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EDITORIAL

THE MARIAN YEAR



In his encyclical, "Fulgens Corona," issued on Our Lady's Birthday, September 8th, 1953, His Holiness Pope Pius XII invited the whole world to celebrate the Marian Year from December of last year until December this year. The Marian Year is to celebrate the centenary of the proclamation of the Immaculate Conception.

Later this year, October 24th-November 1st, there will be a World Marian Congress in Rome which Marian scholars from all parts of the world will attend to discuss theological problems related to the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. There will be an exhibition of Marian art and of Marian books in connection with the exhibition.

On December 8th last year our Chaplain, Rev. Dr. W. McCunnie, D.C.L., blessed and dedicated our Lady Chapel as our Marian Shrine. He celebrated Holy Mass there on that day of Consecration and again on 11th February of this year, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Much in the new Chapel reminds us of Our Blessed Lady and the part she played in our Redemption. Our beautiful Stations of the Cross remind us of the sufferings Our Blessed Lady endured for each of us, her children. Then we have that remarkable Pieta with an appeal all its own which cannot fail to move one to appreciate the sorrows of Our Blessed Mother on Calvary. Opposite the Pieta is the stained glass window of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour which teaches its many lessons, and especially and before all others that we ought turn to Mary in all our needs under the title of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, i.e., Our Lady of unfailing assistance. Lastly, within the very Sanctuary itself has been erected the shrine in honour of Our Blessed Lady of which mention has already been made.

The Superior-General of the Christian Brothers, Very Rev. Br. E. F. Clancy, addressing his Brothers in Religion throughout the world, in regard to the Marian Year and Our Holy Father's wish wrote:

"This invitation from Christ's Vicar will find an enthusiastic response in the heart of every Catholic all the world over, and in the hearts of the religious, vowed to the service of God and of His Holy Mother the enthusiasm will be yet greater. Religious will rejoice in her graces which make her their special model and guide. Our own Brothers, who have Our Holy Mother as their Patroness and Protectress, will be second to none in their practical celebration of the Holy Marian Year, and they will draw from it both for themselves and for their pupils all those fruits of sanctity and renewal of life which the Holy Father desires to be the results of a whole year of intense devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Among the virtues of our Holy Founder, Br. Edmund Ignatius Rice, was his tender devotion to Our Blessed Mother Mary. She was as the Morning Star that illumined the early days of his work for youth and she remained ever by his side to light up the long and difficult years of growth of his Institute. His virtues must be ours. The sons must resemble their Heavenly Mother and their spiritual father."

MARIAN YEAR INDULGENCES.

His Lordship The Bishop of Ballarat, Most Rev. Bishop O'Collins, has issued the following relating to indulgences which may be gained during the Marian Year.

Our Holy Father Pope Pius XII has deigned to grant the following spiritual favours which shall be available during the whole of the MARIAN YEAR.

1. A Plenary Indulgence may be gained by all the faithful as often as, having
 - (a) confessed and received Holy Communion,
 - (b) they devoutly visit any Church built in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or in case of Missionary Regions, any Chapel,
 - (c) and offer prayers for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

This Indulgence is available on the day that the Marian Year begins and closes, namely, 8th December, 1953, and 8th December, 1954; likewise on the feast of the NATIVITY (25th December), PURIFICATION (2nd February), ANNUNCIATION (25th March), ASSUMPTION (15th August) and SEVEN DOLOURS (15th September).
2. Similarly, the faithful, on fulfilment of the above conditions can gain a Plenary Indulgence
 - (a) every Saturday of the Marian Year
 - (b) and as often as they make a pilgrimage in a body to the same Churches.
3. The faithful also who, being disposed as above, attend some sacred function devoutly celebrated in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may likewise gain a Plenary Indulgence; if they attend such functions with at least a contrite heart, an Indulgence of 10 years is granted to them.
4. All Altars dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary shall be privileged in favour of any faithful soul departed in the grace of God, in suffrage of whom Mass shall be celebrated there by any Priest.

GREEN, WHITE AND BLUE PAGE

KEVIN SHEA: Head Prefect for 1954, came to St. Pat's from Villa in 1950. His family home is in Ararat. Kevin is secretary of the College St. Vincent de Paul Society, Councillor of Our Lady's Sodality, Executive Officer of the Holy Name Society, Banker for the Propagation of the Faith and Member of the College Altar Society. He Matriculated last year with 2nd class honours in Greek and Roman History. Played with First XI, 1953, and V.C. in 1954. Won the award for fielding both years. Member of First XVIII since 1952. Member of Aths. Team since 1951.

MICHAEL BOURKE: College Prefect for two years. Came to St. Pat's from Pakenham in 1950. One of a big family of brothers, all of whom attended S.P.C.: David, John, Brian, Hughie and Gavan. Michael is Head Councillor of Our Lady's Sodality, President of the Holy Name Society and member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and of the Altar Society. Matriculated last year, and won a Commonwealth Scholarship which he had deferred till next year. Member of First XVIII since 1952. Captain of College First XI, with whom he has played for three years.

KEVIN SHANNON: College Prefect, has been at St. Pat's since 1952. Came from C.B.C., Essendon. President of St. Vincent de Paul Society, Councillor of Our Lady's Sodality and Executive Officer of Holy Name Society, Secretary of Senior Literary and Debating Society and finalist Purton Oratory Contest, 1953. Captain of boats this year; Vice-Captain last year. Plays a fair game of football.

MICHAEL O'CALLAGHAN: College Prefect. Came to St. Pat's from Ouyen in 1950. Executive Officer of the Holy Name Society and member of Our Lady's Sodality and of the College Altar Society. Committeeman for Senior Literary and Debating Society. Has been rowing for S.P.C. for three years. Holds a Junior Government Scholarship and hopes to win a Commonwealth Scholarship this year. Was dux of his class in Christian Doctrine in 1951.

KEN PIKE: College Prefect. Came to St. Pat's in 1948. Executive Officer of Holy Name Society. Member of Our Lady's Sodality and of the College Altar Society. Committeeman for Senior Literary and Debating Society. Was dux of his class in 1949 and equal dux in 1950. Matriculation last year and won Senior Government Scholarship.

JOHN GROUTSCH: Under Officer in College Cadet Corps and represented St. Pat's at Canberra Contingent on occasion of Royal Visit. Member of Holy Name Society, Our Lady's Sodality and St. Vincent de Paul Society. John lives in Tocumwal and he came to St. Pat's from Villa in 1951. He is a brother of George, Jim and Reg, and is studying for his Leaving Certificate this year. He has been among the prize-winners of various classes on Speech Days.

JOHN COFFEY is a day boy who came to St. Pat's from C.B.S., Drummond Street. This is his fourth year at College. His brother Brian is studying for the Priesthood at C.C.C., Weeribee. His Dad attends to College needs at Myers. John is studying for his Leaving and he is prominent in all phases of College life. He is a member of Our Lady's Sodality and a Cathedral Altar boy. He promises to be a good public speaker, and he is a good sport. He has been a member of the Second XI for two years, and he is trying to make the First XVIII.

BRIAN PEKIN is from a family with a long association with S.P.C. His older brothers, Frank and Kevin, attended St. Pat's and he has had and has many cousins at College. He is studying for his Intermediate this year and he has been at St. Pat's since 1948. He comes from Terang where so many loyal students of S.P.C. live. He is in the Cadet Corps and he has won prizes on Speech Day on several occasions.

MICHAEL DUCK is one of the "Wise Men from the East." He came to St. Pat's from St. Alipius' School and has been at College since 1948. Michael has finished his Primary studies and is mastering the more difficult Secondary work. He is in First Year. He still continues to be an Altar Boy at St. Alipius'.



PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

Last year the students of S.P.C. subscribed very generously to the Missions. The record sum of £210 was collected in the College. Under the guidance of Dr. McCunnie, the various classes handed in their weekly contributions to the school collector. Special mention must be made of the junior classes who contributed so well. Br. Wilson's boys gave £80 to the fund, a truly magnificent effort!

Still the work goes on. Spurred on by last year's effort, the boys are already contributing well. It can well be said that the boys of S.P.C. never forget their missionaries.

KEVIN P. SHEA.

ALTAR SOCIETY

This year the membership of the Society was increased, as the extra work in the New Chapel made it imperative. Indeed, we are very fortunate to have the privilege of looking after the Altar and Sanctuary in such a beautiful Chapel. Under the three group leaders the majority of the Matriculation Class take pride in devoting part of their leisure to the care of the Altar.

We would like to pay a tribute to the wonderful work of Br. Roberts last year. We were sorry to learn he had left, and we wish him well for the future. To Br. Preston, our new Sacristan, we offer a sincere welcome and assurance of our support.

KEVIN P. SHEA.

SODALITY NOTES

About twenty members of Our Lady's Sodality returned to school after the Christmas holidays. The Councillors for 1954 were elected by the members of the Sodality soon after the commencement of the school year. They are: M. Bourke, Head Councillor, R. Dignan, K. Shea, T. Brophy, K. Shannon and K. Arundell. A reception into the Sodality is to be held before the end of the first term, and it is to be hoped that members of the Sodality in this, the Marian year, will keep up the high standard set by Sodalists of the past.

M. BOURKE.

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society is still flourishing and there are over 152 boys attending the meetings. The executive for 1954 was elected at the end of last year and the members are: M. Bourke, President; T. Brophy, Vice-President; R. Dignan, Secretary; K. Arundell, Treasurer; K. Shea, K. Shannon, K. Pike, M. O'Callaghan, Marshalls.

The attendance at the meetings this year has been very good, and all belonging to the Society are showing an excellent spirit. We are confident that the number of members of the Holy Name Society will continue to increase and that the new members who are to be received at the end of the term will continue to uphold the high standard of conduct and noble ideals for which Holy Name-members have been particularly noted in the past.

M. BOURKE.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: BALLARAT EAST

Although day students of the College do not join in the College Holy Name Society, yet, they do, even while still at College join the Junior Holy Name Section in their respective parishes. They attend the Cathedral, Ballarat East, Ballarat North, St. Aloysius, and the Monastery, and a College boy is Prefect over each of these groups. It is inspiring to see the boys in each of these parishes following the lead of their Fathers and their older Brothers.

Naturally, we know most about the Holy Name Society in Ballarat East, although we do know that in all and every one of the Ballarat Parishes the Holy Name Society is a worthy Society. In Ballarat East our Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Russell, has a flourishing Sodality. His zeal and earnestness are well supported by Mr. J. Murphy, the vigilant secretary and Mr. P. Sweeney, our most successful retiring president. This year Mr. T. Murphy continues as secretary and Mr. W. Fogarty is president. Knowing Mr. Fogarty as we do, we are looking forward to undiminished success.

We feel that the Church has little to fear from without or from within, if the Holy Name Society plays an important part in the spiritual life of each Parish. The regular attendance at monthly Holy Communion and at the monthly meeting will ensure a fervent, militant Catholic body of men against whom Communism and other anti-Christian and anti-Catholic sects will have little effect.

T. SCARFF and P. MORRIS.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Society commenced 1954 with the earnest hope that this year would prove to be one of the most successful in its history at the College. So far its efforts have been excellent, and it is hoped that the Brothers continue in the second and third terms to keep up the high traditions of the College Conference.

An outstanding event of this term was the taking of about fifty people from Nazareth House on an excursion around the City of Ballarat by bus to see the decorations for the Royal Tour. Kevin Troy and Tom Brophy assisted in giving the people a most enjoyable afternoon's outing. Their work consisted of helping the people into the bus, acting as guides, and serving the afternoon tea provided by the Sisters. A letter of appreciation was sent to the Society by one of the people who went on the trip.

Our Society visits weekly the Ballarat Base Hospital, and fortnightly the Benevolent Home, Nazareth House, and the Home for the Blind in

Ballarat. On these visitations the members distribute reading matter, cigarettes, and lollies, and have a few words of consolation and encouragement with the patients. At the Home for the Blind our members read to the men for a few hours on current affairs and any other topics of interest. This work is gratefully received by these unfortunate people.

Six new members were received into the Society at the beginning of the year to replace those members who left College. Ross Muller, Noel Morganti, Paul Forster, Byron Bailey, Michael Hanrahan and Kevin Joyce found no difficulty in becoming accustomed to the arduous work of the Society.

A Festival Meeting will be held here at the College on May 2nd, and all the members of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul in the Ballarat Diocese will congregate to pray the Rosary for deceased members, attend Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and then have a general meeting, during which Rev. Dr. McCunnie, our Chaplain, will give a short address on the work of the Society.

One of our weekly meetings was attended by Mr. P. Thornton, President of the Diocesan Central Council, and Mr. J. Rawlings, President of the Particular Council of Ballarat. Both these gentlemen spoke for a short time on the excellent work which our Society was doing, and gave us an insight into the noble work which was being planned for the future by the Ballarat St. Vincent de Paul Society branch.

The Society would like to express its gratitude to Rev. Brothers Archer and Moloney who have been collecting donations for the Society, and to those generous people who have so kindly donated magazines for distribution on visitations.

KEVIN SHANNON (President).

SEMINARY NOTES

Greetings to all from the Seminarians of 1954. We are pleased to have Rev. Dr. McCunnie as our Spiritual Director again this year, and Rev. Br. Mullen in charge of the Seminary.

We wish Kevin Carrol well in his first year at Corpus Christi, also Brendan Davy, Gerald Ridsdale and Brian James who attended the college last year. They have settled in well and have assured us that St. Pat's are still "in the majority" at Corpus Christi College.

Newcomers to the Seminary are Tom Fury and Paul Forster who left the Postal Department in Melbourne in order to return to school. Tom was at the college last year, and so was Pat Hayes who is in Intermediate. Others are Kevin O'Flaherty, Pat Harris, Tony McCarthy, Graeme Horan and John Bakker.

Matriculation students include Kevin Arundell who came to the rescue of the First XI this year; Brendan Smith, the captain of Nunan, who led his team to victory, and Kevin Troy who is "encased" in plaster at the moment. Lastly, there the two room-mates, Bill Bainbridge and Tom Brophy.

In Leaving are Pat Baker, John Walsh in the 2nd XI, and Ray Dignan who is a regular in the 1st XI. Pat is a cycling enthusiast.

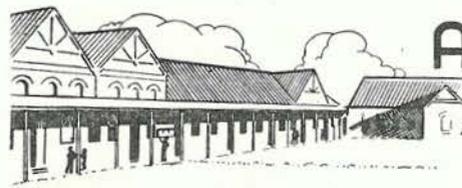
Peter Brennan, the slow bowler in the 1st XI, Pat Hayes, John Murray, Paul Forster and Tom Fury represent the Intermediate class.

All the Sub-Intermediate are newcomers except David McGrath. His mates are Graeme Horan, Anthony McCarthy, Pat Harris and Kevin O'Flaherty. Last, but not least, is John Bakker in Second Year Gold.

Our eight senior members are all members of Our Lady's Sodality, and we are well represented in the St. Vincent De Paul and the Holy Name Societies.

We congratulate the 1st XI on winning the premiership this year, and we hope that rowers will be as successful in the Head of the Lake. Until next term, adieu.

TOM BROPHY (Prefect).



AROUND THE ROOMS

MATRICULATION CLASS NOTES

Welcome, readers, to the Matriculation Class for 1954, which, although lacking in quantity, certainly has something else. Alas, for this year we are but twenty-eight in number, but we manage quite well. To the Prefects, go everyone's congratulations, especially to Kevin Shea, our Head Prefect. The others include Michael Bourke, Kevin Shannon, Mick O'Callaghan, Ken Pike, Bernie Carey, Brendan Ryan, Tom Scarffe, Bill Bainbridge, Tom Brophy, Michael Walsh, Des. Brown and Vin. Colbert.

Congratulations also to Mick Bourke, popular captain of the First XI, and to Kevin Shea his vice-captain, and John O'Shannassy, John McCormack, Kevin Leitch and Brian Russell (new boy from Corragulac), who all made the team.

We also offer our congratulations to our three representatives of the First Crew: Vin. Colbert (stroke), Tom Lanigan (2), and Bernie Carey (bow).

This year we have some very colourful personalities: John (6-hitter) O'Shannassy is (n)ever ready to talk about his cricket exploits. Philip Johnson is another with great potentiometer, oops, sorry! potentialities in Physics.

Frank McCarthy (no relation to the Senator) has an inseparable companion in Bernie Bailey. However, Frank is trying to overcome the "inseparable" idea and is continually trying to dissect Bernie. Maurice Sheehan, no longer needed for cricket, is becoming adept at basketball and may earn himself the title of the "Goose."

John McCormack's hair is the idol of everyone as our desks become quite dusty at times. Tom Scarffe is "the happiest cadet in the Corps," while Peter Morris has been called "the happiest corpse in the cadets." Kevin Arundell is all in favour of a ban on butter every so often. Brendan Smith is, without doubt, the best duster in the room.

Ross (Malenkov) Muller is seriously thinking of returning to his old friend, Brian Gaffney; why, Ross? Tom Lanigan, the ringer of the chimes, is still a prominent figure on the parade grounds. Vin. ("the Ging-King") Colbert is the most popular prefect among the juniors.

To Neil Sist, who has left to tour Europe, we offer our best wishes and look forward to his return. Doctor McCunnie thinks that Kevin Shannon is an eminent authority on ancient mythology. Tom Brophy has fallen to Kevin's wiles, and now indulges in a week-end at home. Tom's buddy, Bill Bainbridge, could have returned for only one thing, namely, to remind us of his jokes. Kevin Troy, no relation to Helen, is very sombre these days; perhaps his cast(e) is getting him down. When Ken Pike brought back some records, Brother Smith took the gramophone—any connection? By the way, Ken has a habit of sitting down on important occasions. Perhaps in defending his possession of the gramophone got his "teethful of mouth."

Mick O'Callaghan strolled in leisurely just lately and picked up his prefect's cap after a holiday at Nauru. Despite rowing and cricket Kevin Leitch and Des. Brown have found time for tennis, while Michael Walsh has obtained, for himself, many "fans" among the Junior School.

Noel Morganti was recently elevated to a significant position in the

Holy Name Sodality; what was it, Noel? Mick Bourke had a very successful outing on a recent Saturday night, much to the consternation of two boys in the middle school. Brian ("Rabbit") Russell is very quiet until on the cricket field.

Our Head Prefect is a very conservative speaker, and little is known about him despite efforts of the boys of the senior table. Quite recently he had a short innings, due to the bowling no doubt!! Bernie Carey keeps his week-ends fully occupied. Before we leave we have a few queries to make: Why was Kevin Shannon not on speaking terms with Brendan Ryan and Ken Pike recently? Just how big is Maryborough? and where is Warracknabeal?

K.P.S. and K.J.S.

LEAVING CLASS NOTES

Greetings, readers, from the Leaving Class of 1954.

First, we must congratulate Terry Fitzpatrick, Ray Dignan and Bernie McKenna on their successes in the victorious First XI. Bernie and Ray were national heroes after the concluding match, and Terry was one of our best batsmen.

In the Second XI we had a large number of representatives. They were Leo Schreenan, John Coffey, John Walsh, Graeme Sampieri, Peter Butler and John Chisholm.

Leaving's contributions to rowing for 1954 are Brian Murray, John Ilott, Brian Vear, James O'Beirne, Ray Lamaro, Barry Breen, Richard MacArthur, Leo Ward and Brian Tellefson, who is a cox.

New boys welcomed to the class this year are Kerry Reynolds from Hamilton and Bill ("Bones") Ward from Casterton. Bernie McKenna, Robert Whitefield and Bill Cochran have returned after a few years' absence.

Congratulations must be extended to John Groutsch who was one of the two officers representing S.P.C. in the cadet contingent at Canberra on the occasion of the Queen's visit.

Congratulations also to Ray Dignan, Gavan Rice and John Coffey who were recently elected as the committee of the Literary and Debating Society. Ray was appointed secretary.

Joe Gallagher and Peter Butler, our two "young seeds," can sometimes be seen together, tilling the fertile soil of the Young Farmers' plot. So far, their labours have produced only weeds.

Pat Baker and his alter ego, Mick Hanrahan (or vice versa) are as inseparable as ever.

Peter Jeffrey has been appointed College Organist. Congratulations, Peter! Peter also reads "Paradise Lost" excellently. Talking of poetry, Barry Breen is earning quite a name for himself as a poet.

Brian Tellefson certainly does not suffer from insomnia during Latin period.

Tony Lewis's well-timed (!) raising of the flag on Mondays is a feature of our cadet parades.

John Caine's sudden illness brought forth murmurings about the convenience of having a doctor for a brother.

Gerald Crough and Des Papworth are developing their athletic talent by competition in the wilds of the "Spud Country" around Gordon and Wallace.

John Ilott manages to arrive at school at least four days a week.

Tony (Charles Atlas) Grigg is a fine example of what the Physical Fitness Course, devised by Brian Murphy and Bernie Coburn, our muscle-making experts, can do to mankind.

We all expect Terry Fitzpatrick's socks to dissolve into a fury of flames at any moment—they are so "hot."

If you want any information on internal or external matters, just ask Kevin (Information, Please) Joyce.

Recently promoted to the rank of officer in the Cadets are Ray Dignan and Peter Taffe.

Jim Hanrahan and Brendan Howman are the silent, diminutive members of our class.

John Donovan finds trouble in getting his tongue around certain words, especially during Ancient History period.

John Chisholm is our most promising mathematician, and answers questions with a quiet confidence.

The width of Leo Schreenan's shoulders increased considerably on the acquisition of a new sports coat.

We are all beginning to wonder what subjects John Harris really studies.

John Groutsch is sometimes able to lower his voice to a dull roar, but only on special occasions.

Terry Goss returned from the Easter vacation in a dazed condition, but didn't answer any of our anxious queries.

Graeme Cardillo's hair-cut astounded and amazed everyone recently, but it has since been modified slightly. Jim Mullins is another whose hair-cut style often comes under notice.

Brian Scarffe and Kevin Waterhouse used to enjoy the last period a great deal until they were moved apart.

Terry Cain seems to be in danger of slipping off his desk unless he is constantly prodded.

Vin Corbett and Ray Lamaro sit together and barely make a sound, except when the subject of the Fourth Crew comes up for discussion.

We hear that John ("Nomad") Hampton is on the move again—this time to Ararat.

Kevin Maher is often confused with a more illustrious member of the class.

John Gelder is revolutionizing the college uniform by his exceptional taste in "blue."

Peter Pollard finds school on Saturday mornings very inconvenient; while we are hearing some rumours about Mel Creati, too, which seem to be borne out by Mel himself.

From Leaving we say Auf Weidershien.

Till next term when we meet again.

B. BREEN and A. LEWIS.

INTERMEDIATE "A" CLASS NOTES

Greetings to all from Inter "A" for 1954. We welcome to our class John Brady and John O'Doherty, two ex-Parade pupils, Paul Forster, Gary Molony and Jim Mornane.

After a hard term's work the leading places in the class are held by Charles Castle, Joe Ballinger, Michael Dinley, Adrian Bennetto, Michael Hickey, Peter Brown, Bill Lannen, John Curtain, John Van Suylen and John Threlfall.

In cricket and rowing Inter "A" was well represented. In the First XI were Marshall Younger and Peter Brennan. In one match these two boys took fifteen wickets between them. In the First Crew were Chas. Castle who rowed number three, and the cox., Brian Hickey. In the Second XI and Under Age cricket we were also prominent. Some of our representatives were Irwin McGennis, Denis McKimmie and John Murray in the Seconds; Peter Brown, Adrian Bennetto, Dan Lorkin and Gerard Wheelahan in the Under Fifteen's, and Ken Fraser (captain), John Threlfall and Michael Dinley in the Under Fourteen's. In the junior rowing crews Jim Pierce and Gerald Cameron were well to the fore, and Michael Hickey was cox. of the Second Crew.

Dan Lorkin has become a very keen Science student. He has recently been noticed in the lockers carrying out experiments with the aid of a bunsen burner, etc.

Irwin McGenniss' books are in great demand each morning before school. It seems that John Quinn, Denis McKimmie, Colin Dooley, Noel McArdle, Darryl Hunter and Jim Pierce seem to know something about it; but they decline to comment.

Peter Brennan, Paul Forster, Tom Furey, Pat Hayes and John Murray are the Seminarians of the class this year.

Jim Mornane and John Brady were recently involved in a trifling incident which, so far, has not been solved.

Paul McCulloch's excuses are getting better and better. The latest: Arriving at school one week, a day late, his excuse was that he had got on the wrong train at Melbourne.

Gerry Wheelahan seems to be inconsolable now that his bosom friend, Frank Lloyd, has left college.

One Sunday, Michael O'Halloran visited cousin John Hampton, sick in hospital, with catastrophic results—for both of them.

Ken Curtin seems to be losing weight. Perhaps being on John Murray's table has something to do with it.

Everyone enjoyed the Easter break, although some pupils returned quite disconsolate. On the first day back, some boys seemed rather tired; apparently keeping late nights. The break was a good rest from study, and all returned to school very fresh and keen.

Frank Caufield rode home at Easter on a new racing cycle that came recently into his possession.

Bill Jeffrey seems to have a good influence on others; for Michael Dinley, who was sitting next to him, moved up eight places in the last test.

Leo Smith had a setback in the middle of the term when he was sick for a week. Leo is quite all right now and is trying hard to catch up on his studies.

In one of the desks in the room is a sharp contrast. For next to John Curtin sits Bill Lannen. The desk seems to be rather lopsided.

During the term a new version of the College Song was composed. Rumour has it that John Hurley and Denis Mahony were the authors.

Frank Moloney is the big noise in the Cadet Band. By that is meant that he plays the bass drum.

Basil Martin has again returned to the ranks of the day-scholars after spending last year as a boarder.

Gavan Ryan and Peter Brennan seem to have an agreement, for after each test they simply swap places.

Paul Williams worked very hard during the first few weeks and improved his position considerably.

Tom Jess seems to have the heaviest pair of shoes in the school, for they make the most noise.

The long bike ride to school must tire Frank Constable, for he is often noticed dozing off during lessons.

Brian Morgan must be very interested in agriculture. He even took one Saturday morning off to go to the Melbourne Show.

Well, our space is running out, so we must end our notes. Many of you must be thinking it is about time we did. Wishing everybody the very best, we say good-bye now until next edition.

INTERMEDIATE "B" CLASS NOTES

We are pleased to welcome to our ranks seven newcomers to S.P.C.—Nick Martino, Brian Dillon, Eric Pinzone, Pat Moloney, Stuart Wilson, Michael Murray and Noel Day.

We regret to say that we had no representative in the victorious First XI, but we do not lack cricket talent. Eric Pinzone captained the Under

15 team, of which Brian Dillon and Barry Phelan were very useful members. Lawrence Kelly proved to be something of a sensation as a bowler in the Junior Park Competition. In rowing we are very well represented. Gavan Greer has broken all records to become stroke of the Thirds in his first year at that sport. Anthony Foley stroked the Sixths. Peter Gleeson, Barry Joyce, Terry Brennan, Bill Almeida, Noel Rogers, Dave Hallan and Barry O'Donohue are all members of various crews.

Pat Moloney is reputed to shine at all-in wrestling, but as yet we have not observed him in action. Mick Gallagher, we are told, is quite an artist with the ping-pong bat, and Nick Martino shows promise as a footballer.

Some drastic changes were made at the mid-term in the seating arrangements, and many who had modestly made for the back desks at the beginning of the term found themselves in places of honour at the front of the room. Manson Garvey and Bob Franklin, desk-mates under the old regime, can now communicate only by sign language. Owen ("Radar") Kehoe and Brian Tudor, of Gordon, have the "box-seat" beneath the teacher's desk.

Stuart Wilson is the only one who really looks forward to and fully enjoys the mathematics periods. He doesn't do Maths! Michael Fulton turned up for school the other day wearing his new horn-rimmed spectacles and looking quite like Clark Kent. Graham McIvor started the year in Inter. "A" but later decided that Latin should remain a dead language and came to join us.

David Hallam reads out the History notes with all the polish of an A.B.C. announcer. John Shea has been appointed Treasurer of the Mission Funds. Some say the Missionaries are in for a lean time. Brian O'Connor, Frank Greene and Brian Tudor are members of the mysterious Society of Bus Boys. Brian Shanahan has been awarded the title of Wash-up Boy 1954. Frank Pomeroy is fast making a reputation as an artist. Graham Routson disappears at frequent intervals to do Woolclassing, Woodwork and Metal Work. John Smith, a quiet student in the back desk, found it necessary to extend the Easter vacation. Brian Pekin has recently taken to serious training on the tennis courts. We hear that he is confident of winning a place in the First IV.

Martin Kennedy is the actor and comedian of the class, though his jokes are not always appreciated. Barry O'Donohue has introduced a new style in hat wear. Noel Day, Bill Almeida and Eric Pinzone have all been mentioned as possible class leaders, but there may be some surprises yet.

That is all we have to report from Inter "B" at the moment. We wish all readers a happy holiday and hope to see you next term.

GREETINGS FROM SUB. "A"

We are forty-two in number; half of us are old-stagers; the remainder new chums. However, the latter have been taken under the old-stagers' wings and it would be difficult now to distinguish old from new.

On the intellectual side we are well served, as we have six Junior Government Scholarship winners in Ted Vaughan, Michael Stokie, Paul Kierce, Geoff Slockwith, Frank Bailey from St. Pat's and Kevin O'Flaherty who hails from Terang. Ted Vaughan is worthy of extra special congratulations as he was top of the State. Michael Stokie did well, too, in coming eighth. To these and the others we offer our heartiest congratulations.

During the term we had a test which resulted as follows: Ted Vaughan, 1st; Paul Kierce, 2nd; Frank Bailey, 3rd; Des Martin, 4th; Michael Murray, 5th; Michael Stokie, 6th; Bill Casey, 7th; Geoff Slockwith, 8th; Gerard Cullinan, 9th, and Less Marnell, 10th. First term tests will be starting soon, and it will be interesting to see how the positions will work out in it.

Paul Kierce was one of the captains in the Junior Park Competition, and his team was very unlucky to be beaten in the final. Paul is a good batsman and captain.

John Devine very nearly made the First XI, and should do so easily next year. He scored 100 for the Under 14's and was the captain of the premier team in the Senior Park Competition.

Geoff Slockwitch, apart from his keenness in school, is devoting himself to rowing. He is a member of the 5th Crew. Geoff is a good athlete and should do well in the rowing.

Denis Joyce has earned for himself the name "Oracle," John Elsbury is "Churchill," Frank Bailey is "Frogs," Kevin Lamara is "Bassanio," Frank Bailey is also known as "Byron." There is probably an interesting story behind the acquiring of these nicknames. We must make enquiries for the next edition of the "Chronicle."

Johnny Noonan is keen on tennis, bike-riding and football. He has been signed up to play for Y.C.W. in their Under 16 team.

The captain responsible for toppling Paul Kierce in the cricket final was Des Martin. Francis Bailey acquired a remarkable interest in frogs during the term. Peter McManus is the newest of our new boys. He arrived here after Easter. Welcome to St. Pat's, Peter. Hope your stay is a happy one. When the cadet uniforms were issued Tony Ryan made quite a prominent figure.

If "an apple a day keeps the doctor away," Barry Pomeroy should enjoy good health for many a long day.

Overheard! Howard Macnamara telling the boys that he was very lucky that the men who robbed their hotel didn't kidnap him. Frank Bailey's fish yarns amused the boys somewhat when he returned after the Easter holidays. There were a lot of lucky fish according to what "Byron" told us.

One of the most sought-after boys during the term was "Churchill" Elsbury.

We were going to keep quiet about this but thought we'd better acknowledge the terrible tidings, that we suffered a most humiliating cricket defeat at the hands of Sub. "B." But just wait till we get them on the footy field!

Well, that just about ends our bulletin for this term, so until August we say "cheerio."

SUB. INTERMEDIATE B

We are the Sub. B's of 1954, strong in personality, poise and in prowess of any College activity you like to name. For instance, what class can produce a colourful character like John Smith with a face always wreathed in perpetual smiles? Or ones like Tommy Evans or John Franc who would make a fortune on the films with that interesting dead-pan look of theirs; however, they are not always so serious.

This first term saw John Hogan gain the outstanding cricket honour—a place in the First XI training list. His best scores are in the future.

The Park Cricket competition had some splendid performances from Sub. B. Leigh Brownbill hit up a mighty 56 n.o. in one match. Terry Davies with his leg spinners wrecked the opposition. Though Tony Hicks' team, Treacy, came last in the competition that was hardly Captain Tony's fault. Graeme Horan proved a stylish left-hand batsman who scored freely when he played a straight bat. Robert ("Horatio") Nelson was a hard-hitting batsman for McCarthy team. Those two stars from Deniliquin, Brian Maw and Alan Higgins, should make their mark in life if the expert way they used mark the First XI cricket pitches is any indication.

That cowboy-looking chap, who decorates English compositions with six-shooters and whose hero draws to the villains of the story "Freeze, hombres, the fun's over. Touch roof!" is none other than Maurice O'Donoghue.

The rest of us are envious of all the eatables Reg Smith and John Bongiorno can get and stow away.

Who would believe that Tony Borrack, so lively in class at times, calms himself by gently stroking the piano keyboard?

Our only rowing expert is Peter McDonald, who coxed the 7th Crew to convincing victory.

Michael Godfrey, without his big brother, looks sad at times. He has the clearest reading voice in the class.

In these "Chronicle" notes we welcome to St. Pat's these new boys: Michael Connellan, Kelvin Arthar, Jim Moore, Graeme Horan, Barry Hogan, Bernard Maher, John Franc, Anthony McCarthy and Nicholas Rousch among the boarders; and with the day boys: Anthony Rentoul, Robert Norton, Terry Davies, Pat Moran, John Carter, Leigh Brownbill, and Laurie O'Neill. Quite a few of them had a father or an uncle at S.P.C. in past days, and no wonder the young men of the family are at St. Pat's today.

Warren Larson wore a new style in hair-cuts recently. He and Les. Haynes and Geoffrey Butler and a couple of others saw red (or was it Red Skelton?) the day the rest of us went to the Orchestral Concert.

Ray Sands must have a hard time translating the "Rutherglen Kid's" cowboy language.

Strong, silent characters at the back of the class are John Ryan and John Graham. They never waste a word when answering questions. But outside, well that's different!

Is it true that when Ken Ryan was asked to name the Sacraments he had received he mentioned "Matrimony" among the list?

Two hard-riding wise ones who come from the East (i.e., Ballarat East) are Brian Tucker and Peter Meiklejohn. They ride on bikes, not on camels.

Further afield comes Brian Blood whose farm grows the best potatoes in Springbank—so Brian says.

Was Reg Fenton playing blind-man's bluff when he couldn't attend school for days, or are his eyes really going dim? Anyhow, we take a dim view of it.

And so this is Sub B signing off. Happy holidays, everyone.

SECOND YEAR BLUE

A few words from our Second Year Blue reporter to record our deeds and misdeeds during the past term.

At the conclusion of each month our marks for the daily lessons are added up and places in class are allotted accordingly. Michael Mason, George Pell and John Doolan have each occupied first place. Other students who have gained high honours are: P. Quinlan, D. Jenkins, E. McKenzie, J. O'Brien, R. Coutts, F. Denahy, W. McGuinness, J. Murphy and M. Ryan.

There is nothing like taking time off from school to make up for those sleepless nights. Those supporting this "heresy" are E. Cameron, J. McMahon, A. McInerney, B. Palmer and T. Scott.

G. Perrot, Tom and Basil Cleary are the silent workers of the class.

H. Davies manages to pick up a few minutes here and there to plan how his team will win the cricket competition.

When it comes to keeping the blackboard clean, J. Delahey and F. Quinlan are out on their own.

J. Sullivan and the "Bell Bros. Pty. Ltd." have announced that they will support Carlton in the Melbourne football this year.

J. Doolan is the real grand-dad of the class. Each morning you will find him reading his paper before school. Someone suggested that one of these days he would bring out his pipe and read his paper in comfort.

K. Doyle is a new arrival from St. Joseph's, Geelong. He is upholding the good name of his former school.

B. Elliott has been thinking about stepping into Jackie Purtell's shoes when he retires. Now that the weight problem is getting a little out of control, he announces that he will leave the position open for J. Cantwell.

B. Hayes, J. McCarthy, Pat Walsh and his cousin Bill are our bush boys who travel long distances to school each day. This has its advantages, especially as buses do not run on Saturdays.

A. Butler, J. Nihill and W. Houlihan have recently undertaken an extensive course in landscape gardening.

B. Healy, B. Humphries, F. McDonald and P. Smith—small men with big ideas.

If anyone desires to know how to arrive at school on time, he should apply to F. Hickey. He has the solution.

"There is nothing like a little Latin to keep one awake," says B. Lanfranchi.

The Australian Cricket Team has bright prospects in M. Nolan, J. Doran and L. Thorpe. All have distinguished themselves in their competitions.

P. Quinlan and F. McDonald use their voices to good effect when coxing their crews on the lake. They fail to understand why they should not be permitted to exercise them a little during school.

M. Ryan, F. Denhy, N. Morris and D. Scarff are prepared to uphold the good name of Ballarat East against all comers.

W. Schofield is still losing weight rapidly. Too much study, Bill; ease up a little.

All the way from Nauru comes the quiet little man, Denis Wright. He has informed us that the locals look up to him as the real King of the Island. His namesake, Joseph Wright, claims that when it comes to "The King Pin," he himself is out on his own in the Clifton Hill district.

Very best wishes for a happy holiday to all students of Second Year Blue.

SECOND YEAR GOLD

How do you do, readers! We trust you are very well. Our name has been well chosen, for we are made of gold. We ring true on all occasions—real gold!!

We and Second Year Blue have created history this year, for never before have there been two second year classes at St. Pat's. While we are waiting for new desks to arrive we study in the library. We are an intelligent class of boys, and our teachers would have difficulty in telling you whether Languages, Maths. or Sciences are our strong point.

Some of our bus travellers who arrive late every morning are at a disadvantage. They miss half the first period. They have gallantly managed to keep with the class so far, but we are wondering can they keep it up, for Latin must soon become somewhat more difficult. However, the bus may be running early by then. We have Gavan Bourke from Buninyong; John Corbett, John Tudor from Gordon; from Bullarook there come Tom Guthrie, Stan Maher and his cousin Francis Maher, Leo Kelly, Les Hanrahan, John Ryan comes from Bungaree, Tom Prendergast is the sole survivor from Clarke's Hill, and Will Street comes from Millbrook. Our furthest bus traveller is Barry McCandlish. Barry comes from Trawalla, some five or six miles beyond Beaufort.

From Melbourne we have Michael Smith, Philip McCumisky and Brian Pascoe. Noorat sends us John Bakker and Terang Pat Clancey, the younger brother of Frank. Gisborne and Fr. E. Nowlan send us Adrian McConnell, while Mornington is represented by Riccardo Marsella. Horsham supplies Will O'Connor, the youngest brother of John, erstwhile champion goal-sneak for S.P.C., and Brian Sharry whose brothers preceded him.

From Pirron Yallock we have Robert Vagg and his cousin Francis. From Tresco comes Eddie Shepherd whose brother Robert was here in 1951-52. Geoff Cahill comes from Willowvale; Mervyn Jubb, a nephew of Noel and Keith, is from Hexham. From Gooroc we have Gerard Cathcart, a brother of Peter and Denis of former years. Moonambel sends us Michael Wilson, Weerite Ray Skeyhill and Patchewollock Michael O'Sullivan.

From Ballarat, the Garden City of the South, we have David McArthur, William Cartledge, Peter Duffy, Francis Doble and Eddie Waterhouse.

Our first lesson in the morning is given in the old Chapel. In fact we have our first three lessons there—Latin, French and History. Then we move into the library for Algebra and Christian Doctrine. In the afternoon English, Arithmetic, Geometry and Science are taught us in the library.

Les Hanrahan from Bungaree will take some beating for dux this year. He is good at most subjects. However, Frank Vagg from Pirron Yallock, Leo Kelly from Bungaree, Michael O'Sullivan from Patchewollock and John Corbett from Gordon are not far behind.

From Ouyen we have Wally Scott, a very good trier, and from Ballarat come Kevin Gleeson and John O'Brien who like Geometry very much. Some of our class are very curious to know was Peter Duffy really ill recently. Other queries refer to Michael Wilson and Bill O'Connor. They too are sometimes "sick." The treaty with Barry McCandlish and his homework is interesting. Barry may or may not do some of his lessons.

Adrian McConnell is beginning to decide to look after himself and his property better. Carelessness is costly, and Adrian has made a firm resolution.

Brian Pascoe has a very shrill voice. He is often called on to read aloud to the class. Philip McCumisky learns music at Latin time—lucky Philip; but it's only two days a week says Philip.

We are all wondering how Geoff Cahill managed to get home early for the Easter holidays. Was it his eyes again? Geoff, please introduce us to your eye doctor!

We have heard confidentially that the order of our seating is to be rearranged next term. We would not be one bit surprised if Tom Guthrie, Walter Scott, Frank Vagg, Gerard Cathcart and Peter Duffy come nearer the front. It will be a shame if the S. and F. Maher combination is upset. Though not brothers, these two form a good combination. Even Gavan Bourke is not admitted to close relationship. What will happen to Bill O'Connor if he separates from Brian Sharry? That could form a major quiz.

We began gymnastics after Easter. After many clumsy attempts at the horse and the bars we are managing quite well now. South Street winners have nothing on us. We march, do physical drill, horse, bars, tumbling in good style. Some of us, of course, are awkward but most are becoming nippy.

We won't know ourselves when the new desks arrive, even if they are for the Matric. boys.

Till next issue we say adieu and God bless all our parents and teachers and our friends.

FIRST YEAR NOTES

Jim McCulloch is in his second year at S.P.C. There is a sparkle in his eyes these days as the sound of the football is heard again.

Murray Clark mixes stamp collecting with the reading of comics. Despite this, he hopes to be an engineer one day.

Warragul claims Michael Ryan as one of its citizens. He is interested in banks, books and securing another honours pass this year.

Trevor Haintz pops up everywhere with a smile. He made a top score of 78 against B.C. The present pram population had better look out as he hopes to be a teacher.

Geoff Bedford, 6th year at S.P.C., is interested in wireless, woodwork and cartridges!

Les Pomeroy is a lad much sought after but rarely found. He is interested in gardening.

Michael Duck will exchange football cards for bantams. He hopes to join up with the modern aristocrats and become a carpenter.

John Firns (Katunga) misses having a ride on his pony. He fills in his spare time by taking machinery to pieces. Colin Pryor has declared war on all rabbits and gets his gun to work on them at every opportunity.

Peter Kuketz (Bonbeach) captained a winning team in the cricket competition. Underwater swimming and horseriding fill in his spare time.

Sam Pinzone (Ararat) is fond of gymnastics. He says it keeps the head clear for the study of Latin.

Wodonga is going to look up when Nigel Hicks becomes an engineer and gets to work on the bridges up that way.

Alan Jubb (Hexham) knows all about sheep and their troubles. He hopes to have his own farm before long.

John Castricum (Dandenong) is in his second year at S.P.C. He comes from Holland and spends some spare time reading Dutch story books.

Ron Thompson is always thinking out plans for a new model plane. Joseph Sang was elected a librarian early in the term. Last year he was dux of his grade, and is trying hard to ward off some strong opposition for the honour this year.

Tom Firns (Katunga) is never far from his brother John. There is a rumour about that they have shared names at times.

Danny Powell does not throw his weight about much, but he puts all he has into his work and hopes one day to become the best farmer around Clark's Hill.

Ian Jubb (Hexham) is now quite at home at S.P.C. He is a good worker and is very happy now that football is in the air.

Tony Joyce was almost a team in himself in the Under 12 competition. He won the batting average with 103 and now that football is in, he shows that he can both give and take a good bump.

Ron Roberts helps to keep order down the back of the class. He is always ready to exchange cards and stamps.

Neil McManus (Axedale) came to St. Pat's after Easter. He is a good student and hopes one day to become a teacher.

John Houlihan (Glen Thompson) is in his third year at St. Pat's. He is a good worker in the Chapel and at home helps to keep up the supply of bread and butter—or its equivalent—to the cattle and sheep.

Lance Patford used to be a resident of Ararat. He has a good stamp collection and has his mind on winning the Christian Doctrine prize this year.

Terry Mauldon is a silent worker. No wonder then that he is fond of fishing.

Brian Clark is easily pleased. Swimming in summer, football in winter and a little bit of school at odd times is all he asks for.

Noel Bortolin would like to be a doctor later on. Already he knows what is wrong with Trevor Haintz, and what is the right remedy.

John Coughlan usually brings a smile to his school work. In between times his address is his father's tool-shed.

Noel Schepis spends his spare time admiring the brick-work around St. Pat's. When he grows up he hopes to do better work himself.

Barry Tuddenham has only one complaint about S.P.C. He has not got far enough to go to school. For years he travelled from Sebastopol to Ballarat North; now he only goes half that distance.

Eddie Maher wishes for nothing else but the joys of life on a farm out Warrenheip way. For variety he would have a few trotters to help pay the bills.

Anthony Cooper hopes to become a lawyer. Right next to him in school he has a subject to practise on in Bill Stankunavicius. Bill comes from Lithuania, has a ready smile, and Anthony can get to work and find out what is behind the smile at times.

Dennis McMahon comes from Creswick and loves going to the dentist. Arithmetic is his pet subject, and if he gets better at it, he hopes to become a policeman. What about starting now and keeping an eye on Sam and Adrian?

Brian Bongiorno is keen on photography. He has empty film boxes for sale and a stamp collection of over 1000 stamps.

Harry Jermolajevs has these hobbies—radio, electricity, chemistry. He is getting a microscope but has not decided what he will be. Who could guess?

Leo Rawlings helps to keep order among the boys at the tables. He has a good clear voice and often helps with the reading work.

Barry Kelly (Lalbert) knocked up 70 in one cricket match.

John Madden does not say much, but often pops up at unexpected times.

Robert Delahey (Bacchus Marsh) never likes to see anything out of place. He tries hard in school and his work is always very tidy.

Jim Finn (East Framlingham) makes a great effort at all his school work. His favourite subject is Latin, and in his spare time plays a good game of table tennis.

Tom Murphy (Balranald) moves along quietly at all times, but is always doing good work.

Kevin Van Suylen found footy "more" and footy "times" very confusing during Algebra time. Sam helped to throw some light on things.

Musk Vale and Noel Harnett mean the same thing. At home he is fond of hunting and even at school finds time to do a bit of the same.

Lindsay Griffey does not think he will grow up fast enough to be a train-driver.

Denis Faulkner is in his seventh year at S.P.C. The Lake has a great attraction for him, but after schooldays are over he hopes to have a farm of his own.

At present hokey, stamp collecting and football keep Brian Graham (Cannie) busy in between study periods.

One who has his eye on the position of dux of the class is Brian Sullivan from Korumburra. He has been dux of his class twice before, so any other competitors want to watch out.

Queer noises about the classroom are usually traced to Adrian Starkie from Terang. Adrian would much sooner wield an axe than a pen, but the sight of the wood-heap at S.P.C. scared him off a little.

Roger Smith hopes to be a dentist later on, so we will hand over Denis McMahon to his care right away.

Lindsay Bradley, now in his seventh year at S.P.C., feels quite at home with everyone and everything.

Roger Barker, who hails from England, helps to add to the international touch in the class. Roger does most things well, and could be a serious rival to the ambitions of B.S. and J.S.

Any day now we can expect to see Joseph Hayes cantering up Sturt Street on his black pony. Then it will be no time before Robert McArthur

has a saddle on his, and the race of the year will be on.

Len Haintz (Dean) and Brian Caulfield (Skipton) are not content to leave the rabbits to myxomatosis and their fate. They are ardent rabbit-biters and spend their holiday time hunting them down.

Kevin Sculley (Rokewood) is not going to let either B.S., J.S. or R.B. score an easy win for the dux position. Kevin showed some skill as a bowler during the cricket season and was responsible for sending some good batsmen back to the boundary.

John Byrne is another lad who is in his seventh year at St. Pat's. He hopes to be an engineer, but at present playing around with sheath knives fills in any spare time.

Wally Schreenan believes a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. He saves birds' eggs and has a collection of birds he has won from the bush.

A life of adventure, particularly exploring caves, would make Selwyn Shore a happy boy. He is in his fifth year at S.P.C. and helps to keep everyone wide awake at the back of the class.

Ray and Roger O'Beirne come from Linton and are not often far apart. They are both fond of life about the farm and hope to have their own farm later on.

Eddie Ryan comes from Blowhard. The "blow" must have been very hard about Easter, as Eddie struggled back a few days late. Football and sheep are his hobbies at present.

Danny Ryan got held up down Colac way after Easter, but made Ballarat after a couple of days. He is another farmer in the making.

Pat Hynes and Frank Mulcahy both came from Villa Maria this year. They are good friends, often together and well able to hold their own in class.

Vin Quinn is a scholarship winner from C.B.S., Ballarat East. He is fond of reading and can run a good hundred yards.

Stan White is happy with his stamps. He has the record collection for the class.

Ray Brady (Caramut) always has a ready smile, especially when pleasure boats are mentioned. He performed well as a wicket-keeper.

The rabbits around Melton are pleased Kevin Dodenaide is at S.P.C. He is a handy man to have about when sheep have to be transported to Newmarket.

Charles Modrovich is one who likes to see the results of his own efforts. He is interested in carpentry; chemistry is another of his hobbies.

John McManus comes from Napoleons. He is a good worker in school and hopes to become a teacher.

George Moloney (Terang) is interested in everything that is going. Sometimes the things that are going are not appreciated at hours between nine and four.

Patchewollock must be a good place as Tim O'Sullivan has not reported back since Easter.

Brendan Mullins occupies a seat in the back row. Generally he has little to say, but has been known to go into a huddle with Selwyn Shore. The partnership has been threatened at times, but at the time of going to press they are still firmly entrenched.

FIFTH AND SIXTH CLASS NOTES

As the notes of the natives' corroboree swelled from the radio and floated across the room there was the rather alarming sight of not a few scholars wriggling in their seats in perfect accord with the wailing of Australia's first inhabitants.

But so much for dull school work; let us away from the subject and dwell on some of the room's inmates, whose faces, a few weeks ago, were blackened by bush campfires. Just why fires were lit on a schoolboys' "Geographical Excursion" is not a very hard question to answer.

"Bwana," who burnt the toes out of Max McGregor's socks? Luckily Gavan Brown and John Whybrow did not try to dry their wet garments in the same way! Where did Dennis White get to after that dead lizard was found? Maybe he went to borrow Brian Gallagher's cake-tin which had previously been used to fry Tony Brauer's eggs! Who found the lizard anyway? Gordon Miller did well on burnt sausages and charcoal toast.

There are only forty boys in our room this year. "Really too few for comfort, a certain sector of the class complained. We extend our greetings to the new "fellas" who have joined the tribe since last year's sixth grade went "walkabout."

Joe Starkie, a boarder, comes from Terang. Joe is quiet, but a good worker. Barry Eddy claims Bendigo as his hunting ground. Trevor Bennett has come to our camp as things are too dry in Deniliquin. Laurence Butler from Corindhap always replies, "I did comb my hair this morning." He looks like being the tribe's fashion leader in this respect. Gerard Hand hails from Warrnambool.

Others to pass the initiation ceremonies come daily to the well (of knowledge). Ian O'Halloran (Learmonth), Nim Nanveermeer (Skipton), John Rintoul (Ballarat East), Bill Allan (Ballarat), Lee Negri (Ballarat), Tom O'Loughlin (Ballarat), and Eddy Pope from Waubra, that happy soul who always has a big grin for the boys.

The room's team captains are Michael Brown, Brian Gallagher, Peter Dobson and Kevin Murphy (specific academic qualifications for this job are not necessary). John Fitzpatrick, Tony Taranto and Peter Rice were very much to the front waving flags and cheering on the occasion of the Queen's visit.

Leigh Miller was overheard recommending Brian Nolan to follow the same diet as himself. No questions were asked when Brendan Hickey came to school with sticking plaster over one eye! At corroboree practice lately Max Mallett and David Tydeman have been off the note. It is to be hoped this state of affairs is soon remedied.

"Just can't wait for footy to begin," sighed Spencer Goss. We lament with him but are keenly interested to know what will happen to him as we feel we can wait. They say Tom Dickson is building up big leg muscles for weight lifting. Anthony Re tries to rival Eddy's big smile. Dan Dickson is a share everything boy. He has taken half this term as holidays, the rest he will give to school work.

Vernon Clark will probably sit in the head-man's seat at the term exams. Ian Stockwith is going to meet plenty of opposition from fellow-warriors to hold such a position in the sixth tribe. The film projector seems to be the only instrument, besides pointing the bone, to bring John McDonald and Brendan Rice out of their day-dream. John Costa hid himself for the first term in the second back seat. Ron. Maher looks like holding the heater desk during the approaching cold weather.

As the rain threatens it is now time for us to leave our mia-mia and seek some more protective shelter.

THE JUNIORS, 1954

The year fifty-four began with the passing of the Fourths into Grade Five and the entrance of twelve new scholars to be sorted according to ability into Grades 2, 3 and 4.

This resulted in two newcomers for Grade IV who were very much below the higher standard required in the College.

However, Don, who is a rather ambitious lad, decided to master the

uphill climb and is now panting as he nears the top. Master Alex. too is beginning to show greater interest in his lessons.

John L. at first tried to manage Grade 4 work with little success. Now in Upper Third and securing material for a firmer foundation. John is a brighter and happier child. Michael T. had the same difficulty, and as he was beginning to lose confidence he was put in the Upper Third to gain assurance. Peter N. and Peter B. watch one another jealously, not noticing that Ronald M. is waking up and may upset their plans. John W. is attending more regularly and is receiving greater praise. Warren J. still has difficulty in controlling his tongue, whilst Bernie D. in a desk to himself is forced to do better work.

In the Lower Fourth Roger H., since becoming a boarder, is doing neater work. Peter S. is doing 100 per cent. better work and is running away from T. O'H. Peter H., and Vincent W. can work with success if they don't tire too readily; but they often do. Peter W. has tied himself into a knot so tightly tied that even the teacher finds it difficult to find the end. In the Third we have ten new scholars. These are all day scholars from the different district schools. One, John H., is trying to gain top place from Malcolm T. But Malcolm from England, with true bulldog spirit, sits immovable. Mark F., another newcomer, who before never exerted himself is finding pleasure in conquering difficulties. Rickby G. is gradually finding his legs and is thinking much better. David G. is well meaning little chap becomes a little tired when he considers teachers asks too much for a little chap.

Peter G., another little fellow, but the oldest of his family, on the other hand looks for more than he can manage. Patrick M., slowly emerging from his life of comfort, finds a little exertion will bring him to the fore. Damien G. has not yet mastered spelling. How he hates the effort to try. Frankie F. has a Daddy coming over the water soon, so Frankie is trying hard to learn what the Australians of his grade know, so he can help Daddy. Ian W. is afraid to venture out on his own, and so loses and wastes much time waiting to be shown. "To try and fail is better than never to try at all." Remember this, Ian.

The two Barrys are of similar nature. They both like being at College but they are not fond of making an effort. Douglas and Darryl have found spelling and dictation insurmountable stumbling blocks. As all future progress depends on their conquest it leaves the teacher with a very worrying problem. However, term one ends with a few bright sparks which point to a second term win. Frankie R., a very young scholar, hates the idea of 2nd grade work and prefers to tackle 3rd grade, at times with success.

MISSIONS.—The mission fund is slowly mounting, but much too slowly to support a native priest. As this room is the only one for St. Peter the Apostle Mission Fund, we trust a better result will come in the next term.

St. Vincent De Paul has been better supported, over £2 having been placed in the box during the first term.

First Fridays are fairly well attended but first Saturdays, I am afraid, do not give Our Lady much happiness. I wonder if a little reminder from me would help parents to help their children give Our Lady a little pleasure once a month on the first Saturday, by receiving Holy Communion at the 10 o'clock Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and reciting the Rosary afterwards.

SPORTS.—In the cricket competition there are a few Lindwalls but Hasset and Bradman have nothing to fear. Their records are safe!

Items of Interest

ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE, CANBERRA

Dedicating the new College at Canberra to the revered Founder of the Christian Brothers, the Brothers called their College St. Edmund's College. This splendid three-storey building situated on a prominent hill in Canberra overlooks the city. Its nearest building is the home of the Russian Embassy.

His Eminence Cardinal Gilroy blessed and opened the new College, which is a memorial to deceased ex-students of two World Wars. With the Cardinal were His Grace Archbishop O'Brien of Canberra-Goulburn, and Bishop Young, Auxiliary Bishop of Canberra-Goulburn. The Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, the Leader of the Opposition, Dr. Evatt, and representatives of the diplomatic corps were present in big numbers. Ex-Students of the Christian Brothers who live in Canberra rallied to a man and they saved no labour or expense in their preparations for the great day.

Christian Brothers gathered from Sydney, Young, Wagga, Goulburn, Brisbane, Melbourne and Ballarat. Provincials from St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Provinces were in the official party.

Addressing the big gathering, His Grace Archbishop O'Brien referred to the recent construction of two Brothers' Colleges at a cost of £500,000 as a national gesture of national merit.

Cardinal Gilroy said: "Here is an example of self-sacrifice and implicit faith. The Christian Brothers are an example to all who take any notice of example. They are well qualified to undertake the very difficult task of education."

Bishop Young, making the appeal, said that St. Edmund's could take its place with the great schools down through the centuries. St. Edmund's could look back as a daughter of the same great mother of education—the Catholic Church.

Rev. Br. Young, Provincial of St. Mary's Province, paid tribute to the Good Samaritan Sisters who until now had educated Catholic boys and girls in such a creditable manner. Br. Young's concluding remarks recalled the efforts of the late Monsigneur Haydon. He said: "Every brick in this College might be considered as a memorial to Mgr. Haydon."

It was on this occasion that the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, used the following words: "I do not believe that education can be pagan without being destructive. The 20th century has proved that to the last limits of disaster. I think that the great thing in the world today is that we have our children grow up not only learning of their relationship to their fellow-men but even more of their relationship to God."

Dr. Evatt, Leader of the Opposition, endorsed the remarks of the Prime Minister.

In charge of the whole arrangements was Rev. Br. P. L. McCarthy, M.A., Principal of St. Edmund's, who was a member of the staff of St. Patrick's College from 1924 to 1926.

We wish Br. McCarthy every success at St. Edmund's.

