonwealth, and for many years he was engaged with university classes.

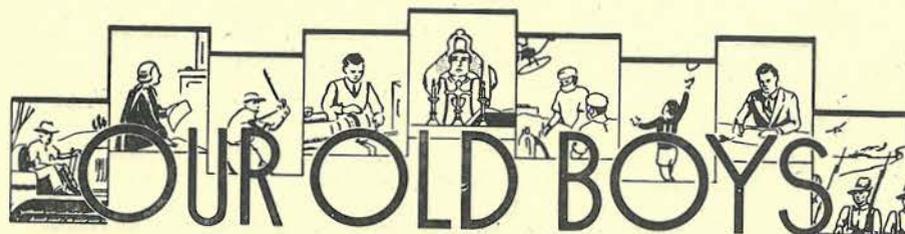
He secured his Arts degree at the University of West Australia, taking mathematics as his major subject. He was a keen intellect, and possessed general knowledge of rare excellence.

He had a prodigious memory, and retained vivid recollections of his many hundreds of past students.

He was relieved from his duties as teacher when doctors warned his superiors that his heart condition was serious. He did not teach at St. Patrick's College, but was appointed Bursar, and kept the accounts of the College.

His kindly manner and genial disposition won for him many friends.

Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, at 10 o'clock on Saturday, September 5th.



NOTICED AT THE OPENING OF THE CHAPEL :

Rod Hayes with his wife from down Gippsland way. It brought back memories of his histrionic ability in his last appearance at the College Speech Night.

Mervyn Mason who, after completing his Engineering Degree, returned to the land. A big man in local football affairs.

Douglas and Howard Smith with their wives and sister, Irene. They are now at Myers, Melbourne.

Peter Duffy of fencing fame under the late Mr. J. Stanley, with his wife and two sons.

Rev. Fr. J. Carroll, whose work in the Archdiocese of Melbourne is well known.

Theo Coutts of Br. Murtagh's famous choir, now in business locally as T. J. Coutts, electrical contractor.

Colin Gorman and Jim O'Neill who made the trip for the occasion from Jeparit and Warracknabeal respectively.

Les Pring who, after a bout of illness, was looking remarkably well.

Bill Williams and brother John, now of the local hostelry at Wallace.

From the same class, Gerald Nugent whose interest in the Old Boys' activities in Melbourne never flags.

Ray Batson and his cousin, both looking remarkably well.

Pat Cashin, with his wife and children, ably supported by Laurie who could still talk as of old.

Brendan Scally, another pharmacist, is about to embark on the married life. Best wishes to yourself and Pat.

Don Phillips and his son and heir. Don looks remarkably fit.

Tom McIntyre, a day boy from Burrumbeet, who always acquitted himself in a reliable manner.

Frank Murray who is doing his best to impart knowledge to the lads in his school. If size counts, Frank must be a huge success.

Alex ("Sander") McGoldrick, now a meteorologist with the Weather Bureau. Brother, Harry, of an earlier vintage, has just announced his engagement. Every good wish.

Bernard Murphy from Balranald, whose three nephews are upholding his high traditions.

Jim and Reg Groutsch, as formidable as ever in argument. The latter soon bound for matrimony and a position in South Africa.

Leo Donnelly and Peter Malone from St. Columban's Seminary, EsSENDON, following in the footsteps of their heroic confreres.

Reg and Frank Keneally whom we saw shine earlier in the year on the football ground with the Old Boys, and Ray McAllister who will have to watch the carbo-hydrates.

Brian Kelly came from Warracknabeal and Mick O'Brien from Horsham.

Noticed also were Vin. Williams, Brian and Gerald Gleeson, Ted Allett Robinson and Frank Nihill.

Bernard Drum came from Banyena on the Feast of Christ the King. We have always remembered his quiet and efficient assistance in all school activities.

On the same day Lionel Bruty with his son—he hails from Burrumbeet.

Maurice Lawson is now established in his own pharmacy at Coburg.

John Chandler, after eighteen months illness, is now in good spirits and has built a most modern pharmacy at Richmond.

John McCarthy, happily married, is wrapped up in his medical studies, and looks fit enough to step into the ring with Chief Little Wolf.

Peter Kennedy, assistant sales manager for I.S.A.S., was at the College recently to advise on the gang-mower, and is looking extremely well.