FR. KEARNEY'S VISIT

Recently, Br. Healy, the Principal of St. Patrick's College, introduced to the boys Fr. Kearney, a Pallotine Priest, who is an ex-student of the College. Fr. Kearney came to St. Pat's from Hepburn Springs in 1934, and in 1938 he went to Kew to continue his studies for the Priesthood. Soon after being ordained in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, in 1946, he was sent to North-west Australia to begin his life's work among the Australian natives. Fr. Kearney, on a visit east from W.A., came to Ballarat on this occasion to lecture the boys of his Alma Mater on missionary work in the North-west.

Father related many interesting stories of the strange customs of the blacks and of their nomadic habits. Whenever they find a place with plentiful food supplies they remain there until these are exhausted, and then they move on again, seldom giving a thought to their future needs. Some of the more civilized natives who work in Broome are even less thrifty, and they squander their week's wages soon after receiving them; in fact, oftentimes their wages have been mortgaged before pay day. The missionaries have attempted to induce the Government to build suitable homes for the natives, so that they might be more contented and might have greater incentive to save their money and to improve their living conditions.

The Catholic missionaries have established schools at which the blacks may leave their children while they wander about the surrounding countryside. The children are very fond of school and they are anxious to learn as much as possible so that they will have a more settled and secure life than their parents. Fr. Kearney related the details of a journey from Broome to one of these schools. The trip lasted several days, and all the necessary supplies were loaded upon a big truck. He and his native assistant used sleep in the open under the canopy of the sky, and the sight of another vehicle was cause for a halt and a friendly chat while the drivers interchanged information about the road ahead. Fr. Kearney, after mentioning how delighted he was to see our magnificent chapel, described the new altar which has been constructed for one of his churches. It was a very beautifully-fashioned altar. When the tide was out, the natives used walk along the sea-shore and collect the mother-of-pearl with which it was built. After seeing a photo of one of these altars we agreed that it would be a credit to any church, even in the more populous areas of Australia.

Fr. Kearney concluded his lecture by remarking how greatly he had enjoyed his visit. He hoped that one of the boys among his audience would follow in his footsteps, since he himself had joined the Pallotines after a lecture from a Bishop of that Order. He said that he eagerly looked forward to the privilege which was to be his on the morrow, of celebrating Holy Mass on the beautiful marble altar in the magnificent College Chapel. Though he had read descriptions of the Chapel, he had not formed any adequate idea of it. It was truly a credit to the Brothers and the College. Fr. Kearney was given a rousing send-off by the boys of St. Pat's after Br. Healy had moved a vote of thanks on behalf of the Brothers and the pupils.

CROWN JEWELS

One hundred second year boys were chosen to represent S.P.C. at an exhibition of replicas of the British Crown Jewels displayed at the Ballarat Town Hall. The lecture by Mr. Eric G. Dovey, English gold and silversmith, was most interesting and instructive. Mr. Dovey explained the symbolism of the various coats of arms and all were greatly impressed by the profoundly religious and Catholic significance of very many of the symbols and garments. All pointed to Catholic England.

FATHER CROSBIE'S VISIT TO S.P.C.

On April 1st St. Pat's was honoured by a visit from one of her most distinguished Old Boy Priests, Father Philip Crosbie. Father Crosbie, who has become famed throughout Australia for his amazing zeal and endurance, shown in World War II and again in the Korean War, visited his Alma Mater to lecture the boys on his work in Korea. Father left S.P.C. in 1932, and with his schoolmate, Father Kevin Mangan, entered the St. Columban's Seminary. Both were ordained in 1939, and were soon sent to China to begin their lives' work among the Chinese. Father Crosbie was captured prisoner by the Japs. in World War II, but, although he was reported missing and believed dead, it was announced three years later that he was safe in hiding. Hence, it was no surprise to his friends when Father was reported safe after being held prisoner by the Communists for three years.

Father "Bing," as he became affectionately named by soldiers in Korea, returned to Ballarat for his retreat at the Redemptorist Monastery. Immediately his retreat concluded, Father came to St. Pat's to address the boys, and say Holy Mass in our beautiful Chapel the following morning. Father received news of the erection of the Chapel when he was in China as Brother Healy had sent frequent news of S.P.C. to Father. Father received a tremendous welcome and, of course, a rousing war-cry, when Brother Healy introduced him to the boys. He told of the great pleasure his visit afforded him, and how his joy would be full on the morrow when he would celebrate Holy Mass in the new Chapel, the like of which he had never seen, nor had his wildest imagination pictured anything so lovely.

At the outset of his remarks, Father said that he proposed to follow a plan which, with the help of his projector and slides, would give us some idea of the people among whom he works. Firstly, Father would speak of Korea and the people, their lands, and their religious and social customs. Secondly, Father would tell us of his missionary labours; and, finally, the urgent need for more priests, both at home and abroad. Father most effectively used the colour slides to give us some idea of the country through which he travelled, and showed us photos of his own mission centre.

Father Crosbie was full of praise for the Korean people. He said that they are some of the most lovable people in the world; gentle, easy-going and kindly enough to be called "the Irish of the Far East." Yet, Father explained, once they were indoctrinated in the "philosophy" of Communism, their cruelty is greater than that of the Japanese of World War II. The Koreans make excellent Catholics and, during the wars, remained loyal to the faith. Father showed us numerous colour slides of picturesque hills and valleys of Korea. Father's beautiful church was smashed by the Reds, and his people scattered and persecuted.

At the conclusion of his wonderful talk, Father earnestly exhorted the boys of St. Pat's to keep up its wonderful record of priests. He pointed out and stressed the fact that China and the countries of the Far East were in a desperate need for priests, and he implored any boy, who might have a slight vocation to the priesthood, to pray that he might become a priest. Father continued to say that any boy who entered the St. Columban Missionaries would be received most enthusiastically in China. He added that his reception at St. Pat's was greatly increased by the privilege of saying Holy Mass in our new Chapel.

Br. Healy thanked Father very sincerely on behalf of the Brothers and boys for his most interesting and very enlightening talk about Korea. Brother, too, expressed the earnest desire that more boys would join the St. Columban's, and he urged the boys to keep up St. Pat's great record. News of Father Crosbie's visit soon spread around Ballarat, for on the following morning Mr. Ted Furlong, Chief Radio Announcer for 3BA, invited Father to speak on their weekly programme, "In Town This Week." Father, of course, graciously accepted the invitation, and I am sure that those of us who heard the programme were very interested in Father's



FATHER PHILIP CROSBIE addressing the boys on his experiences in Korea as a Missionary.

description of the Yalu River "death march." Although he has not been long back in Australia, and home in Ouyen, Father has itchy feet, and yearns to return to Korea. He plans to return in May or June, and we wish Father all God's blessings in his wonderful work for the salvation of souls. May God bless Father Philip Crosbie and his fellow-priests in the Far East!

BRENDAN RYAN.

MEMORABLE DAYS

FEBRUARY.

Tuesday, 9th: It's on again, with 80 new boys.
 Wednesday, 10th: First cricket practice with a handy muster.
 Sunday, 14th: Practice cricket match.
 Monday, 15th: Do you hear the beat of the "happy" marching feet.
 First Cadet Parade.
 Friday, 26th: Cricket match against Ballarat College.
 Saturday, 27th: Cricket team beaten by College.

MARCH.

Saturday, 6th: Queen visits Ballarat and there is holiday on Monday.
 Thursday, 11th: Election of Prefects; Congrats., Kevin Shea.
 Saturday, 13th: First XI beat High School.
 Wednesday, 17th: St. Patrick's Day and a sung Mass in the morning.
 Saturday, 20th: First XI sensationally beat Grammar School.
 Saturday, 27th: Revenge!! First XI beat Ballarat College.

APRIL.

Thursday, 1st: Father Crosbie gave us a lecture in the school hall and showed us pictures from Korea.
 Saturday, 3rd: First XI win again, against High School.
 Tuesday, 6th: First real taste of Ballarat weather in buckets-full!
 Saturday, 10th: First XI beat Grammar School to be cricket premiers.
 Sunday, 11th: St. Kevin's boys here for cricket.
 Monday, 12th: Cricketers' night-out.
 Tuesday, 13th: Home for Easter holidays.
 Wednesday, 21st: First football training. "Oh, my poor back!"
 K. J. PIKE.

ENGINEERING FEAT WITNESSED BY STUDENTS

The construction of the Cairn Curran Reservoir, near Baringhup, has been responsible for a unique piece of bridge engineering by the Country Roads Board, believed to be the first in Australia.

This is the raising of the concrete deck of the 190 feet long, seven-span bridge over Joyce's Creek, on the Maryborough-Castlemaine Road, to a new position about 10 feet higher. Some bridges in America have been similarly raised, but different methods were used.

Amongst the people who took part in the inspection of the project were two of St. Pat's representatives who were invited by Mr. F. O'Brien (father of one of our pupils), C.R.B. divisional engineer, who described the progress of the work. He explained that the raising of the bridge had become necessary because a short section of the Pyrenees Highway was to be inundated when the water in the reservoir reached full supply level. It was decided that the route over the present bridge would require the shortest length of road construction, but the level of the water would be above the present level of the bridge deck.

Already two of the seven spans have been raised to their new level, while three more spans were being raised during the inspection on the 12th

April. The deck of the bridge has also to be widened from 16 feet to 24 feet between the kerbs. The design provided for the strengthening and extending of the existing abutments and piers, raising of the deck, new handrails and other works. Mr. O'Brien said the construction had been started in 1950, but because of lack of funds work had ceased early in 1951, and recommenced in January this year. In the first period, the concrete piles for the wider bridge were driven, the new columns were constructed to the level of the existing deck, piles were driven from the jacking towers and reinforcing steel exposed by cutting the concrete in preparation for the lifting of the deck.

When work was resumed in January the towers were erected, the final cutting of the deck from the existing piers and abutments was carried out, the existing downstream columns were increased in size, and all preparations made for lifting the deck. The first two spans were lifted on March 23 to 25, when twelve jacks, two under each side of the abutment and the piers, raised a weight of 65 tons. This weight would be increased to about 100 tons when a three-span section was raised. Because of the extra span another four jacks would be used, making a total of 16. The decking of the final two spans was expected to be lifted by the end of May, and the bridge should be open for traffic by September. During the progress of this work, provision has been made for traffic on a side track. A temporary low level bridge was conducted over Joyce's Creek, and so far has been sufficient for requirements.

KEVIN SHANNON and MICHAEL BOURKE.

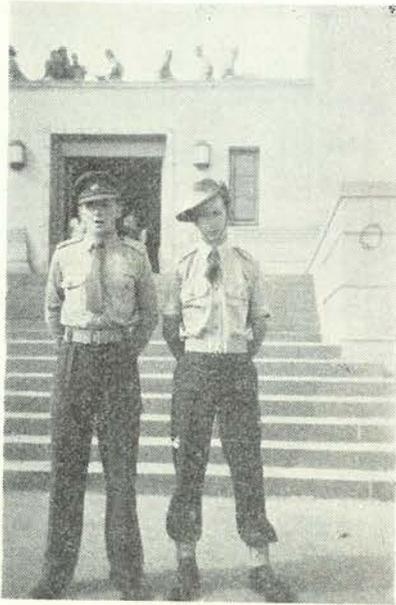
CADETS. FIRST TERM, 1954.

The first parade for 1954 saw several important changes in the administration of the Unit. The news of Captain Halliburton's resignation was received with

much regret throughout the Unit. Captain Halliburton has been O.C. of the College Corps for the past six years, during which time the Unit has made considerable advancement. We express to him our sincere thanks for his work and sacrifices on behalf of our Unit. We welcome Br. Molony, the new O.C., knowing that the administration of the Unit is in very capable hands. It was necessary to appoint several new Under Officers to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of Cdt./Lts. Laffey and MacDonald, and Under Officers Davey and Keane, all of whom have left College. Sergeants Breen, Taffe and Colbert and Cpl. Dignan were promoted to fill these vacancies while Corporals Brown, Castle and McArthur and L/Cpl. Lewis were promoted to fill the ensuing vacancies for Sergeants.

On return to College, Cadets immediately began training in preparation for the Royal Visit to Ballarat. During the short time which elapsed between our return to College and the arrival of the Royal visitors, the one hundred selected

Cadets trained earnestly and successfully. Their dress and bearing on the day of the visit were in keeping with the best traditions of the College.



Cdt. Lt. T. Lanigan and U/O. J. Groutsch, representing S.P.C. Cadet Unit at Canberra for the visit of Her Majesty the Queen.

Later a letter was received from Lt./Col. MacDonald of the North-Western Victorian Regiment expressing his satisfaction and congratulating each and every member of the College Unit.

Another important function of the term was the Memorial Parade on April 26th. Mass was celebrated for the Old Boys who died in World Wars I and II. A guard of honour was in attendance on the Sanctuary during Mass. Later the Unit formed up before the Memorial Tablet, where two wreaths were laid, one by Mr. J. Murray representing the Old Boys, and the other by the Senior Cadet Officer. During the ceremony at the Tablet the guard stood with arms reversed. Our thanks must go to Sgt./Mjr. Cockerel of 8/7 Battalion, N.W.V.R., for the great assistance he gave in training the guard for this occasion. Unfortunately, Sgt. Knight, our regular instructor, was absent during this period. Our thanks must also go to him for his invaluable assistance in the preparation for the Royal Tour and in training throughout the term.

At present the Unit has a total strength of 185, including officers. The officers are Lt. Molony, O.C.; Cdt./Lt. Lanigan, Trg. A.; U.O. Groutsch, Adj.; and five Under Officers, U/O's. Leitch, Breen, Dignan, Taffe, and Colbert, who are platoon commanders. The position of C.S.M. is held by W.O.II Carey.

The Unit is now in possession of a Unit flag. This flag consists of the school colours, green, white and blue, and the inscription, S.P.C., Ballarat. The flag is raised at the beginning of each parade and lowered at the end with the appropriate ceremonies. A Unit band is also being trained at present. It consists of four side-drums, one bass-drum, and six bugles. We express our thanks to Mr. R. Rosser for the assistance he gave in the training of the band.

The culmination of the term's training is the annual camp of eight days, from the 14th to 22nd of May, to be held at the R.A.A.F. Station, Mildura. This camp adjoins the Aerodrome. After World War II it was used by the University of Melbourne for certain courses. It was later taken over by the Immigration Authorities and then by the Army. A section is now used by the Cadet Corps. At this camp Cadets participate in field exercises and range practices and generally they sample the life and discipline of a regular unit. It is the wish of Br. Molony, our College O.C., that all Cadets should attend and enjoy this camp.

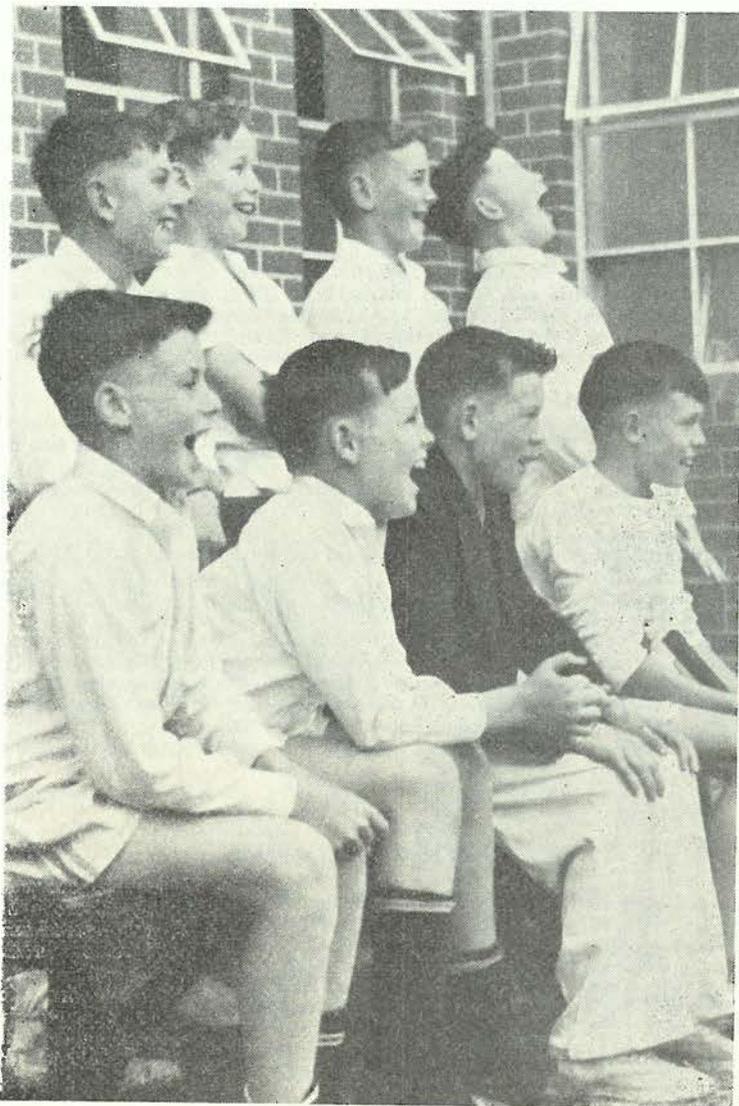
T. LANIGAN, Cdt./Lt.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

This year we are pleased to say that there are one hundred and thirty-eight students resident at Corpus Christi, the highest number since the College was opened in 1923. Of this number twenty-two students enrolled in 1954. Among them were Brian James, Kevin Carroll, Gerald Ridsdale and Brendan Davey to represent St. Patrick's College, Ballarat. They bring our number of representatives at Corpus Christi College to twenty-seven.

On March 19th Vic. Crennan and I were raised to Diaconate, and we are looking forward to returning to S.P.C. after our ordination in July. We shall regard it as a real privilege to be the first newly-ordained Old Boy Priests to celebrate Mass in the new Chapel.

As these are the first Corpus Christi notes to appear in the College "Chronicle" since our visit to S.P.C. for the opening of the new Chapel last year, on behalf of the S.P.C. Old Boys at Corpus Christi, I shall take this opportunity of congratulating Rev. Bro. Healy and all concerned with the erection of that fine building. We considered it a credit to S.P.C., in perfect taste artistically and a place truly fitting for the worship of God.
Rev. P. CRUDDEN.



Some of the Under 12 Cricketers lending moral support to their team mates

SALVETE ATQUE VALETE

The "Chronicle" welcomes the following boys to the College and wishes them success and happiness during their years here.

SALVETE

Arthur, K., Kaniva.	Maher, B., Swan Hill.
Bennett, F., Deniliquin.	Moloney, G., Brighton.
Bourke, J., Coburg.	Moloney, P., Warracknabeal.
Bowker, R., Horsham.	Moloney, G., Terang.
Brady, J., Doncaster.	Mornane, J., Bentleigh.
Butler, L., Rokewood.	Mulcahy, F., Streatham.
Byrne, R., Axedale.	Mullens, B., Eddington.
Cahill, G., Willowvale.	Murray, M., Mortlake.
Caufield, B., Skipton.	McManus, P., Bendigo.
Connellan, M., Watchem.	McManus, N., Bendigo.
Dallimore, C., Stawell.	Nailon, M., Ararat.
Day, N., North Fitzroy.	Nelson, R., Melbourne.
Delahy, R., Bacchus Marsh.	O'Connor, W., Horsham.
Dillon, B., Sea Lake.	O'Flaherty, J., Thornbury.
Dodemaide, K., Melton.	O'Sullivan, B., Patchewollock.
Doyle, J., Teal Point.	O'Sullivan, M., Patchewollock.
Firns, J., Katunga.	Pascoe, B., Brunswick.
Firns, I., Katunga.	Pinzone, E., Ararat.
Franc, J., Beaufort.	Pinzone, S., Ararat.
Geddes, B., Bentleigh.	Reynolds, K., Hamilton.
Graham, B., Cannie.	Roache, A., Colac.
Graham, J., Cannie.	Rousch, N., Newlyn.
Hand, G., Warrnambool.	Russell, B., Coragulac.
Horan, G., Carpendeit.	Ryan, D., Colac.
Hicks, N., Wodonga.	Ryan, E., Coghill's Creek.
Hutchinson, J., Horsham.	Scott, W., Ouyen.
Hyland, M., Ferntree Gully.	Scully, K., Rokewood.
Hynes, P., Pomborneith.	Sharry, B., Horsham.
Joyce, A., Willaura.	Starkie, A., Terang.
Joyce, D., Tatyoon.	Starkie, J., Terang.
Jubb, A., Hexham.	Sullivan, B., Korrumburra.
Jubb, J., Hexham.	Vagg, F., Pirron Yallock.
Lanfranchi, B., Dunolly.	Van Suylen K., Melbourne.
Lanigan, J., Melbourne.	Walsh, B., Horsham.
McCarthy, A., Fern Hill.	Ward, W., Casterton.
McConnell, A., Gisborne.	Whitefield, F., Casterton.
McKenna, B., Melbourne.	Wilson, S., Bacchus Marsh.

We also wish to farewell these 1953 Matriculants and to wish them success in their careers.

VALETE.

DENIS BOURKE: Matriculated with Honours 1953. Dux of College and College Prefect. Awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship. Member of the First Crew, 1953. Now studying Medicine at the Melbourne University.

DON BRADMORE: Matriculated 1953. Awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship. Member of the First XVIII, and also First Crew, 1953. Now studying at the Melbourne Teachers' College.

KEVIN CARROL: Matriculated 1953. Now studying for the Priesthood at Corpus Christi College, Werribee.

JOHN COTTER: Matriculated 1953. Member of First Crew. Now at the Ballarat Teachers' College.

PETER DALTON: Matriculated 1953. Now in the Board of Works Department.

BRENDAN DAVEY: Matriculated 1953. College Prefect. Cadet Under-Officer. Now at Corpus Christi College, Werribee.

ROBERT DAVIES: Matriculated 1953. Won a Commonwealth Scholarship. Now at the Pharmacy College.

JOHN DEANY: Matriculation with Honours, 1953. College Prefect. Awarded Commonwealth Scholarship. Captain First XI, First XVIII, Athletics, 1953. Now at the Melbourne Teachers' College.

BRIAN MAHER: Matriculated with Honours, 1953. Prefect, Captain of Athletics, 1953. Was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship and is at present studying Mining Engineering at the University.

BRIAN O'LOUGHLIN: Matriculation, 1953. Gained a Commonwealth Scholarship and is now doing Pharmacy.

KIERCE O'LOUGHLIN: Matriculation, 1953. Athletics, 1953. Awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship and is at present studying Law.

KEVIN SHANLEY: Matriculation, 1953. Prefect, 1953. Return to work family farm.

MARTIN SHANNON: Matriculation, 1953. Prefect, 1953. First XVIII, 1952. Gained a Commonwealth Scholarship and is now at the University studying Law.

BRIAN VANINA: Matriculation, 1953. Now studying at Geelong Teachers' College.

JOHN WANGEMAN: Matriculation, 1953. At present studying at Geelong Teachers' College. He was awarded a Secondary Studentship.

BRIAN WILLIAMS: Matriculation, 1953. First XVIII. Now at Ballarat Teachers' College. He won a Studentship.

BRIAN DOWLING: Matriculation, 1953. Prominent in Gymnastics. Now studying Medicine at the University.

LAURIE ERWIN: Matriculated with Honours. Awarded Commonwealth Scholarship and Secondary Studentship. Now studying Agricultural Science, Melbourne University.

BRIAN GAFFNEY: Matriculated, 1953. Won Country Women's Scholarship. Member of the First XVIII. Studying Pharmacy.

BRIAN GIBSON: Matriculated with Honours. Athletics, 1953. Won Commonwealth Scholarship, also Forestry Scholarship. Now a student at the Creswick School of Forestry.

NOEL GREGORY: Matriculated and awarded Commonwealth Scholarship. Member of First XI, 1953. Now studying Law at the Melbourne University.

BRIAN GROGAN: Matriculated and received Commonwealth Scholarship. Prefect. Captain of First XVIII, 1953.

ADRIAN JOYCE: Matriculated and won Commonwealth Scholarship. Head Prefect, 1953. Won Purton Oratory and Coliseum Motors' Announcers' Quest. First XVIII, 1952-53.

TOM LAFFEY: Matriculation, 1952-53. Prefect, 1953. Cadet Lieutenant, 1952-53. Now studying Pharmacy.

BARRY MCGREGOR: Matriculated with Honours. Won Commonwealth Scholarship. Prefect. First XVIII, 1953. Commonwealth Public Service. Now studying Commerce Melbourne University.

JOHN MADDEN: Matriculation, 1953. Entered Lands Department. Studying Surveying.



S.P.C. ABROAD

LETTER RECEIVED FROM IRELAND FROM
REV. FR. FRANK AWBURN.

Dear Brother,

Very many thanks for your thoughtful good wishes to Maurice and myself. It made us feel good that we are remembered at our Old College. Perhaps a little vanity creeping in upon us, but we are still far from perfect.

Everything went off to perfection on the morning of our Ordination. Even the Irish weather co-operated for once and we couldn't have wished for a nicer winter morning.

Bishop Cleary, expelled from his Diocese of Nancheng two years ago, ordained us. There were twenty-three of us, and the Bishop previous to our Ordination had only ordained three Priests. They were Chinese Priests, two of whom are now in prison and one is free, although he also spent some time as a "guest" of the Reds.

After the Ceremony we went down to breakfast with our visitors. Each young Priest was allowed eight or nine guests, and the Sisters had decorated beautifully the Refectory and tables. After the breakfast Bishop Cleary spoke very nicely on the early days of the Society and the growth and suffering of the Church in China.

Then we went out for photos, and after that we gave our blessings to the College Staff, Students and Visitors. The newly-ordained Priests left for their homes as soon as the blessings were concluded.

I said my First Mass next morning in Castlecomer, County Kilkenny, where I stayed with the family of one of our students. There was a big crowd at my Mass—about 300, and they all stayed for my blessing afterwards. My friends had a grand breakfast awaiting me, and had invited fifteen people I know well.

Three days later was Christmas Day, and I thought how apt it was to have Ordinations at that time—the New-born Babe and the newly-ordained Priest. Please God, may we always be as close to Jesus as we were around Christmas-time.

We had lovely mild weather over Christmas-time, frosty mornings followed by sunny days. It was not till we came back to the College (28th January) that we got real wintry weather. We had a week of snow followed by a cold, wet period. Even yet there is still some snow falling at odd times. Last Friday one shower completely covered the ground but, thank God, it didn't last long.

Well, dear Brother, so much for now. It won't be long till we see each other again, please God.

God bless you and all the Brothers.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

FRANK AWBURN.

LETTER FROM REV. FR. MAURICE MOLONEY.

Dear Brother,

Thank you for all the prayers said and best wishes sent prior to Ordinations on December 21st, 1953.

There is no need to tell you, Brother, what a great day it was though we were so far away from home.

There were twenty-three of us ordained, so you can realize that our big Sanctuary was full. The ordaining Prelate was Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Kiangsi, China, whence he had been expelled about nine months previously. It was a great consolation to him to come home and ordain so many after seeing so many years (about 30) of missionary work appar-

ently destroyed by the Communists. To finish everything off the day was sunny and mild. Don't forget, Brother, that we were then in the middle of an Irish winter, and it was the shortest day of the year. December 22nd was the same. I also rang up the ones at home that day. I was only speaking to them for four minutes, but everyone said something. I could hear them fairly well.

Frank and I leave England on R.M.S. Orion on July 2nd. That means we should reach Melbourne in early August. We came across on the Orion.

We received our appointments a few weeks ago—Ash Wednesday to be exact. Frank is going to the Philippine Islands and I to Japan. Both of us are satisfied. Japanese is a very difficult language, but we had a language school. I think we spend about 18 months learning the language before we go out into regular Parish work.

I received a letter from Kevin McMahon (Ouyen) a couple of weeks back. He is doing well, thank God. Also one from Dan Arundell who gave me the latest news from Werribee concerning Old S.P.C. Boys. He also told me that you had two of my cousins at St. Pat's, George Moloney and Pat Clancy. I only hope and pray that they are doing well, especially George. By now he has probably overcome all self-consciousness about his legs.

Thank you very much, Brother, for the Ballarat "Couriers." I presume it was you who sent them. It was good to see the College getting a write up in the local paper, and as far as I could judge it was a good and fair one.

I hope St. Pat's do well at the cricket this term. I will send you a Far East with our photos in it.

Thanking you for everything, and promising you and all the Brothers a daily remembrance at the Altar,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

MAURICE MOLONEY.



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Messrs. V. Kernin, B. Miller, F. Nugent, T. McKenna, D. Slattery, J. Martin.

Delegates to V.A.F.A.: Messrs. R. J. Kenealy and F. J. O'Neill.

The Old Collegians' Executive meets at the College regularly, and it is earnestly engaged in the assembling of the names and addresses of Old Boys who live in Ballarat and environs and in the country districts of Victoria. Names are being card indexed, and they should prove of immense benefit to future committees.

The recent Boat Race Dance, though a great success socially, could not be called an unqualified success. Those who attended the College enjoyed the dance and the beautiful supper so daintily served in the boarders' dining hall, but there were far too many absentees. It is very discouraging for the committee when they expect a big number and cater for them and have only so few. Besides, it is a resource on the funds of the Association for all who are catered for must be paid for. Old Boys who dance should support dances arranged by the committee.

Those ladies and gentlemen who were present enjoyed a thoroughly good night, but we would like many more couples to come along next year.

REUNION LATER IN THE YEAR.

The Annual Reunion was not held this year on the Sunday after Boat Race as usual, because Old Collegians generally expressed a desire to hold the Reunion after the Ballarat Combined Sports in November. Hence the Reunion this year will be held at Ballarat on Sunday, November 7th. It is hoped that the weather will be warmer and that a bigger number of Old Boys will thus attend.

ANZAC DAY.

Old Collegians would have been delighted had they been able to be present at the Requiem Mass which was sung by Rev. Dr. McCunnie and the College boys in honour of deceased ex-students of World Wars I and II. The College Cadets performed most creditably both in the Chapel and at the Memorial Tablet. The whole ceremony was very impressive, and, please God, it will be an annual function in the beautiful College Memorial Chapel.

MELBOURNE BRANCH.

Enthusiasm never flags in the Melbourne Branch of S.P.C. O.C.A. They have an active committee and they expect another successful year.

The following dates have been fixed:

June 6th: Annual Communion and Breakfast, St. Francis, City (Mass, 9 a.m.)

June 22nd: Annual "At Home," Dorchester, Alexander Avenue.

July 4th: S.P.C. v. O.C.A., at Ballarat.

August 4th: S.P.C. v B.H.S., last match of season.

September 11th: Annual Dinner and Smoke Night, 6.30 p.m., Delphic, Alfred Place, City.

September 12th: Lightning Premiership at Kilmore.

November 7th: Annual Reunion Dinner, Alexandria, Lydiard St., Ballarat.

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

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

The Club's activities for 1953 commenced with a special general meeting, at which the executive committee presented a report on the progress of the Club since its foundation. Having considered the report and having a realisation of the Club's deficiencies, the meeting unanimously decided to continue affiliation with the V.A.F.A.

Prior to the opening match of the season, extensive efforts were made to ensure a full complement of players and to provide adequate opportunities for pre-seasonal training. Under the guidance of Mr. T. McKenna who was appointed coach, a very well-conditioned team took the field for the first match. Forty-three players were registered for the season, five of whom were recruits recently left the College. Once again, however, the number of recruits from the ranks of Old Boys just left school was disappointingly small. Furthermore, the Club was to experience difficulty in fielding a side during University vacations, as previously, and through minor injuries and the loss of some players due to occupational transfers. The team's total of five wins, however, against U.H.S.O.B. twice, Teachers' College, Bellfield and Glenhuntly was a marked and encouraging improvement on previous years.

Much of the credit for improvement can be attributed to the coaching of Mr. T. McKenna. Full of courage and enthusiasm, he applied himself wholeheartedly under circumstances which militated against a sustained building programme. To him we say, many thanks, and hope that he will maintain his interest in our activities.

Once again we had the good fortune to be using the St. Kevin's No. 2 Oval at Heyington as our home ground and for training. Considerable

inconvenience was anticipated early in the season due to the fact that the Hakoak Soccer Club, with whom we shared the ground, charged admission to their games. However, the committee received the utmost co-operation and courtesy from both the Hakoak officials, and Br. Howard and a satisfactory arrangement was made. I would like to take this opportunity of expressing the thanks of the Club to Hakoak Soccer Club for their readiness to co-operate, and particularly to Br. Howard whose efforts on our behalf in all matters pertaining to the ground made for a better season for the team.

By popular vote, our captain for the year was Brian McKenna, and Kevin Dowsley was elected vice-captain. During the season Leon Heath was elected vice-captain on the departure of Kevin from Melbourne to the country.

The "D" Section V.A.F.A. premiership was won by F.T.S.O.B., and to them we extend our congratulations. Congratulations also go to Brian McKenna who enjoyed a very successful season by winning the Club's Best and Fairest Award, and by achieving second place in the umpires' voting for Best and Fairest in "D" Section. The winner defeated Brian by half a vote. Congratulations must go also to Kevin Drake who, in his first season with us, won the Most Consistent Player award; to Leo Walsh, the Most Improved Player; to Les Plummer for Best and Keenest Attendance at Training; to Chris. Haintz, Best First Year Player; and last, but by no means least, to Jim O'Neill, the Best Clubman.

During the year the Club's activities covered a wide range. In March the team journeyed to Ballarat for the annual cricket match against the College First XI. On this occasion we scored a narrow victory which added to the pleasure of the outing. I would like to thank Br. Williams and the XI for their hospitality and for allowing us to use the College equipment.

On April 20th a large representation was present at the C.C.O.C.A. Smoke Night to witness the presentation of the Cup for the 1952 Lightning Premiership at Kilmore to Frank Kenealy, captain of that year. The cup was later presented by the O.C. President, Mr. Leo. Howard, to Rev. Br. Healy, at the Annual Reunion Dinner for safe keeping at the College.

The annual football match against the College XVIII in July was played under good conditions, and a game enjoyed by both players and spectators alike resulted in a last quarter victory for the College.

A pie-night was held at St. Kevin's pavilion on July 30th. Attendance was disappointing, but Mr. McKenna's talk and the refreshment provided made the night a great social success.

A theatre night held on August 4th was also a success financially and socially, and a venture well worth repetition.

At Heyington on August 22nd a thrilling match was played against Assumption College O.C.A., resulting in our defeat by one point. A fortnight later, after defeating Mentone and Geelong in turn, we met Assumption O.C. again in the final of the Lightning Premiership at Kilmore. Yet again they proved too strong, and we offer our congratulations to them on their fine victory. On this occasion, our former captain, Frank Kenealy, capped a fine season with Ivanhoe "A" Grade Amateurs by winning the Best and Fairest award of the day.

At the conclusion of the season a dinner was held at the Beaufort Hotel. Rev. Brs. Healy and O'Malley, Messrs. L. Howard, T. McKenna, E. Williams, and Dr. Grogan were present as guests, and the Club trophies were presented to the players by Rev. Br. Healy. A presentation was made also to Mr. McKenna for his services as coach.

Late in the year a large deputation of players and committee journeyed to Ballarat to recruit players for 1954. The group received an attentive hearing, and we are hopeful this year of a better response from the boys leaving school.

Cricket returned to our calendar once again with a match against Dave Bourke's XI at Pakenham on January 17th of this year. Though defeated we enjoyed a good day's cricket in good weather with the promise

of a return match next year. Our thanks go to Dave Bourke particularly, and to his team for the outing and for the use of their equipment.

Throughout the year the Club received the complete and most enthusiastic support from Mrs. Healy and O'Malley. Their interest in our activities has been unflinching and their hospitality on the occasions of our visits to Ballarat beyond compare. To them, on behalf of the Club, I express our sincere thanks and appreciation, and trust that the future successes of the Club may in some way compensate for their zeal.

To Mr. Leo Howard and Mr. Pat O'Neill also I extend our thanks for their interest and support and publicly offer your congratulations on their being granted life-memberships of the Melbourne Branch of the Old Collegians' Association.

I wish to thank all donors to the Club, and in particular Messrs. T. Davey, T. McKenna, L. Howard, Dr. Grogan and the O.C.A. for donations to the trophy fund. I wish to thank Mrs. Grogan for her hospitality and kindness on the occasions of our committee meetings at her home. This grand gesture served in an outstanding way to promote the successful administration of the Club. I wish to thank Mr. Tom Davey again for his sterling work in respect of the club dinner. To my fellow office-bearers and committeemen I say thank you for your confidence and co-operation throughout the year. I feel that this last year the Club's affairs were entrusted to the most conscientious and enthusiastic committee we have had. I should like especially to thank Gerald Nugent and Jim O'Neill for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the Club. To Gerald, who accepted a trying job as secretary and carried out his duties to the utmost, to whom no task was too big nor too small, I express my own sincere thanks for his assistance. To Jim, the always efficient treasurer, we owe our thanks for the Club's solvency, and I would like to add my personal thanks for his ever-ready help and guidance to me in my role as president. To Mr. E. Williams, who officiated so consistently as goal umpire, many thanks. To all players and supporters, my thanks for your co-operation, and I congratulate you on your spirit and perseverance.

The Club extends its sympathy to Jim Shaw on the death of his father. R.I.P.

We have now completed three trying years, and can draw confidence from the fact that we are established. This does not mean we have overcome our problems—they are still present; but with the experience gained over three years we can now meet them more offensively.

During the year we hope to witness the achievement of the 50th B.P.S. Football Championship by the College XVIII. Let us set out to win our first V.A.F.A. premiership. The St. Pat's O.C. Football Club has earned a wonderful reputation in amateur ranks for good conduct and good sportsmanship. On that fact I congratulate the team, but let us now persevere with renewed interest and produce a team capable of carrying off the honours to the greater glory of our Club and our Alma Mater.

PERSONAL PARS

Delighted to read where Rev. Fr. P. CROSBIE visited S.P.C. and lectured the boys. Good news too from Ireland of the Ordinations of Rev. Frs. MAURICE MOLONEY and FRANK AWBURN. We are looking forward eagerly to their visit to S.P.C. Before next issue three more ex-students will, D.V., have been Ordained, viz., Rev. JOHN McGRATH, VIC. CRENNAN and PAT CRUDDEN. All three propose to sing High Mass at S.P.C. on the Thursday after their Ordination.

JIM RICHMOND, once from Redcliffs, now from Altona, called during Easter holidays, as did also KEVIN FLANAGAN who manages the family business in Echuca, and John Deany and Kevin Opie had a long letter from BRIAN MEADE. He lives at Preston and ill-health forced

him to give up Medicine. However, he's still hoping.

Pleased to see GEORGE HAM and his wife. George is surveying in Tasmania. BRIAN TREACY and his wife also called.

ROD PRICE is attached to the East Melbourne Fire Brigade Station. Rod was married last December. LEO McNAIR announced his engagement to Miss Adele Thompson of Bundaberg, Queensland. Congratulations to BARRY and Alma Fitzgerald on birth of daughter, Bernadette; also to DAVID and Joan Bourke a daughter, Ann Marie.

REG GROUTSCH has been very busy lately. He graduated, married and left for South Africa as a mining metallurgist. JIM SHAW has announced his engagement recently. Congrats., Jim.

Glad to know that BASIL LITHGOW is better. He has been ill with rheumatic fever. He teaches at Lilydale. ALAN CASEY and JIM LANNEN did well at the Uni. Alan is LL.B.; Jim B.A.

Congratulations to LEO and Mrs. HOWARD, a son for S.P.C., and to MATT. and Mrs. HYLAND, a daughter.

PETER RAPHAEL was recently married in Adelaide. Met GEORGE RAPHAEL recently. He likes his farm at Bacchus Marsh. Rev. Fr. JIM KIERCE brought his West Preston C.Y.M.S. football team to Heyington to play in practice match against Old Boys. Thanks, Father.

BILL DAVEY (Commonwealth Bank, Geelong) was married to Maureen Davies of Ballarat early this year. Bill and Maureen had Nuptial Mass. PETER DAVEY is a relieving chemist.

MAX BRANDENBURG (Ballarat East) is engaged to Maureen Mutton of Ballarat. PAUL QUINLAN, who is teaching at Chewton, was married on March 6th.

St. Pat's was well represented at the recent Bendigo Thousand by well-known "Gift" runners: TOM BRUDENALL and TERRY BRADY and a potential champion of the future in BRIAN FRAWLEY (Bungaree) under age champion of the College from 1947 to 1949. Brian won his heat in the Stawell Gift. DOUG. FRASER is now an inspector with G. J. Coles Pty. Ltd. FRANK O'CONNOR, VIC TOUCHER, FRANK KILLEEN and MICHAEL LORKIN are employed in the Accountancy Branch of the Victorian Railways, Head Office.

LAURIE DIXON, RAY COLLINS, HARRY BURKE and LEN MILLAR are clerks at the Ballarat North Railways Workshops. KEVIN FOLEY recently left Ballarat to take an appointment with Eclipse Motors, Melbourne. JIM CONDON has been transferred from the Commonwealth Bank, Ararat, to Hay, N.S.W.

S.P.C. Old Collegians who are mentioned in Melbourne football are: LES. and RUSSELL MOGG, VIN WILLIAMS, BRIAN MOLONEY, JOHN JAMES, BRIAN MURRAY, BRIAN GROGAN, BILL DRAKE, JOHN DEANY, BRIAN HOGAN, BRIAN and GERALD GLEESON.

BRIAN BRADY, accountant for Sheaffer Pen Co. (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., is busy just now putting the finishing touches on his lovely new home at Glenroy.

BRENDAN SCALLY, recently married to Miss Pat Fitzsimmons with Nuptial Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Armadale, is managing a pharmacy at Springvale. Brendan and Pat were married by Rev. Fr. Nick Stafford.

CHRIS. JENKINS has a most successful dental practice in Collins St. JIM O'NEILL, prominent Old Collegian and stalwart of the Football Club, is proud of his new Consul. Rev. Fr. DON O'NEILL is still at St. Kilian's, Bendigo.

FRANK MURRAY, now teaching in Melbourne, has recently announced his engagement. TOM BUTLER visited S.P.C. recently. He has become licensee of the Crown Hotel, Balranald. His brother KEN is a Christian Brother and teaches in Brisbane with another Old Boy Christian Brother, Br. JIM WARD.

Old St. Pat's boys in the Government Weather Bureau are JIM NOLAN, BERNIE McCORMACK (recently returned from Darwin), and ALEX McGOLDRICK.

Dr. JOHN MCGOLDRICK is in practice in Mordialloc. He and Aileen must be congratulated on their baby son, Peter John.

HARRY MCGOLDRICK will be married in Adelaide next June.

FRANK KENEALY is to receive the trophy for Best and Fairest Player in the Lightning Premiership of the C.C.O.C.A. held at Kilmore. Trophy will be presented at the annual buffet dinner of the Combined Catholic Collegians' Association to be held at the Hawthorn Town Hall on April 22nd.

BRENDAN DAVEY writes from C.C.C., Werribee, that our new contingent to C.C.C., viz., BRIAN JAMES, GERARD RIDSDALE, KEVIN CARROLL and himself are settling in well.

Rev. Fr. KEVIN MANGAN is again carrying on his missionary work in Korea.

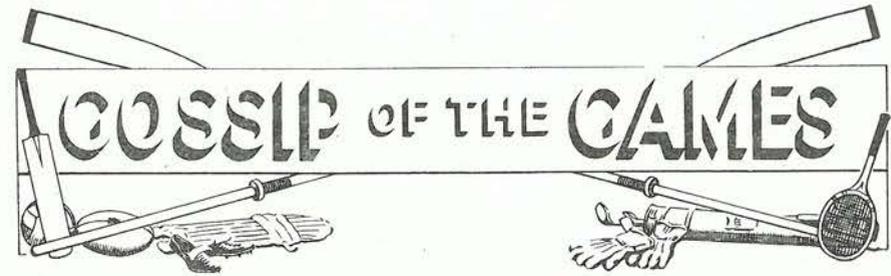
Rev. Fr. LEO BAKER is in Japan.

Sympathy to LAURIE KHYAT and STAN on death of their father, also to PHIL O'BRIEN on death of his wife.

Congratulations to TED ("XAV") HEFFERNAN on his recent B.Sc. Ted is now teaching at Moonee Ponds Central State School. Congratulations too to ALAN CASEY, LLB.

LINDSAY QUINN is in real estate business with his Dad in Swanston Street. RUDOLF REYNOLDS, treasurer of S.P.C.O.C.A., Melbourne Branch, was recently re-elected Vice-President of the Combined Catholic Old Collegians' Association.

JON BUTLER, Newstead, is engaged to Miss Joan Byrne of Sutton Grange.



CRICKET. FIRST ELEVEN

ST. PAT'S WINS THE B.P.S. PREMIERSHIP.

Prospects for the 1954 cricket season appeared bright for S.P.C. at the beginning of the year, as eight of last year's team were again available. Moreover, several newcomers to the school brought with them great reputations. After several nights at the nets, and after a practice match had been played, the training list was announced. Those on it were: T. Fitzpatrick, K. Shea, M. Bourke, R. Dignan, K. Arundell, J. McCormack, P. Brennan, B. McKenna, J. O'Shannassy, M. Younger, B. Russell, K. Leitch and J. Hogan. Michael Bourke was elected captain of the XI and Kevin Shea vice-captain.

In the first B.P.S. match the St. Pat's team received a serious set-back when it was easily defeated by Ballarat College. The huge total amassed by the College batsmen can be attributed to the many lapses of the St. Pat's fieldsmen. The feature of this game was the pleasing form of opener K. Shea who completed a fine double, making 68 in the first innings and, though troubled by cramps in his second hand, made 48.

The St. Pat's players showed in their second B.P.S. match against High School that they had learned by their mistakes. In this match St. Pat's won their first game since 1952, as last year she failed repeatedly. Brian Russell, a newcomer to the school, bowled accurately and with plenty of nip, to take 6 for 11 from 12 overs in the High School's first innings. Terry Fitzpatrick 31, and Kevin Arundell 26 were the best of the St. Pat's batsmen.

In the third match of the B.P.S. season the St. Pat's team journeyed to Grammar. This was without doubt one of the most sensational matches ever played in B.P.S. cricket. St. Pat's batting first on a perfect wicket slumped in the middle of the innings but recovered to make 100. In the fifty minutes which were left for play Grammar School lost 6 wickets for 7 runs. Marshall Younger and Bernie McKenna, aided by a heavy atmosphere, swung the ball well and baffled the batsmen. Though Grammar were dismissed for 38, the St. Pat's supporters had many anxious moments before the game was won.

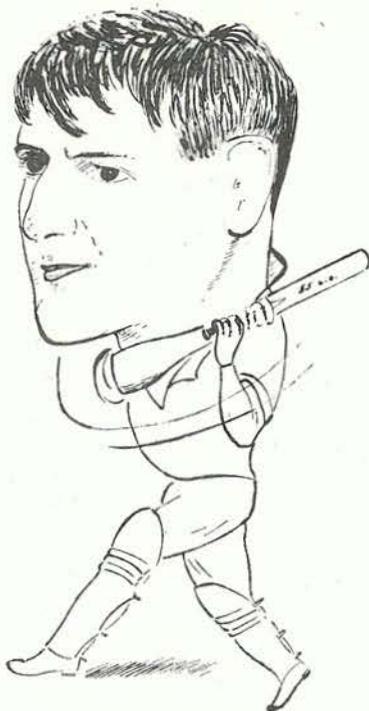
St. Pat's fielded a much more confident team in the return match against College than had faced our neighbours in the opening match. Winning the toss, College batted first and were dismissed for 125. St. Pat's which at one stage seemed unlikely to reach College's score eventually made 206. Features of the innings were the batting of opener Kevin Leitch, who compiled 60, and Ray Dignan who carried his bat for 29. College were dismissed in their second innings in quick time and left only 10 runs for St. Pat's to score to gain an outright victory.

In the second last match of the B.P.S. cricket season, the S.P.C. team travelled to High School. Marshall Younger who took 6 for 48 and J. O'Shannassy who made 55 not out were St. Pat's outstanding players in the first innings. Peter Brennan with his slow left-arm spinners completely baffled the High School batsmen in their second innings and took 6 for 31.

The last match, against Grammar, was virtually a grand final, as victory to either side would gain for it the honour of being B.P.S. premiers for 1954. Grammar won the toss and batted. They were dismissed for 81, even though several chances were missed by the St. Pat's fieldsmen. St. Pat's, which at one stage was 3 for 25, slumped to be 9 for 27. However, Ray Dignan and Bernie McKenna retrieved the position somewhat with a last wicket stand of 38, of which Bernie hit up 20 with lofty drives into the outfield. Ray was more scientific but no less aggressive. Grammar were dismissed in their second innings for 45. Marshall Younger and Brian Russell, bowling unchanged through the innings, were most successful. St. Pat's in the first half-hour of play in her second innings lost 2 for 0. However, the position was gradually relieved by Kev. Shea and Ray Dignan, and John O'Shannassy hit up the last 30 runs in quick time.

Thus St. Pat's were B.P.S. premiers for 1954. A great deal of the credit for such a successful season must go to Br. Howard, our coach. There is no more keen student of the game than he, and the helpful hints which he gave to all players will long be remembered by them.

M. BOURKE.



B.P.S. CRICKET.

ST. PAT'S v BALLARAT COLLEGE.

Ballarat College: First innings, 300. Richardson 81, Cock 62, Birt 61. Younger 3/51, Russell 3/45, Bourke 1/18.

St. Pat's: First innings, 109. Shea 68, Leitch 8, Bourke 7.

St. Pat's: Second innings, 5 for 186. Fitzpatrick 60, Shea 48, Younger 48 not out, Leitch 12, Bourke 8.

College won by 191 runs on the first innings.

ST. PAT'S v HIGH SCHOOL.

B.H.S.: First innings, 94. Russell, 6/11.

B.H.S.: Second innings, 103. Linsten 73. Younger 5/32, O'Shannassy 4/46.

S.P.C.: First innings, 118. Fitzpatrick 33, Arundell 26, Bourke 18, Dignan 11, Leitch 12.

S.P.C.: Second innings, 3/82. Leitch 30, Younger 26 not out, Shea 14. St. Pat's won outright by 7 wickets.

ST. PAT'S v C.E.G.S.

S.P.C.: First innings, 100. Fitzpatrick 29, Arundell 15, O'Shannassy 14, Brennan 13 not out.

S.P.C.: Second innings, 70. Fitzpatrick 21, Younger 14, O'Shannassy 12, Brennan 10.

C.E.G.S.: First innings, 38. Younger 5/14, Russell 2/5, McKenna 2/8, O'Shannassy 1/6.

C.E.G.S.: Second innings, 65. Russell 4/19, Younger 2/16, O'Shannassy 1/11.

St. Pat's won outright by 67 runs.



ST. PAT'S v BALLARAT COLLEGE.

B.C.: First innings, 125. Birt 56, Cooke 22. Brennan 3/14, McKenna 4/33, Russell 2/30, Younger 1/24.

B.C.: Second innings, 91. Birt 26. Younger 4/26, Brennan 2/7, Russell 2/19.

ST. PAT'S: First innings, 206. Leitch 60, Dignan 29 not out, Fitzpatrick 21, Bourke 17, Shea 10, O'Shannassy 16.

And 1/19. Younger 13 not out, Bourke 5 not out.

St. Pat's won outright by 9 wickets and 8 runs.

ST. PAT'S v BALLARAT HIGH SCHOOL.

B.H.S.: First innings, 149. Willowwhite 39, Burt 27, Linsten 25. Younger 6/48, McKenna 2/37, Brennan 1/4.

B.H.S.: Second innings, 76. Linsten 32. Younger 2/21, Brennan 6/31, Russell 1/8.

S.P.C.: First innings, 191. O'Shannassy 55 not out, Leitch 37, Shea 25, Younger 17, Dignan 10, McCormack 9.

S.P.C.: Second innings, 3 for 38. O'Shannassy 12, Younger 10 n.o. St. Pat's won outright by 7 wickets and 4 runs.

ST. PAT'S v C.E.G.S.

C.E.G.S.: First innings, 81. Ludbrook 19, Northey 15. Brennan 3/11, McKenna 3/18, Russell 3/22.

C.E.G.S.: Second innings, 45. M. Fawell 17. Younger 6/16, Russell 4/24.

S.P.C.: First innings, 65. McKenna 20 not out, Dignan 18, Arundell 12.

S.P.C.: Second innings, 4 for 63. O'Shannassy 28 not out, Shea 22, Dignan 10.

St. Pat's won outright by 6 wickets and 2 runs.

NON-COMPETITION MATCHES.

ST. PAT'S v BALLARAT SCHOOL OF MINES.

St. Pat's, 56. Shea 15, Younger 24 not out. School of Mines, 4 for 98. Willey 45, McKenna 2/7, Russell 2/25.

ST. PAT'S v TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

St. Pat's, 7 for 70. Shea 19, Leitch 16, Fitzpatrick 18. Teachers' College, 4 for 62. Osborne 33 n.o. Russell 2/6.

ST. PAT'S v KERANG.

St. Pat's, 162. Shea 59, Br. Howard 26, Bourke 17, Leitch 17, J. Devine 12.

Kerang, 143. Murray 55, F. Howard 43, W. Fitzgerald 13. Younger 3/20, Brennan 2/3.

ST. PAT'S v PAKENHAM.

St. Pat's, 74. J. McCormack 24. Pakenham, 78. D. Bourke 45. Brennan 4/10, Younger 3/4, McCormack 3/10.

ST. PAT'S v ST. KEVIN'S.

St. Pat's, 115. Younger 46, Arundell 26 retired, Dignan 15. M. Browne 6/42.

St. Kevin's, 3 for 92. McKenna 3/14. T. O'Brien 40 n.o., B. Duffy 24.

ST. PAT'S v BALLARAT EAST Y.C.W.

Ballarat East Y.C.W.: 8 for 108. Brennan 3/17, O'Shannassy 1/18. St. Pat's, 4 for 116. Fitzpatrick 32 retired, Shea 30, Bourke 20.

ST. PAT'S v OLD COLLEGIANS.

Old Collegians, 98. L. McNair 30, Williams 17, F. Keneally 13. Younger 4/10, McKenna 3/11, Brennan 2/19.

St. Pat's, 8 for 128. Leitch 24 ret., Younger 22 ret., Fitzpatrick 22, Hogan 14.

M. BOURKE.

CRICKET TROPHIES.

Bowling Average: P. Brennan. Batting Average: J. O'Shannassy. Most Improved: K. Leitch. Best Fieldsman: K. Shea.

CRICKET. SECOND ELEVEN

This year's Second Eleven performed very well against the other Second Elevens it played. Led by Ken Pike, the team won four of its six matches, thus becoming co-premiers with High School. Our success was in no small measure due to the hard work of Br. Smith and Br. Howard, who took a keen interest in our games. The team, composed of the best players from the senior Hill competition, had excellent wins in the first four matches of the season, but for some unknown reason slumped in the last two games.

In the first match we defeated Ballarat College very convincingly, and our success was mainly due to the outstanding batting of Brendan Smith, who made 41. He was ably supported by Graeme Sampieri, but the remaining batsmen failed to reach double figures. Brendan was our most successful bowler in this match, and Ken Pike also had some success with the ball. We were fully extended to defeat High School, who defeated us in the return game. Other batsmen who had some success were John Hogan and John Devine, whilst our most successful bowlers were John Walsh, Brendan Smith, and John Coffey, who took an excellent hat trick in the return College game. Irwin McGenniss was our outstanding fieldsman, whilst Brendan Ryan was wicketkeeper.

Although we were defeated by High School and Grammar, the Second Eleven players showed themselves to be good sportsmen in defeat. We also congratulate High School for becoming co-premiers with us.

Congratulations and felicitations to St. Pat's.

BRENDAN RYAN.

SENIOR PARK CRICKET.

The Captains of the teams were: K. Fraser (Galvin), J. Devine (Treacy), P. Harman (McCarthy) and P. Brown (Nunan).

From the beginning of the Competition Treacy appeared to be the strongest side and they remained undefeated in all five matches played. Nunan and Galvin won two games each, and McCarthy were successful once only.

In the first semi-final, Galvin went down to Nunan. In the grand final Nunan met Treacy. Batting first, Treacy were dismissed for 45 (D. Lorkin 16, A. Higgins 5 wkts.). Nunan replied with 42 (A. Higgins 12, E. Pinzone 7 for 14). In the second innings Treacy added 55 and Nunan 38 (J. Devine 6 wkts.).

Members of the winning team were: J. Devine, E. Pinzone, D. Lorkin, C. Houlihan, L. Wheelahan, J. Shea, J. Smith, F. Pomeroy, J. Brady, T. Furey and D. Mahoney.

Some good performances were recorded during the competition. Best batsmen were J. Devine (60 n.o., 50 and 69), P. Ryan (61 n.o.), L. Brownbill (56 n.o.), E. Pinzone (54 n.o.). Best work in bowling was done by B. Phelan (7 wickets in one innings), K. Fraser (6 wickets), E. Pinzone and L. Brownbill (5 wickets).

JUNIOR PARK CRICKET.

The four teams were led by J. Ryan (Galvin), A. Hicks (Treacy), P. Kierce (Nunan), D. Martin (McCarthy). The sides were fairly evenly matched and of the five games played by each, McCarthy won 4, Nunan 3, Galvin 2 and Treacy 1. In the semi-final Nunan proved too strong for Galvin.

The grand final proved to be the most exciting of all the games of the season. Nunan batted first and put on 75 runs (G. Horan 23, M. Murray 22, B. Tucker 4 for 30). In reply McCarthy also scored 75 (D. Martin 34, K. Shannon 6 for 30). In their second innings Nunan piled up 85 runs in 35 minutes (P. Kierce 37 n.o., M. Murray 18). It seemed a hopeless task for McCarthy to make the required 86 in 35 minutes but they

attacked the bowling with great vigour and determination and reached the 86 with several minutes to spare. J. Noonan made 39 n.o., B. Tucker 15 and R. Byrne 13. The members of the winning team were: D. Martin, B. Maw, R. Byrne, P. Rice, B. Tucker, J. Noonan, K. Scott, B. Maher, J. Hutchison, T. Evans and G. Pomeroy.

Some of the best performances during the competition were: D. Martin 55 n.o. and 51 n.o., G. Horan 44 n.o. and 42, P. Kierce 41 and J. Ryan 31. Best bowler was L. Kelly who, on two occasions, took 7 wickets. In three innings L. Nelson and B. Shannon took 6, 5 and 4 wickets.

UNDER 15 CRICKET.

Our first game was played against Ballarat College on the Hill. College batted first and made 96. Bowling honours were taken by B. Phelan and E. Pinzone, each taking three wickets. We then batted and were 3 for 107 at the end of play. E. Pinzone with 47 n.o. and A. Bennetto with 25 were the chief scorers.

We visited Grammar to play the second match. The home team batted first and made 78 (E. Pinzone 4 wickets, B. Dillon 3). We batted and made 197. Best batsmen were P. Kierce 52 n.o., E. Pinzone 32, B. Dillon 25 n.o.

In the return match against College we made 158. E. Pinzone made 43 and Brian McMahon 43 n.o. College were dismissed for 54, E. Pinzone taking 4 wickets and A. Bennetto 2.

In our last match against Grammar we batted first and put on 131 runs. Best scorers were again E. Pinzone 47 n.o., and B. McMahon 30. Grammar were dismissed for 77. G. Routson and A. Bennetto took two wickets each.

Members of the Under 15 team which was undefeated for the season were: E. Pinzone (captain), B. Phelan, G. Routson, K. Maher, B. McMahon, B. Dillon, A. Bennetto, P. Kierce, M. Nolan, D. Lorkin, P. Brown, J. Threlfall, B. Shannon, K. Fraser, M. Dinley, G. Wheelahan and D. Martin.

UNDER 14 CRICKET.

Our opening game was played against Ballarat College at Victoria Park. We batted first and declared at 209. Batting laurels went to John Devine 101 n.o., M. Nolan 38 n.o., and J. Doran 30 n.o. College then batted and made 36. We sent them in again and dismissed them for 41. Bowling honours in the two innings went to Ken Fraser 7 wickets, M. Nolan 6, B. Shannon 5.

In the return match College, batting first, made 80. M. Dinley took 5 wickets and M. Nolan 4. We then batted and at stumps were 7 for 143. Batting honours went to John Threlfall with 58 n.o., Paul Kierce 28 and Graeme Horan 17.

Members of the Under 14 team were: K. Fraser (captain), J. Threlfall, P. Kierce, M. Nolan, M. Dinley, G. Horan, B. Shannon, J. Doran, G. Cathcart, D. Wright, W. McGennis and D. McRae.

SENIOR SHED.

The results of this competition were as follows:

1, Nunan, 15 points; 2, Treacy, 11 point; 3, Galvin and McCarthy, 10½ points.

Prominent among the batsmen were: J. McMahon, 96, 82, 63, 31, 25; M. Nolan, 85, 55, 52, 34, 31; G. Cathcart, 104 n.o.; J. Joyce, 69 n.o.; B. Kelly, 65, 36; M. Jubb, 56; D. McRae, 52; W. McGuinness, 43; J. Doran, 40; D. Wright, 39; J. Nihill, 27.

Bowling successes went to:

M. Nolan: 8/33; 6/40; 4/18; 4/20.

L. Thorpe: 10/23; 8/43; 3/33.

J. McMahon: 7/31; 6/40; 4/28.

J. Doran: 5/29; 4/14; 3/12.

D. Wright: 6/28; 6/33; 5/56; 3/25.

B. Humphries: 6/34; 5/34.
G. Gemmola, 12/45; 7/43; 3/37.
K. Doyle: 6/9; 3/19.
D. McRae: 3/21; 4/18.

JUNIOR SHED.

This competition resulted as follows: 1, Nunan, 17 points; 2, McCarthy, 15 points; 3, Treacy, 9 points; 4, Galvin, 3 points.

The chief batsmen were: T. Davies: 68; 39 n.o.; 25; 19. J. Byrne: 76. P. Kuketz: 57; 42. R. Skully: 44 n.o.; 24. J. Ferns: 46. F. Vagg: 60. E. Ryan: 35.

Those who gained honours with bowling were:

T. Davies: 6/28; 5/16; 4/25; 3/13.

J. Byrne: 9/24; 4/36; 3/39; 2/21.

R. Delahey: 7/35; 5/8; 4/20.

R. Skully: 7/40; 5/35.

D. McArthur: 4/2; 3/11.

B. Sharry: 5/21; 4/31; 4/39.

ST. ROCH'S OVAL.

After sixteen games had been played and the semi-finals were due to begin, Galvin had 30 points, McCarthy 30, Treacy 10 and Nunan 2. Both of the leading teams were credited with a victory over one another, so a thrilling grand final seemed certain. However, due to an injured finger, Galvin's captain, Ian Slockwitch, was far from his best. This resulted in a comfortable win for McCarthy team which had played very good cricket during the whole season.

Some fine batting and bowling were seen during the term particularly by:

Galvin: I. Slockwitch (Capt.), G. Brown (V.C. and one of the most improved players on St. Roch's), D. Faulkner and B. Sullivan.

McCarthy: T. Dickson (Capt.), B. Hickey (V.C. and as a bowler was the hero of the grand final), T. Haintz and J. Sang.

Treacy: S. Goss (Capt.), J. Whybrow (V.C.), L. Haintz and M. Brown.

Nunan: K. Murphy (Capt., made a nice 61 in the first semi-final), D. White, T. Taranto and D. Tydeman.

Congratulations to McCarthy team on winning the St. Roch's Premiership for 1954.

UNDER 13 CRICKET.

S.P.C. v BALLARAT COLLEGE.

S.P.C. 163 defeated Ballarat College 38.

S.P.C. batsmen: B. Kelly 32, G. Pell 21, J. McCarthy 23, T. Murphy 42.

S.P.C. bowlers: T. Murphy 8/16.

S.P.C. v GRAMMAR.

S.P.C. 96 lost to Grammar 116.

S.P.C. batsmen: G. Pell 26, B. Elliott 19, I. Slockwitch 19.

S.P.C. bowlers: B. Elliott 3/20; B. Kelly 3/40.

S.P.C. v BALLARAT COLLEGE.

S.P.C. 111 drew with Ballarat College 111.

S.P.C. batsmen: T. Murphy 50, J. Sullivan 23.

S.P.C. bowlers: B. Kelly 4/25; J. McCarthy 2/10.

S.P.C. v GRAMMAR.

S.P.C. 90 defeated Grammar 53.

S.P.C. batsmen: T. Murphy 47, B. Elliott 17, G. Pell 17.

S.P.C. bowlers: B. Kelly 4/20; B. Elliott 2/0.

UNDER 12 TEAM.

This term saw many fine games played by the Under 12 group. All B.P.S. matches were comfortably won, due to the exceptional fielding which dismissed the opposition for the minimum of runs.

The following boys represented S.P.C. in the Under 12 team: T. Haintz (Capt.), K. Bell (V.C.), K. Murphy, T. Joyce, M. Brown, G. Brown, B. Sullivan, B. Hickey, P. Kuketz, J. Whybrow, T. Bennett, I. Jubb and J. Rintoul.

A summary of the B.P.S. matches follows:

S.P.C. v BALLARAT COLLEGE.

S.P.C. 7/148. Batting: T. Joyce 73 (retired), I. Jubb 37 (retired).

B.C.: 1st innings 39. Bowling: K. Murphy 3/2, K. Bell 4/10.

B.C.: 2nd innings 21. Bowling: T. Joyce 6/9, I. Jubb 2/0.

S.P.C. v BALLARAT COLLEGE.

S.P.C. 9/227. Batting: T. Haintz 78, T. Joyce 66.

B.C. 33. Bowling: T. Joyce 6/14, I. Jubb 2/0.

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

S.P.C. 7/188. Batting: T. Joyce 67, K. Bell 26.

C.E.G.S. 57. Bowling: I. Jubb 4/12, T. Joyce 4/11.

HILL CRICKET

This year we had a very successful and even competition on the Hill. The captains of McCarthy, Galvin, Treacy and Nunan were M. Sheahan, K. Pike, B. Ryan and B. Smith respectively.

The best scores were recorded by J. Chisholm (74 not out and 51), D. McKimmie (70), N. Morganti (60), P. Butler (50) and J. Coffey (40). B. Bailey surprised everyone with a fine innings of 30.

The principal wicket-takers were John Murray and K. Pike for Galvin, R. Whitefield and T. Goss for Treacy, and J. Walsh and B. Smith for Nunan.

The premiership was won by Nunan, who registered 5/122 in reply to Galvin's score of 46.

ROWING, 1954

This season's rowing set off with great impetus by the painting of the boatshed, a task which was long overdue; and, although the roof is not yet finished, the appearance of the building is 100 per cent. on what it used to be. We have a new rowing master this year in Brother Wilson, and his zeal and interest has greatly encouraged both old and new rowers alike.

Concerning the rowers, we were unfortunate in having only seven of last year's "veterans" back, but the energy and enthusiasm of the "novices" has made up for their lack of experience, and we are hoping for some victories from them.

The senior crew this year is in good form, and is quite capable and confident of carrying off the prize. The crew consists of Bernard Carey (bow), who rowed two in last year's victorious Fourths; Tom Lanigan (2) who occupied this position last season; Charles Castle (3), three of the 1953 Third Crew; Vin Colbert (stroke), stroke of the Fourths, and Brian Hickey (cox.), with Mr. Stan. Wilton as coach. It is interesting to note that all these rowers have had relations in the S.P.C. senior crew in former years. B. Carey has had two brothers; T. Lanigan and C. Castle have each had a cousin, and Vin Colbert has had a brother. A good sign?—(we hope so!!)

The "Super" Seconds, coached by Mr. Mick O'Brien, consists of Ross Muller (bow), Kevin Shannon (2), John Ilott (3), and Brian Murray (stroke), with Michael Hickey (cox.). This crew also has great hopes for a win.

The positions of the other crews were decided by several interesting races during the past two weeks. The Third Crew, coached by Mr. J. Nolan, is James O'Beirne (bow), Brian Vear (2), Pat Clancy (3), Gavan Greer (stroke), and Leon Gleeson (cox.). The Fourth Crew—Richard McArthur (bow), Barry O'Donohue (2), Barry Breen (3), Ray Lamaro (stroke)—is coxed by Brian Tellefson and coached by Mr. F. Webster. The Fifth Crew consists of Mick O'Callaghan (bow), Noel Rogers (2), Geoff Slockwitch (3), Dave Hallam (stroke), and Frank McDonald (cox.), with Mr. J. Gallagher as coach. The other two "Thursday" Crews are yet to race for places, but they are very even, and honours could go either way. They are Peter Gleeson (bow), Jim Pierce (2), Gerald Cameron (3), Anthony Foley (stroke), Paul Quinlan (cox.), with Mr. R. Ashkar coach; and Leo Ward (bow), Barry Joyce (2), Philip Johnson (3), Mick Walsh (stroke), Peter McDonald (cox.), and coach is Mr. A. Mallett. Although most of these crews consist of first year rowers it would come as no surprise if S.P.C. carried off most of the junior races.

Brother Wilson must be sincerely thanked for his untiring interest in all crews throughout the season, for when we consider that he has charge of junior lockers also, we see that his task was not by any means an easy one. Special thanks are due also to our coaches, Messrs. Wilton, O'Brien, Nolan, Webster, Gallagher, Mallett, Ashkar; also Mr. Hauser and Mr. M. Morris, who coached the First Crew and Fourth Crew respectively for some time. Ballarat City's assistance by way of boats, oars, and coaching, is also greatly appreciated by S.P.C., and we will be sorry to see them leave when they move into their new boatshed.

VIN. COLBERT.

BOAT RACE, 1954

Congratulations to Ballarat College on their great win in the Head of the Lake! Sympathy to Grammar because of the bout of sickness which prevented them from competing.

St. Pat's crew was a good one and we were hopeful of victory. However, once again we missed the coveted honour. The judges placed College ahead of St. Pat's by a short canvas. The race was a thriller from the gun, and after half a mile had been rowed and the crews emerged from the reeds, it was evident that it would be a tussle between St. Pat's and College. Both crews were rowing very well, with St. Pat's a little in favour. At about 150 yards away from the flags, College cox. called for faster rating, and the crew responded well. St. Pat's quickened immediately, but it was not until twenty yards from home that we made an impression. From then on, we appeared to have College's measure and we were gaining at every stroke when College crossed the line to win by the narrowest margin. The Ballarat "Courier" had the following account:

COLLEGE TAKES THRILLING HEAD OF LAKE RACE

Ballarat College on Saturday won the Ballarat Public Schools' Head of the Lake in a thrilling finish from St. Patrick's College. The official winning margin was a canvas, and there was little more than this between the two crews throughout the race.

The race was marred by drizzling rain and wind, but the time, 5 min. 55 sec., was fair under the conditions. The absence of last year's winner, Grammar, also took a little interest from the race.

Grammar withdrew all its crews because of a polio case in the school. However, the closeness of the struggle between College and St. Pat's made up for the poor conditions, and kept the big crowd in a fever of excitement.

Ballarat College got away well at the start, but St. Patrick's quickly drew to it and were shading the College crew for most of the journey through the weed bank.

Once in open water, College made up the slight leeway and the two crews raced over the last 600 yards canvas to canvas.

The issue was in doubt until the last 100 yards when College edged ahead and held the St. Patrick's crew at bay.

St. Patrick's made a valiant effort to win this year's event as it had its last win in 1937.

Ballarat College, on the other hand, has had a remarkable record in post-war Head of the Lake events, having won five of the last seven. Last year, Grammar broke College's run of four consecutive wins.

Saturday's was College's 12th success in the event, but it is still well behind Grammar, 19 wins. St. Patrick's College has won the event on eight occasions and High School once.

High School disappointed on Saturday and was trailing the other two crews very early in the race and finished several hundred yards behind.

Weather conditions failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the supporters. The crowd was almost equal to that of last year when the race was rowed in perfect weather.

Despite the absence of Grammar crews, there was a big attendance of present and old Grammarians wearing the school colours. They appeared to barrack for all the other crews.

Ballarat College won the second and third fours and the Old Boys' race, thus finishing the day with a fine record. The fourth crews went to St. Patrick's College, adding further to its successes in the minor events staged during last week.

HEAD OF THE LAKE.

BALLARAT COLLEGE (K. H. Alexander, bow; C. E. McDonald, 2; P. C. Nicholson, 3; C. A. Sloan, stroke; J. R. Fraser, cox; Mr. R. G. Lemke, coach), 1.

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE (T. B. Carey, bow; T. P. Lanigan, 2; C. J. Castle, 3; V. B. Colbert, stroke; B. T. Hickey, cox; Mr. S. O. Wilton, coach), 2.

BALLARAT HIGH SCHOOL (J. S. Campbell, bow; W. R. N. Rud-dick, 2; J. S. Crump, 3; P. D. McNeil, stroke; D. Kirton, cox; Mr. E. Jones, coach), 3.

Won by a canvas, 200 yards. 5 min. 55 sec.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

The football future of S.P.C. appears to be in a very healthy state. Although we have no outstanding players from last year, there are ten players from last year's team. The three boys lining-up for their third year are Ray Dignan, Mick Bourke and Kevin Shea. Second-year players are Ken Pike, John O'Shannassy, Brendan Ryan, Ross Muller, Vin Colbert, Gavan Bourke and Marshall Younger.

In addition, we have Brian Murphy and Charlie Castles who played a few games last year, and also Bernie McKenna from St. Kevin's who is well remembered for his fine displays against us last year.

Of the many aspirants for the other positions, John Ilott, Gerald Crough, Leo Schreenan, Terry Goss, Kevin Arundell, Terry Fitzpatrick, John McCormack, Kevin Leitch, Kevin Shannon, Graeme Sampieri and Bill Crowe should do well.

New boys with good reputations are Brian Russell and Brian Dillon. We hope there are many others too.

To those who make the team we say: Congratulations and felicitations, and we hope they carry on the grand traditions of St. Pat's football. Best of luck, St. Pat's, for the big year.

KEVIN P. SHEA.



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EDITORIAL

THE MARIAN YEAR

The Marian Year is moving to its close and it would be well for each and every one of us to enquire from ourselves whether or not we have done what would be expected of us to do honour to our Heavenly Queen.

In a very special way, the boys of St. Patrick's College owe allegiance to Our Blessed Lady since she is the patroness of our College dedicated as it is to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to Ireland's own St. Patrick. It would appear that we are doing a great deal to honour Mary with our Sodalities, processions and celebrations on her Feast Days and our many private devotions, but it could be that we are allowing others to share the honour and that we are mere passive onlookers.

WHAT A PITY TO DO SO LITTLE WHEN SO MUCH IS POSSIBLE.

The Marian Year will be brought to a close with a solemn International Marian Congress in the Eternal City later this year. The Congress will be the crowning effort and the completion of all Marian celebrations and of all other congresses held throughout the world during the Marian Year. We must use the short time that remains to rekindle our love for and our devotion to the Blessed Virgin. There is no surer way to combat Communism and to rescue the world for Christ.

Listen to the tribute of Communist leader Josef Revai. He said: "The cult of Mary will in the end prevail over the cult of Marx and Lenin unless the Marian Year is suppressed in Hungary." This is high tribute surely from an enemy of God and of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Communist as he was, he certainly fully appreciated the possibilities of a well performed Marian Year.

Redouble, then, your efforts during the time that remains and implore Our Blessed Lady to interpose and to intercede for us with her Son that He might stay the advance of Communism.

GREEN, WHITE AND BLUE PAGE

TOM BROPHY is a College Prefect and is Head Prefect of St. Peter's Seminary. Tom comes from Warracknabeal, where he was employed in a drapery business for five years. Previous to this he had worked at the Post Office. Tom came to St. Pat's to renew his studies in preparation for his entrance into Corpus Christi College. He is now in his final year at St. Pat's, since he hopes to matriculate this year. He has taken a prominent part in all College activities, is a Councillor of Our Lady's Sodality, Vice-President of the Holy Name Society and an enthusiastic member of the College Conference of St. Vincent de Paul. He is a good platform speaker and has represented S.P.C. in debate. He plays a good game of basketball as full back for McCarthy House.

WILLIAM BAINBRIDGE: College Prefect, entered St. Pat's in 1952 to study for entrance to C.C.C., Werribee. Bill comes from Oakleigh. He had left school for almost eight years before resuming his studies. For eighteen months or so, Bill was employed, full time at Y.C.W. Headquarters, as an organiser. Some of this time he was with Ted Long, well known to ex-students of S.P.C. He was also closely associated, at the Y.C.W. Hostel, with Fr. John Carroll, another worthy S.P.C. Old Collegian. Bill has played a very prominent part in College life. He is a member of Our Lady's Sodality and of the Holy Name Society and is a very good debater and platform speaker. He is a regular member of the 1st XVIII and has done yeoman service with the whistle.

THOMAS SCARFF is a College Prefect. He is the son of Mr. Thomas Scarff, of Ballarat East, who attended St. Pat's about 1916. His uncle, Dr. W. Scarff, also attended St. Pat's. Tom has two other brothers attending College—Brian is in Leaving and Darryl in Second Year. He is studying for his Matriculation and he holds an executive position in the College Section of the Holy Name Society, Ballarat East. He is a keen golfer, likes tennis and he rowed No. 3 in one of the College junior crews. Tom is a Sergeant in our Cadet Corps.

DESMOND BROWN is a dayboy Prefect who came to St. Pat's from Ararat in 1947. He has two brothers, Michael and Gavan, at College. All three are Cathedral Altar Boys, while Des. is in charge of the College Section of the Cathedral Holy Name Society. Des. is a keen student and he has been dux of his class all seven years. He is now studying for his Matriculation. He plays a good game of tennis, he likes cricket and he is captain of Galvin House in the Senior Oval Competition. Des. is a Sergeant in our College Cadets. He is related to families of Joyce so well known at St. Pat's.

PETER TAFFE is a day boy who came to S.P.C. from Drummond St. in 1951. He secured his Intermediate in due course and sat for the Public Service in his Leaving year, passing for the Administration Division. He had his appointment deferred to enable him to return to College. He is a Cathedral Altar Boy and has been for many years and he is a member of the Holy Name Society. Peter is an U/O. in the College Cadet Corps. He enjoys Cadet Camps, attended the N.C.O.s' Camp at Bandiana in 1952, U/O.s' Camp at Broadmeadows, 1953, and Annual Camp at Mildura, 1954. He makes a good impression as a public speaker and he promises to be a successful debater. He had a cousin, John Taffe, who attended St. Pat's from Port Fairy.

CHARLES CASTLE from Kerang came to S.P.C. in 1952. He won a Junior Government and he hopes to enter Duntroon to become an officer in the Regular Army. He is a member of the Holy Name Society and is enthusiastically interested in every phase of College life. He is Sergeant-Major in the College Cadets. A keen sport, he has represented St. Pat's in athletics, in rowing and in football. He is College representative in the shot putt, first ruckman for the 1st XVIII and rowed No. 3 in our 1st Crew.



OUR LADY'S SODALITY

A reception was held at the end of the First Term, and twelve new members were received. They were Peter Butler, John Chisholm, John Coffey, Vin Colbert, Vin Corbett, Pat Baker, John Groutsch, Terry Cain, Ross Muller, Michael Walsh, Ray Lamaro and Brian Murphy. During the absence of our Spiritual Director, Dr. McCunnie, Fr. Shelley attended our Friday meetings and gave the usual talk on Our Blessed Lady. The Sodality now has thirty members, but it hopes to increase this number at another reception to be held on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15th.

On the last day of our Annual Retreat a Procession was held in honour of Our Blessed Lady. The Council of the Sodality had the honour of carrying the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, loaned from the Brothers' Residence, in procession through the College grounds. The other members of the Sodality marched as a body in front of the Statue. After the procession, all assembled before the College Grotto, and Rev. Fr. Goss, C.S.S.R., who, with Rev. Fr. O'Shea, C.S.S.R., was conducting the retreat, delivered a most interesting sermon on Our Lady.

The members of Our Lady's Sodality, in this the Marian Year, are upholding by their good example and devotion the high standards which have been set by the Sodalities of former years.

M. J. BOURKE (Head Councillor).

HOLY NAME SOCIETY, BALLARAT EAST

In our last report on the Ballarat East Junior Holy Name Society we were pleased to be able to assure our parents, friends and all readers of the Chronicle that the spiritual welfare of Day Boys was not overlooked. It is four months since that report and, during those four months, the St. Pat's Day Boys have responded very loyally to the appeals of their Spiritual Director, Fr. Russell, and their Holy Name Leaders.

There have been some disappointments, but, by the grace of God, the East Junior Holy Name Society is now a thriving Sodality, and there is no doubt that the St. Pat's Day Boys are doing their best to make it so successful. The boys are aware of the importance of receiving Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion, with their Society, and they also realise the importance of attending the monthly meeting. It is for the love of God and not for any earthly gain that they join in the practices of the Holy Name Society, which Society must present a stout front against the evil sects and practices of the day.

We, the St. Pat's Day Boys, are very grateful to our Spiritual Director, Fr. Russell, to our President, Mr. W. Fogarty, and to the other Leaders of the Ballarat East Holy Name Society for allowing us to participate in and enjoy the spiritual benefits of the Society. And we trust that a loyal band of St. Pat's Day Boys will form a strong, devoted and reliable guild in the East Junior Holy Name Society for many years to come.

P. MORRIS.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The spirit of devotion which permeates the College is indicated by the fact that eighty boys were received into the Holy Name Society towards the end of the First Term. This large number of boys who were received has brought the number of members of the College to over the one hundred and fifty mark, which must be an all-time high.

Holy Name Sunday is the first Sunday of each month. All the members of the Society are obliged to attend Mass and to receive Holy Communion on that day and to attend the meeting on the same evening. Rev. Dr. McCunnie, our Spiritual Director, gives us an appropriate talk about some coming feast, or perhaps on some topical subject, such as the Communist Menace in Indo-China. The fact that there is a large membership in this Holy Name Society does not mean that the standard set by the members is low. On the contrary, the members of the Holy Name Society this year are conspicuous for their piety and favourable comments have been made concerning the society by visiting priests.

M. J. BOURKE (President).

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

During the past term our College Conference has successfully carried out all the tasks of visiting the various institutions placed under our care by the Diocesan Council of Ballarat. However, our most privileged visitation is to the Blind Home in Pleasant Street, because our Society alone is entrusted with the carrying out of this good work without the supervision of senior Brothers, as it done in every other institution visited by us. Each week, sweets and tobacco are distributed to the inmates of this Blind Institution by the St. Vincent De Paul Brothers. The gratitude they express so generously for this small service makes one realise one's heavy debt of gratitude to God for the wonderful gift of sight, which enables one to read and enjoy the beauties of nature, all of which blessings are denied to those afflicted with blindness. We have accepted this responsibility, and we regard it as an honour and a privilege, but it has placed 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," and let us give generously so that our College Conference can help these poor afflicted people.

The Society has been most grateful for the contributions in the past, but greater efforts must be made to support the institutions which we share with other Conferences, namely, Nazareth House, the Queen Elizabeth Home and the Base Hospital. An appeal was launched for literature by Rev. Bro. Healy on behalf of the Society, and the response was very generous. The kind donors will surely merit special graces from God for helping our Conference to assist the aged and sick in this manner.

A festival meeting was held at St. Alipius Church, Ballarat East, and it was attended by twelve Brothers from our Conference. Brother O'Callaghan gave our Conference Report, stating that we had a membership of twenty-three, all of whom attend the weekly meetings, and carry out visitations. The meeting was preceded by Rosary and Benediction and was followed by a social gathering at which tea was served. Another social evening was attended by the President, Brother Shannon, and Brother Brophy to celebrate the Feast of our Patron, St. Vincent De Paul.

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, and aged, and sick 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."

K. SHANNON.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

During the First Term, the amount subscribed was almost £50. This was a great effort and well up to the standard of previous years. And during this cold term the boys have not forgotten the missions. A total of more than forty pounds has been added to the first term's amount. It must be encouraging to the Priests and the Brothers to know that the boys of St. Pat's are loyal and true to the missions. Nor does our work cease with temporal offerings. We also remember them daily in our prayers, "May God Bless the Poor Pagan Children."

K. P. SHEA.

ALTAR SOCIETY

This last term, the Altar Society continued its good work, despite a few interruptions. The two High Masses gave our members an opportunity to learn what should be done on these occasions. However, towards the close of the term, it was found necessary to curtail our membership. The Prefects have now been appointed to do the work under Br. O'Grady. Our chapel is so beautiful that all take a pride in keeping it spick and span. Much credit must go to the Brothers for this great work.

K. P. SHEA.

SEMINARY NOTES

The second term commenced well with the retreat conducted by Fathers Goss and O'Shea, C.S.S.R., and all students participated in a procession to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Recently we had the pleasure of welcoming three newly-ordained priests, Fathers Vic. Crennan, John McGrath and Pat Crudden. The return of newly-ordained priests is always an inspiration and an added incentive to the Seminarians. Fathers Maurice Moloney and Frank Auburn, who were ordained last December at St. Columban's Seminary in Dublin, are due to arrive in Melbourne on August 4th.

Congratulations to Ray Dignan, the captain, and to Kevin Arundell who joined the ranks of the 1st XVIII this year. Bill Bainbridge plays in the Sunday matches, and sometimes umpires during the week. All boys from the Seminary take a keen interest in sport, and take part in the football and basketball competitions—with varying degrees of success—but it may be wiser not to go into too many details.

John Bakker recently discovered that it is much more difficult to extract a two shilling piece from his throat than from his money box, and he and Pat Harris have anticipated the holidays per medium of the mumps. However, the rest of us are all well and kicking, if not all kicking well.

We wish everyone enjoyable holidays and success in the coming examinations.

T. BROPHY (Prefect).

MARIAN EXHIBITION: THE MADONNA IN ART

The trustees of the Ballarat Art Gallery have graciously allowed St. Patrick's College authorities to arrange an exhibition of prints of The Madonna in Art, opening on Monday evening, 27th September, for two weeks.

More than one hundred prints by world-famous religious artists from earliest years down to our own day will be exhibited.

The Melbourne Art Gallery enthusiastically co-operated and they have loaned a number of interesting prints.

It is hoped that a series of lectures on Religious Art will be delivered during the exhibition.

Senior students of all Ballarat's secondary schools will be impressed both by the display and by the lectures.

It is hoped that a large adult group will inspect the display.

MARIAN YEAR 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 Rv. Fr. Goss, C.S.S.R., and the junior section was under Rev. Fr. O'Shea, 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 which would be showered upon us during the next three days. Silence was then kept until 4.00 p.m. the following day.

Each morning there were two Masses, the second Mass being explained in detail to both groups by one Priest while the other celebrated the Mass. This was followed by a series of lectures, meditations and free periods until dinner. In the refectory, a spiritual book was read by some senior boys—"Apprentice and Apostle." This was the life of Marcell Callo, a Young Christian Worker in France, who spent his short life in assisting his companions in a German internment camp, helping them to keep faith in God. This was almost a perfect model for us to keep as an example through life. I'm sure many of the boys benefited from this spiritual reading. As well as being very interesting, this reading helped us to preserve our recollection and to observe strict silence. In the afternoon, Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Lectures and Meditation took place till the time of our break. Tongues set to work then to make up for lost time. At 5.30, silence was again observed until 4.00 p.m. the following day. After tea, a lecture, Benediction, and night prayers preceded our going to bed.

On Friday, the final day of the Retreat, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was held and a procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady in honour of the Marian Year. In the morning, the weather was bad, but thanks be to God and Our Blessed Lady the rain held off to allow the procession to pass through the College grounds to the Grotto of Lourdes, where Rev. Fr. Goss delivered a sermon on Our Blessed Lady and he explained the meaning of the Marian Year. 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 as 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. Goss imparted to us a Plenary Indulgence and other indulgences he is empowered to impart.

The Retreat ended on Saturday morning after Mass and General Communion. The Priest and Brothers complimented the boys on the splendid Retreat that had just finished and they expressed the hope that the graces of the Retreat would remain with us. K. SHANNON.

RECENT ORDINATIONS

On Sunday, 25th July, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, His Grace Most Rev. Archbishop Simonds ordained eighteen deacons, Priests. The reputation of S.P.C., as the proud mother of many Priests was further enhanced, since three ex-students, namely, Rev. Victor Crennan (1944-5), Rev. John McGrath (1939-1942) and Rev. Patrick Crudden (1940-1945) were among the ordinandi.

The newly ordained returned to S.P.C., on the following Wednesday, to sing High Mass for the Brothers and boys. Fr. McGrath said the usual early morning Mass. Then at 9.30 Fr. Crennan, assisted by Fr. McGrath as deacon and Fr. Crudden as sub-deacon, sang High Mass. Our College Chaplain, Rev. Dr. McCunnie, was M.C. The singing during the Mass was supplied by the boys of the College, all taking part in the Common and the responses, while the Matriculation boys rendered the Proper. Following the High Mass, the three Priests gave their personal blessing to each boy. All this was a big ordeal after all our young Priests had been through since ordination day, but it was what they themselves wanted.

At the assembly, the three Priests and their relatives and friends were given a real S.P.C. homecoming. Rev. Bro. Healy, after welcoming the Priests, spoke of the pride that the Brothers and boys felt at having three more ex-student Priests. He congratulated the Priests on having obtained their objective, and he thanked them for returning to St. Pat's to say Mass, and to bless the Brothers and boys with hands still warm with Holy Oils. Bro. Healy was capably followed by Bro. O'Malley (each of the Priests had been in Inter. "A"!!!) and by Bro. Mullen, each of whom spoke of the fine qualities of the Priests. Both reminisced freely and good-humouredly about interesting incidents of the class room. Both expressed the hope that God would bless and keep His own Priests. Our Head Prefect, Kevin Shea, congratulated and thanked the Priests on behalf of the students of St. Pat's. He referred to the incentive to be good which such visits produced.

In response, all three Priests mentioned their happy years as students at St. Pat's. Fr. Crennan, who had been at work for some years before return to do his preliminary studies, celebrated his 21st birthday at a terminal banquet at the College. His Coming of Age coincided with the banquet. Fr. McGrath was proud to represent the days boys, while Fr. Crudden recalled with pleasure his happy days in Inter. "A."

At the Priests' request, Bro. Healy granted the remainder of the day as a holiday, and so, amid the war-cries and hand-clapping, the assembly concluded. While waiting for the dinner bell, the Priests chatted informally with the Brothers and boys, recalling days spent at S.P.C. Fr. Crennan remained to witness the S.P.C. v. Ballarat Grammar football match in the afternoon.

Thus, another Ordination year has passed, and S.P.C. was again well to the fore in her supply of men for the Priesthood. This in itself speaks well for the moral principles of the College. It is only from a College, remarkable for its love of the Mass and for the things of God, that such a constant stream of vocations would flow.

We are proud to have, as ex-students of St. Pat's, Rev. Frs. V. Crennan, J. McGrath and P. Crudden, we thank them for remembering the College in their Masses and, in return, we promise to pray for them and their Priestly Ministry.

W. BAINBRIDGE.

P.S.—At the time of writing these short remarks Rev. Frs. M. Moloney and F. Auburn had not yet arrived in Australia. They were still on the high seas. W.B.

FEAST OF VERY REV. BR. EDMUND IGNATIUS RICE

The Feast of St. Ignatius was a great day at St. Patrick's College, for on that day all the Brothers' Schools and Colleges in Ballarat assembled to do honour to the revered Founder of the Christian Brothers, Very Rev. Br. Rice.

Thanks to the good Priests of Ballarat, a High Mass was celebrated in the College Chapel. The celebrant of the Mass was the College Chaplain, Rev. Dr. W. McCunnie. Deacon was the Inspector of Schools, Rev. Fr. J. Shelley, while Rev. Fr. W. Dwyer was Sub-Deacon and Rev. Fr. J. Moloney Master of Ceremonies. The Preacher was Rev. Fr. McManus, C.S.S.R., whose address is printed in full in this issue. All five Priests were ex-students of St. Patrick's College. Mrs. Olsen presided at the organ and the entire congregation sang the Mass: *Orbis Factor*. The College Matriculation Class rendered the Proper. With full organ accompaniment, the boys sang, at the end of the ceremony, three verses of "We Stand For God." The seldom sung last verse, by the late Mgr. Hartigan (John O'Brien), was well sung. This beautiful verse with its Australian appeal is soul-stirring and appropriate and should be better known.

Through the years, we have been fortunately able to arrange a High Mass to mark the Feast Day of Br. Rice. Usually the ceremonies are held in the Cathedral. However, as the Feast this year fell on a Saturday, we had the Mass at the College, and we were able to accommodate only portion of the pupils from our Ballarat Schools.

Fr. McManus' sermon could not fail to impress by his appeal to all to be generous with God and to follow the grace of vocation if it were offered.

Fr. McManus said:—

THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD OUR FAITH (1 Jn., v. 4)

When we see the greater part of the world to-day ground under the iron heel of Athiestical Communism; when the greatest of all crimes is to be a Catholic, and in itself worthy of death or life imprisonment; when Priests of every degree are condemned to torture, banishment or death; when the glorious institutions of Catholic culture which were enriched by generations of devoted, capable and sacrificing service have been destroyed, and their illustrious inmates rendered incapable of further service; when every sign of Faith is being ruthlessly destroyed or eliminated, we naturally fear for the future. At the same time, when the State is blindly crushing the very foundation upon which its stability depends, we fear for the future of that State.

In the short history of Christianity, States—many of them—have adopted the same policy, and to-day as such they no longer exist. Faith has been crushed by every inhuman instrument that the State could devise, and to-day in those very lands it is more vigorous than ever. For Faith is purified, strengthened, and invigorated by persecution, and the blood of martyrs will ever be the seed of Christians.

In such a garden fertilized by such a crimson stream, there sprang into existence that little green blade that was later to be known to the world as Edmund Ignatius Rice.

The greater part of Europe was the victim of the fanatical hatred of the Political Revolution, mis-called the reformation. France was preparing for the great Revolution that led to the Reign of Terror.

Britain was writhing under the cruelty and injustice of the Penal Laws, which were enforced nowhere more ruthlessly than in Ireland. To be a Catholic was to be deprived of all rights, even at times of the right to live. Under those cruel and relentless laws the Rice family lost almost all that they had, but clung tenaciously to that which is above all wealth—their priceless Catholic Faith. The monasteries and schools were destroyed and, as has happened so often before and since, the education of young Edmund was undertaken by his pious and capable mother. Well for him that he had such a mother—so full of character, virtue, strength of mind, and faith. She laid deeply and solidly the foundations of those great qualities that were remarkable in his life. That education was supplemented later by secret and furtive attendance at the proscribed hedge school. You may dislike going to school, and when you do just think of those who had no school, and crept stealthily along the roadside to a master upon whose head there was a price, as on that of a priest or a wolf. To be caught meant prison for the class and death for the teacher. His heart went out to those who had not even these advantages. One day he saw a little black boy on one of the trading ships. He was deeply touched when he found that he was a pagan. So he persuaded the captain to let him have the boy. He saw that he was instructed and baptized. He gave him a home. The black boy lived in Ireland to be an old man, and was always a fervent Catholic. The gratitude of this boy made Edmund feel that something could be done for those boys in his own neighbourhood, who were almost as black in features and soul, running wild because they could have no education, except that which could be purchased at a price they would never pay—the price of their Catholic Faith.

In the meantime he was in business, and he asked God to make him successful that he might be able to help those thousands of neglected boys. God blessed his work with great success. But, better still, the harsh and unjust laws that forbade any Catholic to be educated at home or abroad were repealed in 1792.

A very holy woman, Nano Nagle, despite the law, had managed to be educated abroad. She returned to Ireland and began a school for Catholic girls. Edmund felt that he could do the same for boys. He asked advice and finally determined to take the great step. It was a great risk, but greater was his Faith and trust in God. He sold his very prosperous business and resolved to devote his life to Christian Education. It was fortunate for you and for me that he had the courage to take the step. In 1802 he began in an old factory. The boys were wild and hard to manage, but his great kindness and thoughtfulness won them. At the same time he was building a permanent school at his own expense. It was opened in 1804. It was filled as soon as it was opened, and four others volunteered to help him with the teaching.

So we have the first permanent Christian Brothers School. Of what followed you have a fair idea—the spreading of the good work over the world, and all the good that followed. So I shall not dwell upon that. But I intend to dwell on the noble beginning, for well begun is half done. That is true in all things. It is true in regard to your school life at present. If you do it well your whole life will be guided, moulded, strengthened by it. It is true of each day; begin the day well, and it will be well spent. It is true of each task and lesson; begin well, in Faith, self-sacrifice, thoroughness, and charity. A good beginning makes the rest so much easier. So let us have a look at this great beginning.

What a tremendous task Edmund Rice had to face and to face it alone. The two assistants who came to the temporary school left him. He was without help. There was no monastery in Britain. No religious house would be tolerated in Ireland. The monasteries and schools in the greater part of Europe were gone. Those remaining in Italy did not feel very secure. Yet he determined to establish a house that would be

intensely religious. No Catholic could own land or property. In fact, the land of many of the subsequent foundations was bought by Protestants, and afterwards handed over when the laws were repealed, or relaxed. Throughout the turbulent history of the expansion the greatest assistance was given by fair-minded Protestants who marvelled at the good work done. What courage, what character, what a spirit of Faith, what confidence in God, what compassion for the unfortunate did not Edmund Rice show in that fortunate beginning!

The school was opened in the month of May, and placed under the protection of Our Lady. There was a May altar, and the custom has remained in the Christian Brothers Schools until the present day, also that of saying the Hail Mary when the clock strikes. Later when Brother Ignatius Rice—he took the name of Ignatius when he became a Brother—was fighting against tremendous odds to maintain the religious character of his schools an inspector was one day seen coming to the school, and one of the boys said, "Here's the inspector—STOP THE CLOCK." If the Brother had not stopped the clock they would have been caught, for every boy would have blessed himself, and said a Hail Mary, as the clock struck. It was hard to be a Catholic in those days!

The good influence of the school was soon apparent in the whole community. Other parts of the country were anxious to have a school in their midst. Helpers came forward to offer their services and money was sacrificed that schools might be built.

"As the world hated Me so also will it hate you," said Our Divine Saviour. No good work for God proceeds without difficulties. The good begun aroused fierce and bitter opposition. The friends of Faith seemed to unite with its enemies in striving to undo the good begun. As no monastery would be tolerated in the country, the Christian Brothers were gravely threatened with expulsion. But the Faith, courage, self-sacrifice and compassion that inspired the beginning eventually overcame these obstacles. Brother Ignatius Rice infused that spirit into his communities, and in his own lifetime the good work spread into almost every English-speaking country.

So to-day, 150 years since the opening of that school, the spirit of Edmund Ignatius Rice still lives on. It has overcome the world and has established a Reign of Faith. Even in so many lands where the Christian Brothers themselves have not penetrated, vast regiments of priests and religious, trained in their schools, have carried and established the standard of Faith.

What then of the future? What hope is there for those lands laid waste by godless persecution? Surely you have some answer? There is one great hope! If in that vast desolation there can be found one Catholic mother who will courageously take into her own hands the education of her children, inspire them with her Faith, sacrifice, generosity, and character. If one child so moulded will, out of compassion and with a great determination and self-sacrifice, begin the work of a truly Christian education, there is a hope that with God's blessing it will prosper. It will spread in the teeth of opposition, and a new, a stronger, a more vigorous Faith will arise. Men will experience a new dignity, a new courage, a new freedom. They will be independent of the hostility of paganism, and the sacrifices and sufferings of the present age will not have been in vain. "This is the victory that overcometh the world Our Faith."

Children, be grateful to God that you have a Catholic home. You can never be too grateful if you have a good Catholic mother. If in some cases your parents do not give you the example they should, let your Catholic training enable you to bring to the home a great spirit of Faith. If here in the Southern Hemisphere we have a high standard of education that puts Faith before everything else, it is due to a great extent to Edmund Ignatius Rice, who exerted a life-long, uncompromising struggle to preserve it.

Pope Pius XI wrote to the General of the Christian Brothers: "From small beginnings your institute has spread into almost every part of the world. The number of foundations would surely be increased if the supply of subjects were adequate to meet the requests of Bishops everywhere for the opening of new houses." There is the one great drawback—the need of young men with the character, the self-sacrifice, the faith of Edmund Rice, to forsake all things, even a brilliant career, and certain wealth, to carry the gift of faith to the unfortunate who have no chance of a religious education.

Some of you may be inspired by God to join in the good work. Have his spirit. Don't allow selfishness, or want of sacrifice to turn you aside. Many of you come from country districts where children have not your advantages. Have compassion on them, assist them, influence them by your good example. Have the greatest confidence in the Mother of God. Keep up the hourly Hail Mary. All through life be proud of your Faith. Know it thoroughly. Be prepared to make any sacrifice for it. It will be your greatest support in life and make you independent of the materialistic world.

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OUR FAITH.

Obituary

The Brothers and boys of St. Patrick's College offer their sincere sympathy to the families of the following ex-students and friends:—

Rev. Fr. DALY, Linton.
Rev. Br. SMITH, Sydney.
Rev. Br. CERVETTO, Brisbane.
Rev. Br. O'SULLIVAN, Toowoomba.
Mr. LEVANDER, Brisbane.
Mr. STEWART, Box Hill.
Mr. Wm. HOLMES, Ascot.
Mr. MICHAEL JOHNSTON, Fern Tree Gully.
Mr. BERNARD VAUGHAN, Wilgul.
Mr. BRIAN FOLEY, Ballarat.
Miss LELA LAKE, Ballarat.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



AROUND THE ROOMS

MATRIC. CLASS NOTES

Greetings, readers, from the same Matric. boys who greeted you last term. It seems no time since we prepared our last notes, but, they say, that as you get older time flies more quickly. Some of us are fully seventeen, so you can appreciate how time simply speeds away.

These notes must perforce be brief because we are a busy body of students trying to face up to our terminal tests. We are sure we have your sympathy. Yes, in a week or so, we'll be at it. The anticipation of exams is not altogether pleasant. Still, of course, there you are. They are a necessary evil.

As is proper, we have done our best to assist in the working of the school. We are frequently reminded of the part we must play. From our class, the entire body of Prefects comes, so we are custodians of the College rules and regulations.

It was our privilege to render the Propers of two recent High Masses and we are looking forward to the Missa Cantata for the Feast of the Assumption. Indeed our Marian Year devotions have been most interesting and we do appreciate the honour of associating with Catholics the world over in honouring our Heavenly Queen. Nor is this all, for many from our class are members of Our Lady's Sodality, of the St. Vincent De Paul and all are in the Holy Name Society. Our recent Gospel Discussion item, under the auspices of the Senior Literary and Debating Society, was most interesting and was praised by Doctor McCunnie. Certainly our Discussion Group edified us all by their intimate appreciation of the Gospel under discussion.

Naturally, football was this term's sport and we have besides the vice-captain of the team, Michael Bourke, these others who have played at least one game in the team: Bill Bainbridge, Kevin Shea, John O'Shannassey, Brendan Ryan, Ross Muller, Kevin Arundell, Ken Pike, Vin Colbert, Kevin Shannon and Brian Russell. While our representatives in the Seconds include Michael O'Callaghan, Bernie Carey, Noel Morganti, Des. Brown, Kevin Leitch and John McCormack.

The long week-end provided us a mid-term break and Kevin Shannon entertained and enlightened Tom Brophy, Michael O'Callaghan and Bernie Carey during this week-end. This group saw Ken Pike's habitual smile disappear when they went into his shop to "buy" free milk shakes, but he "rose" to the occasion. Incidentally, judging by his contacts (not lenses), Bernie must be contemplating teaching in a kindergarten where he is sure to have a "gay" time, while Kevin Shannon has shown remarkable improvement in one sphere of the sporting world. Whilst on the topic of the sporting world, mention must be made of the 1st XVIII's Witch-Doctors, sorry, First-aid men, John McCormack, Philip Johnson and Frank McCarthy. By the way, we all hope Frank has fully recovered from his recent bout of moon-madness. If perseverance means anything, then both Peter Morris and Kevin Leitch should become champion tennis players; not even Ballarat's winter has deterred them.

Ross (who pinched my butter?) Muller has become the school's No. 1 pianist and so has increased his number of fans. Vin Colbert,

whilst enjoying a football match at one of Victoria's provincial cities, received a stunning blow. What happened, Vin? Half of Underbool is being demolished since renovations have been going on at the rear of Sheahan's Hotel. If anybody noticed haggard looks on the faces of all who sit at the Prefects' table recently, it was only because Kevin Arundell was next in line to shout the table. Bill Bainbridge's verbosity in the vernacular verily vies with very many volatile ventriloquists. Michael O'Callaghan is a hive of industry (more or less), while Tom Brophy is a hive of industry with no modifications attached. Bern Bailey is, no doubt, intent on following a political career after his recent display of facts in this regard. Brendan Ryan, whose nickname is applicable to most things, may rival even Cicero with his correspondence, outgoing correspondence, that is.

Michael Walsh and Tom Scarff, both ardent golfers, may soon form a Dean Martin-Jerry Lewis team if they can determine who will be the Caddy. It was reported that Des. Brown was somewhat disappointed to learn that this year's Matric. Choir was to have no bass. If you think Tom Lanigan is a keen soldier, you're banking on a good thing as is Tom himself. Kevin Shea, in an effort to vary his sporting interests, contemplated becoming interested in hockey but would not settle for anything below "a" grade. Brendan Smith got a letter from Italy some time ago, but assures us all it is not from the Pope. Michael Bourke, who prefers actions to words, was under everybody's notice as to when he changed his sock, but now all's well. Kevin Troy always seem to be directly in line for Doctor McCunnie's questions at religion time, but he never gets unduly perturbed over it. Brian Russell provided us all with a thrill when he told us he had two glasses, but then explained he was referring to optical instruments. At one of the Cadet Parades this term John O'Shannassey won the prize for the best dressed Cadet and the very next week the award was stopped. No comment. After dinner on Saturday Noel Morganti is often seen burying his head into the bottom of his locker, no doubt looking or possibly listening for something.

This thought brings our comments for this term to a close and now we must settle down for the oncoming exams and so we bid "Au Revoir" until next issue.

K.P.S. and K.J.P.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE CLASS NOTES

Once again a welcome comes to you from the Leaving Class of 1954, as we recover from the shock of our first B.P.S. defeats.

Leaving, as always, was well represented in the 1st XVIII. Prominent amongst the players were Ray Dignan, the captain, Bernie McKenna, Gerald Crough, John Ilott, Brian Vear, Brian Murphy, Gavan Bourke, Terry Fitzpatrick, Graeme Sampieri, John Groutsch, Graeme Cardillo and Leo Schreenan.

Gavan Rice must be one of the most popular boys in the class, judging by the ovation he receives when he does arrive at school. "Redex" Rice now wears to school his dust-coat which he picked up off a salt bush in the Northern Territory.

It was rumoured that G. (Cards) Cardillo had gone to the "pack," but we think that he is still "Jack" high.

Brian Murphy, Brian Murray and James O'Beirne in their recent week-long visit to Geelong were unfamiliar with the Technical College precincts and often found themselves in the Dressmaking instead of the Woolclassing section.

"Terrible Ter" Cain, the Maroona Mauler, together with his off-sider Jack Chisholm, is ready to take on all challengers, with the possible exception of Brian "Bottles" Vear, who, as Terry puts it, is too

big. It is also rumoured that the aforesaid Chisholm is planning a trip to the moon through the Physics room window. It is to be hoped the window is open.

Robert Whitefield seems to have established a "Lonely Hearts Club," but he still can't get rid of Bill Ward. Mel Creati and John Gelder are undoubtedly successful photographers. At least, their photos are popular.

It is hard to convince many people that Terry Goss can't throw goals over his shoulder with his eyes closed, from the back line. He and John Hampton also have something in common concerning a certain "fluid" matter.

Some Ancient History students consider that Nero was justified in killing his old teacher. Kevin Waterhouse and John Adrian Caine are ardent supporters of this view.

Des. Papworth, Brian Scarff and John Ilott are experienced tacticians of the draught board.

Ray Lamaro certainly makes full use of study time, especially after long week-ends and such like.

What is Peter Taffe's secret formula for polishing his shoes? John Coffey looks at them with envy every morning. John Groutsch also seems to have something for his cadet boots; or is it just elbow grease?

We all wonder how Bernie McKenna flies so high for the ball after his usual Wednesday dinner.

Joe Gallagher seems to be making great strides in the football world. Perhaps he is learning something from Vincent (Captain Blood Jnr.) Corbett.

Peter Pollard seemed to have put his nose out of joint after bumping into the knee of a mountainous member of our class, Brian Vear.

Kevin Maher is leading (or is it trailing) the fashion world in his arrangement of woollen jumpers. Kevin Joyce is another whose patriotic choice of clothing comes under distinct notice.

The eagerly awaited entry into the football world at S.P.C. of John Donovan was delayed by rain. Supporters were very disappointed.

Pat Baker will soon have to hire a secretary to open his mail. Perhaps Michael Hanrahan will do it.

We wonder was it a coming debate which forced Gavan Bourke into the infirmary recently. Knowing, however, his ability to deal with any argument put forward by Graeme Sampieri on various subjects we doubt it.

Tony Lewis's attempts to change his name recently were thwarted at every turn.

Terry Fitz seems to get "fits" of some sort fairly often. We hope you recover, Terry.

It is said that Leo Schreenan is the most popular man in the college after most basketball games. Just ask the team who lost. Some consolation for the other umpire.

Tony Lewis has been left sitting high and dry in the classroom as Peter Jeffrey on one side is invalided with mumps, and Richard McArthur, his other neighbour, has a broken leg. We hope both shall soon return to keep Tony company.

Gerald Crough gets a little "gay" at times, especially after week-ends.

Bill Cochran, of the transparent fingers, usually manages to beat Jim Mullins to school every morning.

Barry Breen and Brian Tellefson always seem to be arguing the long and the short of it.

Did you see— Peter Butler glaring daggers at Jim Hanrahan in the last period, one day? We wonder why.

—Where Bernie Coburn's voice went? Perhaps they took it out with his appendix or did he leave it at Melton? Some people seem very pleased about it; but Bern is very concerned.

—Tony ("Gasket") Grigg and Kerry ("Con-rod") Reynolds, the mad mechanics, watching the Redex cars go through? We did. John Harris watched them keenly, too, perhaps with a view to future participation. Peter Jeffrey was another person well informed on the Redex Trial, but his knowledge was restricted to one competitor.

One last question before we go: What do Ray Dignan and John Walsh do in their long free periods?

And so from the Leaving Class,
Until another term does pass,
We say "Good-bye" and hope you may
Have a very happy holiday.

A. LEWIS and B. BREEN.

INTER "A" CLASS NOTES

We are glad to have once again an opportunity of introducing to readers of the Chronicle more of the brilliant—and less brilliant—intellects who grace our classroom.

We commenced the term well by an excellent retreat given by Fr. Goss, C.S.S.R. We found his lectures most helpful and we thank him for all he did for us.

An epidemic of mumps has swept through the College. One of the unlucky—or maybe lucky—ones was Dennis Mahony. We all wish him a speedy recovery. Gerard Wheelahan was also away from school sick; but he prefers to keep his ailment secret.

Among the members in this year's rather historic 1st XVIII were Marshall Younger and Chas. Castle, who formed the first ruck, and Daryl Hunter, who played on the half-forward flank.

Terror of the "alley" pitches is Tom Jess, who is often seen, before school, scattering marbles right and left, to the admiration of the small boys and to the dismay of his opponents.

During the term we combined with Inter. "B" to defeat Sub-Inter. and Second Year at football. We thank them for the game, and extend to them our deepest sympathy on their overwhelming defeat. It was during this match that Bill Crowe split the webbing of his hand and, as he is prominent in Cadet activities, his absence was a severe blow to the Cadet Corps on the following Monday.

Congratulations to Bill Crowe, Brian Hickey, Gerald Cameron and Brian Morgan, who were promoted to the rank of Corporal at the Annual Cadet Camp in May. Among the members of our so-called Cadet Band are Dan Lorkin, Daryl Hunter, Frank Moloney, Bill Lannen and Michael Hickey.

Irwin McGenniss' desk still seems to be the rendezvous for Jim Pierce, Frank Constable, Noel McArdle, Colin Dooley, Denis McKimmie and John Quinn before school each morning.

At Geometry time the limelight falls on Paul McCulloch and Jim Morname. Before the period ends good progress in the subject has been made.

Garry Molony and Pat Hayes are the camera-bugs of the class. They are often to be seen pottering about the dark-room and discussing the merits of various cameras.

John Hurley, Denis Mahony, Tom Jess and John Murray were appointed the official oval markers for the football season. Congratulations on a job well done, even if the lines were not quite straight.

Tom Pury and Paul Forster represent the class in the sterling work done by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. They devote much of their spare time on Sundays to this cause.

In the monthly tests, just finished, the first ten places were filled

by Michael Hickey, Adrian Bennetto, John Curtain, Peter Brennan, Brian Morgan, John Threlfall, Charles Castle, Gerard Wheelahan, Peter Brown and Irwin McGenniss.

During the term John O'Doherty, Gavan Ryan and Bill Jeffrey made great progress in their work and improved their places in the class.

Leo Smith's study seems to have suffered as the result of spending some of the first term in hospital. He is steadily catching up, however, and should soon be up with the rest of the class.

We were all very disturbed when Frank Caulfield and Bill Crowe threatened to resign their positions as managers of the Sports Room. When they reconsidered their decision, however, all was well.

John Brady spent a miserable half-hour in the Sports Room one windy winter's day. When the class was questioned about it no solution could be arrived at; but Michael O'Halloran had a satisfied smirk on his face.

Joe Ballinger is a very popular student. The fingerprints on his homework book seem to prove this. He does his Latin homework each day at lunch time.

Michael Dinley and Ken Fraser are sure to be prominent competitors in the high jump this year. They have been getting in some early practice on the pipes near the roof of the lockers.

On Tuesdays Basil Martin has the permanent job of collecting the new football for Wednesday's Ballarat Public Schools' match.

Paul Williams, a day boy, is the authority on how to arrange your desk—books to the back, apple cores and biscuit crumbs, etc., to the front.

In the second row sits one of our shy and more industrious members, John Van Suylen. John is renowned for his horror speeches.

On this happy note we must conclude this masterpiece of reporting. One half of the class—students—are looking forward to the October tests; the other half—boys—are eagerly awaiting the forthcoming September holidays.

P.L.B., A.W.B.

INTERMEDIATE B

As we have no examinations at the end of this term, we are looking forward to the end of it with even more anticipation than usual. However, we shall have the pleasure of October Tests ahead of us when we return next term. These will decide the class leaders for the year and already there is much speculation as to who will come out on top. The odds on Tony Foley were considerably shortened when he appeared in his professorial spectacles, but many still regard David Hallam or Eric Pinzone as the likely winners.

We did not have any representatives in the First XVIII this year, but we have much promising football talent. Brian Dillon was captain of the Under 15 team which included also Brian O'Connor, Terry Brennan, Noel Rogers, Peter Gleeson and Eric Pinzone. Nick Martino and Brian Shanahan were captains of the Hill Competition, while John Shea was something of a star as a goal-sneak.

Bill Almeida showed extraordinary interest in the Redex Trial and was able to give us up-to-the-minute information on almost any competitor. Another motor car fan is Graeme McIvor, who devours motor manuals in his spare time. Martin Kennedy is reputed to be giving much of his time to the manufacture and testing of guided missiles. Michael Fulton's Saturday afternoons have been the subject of some discussion recently. Pat Moloney, like Julius Caesar of old, wants to have men about him that are fat. Nick Martino's chalk bank opens for business at 9.40 each morning. John Smith is said to have worked up

a hill-billy item that will put him on top of the entertainment world. Graham Routson seems to have a dislike for the past—at least for what is said about it in History books. Barry Joyce went to Geelong for Wool Classing exams and we thought it took him a long time to settle down again to regular school life. Bob Franklin, Laurie Kelly, Owen Keogh and Manson Garvey are often seen deep in conversation on matters of secret and grave importance. Stuart Wilson took our breath away when he appeared wearing a blazer bearing the honours of the First XI, the First XVIII and the Aths. Frank Greene has been recommended to instal an amplifier in his desk so that we can pick up his answers. Brian Pekin has been the class Receptionist during the term, meeting the visitors and conducting class business with them. Mick (Gelignite) Murray was very proud of the family name at the end of the car trial. Frank Pomeroy seems to be overdoing the "Apple-a-Day" slogan. The Battle of the Windows has been waged relentlessly, sometimes as open warfare but more often by guerilla tactics.

We wish to put on record our deep appreciation to our Parents and Friends who have so generously helped with our homework during the past months. We include in this vote of thanks, of course, all those Aunts and Grandmothers who have responded to the calls made on them.