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S.P.C. ATHLETIC TEAM, 1953.

Champions B.P.S., Associated Catholic Colleges, Vic.
 H. Hackwill, C. Castle, N. Rogers, B. Williams, F. Moloney, L. Martin, K. O'Loughlin, P. Conlan.
 T. Conlan, G. Pell, J. Grottsch, B. Grogan, B. Murphy, B. Threlfall, B. Ryan.
 K. Fraser, J. Caine, T. Jess, M. Dinley, B. Carey, D. McKimmie, B. Costigan, G. Stockwitch.
 J. Houlihan, I. Stockwitch, J. Hogan, J. Devine, G. Sampieri, R. O'Connor, J. Bongiorno, W. McGennis,
 B. Hackwill.
 W. Drake, M. Younger, R. Dignan, L. Schreenan, B. Gibson (Vice-Capt.), B. Maher (Capt.), G. Crough,
 B. King, K. Shea, G. Bourke,
 W. Bell, K. Bell, M. Brown.

ROWING

Once more training for the Head of the Lake has begun; this time for 1954. Experienced rowers are badly lacking and so new enthusiasts will have to be thoroughly coached before any crews are chosen. So far there has been only one training four on the Lake: Kevin Shannon (str.), Paul Bourke (3), Vin. Colbert (2), Michael Martin (bow). However, amongst the new enthusiasts who have received training in the pairs are Ross Muller, Graeme White, Brian Murray, Brian Vear, Trevor O'Keefe, John Hampton and Michael Walsh; while the aspiring coxswains are Peter and Francis McDonald, Ian Priestly and several others.

All the boys who have been going down to the boat-shed would like to welcome Brother Wilson as our new rowing master. We wish him the best success and would like him to know that he has the full co-operation of all last season's rowers who will be returning to College next year. Here's hoping for a win on the Lake in 1954.

KEVIN SHANNON.

TENNIS

TENNIS. B.P.S. TENNIS.

When we returned to school this term great interest was aroused in the tennis. We had very bright prospects as two of last year's team had returned, namely, Bill Drake, last year's McNeil Cup winner, and Bryan King. The remaining two places were taken by Barry Podger and John Deany who warded off challenges from no fewer than ten players. The boys who played in the second four were John Wangeman, Peter Carracher, Terry Brennan, Neil Sist and _____

In the first round S.P.C. had a very easy win over High School, all players winning their matches.

Scores: S.P.C., 8 rubbers 16 sets. High School, 0 rubbers 1 set.

In the second round S.P.C. again proved too strong for their opponents, Grammar School. Having won the four doubles matches, Bill Drake clinched the match with a most convincing win over Keane, 6—1, 6—0. Bryan King also won 6—3, 6—5, but our No. 3 and No. 4 players had to lower their colours. On the whole, it was a most convincing win.

Scores: S.P.C., 6 rubbers 13 sets; G.S., 2 rubbers 5 sets.

The third and final round against Ballarat College was eagerly awaited at St. Pat's. The day started badly for St. Pat's as Bill Drake and John Deany won our only doubles match. In the afternoon Bill Drake again proved his superiority in defeating Grills. However, although Barry Podger won his singles, Ballarat College proved too strong and ran out winners. To College, we say, Congratulations, as they were Tennis Premiers for 1953.

In conclusion we sincerely thank Bill Drake, the captain, for the inspiring leadership he gave, and our thanks go out to the other members of the team, Bryan King, Barry Podger and John Deany.

The College Championships are well under way, but we are unfortunately unable to give the final results. However, Bill Drake looks to be the open champion, with strongest opposition coming from Bryan King. Terry Brennan appears to be too strong for the others in the under 15 and under 16 divisions. The under 14 final should be a good tussle between J. Threlfall and M. Nolan. We offer congratulations to J. Sullivan who defeated T. Murphy in the under 13 final.

But tennis here would not be at such a standard if it were not for the untiring work of Br. Coyne. To him, we offer our sincerest thanks for the great work he has done, and we wish him well for the future.

K. SHEA.

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OUR PARENTS

OUR TEACHERS

OUR FAMILIES

OUR RELATIONS

OUR FRIENDS

OUR BENEFACTORS

*We wish all a Happy and Holy
Christmas and a Bright and
Prosperous New Year.*