Barry (Gene) O'Donohue has proved to be something of a sensation with the drumstick and may shortly make a concert tour. Michael Gallagher is looking forward to the next change of places in the class room. Noel Day seems to have heard a hair-raising story, the effect of which has been permanent. The following lines about our classmen are not meant to be taken seriously:

A student we have here called Greer
Bought a bottle of Dutch ginger beer.
When he took off the top
There came a loud pop,
And our Greer couldn't hear for a year.

A lad whom we all know as Phelan
Some potatoes was asked to start peelin';
He got into some strife
With the blade of the knife,
But we're pleased to report that he's healin'.

A scientific student named Tudor
Made a bomb called "an atom exuder";
When he tripped on a wire
It fell into the fire
And poor Tudor came down near Bermuda.

The members of Inter. B now wish all Chronicle readers "Goodbye and a very pleasant holiday."

SUB. A

Once again the time has come to look over the events of the Second Term and select those that are worthy of mention. This is no easy task as many incidents have passed into the realm of forgotten things when the time comes to record them. However, we hope that the "highlights" of the term in the intellectual field, sporting arena and leisure periods will all find their way into these pages of the Chronicle. If, inadvertently, we fail to recognise any great feat by neglecting to write it up here, don't be too hard on us, please. Memories are very treacherous things sometimes, and nobody worthy of a mention is deliberately left out.

Congratulations, Ed. Vaughan, on upholding the "Vaughan for Dux"

tradition once again. Bad luck, Paul Kierce, Michael Stokie, Peter Ryan, Des. Martin, Geoff. Slockwitch. Ed. was just a little bit too consistent for you. Better luck next term or, better still, may it be a good, clean, honest tussle and may the best man win.

Congratulations, Brian Costigan, Peter Harman, for making the Second Eighteen and Peter Ryan, John Devine, Roy O'Connor, Bernie Shannon and Chris Houlihan for gaining representation in the unbeaten Under 15 team. Football, of course, held pride of place during the term. Very sad were we to see St. Pat's bite the dust against College, but, with good players such as those mentioned above ready to don the green, blue and white, we won't fear for the future.

Golf is a winter game attracting some attention from S.P.C.-ites these days. There is talk of an S.P.C. golf championship, so maybe that's the reason. Garry Coutts, Paul Rice, John Noonan and Stan Webb are so busy smacking the little white ball around.

Sub. A are doing very well in Cadet activities. Kev. Lamaro literally "shines" on parade. Kevin is by way of being a good table-tennis exponent. In that respect some opposition might come from Leon Gleeson, Paul Kierce and Paul Rice, who seem to have a monopoly of the table-tennis. Sorry! In our mention of Cadets above we left out Barry Pomeroy. Well now, how could we? By the time the Challenge Round of the Davis Cup comes Barry might well qualify for the job of "linesman."

Des. Martin, Frank Bailey, Ed. Vaughan and Denis King are often seen playing chess. They are not terrific players, but some very keen games have been witnessed.

Gerard Cullinan was very jubilant on the morning of August the 2nd, just two days after the victory of a Bungaree-trained horse. Gerard still has high hopes that a Melbourne Cup will one day be brought back to Bungaree. Well, you never can tell! Since Pat Harris proved so conclusively that "Pigs Can Fly" anything could happen.

Though Bob Bowker might not put Euclid to shame where Geometry is concerned, they tell me he cuts a decent sort of a "figure!" on the football field. Bernie Shannon is vice-captain of Noonan team in the Hill Competition.

As well as his chess activities, Kevin O'Flaherty is a keen stamp collector. 'Tis said he has over two thousand in his collection.

Denis King and Ron Byrne have returned to the field after bouts in hospital. They are now busy trying to catch up with the class and are doing a good job, too.

Michael Stokie gave a hair-raising speech the other day on flying saucers. Stan Webb hasn't got over it yet!

Frank Bailey, Ed. Vaughan and Michael Stokie are very keen on crossword puzzles. Frank is the recipient often of a "cross word" from Sir for doing them in school.

Michael Nailon and Chris. Houlihan distinguished themselves on the Open Rifle Range last week by scoring the possible twenty-five. Close behind them were Pat Harris, Robert Scott and Chris. Houlihan, who scored twenty-three. Denis Joyce, Peter Harman and John Noonan distinguished themselves at the other end. "The targets weren't big enough," they say. Bill Casey came third in the aggregate, so he deserves a mention, too.

Chris. Targett is keen on fishing, or so we were led to believe by a recent discourse of his. "Rip Van Winkle" he has been dubbed.

Les. Marnell and Tony Ryan are very enthusiastic jerks players. They like to be first out of school in order to get a court.

John Elsbury is enthusiastic about school!!!!

Michael Nailon is a human vacuum cleaner, judging by the manner in which papers on the floor disappear when he approaches.

Well, that completes our news budget for this edition, so until the next we bid you "Cheerio."

SUB-INTERMEDIATE B

Greetings to all Chronicle readers from Sub-B! Since last we burst into print, many exciting things have happened here at S.P.C. Hard luck to the 1st XVIII on the Ballarat College defeats! We future St. Pat's champions have sworn a solemn vow that no such "disaster" will happen to us. However, all senior footballers in the past 50 years have sworn a similar vow and, who knows, we may be the unlucky ones, too. Still, we are preparing now for better days to come.

In the victorious Under 15 team we had John Hogan, John Ryan and Bernie Maher doing their share on the field.

John Bongiorno and Geoffrey Buttler were stalwarts of the 7½ stone team and until a nasty gash stopped him Terry Davies showed good form for the 6½ stoners; as also did Michael Godfrey in the same team as well as in the Shed Competition.

The best of the dayboy footballers seemed to be Leigh Brownbill and Brian Tucker, but except in the Hill Comp. we haven't seen much of them.

Anthony Borrack always popping up in some new experience (sometimes with painful consequences!) spends his quieter moments contesting with Brian Maw as to who can produce the better model plane.

This last term, budding orators have given very good performances. Maurice O'Donoghue with lightning sketches told us everything worth knowing of Modern Transport. Maurice is hard to stop when he gets wound up. Barry Hogan revealed vast knowledge of the business of a bike-shop. John Carter knows a lot about the subject, "Breeding of Canaries." John Graham gave first-hand information on "Haygrowing." Pat Moran in a convincing voice talked on "The Wool Industry."

We looked hard for that audience outside the window when Jim Moore related "A Horse Race."

Kelvin Arthur gave interesting facts in his account of "Spraying Crops from the Air." What Nicholas Rousch doesn't know about "Pig Raising" isn't worth knowing. Reg. Fenton sped through the "Sugar Industry." Tommy Evans, the man near the door, took us on a visit to "Nauru"; must have heard his facts from Denis Wright in 2nd Year. Laurie O'Neil in his speech let us into the secrets of "Butter-making." Craig Dallimore showed a good, confident manner and plenty of interesting points about "Stamp Collecting."

Robert Nelson, whose father is News Editor of "The Argus," enlightened us on the inner workings of a modern newspaper.

Peter McDonald spoke on "Our Shop" and made us realise a shop-keeper has to work hard every day.

Before Reg. Smith disappeared for a spell, he told us in a calm voice what is done on "Our Apple Orchard."

When Alan Higgins in a quiet voice discussed "The Sheep Industry" we knew he was no ignorant city "slicker" who thinks sheepmen have an easy time.

Perhaps the best account of all came from that firebrand, John Franc, when he recounted his great-grandfather's part in the "Eureka Stockade Incident." Now we want to see the pistol his grandfather packed on that memorable occasion, especially Maurice O'Donoghue.

From our speeches spoken on Friday afternoon we discovered that Dux of the Class Robert Norton knew plenty on "Aircraft."

Anthony Rintoul, who is very interested in the arrival of his teachers each morning, gave us one day some unusual facts about "Australian Rules."

Anthony Hicks, usually so quiet and mysterious, broke silence one Friday to tell us of the greatness of the "Hume Reservoir."

Anthony's accomplice in dark deeds, Warren Larsen, took us through the ins and outs of "Hotel Life."

Graeme Horan, who loves to view the Brothers in Chapel, "jest" told us the good points of "Hereford Cattle."

The clear voice of Ken Ryan warmed to the subject of "Lake Learmonth"—a noble stretch of water indeed.

Though Peter Meiklejohn is a bit young to have actual experience of the job, he knows quite a bit on "Shearing."

Anthony McCarthy knew his facts when he spoke on "Cattle in Our District." But Anthony won't be a cattleman.

John Smith stopped smiling for a while to tell us all about "Lambing Season." Never a sheepish grin from John Smith—always a confident smile.

What a pity Ray Sands and Michael Connellan had to miss school and migrate to the Infirmary. Mum(p)s the word what they did there! And Michael missed being one of the stars of the 5½ stoners—a shame!

And so we the Sub-B's must leave, now that we have told you our interests. During the term we've prayed hard, played hard, worked hard (well, sometimes!), and had tons of fun. Happy holidays, everybody!

SECOND YEAR GOLD

Like all other boys at all Colleges the world over, we are counting the days when we will break up for our Second Term vacation and home. Between this and then we have our Second Term Tests, and exams are always unpleasant.

It is difficult to predict who will be dux of our class. It could be Frank or Bobbie Vagg or Brian Sharry or Leo Kelly or Michael O'Sullivan or etc. John Bakker was doing well till he contracted mumps. The weather has not been so severe as usual and there has been little sickness. "Lost time never returns" is very true. A day or two away from school and you are chasing to catch up.

We all got a shock to see David McArthur on his pony at the Grammar match. David loves riding. He is good at Geometry, too. The two Mahers, Stan and Frank, and Tom Guthrie and Tom Prendergast are good advertisements for St. Mary's School, Clark's Hill. Tom likes writing essays, but he doesn't always get good marks. He envies Brian Sharry's ability with the pen. Adrian McConnell is keen on the Navy. When he is ready for the Navy Exam, we may be losing him. He may run away to sea. Peter Duffy prefers the Air Force. At least, the bus can stop at the gate. That's more than a ship can do. Michael Smith was sad till his neck was better. Michael said he couldn't study while he was ill!! Mervyn Jubb didn't mind his mumps. He enjoyed his trip to Mortlake. He's now "catching up." None of us envies Barry McCandlish and his journey to school. After riding a bicycle for 5 miles, Barry travels by bus another 25 miles. He's only late when the bus breaks down. Trevor Scott and Ray Skeyhill are the janitors of the class. They keep a good look out. Kevin Doyle enjoys every minute of life. He hopes to make the sheep happy when he returns to the farm in a few years. Laurie Thorp is trying hard to make his place in the 1st XVIII about 1958. He and Ewen Cameron hope to represent Australia at allies some day. They are champions. Fred Hickey is now one of the early birds. We wonder is he enjoying the worm. Fred is a good student and he is doing well. Walton Scott hopes to win the Geometry prize. He is very good at exercises. He likes Arithmetic, too. Richardo Marcella is a good all-rounder. He could be among the prize-winners. With Graeme Perott and Erian Palmer he is an expert aeroplane enthusiast. All three find much interesting amusement in flying their baby planes. Gerard Cathcart and James Doran have their eyes on the land. A little more schooling and away they go to their

farms. They both hail from the Mallee. Kevin Gleeson from Wendouree is a good student. He is very good at Latin. Kevin could be among the class leaders. Eddie Shepherd would vote for more football. He is V.C. of McCarthy on the Shed. Phil McCumisky rides out to Villa every Sunday to visit Michael. He is doing better at his studies and he looks forward to a good report. He recently wrote a very good essay. He mentioned a trip to Nauru. Pat Clancy is Frank's brother from Terang. Pat is one of our biggest and best under-fifteens. Francis Doble and Bernie Lanfranchi and Michael Wilson avoid the front desks. They prefer not to be disturbed. Michael and Bernie are both good at English. Francis is still searching for his best subject. Geoff Cahill likes Latin, Science and football. Of the three, he prefers football. John O'Brien is another who could be dux. He is a good all-rounder and likes Geometry and Latin best. Barry Mitchell now agrees that he should keep out of hot water. We couldn't see him for bandages for some time. Glad you received no permanent injury, Barry. Gavan Bourke thinks he should play full forward because he is a cousin of Jack O'Rourke, of Richmond. Keep trying, Gavan.



MODEL AEROPLANE ENTHUSIASTS.

J. Murphy (2nd Year Blue); B. Geddes (2nd Year Blue); B. Maw (Sub. B)
J. Brian (2nd Year Blue); J. McMahon (2nd Year Blue).

SECOND YEAR BLUE

Once again we are here to record the deeds and misdeeds of the past term. The Term Tests have passed over our heads and all we have to do now is to await those reports which tell of our "brilliant achievements" in the classroom.

In the lesson competition, G. Pell and J. Sullivan—commonly known as J.B.—have shown us just how easy those lessons are. They obtained first and second place, respectively.

At the beginning of the term we were invaded by some who were transferred from Second Year Gold. The new arrivals were J. Corbert, J. Tudor, W. Carlidge, F. Pascoe, E. Waterhouse, L. Hanrahan, W. Street, P. Leitch, J. Ryan and P. Smith. Outstanding among our new members are J. Corbert, J. Tudor and L. Hanrahan. Already these have found a place fairly well up in the class, and have shown us that our real "stars" are on the danger list of losing their seats of honour.

One Saturday morning an urgent S.O.S. was sent out for R. Coutts, who was missing from the Scholarship. The reply came back stating that, as he had two members of the Vienna Boys' Choir staying at his place, he was spending the morning keeping his two guests out of mischief. So far we have not seen any results for Bob's turning over a new leaf. When asked to give a noun which has no feminine, H. Davies had no hesitation in giving his answer as "widower." When it was pointed out that "widow" was the feminine of this word, Hugh innocently remarked, "Isn't the widower's wife dead, sir?" Another point against the same culprit!

We all think it is a grand idea to have a dentist in Melbourne. We all agree that the missing of Saturday morning school has nothing to do with the question.

G. Pell told us that he was an ideal baby; he was never heard about home. Though a late starter, he is certainly making up for lost time.

F. Pascoe and A. Butler find it easier to work with their tongues hanging out. We are thinking about putting them facing one another during next term.

"A broken arm is not so bad after all," says Don McRae, "especially when you can get home for a week or two."

D. Wright is known as "Dead-eye Dick" when it comes to marbles. Occasionally we hear a rattling sound from his corner of the class.

Some of us have gone in for aircraft production in a big way. Our experts with the model aeroplanes are J. Murphy, J. McMahon, K. and B. Bell, A. Butler and W. McGuinness. All goes well till we have all engines roaring outside a certain person's room.

What was F. Quinlan doing outside Clarendon College on a certain night? Those inside thought it strange that the St. Pat's war-cry should cause such a disturbance.

H. Davies will have no difficulty of finding a place in the Victorian Symphony Orchestra. We all congratulate him on being the champion fiddler.

None seems to know why J. Doolan is affectionately called "Grandpa." G. Pell's only comment on his scrapbook of sport is, "Mostly scraps."

Those wishing to adopt the latest hair style need only to apply to F. Denahy and M. Ryan. Why is W. McGuinness so popular? One thing is certain—he would never give his exercise book to another.

A. Butler is very worried about the question of night starvation. At last he has found the solution—bring an apple or two into the dormitory.

P. Quinlan and R. Coutts sit together in class. Nobody can explain why their incessant chatter has not caused an explosion long ago.

When it comes to football we can hold our heads up with pride. At least we thought we could till we were brave enough to challenge the "Subs." However, we still have some real champions. B. Humphries

chalked up eight goals against Grammar. D. Wright is our star half-back. He intends to introduce the game to Naru when he returns home. J. McMahon is a tower of strength in the Hill Competition. A. Butler was so keen to lead his 5 stone 7's to victory that he preferred an early bed rather than go and hear the Vienna Boys' Choir. He said that late nights are no good for big-time football.

B. Elliot is living up to his nickname of "Tubby." Day by day we can see him increasing in weight.

J. O'Brien and D. Jenkins believe in attending the Jubilee celebrations of all the Rev. Mothers at the Convents. Needless to say, the homework question arises next morning.

G. Gemmola and M. Mason are the golfing champions of the class. Both enjoy a round on the Mount Xavier links quite frequently.

With these headlines on the news and views of the Second Year Gold room we sign off for the term.

May you all have a most enjoyable holiday.

FIRST YEAR

Greetings to all readers of the Chronicle from First Year. Our numbers were down at times during the term as winter "wogs" got among us. Now, as the term draws to a close, we are back to full strength. The term examinations will not be held at the end of this term but during the first week in October. The class positions for the year will be decided on the results of these tests.

Barry Tuddenham and Wally Schreenan both had a spell in hospital during the term. Wally was discharged with his trouble undiscovered, but Barry T. left his appendix behind. Robert McArthur was back in circulation soon after the term opened. His book on Tree Climbing is eagerly awaited.

A bad leg and a nagging appendix put Brian Bongiorno into hospital during the term. It was good to see his desk filled again.

For Dan Powell table tennis is just the game—you do not have to move too far or too fast.

Eddie Ryan occasionally takes Saturday off to see the home team score another victory.

Lance Patford is holding his own in school and often sparkles up when others are stumped.

Kevin Sculley proved a useful player for his side in the Shed Competition.

Driving around racing tracks at 90 m.p.h. and dodging kangaroos in the Redex trial have a great attraction for John Madden.

Books and Roger Barker are close friends. He is not saying much about class positions, but keeps a firm eye on all opponents.

John Houlihan hopes to be a farmer. Other interests are stamps, shooting and reading.

Les. Pomeroy is fond of letter writing. He has pen-friends in Ireland, America and Ceylon.

A sideline with John Byrne is making wooden pistols, but he does not tell what he intends doing with them.

Bill (with the big name) declares that he is interested in photography, collecting stamps and Simple Interest—when it keeps simple.

Twenty to nine always finds Ron Roberts at work on his Latin and French.

A seat near the front of the class is all George Moloney wants for better days to be here.

Pat Hynes thinks school is at its best when a book is read to the class—especially if the subject is History.

John Castricum and Peter Kuketz are both fond of football but of the brand played with a round ball.

Trevor Haintz aims to get top marks in Algebra, Arithmetic and Religion when the tests come on. The tests are in the first week of October and class positions are decided on the results.

Another early arrival is Roger Smith, but preparation of lessons is not always the reason.

Joseph Sang missed a few weeks during the term. We will have to hand him over to Dr. Noel Bortolin.

No one tries harder at his work than Bob Delahey. "Nothing but the best" is his motto.

Latin puts Ray Brady in good spirits for the rest of the day.

John Coughlan and Adrian Starkie keep each other company when lollies are about.

Michael Ryan is showing up early these mornings accompanied by a new kit bag.

Selwyn Shore is always a willing worker when chairs are to be moved or blackboards cleaned.

Vin Quinn likes nothing better than a quiet game of marbles. However, games are often interrupted by the coming of a certain M. Duck on the scene.

Neil McManus is finding his work easier this term after making a late start in the first term. He can hold his own at table tennis and football.

The days are passing quickly, so Harry Jermolajevs is fairly pleased with school. These days he is practising hard to become a good marble player.

Lea Rawlings continues to keep law and a "little" order at the tables. A good game of football each afternoon and a little bit of study helps to keep Brian Graham a very quiet boy.

Barry Kelly is a very keen footballer. On several occasions he has got the "best" and "fairest" vote.

Roger and Ray O'Beirne have parted company in school. They even, at times, take it in turns to represent Linton in class.

When not in school Jim McCulloch will be found near the Cadet huts.

Dominic Foschia is well settled into St. Pat's now. The going is still a little uphill on Monday, but there is only one such day in the week.

For Dennis McMahon the best time of the day is when Geometry comes around. However, he admits that even that is a little hard at times.

Kevin Van Suylen is looking forward to next term when the boys will be getting on their marks for athletics.

French and Terry Mauldon never see eye to eye.

Noel Harnett holds his own in school, at marbles and even at football.

Charlie Modrovich has added Astronomy to his favourite subjects for reading.

The S.P.C. woodheap has frightened Adrian Starkie. Now there is nothing he would like better than working with his father.

Len Haintz is small but when potatoes have to be picked up out Dean way, he is the one for the job.

Lindsay Bradley is fond of riding and reading. For a good puzzle he goes to Geometry.

Sam Pinzone thinks the end of the term banquet is "luscious." He has been missing from the parallel bars this term, but will make a comeback with the return of warmer days.

FIFTH AND SIXTH

Peter Dobson lately, it would seem he knows the contents of "Document The way Max Mallett has been scowling at John Fitzpatrick and

J" and expects their names to come out shortly in the Royal Commission. Joe Starkie was accused of deliberately drawing a caterpillar instead of a train. Pleaded innocence, and was acquitted on the score of "modern art." Talking of art, we must admit that Tony Braur definitely wields a nice chalk. Besides artists, we are not found wanting in the sculptor line. Brian Gallagher has turned his hands to the clay. Many a long drawn out breath has been the reaction of most art critics on beholding his latest masterpiece—a pen of pigs. John Whybrow has just settled on what he is going to be in future life. He is allowing his hair to grow, so our guess is that he wants to conduct an orchestra or be a modern Samson.

Recently Spencer Goss joined the select and rather aristocratic "teenagers" society. Gavan Brown, Ian Slockwitch and Tom Dickson have been brushing up their Texan drawl and "horse" talk. Hoppy's approaching visit will be a great occasion for them.

Not long ago Michael Brown and John Rintoul, while on the football ground, were overheard discussing plans for the immediate construction of an igloo. Comment: Prevailing conditions suitable for the project.

Leigh Miller considers Geography a very practical subject. How Eskimos keep warm captivated him. It certainly rained during the second Ballarat East game, but was there need for David Tydeman to call for his gum boots? Brendan Hickey keeps asking if there are any vacancies in the first XVIII. It's just natural curiosity. He only wants to know; that's all. Another great sport in our room, Kevin Murphy, is very enthusiastic about basketball and marbles.

Laurie Buttler knows perfectly well that eating soap will raise one's temperature, but what on earth can a fellow do to get lumps under the chin is his problem. We were very sad when Tony Taranto emerged from a mele on the football field with a broken collarbone. After completing a course in pure reasoning, Brian Nolan asks himself the following question and up to date has not been able to supply a convincing answer: "If mice can eat paper when hungry, why can't I?"

If our classroom clock does not read four minutes past nine when Pim Vandermeer walks in, then it is wrong. Bill Allan, who came second in class to Ian Slockwitch last term, looks like putting in a good run again.

Vernon Clark, Peter Rice and Max McGregor enjoyed the plush seats in the dress circle during the day sessions. A number of others, including Brendan Rice and Lee Negri, passed their time pleasantly enough in the upper stalls. John McDonald was banished to the cheaper section as the "upper ten" protested that his ceaseless cracking and munching of peanuts disturbed their concentration. Anthony Re is moving along well, holding a position just behind the leaders and close to the heater.

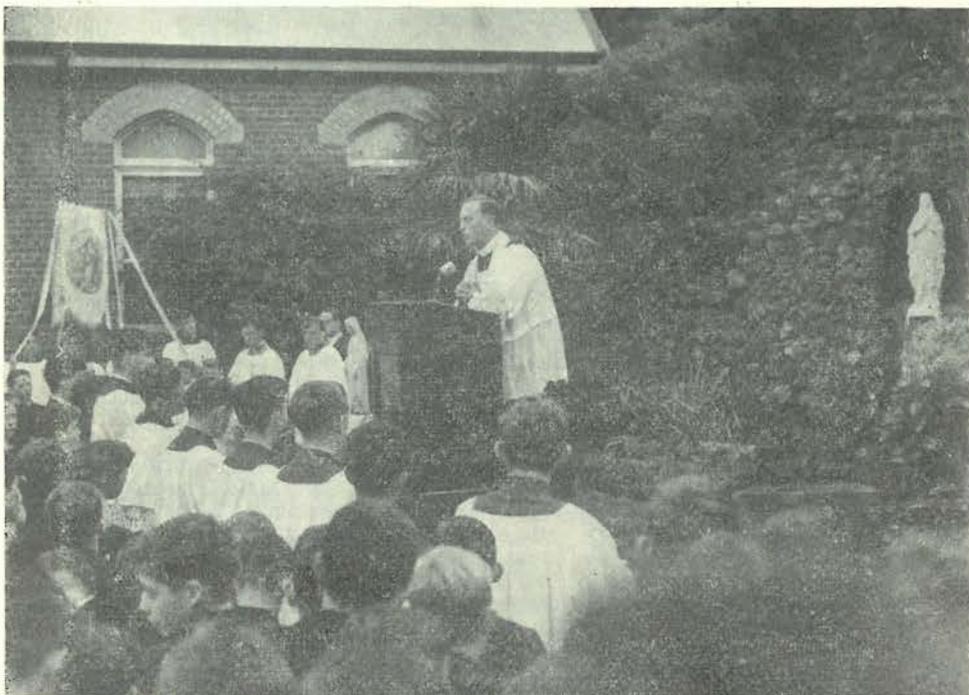
Gordon Miller didn't have to gaze in the sky to see a rainbow. A mirrow would have shown one around the left optic. Who! Who does not wish to be like Ron Mahar with a chauffeur to call for him as soon as football is over each afternoon! Barry Eddy and Peter Madden fry a nice piece of bread when it comes to barbecue time. Trevor Bennett has risen to the rank of undisputed king of the fifth grade marble players. John Costa has been taking lessons in smiling from Eddy Pope. Tom O'Loughlin studies as if he would like to go places—on a motor-bike. Dan Dickson cuts a dashing figure on roller skates. Ian O'Halloran never gets stuck for a word. If one word does not suit he tries a dozen more. Perhaps he caught the habit from either Gerard Hand or Dennis White.

It's time for play, so we must hustle away. Cheerio.

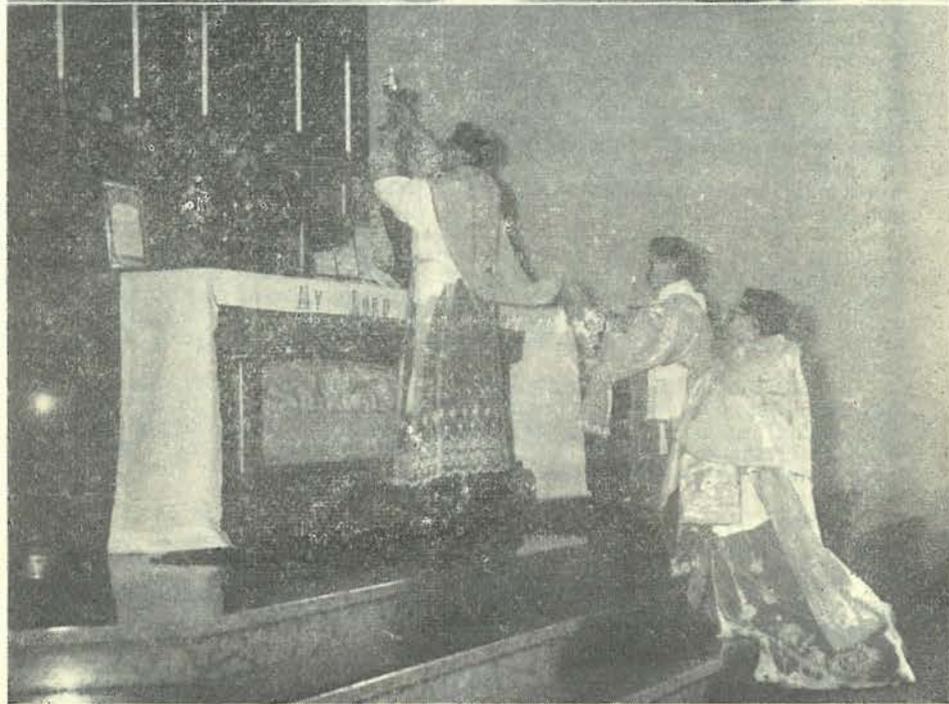
THE JUNIORS

GRADE IV

The second term commenced with many jubilant hearts. They had received their first term report, and for many of them an anxious:



SCENES FROM THE MARIAN PROCESSION AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE BOYS' RETREAT.



SCENES FROM THE MASS CELEBRATED BY NEWLY ORDAINED OLD BOYS IN THE COLLEGE CHAPEL.

"If my marks are low would Mum understand I'd tried and so coax Dad not to scold?" Year in, year out, all boys think the same, and Mum always turns trumps—but teachers—oh, well—they must be— Many who could have done better (teachers' verdict) are working much harder this term to overtake those steady plodders who sneaked home whilst they sat back enjoying the success they were sure would come their way. "That won't happen again," say the Peters. "Won't it?" says John. But whilst these namesakes of the Apostles are loudly voicing their thoughts Terry with true Irish tenacity is rapidly approaching, having already passed the later day namesakes, Bernard and Vincent, and left the outsiders Ronald and Donald and Warren and Roger gaping at the sudden spurt. However, they are only reaching the straight as we go to print, so the final results must keep until the postman again brings The Report. Alex tips Peter N., but he wishes it could be himself. (Cheer up, Alex; they are 2nd year runners).

GRADE III

Here the picture for top stays much the same, for Malcolm, with firmly set jaw and a determined bull-dog growl, snaps, "This is my place." Whilst quiet gentle John in a timid terrier voice barks, "Oh, I say! Make room for me!" Mark, much bewildered at such eagerness, decides to take his hunter and see, if perchance by strategy, a top place he could gain. David, with the harmless look, is not entirely so when teacher glances elsewhere. Both would try harder if it wasn't such hard work. However! Get into training because the 3rd term is harder still.

Pat could do better work if he did his homework more conscientiously and had less picture distractions. Ricky never tries to do his best alone. Assurance must come from within, Ricky—not by comparing with the other chap. You must be alone on Test Day. Barrys, Ian, Peter and Damian have at last gained a pass in each subject. Keep there, boys; I'll help you to. Frankie, who has been buoyed sky-high because Dad has arrived from Europe, finds it very difficult to settle on earth again. He is just about to land. In reading and spelling Michael, Darryl and Douglas are fighting for victory as no Trojans ever fought.

And now for "Two-and-a-bit," who should be doing second grade work only, more often than not, tackles, and successfully too, the programme for the third.

FOOTBALL: Our football teams, Fatima Blues (under Captain Howard) and Prague Reds (Captain Bergin), many keen contests fight. The honours at present going to the fleet-footed Fatima Blues. However, with scores only points between and three matches to play, anything could happen. The captains would like to have parental sway so that all the players could join in—incidentally so do the non-players. What about it, parents?

FIRST FRIDAYS: The attendances here have decidedly improved. But First Saturdays could be more edifying. Many thanks to the boys who attend and help the Juniors muster and to the parents of the boys who are trying to obey Our Lady of Fatima's request. As most of the Juniors are day scholars there should be a big muster for First Saturdays.

MISSIONS: The weekly collections to St. Vincent de Paul box amounted to £1/5/- for this term. St. Peter Apostle Mission Fund improved on last term, for it totals £15 for this term. The leaders in this field are Vincent Webb, £2/10/-, whilst John Whateley and Peter Sullivan are approaching £2 with Roger Howard £1 and Barry Sullivan, Malcolm Salt, John Hennessy, Don Frank and Darryl Murphy are well on the way towards £1. Every boy has given some amount.

MARIAN YEAR: This term the boys are busy collecting pictures depicting Our Lady in preparation for their own Marian Year Chronicle next term.

Items of Interest

MATRICULATION: CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS

An amendment of the regulation makes it possible for students to pass Matriculation examination in any one of the following ways:—

- (1) By passing at one sitting in four subjects, including English Expression.
- (2) By passing at one sitting sufficiently well in three subjects to compensate for failure by a small margin in a fourth, one of the four subjects being English Expression.
- (3) By passing in four subjects, including English Expression, in two sittings, provided that three of the subjects are passed at one sitting.

Most students who passed the examination in this manner will gain the necessary subjects in consecutive years, but they are not required by regulation to do so.

The amendment has been made retrospective and it applies to the examination since its introduction in December, 1944.

Any student, therefore, who since December, 1944, passed in three subjects in one year and one in another, English Expression being one of them, is entitled to a pass in the Matriculation examination without further test.

Such students should apply to the Registrar, Melbourne University, for confirmation of their pass, stating the year or years in which they sat for the examinations and the subjects they passed.

THE LONG WEEK-END

On Friday, the 9th July, school broke at eleven o'clock and over one hundred happy boys left on the mid-day train for Melbourne. Most of the other boarders also left College and travelled to their homes. We took down the usual three teams to Melbourne and for the third time we won all three matches. On the Saturday most of the boys went to see League football matches, while some went ice-skating and to other entertainment such as basketball.

Sunday dawned a beautiful day and a big crowd gathered at the Heyington Oval to see the games. A large number of Old Boys from both Colleges were present. St. Pat's had perhaps the larger muster. The under 15 and 2nd XVIII teams had very narrow wins, but came home in true St. Pat's style.

The 1st XVIII match was evenly contested for some time, but as the game progressed St. Pat's were able to increase their score to run out comfortable winners. The match was not up to the usual standard of these games, but the sticky surface of the oval made conditions difficult and caused many of the scrambles that eventuated. Scores:—

S.P.C., 10 goals 14 behinds (74 points).

St. Kevin's, 4 goals 7 behinds (31 points).

In the evening the members of both St. Pat's and St. Kevin's 1st XVIII's were invited to a social by Mr. and Mrs. James, of Toorak. After a barbecue tea everyone joined in the dancing and community singing. Everyone had a wonderful evening and once again the boys of St. Pat's XVIII give their greatest thanks to all those who made the evening a success.

So once again a happy weekend had been enjoyed in Melbourne. On Monday night many tired but happy boys returned to S.P.C.

KEVIN SHEA.

THOU ART A PRIEST FOR EVER

The Chronicle delights in these columns and is happy to print photographs of five young Priests. Three were ordained last month, while on August 4th last, Rev. Frs. M. Moloney and F. Awburn arrived in Melbourne on the Orion after having completed their studies in Dublin for the St. Columban's Missions.

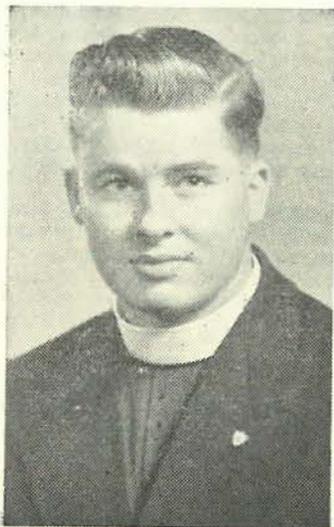
Rev. Fr. V. Crennan

Fr. Vic. Crennan came to St. Pat's from Footscray in 1945. He had attended the Christian Brothers' Technical College, South Melbourne, where he studied to fit himself for Fitting and Turning. He actually completed this course and, during the years of his Technical Course, he was an enthusiastic leader in the Footscray Y.C.W. He came to S.P.C. to study for his Inter. and Leaving and entered C.C.C., Werribee, in March, 1947. With Frs. Pat Crudden and John McGrath, he returned to St. Pat's and sang a High Mass on Wednesday, 28th July.



Rev. Fr. J. McGrath

Fr. John McGrath has a brother Michael studying now at C.C.C., Werribee. Fr. John studied at St. Patrick's College, Manly. He was ordained by Archbishop Simonds in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, for the Wagga Diocese. Fr. John returned to St. Patrick's College on Wednesday, July 28th, and, after having celebrated the early morning Mass for the Brothers and boys, he was Deacon in the High Mass sung by Fr. Vic. Crennan.



Rev. Fr. F. Awburn

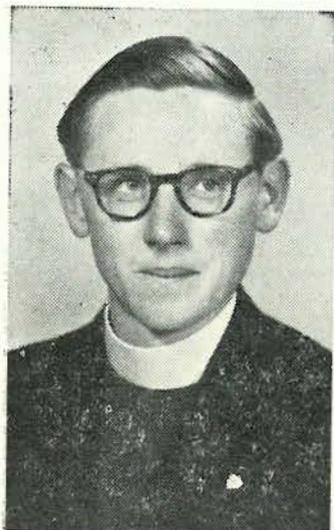
Fr. Frank Awburn accompanied Fr. Maurice from Australia to Dublin and both returned to Australia Wednesday, August 4th. Fr. Frank came to St. Pat's from Wodonga. He is the nephew of Rev. Fr. T. Awburn, P.P., Wodonga, who also claims S.P.C. as his Alma Mater. Fr. Frank sat for his Leaving and Matric and then went to Essendon. He too displayed qualities which were to fit him for the Priesthood. Like Fr. Maurice, Fr. Frank also wrote to the Chronicle from Ireland. We are grateful for his letters and we eagerly await his visit to S.P.C.



Rev. Fr. M. Moloney

Fr. Maurice Moloney came to S.P.C. from Terang in 1943. He was a good sport and a keen student and no one was surprised when Maurice announced that he was joining St. Columban's Missionaries. In his last year at S.P.C. he played in our 1st XVIII and boys of his day will not forget his boxing bouts with Ray McAllister. None would be more happy to meet Fr. Maurice than Ray. During Father's studies in Dublin, he kept in close contact with St. Pat's. More than once we were able to print something from his pen. Now we await his return to College to bless us and to say Mass in our College Chapel.





Rev. Fr. P. Crudden

Fr. Pat Crudden came to St. Pat's from Tynong. He did all his Secondary Studies at S.P.C. and entered C.C.C., Werribee, in March, 1947. He returned to Tynong for his First Mass and he joined Frs. V. Crennan and J. McGrath as Sub-Deacon in the High Mass by the three ex-students newly ordained. Fr. Pat was very popular during his stay at St. Pat's, his dry humour winning him many friends. In his last year at College he had a very serious appendix operation which was performed by Ballarat's skilful surgeon and S.P.C. ex-student, Dr. Tom Greening. Fr. Pat has returned to Corpus Christi College, where, with Fr. Vic., he will continue his studies till the end of the year.

We wish all our Priests, young and old, AD MULTOS ANNOS.

John Ware is to be ordained in Rome on Dec. 8th. this year. His mother and father and Gerald will be with him at his ordination.

At present in Rome we have John Ware and John McKinnon. Will McCarthy, Laurie Halloran and Kevin Murphy will leave soon for Rome.

MEMORABLE DAYS

- June 1st: Cheery faces back at College!!
- June 2nd: First day at school!
- June 4th: House football teams picked.
- June 5th: St. Pat's beat St. Joseph's, Geelong.
- June 8th: Retreat begins.
- June 11th: Marian Procession in College Grounds.
- June 23rd: St. Pat's lost to Ballarat College.
- June 30th: St. Pat's beat Grammar School.
- July 2nd: Dr. O'Collins said Mass in Chapel.
- July 4th: Old Boys come up and win in the football.
- July 7th: St. Pat's beat High School.
- July 9th-12th: Long week-end and St. Pat's wins all three football matches and enjoys St. Kevin's hospitality.
- July 18th: Gordon visit and debate. St. Pat's lose football but win debate.
- July 21st: College win their first B.P.S. Premiership at our expense. Congratulations to College.
- July 25th: Ordinations in Melbourne.
- July 28th: Three newly-ordained ex-students celebrate High Mass. Assembly to welcome them and then St. Pat's beat Grammar School.
- July 31st: High Mass in Chapel in honour of Br. Rice.
- August 3rd: The College goes to see "The Robe."
- August 4th: St. Pat's defeats High School.

K.J.P.

The Forum

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 during the term was very high and augurs well for the quality of work which will be presented at 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 benefited immensely from the experience gained during the year. Even now we can notice the improvement in our platform speaking.

Our functions consisted of Speech Nights, Debates, Gospel Discussion and a Mock Farewell. One interesting feature in this term's agenda was the debate against Gordon C.Y.M.S. held at the College after the annual football match with Gordon. Our representatives were Kevin Shea as leader, accompanied by Tom Brophy and Peter Morris, who formed the Government in the debate "That National Service is necessary and beneficial to Australia." The Opposition from Gordon were Messrs. Conroy, Fogarty and Blood. A very skilful and excellent adjudication was delivered by Mr. Merv. Lewis. St. Pat's won the debate without any difficulty, Mr. Tom Brophy gaining the highest marks of the six competitors. His speech was mature, well planned and well delivered.

The Gospel Discussion held on the 3rd August in the presence of the College Chaplain, Rev. Fr. McCunnie, D.C.L., and the College Principal, Rev. Br. Healy, proved to be another outstanding success. Michael Bourke was chairman and the group consisted of Michael O'Callaghan, Ken Pike, Des. Brown, Bill Bainbridge, Brendan Ryan and John McCormack. After the meeting, Dr. McCunnie complimented the Society on the excellent performance of the group and explained the necessity of applying the Gospel to our own lives. The President of our Literary and Debating Society, Rev. Br. Healy, then thanked Rev. Dr. McCunnie for presiding at the meeting and for his most informative comments.

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 up to the standard of other years.

K. SHANNON.

LEAVING LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

This year the Leaving Literary and Debating Society has functioned very successfully. Throughout the year, the President of our Society, Br. Healy, has given us much assistance and much advice. For all that Br. Healy has done to help us in this very important part of our education, we are deeply grateful.

Our committee consisting of Ray Dignan Secretary and John Coffey and Gavan Rice as committee members has been very active, and our weekly meetings reflect credit on them as our executive.

The standard attained by most members was very high and all derived much benefit as public speakers. Those who shined out best and who received high commendation were Peter Jeffrey, Michael Hanrahan, Peter Taffe, Kevin Maher, John Caine, Brian Tellefson, Barry Breen and John Coffey.

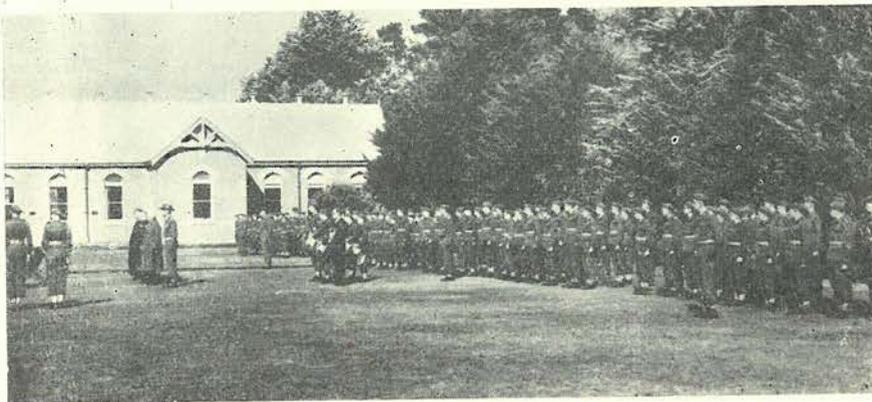
Early in the year every member of the Society delivered a prepared speech. This speech was criticised and suggestions were offered. Later, when debating teams were arranged, it was evident that members had derived much benefit from their earlier efforts.

Unfortunately, our activities are brought to a close with the end of the Second Term. Our studies are rather demanding and, besides, we attend the preliminaries and the final night of the Senior Literary and Debating Society who contest for the Purton Oratory Contest.

I am grateful to Br. Healy and to my committee and to all who helped to make our year so successful.

RAY DIGNAN (Secretary).

(Congratulations, Ray, on your successful term as Secretary. The success of the Society was mainly due to your interest and your leadership.—Ed.).



ANZAC DAY.

Wreaths were laid at the Memorial Tablet in honour of the Old Boys of S.P.C. who made the Supreme Sacrifice.

CADET NOTES

We are pleased to welcome our new 2 I.C. Lt. N. Wilson, who is taking an active part in the Corps and is of great assistance to our O.C. During the term there was a number of promotions. Sgt. Castle was promoted to W.O. II and is now our most efficient C.S.M. Cpls. Grigg and Morris were appointed Sergeants, while several Corporals were appointed in camp.

Some weeks ago, the officers, at the invitation of Lt. Col. S. M. McDonald, M.C., attended a two-day course for C.M.F. officers at the Drill Hall. All benefited by it and, on the second day, field exercises were carried out. Our instructor, Sgt. Knight, has been taking the Senior Cadets for Map Reading, and they have advanced rapidly in this subject. Our miniature rifle range is now in regular use, and much valuable practice is being obtained there. First-year Cadets spent an enjoyable day on the Ballarat open range. Good shooting was the order of the day, with Cds. M. Naylan and C. Houlihan scoring the possible of five "bulls."

The prospects for next year look very bright. There is now a regular guard squad in training for work on ceremonial occasions and for guard mounting duties at the annual camp. A rifle team has also done specialised training with a view to entering for competitive shooting. With the addition of two new tenor drums, our band now totals seven. Constant work is being done to improve our drummers. Approval has been obtained from Bde. H.Q. for the establishment of a new specialised section. Next year will see the formation of a Medical Section in our unit.

U/O. J. GROUTSCH.

THE ANNUAL CAMP

During the May holidays the annual Cadet Camp was held at the R.A.A.F. Camp at Mildura. Seven cadet officers and 91 other ranks, under our O.C., Lt. C. Moloney, attended. As far as possible, the original platoons were retained. An interesting programme of rifle, Bren and drill lessons had been prepared and all platoons, particularly those consisting of first-year cadets, made excellent progress. Those in the Band and Vickers section were especially enthusiastic.

The chief features of the programme were the range practice, the fieldcraft lessons and the march past on Sunday. All cadets fired on the miniature and open ranges and the senior cadets also fired the Bren I.M.G. The Vickers section also fired its own weapon. The fieldcraft programme included training films, lessons on observation, a mock attack on an enemy position and a pyrotechnics display and demonstration of movement by night. After Mass on the Sunday, St. Pat's, in company with the other units in camp, took part in a march past, the salute being taken by Captain B. C. Lawn, the Camp Commandant.

Towards the conclusion of the camp, several promotions were announced. Those promoted to the rank of corporal were L/Cpls. M. Walsh, W. Lannen and N. McArdle and Cadets G. Cameron, M. Creati, W. Crowe, A. Foley, B. Hickey, R. Lamaro and B. Morgan. The new corporals received their lanyards at an impressive ceremony attended by Captain Lawn, Lt. K. Lythe and M.O.1 McKenzie.

The cadets' spiritual welfare was well attended to by Rev. Fr. Gorman, S.J., the Catholic Chaplain. Mass and Rosary were held daily and the cadets had ample opportunity for Confession. Our unit was also indebted to Scotch College, who kindly assisted in training our drummers. The camp was made all the more pleasant by the fine weather experienced, by the excellent canteen and the pictures and supper each evening. A welcome diversion was a bus trip to Wentworth, N.S.W., on the Sunday we were in camp. The meals and accommodation were of a very high standard and all agreed that the week's camp at Mildura was most enjoyable.

SGT. D. BROWN.





FIRST XVIII NOTES

Even before the start of the 1954 season the students of St. Pat's realised that this year was the most important in the last half century. St. Pat's had completed 49 years without a defeat in B.P.S. football and the large number of boys who tried for admission into the College XVIII emphasised the fact that they thought it an honour to be chosen to represent St. Pat's. Close matches were expected against Ballarat College because of the close games played against them in 1953. After several training runs and practice matches, the training list for the College XVIII was finalised. The 21 members of the training list were Ray Dignan, Kevin Shea and Michael Bourke, all 3rd year players; John O'Shannassy, Ross Muller, Vin Colbert, Gavan Bourke, Brendan Ryan, Ken Pike, Marshall Younger, Brian Murphy, Charlie Castles and Bill Bainbridge, all of whom were in the 1953 1st XVIII, and Bernie McKenna, Gerald Crough, John Ilott, Brian Vear, Terry Fitzpatrick, Graeme Sampieri, Leo Sreenan and John Groutsch, who were to represent St. Pat's for the first time in the 1st XVIII. Due to outstanding form shown on the senior oval competition and in the 2nd XVIII the following players were at different times added to the training list: Graeme Cardillo, Kevin Shannon, Darryl Hunter, Brian Russell, Kevin Arundell, John Coffey, Bill Crowe and Brian O'Connor.

The St. Pat's 1st XVIII for 1954 promised at the start of the season to develop into a team which would truly uphold the great traditions of the College. Among the first year players were Bernie McKenna and Gerald Crough, two players who held down the key positions of centre half forward and centre half back respectively. At the end of the first term, the team played two matches and won both. Bill Bainbridge had the honour of leading St. Pat's on both occasions.

At the first meeting in the second term, Ray Dignan was elected captain and Michael Bourke was elected as his deputy. Br. O'Malley, who continued as coach of the team in spite of bad health, wished them both all the best for the coming season.

B.P.S. MATCHES

S.P.C. LOST TO B.C.

Ballarat College visited us for the opening match of the B.P.S. season. Ballarat College were reputed to have a first-class team, and this was verified by their consequent displays. The clash of the two teams had created widespread interest in and around Ballarat, and a large crowd gathered to witness the opening match.

From the very outset, the Ballarat College team showed that they represented a very real menace to St. Pat's football supremacy. They continually attacked the St. Pat's goal, whereas St. Pat's were held scoreless until near the end of the first quarter, even though they had the scoring end. It was obvious that the tension under which the St. Pat's team was playing was affecting their teamwork and general play. In the second quarter play was very even, with both defences holding the forwards. Gerald Crough was doing a very good job for St. Pat's at centre half back.

After half time St. Pat's came out determined to make up their small leeway. From the bounce they were in attack, and a revitalised attack converted many opportunities. College did, however, break through the solid St. Pat's back line on several occasions. At the last change St. Pat's held a handy lead which it was obvious they would have to fight hard to maintain, because College had the use of a slight favouring wind. After College had almost evened the scores, St. Pat's in an all-out effort slammed on 2 goals and with 10 minutes to play held a 15-point lead. However, the College team, not to be denied, came again and, inspired by the play of their captain, John Birt, finished too well for the St. Pat's team and ran out winners by 9 points. We congratulated College on their win and looked forward to another close match later in the season.

Scores: B.C., 12-12; S.P.C., 11-9.

Goals: Younger (4), Shea (2), Muller (2), O'Shannassy (1), Castles (1), G. Bourke (1).

Best players: G. Crough, B. McKenna, M. Younger, C. Castles, R. Dignan, M. Bourke, J. O'Shannassy, K. Shea.

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

In the second match of the B.P.S. season St. Pat's were visited by Grammar, who the previous week had been defeated by High School. The match opened with both teams playing strong football and it developed into a game in which the defences of both teams were well tested. However, in the second quarter St. Pat's, aided by a slight wind, slammed on 12 goals in a brief but brilliant exhibition of football. Prominent in this display were Ray Dignan and Bernie McKenna, who dominated the key positions and provided many opportunities for the other forwards.

After half-time, however, the game deteriorated somewhat as a spectacle and it was not an uncommon sight to see St. Pat's players fighting among themselves for the ball and spoiling one another when going for marks. Grammar School provided little opposition and any attacks which they did make were repulsed by the solid S.P.C. back line led by O'Shannassy and Crough.

Scores: S.P.C., 18-21; C.E.G.S., 0-4.

Goals: K. Shea (5), R. Muller (4), B. McKenna (4), J. Ilott (4), B. Ryan (1).

Best players: R. Dignan, B. McKenna, J. O'Shannassy, R. Muller, K. Shea, J. Ilott, G. Crough, G. Sampieri.

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

In the final match of the first round St. Pat's played High School on their oval. The St. Pat's team again played very patchy football and kicking for goal left much to be desired. The play opened with St. Pat's getting great drive from the ruckmen; but when the ball became slippery and harder to handle the big men became less conspicuous. St. Pat's scored seven very quick goals soon after the start of play, but faulty kicking let High School in for several scoring opportunities before the end of the quarter. The High School team contained several individual stars, but these were not enough to overcome the teamwork of St. Pat's. Play became more congested in the second and third quarters because the defences of both teams were on top. In the last quarter, however, St. Pat's reproduced some of their best play and held High School scoreless while they added five majors.

Scores: S.P.C., 14-22; B.H.S., 2-4.

Goals: K. Shea (5), B. McKenna (4), J. Ilott (2), R. Muller (2), M. Younger (1).

Best players: R. Dignan, J. O'Shannassy, B. McKenna, B. Vear, J. Ilott, K. Shea, R. Muller.

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

After the break for the long week-end the B.P.S. football competition was resumed. The convincing wins which both St. Pat's and Ballarat College had over their opponents in the other matches pointed to a thrilling spectacle in the return match. This was indeed the general opinion as one of the largest crowds ever to witness a B.P.S. match turned up at College for the return match.

St. Pat's had first use of the breeze, but many chances were lost through poor teamwork. However, a burst of five quick goals near the end of the quarter helped to improve the position. In the second quarter the St. Pat's backs, who had been strengthened by the return, after injury, of vice-captain M. Bourke, worked hard to hold their lead. This they succeeded in doing and at half-time held a handy lead of 11 points.

After the interval St. Pat's had the chance to further increase their lead, but faulty kicking—only three majors from ten scoring shots—and the good play of the College defence kept them out. Thus the third quarter ended with St. Pat's 23 points up but fighting against a strong breeze. College attacked continuously in the last quarter and, lifted by the inspired play of John Birt, their captain, at last hit the front. St. Pat's, however, showed great fighting qualities and in the time-on period again snatched the lead. During the last five minutes play see-sawed between the two forward lines, but, aided by the wind, College broke through again to score two goals and gain the B.P.S. football premiership for 1954. We would like to congratulate Ballarat College on their well-deserved and hard-won premiership and look forward anxiously to meeting them next year.

Scores: B.C., 13-11; S.P.C., 11-13.

Goals: K. Shea (3), R. Muller (2), B. McKenna (2), J. Ilott (1), M. Younger (1), D. Hunter (1).

Best players: R. Dignan, C. Castles, B. McKenna, M. Younger, G. Crough, R. Muller, M. Bourke, J. O'Shannassy.

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

For the return match against Grammar School, St. Pat's journeyed to their oval. St. Pat's were determined to prove that they were still a great force in B.P.S. football. Kicking with the wind, St. Pat's quickly added five goals due mainly to ruck supremacy. Marshall Younger in this match early established himself as the major goal-kicker with some lovely angle goals. In the second quarter St. Pat's, again assisted by a winning ruck, combined well to add another five goals against the wind, while the back line also combined well to keep Grammar to two goals. St. Pat's captain, Ray Dignan, was creating many scoring opportunities for his forwards.

After the interval St. Pat's continued to surge forward and were beating Grammar almost everywhere. This was evidenced by the fact that they scored seven majors compared to Grammar's one. At the start of the last quarter St. Pat's seemed likely to go on to twenty goals for the first time in B.P.S. this season. However, Grammar rucks began to get the upper hand and St. Pat's backs were hard pressed to hold Grammar to two goals. St. Pat's could only manage one in this quarter.

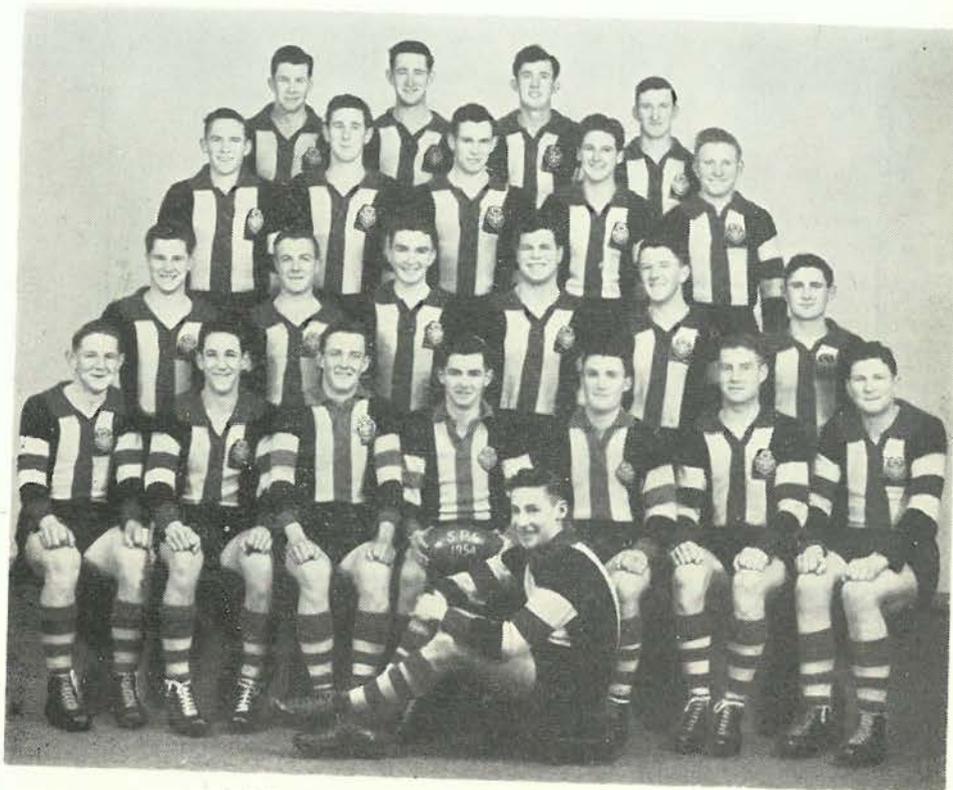
Final scores: S.P.C., 18-11; C.E.G.S., 5-4.

Goals: Younger (7), Shea (6), Ilott (2), McKenna (1), Ryan (1), G. Bourke (1).

Best players: R. Dignan, M. Younger, G. Bourke, K. Shea, B. McKenna, J. O'Shannassy, M. Bourke.

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

In the last match of the season High School journeyed to St. Pat's oval. This match, like the other five, was played in beautiful weather and on a firm ground—something very unusual in B.P.S. As High School had given Ballarat College a hard game in the previous week, St. Pat's were expected to be pressed to score a convincing win. The game opened



S.P.C. SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM, 1954.

Seated: J. O'Shannassy, M. Younger, M. Bourke (Vice-Capt.), R. Dignan (Captain), K. Shea, B. McKenna, W. Bainbridge.

In Front: G. Sampieri.

Second Row: K. Pike, B. Ryan, G. Crough, C. Castle, G. Bourke, R. Muller.

Third Row: K. Shannon, B. Vear, J. Ilott, B. Murphy, V. Colbert.

Top Row: T. Fitzpatrick, J. Groutsch, L. Schreenan, K. Arundell.

with plenty of fire, and play soon became congested. This type of game enabled the High School team to lead for the major part of the first term. However, more drive was then given by a winning centreline, where Gavan Bourke was starring. The second quarter was half gone before St. Pat's started to play anything like their real game. With Dignan on top in the centre, the forwards were given many chances, but they did everything except kick goals. In the third quarter the general play of the team improved and the match became more attractive as a spectacle. But the St. Pat's forwards were still off the target and it was only the sterling service of the defenders which kept High down to one goal. Towards the end of the game the forward work and general play of the team improved to such an extent that 5 goals were added in the last 10 minutes. Thus the B.P.S. season for 1954 ended, with St. Pat's runners-up. It was the first time in the last 50 years that the team has suffered a defeat, and the first time ever that the premiership has been lost.

Goals: M. Younger (4), B. McKenna (3), Shea (2), Dignan (1), Muller (1), G. Bourke (1), B. Vear (1), B. Ryan (1).

Best players: Bourke Bros., R. Dignan, B. Murphy, M. Younger, B. Ryan, B. McKenna, J. O'Shannassy.

SUNDAY MATCHES

S.P.C., 10-12, DEFEATED BALLARAT Y.C.W., 9-15

Best players: G. Grough, B. McKenna, W. Bainbridge, K. Shea, R. Dignan, R. Muller, G. Bourke.

S.P.C., 10-23, DEFEATED BACCHUS MARSH, 6-6

Best players: R. Dignan, J. Ilott, J. O'Shannassy, B. McKenna, M. Bourke, M. Younger, W. Bainbridge, G. Crough.

S.P.C., 13-16, DEFEATED S.J.C., GEELONG, 5-9

Best players: R. Dignan, J. O'Shannassy, M. Younger, B. McKenna, M. Bourke, J. Ilott, K. Shea, R. Muller.

S.P.C., 12-13, DEFEATED PAKENHAM EAST SOCIALS, 5-10

Best players: M. Younger, J. O'Shannassy, R. Dignan, M. Bourke, K. Shea, B. McKenna, B. Murphy, C. Castle.

S.P.C., 5-9, DEFEATED TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 5-8

Best players: M. Younger, R. Dignan, M. Bourke, B. McKenna, K. Shea, B. Vear, B. Ryan.

S.P.C., 12-13, DEFEATED ST. MARY'S, ARARAT, 2-10

Best players: B. McKenna, R. Dignan, K. Shea, J. O'Shannassy, G. Crough, M. Younger, C. Castle.

S.P.C., 5-5, LOST TO OLD BOYS, 5-8

Best players: J. O'Shannassy, R. Dignan, B. McKenna, K. Pike, G. Sampieri, M. Younger, B. Ryan.

S.P.C., 10-14, DEFEATED ST. KEVIN'S, 4-7

Best players: R. Dignan, B. Ryan, J. O'Shannassy, B. McKenna, B. Vear, R. Muller, M. Younger.

S.P.C., 8-6, LOST TO TERANG, 8-7

Best players: R. Dignan, K. Arundell, J. Coffey, J. O'Shannassy, M. Bourke, B. Murphy.

S.P.C., 5-7, LOST TO PARADE, 7-7

Best players: R. Dignan, B. McKenna, G. Bourke, B. Murphy, K. Shea, M. Bourke, J. O'Shannassy.

At the time of writing there are still three matches to be played. They include two away matches—Warrnambool and Colac. The St. Pat's boys are always afforded a great welcome at these places and we hope to repay them by turning on good matches. The remaining match is

the return match against St. Kevin's. It also should be very interesting. Thus, St. Pat's have won eleven out of the sixteen matches played this year. Although this is not quite as good as the last couple of years, it is an achievement to be proud of. We hope to increase the number to fourteen out of nine teen before the end of the season.

PLAYERS

RAY DIGNAN (captain): Was a unanimous choice for the captaincy. Held down the important position of centre throughout the season. A brilliant individual player who also combined well with his team mates. Was never beaten.

MICHAEL BOURKE (vice-captain): Had the misfortune to break a bone in his hand early in the season. Was a consistent defender on the half back line.

KEVIN SHEA: Was given a try as rover and proved successful. However, the weakness of the forward division necessitated his recall to full forward, the position which he has occupied with great credit for the last two seasons.

BRENDAN RYAN: Was a fearless player, whether roving or in the forward line. Always prepared to go in and get the ball.

JOHN O'SHANNASSY: A natural footballer who used his weight to advantage. An excellent mark and a beautiful drop kick. His play improved when he was returned to full back, the post he occupied last year.

R. MULLER: A rover who turned in some very good games. A dashing player who was noted for his brilliant marks around the goals.

G. BOURKE: Started the season as a rover, but his play improved when he was switched to the wing. He starred in the last two B.P.S. matches. Used his pace to advantage.

M. YOUNGER: The youngest player in the team. Gave sterling service in the ruck and scored many goals while resting on the forward line. He was eligible for the Under 15 team.

K. PIKE: He gave sterling service on the forward lines. He never let up and was always looking for a team mate.

V. COLBERT: Vin played many useful games on the back line before a severe knee injury forced him to retire from the team.

B. MURPHY: Showed the benefit of a few games last year. Was one of the stalwarts of the back line.

C. CASTLE: A member of the heavy brigade, Charlie was a great force in the ruck and on the back line.

W. BAINBRIDGE: Although too old for B.P.S., added weight and talent to the Sunday teams. Had honour of leading St. Pat's team a couple of times.

B. MCKENNA: Gave great service whether at centre half forward or following. A brilliant high mark.

G. CROUGH: Given important position of centre half back, where he performed creditably. Was another of the high-marking brigade.

J. ILOTT: Gave great service in the ruck and also scored quite a few goals when resting.

B. VEAR: After promising displays in defence was switched to ruck, where he was a headache for opponents.

T. FITZPATRICK: Turned in many good games, whether on half back or half forward line.

G. SAMPIERI: Played some good games on the wing, where he used his pace to advantage.

L. SCHREENAN: Came under notice for good play on forward line. Improved with experience.

J. GROUTSCH: Showed promise of great service on back line. Should be an asset next year.

G. Cardillo, D. Hunter, B. Russell, K. Shannon, K. Arundell, J.

Coffey, W. Crowe and B. O'Connor all gave their services willingly when required.

In conclusion, we thank our Sportsmaster, Br. O'Malley, and all the Brothers who helped us in any way.

SECOND XVIII

Although holding not so prominent a position as our 1st XVIII, the 2nd XVIII again had a triumphant season. This year we shared the Ballarat Public Schools premiership with Ballarat College, whilst we were victorious in our match against St. Kevin's, Toorak, 2nd XVIII.

In the Ballarat competition four matches were played. In the matches against Ballarat Grammar we swept all before us and won convincingly on both occasions. Against Ballarat College we were not so fortunate—after a very decisive victory in our first match, we were narrowly defeated in the return game. However, we noticed many of College's 1st XVIII in this match and we were not downcast by our defeat.

The mid-term match against St. Kevin's in Melbourne gave us another victory. After settling down to the unfamiliar surroundings, we went on to win in true St. Pat's style.

The team was capably led by Kevin Shannon, who successfully held the centre position and who was responsible for dashing moves in all directions. He was assisted by Michael O'Callaghan, who, with Bill Crowe, John Walsh and Joe Gallagher, made a very formidable ruck combination. Our ruck received great assistance from two elusive rovers, John Coffey, and Kevin Arundell, who also shone on the forward line before taking up a wing position in the 1st XVIII. Graeme Cardillo, Jim Pierce and Noel Morganti were towers of strength in our fast-moving defence. Our attack led by John McCormack and Kevin Leitch gave many brilliant displays of teamwork throughout the season. Other players who distinguished themselves during the season were John Groutsch, Bernie Carey, Brian Russell, Irwin McGuinness and Brian Costigan.

MICHAEL O'CALLAGHAN.

SENIOR OVAL FOOTBALL

Once again the football tussles on the Senior Oval have aroused great interest in the Senior School. There has been keen rivalry between the four teams in the competition and consequently football of a high standard has been witnessed. The preliminary matches have been completed with, at the finish, only a narrow margin separating the four teams, so there is certain to be some hard-fought struggles and possibly some upsets before the premiership is decided.

Treacy, capably led by Michael O'Callaghan, were weakened by injuries in the early part of the season, but played well to finish in first position. Some of those responsible for the team's improvement were towering ruck-man and vice-captain John Walsh, long-kicking half-forward Terry Goss and sterling defenders G. Cardillo, I. McGuinness and K. Fraser. Centreman T. Jess and rover Vin Corbett were responsible for many moves towards the forward zone, where Ray Lamaro was often under notice.

Early in the season, Nunan was the outstanding team, winning its first four matches. This performance is explained by the fact that, under the leadership of dashing back-pocket player Bernie Carey, were champion ruckman and vice-captain Bill Crowe, nippy centreman Brian

Russell and brilliant rovers Daryl Hunter and Brian O'Connor. Others worthy of mention were wingers Peter Harman and Mel Creati and half-back Roy O'Connor.

Galvin, led by Des. Brown, maintained its position amongst the leaders throughout the season and was narrowly beaten into third position. However, with its strong line-up, which included consistent utility player and vice-captain Kevin Leitch, elusive rover John Coffey and ever-reliable full-back Jim Pierce, this team should play a large part in deciding the premiership. Others who have done well are half-forwards Noel Morganti and John Hampton, centreman Brian Costigan, rover "Jackie" Devine and speedy follower Noel McArdle.

McCarthy took some time to find its true form, but, towards the end of the season, showed that it will be a power in the finals. Captained by fiery centreman, Kevin Shannon, it has been well served by wily half-forward and vice-captain Kevin Arundell and determined ruck men John McCormack and Joe Gallagher. This team has also three capable defenders in full-back Dave Hallam, and half-backs Noel Rogers and Kerry Reynolds, whilst "Jackie" Chisholm is dangerous around the goals.

We would also like to congratulate those who rose from our ranks to the First XVIII during the season. They include Kevin Shannon, Kevin Arundell, Brian Russell, Daryl Hunter, Bill Crowe, Brian O'Connor, Graeme Cardillo and John Coffey. Furthermore, our thanks go to the Brothers and Bill Bainbridge for umpiring our matches, no mean task at times, on the senior oval.

To illustrate further the even state of this year's competition, the final ladder is submitted.

House	Games	Won	Lost	For	Ag.	%	Pts.
Treacy	7	4	3	188	140	134.3	16
Nunan	7	4	3	179	151	118.5	16
Galvin	7	4	3	122	193	63.2	16
McCarthy	7	2	5	190	105	97.4	8

On the eve of the finals, we wish all teams the best of luck and we congratulate the ultimate premiers on their victory.

D. BROWN.

HILL FOOTBALL

The Hill Football has functioned very smoothly throughout the term and this is due mainly to the efficient organising of Br. Smith. We have also to thank Brs. Smith and Archer for giving up their time after school to umpire our matches.

At the present, Treacy, captained by Nick Martino, and McCarthy, captain John McMahon, have 24 premiership points, while Nunan and Galvin, skippers Brian Shanahan and Peter Brown, have 16 points.

Lee Brownbill and John McMahon are leading the field in Best and Fairest points, each having 12 points. After these come Nick Martino with 9 points and Peter Brown with 8 points.

The goal-kickers at present are John Brien with 18 goals to his tally, John Shea with 17 goals and John McMahon with 15 goals.

B. TELLEFSON.

ST. ROCH'S OVAL

The general standard of play in the junior football competition was good. L. Griffey, who would undoubtedly have won the "Best and Fairest" award, was granted a transfer to the Shed. Some of the most improved players on St. Roch's are Len Haintz, Kevin Murphy, Michael Brown, Brendan Hickey, Ron Mahar and Trevor Bennett. Nunan was captained by K. Murphy with H. Butler as v.c. Treacy: M. Brown (c.),

T. Davies (v.c.), Galvin; S. Goss (c.), J. Calnin (v.c.), McCarthy; T. Dickson (c.), L. Haintz (v.c.).

The grand final was won by
The "Best and Fairest" went to _____, while
the goal kicking list was headed by _____

SEVEN-SEVEN FOOTBALL

The 7-7 team has had a very successful season in its matches with Ballarat College and Grammar.

Scores: S.P.C., 14-10, v. B.C., 0-4; S.P.C. 22-10, v. B.G., 0-0; B.C., 2-1, v. S.P.C., 8-12; B.G., 1-4, v. S.P.C., 15-8.

For the most part the team came from players in the Hill Competition, but the half dozen players who came from "The Shed" acquitted themselves in first-class manner. In addition, we were able to call on the services of John Hogan, who although he was in the Oval Competition easily made the weight. In summing up the play, the most noteworthy thing is that, in spite of the fact that the players did not train together as a team, the various House matches taking up so much time, on the field they showed a really classy system and understanding among themselves that would have done credit to a leading League side. This was particularly so in the first match against College when the accurate, fast foot passing and sensible handball left the opposition bewildered. N. Martino, as captain, and J. Hogan, as vice-captain, set the side a great example. They not only went in and got the ball, but always disposed of it to advantage. Ian Slockwitch and J. Bongiorno were another two players who showed out to advantage. Up forward B. Shannon was a really good player in front of the goals and his six against College were the result of good positional play and accurate kicking. Kevin Lamaro on a half forward flank was under notice in every match. Down on the back line, Brian Shanahan as full back was practically impassable and in the last two games Geoff Butler defended in grand style. The rovers, Barry Phelan and Tony Ryan, worked in well with their rucks and the two wingmen, Peter Brown and Paul Kierce, were great assets to the team in that they drove the ball well down to their forwards once it came into their possession. John Shea was one of the most effective players in the team both when he was following the play or when down forward. Others to do well in the matches in which they played were Tom Murphy, D. Lorkins, J. Nihill, W. Scott, G. Wheelahan, B. Kelly, E. Elliott, P. McCulloch, A. Borrack, G. Gemmola, L. Thorpe.

A vote of thanks is due to Stewart Wilson for the efficient way in which he carried out the duties of official scorer during the season.

5½ STONE TEAM

The season began disastrously for us, for we met defeat against College and Grammar. With some hard mid-season training the team improved considerably. The captain, Arthur Buttler, was always an inspiration to the other members of the team. Those who represented S.P.C. in the 5½ stone team are as follows: J. Doolan (v.c.), K. Murphy, B. Graeme, L. Buttler, D. White, D. Tydeman, M. and G. Brown, T. Bennett, F. McDonald, B. Sullivan, J. Moore, P. Madden, B. Eddy, J. Rintoul, M. Conlan, L. Haintz, D. King, I. Jubb, G. Hand, S. Pinzone, B. Gallagher and E. Waterhouse.

S.P.C., 4-8, v. B.C., 9-16

Best players: I. Jubb, A. Buttler, L. Buttler.

S.P.C., 5-7, v. C.E.G.S., 4-15

Best players: M. Conlan, A. Buttler, M. Brown.

S.P.C., 15-10, v. B.C., 3-6

Best players: A. Buttler, I. Jubb, E. Waterhouse.

E. Waterhouse kicked 6 goals.

ATHLETICS PROSPECTS

Following our convincing wins in Melbourne and Ballarat last year, we are looking forward to another successful Aths. season. All our open age sprinters have left, but the promise shown by juniors last year should offset this loss. In the open age we have Leo Schreenan, our champion miler, Ray Dignan, Brendan Ryan, Charlie Castle and Kevin Shea, who were in last year's team. Added to these will be Gavan Bourke, Gerald Crough and Brian Murphy from the under 16 division and Bernie McKenna, who has a wonderful record in high-jumping.

Among the juniors, Denis McKimmie, John Caine, Marshall Younger, Tom Jess and Graeme Sampieri should do well again in the under 16 division. In the other divisions Geoff. Slockwitch, Ken Fraser, Ian Slockwitch and Michael Brown will again be to the fore.

Undoubtedly, many new boys will also produce performances that will gain them a place in the team, too.

We are hoping also that Br. O'Malley will again take the team and that Mr. Sheehan will coach us. The team's successes in the past have been due in no small measure to the work of these coaches. Best of luck, St. Pat's, for another good season.

KEVIN SHEA.

TENNIS PROSPECTS

We are sorry to say that we have no player from last year's 1st IV, but from the promise shown by some of the under age players St. Pat's should field a strong tennis team. Terry Brennan, a dual cup winner last year, should do well and will receive support from Peter McCulloch, Neil Sist, James O'Bierne, Michael O'Callaghan, Kevin Leitch, John McCormack, Ken Pike and Joe Gallagher. It is to be hoped that some other boys come good and are able to assist in the regaining of the tennis premiership.

KEVIN SHEA.

BASKETBALL

In a few brief years basketball has gripped the College and, with the attaining of a better standard, there is an atmosphere of keener competition. This year Treacy and McCarthy are staging a tense struggle. M. O'Callaghan, Treacy's captain, is their stalwart in defence. He is partnered in defence by V. Corbett and has champion goal-thrower T. Goss. B. Bailey deserves a mention as a utility player, but he generally gives a more polished performance at the pivot.

For McCarthy, M. Sheahan is showing fine form and to date is the best player on the court. He is supported by K. Arundell, who is fast and elusive. T. Brophy's height is a deciding factor in McCarthy's defence and he and K. Shannon break up many forward moves by their opponents.

Galvin, third on the list, have for their captain K. Leitch, who is perhaps the best defender in the competition. The best of their forwards are J. Hampton and N. Morganti, whilst J. Coffey is renowned for his zest on the court. He is tireless and indefatigable.

In last place are disappointing Nunan. Nevertheless, their failure could be partly attributed to their inability to field their strongest team. However, B. Carey sought coaching assistance whilst in Melbourne and, with T. Lanigan and J. Hogan, Nunan could be a force in the finals.

Before concluding, we must extend our thanks to our umpire, L. Schreenan. Leo gives general satisfaction and he allows the games to flow easily.

N. MORGANTI.



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ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST—MELBOURNE.

Some sixty Old Boys attended the Association's Annual Communion at St. Francis' Church, City, on Sunday, June 6th. Celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Fr. C. Fiscalini, C.S.S.R., himself a past student of S.P.C., and the sermon was preached by Rev. Fr. McKenna of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, who extended a special welcome to the members of the Association.

Through the courtesy of Very Rev. Fr. McKenna, the breakfast was held afterwards at St. Francis' Monastery. The President, Mr. L. Larmer extended a cordial welcome to all, and a particularly special welcome to Rev. Fr. Fiscalini, Rev. Br. Healy, Mr. R. V. Monahan, Q.C., Mr. F. D. Mann, one of the College's oldest alumni, and Dr. J. Rowan and Mr. H. P. Morganti, life members of the Association.

Mr. F. Nugent proposed a fine toast to the Hierarchy and Clergy, to which Fr. Fiscalini responded. The toast to Alma Mater was proposed by Mr. L. McNair; and Br. Healy, Principal, responded. Br. expressed

apologies from Rev. Brs. O'Mally and Howard who were unable to be present.

Following the toasts Mr. R. P. Monahan, Q.C., the guest speaker, delivered a brilliant address embracing the tide of Communism, secular education and the Christian duty of Catholic men. The quality and import of Mr. Monahan's address was consistent with his standing as one of the leading Catholic members at the Bar.

Mr. Monahan's address is printed in full elsewhere.

ANNUAL CABARET BALL—MELBOURNE.

On June 22nd nearly three hundred guests were received at the Dorchester by Mr. L. Larmer, the President, on the occasion of the Annual Cabaret Ball. Special guests included representatives from Vaucluse, Loreto, Kilmore, St. Kilda, North Melbourne, St. Kevin's and De La Salle Old Collegians' Associations, Celtic Club and a large group comprising the Vaucluse 1954 Debutantes and their friends, who made the night the occasion of their return ball. Mr. L. Larmer especially welcomed Rev. Brs. J. D. Healy, W. T. O'Mally, T. Mullen and M. Howard, who journeyed from Ballarat for the occasion.

A gala atmosphere was created by the distribution of gob caps and masks in the school colours, and continuous dancing with two orchestras ensured the success of the function.

PERSONAL PARS.

Mr. Alf. Kavenagh is in Mt. St. Evins Hospital recovering from a serious operation. S.P.C. prays for Alf's recovery.

Five ex-student priests officiated at High Mass at the College on the Feast of Br. Ignatius Rice. They were Revs. Dr. W. McCunnie, J. Shelley, W. Dwyer, J. Moloney and the preacher, Rev. F. McManus, C.S.S.R.

Greetings from all Old Boys to Rev. Frs. Vic. Crennan, John McIlwraith, Pat Crudden, Rev. Frs. Maurice Moloney and Frank Awburn arrived from Ireland on August 4th last. They are members of St. Columban's Mission. We do not now know their postings.

News from Rome is that Fr. Chris. Baker has completed his Doctorate of Theology and that he is now studying Sacred Scripture. He has passed his Bachelor of Sacred Scripture and is studying for his Licentiate. Rev. John Ware recently received Major Orders. He is now a deacon. He will be ordained in Rome on December 8th.

Bill McGrath, Laurie Halloran and Keyin Murphy are to leave for Rome very soon. They will be met by John Ware and John McKinnon.

Congratulations to Pat. O'Neill and Leo Howard on being made Honorary Life Members of S.P.C.O.C.A. Each well deserved this honour.

Joseph McDonald is a clerk in the Melbourne City Court. He hopes to become a clerk of Courts. Recently in Nation Service Camp at Puckapunyal Joe met Tom McGill, John Cullen, Bill Love and Hughie Bourke.

Peter Raphael and his wife and Andy Carroll and his wife and family visited St. Pat's recently. So did Kieran Hogan, Noel Aldenhoven, Brian Malady and Ex-Students are always welcome.

Ian Butler of Newstead was married with Nuptial Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo, on July 31st. The bride was formerly Miss Joan Byrne of Sutton Grange.

Congratulations to Kevin Harty who completed his Pharmacy and who has taken a position in Ballarat.

Dr. Brian Ryan (1928-1933) is at present overseas. During a recent period of six months at the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, he was successful in gaining the following degrees: L.M. (Licentiate of Midwifery), D.G.O. (Diploma of Gynaecology and Obstetrics) and D.C.H. (Diploma of Child Health). In the D.G.O. examination, for which twenty doctors sat, he gained second place. At present he is at Edinburgh studying for the M.R.C.P. (Member Royal College Physicians) degree. His headquarters in Eire are at Bansha Castle, Co. Tipperary, where his wife and seven

children live. He is to return to Australia soon after he obtains his M.R.C.P. degree. His brother Bill is in the banking business at Wangaratta and his father, Mr. Pat. Ryan, left recently for a trip to Eire.

Vincent Di Nuzzo was married a few weeks ago. He has gone on an eighteen months' cruise of Oceania.

Frank Fitzpatrick journeyed from near Kerang where he is school teaching to see the St. Kevin's v. S.P.C. match played at Ballarat.

Bill Gunther is teaching Vth Grade at Patchewollock State School.

Thompson Brothers, Arthur and Graeme, are doing very well. Arthur is Headmaster of Carisbrook State School; Graeme is in the Public Service. Their brother Ron. is in 1st Year.

Bill Deutschman has been appointed Town Clerk of Sunshine.

John Colbert was married last May to Miss Patricia Fradd of Donald. at Dunolly. Merv. recently had on op. in St. Vincent's.

Congratulations to Murray Byrne who was recently admitted to the Bar.

Roy Harman has a son, born a few days ago.

John Buckley, working with the Lands Department, has lately been playing centre half-back for Sandhurst in the Bendigo League.

Leon Heath and Basil Sheehan are at Dookie Agricultural College. Both look well and are doing well.

John Lenaghan, Agricultural Science, recently addressed the senior students at S.P.C. on Ag. Science as a career. All enjoyed his lecture very much.

Adrian Anderson, LL.B., recently visited S.P.C. Adrian is busy as a solicitor at Warracknabeal.

Mr. John Norris, one of our very oldest ex-students, was here for the St. Kevin's match. He pointed to the Music Rooms and told us that in his day the fowl yard was there. He found much pleasure in reminiscing and he told us that in 1895 the Brothers took the few boarders for a picnic to Lake Burrumbeet. The day before they killed off many fowls, and all had a fine helping of roast fowl at the picnic. We were delighted to meet our old friend. God bless Jack and all ex-students.

Harry McGoldrick was recently married in Adelaide. He is living in Ballarat.

Joe Delaney has been elected President of Newman College for 1954.

Tom Strachan has taken over the Boarder Inn Hotel at Bacchus Marsh.

Gale Gallagher, who is starring with Rokewood Team in Western Plains Football League, is doing 4th Year Pharmacy.

Dr. Bill Kermond has returned from abroad and is practising in Collins Street.

Eddie Williams recently received promotion. He was transferred to the Housing Commission. Ed. has done grand work for Melbourne Branch S.P.C.O.C.A. in compiling an index of 2000 names and addresses of Old Boys.

Brian Mason, Civil Engineering, is in Canada. John, his brother, was at the ball at the Dorchester. Mervyn and John work the family farm.

Brian Miller, doing Law at Uni., and John Grogan doing Pharmacy. recently celebrated their coming-of-age. Each had a big party at the Dorchester and at 9 Darling Street.

Len Watkins, recently engaged to Miss Margaret Makin of Ivanhoe has been transferred to Sale in the Commonwealth Bank.

Laurie Larmer, President of Melbourne Branch, has a new daughter and a new car.

Vincent Williams, selected for Interstate Team, toured West Australia and Adelaide.

Seen at the Annual Ball: Barry O'Sullivan and Michael from Seymour, Kerin Hogan from Lands Department, Bendigo, Peter Raphael and his wife, Frank Murray and his fiancée. Frank announced his engagement just prior to the ball.

S.P.C. O.C.A. v. Assumption College, Kilmore. The match was played on Sunday, August 1st at Richmond City Reserve. Both teams had several League and Association stars, ex-students of their colleges. Final scores: S.P.C.: 11 goals 13 behinds, 79 points. Assumption: 4 goals 9 behinds, 31 points. Best players: Peter Raphael, John James, Brian Gleeson, Brian Bourke, Bill Drake, Brian McKenna, Kevin Hogan, Bill Foley. Vin William led the team from pivot.

Leo McNair has bought a house in Cheltenham. He hopes to be married in October.

Arthur Vaughan is now managing the George Hotel, St. Kilda.

John Quinlan has been studying for the past few months at Liverpool, England. Recently he secured his 1st Mate's Certificate. He was one of two successful competitors out of sixteen. He intends to do Extra Mate's Certificate as soon as possible.

ADDRESS BY R. V. MONAHAN, Q.C.

The guest speaker at the Old Collegians' Annual Communion Breakfast held in St. Francis' Hall last June was Mr. Rob Monahan, our brilliant Queen's Council.

Mr. Monahan's address was magnificent and all who heard him were delighted. It is that many more might read the address that we print it in the Chronicle.

ALMA MATER

I think we might profitably discuss the lesson to be learned from the past in the hope that we might apply it to the future.

Our own Alma Mater was a shining memorial to the long suffering Catholic population of the State and served perfectly to illustrate what had been able to be achieved in the past despite the venomous attacks made on the Church in this country during the middle of the last century.

During the last few weeks it seems that a gentleman known as Mao-Tse-Tung has published his plan for the domination of the world by Communist China and as part of his plan has stated that he will take over Australia in the year 1965. Whilst we may fervently hope that this is no more than idle boasting, we have surely learned to our sorrow the effectiveness of the Communist technique in the past. This has been to avoid war at all costs and to divide the peoples of each of the democracies amongst themselves in turn. In other words, by the dissemination of Communist propaganda and the infiltration of Communist agents into the democracies each has suffered the fate predicted for Australia, the wedge first had to be driven. I would like you to remember this word "wedge" because you will hear it again at a later stage in my address.

I pointed out that before the discovery of gold in Australia the old order of liberalism prevailed in which there was a considerable degree of tolerance towards denominational schools which, in fact, were, in those days, in receipt of State aid. Indeed the only schools in the country then were denominational schools and a few State conducted orphanages. Subsequently, with the discovery of gold and the greed for wealth and power that went with it, it led to a new form of secularism coming into the lives of the people. Secularism means no more and no less than that our lives are ordered by relation only to our wants on this earth without ever a thought for the future. A new type of liberalism emerged in the late fifties and what was in store for the denominational schools appeared when a single Board was constituted to control the distribution of State funds as between the already existing denomi-

national schools and the State orphanages and other State centres of education which had now come into being.

The writing was soon on the wall for the Catholics and the first serious shot in the campaign against them was fired by Sir Henry Parkes, who was then Premier of New South Wales, when he introduced his Public Instruction Bill in 1859. Waving this in his hand on the occasion when he brought it down in the Legislative Chamber of the mother colony, he said, "I have here in my hand what will spell death to the priesthood of Rome." At about this time Roger Bede Vaughan of the Order of St. Benedict arrived in Sydney and four years later on the death of Dr. Polding he became Sydney's second archbishop. Dr. Vaughan was quickly into the fight and with well reasoned pastorals and with what press he could command he did all in his power to block this new type of State secular education. Unhappily, however, he failed. It is perhaps poor consolation for us to find, as is the fact, that before he died Parkes admitted to Cardinal Moran that his Public Instruction Bill of 1859 was the greatest mistake of his career.

Soon after the introduction of this Act in New South Wales the heat was on in the newly-established colony of Victoria and the fight against us was led by one Wilberforce Stephens, who happened to be the Attorney-General of the day. The Stephens Act of 1872 as the new Education Act came to be known in Victoria was forced through the Victorian House despite not only the valiant efforts of Dr. Vaughan, who had not spent all his energies on the New South Wales fight, and also the very great assistance offered to Dr. Vaughan by the Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. Moorehouse, whose name the spires of St. Paul's Cathedral now bear. Dr. Moorehouse in hotly opposing the Stephens Bill paid us a rather left-handed compliment when he said, "The Roman Catholic religion is so peculiar in itself that it is quite impossible to expect that it can be properly observed according to the dictates of the State," and he went on to point out the lesson to be learned from the attempts to force upon the Irish people the English idea of what they should do. Despite all the resistance that could be mustered, the Stephens Act became law and is still the law in regard to public education in Victoria.

The week after his Act had been pushed through the Victorian Parliament, Wilberforce Stephens, addressing a meeting of the Loyal Orange Lodge in Victoria, said this: "A wedge has now been driven into the Catholic population of this colony. That wedge will continue to be driven home until it rends the entire Catholic population asunder." That Act has resulted in the Catholics of this State having consistently throughout the years had to impoverish themselves so far as this world's goods are concerned in order to establish and maintain the magnificent system of Catholic education which Victoria now proudly boasts.

I remember a line from an old Musical Comedy that I saw at His Majesty's Theatre in Melbourne many years ago and which I think I should quote at this stage. Two women were arguing on the stage about the habits of their respective spouses when one said to the other, "To keep your husband good you have got to keep him broke." If by his Act old Wilberforce Stephens has kept the Catholics of this country broke but has nevertheless resulted in keeping them good, then I think we should say "God bless old Wilderforce," instead of condemning him in history.

How then can we, who have had demonstrated to us by our forefathers what the Catholic community is capable of doing, apply this lesson of the past for the future. I suggest that the answer was provided by Father McKenna in his magnificent sermon to us at Mass this morning, when he pointed out to us the message conveyed to the world so recently by Our Lady to the shepherd children at Fatima. She has promised us that the world shall be saved if we will do what she asks. A great revival

in devotion to Our Lady is taking place among us at the very moment. We are now celebrating the Marian Year and amongst other things we have the great demonstrations of faith resulting from the efforts throughout the democratic world of Father Peyton, of New York. These are all very well in their way, but what of each one of us individually? I do not know what trades or occupations most of you men follow. My personal knowledge of how men work and live is rather confined to the members of my own profession and those of the medical profession. True it is that we are still in a minority in this country, but we are not an insignificant minority—anything but that. I have no doubt whatever that though we are a minority we are looked to for leadership by our non-Catholic fellow-men in these difficult times. Let me illustrate that point. Some years ago the Catholic members of the Victorian Bar decided to institute at the beginning of the Legal Year the celebration of the Red Mass. Within a couple of years the Anglicans had followed suit, led by our worthy Chief Justice, Sir Edmund Herring, who, as you all know, is a good man. In those early years of the Red Mass even one Jewish member of the Victorian Bar insisted upon attending there with us. The Jews now have instituted their own religious service to celebrate the opening of the Legal Year.

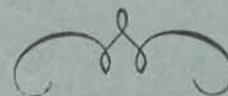
Therefore from this one simple illustration you may feel that you can believe me when I assure you that we are watched in our every action. It behoves us as Old Boys of our beloved Alma Mater always to remember this and, whatever the calling of each and every one of us in life may be, to regulate our lives accordingly.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Monahan was proposed by Mr. L. Howard.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

- September 5 : Lightning Premiership—Kilmore.
- September 11 : Annual Dinner and Presentation Night. Delphic, Alfred Place, City. 6.30 p.m.
- November 7 : Annual Reunion, Ballarat. Dinner, Alexandria. 1 p.m.
Afternoon Tea and Conversation at College. 4 p.m. (Wives and families invited.)
Benediction at College, 5 p.m.
- December 19 : First Annual General Holy Communion at College. 8 a.m. Mass.
Communion Breakfast at College after Mass.





DATES TO REMEMBER :

LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP, KILMORE : SEPTEMBER 5th.

ANNUAL FOOTBALL DINNER : SEPTEMBER 11th.

SECOND TERM BEGINS : SEPTEMBER 14th.

CLASSES COMMENCE : SEPTEMBER 15th.

MADONNA EXHIBITION : SEPTEMBER 27th TO OCTOBER 9th.

FEAST OF CHRISTUS REX : OCTOBER 31st.

FINAL NIGHT PURTON ORATORY : OCTOBER 24th.

MELBOURNE COMBINED SPORTS : *Between* OCTOBER 23rd-30th.

BALLARAT COMBINED SPORTS : NOVEMBER 6th.

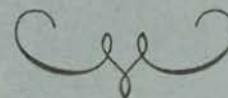
OLD BOYS' REUNION (BALLARAT) : NOVEMBER 7th, 1 p.m.

S.P.C. SPORTS : NOVEMBER 13th.

FETE FOR NEW TRAINING COLLEGE AT BUNDOORA : NOV. 27th.

SPEECH DAY AND BREAK-UP : DECEMBER 12th.

OLD BOYS' ANNUAL COMMUNION : DECEMBER 19th.

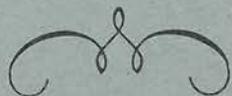




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DATES TO REMEMBER

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Boarders Return	-	February 8th
Classes Resume	-	February 9th
Easter Vacation	-	April 5th-12th
Head of the Lake	-	April 23rd
First Term Banquet	.	May 10th
Boarders Travel	-	May 11th
Boarders Return	-	May 31st
Classes Resume	-	June 1st



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EDITORIAL

GLEN WAVERLEY AND BUNDOORA

Coincidentally, two big projects to accommodate Students who will train for the Priesthood and for the Christian Brothers are about to be begun. Plans for each have been approved and each will add to the already colossal number of costly buildings erected by the generosity of the Catholic People without one penny of Government assistance.

GLEN WAVERLEY

At Glen Waverley is to be erected a Major Seminary for Students to the Priesthood. It is surely encouraging to the Hierarchy and to the Clergy of Victoria that the one time adequate Seminary at Corpus Christi College, Werribee, is no longer large enough to house the big numbers of young men offering to study for the Priesthood.

The need for more accommodation has been a pressing one for some years and now work has already begun and before this Chronicle is issued the Foundation Stone will have been laid. It is a gigantic undertaking, but the huge expense did not terrify our Archbishops and our Bishops. Our own Bishop, Most Rev. Bishop O'Collins, is Secretary of the Building Committee and we wish we could be of great assistance in the wonderful work. We promise His Lordship and Their Graces that we will pray for the success of their project, that the erection will continue unhampered by shortages and other difficulties and that generous Catholics will contribute freely and abundantly. "God loves the cheerful giver."

BUNDOORA

A building scheme which is dear to the hearts of the Christian Brothers in the Southern Province is the erection of their Training College at Bundoora.

"Bundoora" is an expansive property purchased many years ago by the then Provincial Bursar, the late Br. J. C. McCann, erstwhile Superior of St. Patrick's College.

So great has been the expansion of the Order of the Christian Brothers that the former Province of Australasia has now been divided into two Provinces, viz., St. Mary's in the North and St. Patrick's in the South. Though the division was very necessary and indeed well overdue, the Brothers in St. Patrick's Province are confronted with the huge responsibility of erecting their Houses of Formation, viz., Juniorate, Novitiate and Scholasticate. Undaunted and with a confidence bred of previous success, they have embarked on the work.

Next year, boys entering the Juniorate will go to Box Hill, where accommodation for some sixty boys is being prepared. Work is to begin almost immediately at Bundoora and there will be erected a Juniorate and a Novitiate. The building at Box Hill will later revert to a Scholasticate and in near future a Primary and Secondary School—a Practice School—will be built.

Both these big building schemes, "Glen Waverley" and "Bundoora," are being launched in an endeavour to make more complete a tried and approved system of training.

Hearty Congratulations

to

Right Rev. Mgrs. Galligan, Hyland, Timmons,
Conway, Gleeson and Fiscalini.

We rejoice with the friends of all these splendid Priests on their recent appointments.

In a very special way we congratulate Mgr. Gleeson and Mgr. Fiscalini. Each of these Monsignors spent many years as Chaplain of the College. Monsignor Fiscalini replaced Monsignor Gleeson in 1942.

We congratulate all our newly-created Monsignori and we pray that God will give them good health to enable them to continue their noble work for souls and for Christ the King.

Congratulations too to—

Right Rev. Mgr. James Lawless on the attainment of the Diamond Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Fr. Lawless is one of our most illustrious and loyal Alumni. We wish him "Ad multos annos".

GREEN, WHITE AND BLUE PAGE

MICHAEL WALSH has attended S.P.C. as a day boy since 1945. He was Dux of his class during all his primary grades. His brother Frank, now a banker in Ballarat, attended St. Pat's for eight years. Michael is a College Prefect and a member of Our Lady's Sodality. He has been an Altar boy at the Monastery for many years and he is a member of the Holy Name Society there. He stroked a Junior Crew to victory this year and he has represented St. Pat's in Athletics. He is a Corporal in the College Cadet Corps. Michael is studying in his Matric. Next year, Michael hopes to enter Galong, N.S.W., to commence studies for the Redemptorists.

VINCENT COLBERT is a College Prefect who came from Watchem in 1951. His brothers, Brian, John and Pat (R.I.P.), all attended St. Pat's. Brian is Secretary of the Ballarat Branch of the Old Collegians' Association. Vin is studying for his Matriculation and he holds a Junior Government Scholarship. Vin, a member of Our Lady's Sodality, is a regular member of the Altar Society and is a Prefect in the Holy Name Society. He is an under officer (M.M.G.) in the College Cadet Corps. He was a Purton Oratory Finalist, but did not appear in the final because of illness. He played with the 2nd XVIII in 1951, 1952 and wore the First's jersey 1953, 1954. He stroked the Fourth Crew in 1953 and stroked the Firsts in 1954. He is keen on football, tennis and gymnastics. He plays a good tune on the piano.

BERNARD MCKENNA returned as a boarder to St. Pat's at the beginning of this year. He had previously attended from 1945 till 1949. He is in the Leaving Certificate Class and is a member of the College Holy Name Society. He is in the gymnastic class, was a member of the 1st XI and of the 1st XVIII and he represented St. Pat's in Melbourne and in Ballarat. He broke John Vernon's B.P.S. High Jump record of 5 ft. 9½ in. by clearing the bar at 5 ft. 11 in. and John Vernon, Olympic High Jumper, was the first to congratulate Bernie. At the S.P.C. Sports Bern cleared six feet, thus creating a new College record. Bernie's brother Brian is studying Pharmacy. He is Captain of St. Pat's Old Collegians' Association Football Team. We wish Bernie well with his Leaving. He is keen to study Accountancy.

VINCENT CORBETT: This year, Vincent has been a boarder; last year he was a day boy. He is studying for his Leaving and has again gained Dux of class. He is a member of the Holy Name Society and of Our Lady's Sodality. He has a brother, John, in Second Year. Vincent is keen on tennis and football.

DAVID HALLAM has been here since 1953, when he entered College from Hopeton. His father attended St. Pat's in 1924. David was Dux of Inter. B this year, and this year he stroked the Fifth Crew. He is a member of the College Holy Name Society. David intends to return to life on the farm.

MICHAEL HICKEY is Dux of Inter. A. He came to St. Pat's from Merbein, where his Dad was a School Teacher. Michael has been at St. Pat's since 1950. He is an Altar Boy at St. Patrick's Cathedral. He has two brothers at the College, Brian in Inter. A and Brendan in VI Grade. Michael is an enthusiastic College Cadet, holds a Junior Government Scholarship and is one of the best coxswains on the Lake. He was cox of the 2nd IV.

DARRYN JENKINS is a day boy from Ballarat. He is a keen student with an active mind. He usually manages to secure first place in exams. This year he is Dux of Second Year Blue. He hopes to win a Junior Government Scholarship this year. Darryn's Uncle Jim attended St. Pat's 1942 and his Grand-dad, Mr. Chris Jenkins, also attended St. Pat's.



CHRISTUS REX

REMARKABLE RELIGIOUS ENTHUSIASM

More than 7,000 people assembled in fine weather to do honour to Christ the King, despite an ominous threat of rain. Some 5,000 people preceded His Lordship Bishop O'Collins, Monsignor Conway and Monsignor Fiscalini, who this year carried the Blessed Sacrament in Solemn Procession.

The oval and grounds were in splendid condition and the entire setting was very impressive. Each group carried a religious banner signifying the district from which that group had come. During the procession the Rosary was recited through an amplifier by Rev. Fr. J. Russell.

After each decade the processionists sang a hymn in honour of the Blessed Sacrament or of Our Blessed Lady. After an hour, the processionists, who had encompassed the oval, assembled before the grandstand which had been converted into a beautiful High Altar.

A brilliant and moving sermon was preached by Rev. Fr. Lewis, C.S.S.R., the full text of which will be printed here.

His Lordship, Bishop O'Collins congratulated Fr. Lewis on his eloquent address and thanked all those who had come, many travelling great distances to be at this most successful ceremony.

Monsignor Fiscalini was assisted by Rev. Dr. W. McCunnie and Rev. F. J. Shelley. Music was supplied by the band from St. Joseph's Home. These little lads, under the direction of Rev. Br. Healy, accompanied the singing in very good style.

A guard was formed by the members of St. Patrick's College Cadet Unit.

ADDRESS BY REV. FR. LEWIS, C.S.S.R.

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Year by year we gather here with our Bishop to honour Christ the King. This year, however, is unique. It is the Marian Year, a time especially set aside by the Holy Father, not only to honour Mary, but that through Her the world may return to Christ Who alone is "the Way, the Truth and the Life." To a pleasure-mad, selfish world Mary has in recent years appealed for a renewal of the spirit of self-denial marked out by her Divine Son. This alone, she tells us, together with fervent prayer, can avert God's chastisement upon the world by another and yet more terrible war. This afternoon I wish to take the lead from the Queen of Heaven Herself and remind you of your duties as followers of Christ the King.

I. CHRIST A KING OF SACRIFICE.

Christ is indeed a King, but a King not by any worldly standards. He is a King of sacrifice. He freely chose to live in poverty and self-renunciation. And He demands a like detachment from His followers.

Recall that scene on the balcony of the Roman fortress in Jerusalem on the last day of his earthly life. Jesus, the poor man of Nazareth, in his peasant garments and tied hands, is led before the representative of the then ruling power of the world. Struck somehow by the noble bearing of the Divine Prisoner, Pilate asks, more in wonder than in scorn: "Art thou a king?" Art thou, without wealth nor armies, hated and rejected by thine own very people, art thou really a king—And there came from that beaten figure, drawing himself to his full height, expressing kingship in every gesture, "Thou sayest it." I am. But "my kingdom is not of this world. For this was I born and for this I came into this world, that I should give testimony of the truth. Every one that is of the truth, heareth my voice."

It was challenge flung at everything that Pilate stood for—wealth, worldly ambition and power. And so Pilate understood it. For an instant he wavered, caught between his love of the world and the unworldliness demanded by this strange Man. But the world meant too much to him. The first of the long line of those who will not have Christ reign over them, turning his back, he sneered the question of the present age: "What is truth?" And so Christ is rejected because His truth is too hard, His ideals too high.

With sorrow in His heart, He goes to His coronation; for His throne a cross, for His crown a bundle of thorns, for royal purple His own Blood, for His throne-room the Hill of the Skull. And as His side is opened with a spear the King of Love issues the proclamation of His kingdom, penned in crimson upon the white parchment of His own Body: "If any man will come after me, . . ."

II. THE FOLLOWERS OF THE KING.

That proclamation has split the world into two opposing camps, to one of which all must necessarily belong. For there are only two standards which men may follow: the standard of the cross, which is the denial of self for love of Christ; and the standard of the world, which is the love of self and the rejection of Christ, for He himself tells us: "He that is not with me is against me."

Today, unfortunately, the standard of anti-Christ has effectively been raised on all fronts—among the nations, in public and in private life, and in the home. How many there are whose only acknowledgment of Christ the King is to couple His sacred name with the most filthy conversation! How many allow Him no part at all in their daily lives! They will only accept the truth which doesn't make too many demands upon them. They are afraid lest, having Christ, they should have nought else beside.

But we, His followers, who have accepted all His truth, have learnt by experience what He meant when He said: "the truth shall make you free."

Yes, let others, if they will, call obedience to authority a shackling of human freedom and independence. We know that in submitting to lawful authority in the Church we are obeying not men but Christ the King, who said to His Church: "He that heareth you, heareth Me; and he that despiseth you, despiseth Me." Let others listen to the false prophets who make a religion of sex, who say that chastity is impossible, and that the immoral practices that are eating the heart out of the family and the home should no longer be called sins, because, they say, they are necessary today. We prefer to listen to Christ, Who says: "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God." Let others place all their happiness in merely worldly prosperity and material gain.

We know that the only peace that is worth having is peace with God within the heart, that Christ gave us the secret of all happiness when He said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all these things shall be added to you." "For my yoke is sweet, and my burden light."

My dear young people here this afternoon, you are the hope of church and state in Australia. You are the homebuilders, the priests and brothers and nuns of the future. Your task will not be easy. You will have to be strong in your faith. You will have to stand up against scoffing at you. But remember, here in the Blessed Eucharist is your King, who has first claim upon you, because He is your Redeemer and your God. He has no use for weak-kneed, selfish followers. It is only by Christian self-control; it is only by loyalty to Him and His Church; that you will be strong enough, and courageous enough, to forge a new and better world founded on the love of Jesus Christ.

Some of you are members of the various Catholic youth groups. As the Holy Father told you recently, you, under the guidance of the hierarchy, are to be the vanguard of the army of Christ. In your factories, your offices, in the streets and places of amusement, you are to be apostles of the truth. But remember, you cannot give what you have not got. You cannot set the world on fire with love of God unless that same fire is burning in your own hearts. You cannot be apostles of your Crucified King unless you are ready to sacrifice all, even your very life, rather than deny Him. He has given you your watchword: "Every one that shall confess me before men, I will confess him before my Father who is in heaven. But he that shall deny me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who is in heaven."

And my dear Catholic fathers and mothers, permit me to say a word to you this afternoon. You are the backbone of our country. Upon your shoulders rest the heaviest burdens of all. You have not joined hands at the altar of God merely for yourselves and selfish pleasure. You have pledged your life-long, loving fidelity in the noble task of accepting the children God will give you, and of bringing them up to be worthy citizens of earth and of heaven. You have your joys, and your sorrows too, God knows. But remember, you are the heirs of the grand old pioneers, those mighty men, those glorious women, who blazed the trail and laid deep and strong and true the foundations of church and state in Australia. If you follow in their footsteps, if nothing un-Christian in word or in deed is ever allowed to defile the sanctity of your home, if when evening falls you gather your children about you and close the hard day's toil with the thrilling accents of Mary's Rosary, if you shoulder your burdens and responsibilities until the Angel of death shall tell you that your task is done, then, truly, proud of you will be your sons and daughters, proud of you will be Australia, proud of you will be the church, and proudest of all will be He "Who went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them," Jesus Christ your King.

And so we come, priests and religious, fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, to renew the consecration of ourselves and of our lives to Christ our King. We are indeed facing a grave crisis in the present age, but the means of ensuring peace are within our grasp—fervent prayer and Christian self-denial. If we are faithful and loyal to our Leader and King, then there is every hope that world war III will never come. May She Whose Universal Queenship will tomorrow be solemnly proclaimed by the Holy Father a feast of the Catholic Church, may She our Queen hasten the return of the world to her Divine Son. Through her powerful intercession may that hymn, which tomorrow will echo around the mighty basilica of St. Peter's, be taken up by the followers of Christ in every nation under Heaven, a glorious song of triumph, a pledge of peace and goodwill among men: "Christ is Conqueror, Christ is King, Christ is Ruler of the World." Amen.

A MARIAN DEVOTION PILGRIMAGE AT COLLEGE SIX SHRINES VISITED

The year 1954 is an exceptional one in the history of the Catholic Church, for in this year Our Holy Father focussed our attention on Our Blessed Mother by proclaiming it a Marian Year. In accordance with the wishes of the Pope, and with the Christian Brothers' Colleges throughout the world, we at St. Patrick's College marked all the Feasts of Our Blessed Lady in a very special way. Thus, on October 8th Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, we took part in a Pilgrimage in Mary's honour.

For the first seven days of October students offered their spiritual exercises as an act of Love to their Heavenly Mother. On the day of the Pilgrimage the Spiritual Bouquet was carried in procession by the Head Prefect Kevin Shea, and was placed at Our Lady's feet on the Lady Altar in our Chapel.

This ceremony was perhaps the outstanding event in our Marian Year. The entire College, Brothers and boys, assembled at the Grotto of Lourdes in the College grounds. In all, more than 500 souls made the pilgrimage. The College Chaplain, Rev. Dr. McCunnie, led the pilgrimage, and his appropriate words at each station added interest and zest to the processionists. At the Grotto Dr. McCunnie gave a short instruction, said a decade of the Rosary and sang the Lourdes Hymn. During the singing a floral tribute was placed at the station by one of our junior boys in beautiful white surplices and soutans. In our procession to the Chapel we continued our hymn until the College re-echoed the refrain known so well at Lourdes: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Assembled in the Chapel, we turned towards the beautiful Pieta in the rear and to us on this occasion the sorrows of Our dear Mother Mary seemed very real and even more poignant. Dr. McCunnie again made appropriate remarks on the Sorrows of Our Lady, we said a decade of the Rosary, then sang the hymn,

"O Mother most afflicted, standing beneath the tree."

Another floral tribute was placed on the Pieta.

Then we turned to our stained glass shrine in honour of our Mother of Perpetual Succour. We were reminded by our Priest of the meaning of this beautiful title. There is no more consoling title for us weary wayfarers than Our Mother of Perpetual Succour. We said our decade and placed our floral tribute, and we joined in the hymn which says,

"Mother of Perpetual Succour, see us kneeling at thy feet."

Our next station was at Fatima. On the Gospel side of our spacious sanctuary had been erected a temporary shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Again our preacher reminded us of the message of Fatima. He said that this message was one of penance, and he urged us to lead lives conscious of the debt we owed to Our Blessed Lord. We recited the decade of the Rosary, sang the hymn to Our Lady of Fatima, placed our floral tribute and moved on to our next Station.

A temporary shrine of Our Lady of Good Counsel supplied much food for reflection. We were advised to go to Our Blessed Lady for help and advice—help with our studies, advice about our future calling. Having completed the Rosary and sung our hymn and placed our floral bouquet, we turned to Our Lady of Lourdes and brought our pilgrimage to a close.

Gathered round the Shrine of Lourdes, we recited with Dr. McCunnie our Act of Consecration to Our Lady and it was then that Kevin Shea offered to Our Blessed Mother, on our behalf, the Spiritual Bouquet which we had gathered of our good works during the previous week.

The ceremony concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All were impressed by the ceremony and we feel that Our Lady must have been pleased.

The following is the Spiritual Bouquet we gathered and offered to the Blessed Virgin Mary:—

Masses	2,086
Holy Communions	1,437
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	18,964
Rosaries	3,560
Stations of the Cross	2,436
Acts of Mortification	5,879
Aspirations	3,526,134

OUR LADY'S SODALITY

A reception into Our Lady's Sodality was held on the first Friday of November, and 18 new members were received. They were Marshall Younger, Tom Furey, John O'Doherty, Irwin McGuinness, Dan Lorkin, Peter Brennan, Terry Fitzpatrick, Richard McArthur, Will Almeida, Gerald Cameron, John Van Suylen, Peter Taffe, Robert Whitefield, Peter Brown, Pat Hayes, Joseph Gallagher, Leo Ward and Michael Murray. These eighteen new members brought the Sodality membership up to 61, which is believed to be the highest for years.

Many of the Sodalists are enjoying their last term of College life at S.P.C. and it is to be hoped that, when they leave College and enter into the various phases of life in society, they will always remember their pledges of allegiance to Mary. The sincere thanks of all the members of the Sodality must be given to our College Chaplain, Dr. McCunnie, for the excellent work which he has put into the Sodality in this the Marian Year.

During the term we were privileged to attend the display of "Madonnas Throughout the Ages" which was presented in the Ballarat Fine Arts Gallery. On October 8th, The Feast of The Holy Rosary, the members of the Sodality had the honour of participating in a Pilgrimage which included a visit to the Grotto of Lourdes and to several altars erected in the chapel. Again, on the Feast of Christ the King the Sodalists of Our Lady headed the procession which marched in honour of Christ Rex.

Altogether this year of 1954, the Marian Year, has been a most successful one in regard to the Sodality of The Blessed Virgin, and, though we have not held as great a number of functions in honour of Our Lady as we would have liked, those which were held were entered into by all in the right spirit, and we hope that we will reap many blessings for them from Mary, Our Mother.

M. J. BOURKE.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

"The title of the poor to our commiseration is their poverty itself.

We are not to enquire to what party or sect they belong."

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 their generous support of the annual raffle and for contributions to the Poor Box. 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 participation in 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 fully appreciate it.

For the members of the Conference, the work has been long and arduous but nevertheless pleasurable. We all know well the ratio of wet week-ends to the 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 it is not the spirit of the Society founded by Frederick Ozanam one hundred years 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.

This has been a memorable year for our Society for a number of reasons. We were privileged to have at one of our meetings, Messrs. J. Rawlings (President Ballarat Particular Council) and P. C. Thornton (President of the Diocesan Branch), two distinguished Catholics, who congratulated our Society on the work it was doing and the pleasure our members were giving to the inmates of the various institutions. Mr. Rawlings said that the old people prefer the boys to visit them rather than the seniors from other branches because the boys with their cheerful smiles and friendly words help the sick and aged to overlook their infirmities for a short time at least. Another outstanding occasion was when a Festival Meeting was held here at the College in July. Over one hundred and twenty members from Societies in the Diocese gathered in our beautiful Chapel for Rosary and Benediction, after which was a general meeting, during which Rev. Fr. W. McCunnie, D.C.L., College Spiritual Director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, gave a talk on the functions of the Society and its spiritual benefits to its members.

During the year, members of our Conference visited the Base Hospital and the Home for the Aged Blind each week, and each fortnight we visited the Queen Elizabeth Benevolent Home 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 during the coming year. They are Kerry Reynolds, Pat Baker, Brian Vear, John Hampton, Kevin Maher, and John Walsh. We express the hope that others will join the Society after they return to school next year. We would also like to congratulate the 1955 executive on their appointments, and we pray that they will carry out their duties efficiently and well. The new executive is: President, K. Shea; Vice-President, R. Dignan; Secretary, B. Carey; Treasurer, M. Hanrahan.

Our sincere gratitude goes to Messrs. J. Walsh, K. Kennedy, B. Smith and J. Rawlings for the literature they generously donated to the Society for distribution at the various institutions during the past year.

"O most loving Jesus who has promised a hundredfold and a heavenly kingdom to those who do works of mercy in Thy name, grant we beseech Thee, Thy grace to the benefactors of the poor."

KEVIN W. SHANNON (Retiring President).

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

Continuing their grand work, the boys have contributed generously again this term. The total for the year will be over the £200 mark once again. Br. Wilson's boys have led the way and have been most generous with the donations. But our work does not cease with monetary offerings. The boys have been wholeheartedly fervent in their prayers for the missions. Daily Masses and Communions are offered for them. "May God Bless the Poor Pagan Children."

K. P. SHEA.

ALTAR SOCIETY

During this third term we have endeavoured to continue our work in a manner worthy of our beautiful chapel. We were able to be of assistance at the preparations for the Feast of Christ the King. We appreciate more than we can express the privilege that was ours of helping to prepare the Altars on the various occasions. We hope that we were of some small assistance to Brs. Cregan and O'Grady and we know that a kind God will reward us for our efforts for His House.

K. P. SHEA.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

This most important Society in the College is still flourishing under the excellent administration of our College Chaplain, Rev. Dr. McCunnie. The strength of the Holy Name Society has reached one hundred and eighty and there are a group of boys in the College who, though too young to be admitted into the Society this year, will be accepted next year.

Nearly all of the senior students in St. Pat's are members of the Holy Name Society. This shows the excellent spirit which envelops the boys of St. Pat's. Many of these senior members of the Holy Name Society will not be returning to school next year. To all of these boys are extended the best wishes of the Society members and we trust that they will always remember that they are members of the Holy Name Society. In conclusion, we would like to express to Rev. Dr. McCunnie the thanks of the Society for the tireless manner in which he has carried out his duties in this year of 1954.

M. J. BOURKE.

S.P.C. AT WERRIBEE

With 1954 coming to a close we S.P.C.-ites at Werribee have a special word of farewell for Fathers Crennan and Crudden. We thank them for all they have done and for their example in all spheres of activity within the College—spiritual, intellectual, athletic, for they have been prominent in all.

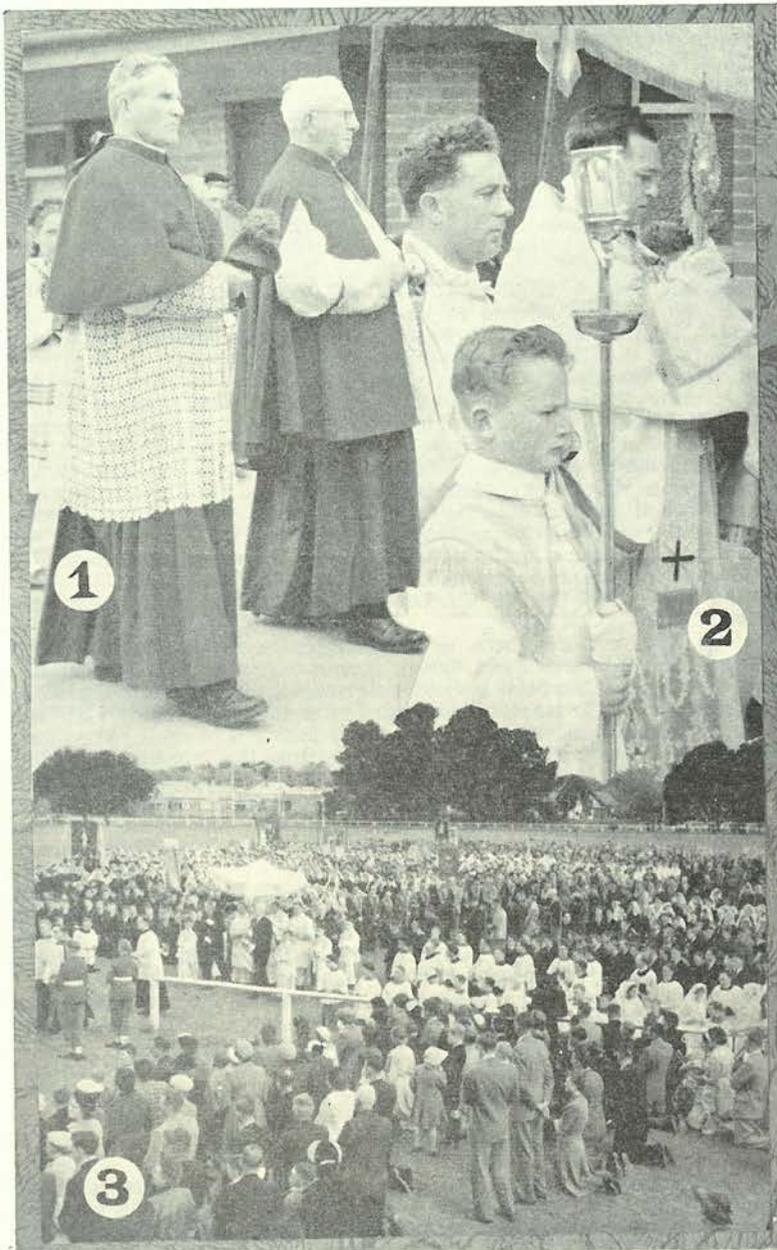
In the present third year of Theology, there are four who claim St. Pat's for their Alma Mater. These four, please God—John Barker, Brian McCormack, Bill Melican and Frank Monaghan—will receive Sub-Diaconate on December 8th.

Then in March next year, the above four receive Diaconate, and at that same time Gerard Dowling and John Martin, now completing their fourth year, will receive Tonsure and Minor Orders.

We must not forget our comrade in Rome—John Ware. He is due to be ordained a priest in December, and we ask you to remember him in your prayers as well as the others who will be receiving Orders in the near future. Incidentally, John Ware will be the 303rd student from Corpus Christi to be ordained.

As you know, Bill McCarthy, Kevin Murphy and Laurie Halloran went to Rome to continue their studies there a couple of months ago. We hear from them frequently and they seem to be settling down to the new life there quite well. St. Pat's now has five representatives at Propaganda College, Rome, and this I think is something of which S.P.C. might well be proud.

I should mention here that we, too, are looking forward to the coming vacation, which after the year's study will be very welcome. This



CORPUS CHRISTI, 1954.

1. HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP O'COLLINS AND MONSIGNOR CONWAY (COLAC) MARCHING IN THE PROCESSION.
2. MONSIGNOR FISCALINI CARRYING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, ACCOMPANIED BY DR. MCCUNNIE AND FATHER SHELLEY.
3. A VIEW OF THE GREAT CROWD AS THE PROCESSION DRAWS TO ITS CONCLUSION.

time has an added value for us in that we are expected to live the life of future priests without the helps of Seminary life and so it becomes a time of testing with a certain challenge to our character and initiative.

Our most recent confreres from S.P.C., Messrs. James, Carroll, Ridsdale and Davey, have settled down very well and at this stage could well be called "seasoned Seminarians!"

P.S.—Seeing we have sent so many to Rome, and the newly ordained will be leaving in a few weeks, we are hoping for a big number from St. Pat's next year, to keep up our good representation—to say nothing of filling the new Seminary that is being built at Glen Waverley. "The harvest indeed is great, but the labourers are few. . . ." (Matt. 9: 37-8).

SEMINARY NOTES

The year is drawing to a close and all Seminarians are, we hope, studying conscientiously. We wish everyone success in the Public Examinations.

We thank Dr. McCunnie for the personal interest which he has taken in us during the year, and also for his inspiration and guidance. Fr. Shelley, too, is a great friend and he often conducted our meetings in the absence of Dr. McCunnie.

Congratulations to Paul Forster, Tom Furey, Peter Brennan and Pat Hayes who were admitted as members of Our Lady's Sodality this year. Bill Bainbridge, Kevin O'Flaherty and John Bakker secured first places in their respective classes in the Christian Doctrine examinations, John Bakker was equal first in Geometry and Tom Brophy—with his stopwatch in class—was first in Matric English Expression.

Captain of McCarthy House, Ray Dignan, represented St. Pat's in the "880" in Melbourne and in the "440" and "880" in the B.P.S. competition, whilst Kevin Arundell was a member of the winning Open Relay team in Melbourne and ran in the "880" in the B.P.S.

Pat Baker's enthusiasm for cycling is undiminished in spite of the apparent disinterestedness on the part of his room-mates, David McGrath and Tony McCarthy.

Brendan Smith recently enlightened the class concerning radio commercials, and it is thought that his informant was Kevin Troy. Graeme Horan would be well advised to tell John Walsh, Pat Harris and John Murray when he next has a surplus of cake in his locker—it is disconcerting to find it in the rubbish tin—and others would be willing to assist him in the disposal thereof.

We wish our Priests, the Brothers and the boys of St. Pat's a happy and holy Christmas and an enjoyable holiday.

T. BROPHY (Prefect).

HOLY NAME SODALITY, BALLARAT EAST

Under the guidance of Rev. Father Russell, our spiritual director, the Holy Name Sodality in the East has been a great success. Although this term has been renowned for its bad weather, the number present at Mass, Holy Communion and Devotions has been most satisfactory. This was verified by a speaker at an Annual Communion Breakfast when he said, "The younger members are truly preparing themselves for the task as future leaders of the Sodality." Since then, an ever increasing amount of attention has been directed to the efforts of the boys.

During the term, there have been two items of great importance. The first was the "Forty Hours Devotion." This ceremony proved a great success. On the last day, Holy Name Sunday, there was a day of

Rosaries, recited before the Blessed Sacrament, and offered for the intentions of Our Holy Father, the Pope. During this day, it was the privilege of the St. Patrick's College group to stand guard for half an hour. This great day was fittingly closed with a Solemn Procession and Benediction.

The second occasion of major importance occurred on the 31st of October, the feast of "Christus Rex." On this day, it was the privilege of the people of Ballarat to take part in a public demonstration of faith held in the grounds of St. Patrick's College. In the procession, the Ballarat East Holy Name Sodality was led by the president, Mr. Bill Fogarty, an old boy of the college, and Mr. Pat Sweeney, vice-president and father of Father Kevin Sweeney. This afternoon proved most successful and helped bring the Holy Name Year to a most successful conclusion.

T. SCARFF.

FATHER NUGENT'S VISIT

On Sunday evening, 10th October, Father Nugent, a Carmelite Priest from Melbourne, paid a brief visit to the College. Father is the editor of the Carmelite publication, the "Scapular," and also the "Director General of the Propagation of the Scapular in Australia."

Naturally, Father gave a short talk on Our Lady's Scapular, and his work of propagating a devotion to the Mother of God, under the title of Our Lady of the Scapular. He traced the original of the Scapular and the Scapular Medal back to the 13th century, when Our Lady gave the Brown Scapular to St. Simon Stock when she asked that devotion to the Scapular should be spread throughout the world. This work of spreading devotion to the Scapular has been entrusted to the Carmelite Order.

Father reminded us that a plenary indulgence may be gained at the hour of death by those who wear the Scapular or the Scapular Medal devoutly during life. The wearers of the Scapular may also gain an indulgence of 100 days by reverently kissing the Scapular.

It is therefore fitting, as Father Nugent said, that all should make an effort to renew and to redouble their devotion to the Scapular, especially in this the Marian Year.



AROUND THE ROOMS

MATRICULATION

Welcome once again to the inner walls of the Matriculation Room. We can spare but a short time as we are now studying very hard for our exams. Since last term we have had our tests, and we congratulate Mick Bourke as Dux of the College. Des Brown and Bill Bainbridge were equal duces of Christian Doctrine. Kevin Shannon won the Special Prize. In the scholastic field Ken Pike, runner-up to Mick Bourke for Dux, won the Maths prizes; Kevin Shannon, Latin; Kevin Shea, British History; Michael O'Callaghan, Greek and Roman History; Des Brown, French and Modern History; Kevin Leitch, English Literature; Tom Brophy, English Expression; Mick Bourke, Physics and Chemistry.

Earlier in the term we had the Purton Oratory heats and final. Twenty-four boys competed and the eight finalists were Des Brown, Michael O'Callaghan, Kevin Shannon, Maurice Sheahan, Kevin Shea, Peter Morris and Frank McCarthy. We would like to thank very sincerely Dr. McCunnie for his excellent adjudications and helpful criticisms. We congratulate the winner, Kevin Shea, and the runner-up, Kevin Shannon.

We also congratulate Des Brown, who won the Rotary Club Essay Competition for students in all Ballarat Secondary Schools.

This term we have not so many representatives in the sports teams. Kevin Leitch was our sole representative in the Tennis Four, while Brendan Ryan, Kevin Arundell, John O'Shannassy and Kevin Shea were in the Aths. team. We have one Aths. House captain, Kevin Shea.

We wish Mick Bourke and Ken Pike the best fortune in their exams for the Newman scholarships.

Ken Pike recently became very interested in racing and racecourses, but his real interest still lies in foundations.

Kevin Arundell recently discovered the existence of gravity through falling bodies. His favourite song is "A Star Fell From Heaven."

Frank McCarthy has been seen with Maurice Sheahan regularly. Perhaps Maurice has a bait to offer; some say their relationship might soon be much closer.

Maurie Sheahan recently reported at mile in 4.50 or was it 45.0!

Noel "Flash" Morganti is really earnest about his athletics. Note his knicks, not his speed.

Ross Muller was recently down town on a "legitimate" (we hope!) excuse.

Kevin Leitch is still getting lots of practice at tennis, so he should be good. He recently played very well. We wonder why!

Kevin Shea set a fine example to all "students" this term. A pity Kevin Shannon didn't follow his example. Anyway, he tried (two hard!)

Kevin Shannon was eminently successful as a pseudo announcer and candid commentator at the Mary's Mount sports. He also bagged a winner.

We welcome to the ranks of the Matric. men, Bern Carey, who recently became of age. He celebrated it with the usual "wet" party. Bern is still singing "Home, Sweet Holmes."

Tom Scarff recently provided a pocket dictionary for Br. Kelty. Just how big is the pocket?

Bill Bainbridge uttered Deo Gratias after a month's wait. What a funny name!

Robespierre is not the only person who had the honour of living two lives. Ask Michael Walsh, alias the "Strapper."

No doubt Lake Wendouree will be the venue for the rowing, thanks to Peter Morris and company.

Phillip Johnson's financial resources are "rising fast!" from the locker floor.

John McCormack has now joined the ranks of the "conscientious objectors."

Michael Bourke, whose interest has turned to pears, sorry, pairs, is busily engaged in drawing lotteries.

Where do Brian Russell and Neil Sist go for their walks!

For what and from whom did Brendan Ryan collect an elbow in the ribs when trying to consolidate his intellectual foundations?

Des Brown is not only late for school, but he is also late home for tea. Must be a hold-up somewhere!

Where did Vin Colbert get the mumps? Br. Cregan threw some light on this subject.

Mick O'Callaghan is an early bird for study. We hope he catches the worm, and not the mumps.

Kevin Shea has developed a liking for golf now that the weather is becoming warmer, but as yet most of his strokes have been confined to the class room and the 19th hole.

Brendan Smith was somewhat taken aback when two visitors to the school said they would be quite satisfied to see his younger brother and not necessarily Brendan!

Bern Bailey takes to Calculus as a cat does to water, or that's the impression we get when Bern begins enunciating yet another theory on the subject.

John O'Shannassy is another with great aptitude in the class room, but John's pet subject is microscopic study and crystalline forms. He is quite voluble sometimes.

Before drawing to a close we must mention that a note came into our hands which reads, "Tom Brophy hereby denies all comments, true or untrue, on his activities during the term." No comment.

Mick Walsh recently got a hole in one . . . (hour). Then he "got" the mumps. Poor Mick, no more "gay" times for a few weeks.

One thing we can claim is that our sweeps are much better run than the Leaving one; none of the Brothers won a prize in ours.

The questions which were burning everyone's lips were—

"Was the exam paper with the library key?"

"Who was the bare-back-riding egg gatherer?"

"What did Kevin Shannon lose at Mary's Mount sports?"

"Just why did Kevin Troy go to Melbourne? Surely not to give his eyes a rest!"

"Who reproduces the Bonnington's ad.?"

"Were the weeds in Albert Park Lake planted by an enemy?"

"Where did Kevin Shea get all his spare time? Possibly he dropped some other interests!" By the way, did you see him steel(e)ing the march at the sports?

Adieu, good-bye; we wish you all farewell and may God bless your Christmas and every Christmas.

K. PIKE and K. SHEA.

LEAVING

Perhaps in some little nook,
 In years to come you'll find this book
 And, turning to the "Leaving Class,"
 You'll hours of reminiscing pass.
 We hope that in these notes you can
 Find one at least a famous man,
 And now, without more ado,
 We bring the Leaving notes to you.

First let us congratulate those who have distinguished themselves spiritually, scholastically and in the field of sport—

In November six boys—Terry Fitzpatrick, Joseph Gallagher, Richard McArthur, Peter Taffe, Leo Ward and Robert Whitefield—were received into the Sodality of Our Lady. Pat Baker, John Hampton, Kevin Maher, Kerry Reynolds, John Walsh and Brian Vear joined the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Michael Hanrahan was elected treasurer of the Society.

The prize for Christian Doctrine was awarded to Peter Jeffrey, while Vincent Corbett was dux of the class. Prizes for individual subjects were: English, Barry Breen; Latin and French, Tony Lewis; Maths I, Leo Schreenan; Maths II, Brian Tellefson; Physics, Kevin Maher; Chemistry and Commercial Principles, Peter Taffe; Greek and Roman History, Joseph Gallagher; and Modern History, Graeme Cardillo. In the Alliance Francaise competitions held last term, many gained distinction: Brian Tellefson (second prize Poetry, honourable mentions Reading and Conversation and Dictation); Peter Taffe (second prize Reading and Conversation, first honourable mention in Dictation, second honourable mention in Poetry); Mel Creati (first honourable mention in Reading and Conversation); Pat Baker (first honourable mention Dictation, honourable mention Poetry); Bill Ward (honourable mention Poetry, honourable mention in Dictation); Joe Gallagher (honourable mention in Poetry, Dictation, Reading and Conversation); Tony Lewis (first prize Reading and Conversation, second prize Dictation, first honourable mention Poetry). Two others worthy of mention here are Peter Jeffrey and Michael Hanrahan, who acquitted themselves admirably in the oratorical section of the recent South Street Competitions.

And now to sport. Leaving Class had four representatives in B.P.S. Tennis. They were Joe Gallagher, Terry Goss, Terry Fitzpatrick and James O'Beirne. The victorious B.P.S. athletics team contained eight of our number—Leo Schreenan, champion miler; Bernie McKenna, record-breaking high jumper, broad jump and open hurdles; Ray Dignan, 880 yards, 440 yards; Joe Gallagher, one mile; John Caine, under 16 100 yards, broad jump and relay; Gerald Crough, open 220 yards winner, 100 yards and 440 yards; Gavan Bourke, open 100 yards winner, 220 yards and relay; and John Ilott, relay.

John Hampton seems well on the way to gathering a full symphony orchestra. Judging by the sounds coming from his direction, it is assumed he has found the Lost Chord. This could mean the finish of the Unfinished Symphony, or perhaps the finish of music.

If perchance you should fall into a deep furrow between the Leaving Room door and the Headmaster's notice-board, blame Bill Ward. He wore it there on his innumerable trips to gaze with adoring eyes at his photo which was featured in the local paper. However, Ray Lamaro, who also starred, remained impassive. Bill also left the room by a novel method one day. With disastrous results. Even now he'll "show his scars and say 'these wounds I had on St. Crispin's Day.'"

The warm weather brought with it an outburst of "loud" clothes, so "loud" we have to wear ear plugs. Tony Grigg in his "zoot suit" is

by far the most outstanding, while "Bottles" Vear, Brian Tellefson, Brian Murphy and Leo Ward astound at times.

This term some amazing reports have come from the Physics and Chemistry rooms. In Chemistry, Kerry Reynolds advanced a theory which must have made Dalton and others hammer with frenzy on the lids of their coffins. Bob Whitefield shocked the denizens of the Physics room into stunned silence when he said that a voltmeter was a vernier; which, to the layman, is as bad as saying a Sabre jet is an egg-beater. Speaking of aeroplanes, did you notice Brian Vear sit up and take notice when woken from his slumbers by the sound of a jet?

Richard McArthur has forsaken his crutches for a pair of glasses, horn-rimmed of course! However, after none-too-gentle contact with the sand pit on the Hill Oval, John Groutsch has taken over. Hope you are off the crutches soon, John.

It is said that Terry Cain listens avidly to broadcasts of D24. Probably it is in the hope that his own name will feature very soon.

While his friend Terry Goss is in shirt-sleeves, Graeme Cardillo ("no nicknames, please!") can be seen trudging around, enveloped in three or four jumpers, mumbling between chattering, "Gee, it's cold."

Peter Pollard, Mel Creati and John Gelder who have substituted a tennis racquet for a rifle can often be found on the tennis courts. However, it is said that their "sport" is not confined only to tennis. Mel and Bill Cochran, members of the Y.C.W., enjoy socials arranged by that body. "Corks" is said to be a good M.C.

Many are so anxious for holidays that they prolong any available break. Peter Jeffrey, John Donovan and Graeme Sampieri were missing for a few days after the Melbourne Sports. (N.B.—This coincided with the running of the Melbourne Cup).

Gavan "Redex" Rice was thinking of taking on the taxi business; but, as this would necessitate getting up early and would surely endanger his health, he has given up the idea. However, he remains available to certain boys who have to go places in a hurry.

During his long absence, Barry Breen cannot have been confined to bed for too long. Anyway, he had time to brush up his dancing ability and is now passing on his knowledge to others every Friday night. Brian Murphy and Brian Murray shine in this field.

We are wondering if there was any arranging done in the Melbourne Cup Sweep as John Chisholm was balloted with a friend and an acquaintance of his. John also sat for a bank examination recently and is firmly convinced that his name will come out under the "Potential Managers" section. We have our doubts.

Brian Scarff did not bother to wait for the "Passing-out Parade" on the 28th November, but preferred to stage his performance earlier.

Jimmy Hanrahan seems to be widely known under his new appellation of "the boy from the bush." Brendan Howman is also a contender for this title.

Kevin Joyce is wondering how he came by the title of "Ba-Ba." Should we tell him?

Peter Butler finds time to delve into the realm of agriculture as set out by the "Leader" and the "Weekly Times." If you ever come across a figure surrounded by harrows and hayseeds, bulls and bailers, you can be sure that it's "Perce."

Des Papworth has vowed that he will avenge his idol, Frank Flannery. We hope Des does not finish up in the same state as the said fighter.

As 1.15 strikes in the afternoon, John Coffey can be seen preparing for—well, preparing for something. We might ask Jim Mullins; perhaps he'd know.

Bernie McKenna's popularity took a further upward trend after his win in the recent raffle. His corner, always popular, is now the haven of

Terry Fitzpatrick, Terry Goss and several others listening to "hits"!
 Before we go we'd like to welcome to St. Pat's, John O'Sullivan, a new boy, who comes from Hamilton. He is often seen with Kerry Reynolds, also from Hamilton.

Now another term has passed.
 For some—it is the last.
 To them we wish "Good luck, God speed
 And all the graces that you'll need."
 To the rest—we can say
 "Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday."

B. BREEN and A. LEWIS.

INTERMEDIATE CLASS NOTES

Once again we welcome you to read about one of the most industrious places in the College—the Inter. "A" Classroom.

First and foremost the class wishes to congratulate Michael Hickey, the dux, and the other five placegetters on their success in the October Test. The official placings were: Michael Hickey, Michael Dinley, John Threlfall, Brian Morgan, Brian Hickey and Adrian Bennetto.

The prize for Christian Doctrine went to Charles Castle and the special prize for the best all-round paper went to John Quinn.

Each week-end the dark-room is being stormed by Pat Hayes, Garry Molony and John Brady, the camera fans of the room. Eye-witnesses say that many furious battles take place for the possession of the key. It is very strange that the cement outside the dark-room is free from blood stains.

One fine Monday afternoon while the Cadet drummers were making their usual racket, two of the most proficient exponents of the "tom-toms," Dan Lorkin and Darryl Hunter, were cooling their heels in the cowshed. For full details we refer you to Frank Moloney, the Drum Major.

A few weeks ago John O'Doherty was found to be collecting silver paper rather industriously. We wonder why. Perhaps John himself can throw some light on the solution.

John Hurley still suffers somewhat because of an indiscrimination on his part whilst travelling in a railway carriage some time ago. However, there is only one person in the room who still alludes to his folly.

You have all heard of Little Jack Horner, who sat in the corner, but have you heard of John Murray, who sits in the corner? It is found that John studies better (as do the other pupils) while occupying this position.

We were all greatly astonished, midway through the term, when Colin Dooley entered in the tennis tournaments. We were more surprised when he won his first match six games to love. The spell did not last, however, and in his next match he was narrowly beaten.

Leo Smith must be running up quite an account at the bookshop—buying rubbers. Hardly a day passes without someone in the class being instructed to borrow one. Paul Williams and a few others do a lot of moving around during Latin period when lessons are being heard. The general trend is towards the back of the room.

Evidently Joe Ballinger works exceedingly hard during the week, for he usually spends all Saturday morning recuperating.

It is reported that John Curtain went without any lunch on November the third, the day after Cup Day. There were others, however, who were heavier in pocket that day.

We are very sorry to hear that Michael O'Halloran has been taken to hospital on account of illness. All wish him a speedy recovery.

An hilarious episode took place at the City Oval when a dog ran amok whilst preparations were being made for the Ballarat Public Schools' Sports. The laughter of Peter Brown, Gerard Wheelahan and Peter Brennan was not at all appreciated by the Secretary of the B.P.S. Sports.

Irwin McGennis proved himself very competent in looking after the Sports Room during the term. With the help of Peter Brown, he carried out the starting blocks every night and kept the Sports Room very tidy.

During the Latin period several boys often make new constructions of their own. Among these intellectuals are Professors Frank Constable, John Curtain, Adrian Bennetto and Tom Furey.

On some Saturday afternoons Denis Mahony and Gavan Ryan give up some of their time to cut the ovals with the aid of the tractor and the three-gang mower.

In the recent Reception into Our Lady's Sodality the following Inter. A students were received: Peter Brown, Gerald Cameron, Tom Furey, Pat Hayes, Marshall Younger, Irwin McGennis, Peter Brennan, John O'Doherty, John Van Suylen and Dan Lorkin. To them we offer our heartiest congratulations.

Ken Fraser, Frank Caulfield and several other students in the class have the happy knack of saying the right thing at the right time to the wrong person. Although their comments are appreciated by the class, they are frowned upon from another quarter.

Darryl Hunter and Basil Martin are reputed to have a lot on their minds. It has been suggested that the barber might be able to remedy this complaint.

Rumour has it that Jim Mornane knows something about the miscellaneous objects that were found on the Brother's table. No further particulars are known as Jim declines to comment.

Judging by the smiles on Bill Lannen's countenance, he enjoys being back with his old desk mate, John Curtain. Maybe it is just as well that Bill is rather thin.

At last the usually inseparable pair, Paul Forster and Tom Furey, have been separated. They are still, however, within easy hailing distance of each other.

Noel McArdle and Jim Pierce compete regularly in the tennis tournaments at the Cathedral courts.

Bill Jeffrey remains one of the more silent members of our class. But because he sits behind Pat Hayes the noise from that quarter is not at all diminished.

Our class was ably represented in the sporting activities of the term. In the Aths., were Denis McKimmie who ran exceedingly well in Melbourne, Chas. Castle who won the Weight Putt in Ballarat, Marshall Younger and Frank Moloney who were first and second respectively in the Under 16 Hurdles, Tom Jess and Michael Dinley who starred in the High Jumps, and Ken Fraser who ran in the Under 15 division. Paul McCulloch was our only representative in the B.P.S. Tennis.

However, approaching exams somewhat curtail our sporting activities and every available minute is employed either in study or prayers for success. Thus we draw towards the close of another school year which will be remembered by all as a most enjoyable year in Inter. "A" of 1954.

PETER BROWN, ADRIAN BENNETTO,

INTERMEDIATE B

First we must congratulate the class leaders. David Hallam is Dux of the class with Eric Pinzone second, Bill Almeida third, Michael Gallagher fourth, Terry Brennan fifth and Noel Day sixth. Frank Pomeroy won the Christian Doctrine prize.

In sporting activities during the term we also made a name for ourselves. Terry Brennan captained the First Four in the B.P.S. Tennis Competitions. Gavin Greer gained a place among the "Specials" in the Athletics. On the Hill, Peter Gleeson and Brian Pekin have shown a good deal of form, while Barry Joyce surprised us with his performances in the long-distance events. Some of our Day-boys, notably Barry Phelan and Nick Martino, are doing very well in the College Tennis Tournament. Martin Kennedy, if we are to believe reports, is developing into a golf champion who can "hole in one" with the best of them.

Bill Almeida continues to win all debates that come his way. "Lucky" Frank Greene was the only one to have any luck in the big sweep. Laurie Kelly continues to astound us with the originality of his answers during Maths. periods. Martin Kennedy found himself whirled up to the front seat when class positions were changed at the start of the term. Brian Tudor caused quite a stir when he turned up unannounced for Saturday morning school just recently. Bob Franklin has lost interest in the Matric. Room as the result of recent events. Two "howlers" which were perpetrated in our classroom are deserving of a place in the records. Owen Kehoe gave out that fasting and abstinence is observed when Ash Wednesday falls on a Friday. John Shea in an essay on the Royal Tour stated that "thousands cheered in the streets and waved fags at the Royal Couple."

Anthony Foley seems to be having difficulty in mastering the use of the razor if we are judge from the state of his face of late. Brian Shanahan has calculated that at his present rate of movement he will reach the back row of the room in three more terms. Brian Dillon has stepped up his tennis by the acquisition of a "Power Game" racket. Graeme McIvor's voice has been playing tricks on him on several occasions lately. John Smith and Graham Routson are never happier than when riding round on the tractor. They are doing a wonderful job anyhow!

Stan Wilson seems to be concentrating on the wool classing studies during his many free periods. Manson Garvey has announced that he will be entering the banking world after Christmas. We are warned to expect a financial crisis in the near future. Barry O'Donohue keeps us abreast of movements in the railway world. Pat Moloney is one of our most efficient cadets—sometimes. Michael Fulton's return from his music lesson is not always quite musical. Brian O'Connor seems to have a monopoly on the seats in the row near the door. Noel Rogers from Swan Hill way is one of those who have become very keen on tennis this term, especially during the time for Aths. training.

That is all the news from Inter. B for this term. We are all very busy making our last-minute preparations for the exams. We hope to see all our readers again next year as members of the Leaving Class. We wish one and all a very happy Christmas.

SUB. A

The recorder of these notes received quite a shock when he was told to "get going" for this the third Chronicle of 1954. Time was certainly on the wing as some poet aptly stated and the exams, etc., etc., just around the corner. Hence the shock. And it seems just the other day that we were compiling the notes for the second term. Time is not only "on the wing," it is jet propelled as well.

For some this will be their swan song. Perhaps their next mention in the Chronicle will be in connection with some activity of the Old Boys. To those we say "God bless," and hope that their stay at St. Pat's will prove of benefit, both spiritually and materially, in their chosen career. We will be sorry to see them leave.

The most notable event of the term was the great struggle for dux of the class. In a real photo-finish Michael Stokie wrested the title from Ed. Vaughan who had reigned supreme up till now. The placings were made on the results of the May and August tests. Without detracting in any way from Michael's win, it would only be fair to state that Ed. was ill at the time of the May test and even missed one or two subjects, so it was a very meritorious performance to come so close to winning. However, Michael has worked hard during the year and nobody, least of all Ed. Vaughan, will begrudge him his success. Third place went to Des Martin, fourth to Geoff. Slockwitch, fifth to Paul Kierce and sixth to Des Houlihan. Kevin O'Flaherty was dux of Christian Doctrine. Congratulations to all these on their success. The whole class is to be congratulated as the marks of all, with only one exception, were particularly high.

In the Aths. we have a good representation. Our best are Roy O'Connor, Geoff. Slockwitch, Brian Costigan and John Devine. We hope they do well in the B.P.S. Sports tomorrow.

Now for some items of general interest—

Jim Hutchinson and Michael Nailon had a lovely time rowing on the Lake one Sunday, but they did not appreciate the fortnight or so late study that resulted.

"Denis the Menace" Tierney and his cousin Paul Tierney are newcomers this term. We hope their stay at St. Pat's is a very happy one. Already they have made their presence felt, especially D. the M., who has already put a few more grey hairs into one, at least, of his teacher's not so plentiful dark ones. Speaking of hair, if you want a bit of a trim on the cheap Denis the Menace is the boy to get in touch with. Pat Harris highly recommends him. Dave McGrath was having hair trouble, too, but everything is all right now. Both the bald spot and Dave's worried looks have disappeared.

Robert "Dynamic" Bowker is the most energetic boy at doing nothing in the room. Not even an atomic bomb could make him get a move on.

One of Brendan Walsh's chief accomplishments, other than his outstanding talking ability, is his cross country running. 'Tis said he "burns up the track," but only, of course, when Br. M. turns a deaf ear to his pleadings for exemption.

Many of our budding Australian Eleven cricketers are taking a keen interest in Br. H.'s coaching classes. In this respect we have a very good prospect in John Devine, who is a distinct possibility for First Eleven honours next year. Paul Kierce, Denis King, Paul and Denis Tierney are other likely looking colts.

John Noonan, Robert Scott, Garry Coutts and Paul Kierce are hoping for success in the tennis tournament now being held, and to this end are putting in plenty of practice.

The day that Chris "Rip Van Winkle" Target requested to be put in the front seat right under Sir's nose, some of the boys wanted to take him to the doctor, as they thought he must have got a touch of the sun.

It would seem that "Bailey and Co. Airways" have gone into liquidation.

Boys in the Cadets were not so pleased when a certain member of our class appeared one Monday morning with a large white chevron adorning his jacket. They dreaded his mighty tongue on the parade ground.

Sub. A had a good representation in the Guard which gave such a good display on the Feast of Christ the King, in the persons of Peter

Ryan, Roy O'Connor, Brian Costigan, Chris. Targett, Des. Martin and Geoff. Slockwitch.

Chris. Targett must be very popular judging by the fan mail he is receiving. Needless to say, there is a lot of speculation regarding the sources of said mail or should we say "femail"!!

Kevin Lamaro, John Noonan and Stan Webb are going to make certain that St. Pat's will win the "Head of the Lake" before they leave school. They spend quite a lot of time out in the boats.

There is an old saying that "Distance lends enchantment to the view," and maybe that is the reason Michael Murray spends so much time at the back of the room.

Tony Ryan was greatly missed while he had a holiday in hospital. However, "all's well that m-ends well," Tony!

Gerry Cullinan's bus breaks down (so he says!) with such regular monotony that we are beginning to suspect sabotage on the part of one or some of its occupants.

Yes, Pat Harris still sits up the front. Short sight—long tongue!

So we come to the end of our budget of sense and nonsense. Before we leave, however, we would like to wish all readers of the Chronicle our very best wishes for a happy and holy Christmas and New Year.

SUB-INTERMEDIATE B

Greetings to all readers from Sub. B as the year draws to a close! The scholastic leaders of the class are as follows:—

Christian Doctrine: Maurice O'Donoghue.

Fr. Shelley's special Christian Doctrine Prize: Robert Norton.

Dux: Robert Norton.

Second: John Smith. Third: Michael Godfrey. Fourth: Anthony

Borrack. Fifth: Reg. Smith. Sixth: John Bongiorno.

Congratulations to them all!

Close behind them in success came Pat Moran, Maurice O'Donoghue,

Peter McDonald and Nicholas Rousch.

The last term of the year is the Athletics period, but it seems that Sub. B has made its mark in other sports, for our only representative in the Combined Sports team was Reg. Smith. Reg. did not win the Under 16 Broad Jump at Ballarat Combined Sports, but he used his long legs to gain a good place. However, we were all triers at the College Sports.

Br. Howard thinks there are future 1st XI players among these promising cricketers: John Hogan, Leigh Brownbill, Anthony Borrack, Graeme Horan, Alan Higgins, Bob Nelson, Reg. Smith, Brian Tucker and Terry Davies. As these notes go to print the proposed match against Sub. A is in the air and there is confidence in the Sub. B ranks as to the result.

Those two boys in blue are not twins—just Tony Hicks and Warren Larsen sporting new pullovers.

Who does not know where John Hogan, Tommy Evans, Geoff. Buttler and Peter McDonald ventured forth on a certain night excursion? Nowadays they keep a stoney silence on the matter, but on the night itself there was no "stoney" silence. In fact, a clatter of noise.

Reg. Fenton denies he went home one week-end just to see Heywood win the Western District Football Premiership.

John Carter, whose father is organizing the Eureka Centenary Celebrations here in Ballarat, should be interested in John Franc whose great grandfather was mixed up in the Eureka incident in 1854.

Craig Dallimore, who scored high marks in his music exam, is looking forward to the summer vacation at his new home in Drysdale.

John Ryan and John Smith gave good help to Br. Howard in the

painting job that has transformed the grandstand at the Oval into a sight worth seeing.

Besides horse-riding, Jim Moore's hobby is the collecting of birds' eggs—and what a collection he has! His mate, Michael Connellan, also goes in for horse-riding when he is not driving tractors or snapping up a ball on the cricket field.

The expert manipulator of model aeroplanes is Brian Maw; has a good eye as a wicket-keeper, too.

John Graham's big ambition is to get in one of the crews for 1955. Bernie Maher's hobby is engineering. He's determined to make the Under 15 XVIII next year.

Captain of one of the Sub. B cricket teams was Bob Nelson; he hopes to make the 1st XI in the near future. Improves his best subject, Geography, by bike-riding around the countryside on Saturday afternoons.

Now that the football season is over, Peter Meiklejohn is a bit sad. He likes woodwork as a hobby.

Two with an interest in Latin are Anthony McCarthy and Graeme Horan, who are junior members of the Seminary.

Kelvin Arthur's best subject is Science, his favourite sport Tennis, and Carpentry as a hobby.

Anthony Borrack wants it known that he has avoided trouble of late; he shows promise as a gymnast and a cricketer. Another Anthony with surname of Rintoul thinks it not fair that his teachers should pop questions on him when he is not ready for them; he blushes beautifully. John Bongiorno is often called upon in class to read aloud; the reason, of course, is that he reads so well. Athletics is his favourite sport and Reading his hobby.

They say that Ken Ryan when separated from John Ryan in class had many regrets at such a parting.

It's good to know that at least one of us, Lawrie O'Neil, finds delight in gardening. He enjoys tennis, too.

Barry Hogan claims he attended Late Night Study and as a result had the prefects on his trail. He has enjoyed his first year at S.P.C.

By the time these jottings about the Sub. B class go to print we shall have passed through the nightmare of the final exams and we shall have packed our bags ready to return to home, sweet home for the summer vacation. We have thoroughly enjoyed this last year at St. Pat's and will ever remember its many exciting happenings. Let us hope we'll all be together in Intermediate next year. To the Brothers and Mr. Halliburton we offer thanks for many kindnesses and may they and all other good friends at St. Pat's enjoy a Happy Christmas and a Brighter and Better New Year.

SECOND YEAR BLUE

With the school year at an end, we of Second Year Blue may look back upon the year's work with a certain amount of satisfaction. As a result of our consistent application to study we have made steady, but consistent, progress with our school work, though at times we have felt the truth of those words—

"Hard the cobbled road of knowledge to the feet of him who plods after fragile fragments fallen from the workshop of the gods;"

A number of our students presented themselves as candidates for a Junior Government Scholarship, and we wish each and every one of these all success. The Second Year examinations have come and gone. All we have to do now is to put away our books and forget all we have learnt during the year. We all agree that there are far more important things to occupy our attention during the holidays and that all those

things pertaining to the class-room can be forgotten till some date in the dim distant future.

Before taking our departure from St. Pat's for the year, there are a few misdeeds that must go down in history. When places were arranged in class recently, some of the so-called "bright sparks" found that they had been resting on reputations of bygone days. Warren McGuinness stepped into first place, while Ted McKenzie, Michael Ryan and John McCarthy followed in order. However, when the Dux of the class was decided, tables were again turned. Darryn Jenkins carried off the honours after having proved to be an excellent student throughout the year. Other places went to: 2nd, George Pell; 3rd, Paul Quinlan; 4th, John Doolan; 5th, Michael Mason; 6th, John Sullivan. To these we give our heartiest congratulations.

Now that we are all anxious to let the cobwebs grow around the study books, let's turn our attention to our sporting activities for the term. When it comes to a cross-country race all we need to do in order to be champions is to get advice from Bob Coutts, John Calnin, Brian Sheehan and Paul Quinlan. When these athletes checked in at the finishing post without showing much in the way of wear and tear we at once doubted their ability to judge the full distance. The fact that they took a shorter route was, no doubt, entirely accidental. In the weekly cross-country race John Doolan proved to be an up-and-coming "Landy," while Ted Waterhouse provided stiff opposition. These two runners claim that the 4 min. mile will soon be a feature at St. Pat's.

Martin Nolan proved to be our best tennis player. His winning a place in the College tennis team speaks highly of his ability in this respect. John Sullivan and Denis Wright have also made a name for themselves with the racquet. You may still find the grease spots on the centre court where Dennis Wright won fame over someone affectionately known as "Bubbles" (ask Bernard Elliott who this might be). The day boys maintain that they can more than hold their own with the boarders at tennis. The local "champs" are Michael Ryan and Frank Denehy.

Golf, too, has found some promising players from our ranks. Noel Morris and Garry Gemmola wish to announce that any day now will find them actually hitting the ball.

The "Head of the Lake" will be in safe keeping with John O'Brien, Bob Coutts, John Calnin, Ted McKenzie, Noel Morris and Frank Quinlan. Just at present they are experiencing a little trouble in finding a cox who can steer their craft without becoming sea-sick. In spite of this, they have proved to be keen on the rowing, and we hope to see them among the College Crews in the years ahead.

The craze for crossword puzzles appears to have taken a firm hold upon the class, some of the more ardent enthusiasts managing to devote a few moments while waiting for the rest of the class to finish their work. Don McRae, John Doolan and Ted Waterhouse seem to be quite successful in this line.

Recently, Philip Smith brought back the honours from the South Street Elocution Competitions. He was awarded first place in his age. Congratulations from all, Philip!

Why are Denis Wright and Hugh Davies putting on so much weight these days? Perhaps their friends with the choice morsels may be able to throw some light upon the mystery.

There is one boy in the College who has no trouble in keeping up his sox. If anyone cares to find the solution, all he need do is to see Joseph Wright.

The Victorian Railways certainly do not stand high in our estimation now that Bill Street's train may be anything up to an hour late. Our only regret is that some of us do not come to school by the same train.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to our readers three of the most silent boys in the room: George Pell, Michael Mason and Bob Coutts. No matter how long they may be standing together, you will never hear a word from them.

When it was noised abroad that the Maher family had some good fortune in "Tatts," Gavin became a great friend of all. John Calnin found that the same fate befell him when the Melbourne Cup Sweep proved a source of wealth.

John O'Brien has asked us to announce to all and sundry that he is not related to the poet who had the intelligence to write under his name. Well, perhaps he may be able to find some connection with the pirate of "Treasure Island" who went by the same name.

Quite a number of hobbies claim our attention during the week-end, but the building and flying of model aeroplanes reigns supreme. Though one or two planes have found an honourable resting place after seeing valiant service, there are still quite a number in active service. We who have not as yet caught the fever do admit that the constant roar of engines can prove a little disturbing at times. Those who are well and truly in the aircraft production business are John McMahon, Bill Houlihan, John Cantwell, John Murphy and the Bell brothers.

With this record of our deeds and misdeeds we, the Second Year Blue of 1954, sign off till the New Year will bring us together once more.

May your Christmas holidays be truly happy ones, and may the Babe of Bethlehem shower down upon you and your parents every grace and blessing of this great season.

SECOND YEAR GOLD

A happy Christmas to all our readers from Second Year Gold. We would like, too, at the beginning of these notes to congratulate our Class Leaders on winning the prizes. All of us agree that Brian Sharry deserved to be Dux. He studied very well and we expected him to win. Robert Vagg, second, and Leo Kelly, third, were narrowly defeated, then came Michael O'Sullivan and Walton Scott. Frank Vagg had an attack of mumps while the exams were on. He surely would have been among the prizes. Graham Perrott scored a good win in the Christian Doctrine Examination. He made only one small error and lost one mark. Congratulations, Graham, on your 99 per cent. in Religion. Three of our class scored 100 per cent. in Arithmetic. They were Walton Scott, Trevor Scott and Michael O'Sullivan. John Bakker from Noorat was first in the Latin Test. He was just beaten by Peter Duffy for first place in Geometry. John is often seen at the blackboard at Algebra period.

If you go into our classroom at one o'clock any day, you will find Philip McCumisky there. What is he doing there? Geometry, of course. Geometry period begins at 1.15. Seventeen of our class are quick at Geometry Exercises. Michael O'Sullivan is one of the quick ones. Michael's Dad was at S.P.C. in 1924. He has a brother in First Year. Brian Sharry was worried about his home town in the recent storms. Brian comes from Horsham, where farmers are claiming damages. Brian's two brothers, John and Kevin, attended St. Pat's as did also his cousin Michael.

Barry McCandlish from Trawalla travels 60 miles a day. His home is 30 miles from St. Pat's. He cycles eight miles each day. No wonder he sometimes has no pen to do his work. It could be anywhere along the weary 60 miles.

Frank Mahar and cousin Stan, Tom Prendergast and Tom Guthrie are determined to give potatoes away. They can see no future at all. Some of them are going to buy cows instead.

Barry Mitchell, a Ballarat boy, is preparing to be a carpenter. He is very interested in practical Geometry. That's why.

Kevin Doyle and Michael Wilson are great friends. Did you see them wearing official ribbons at the Sports!

Fred Hickey and John O'Brien are two Ballarat boys. Fred is back in the choir again and now he comes early for school. His mate, John O'Brien, wishes the baths could be heated. He loves swimming, but he likes a fair thing.

Peter Duffy's mate is Kevin Gleeson. They are good students. They hope to buy a farm between them when they leave school. It will have to be cheap though.

Bernie Lanfranchi is one of the best in the class at English, but you should see him at gym. He can do anything on the bars and the horse. His mate, Francis Doblle, is not quite such a good all-rounder.

Pat Clancy and James Doran are good students and good sports. James represented S.P.C. in Aths. Pat was co-manager of the trip to the Noorat Show. The rain washed out the Show, but they enjoyed the day at home.

Michael Smith wants to know how does a boy get into Sub-Intermediate! If there are two ways he'd like to know the other.

Gavan Bourke declares that after his bus trip from Buninyong he's not fit for work till after 11 o'clock. We're getting used to him though.

Ewen Cameron always has sheep to look after when it's time to return to school after the holidays. We can't blame him.

Laurie Thorp from Melbourne marvels how his brother-in-law, John Robinson, studied for his B.Sc. and is now doing Medicine. Still, Laurie, some day you may turn over a new leaf.

People are blaming the beautiful cake, which Gerard Cathcart won in a raffle, for his weariness. Gerard declares he never felt better, but he thinks he should get more latitude on Sunday evenings.

Wally Scott surprises us by his application to his studies. He is known to have studied till a very late hour on several occasions. Wally has learnt his lesson now.

Geoff. Cahill from Willowvale is a very good athlete who did well in the College Sports. Geoff. studies well and is good at English and Geometry.

Eddie Shepherd comes from Tresco. His brother Robert came to St. Pat's. Eddie entertained us in the Hall one wet Sunday afternoon.

John Delahey from Bacchus Marsh likes French. He says there's nothing like it to keep you awake early in the morning.

Adrian McConnell would spend the whole day doing Algebra. He'd like to congratulate the inventor.

In a few years' time, Ricardo Marsella will revolutionise the R.A.A.F. He is sure he could fly now if he were allowed.

Michael Wilson declares that he did have a compass and set squares. He thinks somebody will return them on break-up day.

Leo Kelly, though shy naturally, sometimes livens up in school. He never misses a question. We envy him his luck.

Just inside our classroom door sit Ray Skeyhill and Trevor Scott. They are a great help to one another. Trevor has invited Ray to surf at Dromana.

We wonder does Mervyn Jubb really like music. He never misses a practice, but that's no proof. Who wouldn't sooner play the piano than study!

Our newest arrival is David O'Sullivan from Hamilton. David is a happy boy and is already quite at home. He wishes he came to St. Pat's earlier.

If you want a job well done ask Brian Palmer. He's obliging and capable.

David McArthur is one of four brothers at St. Pat's. David is keen on Geometry. He has been showing Scotty the pony at Shows and winning too.

And now, readers, goodbye. We will open up correspondence again next year from Sub-Intermediate. We wish you all, all that you wish for yourself. May the Divine Babe bless you all.

FIRST YEAR

Greetings to everybody at S.P.C. before we retire for the year. Time has passed quickly and it will not be long before a new class of boys occupy our hallowed room at S.P.C.

Tom Murphy used to sit with Ian Slockwitch, but, after many threats, the partnership was broken up. Tom played in the Grand Final of the Under 14 Tennis.

Early to bed, early to rise keeps Danny Powell wealthy and wise! Dan had a spell in hospital, but does not appear to have suffered any ill effects.

A lad from the East for his dinner he has quite a good feast. The early bird never is late when M. Duck comes through the gate.

The "Hill" has not yet recovered from the stampedes of J. Houlihan and Ray Brady since the departure of J.H. from the Aths. team.

B. Sullivan had a fall from a tree and got some stitches inserted to hold himself together. He and I. Slockwitch now hop around like two kangaroos.

At the beginning of the year J. Sang was voted to the post of Librarian. He has been very faithful to his job and we are all grateful for his attention.

R. Barker and L. Patford are the class leaders. The competition is continued on the Sports field. R.B. is keen on swimming. L.P. is keen on rowing. Perhaps R.B. will tip up L.P.'s boat.

Dr. N. Bortolin has been kept busy during the term. He has not had much success in increasing Sam's inches, but seems to have Danny Powell under control.

Queer noises used to be associated with Adrian Starkie, but now heads turn to the back of the room and Roger Smith when the rumbings start.

During the Athletic season we saw Brian "Sparrow" Graham flying around St. Roch's.

Frank Jones joined the class at the start of the third term. He has settled down well and is quite at home at S.P.C.

Bob Delahey, our representative of Bacchus Marsh, is one of our best students. He is always on the target and has no time for those whose interests run to woodheaps or lizards.

Denis Faulkner holds the record with the First Year pupils; for he has been at S.P.C. for eight years. His younger brother may beat this in the future.

Ron Roberts is another long-time pupil of S.P.C. He hails from Ballarat North and is often seen with L.R., L.P. and R.T.

Tom and John Firns used to occupy the back seat, but a change-over brought them nearer the front. They are both consistent cross-country runners.

Noel Schepis knows what all boys under 80 like best. His box of chocolates for the Fete had "Coles" run out of check books. Noel keeps Ron Roberts and Joseph Hayes quiet between times and organizes the movement of chairs on Fridays.

George Maloney is a keen runner and footballer. He leads the group of laundry boys and has kept them working well during the year.

N. Hicks, B. Kelly, I. Slockwitch and J. Byrne represented the School

in B.P.S. Sports. Ian Slockwitch was so good that he ran in the under 15 event, although under 13, and did quite well.

T. Mauldron and W. Schreenan do some fierce talking during French period, and it is not always done in French.

Les. Pomery was among the best runners on St. Roch's and is on the way to renown as a poet.

Tim O'Sullivan likes reading in his spare time, and sometimes in school hours; but nevertheless he is a good pupil.

Representatives from Villa Maria are M. Clark, Pat Hynes and Frank Mulcahy. They are good readers and sometimes good talkers.

Early and regular jerk players are L. Bradley and L. Griffey. They think that play before work gives the brain a spurt.

Lea Rawlings saw the English cricketers in Melbourne, but he thinks Australia will win the "Ashes."

Two boys, always to be found on or about the Hill, are Michael Duck and Dennis McMahon. Their friendship is firm but stormy at times.

Bill Stanhunavicius has a happy smile always, but when M. Duck appears it can change to a lion-like grin.

Robert McArthur has fully recovered from his unlucky adventure in the forest of the Wendouree Alps.

J. McCulloch was one of our representatives in the Tennis Tournament, but alas!! he was beaten in the second round.

Brian Clark is fond of Science, for he likes to know what things are made of. He has been missing from his place in class for a week or so.

Pat Hynes was one of the challengers for the under 13 High Jump, but he did not break any records.

Michael Ryan and Vin Quinn trained for the running by keeping a good distance between themselves and Colin Pryor and Co.

Joseph Hayes and John McManus hope to go into partnership one day in the milk business.

Neil McManus was a challenger for the under 14 Broad Jump. His trainer and adviser was Brian Sharry.

Ron Thompson was bucked from his bike recently and had to spend a few days away from school.

Bill Randall joined our company this term. He comes from Wilgul and recites very well the old ballad about the Woodheap.

John Coughlan came to school one day with an old "pirates'" six-shooter. Hopalong would like to get hold of it.

Dominic Foschia finds congenial company with Harry J. Harry's drawings of Space Ships and Martians are well ahead of anything yet published.

In the army of the future St. Pat's will have representatives in J. Byrne, B. Bongiorno, J. Castricum and P. Kuketz in the infantry, with H. Jermolajevo and C. Modrovitch as rocket and guided missile experts.

Ron Thompson was hit by a car a little while ago. When the driver saw Ron's countenance he must have thought he was an angel already. B. Tuddenham and C. Pryor miss his company.

Selwyn Shore has promised that the baths will see a lot of him once the books are put away. B.T. and L.B. will be there to even up a few scores.

Bill with the big name collects frogs. The other day it was a case of "The frogs were here, The frogs were there, The frogs were everywhere." M. Duck, R. McArthur and D. McMahon have not retaliated yet, but they have enlisted the services of Snakecharmer Jack.

FIFTH AND SIXTH

When not on picnics, or hikes, or viewing films, or attending sports meetings, the members of fifth and sixth grades meet in the class room to discuss odds and ends. It was during these brief moments, sometimes referred to as school time, that the following facts came to be penned by the master minds. One junior member, in a moment of weakness, told Tony Brauer he was lazy. We, the master minds, hasten to his defence. Only recently he invented a machine to do his homework. Now he is working desperately on an invention to push the button of the other machine.

Brian Gallagher and Max Mallett are believed to be connected with the "black market" racket of selling sandwiches, toasted by a magnifying glass. We think the case is to come before the court next week under the heading of "Breach of Pure Food Act."

Dennis White has been kicking himself for missing the trip to Melbourne. Why! Spencer Goss just can't bring himself to eat spaghetti. He claims the cannibal instinct just isn't in him. Pim Vandermeer is great at catching rabbits and colds.

We are not free to write about John Whybrow being an ardent fan of Johnny Ray. We promise fuller details when the censor goes on holidays. As regards the rumour that Bill Allan and Tony Taranto slept at the station, the night previous to the Lal Lal expedition, we have no definite evidence. Some maintain John Fitzpatrick was with the above pair.

We congratulate Peter Dobson and John Rintoul on being our worthy representatives in the college athletic team. The former won races at both the Melbourne and Ballarat meetings.

Gerard Hand refers to any race more than 75 yards as a distance event. On sports day Terry O'Halloran claims he would have carried all before him only the weather did not suit his style. The wind blew before he did. Brian Nolan has stated that sprinting is not his line. Incidentally, 40 inches, not expanded, is his line (waist).

Kevin Murphy has earned for himself the title "King of the Cross Country Events." Although normally, distance means practically nothing to Brendan Hickey, Michael and Gavan Brown, the hike to White Swan Reservoir made them think that perhaps shorter distances would, after all, be more to their liking. Dennis Groves has just on perfected the barrel roll. Leigh Miller quite gracefully stated that he did not mind if someone else used his style of high jumping. Laurie Butler delights in field games. The tug-o'-war is his best event.

David Tydeman has flatly denied that he is going to be a jockey. During the running of the Melbourne Cup, Joe Starkie, ever the composed gentleman of our room, was heard barracking in the following manner, "Gay Helios, faster please." Tom Dickson was bitterly disappointed at not being seeded No. 1 in the under 14 tennis competition. How the selection committee could turn No. 1 into No. 43 is an absolute mystery to him.

When Mrs. Howard, whom we thank sincerely for screening the slides which she took while overseas, displayed a photo of Wimbledon, we were practically positive we heard Peter Madden's voice breathe, "So that's where I'll be playing in a few years." Peter denied it, saying, "It was Danny Dickson you heard."

Among the articles produced during our handcraft periods might be mentioned: calendars, leather purses, key pouches, milk jug stands, flower pot mats, rubber stamps, pottery—ah!—products and match-box constructions. If there were any periods of school Eddy Pope liked, they were the above, when he could flash away, till his heart was content, on one of the morse code sets. Tom O'Loughlin also had a tender regard for these periods.

Terry Fitzpatrick, Terry Goss and several others listening to "hits"!

Before we go we'd like to welcome to St. Pat's, John O'Sullivan, a new boy, who comes from Hamilton. He is often seen with Kerry Reynolds, also from Hamilton.

Now another term has passed.

For some—it is the last.

To them we wish "Good luck, God speed

And all the graces that you'll need."

To the rest—we can say

"Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday."

B. BREEN and A. LEWIS.

INTERMEDIATE CLASS NOTES

Once again we welcome you to read about one of the most industrious places in the College—the Inter. "A" Classroom.

First and foremost the class wishes to congratulate Michael Hickey, the dux, and the other five placegetters on their success in the October Test. The official placings were: Michael Hickey, Michael Dinley, John Threlfall, Brian Morgan, Brian Hickey and Adrian Bennetto.

The prize for Christian Doctrine went to Charles Castle and the special prize for the best all-round paper went to John Quinn.

Each week-end the dark-room is being stormed by Pat Hayes, Garry Molony and John Brady, the camera fans of the room. Eye-witnesses say that many furious battles take place for the possession of the key. It is very strange that the cement outside the dark-room is free from blood stains.

One fine Monday afternoon while the Cadet drummers were making their usual racket, two of the most proficient exponents of the "tom-toms," Dan Lorkin and Darryl Hunter, were cooling their heels in the cowed. For full details we refer you to Frank Moloney, the Drum Major.

A few weeks ago John O'Doherty was found to be collecting silver paper rather industriously. We wonder why. Perhaps John himself can throw some light on the solution.

John Hurley still suffers somewhat because of an indiscrimination on his part whilst travelling in a railway carriage some time ago. However, there is only one person in the room who still alludes to his folly.

You have all heard of Little Jack Horner, who sat in the corner, but have you heard of John Murray, who sits in the corner? It is found that John studies better (as do the other pupils) while occupying this position.

We were all greatly astonished, midway through the term, when Colin Dooley entered in the tennis tournaments. We were more surprised when he won his first match six games to love. The spell did not last, however, and in his next match he was narrowly beaten.

Leo Smith must be running up quite an account at the bookshop—buying rubbers. Hardly a day passes without someone in the class being instructed to borrow one. Paul Williams and a few others do a lot of moving around during Latin period when lessons are being heard. The general trend is towards the back of the room.

Evidently Joe Ballinger works exceedingly hard during the week, for he usually spends all Saturday morning recuperating.

It is reported that John Curtain went without any lunch on November the third, the day after Cup Day. There were others, however, who were heavier in pocket that day.

We are very sorry to hear that Michael O'Halloran has been taken to hospital on account of illness. All wish him a speedy recovery.

An hilarious episode took place at the City Oval when a dog ran amok whilst preparations were being made for the Ballarat Public Schools' Sports. The laughter of Peter Brown, Gerard Wheelahan and Peter Brennan was not at all appreciated by the Secretary of the B.P.S. Sports.

Irwin McGenniss proved himself very competent in looking after the Sports Room during the term. With the help of Peter Brown, he carried out the starting blocks every night and kept the Sports Room very tidy.

During the Latin period several boys often make new constructions of their own. Among these intellectuals are Professors Frank Constable, John Curtain, Adrian Bennetto and Tom Furey.

On some Saturday afternoons Denis Mahony and Gavan Ryan give up some of their time to cut the ovals with the aid of the tractor and the three-gang mower.

In the recent Reception into Our Lady's Sodality the following Inter. A students were received: Peter Brown, Gerald Cameron, Tom Furey, Pat Hayes, Marshall Younger, Irwin McGennis, Peter Brennan, John O'Doherty, John Van Syulen and Dan Lorkin. To them we offer our heartiest congratulations.

Ken Fraser, Frank Caulfield and several other students in the class have the happy knack of saying the right thing at the right time to the wrong person. Although their comments are appreciated by the class, they are frowned upon from another quarter.

Darryl Hunter and Basil Martin are reputed to have a lot on their minds. It has been suggested that the barber might be able to remedy this complaint.

Rumour has it that Jim Mornane knows something about the miscellaneous objects that were found on the Brother's table. No further particulars are known as Jim declines to comment.

Judging by the smiles on Bill Lannen's countenance, he enjoys being back with his old desk mate, John Curtain. Maybe it is just as well that Bill is rather thin.

At last the usually inseparable pair, Paul Forster and Tom Furey, have been separated. They are still, however, within easy hailing distance of each other.

Noel McArdle and Jim Pierce compete regularly in the tennis tournaments at the Cathedral courts.

Bill Jeffrey remains one of the more silent members of our class. But because he sits behind Pat Hayes the noise from that quarter is not at all diminished.

Our class was ably represented in the sporting activities of the term. In the Aths., were Denis McKimmie who ran exceedingly well in Melbourne, Chas. Castle who won the Weight Putt in Ballarat, Marshall Younger and Frank Moloney who were first and second respectively in the Under 16 Hurdles, Tom Jess and Michael Dinley who starred in the High Jumps, and Ken Fraser who ran in the Under 15 division. Paul McCulloch was our only representative in the B.P.S. Tennis.

However, approaching exams somewhat curtail our sporting activities and every available minute is employed either in study or prayers for success. Thus we draw towards the close of another school year which will be remembered by all as a most enjoyable year in Inter. "A" of 1954.

PETER BROWN, ADRIAN BENNETTO,

INTERMEDIATE B

First we must congratulate the class leaders. David Hallam is Dux of the class with Eric Pinzone second, Bill Almeida third, Michael Gallagher fourth, Terry Brennan fifth and Noel Day sixth. Frank Pomeroy won the Christian Doctrine prize.

In sporting activities during the term we also made a name for ourselves. Terry Brennan captained the First Four in the B.P.S. Tennis Competitions. Gavin Greer gained a place among the "Specials" in the Athletics. On the Hill, Peter Gleeson and Brian Pekin have shown a good deal of form, while Barry Joyce surprised us with his performances in the long-distance events. Some of our Day-boys, notably Barry Phelan and Nick Martino, are doing very well in the College Tennis Tournament. Martin Kennedy, if we are to believe reports, is developing into a golf champion who can "hole in one" with the best of them.

Bill Almeida continues to win all debates that come his way. "Lucky" Frank Greene was the only one to have any luck in the big sweep. Laurie Kelly continues to astound us with the originality of his answers during Maths. periods. Martin Kennedy found himself whirled up to the front seat when class positions were changed at the start of the term. Brian Tudor caused quite a stir when he turned up unannounced for Saturday morning school just recently. Bob Franklin has lost interest in the Matric. Room as the result of recent events. Two "howlers" which were perpetrated in our classroom are deserving of a place in the records. Owen Kehoe gave out that fasting and abstinence is observed when Ash Wednesday falls on a Friday. John Shea in an essay on the Royal Tour stated that "thousands cheered in the streets and waved fags at the Royal Couple."

Anthony Foley seems to be having difficulty in mastering the use of the razor if we are judge from the state of his face of late. Brian Shanahan has calculated that at his present rate of movement he will reach the back row of the room in three more terms. Brian Dillon has stepped up his tennis by the acquisition of a "Power Game" racket. Graeme McIvor's voice has been playing tricks on him on several occasions lately. John Smith and Graham Routson are never happier than when riding round on the tractor. They are doing a wonderful job anyhow!

Stan Wilson seems to be concentrating on the wool classing studies during his many free periods. Manson Garvey has announced that he will be entering the banking world after Christmas. We are warned to expect a financial crisis in the near future. Barry O'Donohue keeps us abreast of movements in the railway world. Pat Moloney is one of our most efficient cadets—sometimes. Michael Fulton's return from his music lesson is not always quite musical. Brian O'Connor seems to have a monopoly on the seats in the row near the door. Noel Rogers from Swan Hill way is one of those who have become very keen on tennis this term, especially during the time for Aths. training.

That is all the news from Inter. B for this term. We are all very busy making our last-minute preparations for the exams. We hope to see all our readers again next year as members of the Leaving Class. We wish one and all a very happy Christmas.

SUB. A

The recorder of these notes received quite a shock when he was told to "get going" for this the third Chronicle of 1954. Time was certainly on the wing as some poet aptly stated and the exams, etc., etc., just around the corner. Hence the shock. And it seems just the other day that we were compiling the notes for the second term. Time is not only "on the wing," it is jet propelled as well.

For some this will be their swan song. Perhaps their next mention in the Chronicle will be in connection with some activity of the Old Boys. To those we say "God bless," and hope that their stay at St. Pat's will prove of benefit, both spiritually and materially, in their chosen career. We will be sorry to see them leave.

The most notable event of the term was the great struggle for dux of the class. In a real photo-finish Michael Stokie wrested the title from Ed. Vaughan who had reigned supreme up till now. The placings were made on the results of the May and August tests. Without detracting in any way from Michael's win, it would only be fair to state that Ed. was ill at the time of the May test and even missed one or two subjects, so it was a very meritorious performance to come so close to winning. However, Michael has worked hard during the year and nobody, least of all Ed. Vaughan, will begrudge him his success. Third place went to Des Martin, fourth to Geoff. Stockitch, fifth to Paul Kierce and sixth to Des Houlihan. Kevin O'Flaherty was dux of Christian Doctrine. Congratulations to all these on their success. The whole class is to be congratulated as the marks of all, with only one exception, were particularly high.

In the Aths. we have a good representation. Our best are Roy O'Connor, Geoff. Stockitch, Brian Costigan and John Devine. We hope they do well in the B.P.S. Sports tomorrow.

Now for some items of general interest—

Jim Hutchinson and Michael Nailon had a lovely time rowing on the Lake one Sunday, but they did not appreciate the fortnight or so late study that resulted.

"Denis the Menace" Tierney and his cousin Paul Tierney are newcomers this term. We hope their stay at St. Pat's is a very happy one. Already they have made their presence felt, especially D. the M., who has already put a few more grey hairs into one, at least, of his teacher's not so plentiful dark ones. Speaking of hair, if you want a bit of a trim on the cheap Denis the Menace is the boy to get in touch with. Pat Harris highly recommends him. Dave McGrath was having hair trouble, too, but everything is all right now. Both the bald spot and Dave's worried looks have disappeared.

Robert "Dynamic" Bowker is the most energetic boy at doing nothing in the room. Not even an atomic bomb could make him get a move on.

One of Brendan Walsh's chief accomplishments, other than his outstanding talking ability, is his cross country running. 'Tis said he "burns up the track," but only, of course, when Br. M. turns a deaf ear to his pleadings for exemption.

Many of our budding Australian Eleven cricketers are taking a keen interest in Br. H.'s coaching classes. In this respect we have a very good prospect in John Devine, who is a distinct possibility for First Eleven honours next year. Paul Kierce, Denis King, Paul and Denis Tierney are other likely looking colts.

John Noonan, Robert Scott, Garry Coutts and Paul Kierce are hoping for success in the tennis tournament now being held, and to this end are putting in plenty of practice.

The day that Chris "Rip Van Winkle" Target requested to be put in the front seat right under Sir's nose, some of the boys wanted to take him to the doctor, as they thought he must have got a touch of the sun.

It would seem that "Bailey and Co. Airways" have gone into liquidation.

Boys in the Cadets were not so pleased when a certain member of our class appeared one Monday morning with a large white chevron adorning his jacket. They dreaded his mighty tongue on the parade ground.

Sub. A had a good representation in the Guard which gave such a good display on the Feast of Christ the King, in the persons of Peter

Ryan, Roy O'Connor, Brian Costigan, Chris. Targett, Des. Martin and Geoff. Slockwitch.

Chris. Targett must be very popular judging by the fan mail he is receiving. Needless to say, there is a lot of speculation regarding the sources of said mail or should we say "femail"!!

Kevin Lamaro, John Noonan and Stan Webb are going to make certain that St. Pat's will win the "Head of the Lake" before they leave school. They spend quite a lot of time out in the boats.

There is an old saying that "Distance lends enchantment to the view," and maybe that is the reason Michael Murray spends so much time at the back of the room.

Tony Ryan was greatly missed while he had a holiday in hospital. However, "all's well that m-ends well," Tony!

Gerry Cullinan's bus breaks down (so he says!) with such regular monotony that we are beginning to suspect sabotage on the part of one or some of its occupants.

Yes, Pat Harris still sits up the front. Short sight—long tongue!

So we come to the end of our budget of sense and nonsense. Before we leave, however, we would like to wish all readers of the Chronicle our very best wishes for a happy and holy Christmas and New Year.

SUB-INTERMEDIATE B

Greetings to all readers from Sub. B as the year draws to a close! The scholastic leaders of the class are as follows:—

Christian Doctrine: Maurice O'Donoghue.

Fr. Shelley's special Christian Doctrine Prize: Robert Norton.

Dux: Robert Norton.

Second: John Smith. Third: Michael Godfrey. Fourth: Anthony

Borrack. Fifth: Reg. Smith. Sixth: John Bongiorno.

Congratulations to them all!

Close behind them in success came Pat Moran, Maurice O'Donoghue, Peter McDonald and Nicholas Rousch.

The last term of the year is the Athletics period, but it seems that Sub. B has made its mark in other sports, for our only representative in the Combined Sports team was Reg. Smith. Reg. did not win the Under 16 Broad Jump at Ballarat Combined Sports, but he used his long legs to gain a good place. However, we were all triers at the College Sports.

Br. Howard thinks there are future 1st XI players among these promising cricketers: John Hogan, Leigh Brownbill, Anthony Borrack, Graeme Horan, Alan Higgins, Bob Nelson, Reg. Smith, Brian Tucker and Terry Davies. As these notes go to print the proposed match against Sub. A is in the air and there is confidence in the Sub. B ranks as to the result.

Those two boys in blue are not twins—just Tony Hicks and Warren Larsen sporting new pullovers.

Who does not know where John Hogan, Tommy Evans, Geoff. Buttler and Peter McDonald ventured forth on a certain night excursion? Nowadays they keep a stoney silence on the matter, but on the night itself there was no "stoney" silence. In fact, a clatter of noise.

Reg. Fenton denies he went home one week-end just to see Heywood win the Western District Football Premiership.

John Carter, whose father is organizing the Eureka Centenary Celebrations here in Ballarat, should be interested in John Franc whose great grandfather was mixed up in the Eureka incident in 1854.

Craig Dallimore, who scored high marks in his music exam, is looking forward to the summer vacation at his new home in Drysdale.

John Ryan and John Smith gave good help to Br. Howard in the

painting job that has transformed the grandstand at the Oval into a sight worth seeing.

Besides horse-riding, Jim Moore's hobby is the collecting of birds' eggs—and what a collection he has! His mate, Michael Connellan, also goes in for horse-riding when he is not driving tractors or snapping up a ball on the cricket field.

The expert manipulator of model aeroplanes is Brian Maw; has a good eye as a wicket-keeper, too.

John Graham's big ambition is to get in one of the crews for 1955. Bernie Maher's hobby is engineering. He's determined to make the Under 15 XVIII next year.

Captain of one of the Sub. B cricket teams was Bob Nelson; he hopes to make the 1st XI in the near future. Improves his best subject, Geography, by bike-riding around the countryside on Saturday afternoons.

Now that the football season is over, Peter Meiklejohn is a bit sad. He likes woodwork as a hobby.

Two with an interest in Latin are Anthony McCarthy and Graeme Horan, who are junior members of the Seminary.

Kelvin Arthur's best subject is Science, his favourite sport Tennis, and Carpentry as a hobby.

Anthony Borrack wants it known that he has avoided trouble of late; he shows promise as a gymnast and a cricketer. Another Anthony with surname of Rintoul thinks it not fair that his teachers should pop questions on him when he is not ready for them; he blushes beautifully. John Bongiorno is often called upon in class to read aloud; the reason, of course, is that he reads so well. Athletics is his favourite sport and Reading his hobby.

They say that Ken Ryan when separated from John Ryan in class had many regrets at such a parting.

It's good to know that at least one of us, Lawrie O'Neil, finds delight in gardening. He enjoys tennis, too.

Barry Hogan claims he attended Late Night Study and as a result had the prefects on his trail. He has enjoyed his first year at S.P.C.

By the time these jottings about the Sub. B class go to print we shall have passed through the nightmare of the final exams and we shall have packed our bags ready to return to home, sweet home for the summer vacation. We have thoroughly enjoyed this last year at St. Pat's and will ever remember its many exciting happenings. Let us hope we'll all be together in Intermediate next year. To the Brothers and Mr. Halliburton we offer thanks for many kindnesses and may they and all other good friends at St. Pat's enjoy a Happy Christmas and a Brighter and Better New Year.

SECOND YEAR BLUE

With the school year at an end, we of Second Year Blue may look back upon the year's work with a certain amount of satisfaction. As a result of our consistent application to study we have made steady, but consistent, progress with our school work, though at times we have felt the truth of those words—

"Hard the cobbled road of knowledge to the feet of him who plods After fragile fragments fallen from the workshop of the gods;"

A number of our students presented themselves as candidates for a Junior Government Scholarship, and we wish each and every one of these all success. The Second Year examinations have come and gone. All we have to do now is to put away our books and forget all we have learnt during the year. We all agree that there are far more important things to occupy our attention during the holidays and that all those

things pertaining to the class-room can be forgotten till some date in the dim distant future.

Before taking our departure from St. Pat's for the year, there are a few misdeeds that must go down in history. When places were arranged in class recently, some of the so-called "bright sparks" found that they had been resting on reputations of bygone days. Warren McGuinness stepped into first place, while Ted McKenzie, Michael Ryan and John McCarthy followed in order. However, when the Dux of the class was decided, tables were again turned. Darryn Jenkins carried off the honours after having proved to be an excellent student throughout the year. Other places went to: 2nd, George Pell; 3rd, Paul Quinlan; 4th, John Doolan; 5th, Michael Mason; 6th, John Sullivan. To these we give our heartiest congratulations.

Now that we are all anxious to let the cobwebs grow around the study books, let's turn our attention to our sporting activities for the term. When it comes to a cross-country race all we need to do in order to be champions is to get advice from Bob Coutts, John Calnin, Brian Sheehan and Paul Quinlan. When these athletes checked in at the finishing post without showing much in the way of wear and tear we at once doubted their ability to judge the full distance. The fact that they took a shorter route was, no doubt, entirely accidental. In the weekly cross-country race John Doolan proved to be an up-and-coming "Landy," while Ted Waterhouse provided stiff opposition. These two runners claim that the 4 min. mile will soon be a feature at St. Pat's.

Martin Nolan proved to be our best tennis player. His winning a place in the College tennis team speaks highly of his ability in this respect. John Sullivan and Denis Wright have also made a name for themselves with the racquet. You may still find the grease spots on the centre court where Dennis Wright won fame over someone affectionately known as "Bubbles" (ask Bernard Elliott who this might be). The day boys maintain that they can more than hold their own with the boarders at tennis. The local "champs" are Michael Ryan and Frank Denehy.

Golf, too, has found some promising players from our ranks. Noel Morris and Garry Gemmola wish to announce that any day now will find them actually hitting the ball.

The "Head of the Lake" will be in safe keeping with John O'Brien, Bob Coutts, John Calnin, Ted McKenzie, Noel Morris and Frank Quinlan. Just at present they are experiencing a little trouble in finding a cox who can steer their craft without becoming sea-sick. In spite of this, they have proved to be keen on the rowing, and we hope to see them among the College Crews in the years ahead.

The craze for crossword puzzles appears to have taken a firm hold upon the class, some of the more ardent enthusiasts managing to devote a few moments while waiting for the rest of the class to finish their work. Don McRae, John Doolan and Ted Waterhouse seem to be quite successful in this line.

Recently, Philip Smith brought back the honours from the South Street Elocution Competitions. He was awarded first place in his age. Congratulations from all, Philip!

Why are Denis Wright and Hugh Davies putting on so much weight these days? Perhaps their friends with the choice morsels may be able to throw some light upon the mystery.

There is one boy in the College who has no trouble in keeping up his sox. If anyone cares to find the solution, all he need do is to see Joseph Wright.

The Victorian Railways certainly do not stand high in our estimation now that Bill Street's train may be anything up to an hour late. Our only regret is that some of us do not come to school by the same train.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to our readers three of the most silent boys in the room: George Pell, Michael Mason and Bob Coutts. No matter how long they may be standing together, you will never hear a word from them.

When it was noised abroad that the Maher family had some good fortune in "Tatts," Gavin became a great friend of all. John Calnin found that the same fate befell him when the Melbourne Cup Sweep proved a source of wealth.

John O'Brien has asked us to announce to all and sundry that he is not related to the poet who had the intelligence to write under his name. Well, perhaps he may be able to find some connection with the pirate of "Treasure Island" who went by the same name.

Quite a number of hobbies claim our attention during the week-end, but the building and flying of model aeroplanes reigns supreme. Though one or two 'planes have found an honourable resting place after seeing valiant service, there are still quite a number in active service. We who have not as yet caught the fever do admit that the constant roar of engines can prove a little disturbing at times. Those who are well and truly in the aircraft production business are John McMahon, Bill Houlihan, John Cantwell, John Murphy and the Bell brothers.

With this record of our deeds and misdeeds we, the Second Year Blue of 1954, sign off till the New Year will bring us together once more.

May your Christmas holidays be truly happy ones, and may the Babe of Bethlehem shower down upon you and your parents every grace and blessing of this great season.

SECOND YEAR GOLD

A happy Christmas to all our readers from Second Year Gold. We would like, too, at the beginning of these notes to congratulate our Class Leaders on winning the prizes. All of us agree that Brian Sharry deserved to be Dux. He studied very well and we expected him to win. Robert Vagg, second, and Leo Kelly, third, were narrowly defeated, then came Michael O'Sullivan and Walton Scott. Frank Vagg had an attack of mumps while the exams were on. He surely would have been among the prizes. Graham Perrott scored a good win in the Christian Doctrine Examination. He made only one small error and lost one mark. Congratulations, Graham, on your 99 per cent. in Religion. Three of our class scored 100 per cent. in Arithmetic. They were Walton Scott, Trevor Scott and Michael O'Sullivan. John Bakker from Noorat was first in the Latin Test. He was just beaten by Peter Duffy for first place in Geometry. John is often seen at the blackboard at Algebra period.

If you go into our classroom at one o'clock any day, you will find Philip McCumisky there. What is he doing there? Geometry, of course. Geometry period begins at 1.15. Seventeen of our class are quick at Geometry Exercises. Michael O'Sullivan is one of the quick ones. Michael's Dad was at S.P.C. in 1924. He has a brother in First Year. Brian Sharry was worried about his home town in the recent storms. Brian comes from Horsham, where farmers are claiming damages. Brian's two brothers, John and Kevin, attended St. Pat's as did also his cousin Michael.

Barry McCandlish from Trawalla travels 60 miles a day. His home is 30 miles from St. Pat's. He cycles eight miles each day. No wonder he sometimes has no pen to do his work. It could be anywhere along the weary 60 miles.

Frank Mahar and cousin Stan, Tom Prendergast and Tom Guthrie are determined to give potatoes away. They can see no future at all. Some of them are going to buy cows instead.

Barry Mitchell, a Ballarat boy, is preparing to be a carpenter. He is very interested in practical Geometry. That's why.

Kevin Doyle and Michael Wilson are great friends. Did you see them wearing official ribbons at the Sports!

Fred Hickey and John O'Brien are two Ballarat boys. Fred is back in the choir again and now he comes early for school. His mate, John O'Brien, wishes the baths could be heated. He loves swimming, but he likes a fair thing.

Peter Duffy's mate is Kevin Gleeson. They are good students. They hope to buy a farm between them when they leave school. It will have to be cheap though.

Bernie Lanfranchi is one of the best in the class at English, but you should see him at gym. He can do anything on the bars and the horse. His mate, Francis Doblle, is not quite such a good all-rounder.

Pat Clancy and James Doran are good students and good sports. James represented S.P.C. in Aths. Pat was co-manager of the trip to the Noorat Show. The rain washed out the Show, but they enjoyed the day at home.

Michael Smith wants to know how does a boy get into Sub-Intermediate! If there are two ways he'd like to know the other.

Gavan Bourke declares that after his bus trip from Buninyong he's not fit for work till after 11 o'clock. We're getting used to him though. Ewen Cameron always has sheep to look after when it's time to return to school after the holidays. We can't blame him.

Laurie Thorp from Melbourne marvels how his brother-in-law, John Robinson, studied for his B.Sc. and is now doing Medicine. Still, Laurie, some day you may turn over a new leaf.

People are blaming the beautiful cake, which Gerard Cathcart won in a raffle, for his weariness. Gerard declares he never felt better, but he thinks he should get more latitude on Sunday evenings.

Wally Scott surprises us by his application to his studies. He is known to have studied till a very late hour on several occasions. Wally has learnt his lesson now.

Geoff. Cahill from Willowvale is a very good athlete who did well in the College Sports. Geoff. studies well and is good at English and Geometry.

Eddie Shepherd comes from Tresco. His brother Robert came to St. Pat's. Eddie entertained us in the Hall one wet Sunday afternoon.

John Delahey from Bacchus Marsh likes French. He says there's nothing like it to keep you awake early in the morning.

Adrian McConnell would spend the whole day doing Algebra. He'd like to congratulate the inventor.

In a few years' time, Ricardo Marsella will revolutionise the R.A.A.F. He is sure he could fly now if he were allowed.

Michael Wilson declares that he did have a compass and set squares. He thinks somebody will return them on break-up day.

Leo Kelly, though shy naturally, sometimes livens up in school. He never misses a question. We envy him his luck.

Just inside our classroom door sit Ray Skeyhill and Trevor Scott. They are a great help to one another. Trevor has invited Ray to surf at Dromana.

We wonder does Mervyn Jubb really like music. He never misses a practice, but that's no proof. Who wouldn't sooner play the piano than study!

Our newest arrival is David O'Sullivan from Hamilton. David is a happy boy and is already quite at home. He wishes he came to St. Pat's earlier.

If you want a job well done ask Brian Palmer. He's obliging and capable.

David McArthur is one of four brothers at St. Pat's. David is keen on Geometry. He has been showing Scotty the pony at Shows and winning too.

And now, readers, goodbye. We will open up correspondence again next year from Sub-Intermediate. We wish you all, all that you wish for yourself. May the Divine Babe bless you all.

FIRST YEAR

Greetings to everybody at S.P.C. before we retire for the year. Time has passed quickly and it will not be long before a new class of boys occupy our hallowed room at S.P.C.

Tom Murphy used to sit with Ian Slockwitch, but, after many threats, the partnership was broken up. Tom played in the Grand Final of the Under 14 Tennis.

Early to bed, early to rise keeps Danny Powell wealthy and wise! Dan had a spell in hospital, but does not appear to have suffered any ill effects.

A lad from the East for his dinner he has quite a good feast. The early bird never is late when M. Duck comes through the gate.

The "Hill" has not yet recovered from the stampedes of J. Houlihan and Ray Brady since the departure of J.H. from the Aths. team.

B. Sullivan had a fall from a tree and got some stitches inserted to hold himself together. He and I. Slockwitch now hop around like two kangaroos.

At the beginning of the year J. Sang was voted to the post of Librarian. He has been very faithful to his job and we are all grateful for his attention.

R. Barker and L. Patford are the class leaders. The competition is continued on the Sports field. R.B. is keen on swimming. L.P. is keen on rowing. Perhaps R.B. will tip up L.P.'s boat.

Dr. N. Bortolin has been kept busy during the term. He has not had much success in increasing Sam's inches, but seems to have Danny Powell under control.

Queer noises used to be associated with Adrian Starkie, but now heads turn to the back of the room and Roger Smith when the rumbings start.

During the Athletic season we saw Brian "Sparrow" Graham flying around St. Roch's.

Frank Jones joined the class at the start of the third term. He has settled down well and is quite at home at S.P.C.

Bob Delahey, our representative of Bacchus Marsh, is one of our best students. He is always on the target and has no time for those whose interests run to woodheaps or lizards.

Denis Faulkner holds the record with the First Year pupils; for he has been at S.P.C. for eight years. His younger brother may beat this in the future.

Ron Roberts is another long-time pupil of S.P.C. He hails from Ballarat North and is often seen with L.R., L.P. and R.T.

Tom and John Firns used to occupy the back seat, but a change-over brought them nearer the front. They are both consistent cross-country runners.

Noel Schepis knows what all boys under 80 like best. His box of chocolates for the Fete had "Coles" run out of check books. Noel keeps Ron Roberts and Joseph Hayes quiet between times and organizes the movement of chairs on Fridays.

George Maloney is a keen runner and footballer. He leads the group of laundry boys and has kept them working well during the year.

N. Hicks, B. Kelly, I. Slockwitch and J. Byrne represented the School

in B.P.S. Sports. Ian Slockwitch was so good that he ran in the under 15 event, although under 13, and did quite well.

T. Mauldron and W. Schreenan do some fierce talking during French period, and it is not always done in French.

Les. Pomery was among the best runners on St. Roch's and is on the way to renown as a poet.

Tim O'Sullivan likes reading in his spare time, and sometimes in school hours; but nevertheless he is a good pupil.

Representatives from Villa Maria are M. Clark, Pat Hynes and Frank Mulcahy. They are good readers and sometimes good talkers.

Early and regular jerk players are L. Bradley and L. Griffey. They think that play before work gives the brain a spurt.

Lea Rawlings saw the English cricketers in Melbourne, but he thinks Australia will win the "Ashes."

Two boys, always to be found on or about the Hill, are Michael Duck and Dennis McMahon. Their friendship is firm but stormy at times.

Bill Stanhunavicius has a happy smile always, but when M. Duck appears it can change to a lion-like grin.

Robert McArthur has fully recovered from his unlucky adventure in the forest of the Wendouree Alps.

J. McCulloch was one of our representatives in the Tennis Tournament, but alas!! he was beaten in the second round.

Brian Clark is fond of Science, for he likes to know what things are made of. He has been missing from his place in class for a week or so.

Pat Hynes was one of the challengers for the under 13 High Jump, but he did not break any records.

Michael Ryan and Vin Quinn trained for the running by keeping a good distance between themselves and Colin Pryor and Co.

Joseph Hayes and John McManus hope to go into partnership one day in the milk business.

Neil McManus was a challenger for the under 14 Broad Jump. His trainer and adviser was Brian Sharry.

Ron Thompson was bucked from his bike recently and had to spend a few days away from school.

Bill Randall joined our company this term. He comes from Wilgul and recites very well the old ballad about the Woodheap.

John Coughlan came to school one day with an old "pirates'" six-shooter. Hopalong would like to get hold of it.

Dominic Foschia finds congenial company with Harry J. Harry's drawings of Space Ships and Martians are well ahead of anything yet published.

In the army of the future St. Pat's will have representatives in J. Byrne, B. Bongiorno, J. Casticum and P. Kuketz in the infantry, with H. Jermolajevo and C. Modrovitch as rocket and guided missile experts.

Ron Thompson was hit by a car a little while ago. When the driver saw Ron's countenance he must have thought he was an angel already. B. Tuddenham and C. Pryor miss his company.

Selwyn Shore has promised that the baths will see a lot of him once the books are put away. B.T. and L.B. will be there to even up a few scores.

Bill with the big name collects frogs. The other day it was a case of "The frogs were here, The frogs were there, The frogs were everywhere." M. Duck, R. McArthur and D. McMahon have not retaliated yet, but they have enlisted the services of Snakecharmer Jack.

FIFTH AND SIXTH

When not on picnics, or hikes, or viewing films, or attending sports meetings, the members of fifth and sixth grades meet in the class room to discuss odds and ends. It was during these brief moments, sometimes referred to as school time, that the following facts came to be penned by the master minds. One junior member, in a moment of weakness, told Tony Brauer he was lazy. We, the master minds, hasten to his defence. Only recently he invented a machine to do his homework. Now he is working desperately on an invention to push the button of the other machine.

Brian Gallagher and Max Mallett are believed to be connected with the "black market" racket of selling sandwiches, toasted by a magnifying glass. We think the case is to come before the court next week under the heading of "Breach of Pure Food Act."

Dennis White has been kicking himself for missing the trip to Melbourne. Why! Spencer Goss just can't bring himself to eat spaghetti. He claims the cannibal instinct just isn't in him. Pim Vandermeer is great at catching rabbits and colds.

We are not free to write about John Whybrow being an ardent fan of Johnny Ray. We promise fuller details when the censor goes on holidays. As regards the rumour that Bill Allan and Tony Taranto slept at the station, the night previous to the Lal Lal expedition, we have no definite evidence. Some maintain John Fitzpatrick was with the above pair.

We congratulate Peter Dobson and John Rintoul on being our worthy representatives in the college athletic team. The former won races at both the Melbourne and Ballarat meetings.

Gerard Hand refers to any race more than 75 yards as a distance event. On sports day Terry O'Halloran claims he would have carried all before him only the weather did not suit his style. The wind blew before he did. Brian Nolan has stated that sprinting is not his line. Incidentally, 40 inches, not expanded, is his line (waist).

Kevin Murphy has earned for himself the title "King of the Cross Country Events." Although normally, distance means practically nothing to Brendan Hickey, Michael and Gavan Brown, the hike to White Swan Reservoir made them think that perhaps shorter distances would, after all, be more to their liking. Dennis Groves has just on perfected the barrel roll. Leigh Miller quite gracefully stated that he did not mind if someone else used his style of high jumping. Laurie Butler delights in field games. The tug-o'-war is his best event.

David Tydeman has flatly denied that he is going to be a jockey. During the running of the Melbourne Cup, Joe Starkie, ever the composed gentleman of our room, was heard barracking in the following manner, "Gay Hellios, faster please." Tom Dickson was bitterly disappointed at not being seeded No. 1 in the under 14 tennis competition. How the selection committee could turn No. 1 into No. 43 is an absolute mystery to him.

When Mrs. Howard, whom we thank sincerely for screening the slides which she took while overseas, displayed a photo of Wimbledon, we were practically positive we heard Peter Madden's voice breathe, "So that's where I'll be playing in a few years." Peter denied it, saying, "It was Danny Dickson you heard."

Among the articles produced during our handcraft periods might be mentioned: calendars, leather purses, key pouches, milk jug stands, flower pot mats, rubber stamps, pottery—ah!—products and match-box constructions. If there were any periods of school Eddy Pope liked, they were the above, when he could flash away, till his heart was content, on one of the morse code sets. Tom O'Loughlin also had a tender regard for these periods.

It was John Costa's voice, "I am so in fifth grade," we heard through the open window. "Yes, I am small, but I am not in third grade." "And I'm not in third grade either," protested a voice we identified to belong to Anthony Re.

Vernon Clark has buried his head in his books this term. Strange the way some people can sleep in any position. Brendan Rice has justly claimed the title of the most improved writer in our room. Peter Rice, who really appreciates good designs, thought our broken window was most artistic.

Max McGregor and Lee Negri think picnics are a regular item on the weekly school timetable. "Rumour hath it" that Ron Mahar was terribly disappointed when it rained on the 5th November. Although many were tried none would burn! Trevor Bennett disproved the common notion about "tubyness" when he won a cross country race in fine style. Of all the tough hombres on the St. Roch's Range, Barry Eddy claims to be the toughest draw. There is no one living to dispute that claim. When John McDonald's gun went off at the beginning of night study, he had no idea of the "blow up" that was to follow.

Although we did not reach last year's Mission money total, the majority of the lads were always generous till they were "broke." Of the Marian Year project books, the outstanding ones would perhaps be Gavin Brown's two books on the Mysteries of the Rosary and the works of D. White, P. Vandermeer, L. Buttler, G. Hand, J. Whybrow, T. Taranto and J. Fitzpatrick on Our Lady's life in general.

As the door of the fifth and sixth grade room closes for the last time this year, we hear the sixth graders chorusing—

"So long, it's been good to know you,
But we got to be driftin' along."

May the Divine Babe and His Blessed Mother watch over one and all during the coming festive season.

THE JUNIORS

1954 closes with an enrolment of 31 boys from grade I to grade IV inclusive. Some with greater powers of concentration, and others with a greater determination to repay their parents for the opportunities they are giving them, will show better results when examination totals are released.

Parents would be well advised to supervise the radio programmes of their children. Much in the radio programme is not suitable for young or old and it is particularly harmful to the young. Home lessons suffer at the hands of the wireless.

GRADE 4

If I were to tip Dux here, I would say Peter Noonan. But his efforts to upset the opposition often have disastrous effects on his own work and so is not a safe bet.

John Whateley in his attempt to do his very best often overwinds himself and causes a blank.

Peter Bergin quietly goes his way and anything might happen with long odds.

Terry O'Halloran is doing good work, but I don't think he will overtake the leaders, though he will not be far behind.

Warren James hates quietness and the stillness of the examination room annoys him to distraction.

Don Frank is a conscientious chap but still looks for difficulties where none really exist.

Ron Morrison is trying hard to concentrate. When he learns the art, he will advance in leaps and bounds.

Bernie Duvall tells himself repeatedly to work harder but he finds it is just as hard to obey himself as it is to obey Teacher.

Peter Sullivan has tried hard to listen to what is said but when he dips into his memory bag the result, at times, does not satisfy.

Roger Howard, in his desire to be well up, forgets to humour Old Man Concentration. Roger tries to get by with a minimum of effort and a maximum of fun.

Alex Mellins, in his anxiety to see how the other chaps are faring, forgets his own precious time is passing and so shame-facedly Alex has to pass in an uncompleted paper.

Peter Hudson tries but is, at times, discouraged when he meets an obstacle—failure then must follow. School work, Peter, is like a race. You don't sit down in a race, neither must you in school work. Keep going on to the best of your ability.

Peter Webster. The same remarks apply to you. Remember, all play and no work makes a boy a slave to fear. Results only come to those who learn what is set. Listen well to what is said, revise thoroughly back work, write neatly and work methodically.

Vincent Webb will reach a higher group only when he stirs himself more quickly than his present rate. Don't be afraid to use energy. The more the use, the more you find you are able to create.

GRADE 3

Here a great race is being staged equal to any Olympic event. The contests are former Englishman, Malcolm Salt, and a true Aussie descendant of the fighting Irish race, John Hennessy. Malcolm has lost some of the bulldog fight in his grapple with this Irish terrier and inclines to timidity. John's determination to oust any opposition, the stronger the better, may bring the honours his way. I would not take a bet on it.

Peter Gooley, so full of himself, is losing ground by going in for a manufacturing business of no credit.

Ricky Lubeck is trying a little harder, but is still not keen enough on hard work.

Pat Martin will progress better when wireless and pictures are used in moderation. He has the brain for a much higher place.

Frankie Rice, now 7 and quite a man to his way of thinking (no longer 2 and a bit), has thrown off the shackles of grade II and entered the fray against all comers in grade III with some creditable results. He was our only First Communicant this year.

David Shore still clings to "Can't be bothered," but does it with such a calm, angelic expression that unfortunately he fools all but Teacher.

Mark Forbes has similar ideas, but with him they have become ideals. He cares little whether he passes or fails. But this attitude may be a passing fancy. Mark can do better.

Ian White wouldn't mind the honour of top place only it means home work and that is not what Dr. White orders.

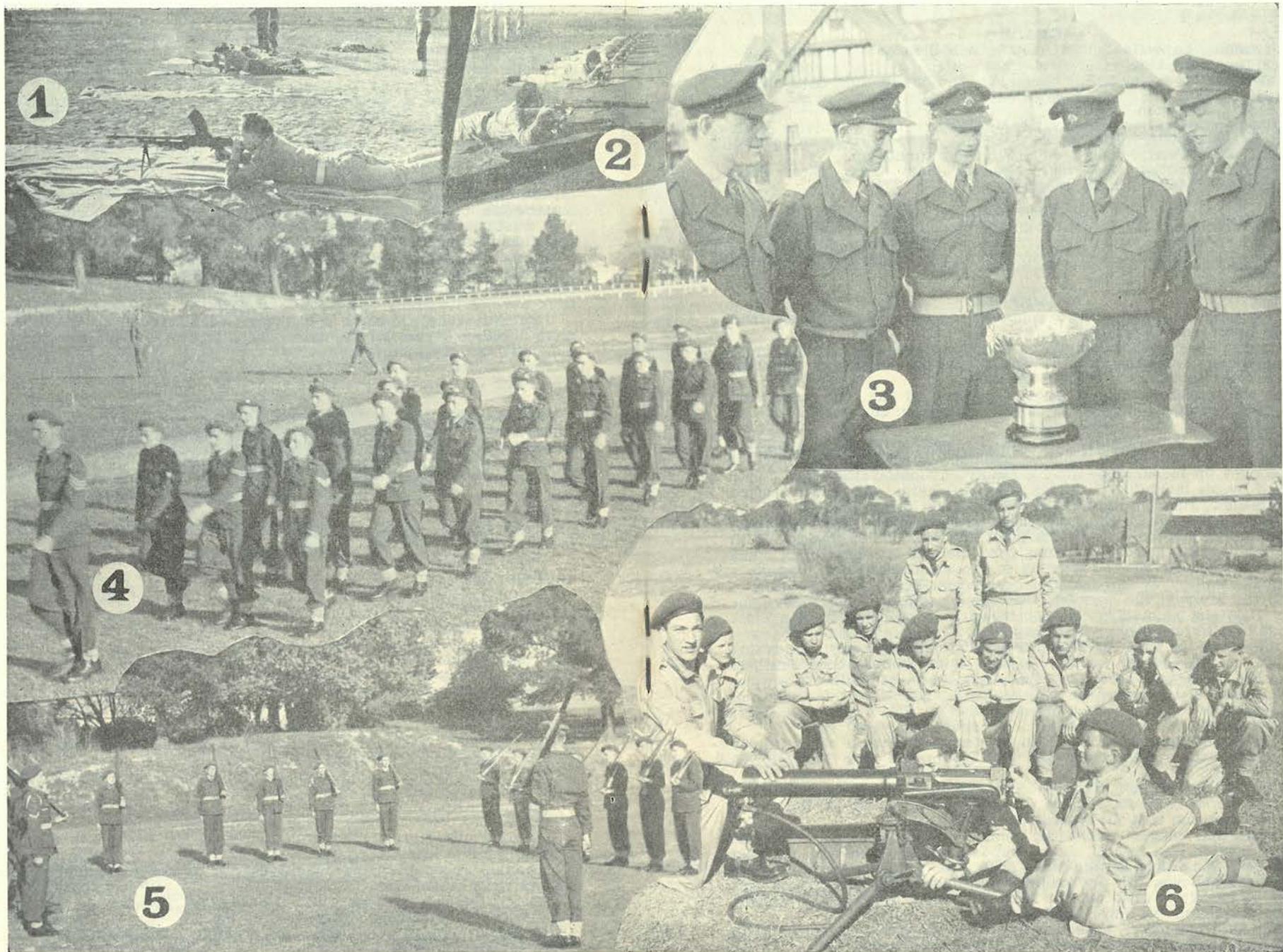
Damian Goss is doing better work, but I hope next year he overcomes his crocodile habit of giving half-an-eye glimpses.

Barry Faulkner is a conundrum to all. When worked at any great pressure he is inclined to falter.

Frankie Folker is taking much longer to adjust his present circumstances than anticipated.

Barry Sullivan is improving. He has not caught up with pass markers, but is knocking pretty close at times.

Douglas, Michael and Darryl are plodding determinedly and hopefully and meeting with some success. "Where there is a will, there is a way."



1. BLAZING AWAY WITH THE BREN GUNS.

2. ON THE OPEN RANGE.

3. CADET OFFICERS ADMIRING THE "LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SECOMBE TROPHY."

S.P.C. CADETS, 1954.

4. No. 2 PLATOON ON THE MARCH.

5. SLOPE ARMS!

6. SGT. R. McARTHUR INSTRUCTING A CLASS ON THE VICKERS MACHINE GUN.

GRADE 1

Newcomer Leon Halliburton, now a right-hander and a true Boys' College boy, is making rapid strides. He often has his teacher Daddy speechless whilst he gives his speeches. And Daddy now sympathises with parents who try to get away from "But Miss says."

THE DUX MARKS

Grade IV.—Christian Doctrine: Peter Bergin, Terry O'Halloran tied 91. Class Dux: Peter Noonan; John Whateley runner-up.
Grade III.—Christian Doctrine: Malcolm Salt. Class Dux: John Hennessy; Malcolm Salt runner-up.

PICTURE SLIDES

One afternoon Mrs. Howard kindly brought up to the College a collection of coloured slides taken by them during their trip overseas. This visual education was enjoyed by all and our thanks to Mrs. Howard herewith.

EXCURSIONS

This term we went for two excursions in which we combined both Nature Study and Geography subjects.

The first was to Creswick and on to Koala Park. Here we saw every available koala from the baby in arms to the big old fellows who kept safe distances high up in the top branches.

In the stream formed in the valley between the high hills Leon thought he would try its depth. Result—A Ghandi costume in the sun for half an hour while clothes dried.

The second trip was to our capital city, Melbourne. First the aerodrome. But what luck—a plane is landing. Breathless we watch, it taxis right up to our bus—what a beauty—a Constellation from South Africa. By an invitation from the officer-in-charge, the boys inspected the "fire unit" that is always ready when planes land.

Into the bus—off to the Zoo, where we have lunch—roaming round, though—there was too much to see to sit and eat. Three o'clock. With a pat for the twin koalas, a warning from the loud speakers for St. Pat's boys to board their bus, we were off to the Art Gallery and Museum.

In the Gallery we saw many of our Marian Year exhibits.

In the Museum the boys felt they were meeting friends of by-gone days. Now the animals would not move, so they could have a close view and no terror within. Phar Lap held pride of place.

Now off to the punt at Williamstown. It wouldn't be any good trying to wag the day—so far we have passed three dumbfounded Brothers wondering on the good behaviour of St. Pat's boys. At Williamstown pier we all crossed and recrossed on the punt at the Captain's invitation. Now the piers and overseas boats. What monsters. But a greater monster begins to gnaw. It must be satisfied. Off again 5.30.

Now to the Carmelite Church to the Infant of Prague shrine to say Our Chaplet for a safe return and thank Him and Our Lady for a wonderful day.

Leaving the Church (Peter Noonan left his cap as a reminder, I suppose), we spoke to Fr. Nugent who was pleased to see St. Pat's boys again so soon and sent his regards to the Brothers.

Lastly that cuppa. Whilst the adults had a grill we got on to the beach. Boy, oh boy! swings, slides, roundabouts. How we wish the chef would be a long time getting their grills. As for us, yes, you have guessed aright—pies, fish and chips, cakes, lollies, milk, ice creams, soft drinks, sandwiches—what we can have on a tour. At last Miss arrives. No use grumbling—we have had a day.

Our kind bus driver, though, takes us by the docks to see the ships by night. "Streets on the water," one child called them.

9.30 p.m. After murdering every tune we ever heard of, we arrive safely at S.P.C. Thanks, Br. Healy, for giving your permission.

MISSIONS

The total for year: St. Vincent de Paul, £5/10/; St. Peter the Apostle, £34.

First Friday attendances pleasing. First Saturdays disappointing—and it is Marian Year.

To all parents go out wishes for a happy and holy Christmas and to those parents who so whole-heartedly and conscientiously co-operated with me and the College I ask an extra "God bless and reward you."

MEMORABLE DAYS

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, 16th: First Day's muster for Athletics; prospects good.

Monday, 20th: First night of late study.

Thursday, 23rd: First heat of Purton Oratory.

Saturday, 25th: All ears to wireless to hear Footscray beat Melbourne in Grand Final.

Monday, 27th: Marian Art Exhibition opened by Most Rev. Bishop O'Collins.

OCTOBER

Saturday, 2nd: St. Pat's lose first round tennis to Grammar.

Thursday, 7th: Marian Pilgrimage in College Grounds.

Saturday, 9th: Visit by Fathers Moloney, Auburn and Scarffe.

Monday, 11th: Lt./Col. McDonald inspected Cadets.

Monday, 15th: McNeil Cup final won by College.

Wednesday, 20th: Fr. Shelley commenced his inspection.

Sunday, 24th: Purton Oratory Final won by Kevin Shea.

Wednesday, 27th: Melbourne Sports, 1st Kilmore, 2nd St. Pat's.

Sunday, 31st: Feast of Christ the King with usual Procession in College Grounds.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, 2nd: Melbourne Cup.

Saturday, 6th: B.P.S. Sports won easily by St. Pat's with College second.

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 1954 has been the Purton Oratory Competition. This competition, conducted each year to perpetuate the memory of Br. 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 previous years 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. However, this year we were very privileged to have Dr. McCunnie as our adjudicator. Throughout the competition, on the preliminary nights and again on the final night, his adjudication and constructive criticism of the speakers left nothing to be desired, and we express our gratitude to him for his excellent handling of what must have been a very difficult task.

This year there were twenty-four entrants in the competition, and these competitors were heard in three preliminary heats. From these, seven finalists were chosen: Mr. D. Brown, Mr. M. O'Callaghan, Mr. P. Morris, Mr. K. Shea, Mr. F. McCarthy, Mr. V. Colbert, Mr. K. Shannon and Mr. M. Sheahan. The final, held on Sunday, September 24th, 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, Rev. Dr. McCunnie, D.C.L. The winner of the 1954 Purton Oratory Contest was Mr. Kevin Shea, who won from Mr. Kevin Shannon. Mr. Shea, by his fluent style and excellent oration, stamped himself as a brilliant public speaker. The finalists and their topics were:—

- Mr. K. Shea: "Time for Decision."
- Mr. K. Shannon: "You can pray for Australia!"
- Mr. D. Brown: "Australia's Vital Decision."
- Mr. M. O'Callaghan: "The Strike Weapon."
- Mr. M. Sheahan: "Christ's American Mouthpiece."
- Mr. P. Morris: "The Means Test."
- Mr. F. McCarthy: "Our Irish Heritage."

FIRST HEAT

- Mr. P. Morris: "The Creeping Paralysis of Inflation."
- Mr. T. Scarff: "The Story of Speed."
- Mr. M. O'Callaghan: "Where Stands the Christian?"
- Mr. K. Arundell: "Television."
- Mr. M. Walsh: "The Doom of the Rabbit."
- Mr. K. Leitch: "Antartica—The White Continent."
- Mr. B. Carey: "The Youth of Today."
- Mr. D. Brown: "The Fatal Policy."

SECOND HEAT

- Mr. F. McCarthy: "The Sport of the Isles."
- Mr. J. O'Shannassy: "Our Food Problem."
- Mr. W. Bainbridge: "Religious Liberty needed in Australia."

- Mr. K. Shea: "Christian Ideals in a Pagan World."
- Mr. B. Smith: "The Columbo Plan."
- Mr. B. Ryan: "Australia's Defence Anchor."
- Mr. V. Colbert: "They Remembered the Birkenhead."
- Mr. K. Troy: "What has a New Age in Store?"

THIRD HEAT

- Mr. B. Bailey: "Why does not the British Commonwealth Unite?"
- Mr. P. Johnson: "Japan—Her Foreign Trade Policy."
- Mr. N. Morganti: "Australian Loan Council."
- Mr. K. Shannon: "Australia A Nation!"
- Mr. M. Bourke: "The Limits of Party Politics."
- Mr. M. Sheahan: "Our Indefatigable Everyman."
- Mr. R. Muller: "Australia's Foreign Relations."
- Mr. B. Russell: "The Colour Bar in South Africa."

KEVIN W. SHANNON (Hon. Secretary).

CHAPEL EFFORT—1954

The annual effort to reduce the debt on the College Chapel was held during September. It took the usual form of a Household Linen Competition and the response by parents and friends was wonderful. The Brothers feel that such generous support of their cause was inspired by a deep sense of Faith, knowing that a part was being done to strengthen the first line of defence against the forces that threaten to subvert the foundations of our Christian civilization.

Especially encouraging and consoling were the many messages of congratulation on the completion of the Chapel. The Brothers who pioneered the work at St. Patrick's College built first for the immediate demands of their mission and for the comfort and convenience of their pupils. It has fallen to their successors to give to the College a Chapel in keeping with the splendid traditions of the past sixty years and one that will be an inspiration to many future generations of boys.

HOUSEHOLD LINEN PARCELS (1954), drawn 24th September.—Results: 1—No. 115171, Mrs. M. E. DUFFIN, 8 Mariners Reef Road, Maryborough; 2—No. 134107, Miss MAREA McMAHON, Box 44, Ouyen; 3—No. 12975, Miss F. JOYCE, Willaura Hotel, Willaura.

Master Bernard McKenna was the winner of the portable "Radiola" wireless set. This was offered for competition among the boys who helped in the Chapel effort.

Items of Interest

RETURN OF FRs. MOLONEY AND AWBURN

On Saturday, the 9th of October, S.P.C. was honoured by the return of two more old-boy Priests, namely, Frs. Frank Awburn and Maurice Moloney, Priests of the St. Columban Mission Order. Both Priests had been ordained in the previous December in Ireland, and had recently returned to their respective home towns in Victoria, before going to their stations in the Mission Field.

On the Saturday morning the two Priests said their first Masses in the new Chapel. Our distinguished old-boy Priest from Tasmania, Rev. Fr. R. Scarfe, who, whilst recuperating, was also visiting the College, said Mass at the same time, so that actually there were three Masses being celebrated simultaneously.

Then came the moment, that moment which lives in the expectations of all ex-students of S.P.C. studying for the Priesthood, the moment they can return, as Priests of God, to their Alma Mater, to an Assembly and welcome from the present-day students.

Br. Healy, our Principal, expressed his great pleasure in being able to welcome back to S.P.C. two more ex-students who had been recently raised to that high dignity of the Priesthood. He remarked that the numbers of ex-students of S.P.C. in the Priesthood had now passed two hundred and forty, a record of which every boy in the College could be openly and justly proud. Continuing, he remarked that each had records beyond reproach, and he hoped that, through the blessing of God, they would continue to do the work ahead of them with the spirit and zeal which had been so evident in their characters whilst they were students at S.P.C. Br. O'Malley reiterated and supported Br. Healy's remarks, saying that he had come into "close personal contact" more particularly with Fr. Moloney, as he had passed through Inter. A, but that he also remembered Fr. Awburn for his admirable behaviour and good leadership whilst at the College. Our Head Prefect, Kevin Shea, then spoke on behalf of the boys, expressing our great pleasure at welcoming back yet two more ex-students of S.P.C. as Priests of God.

Fr. Awburn was the first to reply to the speeches of welcome. Though he had only spent one year at the College, he said, yet he had experienced and he appreciated the wonderful benefits of a Christian Brothers' education. In his Masses he promised always to give the Brothers and boys of S.P.C. a continual remembrance, and, he hoped, in return, that, as he went to his first mission field in the Philippines, he would feel the prayers of S.P.C. supporting him, as he hoped they would continue to do throughout his whole mission life. Fr. Moloney's life at the College had been somewhat longer than Fr. Awburn's, as he had spent five years (1942-46) at the College. He said he remembered many pleasant instances, both in the scholastic and sporting field at St. Pat's. One thing, however, would remain pre-eminent in his mind throughout his whole mission life, that being his unending debt to the Christian Brothers for changing him, as he said, "from a rough and ready lad from the wilds of Noorat, to a more or less worthy student for the Priesthood." In conclusion, he added a word of advice to the boys, namely, that they always treat the Brothers with undivided respect and attention, because of the great and strenuous work they were doing in educating them to be good Christian leaders of the future. The

Assembly then concluded with the loud cheers and war-cries from the whole students body, giving the Priests a true and loyal S.P.C. send-off.

Later, in the College grounds, the Priests renewed old acquaintances with present students. Their return to S.P.C. had come to a close, but, like all ex-student Priests of the College, they will never be forgotten, for the Brothers and boys of St. Pat's will continually ask God's blessing on the efficacious and self-sacrificing work which our Priests are doing.

KEVIN ARUNDELL.

THE MADONNA EXHIBITION

On the night of Monday, September 27th, the Madonna Art Exhibition was opened in the Fine Arts Gallery of Ballarat by His Lordship Most Rev. Bishop O'Collins. A gathering of nearly 400 assembled for the opening and this was the largest gathering for any exhibition in the Gallery. The display continued for two weeks and the response by the public, Catholic and non-Catholic, throughout the entire time was most satisfactory from the point of view of numbers and most edifying from a religious viewpoint.

The boys from St. Patrick's College Senior Classes formed a guard of honour for His Lordship Bishop O'Collins from his car to the hall of the exhibition.

Inside, the Bishop was welcomed by Mr. Must, the President of the Art Gallery Council. Mr. Must was visibly impressed by the big gathering. He had not seen such enthusiasm at the Gallery before. Bishop O'Collins, before he declared the Exhibition open, stressed the importance of developing the aesthetic sense by a keener appreciation of Art. He said that at this Madonna Exhibition were being exhibited works by the Masters, works greater than which the world had not. There was not need to travel abroad to see costly paintings. Our Australian Art Galleries could supply them.

Councillor A. Pittard, the Mayor of Ballarat, thanked Dr. O'Collins for opening the exhibition and made felt the need of true artistic knowledge in this far too scientific world.

Br. Healy then reiterated some of the former speakers' remarks and gave us an idea of the true reason for the exhibition which was religious rather than artistic. All the speakers gave special mention to the great deal of work put in by Br. Archer in obtaining the prints, most of which came from Convents or Religious Houses in Victoria.

As has been previously stated, the public response to the exhibition was very good and, when we realize the whole exhibition was a public tribute to Our Lady in this the Marian Year, there remains some hope for the world. One example of a greater devotion to the Mother of God and so the exhibition may be written off as a success; its true function was to foster a greater love for Our Heavenly Mother.

The Ballarat Courier saw fit to give the opening a press report and, like everything else associated with the exhibition, this was quite favourable.

Comments made at the display by observers, especially by adults, expressed surprise at the various Schools of Architecture and at the variety of the works exhibited. The display certainly emphasises the fact that in Art, as in Music, Our Blessed Lady and her Divine Infant inspired much of the work. We trust that our Exhibition may serve to make Our Blessed Lady better known and better loved.

Unfortunately, many people have not studied Art and the lesson of the Artist is, in many cases, missed.

However, there is none so dull that the lessons of purity, of maternal love and affection, of constant help and protection are not learned,

PRESENTATION TO RIGHT REV. MGR. FISCALINI

A splendid concert was presented by the College boys on Sunday night, November 14th, on the occasion of the presentation to the Right Rev. Monsignor L. Fiscalini to mark the signal honour conferred on him by the Holy See in his elevation to the high office of Monsignor.

Enthusiasm burst its bounds when the Monsignor in full robes entered the College Hall. After several minutes of applause and cheers, the delightful programme was presented with Tom Brophy as compere.

The concert opened with a pianoforte solo by Master Craig Dallimore. Craig was followed by Kevin Shannon, who recited an excerpt from Shakespeare's "As You Like It." Next, John Doolan impressed with his tuneful rendition of "Bless This House." Peter Jeffries revealed in the two numbers which he recited the qualities which won him fame at South Street. "I Dream of Jeannie" showed John Elsbury's soprano quality to be still delightfully rich and true and "The Pied Piper" by Phillip Smith was the work of the champion that he is. (Phillip was Under 13 Champion at the 1954 South Street Competitions. Next, John Caine entertained at the piano. The last item on the programme was an Australian poem by C. J. Dennis. The principal characters were Frank McCarthy and Maurice Sheehan. Phillip Johnson recited a prologue and S. Pinzone took the part of the boy. The whole item was well conceived and well acted. The principals enacted very well the scene pictured by Dennis. Nothing was overlooked which might make the scene more realistic and the audience accorded this item the applause it merited.

ADDRESSES

Monsignor Fiscalini then went on the stage accompanied by the College Principal, Br. Healy, and Vice-Principal, Br. O'Malley, Brs. Mullen and Howard and the College Head Prefect, Master Kevin Shea. Br. Healy expressed his great pleasure that an evening had been arranged to honour a Priest to whom the College owed so much for his 10 years of unselfish and unflinching service to the College during the years of his resident Chaplaincy. None of the long line of ex-students of the College had done more for the College and its staff and students than had the guest of honour that evening. Br. Healy said that he was pleased that such honour had come to Monsignor Fiscalini because, in the first place, he was Ballarat born. He was a Priest and now a Monsignor of whom the city of Ballarat could be proud. He was also pleased, he said, and proud, too, that an ex-student Priest should be thus honoured. Mgr. Fiscalini was the first Ballarat born ex-student to be raised to the purple. He was sure, he said, that this was a reward for work well done and he congratulated Monsignor on the flourishing state of the Cathedral Parish, due in no small measure to the capable administration of Monsignor. Br. Healy's remarks were supported by Br. O'Malley, who had taught the Monsignor during his period of study at St. Patrick's College. Br. O'Malley referred to the Monsignor's earnest application to his studies and to the success which resulted. He said that the then Principal, Rev. Br. J. K. O'Neill, appointed Monsignor as a College Prefect and that he attended to his duties as Prefect conscientiously and well. Master Kevin Shea, Head Prefect of the College, made the following address on behalf of the boys.

Right Rev. Monsignor—
Dear Monsignor,

On behalf of the present boys of St. Patrick's College, I have been appointed to express to you our congratulations on your elevation by the Holy See to the high office of Domestic Prelate.

We appreciate the fact that only a very limited number of Priests is selected for this high and most honourable position and we congratulate you, as the first son of St. Patrick's College born in Ballarat itself, to be raised to the purple.

Your ten years of Chaplaincy at the College, Monsignor, are ten strong links which bind you to us and which in turn link us with you. However, no such ties were necessary because are you not a product of the Brothers' Schools in Ballarat and of this College which we cherish even as you yourself do.

Allow us, Monsignor, to say that during your years here you were an inspiration to the boys of the College, particularly to the senior boys. Most of us were juniors in those days, but we knew from the evidence of the senior boys, and from our own observations, your worth to the College.

We have always been most edified by your devotion and reverence at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and on many other occasions.

Monsignor, on behalf of the boys of today, and of the young men and old who were boys here when you were Chaplain, I thank you very sincerely for your ten years of unselfish and unremitting care. I thank you for your work at the Holy Altar, in the Confessional, and for the unflinching expert advice you gave in the quiet of your room to those who sought your help.

We, the nurslings of your flock in this large parish of Ballarat, rejoice on this happy occasion and we pray that the good God will bless your future work for Him and for Souls.

Monsignor, on behalf of the boys, I tender to you our filial and respectful congratulations.

Br. Healy then asked the Monsignor to accept a set of crystal glasses not as a measure of indebtedness but as a tiny token of esteem and congratulations.

Monsignor Fiscalini paid tribute to the College and to the Brothers who had taught him at St. Alipius and at St. Patrick's College. He said that no Brother had done more for the College than had Br. O'Malley. He paid respectful tribute to the late Br. Purton, whom he called The Prince of Teachers. He was pleased, he said, that the Holy Father has honoured him, not for his own sake but because his elevation brought honour to Ballarat and to the College. His years as Chaplain had been very happy ones and he hoped they had been fruitful. He often met Old Boys who were students while he was Chaplain and though he met many of whom he was proud, he had met none of whom he must be ashamed. Boys did not always appreciate what was being done for them, but in later life they would. Monsignor thanked Br. Healy and Br. O'Malley for their kind references and for their presentation. He also thanked Kevin Shea for expressing so well the congratulations of the boys.



VISIT OF LIEUTENANT-COLONEL S. M. McDONALD, M.C.

On Monday, October 11th, St. Patrick's College Cadet Unit was honoured and also privileged by a visit from Lt.-Col. S. M. McDonald, M.C., the Commanding Officer of the 8/7th Infantry Battalion in Ballarat.

Lt.-Col. McDonald is not unknown to the College Cadet Corps, for on a number of previous occasions he has been associated with us. Towards the end of last year he made an inspection of our Unit in order to decide which part of the route we should line for the visit of Her Majesty the Queen.

The normal parade was called, and, immediately after, Lt.-Col. McDonald took the salute from the march-past led by the O.C. of our Corps. The Platoon Commanders were then told to carry on with the normal lessons. The visitor, accompanied by our O.C., visited each platoon individually and saw the Cadets at their normal work.

At the end of the day's work, the Lieutenant-Colonel addressed the whole Unit, with the assistance of an amplification system erected by Rev. Br. Smith.

In his address, Lt.-Col. McDonald referred to the fact that we were fortunate to be attending such a great College and in being members of the College Cadet Corps. In terminating his speech, he said that he was favourably impressed with the standard of our Unit and how he was looking forward to seeing us again on November 28th, when we would be holding our first Ceremonial Passing-Out Parade.

UNDER OFFICER P. TAFTE.

OFFICERS' BANQUET

A banquet was held recently at the College, to enable the Officers of the Cadet Corps to show their sincere appreciation of the assistance the Unit had received from the Officers and staff of 8/7 Inf. Btn., and from Sgt. C. Knight. The guests present at the banquet were Lt.-Col. S. M. McDonald, M.C.; Cpt. J. Warr and Sgt. C. Knight.

Towards the conclusion of the banquet a toast was proposed to the Queen. Immediately after, the O.C. of the College Unit discussed how, throughout the year, he had received much assistance from the Officers and staff of the 8/7 Inf. Btn., and he was grateful for the interest the local Army authorities and Sgt. Knight had taken in the Unit. This, he said, had helped him to mould the Cadet Corps into a capable and efficient unit. He then proposed a toast to "Our Guests." In reply, Lt.-Col. McDonald discussed the importance of Cadet training, stating that military training developed in a young man a sense of discipline, comradeship and leadership. In conclusion, he stated that Australia required men with these qualities, to become leaders not only in the Army, but in their communities and towns.

U/O. J. Groutsch discussed how Sgt. Knight had done more than his duty as an instructor at St. Patrick's College. As he had taken a personal interest in the whole Unit the standard had been raised. After proposing a toast to Sgt. Knight, U/O. J. Groutsch presented him with a gift as a token of the Unit's gratitude.



Sgt. Knight thanked U/O. Groutsch and replied that if he was in any way able to assist the Unit further he would be pleased to do so. He also stated that he was very satisfied to be working with the Officers of the Unit, because they have helped him to perform his duty throughout the year.

After Lt.-Col. McDonald had spoken for a few moments with the Cadet Under Officers, the function concluded.

UNDER OFFICER K. LEITCH.



OFFICERS' BANQUET.

Guests of Honour were: Lieutenant-Colonel S. M. McDonald, M.C., Commanding Officer 8/7th Inf. Bn.; Captain J. Warr, Adjutant 8/7th Inf. Bn.; Sgt. C. Knight, College Unit Instructor.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL V. C. SECOMBE, C.B.E.

Formerly G.O.C. Northern Command

Lieutenant-General V. C. Secombe, C.B.E., was a cadet at Saint Patrick's College prior to becoming a member of the Corps of Staff Cadets at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in 1915.

While at Duntroon, he was prominent in Australian Rules football, athletics and cricket. He was a member of the 1st 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., Duntroon, in 1917 and was appointed a Lieutenant in the Australian Permanent Military Forces. In addition to having raised, trained and commanded an Engineering 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.

After the First World War he underwent an Engineering course at the Melbourne University. On the conclusion of his University studies, he held important posts in New South Wales and West Australia. In 1934 he was charged with the planning and supervision of R.M.C. at Duntroon as it stands today. In 1936 he was appointed to the R.M.C. as an Instructor. In 1939 he was seconded to the A.I.F. and appointed to command 7th Australian Divisional Engineers. In 1941 he was C.R.E. of Tobruk and Benghazi Areas, and later of Matruh Area.

In 1941, he was promoted Colonel and appointed AA and QMC 7

Aust. Div. At the end of the same year he was promoted Brigadier and moved to Java with H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps. On return to Australia in 1942, he was Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster General in H.Q. of Second Australian Army until October of the same year, when he was appointed Deputy Commander of the Combined Operational Service Command in New Guinea. In 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 arrangements for the official surrender of Lieutenant-General Teshima, the Commander of the Second Japanese Army at Morotai.

March, 1946, saw his appointment as Engineer-in-Chief and Director of the Royal Australian Engineers. While holding the latter appointments he flew to England and Germany for Engineering conferences and exercises, returning via America.



In 1949, he was promoted Major-General and appointed Master-General of the Ordnance and a member of the Military Board. 1950 saw his appointment to the important position of G.O.C. Northern Command. At the beginning of this year, he was promoted Lieutenant-General.

Lieutenant-General Secombe is an Old Boy of the College Cadet Unit who has brought great honour to his Alma Mater by his distinguished career in the Australian Army. Any Cadets who are planning to enter R.M.C., Duntroon, would do well to imitate his example.

Other Old Boys of the College who have risen to important positions in the Australian Army are:—

Major-General W. J. M. Locke, M.C.

Colonel W. B. Maguire.

Lieutenant-Colonel L. G. Coleman.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. Searff.

An account of Major-General Locke's career will appear in the next issue of the Chronicle.

Obituary

The Brothers and the boys of St. Patrick's College and all readers of the Chronicle tender sincere sympathy to the families of the following who died since the publication of the last Chronicle:—

Mr. HARRY HOLMES, R.I.P., Ascot.

Mr. THOMAS CAREY, R.I.P., Melbourne.

Mr. JOHN NORRIS, R.I.P., Melbourne.

Mr. WALLY CONSTABLE, R.I.P., Stawell.

Mr. GERALD COFFEY, R.I.P., St. Kilda.

Miss EMILY SINCLAIR, R.I.P., Ballarat.

MR. JOHN NORRIS, R.I.P.

The late Mr. John Norris last visited St. Patrick's College on August 15th of this year. He accompanied his married daughter and her family who had come to see her son play with St. Kevin's in the match S.P.C. v. St. Kevin's. Jack was very reminiscent that day and his account of the very first picnic to Lake Burrumbeet in 1895 was mentioned in our September issue. Mr. J. J. Carroll, who for so many years was an indefatigable worker with Jack on the executive of the S.P.C. O.C.A., penned the following tribute which all Old Boys will endorse.

"My acquaintance with Jack goes back to 1915 when I first met him in the Old Collegians' Association which had been begun in Ballarat in 1914. We continued to be very close friends until his death and I felt his passing very much. He was one of nature's gentlemen—I don't think he had an enemy and I never heard him say a bad or harmful word about anyone. He told me that he had been a member of a former Old Boys' Association; in fact, I think he mentioned "ASSOCIATIONS" that evidently did not last long. He was one of the very old Old Boys as he is a member of a football team (a photo of which hangs in the corridor) about 1895 or 96. Sir Hughie Devine is also in that photo. He was a staunch supporter of the Association and was Treasurer from the death of Dan Buckley (about 1918 or 19) until the outbreak of the last World War cancelled reunions owing to petrol rationing. He was present at the Jubilee Dinner tendered to Br. O'Malley in the Town Hall last year.

"He entered the Railway Department when he left school and he retired about eight years ago.

"Very few of the Old Boys remained active Old Collegians for so many years and retained their enthusiasm as Jack did.

"A gentle lovable person was Jack and the world has lost through his death. May he rest in peace.—J. J. Carroll."

MISS EMILY SINCLAIR

Old Collegians and Brothers who were at the College in previous years will be sorry to hear of the death of Miss Emily (Fanny) Sinclair, who was Matron here for so long.

Miss Sinclair's association with the College dates back to the early years of this century. She was a capable and most respected Matron for a great many years. Indeed Mr. Sinclair, the brother of the deceased, mentioned at the funeral of his sister that for thirty-three years she

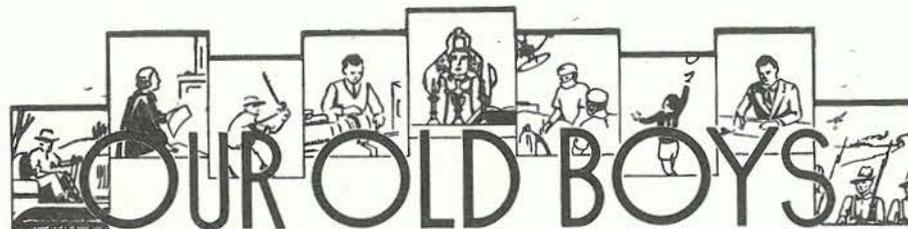
had been associated with Christian Brothers' Colleges. She had been Matron also of St. Virgil's College, Hobart.

Matron Sinclair was a most efficient lady. Small in stature and never enjoying robust health, she was a dynamic character who possessed the happy knack of getting a job done well. She was an able administrator and the Brothers placed implicit faith in her capabilities.

Her death was sad. The old lady, in her eightieth year, was able to attend her Parish Church, St. Alipius, Ballarat East, and it was when returning from Church on a Saturday evening, after she had been to Confession, that she was struck by a car. The Priest, called from the Confessional, was soon at her side and the frail and shaken body of Miss Sinclair was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital. She had been badly injured and it was considered necessary to amputate a badly injured leg. She faced this ordeal bravely and showed signs of recovery. However, her injuries proved too severe and Miss Sinclair died on Wednesday, November 17th.

Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. T. Russell. Present at the Mass was a big congregation, among whom were many parishioners, children from the Convent Schools, boys and Brothers from St. Alipius and Br. Healy, the Principal of St. Patrick's College, with boys from the College. The coffin was carried from the Altar by Masters John Delahey, Edmund Shepherd, David O'Sullivan, Mervyn Jubb, Kevin Doyle and Frank Vagg, students from St. Patrick's College. A guard of honour by College boys lined the route of the funeral procession.

For many years Miss Sinclair had lived a very active life and when her advancing years compelled her to retire, she enjoyed the leisure she so richly deserved and devoted much of her leisure to prayer and spiritual works. The Chaplain at the hospital paid her well merited praise. He remarked that she bore her sufferings with perfect resignation, that she was a great sufferer, a woman of Faith and of prayer. R.I.P.



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Association News:

ANNUAL REPORT — 1953-54

ST. PATRICK'S (BALLARAT) OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION (BALLARAT BRANCH)

Gentlemen,

As was stated in the minutes of the Special Meeting read to you earlier this evening, this Committee was formed on the 28th September, 1953, to try and arrest the drift in the affairs of the Association here in Ballarat.

During the twelve months past, much has been done in this regard. Very much more remains to be done.

Of our activities, the following is a resume:—

Committee Meetings.—The Committee met on seven occasions, there being an average attendance of 10 members.

Card Index of Members.—A card index for recording the names and addresses of Old Collegians was set up and to date slightly more than 300 names and addresses have been so recorded. This work is still in its infancy and it is confidently expected that before another year has gone the number of cards in the index will have doubled.

Constitution.—A sub-committee was appointed to draw up a draft constitution for the administration of the Ballarat Branch. This draft was later presented to and considered at length by the full Committee. It is expected that you will hear more of this later this evening.

Old Collegians' Effort for Chapel.—It was felt that all Old Collegians were keen to help their Alma Mater as much as possible. In order that the opportunity may be given them a number of schemes for raising money to help reduce the outstanding debt on the College Chapel were discussed by the Committee and it is hoped that the way will soon be open for the implementation of some such effort. The main reason for the delay in this matter has been the necessity for selecting an opportune time and so avoid any clash with similar efforts of other Catholic bodies.

Social Activity.—A cricket match between teams from the Melbourne Branch and the Ballarat Branch was played on the Hill Oval at S.P.C. on February 14th last. A most enjoyable day was had by all those who participated and it is hoped that this match may develop into an annual affair.

Efforts were made to organize a football match between the two branches, but unfortunately the Melbourne team had a full programme arranged and were unable to meet us this year.

The Annual Boat-Race Night Dance was held in the College Hall on the night of April 25th. The Committee is at a loss to understand why the Old Boys cannot make this a most successful social event. The attendance this year was only just over 90, a very poor show indeed.

Spiritual Activity.—The first Annual Communion and Breakfast for Members of the Ballarat Branch will take place at the College on December 19th, 1954. A very prominent member of our Association, Mr. M. J. Bourke, of Koroit, will be guest speaker. The Committee has no doubt that all Old Collegians who possibly can will attend this most important function, and thus ensure its success.

Annual Reunion.—Early in 1954, it was decided to seek the support of the Melbourne Branch for the postponement of the Annual Reunion Dinner from Boat-Race Weekend to the weekend of the B.P.S. Combined Sports, as it was felt that a larger attendance could be expected at that time. The support of the Melbourne Branch was forthcoming and the date of the Reunion Dinner was accordingly postponed to Sunday, November 7th, 1954.

From the foregoing, you will realize that your Committee has not been idle, and though to date only the foundation has been laid, I feel that it has been a successful year. Let us all try to make the ensuing year an even greater success—it rests with each and every one of us, as individuals. By entering into the spirit of the Association, by attending as many of its functions as you can, by working for the advancement of the Association whenever possible you will make it an organization of which we can all be proud. We don't ask you to give up much of your valuable time to do this. You can render invaluable assistance by reminding other Old Boys whom you meet of the work that we are trying to do, by putting your ideas for the advancement of the Association before your Committee, by asking all Old Boys to make sure that their names and addresses are known to the Committee, and by ensuring that you yourself are a financial member.

May I express in conclusion the sincere thanks of the Committee to Brother Healy for his untiring work on our behalf and for his guidance during the year. It will always be a privilege to Old Collegians of S.P.C. to work for the Christian Brothers, but more especially is it a privilege and an honour to work for St. Patrick's with Brother Healy at the helm.

The thanks of the Committee on behalf of all members goes, too, to all those others who in one way or another have helped to advance our cause a little further or to make the going a little easier.

B. J. COLBERT, Hon. Secretary.

REUNION DINNER

Ballarat, Sunday, November 7th, 1954

The weather was not inviting and a large attendance could not have been expected at this function which was held at the Alexandria Cafe, Ballarat, on Sunday, November 7th. About eighty Old Collegians attended. Mr. J. J. Murray, General President, was in the chair and Mr. F. J. Webster was General Secretary.

A toast list was arranged as follows: Alma Mater, Mr. Reg. Kenealy; Hierarchy and Clergy, Dr. F. P. McArdle; Visitors, Mr. J. Bongiorno. Mrs. Healy and O'Malley replied to the toast by Mr. Reg. Kenealy.

Proposing "Alma Mater," Mr. Kenealy said: "I believe that, on an occasion such as this, each and every one of us possesses a common desire to express our loyalty and gratitude to a College which gave us the best foundation in the art of living we could have received. The very fact that you look forward to the renewal of schoolday friendships and the good fellowship of reunion functions speaks volumes for the high regard in which you hold St. Patrick's College, Ballarat. I, personally, feel deeply honoured that I should be the mouthpiece, on this occasion, to express your gratitude and mine to Alma Mater.

"I begin my remarks with the words I believe—Credo—I believe—two words which are very easy to utter among friends, in a free community; not so easy perhaps in that one-third of the earth's surface wherein little children are taught from infancy, 'There is no God,' a philosophy of life which constantly breathes 'I do not believe.' With these words, the Prime Minister, Mr R. G. Menzies, Q.C., prefaced his remarks at the opening of St. Edmund's C.B.C., Canberra, earlier this year when he said, 'I do not believe education can be pagan without being destructive. The twentieth century has shown this to the limits of disaster. I believe that the great things of this world are not to be able to add and subtract accurately—although this is useful—but to have our children growing up so that they have learned something about their fellowmen and, even more important, something about their duty and their obligation to God.' As Rev. Br. Carey, Principal of C.B.C., Victoria Parade, remarked recently in his annual report, 'It is significant that thinking men generally, and a Prime Minister of Australia in particular, are coming to realise that education is worthless unless based on Christianity, and having as its primary aim the knowledge and practice of Christian Doctrine.' Continuing, Br. Carey said, 'It is this conviction that has inspired the foundation of colleges like our own.'

"By the Grace of God, the Christian Brothers of Ireland saw fit to establish a stronghold in Ballarat just over 60 years ago, and, by the Grace of God, our parents saw fit to enrol us as students in that establishment; an institution which has grown from a humble beginning to a position of unrivalled superiority in the field of Australian education.

"Is it any wonder, then, that we return to pay our respects, not to the buildings of brick and stone, but to the men who individualise the spirit of St. Pat's? We offer our thanks to God through these men, the

Christian Brothers. I feel particularly unqualified to pay a just tribute to these men, so permit me to use the words of Archbishop Simons. 'The Christian Brothers,' says Dr. Simonds, 'had a true conception of the dignity and final destiny of the boys committed to their care. They educated according to the right standards, according to the true philosophy of man which recognised the full purpose of man's life on earth.'

'The boys committed to their care. Yes! we, you and I, were committed to their care, to the care of Alma Mater—a kindly mother who fondly guarded every young moment of our early lives—a kindly mother who even yet follows the careers of her sons, enjoys their successes, sympathises with them in their disappointments; but never for one moment hesitating from perpetuating the spirit which is St. Pat's.'

'Many Brothers have passed through the portals of the College and yet each and every one of us, no matter what years he attended St. Pat's, holds the same affection for his Alma Mater. The spirit is the same. Call it tradition, call it what you will, the spirit is still the same. You say, 'Would we not have received the same benefits had we been educated at Kilmore, at Sale, or at any other Catholic College?' Granted, but the fact remains that we were educated at St. Patrick's College, Ballarat, and it is to St. Patrick's College, Ballarat, that we are indebted for the benefits of our education. So let us publicly express our gratitude in a toast to Alma Mater.'

OLD COLLEGIANS' DINNER

The Annual Dinner held at the Delphie on Saturday, September 11th, was a great success. Big numbers of Old Boys attended and a most enjoyable evening was passed. Mr. L. Larmer presided and with him were Rev. Brothers Healy, O'Malley and Howard. The toast of the evening, Alma Mater, was proposed by Mr. Lawson Muir, to whom Br. Healy replied. The guest speaker was Mr. Robert Nelson, himself an ex-student from C.B.C., Chartres Towers, who has since been appointed Editor of the Melbourne Argus. Mr. Nelson's account of his recent visit to Europe was most interesting. Mr. Leo Howard capably thanked Mr. Nelson on behalf of all present.

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PERSONAL PARS

Old Boys were well represented on October 2nd at the wedding of RAY McALLISTER and Miss Gwen Harvey at St. Monica's, Moonee Ponds. Father Perkins performed the marriage ceremony. Father Maurice Molony celebrated Nuptial Mass. Ray was attended by brother Jack, and Reg. Kenealy.

Fr. PHILIP CROSBIE, who suffered two years imprisonment in Korea, has published the personal history of his arrest and imprisonment in a book entitled "Penciling Prisoner."

On August 28th, Mr. J. NORRIS, a former treasurer of the Old Collegians' Association for many years and a life member of the Association, died suddenly.

Fr. FRANK AWBURN, recently returned from Ireland, was guest of honour at the Old Collegians' Annual Dinner on September 11th. Fr. Awburn presented the Old Collegians' Football Club awards.

Football Club awards for 1954: Best and Fairest, D. BLACK; Second Best and Fairest, B. McKENNA; Most Consistent, L. WALSH; Best Clubman, J. GROGAN; Best First Year Player, F. DOBLE; Most Improved Player, W. FOLEY.

On September 5th BRIAN McKENNA led the Old Collegians to victory in the C.C.O.C.A. Lightning Premiership. Players included KEVIN HOGAN, VIN WILLIAMS, JOHN JAMES, FRANK KENEALY, BRIAN BOURKE, DES. POWELL, W. DRAKE, PETER RAPHAEL, JOHN JAMES won the Best and Fairest Award of the day.

Congratulations to Dr. DAN LENEGHAN, Head Prefect at S.P.C. in 1943, on attaining his Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons. Dan's brothers, twins LEO and RICHARD, have commenced their final year medical studies. Another brother, JOHN, has finished his degree in Agricultural Science.

IAN BRUCE (1942-43) is attached to the C.I.B. at Northcote. Ian is married and lives at South Morang.

Congratulations to FRANK NUGENT, who recently announced his engagement. Also engaged is DES. SLATTERY. There were many Old Boys at a surprise party to wish DES. and his fiance, Clare Toohey, all the best.

FRANK HILL, who was married earlier this year, is building a home at Mitcham. Frank is an accountant.

GEORGE and JIM GROUTSCH are on the teaching staff at Xavier Preparatory College, Burke Hall.

Congratulations to Dr. JEFF FITZGERALD on the arrival of his second child—another daughter. Jeff is in practice in Plenty Rd., East Preston. BARRY FITZGERALD brought his wife and six months old daughter, Bernadette, to Ballarat with him at Re-union time. He is a proud father.

Two busy insurance men about Melbourne are LAURIE QUINN of the Australian Mutual Life and JOE MEAGHER of the T. & G.

DON BLACK, who won the best and fairest trophy of the Old Boys' Football Club, recently spent a holiday in Western Australia. He had a wonderful trip back on the boat—so he says. Don is captain of the Essendon C.Y.M.S. XI.

There was a good muster of Old Boys at the Lightning Premiership at Kilmore. Among those present were BERNIE and MARTIN SHANNON, BILL and KEVIN DRAKE, TOM DAVEY, LEO McNAIR, PETER and KEVIN RAPHAEL, JOHN JAMES, VIN WILLIAMS, KEVIN HOGAN and BRIAN BOURKE. Everyone was pleased with the team's success. It was a double premiership week-end for BILL DRAKE. He was a member of the victorious Footscray Third Eighteen team on the Saturday.

JACK COOPER, who was at St. Pat's in the early thirties, conducts a printing business at Northcote.

Congratulations to MERVYN MASON and HUGHIE DRUM on their recent engagements.

RAY ("TETE") McALLISTER was recently married at St. Monica's, Moonee Ponds. His brother, JACK, was best man and REG. KENEALY groomsmen.

Also recently married was JOHN WALSH (Beulah) at St. Joseph's, Northcote. His bride is a cousin of Jack Purtell. John says he receives no first-hand information.

PETER VAUGHAN called at S.P.C. recently. He visited his sister at Mary's Mount. Peter played with St. Kilda Thirds.

These are a few of our ex-students in the Public Service: MORTIMER McCARTHY (1910), Chairman, Tariff Board; JIM MORONEY (1915), Assistant Secretary, Department of Commerce; LEO KING (1914), Chief Accountant, State Rivers and Water Supply Commission; JACK KING (1912), Chief Clerk, Forests Commission; BERT TILLEY (1913), Chief Clerk, Mines Department; PAT RYAN (1913), Deputy Director of Agriculture; HARRY JENKIN (1913), Engineer of Maintenance, Railways Department; EVERARD WILLIS (1915), Assistant Accountant, Housing Commission; JACK RYAN (1913), Chief Clerk,

Department of Defence; JERRY KEHOE (1915), Government Auditor, Railways Department; TED KENNEDY (1912), Accountant, Public Works Department; MICK MORRIS (1915), Vice-Principal, Teachers' Training College, Toorak; MARTIN RYAN (1914), Supervising Librarian, Public Library, Melbourne; JOE SHORTHILL, Government Stamps Office; JACK STGNEHOUSE, Sunshine Technical School; HUGHIE CAPPREY, Works Accountant, State Rivers Office, Heyfield; BILL LARKIN, O.B.E., Defence Department; TERRY CLARK, Licensing Court, Melbourne; VIN CUSACK, Navy Department; ROMLEY SMITH, Housing Department Engineer, Sydney; TED HORAN, retired, was a Special Magistrate in Social Services Department; JOE SHORTHILL, Statist's Office, Melbourne; ARCHIE SPENCER, Commonwealth Department of Markets; NORM. FITZPATRICK, Department Manager, Buckley & Nunn; HARRY KELLY, Dentist, Launceston; JOHN KEHOE, Auditor, Railways; JOE MEAGHER, Superintendent, T. & G. Insurance; JACK RYAN, Chief Clerk, Defence Department; PAT RYAN, Deputy Director of Agriculture.

Dr. DICK SALTS is soon to enter into partnership with another Old Boy, Dr. RAY GURRY, at Coburg.

PAT O'NEILL, a Past President of the O.C.A., is a busy Secretary for the new church at Ivanhoe.

KEVIN HARTY is a Chemist. Now at Gear's Pharmacy in Ballarat. PETER DAVEY, another Chemist, is at Cornell's Pharmacy, Ballarat. FRANK GREGORY, formerly at the Taxation Office, is now in his own business as an Accountant and Company Auditor. Frank is living in Hampton.

GEORGE McLAREN is a School Teacher. Lives at Dandenong. MATT REA was up for the Re-union with his wife and young son. Matt is on the land at Wangoom.

KEVIN CURRIE is now with the Department of Agriculture. DAN and JIM TOOHEY are on the land at Springbank and are very interested in the beef cattle industry.

Councillor JOE DUGGAN was seen around the sheaf-tossing arena at the recent Ballarat show.

BRIAN McDONALD and JOHN ELLIOTT were members of the Premiership side in the Ballarat Football League. TOM SIMPSON played an excellent game for Ballarat East in the Grand Final, and he was ably assisted by BERNIE NOLAN.

Father FRANK HICKEY, Father D. O'HAGEN, and COLIN GORMAN, FRANK CONROY and REG. FEERY were active at the Albury Convention of the National Catholic Rural Movement early this year.

BERNIE BLOOD proposed the toast of the "Hierarchy and Clergy" at this year's Annual Communion Breakfast of the Gordon C.Y.M.S. JACK and JOE DONEGAN also attended, but STAN MULLANE was unable to attend owing to commitments on the farm at Bunding. JAMES RIGNEY is also fully occupied on the farming front in the Bunding area. PAT O'NEILL is still concerned with producing "the best spread for daily bread" at Wallace and in his spare time endeavours to get extra speed out of already successful runner, GERALD CROUGH.

Rev. Br. G. C. BAUMGARTNER is enthusiastic about the climate at Yeppoon, in Queensland. Certainly different from typical Ballarat weather.

PAT ARUNDELL has been heard of at the Technical School at Bairnsdale.

JACK O'BRIEN is well known throughout the cattle country in Eastern Gippsland, and when not at Ensay can be found attending the sales at Bairnsdale.

KEVIN RYAN, of Millbrook, is an enthusiastic supporter of the Gordon Branch of the N.C.R.M. and JACK RYAN, formerly of Gordon, now keeps the roads in good order in the Port Fairy district.

MARTIN MORAN, of Clarke's Hill, with fellow potato growers, is not so enthusiastic about results on the potato front this season.

DON TARDREW is keeping the lines in order for the fast-rolling diesels on the Melbourne line. Brother GEOFF is with the P.M.G. Department in Melbourne.

DAN CROTTY, Medical Practitioner, Camberwell; CON DWYER, Solicitor, Melbourne and Brunswick; MAT GORMAN, Solicitor, Melbourne; VAUGHAN McCARTHY, Accountant for the Municipality of Richmond; JACK McCABE, Bonds and Stock Department, Commonwealth Bank; HUBERT O'BRIEN and JIM DUGGAN, Solicitors, Melbourne (two of the partners in the firm of Mahony, O'Brien and Duggan); DENIS SULLIVAN, Solicitor, practising in Melbourne; CHARLIE SULLIVAN, Medical Practitioner, Paterson Road, Moorabbin; JACK STRACHAN, Solicitor, Warragul; DON McARTHUR, Solicitor, Korrumburra; JOE LANFRANCHI, Solicitor, Bairnsdale.

TOM STAUNTON is the licensee of the Border Inn Hotel at Bacchus Marsh. Tom is ready to welcome all Old Boys on their way to St. Pat's.

Fr. CHARLIE FISCALINI celebrated the Old Collegians' Annual Mass this year. He is stationed at Kew.

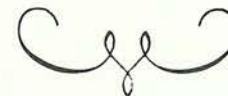
DICK WALKER is now in the Real Estate business with J. R. Buxton & Coy.

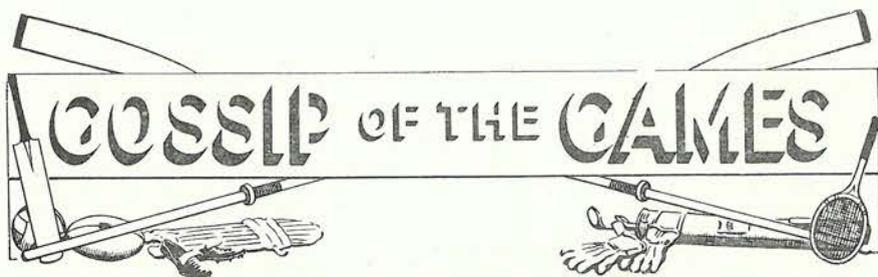
JOHN LONG, the eldest of seven brothers, from Knowsley, recently announced his engagement to Mary Lloyd, of Clifton Hill. Mary came originally from Ballarat. Her brother is a Christian Brother. TED, BILL and DES. are married.

Rev. Fr. BRYAN is at Numurkah. Rev. Br. REG. is teaching in Perth, whilst BERNARD (not yet engaged, we hear) is in the Department of Supply in Melbourne.

EVERARD WILLIS, who is Assistant Accountant in the Victorian Housing Commission, was recently involved in a motor accident on Princes Highway near Pakenham. Although the car was badly damaged, he escaped serious injury.

KEITH HASSED, B. Com., of the State Savings Bank Inspection Staff, is a much travelled officer of that organization and visits most towns in the course of duty.





S.P.C. SPORTS

The S.P.C. sports were held on Saturday, November 13th, in almost perfect weather. Because of the good performances of many of the St. Pat's athletes at the B.P.S. and Melbourne sports, fast times and even competition were expected. Events previously decided had given McCarthy, captained by Ray Dignan, a handy lead from Treacy, which was led by Leo Schreenan. Other house captains were Gavan Bourke (Nunan) and Kevin Shea (Galvin). The 880 and Mile, two of the most interesting events, were won by Leo Schreenan, Ray Dignan finishing second in both races. Leo's run in winning the mile in the smart time of 4. 50.7 was particularly good, as his time was only 1.6 seconds outside the school record for that distance.

The handicap events were the first events to be held and they aroused the usual amount of interest among the spectators. Brian Pekin was successful in the open 100 yd. handicap, narrowly winning from back marker John Ilott. G. Gemmola won the under 16 100 yd. handicap, Bernie Shannon the under 15, George Pell the under 14 and M. Clarke the under 13 100 yd. handicap. Gavan Bourke and Gerald Crough staged a great duel in the open 100 championship, regarded by many as the Blue Ribbon event of the day. Gavan with a desperate throw at the tape narrowly gained victory, with John Ilott in third place. D. McKimmie had a two-yard victory in the under 16 100, and G. Slockwitch won by a similar margin in the under 15 100. George Pell easily won the under 14 100 yd. sprint and Brian Kelly had a narrow win in the under 13 race. For a short while following the running of the sprint races, the centre of activity was transferred to the high jump pits. Nigel Hicks won the under 14 high jump narrowly from Roy O'Connor and Tom Jess cleared 5 ft. 2 in. in winning the under 16 event. A great deal of interest was created by the open 440 handicap, in which Noel Morganti had a runaway victory from the fast-finishing Brian Vear. Frank Molony created a new record when he won the under 15 hurdles and minutes later he started in the under 16 event, finishing second to Marshall Younger. Bernie McKenna had an easy victory in the open 120 yd. hurdles, and after the running of that event the interval for afternoon tea was taken.

Handicaps occupied the first part of the programme after the resumption and these were followed by novelty events. The open 220 championship resulted in a clear-cut win by Gerald Crough, Gavan Bourke finishing in second place. With this win it appeared that Crough would have an excellent chance of winning the coveted Dr. O'Collins Cup. Without doubt the highlight of the day was the open High Jump, in which Bernie McKenna cleared 6 ft. to win the event. His was the best effort of a Victorian schoolboy for this year, and must indeed rank with the best of leaps ever by a schoolboy in this State. Michael Dinley, winner at the B.P.S. sports of the under 15 high jump, had to clear 5 ft.

to win his event from Frank Molony, who was showing a return to that form which several years ago made him the outstanding junior competitor in this College. McCarthy by this stage had built up an unassailable lead from Nunan who, after an early lapse, had gradually bettered their position. Honours in the house relay events were evenly distributed, smart times being recorded in each event.

The last important event of the day was the 440 championship, in which Gerald Crough consolidated his position as open champion by a narrow though convincing win. Gerald was content to wait in about fourth place until the home turn was reached, the race being run at a fast pace set by his team-mate, Gavan Bourke. In the run home Crough ran to the front and narrowly defeated Leo Schreenan and Ray Dignan. The day concluded with the running of the College mile handicap. John Doolan, one of the limit-markers who had undergone a strenuous preparation for the event, after having been specially set for it by his connections, won this event easily from Des. Papworth, who finished well, and John Smith.

Thus sports-day for 1954 concluded, all competitors being pleased with the day's events, and all spectators pleased with the high standard of entertainment provided.

MICHAEL J. BOURKE.

RESULTS

In the House Competition, McCarthy House won with 303 points; Nunan was second with 252½; Treacy, 204, third; and Galvin, 187, fourth.

Detailed results:—

Abbreviations: G (Galvin House); M (McCarthy); N (Nunan); T (Treacy).

CUP WINNERS

Open: G. Crough, 37 points, 1; B. McKenna, 27, 2; L. Schreenan, 21.3. Under 16: M. Younger, 37, 1; D. McKimmie, 21, 2; T. Jess, 17, 3. Under 15: F. Moloney, 28, 1; G. Slockwitch, 23, 2; J. Devine, 14, 3. Under 14: G. Pell, 24, 1; R. O'Connor, 17, 2; N. Hicks, 13, 3. Under 13: B. Kelly, 16; 1, K. Bell, 6, 2.

OPEN EVENTS

Mile. Championship: L. Schreenan (T), 1; R. Dignan (M), 2; M. O'Callaghan (T), 3. 4 min. 50.7 sec. Handicap: J. Doolan (T), 1; D. Papworth (M), 2; J. Smith (M), 3. No time. 880 yards. Championship: L. Schreenan (T), 1; R. Dignan (M), 2; J. Ilott (T), 3. 2 min. 11 sec. Handicap: K. Murphy (G), 1; J. McManus (T), 2; J. Doolan (T), 3.

100 Yards. Handicap: B. Pekin (N), 1; J. Ilott (T), 2; P. Harris (M), 3. Championship: G. Bourke (N), 1; G. Crough (N), 2; J. Ilott (T), 3. 11.1 sec.

220 Yards. Handicap: B. Pekin (N), 1; J. Ilott (T), 2; J. Gallagher (G), 3. 24.6 sec. Championship: G. Crough (N), 1; G. Bourke (N), 2; R. Dignan (M), 3. 24.2 sec.

440 Yards. Handicap: N. Morganti (N), 1; J. Coffey (T), 2; B. Vear (M), 3. Championship: G. Crough (N), 1; L. Schreenan (T), 2; R. Dignan (M), 3. 54.6 sec. Hurdles: B. McKenna (M), 1; G. Crough (N), 2; K. Shea (G), 3. 17.4 sec.

Weight put: J. O'Shannassy (T), 1; C. Castle (T), 2; B. Vear (M), 3. 34 ft. 1½ ins. Broad jump: B. McKenna (M), 1; K. Shea (G), G. Crough (N), eq. 2; K. Leitch (M), 4. 18 ft. 6¾ ins.

High jump: B. McKenna (M), 1; G. Crough (N), 2; T. Jess (G), 3. 6 ft.

Obstacle race: N. Colbert (N), 1.

Siamese race: G. Bourke (N), J. Ilott (T), 1; G. Cardillo (N), B. Vear (M), 2; M. Bourke, N. Morganti (N), 3.

Sack race: J. Gallagher (G).

Musical chairs: B. Bailey (T).

UNDER 16

100 Yards. Handicap: G. Gemmola (N), 1; J. Murray (M), 2; J. Shea (G), 3. Championship: D. McKimmie (N), 1; M. Younger (M), 2; I. Caine (T), 3. 11 sec.

High jump: T. Jess (G), 1; M. Dinley (N), 2; M. Younger (M), 3. 5 ft. 2 ins.

Hurdles (100 yards): M. Younger (M), 1; F. Moloney (M), 2; D. McKimmie (N), 3. 14.5 sec.

220 Yards. Handicap: G. Gemmola (N), 1; J. Caine (T), 2; J. Murray (M), 3. Championship: D. McKimmie (N), 1; M. Younger (M), 2; B. Costigan (G), 3. 24.8.

Sack race—final: B. Humphrey (G), 3.

Broad jump: M. Younger (M), 1; J. Caine (T), 2; T. Jess (G), 3. 17 ft. 3½ ins.

Weight putt: M. Younger (M), 1; T. Jess (G), 2; M. Dinley (N), 3. 31 ft. 1 inch.

Siamese race: J. Nihill, G. Horan (M), 1.

Obstacle race: M. Godfrey (N).

UNDER 15

100 Yards. Handicap: B. Shannon (M), 1; J. Nihill (M), 2; F. Moloney (M) and G. Slockwitch (G), equal 3. Championship: G. Slockwitch (G), 1; F. Moloney (M), 2; J. Devine (M), 3. 11.5.

Hurdles: F. Moloney (M), 1; J. Devine (M), 2; G. Slockwitch (G), 3. 14.8. (Record).

220 Yards. Handicap: J. Nihill (M), 1; P. Rice (T), 2; E. Vaughan (N), 3. Championship: G. Slockwitch (G), 1; F. Moloney (M), 2; J. Devine (M), 3. 26.4.

High jump: M. Dinley (N), 1; F. Moloney (M), 2; J. Devine (M), 3. 5 ft.

Broad jump: K. Fraser (T), 1; F. Moloney (M), 2; J. Devine (M), 3. 15 ft. 9½ in.

UNDER 14

100 Yards. Handicap: G. Pell (N), 1; P. Duffy (T), 2; T. Cleary (G), 3. Championship: G. Pell (N), 1; R. O'Connor (M) and W. Bell (G), equal 2; M. O'Sullivan (M), 4. 11.6 sec.

High jump: N. Hicks (T), 1; R. O'Connor (M), 2; K. O'Flaherty (G), 3. 4 ft. 8 in.

Broad jump: G. Pell (N), 1; R. O'Connor (M), 2; I. Slockwitch (T), 3. 15 ft. 2 in.

220 Yards Handicap Final: B. Geddes (N), 1; T. Murphy (N), 2; E. McKenzie (T), 3.

220 Yards Championship: G. Pell (N), 1; N. Hicks (T), 2; W. Bell (G), 3. 27.3 sec.

Obstacle race: R. Vagg (T), 1; L. Butler (G), 2; J. Houlihan (M), 3.

Siamese race: J. Houlihan, N. McManus (M).

Sack race: K. Van Suylen (N).

UNDER 13

100 Yards. Handicap: M. Clark (M), 1; J. Whybrow (G), 2; B. Kelly (M), 3. Championship: B. Kelly (M), 1; K. Bell (G), 2; J. Whybrow (G), 3. 12.3.

High jump: B. Kelly (M), 1; A. Jubb (G), 2; J. Byrne (G), 3. 4 ft. 5½ in.

OTHER AGE GROUPS

Under 12, 100 yards championship: P. Dobson (M), 1; K. Van Suylen (N), 2; J. McManus (T), 3. 13.1. Handicap: J. McManus (T), 1; K. Van Suylen (N), 2; J. Whately (T), 3.

Under 11, 100 yards championship: D. Murphy (G), 1; P. Hudson

(M), 2; B. Rice (T), 3. 13.8. Handicap: B. Rice (T), 1; D. Murphy (G), 2; D. Frank (G), 3.

Under 10, 75 yards championship: T. O'Halloran (N), 1; R. Howard (M), 2; P. Sullivan (T), 3. 11.2 sec. Handicap: T. O'Halloran (N), 1; D. Goss (N), 2; B. Sullivan (G), 3.

RELAYS

Open: Nunan, 1; Galvin, 2; McCarthy, 3.

Under 16: Treacy, 1; Galvin, 2; Nunan, 3.

Under 14: Galvin, 1; McCarthy, 2; Nunan, 3.

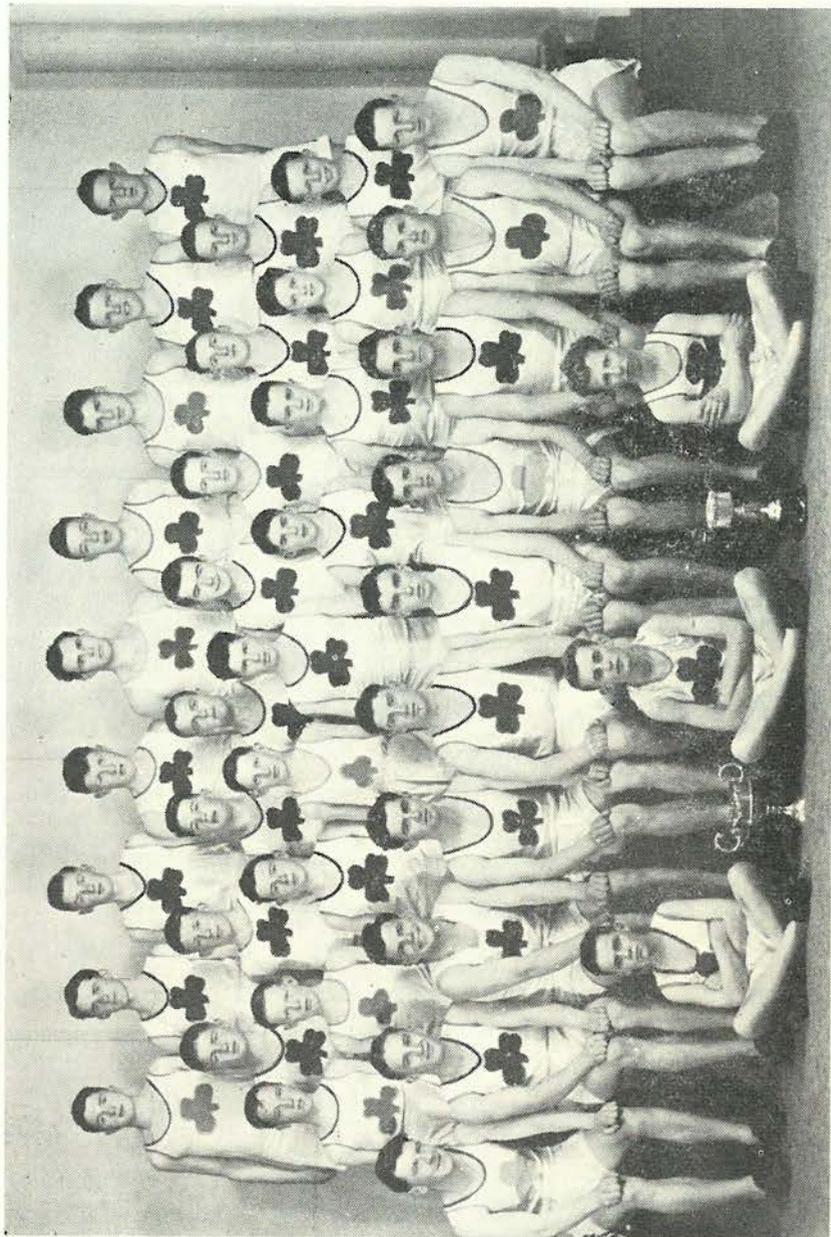
BALLARAT ATHLETICS

The Annual B.P.S. Athletic Competition was held this year on the City Oval on Saturday, November 6th. The ground was in first-class condition and lent itself to fast times. It was, in fact, surprisingly fast considering the recent heavy rain. As a result five records were broken. In the Open High Jump, Bernie McKenna (S.P.C.) set a new record of 5 ft. 10 in. The previous record was held by John Vernon, present Australian champion, at 5 ft. 9¾ in. Chas. Sloan (B.C.) set a new time of 15.6 sec. in the 120 yds. hurdles. In the under 16 division C. Geyer (B.H.S.) almost captured the lot, winning four out of five events. In two of these events, 100 and 220 yds., he set new records. The other new record went to the S.P.C. Relay Team, Under 14.

Although stiff opposition was predicted from Ballarat College, St. Pat's recorded one of the most convincing wins for many years. We went away to a fine start by winning the first five events and were never afterwards challenged. To round off a most successful day, St. Pat's successfully withstood a hot challenge from Ballarat High School in the Relay Race Competition. The last relay decided this competition and our win in this event provided a great thrill.

Even though five records were broken, none of these proved to be the classic event of the day. This was the great struggle between A. Young (C.E.G.S.) and L. Schreenan (S.P.C.), who ran second to J. Wright, present schoolboy champion, in Melbourne recently. These two runners singled out from the field and a desperate struggle ensued in the last lap which was run in the exceptionally fast time of 62 seconds. Leo, however, turned the tables on Young this time. When challenged by Young approaching the turn into the straight the last time, he sprinted away and although Young finished well he was no match for Leo in the closing stages. This event climaxed a successful day for St. Pat's. Results:—

- Event No. 1. Weight Putt: C. Castle (S.P.C.), 1; D. Fawell (C.E.G.S.), 2; S. Crump (H.S.), 3. 37 ft. 0½ in.
- „ No. 2. High Jump, Under 13: M. Dinley (S.P.C.), 1; B. Robertson (H.S.), 2; J. Devine (S.P.C.), 3.
- „ No. 3. Hurdles, Under 16: M. Younger (S.P.C.), 1; M. Moloney (S.P.C.), 2; C. Geyer (H.S.), 3.
- „ No. 4. 100 Yds., Under 13: B. Kelly (S.P.C.), 1; K. Bell (S.P.C.), 2; P. Davies (B.C.), 3. 12.3 sec.
- „ No. 5. 100 Yds., Open: G. Bourke (S.P.C.), 1; E. Muntz (G.S.), 2; D. Fawell (G.S.), 3. 10.7 sec.
- „ No. 6. 100 Yds., Under 14: H. Davis (H.S.), 1; G. Pell (S.P.C.), 2; I. Slockwitch (S.P.C.), 3.
- „ No. 7. 880 Yds., Open: C. Sloan (B.C.), 1; R. Dignan (S.P.C.), 2. (G.S.), 3. 2 min.
- „ No. 8. 100 Yds., Under 15: D. Tucker (G.S.), 1; I. Slockwitch (S.P.C.), 2; G. Alexander (H.S.), 3.



2nd row: P. Dobson, W. Bell, N. Hicks, W. Schofield, B. Kelly, W. McGenniss, I. Stockwitch, J. Byrne, K. Bell.
Seated: G. Bourke, D. McKimmie, C. Castle, R. Dignan, B. McKenna, G. Crough, L. Schreenan, M. Younger, K. Shea, F. Moloney.
In front: P. Hudson, H. Davies, J. Rintoul.

- „ No. 9. 100 Yds., Under 16: C. Geyer (H.S.), 1; N. Smail (B.C.), 2; D. McKimmie (S.P.C.), 3 10.7 sec. (record).
 „ No. 10. Broad Jump, Open: M. Fawell (G.S.), 1; H. Cock (B.C.), 2; K. Shea (S.P.C.), 3. 19 ft. 6½ in.
 „ No. 11. High Jump, Under 13: P. Faull (B.C.), 1; J. Byrne (S.P.C.), 2; P. Davies (B.C.), 3. 4 ft.
 „ No. 12. 220 Yds., Under 16: C. Geyer (H.S.), 1; N. Beacham (H.S.), 2; D. McKimmie (S.P.C.), 3. Record.
 „ No. 13. 220 Yds., Under 15: H. Davis (H.S.), 1; J. Devine (S.P.C.), 2; D. Tucker (G.S.), 3.
 „ No. 14. 100 Yds., Under 12: P. Dobson (S.P.C.), 1; H. Newsome (G.S.), 2; J. Rintoul (S.P.C.), 3.
 „ No. 15. 220 Yds., Open: G. Crough (S.P.C.), 1; E. Muntz (G.S.), 2; G. Bourke (S.P.C.), 3.
 „ No. 16. High Jump, Under 16: C. Geyer (H.S.), 1; T. Jess (S.P.C.), 2; S. Morrison (B.C.), 3. 5 ft. 5 in.
 „ No. 17. High Jump, Under 14: H. Davis (H.S.), 1; G. Titheridge (G.S.), 2; D. Manton (H.S.), 3.
 „ No. 18. Hurdles, Open: C. Sloan (B.C.), 1; B. McKenna (S.P.C.), 2; K. Shea (S.P.C.), 3. 15.6 sec. (record).
 „ No. 19. 440 Relay, Under 14: S.P.C., 1; B.H.S., 2; B.C., 3. Record.
 „ No. 20. 440 Relay, Under 15: B.H.S., 1; B.C., 2; S.P.C., 3.
 „ No. 21. 440 Relay, Under 16: S.P.C., 1; B.H.S., 2; B.C., 3.
 „ No. 22. 440 Relay, Open: S.P.C., 1; B.H.S., 2; C.E.G.S., 3.
 „ No. 23. High Jump, Open: B. McKenna (S.P.C.), 1; M. Fawell (G.S.), 2; J. Gazzard (B.C.), 3. 5 ft. 10 in. (record).
 „ No. 24. Broad Jump, Under 16: C. Geyer (H.S.), 1; J. Caine (S.P.C.), 2; D. Boyd (H.S.), 3. 18 ft.
 „ No. 25. One Mile, Open: L. Schreenan (S.P.C.), 1; N. Young (G.S.), 2; J. Birt (B.C.), 3.
 „ No. 26. 440 Yds., Open: C. Sloan (B.C.), 1; G. Crough (S.P.C.), 2; C. Chesler (B.C.), 2.

Championship Points: S.P.C., 247½, 1; B.C., 169, 2; B.H.S., 144½, 3; G.S., 143, 4.

Relay Championship: S.P.C., 10 pts., 1; B.H.S., 9 pts., 2; B.C., 4 pts., 3; G.S., 1 pt., 4.

Br. O'Malley and Mr. Sheehan deserve our hearty congratulations. For many years they have looked after our Athletic Team and they have had more than their measure of success. We congratulate them and we thank them.

J. M. O'SHANNASSY.

MELBOURNE COMBINED SPORTS

On Wednesday, October 27th, the A.C.C.V. Sports were held on the North Melbourne football ground. The ardour of many of St. Pat's supporters was dampened by the light, though consistent, rain that fell on the morning of the sports and which brought about a late start and the eventual abandonment of the high jump events in which St. Pat's athletes were regarded to have good chances.

In the early events St. Pat's did not fare too well, as Gerald Crough, who had just recovered from an injured heel, could not strike his best form in the open broad jump and managed to gain only fifth place. Chas. Castles, our weight-putter, came against very good opposition in the open weight put and performed creditably in filling third place. Incidentally, J. Lidger from M.B.C., Camberwell, who won the event, came third in the Victorian Schoolboys' Championship event which was held on the Saturday after the A.C.C.V. Sports. In the Under 12 100 yard sprint, P. Dobson just failed to catch the Kilmore representative,

but he was to have his revenge later in the day in the 75 yard race. Gavan Bourke, our open sprinter, could manage only fourth place in the 100, but the competition was very strong. St. Pat's had their first victory for the day when Dennis McKimmie just managed to stall off his Kilmore opponent. His time of 11 seconds was particularly good, considering the heavy state of the track.

Assumption College, Kilmore, athlete K. Shelley easily won the under 15 100 yard race, and his victory added to the already big lead which had been compiled by Kilmore. Bern McKenna, who ran in the open 120 yard hurdles, ran up against very strong opposition in his event. Gavan Johnston of M.B.C., Sale, who won the event, was another who performed well in the schoolboy championships. The most interesting event of the day was perhaps the 880, in which John Wright of S.J.C., Geelong, failed by .1 sec. to break the record. The effort of Ray Dignan in finishing second, only about 20 yards from the winner, was worthy of great commendation. St. Pat's had her second victory for the day when P. Dobson won the 75 yard under 12. This was a most exciting race, as the winner and runner-up raced neck and neck throughout with victory going to the St. Pat's boy by the narrowest of margins. Ian Slockwitch, the outstanding junior athlete in St. Pat's, had no difficulty in winning the under 13 100 yard race by about 7 yards; he registered one of the best performances of the day.

Owing to the fact that only four of the 440 tracks could be used, the circular events had all to be run in two divisions. In the open 220, P. Welsh, the outstanding Kilmore athlete, defeated Gavan Bourke in the smart time of 24.7 which was faster than that registered by the other division. Dennis McKimmie repeated his win in the under 16 100 by scoring narrowly in the 220. His was an excellent double and he proved to be St. Pat's chief scorer for the day. Geoff Slockwitch ran into second place in the under 15 200, and at this stage Kilmore had a lead of about 20 points over St. Pat's, with S.J.C., Geelong, and M.B.C., Bendigo, trailing badly, in A Grade. In B Grade, Sale seemed to have a firm hold on the title. Marshall Younger, our under 16 hurdler, ran second to B. Cahill, of Kilmore, in the smart time of 14.4 seconds in his event. In the under 15 hurdles, however, Frank Molony once again put the Green, White and Blue in front with a convincing win. At this stage it appeared as if something miraculous would have to occur to give St. Pat's victory, as only the 440, mile and the relays remained. Gerald Crough in the open 440 was placed second to the Kilmore runner, J. Ryan, and all hopes of victory for St. Pat's faded.

With only the relays and mile remaining and competition for the senior cup still open, some interest was retained. St. Pat's under 13 relay was successful and the under 14 relay team had bad luck in dropping the baton when they had a winning chance at the last change. Victory went to Kilmore's under 15 relay team in their race, St. Pat's being beaten by some 10 yards. There was quite an amount of interest centred about the mile in which the Geelong champion, John Wright, was opposed to S.P.C. champion miler, Leo Schreenan. Wright soon went to the front and though Schreenan made a gallant attempt to catch him he won by about 20 yards in the time of 4.55, which showed how heavy the track really was, as both winner and runner-up are capable of bettering 4.48. The remaining two relays were won in convincing style by St. Pat's and the sports ended in victory for Kilmore in Senior, Junior and Aggregate sections. Sale also had a triple win in the B Division.

Final scores:—

A Division		B Division	
Ballarat	180	Mt. Gambier	96
Kilmore	197	Sale	136
Geelong	110	Cambelwell	110
Bendigo	96	Warrnambool	96

MICHAEL J. BOURKE.

TENNIS

As usual, the Third Term at S.P.C. opened with the B.P.S. Tennis Competition. As T. Brennan was the only player from last year's 1st and 2nd IV's there were seven places to be filled. There were many ardent aspirants and after much practice and elimination the following were chosen for the Green White and Blue: T. Brennan, M. Nolan, T. Goss, K. Leitch, J. Gallagher, J. O'Bierne, T. Fitzpatrick and P. McCulloch. We extend our congratulations to these boys on being selected to represent S.P.C. To those not so fortunate we wish better luck next year.

The first match of the competition was played at S.P.C. courts with Grammar as visitors. Although the St. Pat's four were confident of victory, their hopes were soon shattered and Grammar went on to an easy victory. Scores: C.E.G.S., 8 rubbers; S.P.C., nil.

The second match was played against College at their courts. Two new players from the previous week, T. Goss and K. Keitch, were brought into the team in place of J. O'Bierne and J. Gallagher. T. Brennan and M. Nolan again occupied the first two positions.

Although beaten badly, some St. Pat's players revealed a glimpse of form. T. Brennan and M. Nolan broke the ice for St. Pat's by defeating B. Cock and J. Birt. However, this was our only victory although K. Leitch put up a great fight against B. Cock in his singles. He was narrowly beaten 9—7 in the third set. Scores: B.C., 7 rubbers; S.P.C., 1 rubber.

The final match of the competition was against High School. The four was unaltered from the previous week. In this match some S.P.C. players again showed a glimpse of form. T. Brennan and M. Nolan were again successful in one of their doubles, whilst T. Brennan and K. Leitch won their singles convincingly. T. Goss, after a very close match, narrowly lost the final set. Scores: B.H.S., 5 rubbers; S.P.C., 3 rubbers.

The Championship for this year goes to Ballarat College and we extend our congratulations to them.

Although this season was not a successful one as far as S.P.C. was concerned, it was a very beneficial one and we hope to see it bear fruit in next year's Championship, when S.P.C. will probably be represented by the same players.

MCNEIL CUP

In the McNeil Cup Singles Championship this year St. Pat's were represented by T. Brennan, M. Nolan, J. Gallagher and T. Fitzpatrick. However, the first round saw the defeat of three of our players as T. Brennan was the only one to reach the second round. However, he also was defeated in this round and St. Pat's had faded from the field. The ultimate winner was W. Nalder, of Ballarat College, and so once again we extend our congratulations to the College players.

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the present time our own School Championships are being held. In each division there is intense rivalry and some good tennis is expected.

In the Open Division T. Brennan appears the likely winner with K. Leitch and T. Goss hardest to beat. However, J. O'Bierne, J. Gallagher, T. Fitzpatrick, P. McCulloch, N. McArdle, R. Dignan or K. Pike could surprise.

T. Brennan appears likely winner of the Under 16 Division, although strong opposition should be provided by M. Nolan and P. McCulloch. The best prospects in the Under 15, Under 14 and Under 13 Divisions appear to be M. Nolan, J. Sullivan and I. Slockwitch, respectively.

All tennis enthusiasts at the College are grateful to Br. Coyne, our Tennis Master, for organising our matches and controlling our competitions.

J. M. O'SHANNASSY.

HANDBALL

Although always the last of the sports to have its College Champion decided, Handball is by no means the least popular and if you doubt my words you should try to get a court one afternoon after school. As usual, there are four divisions in the competition—Open, Under 16, Under 15 and Under 14.

This year the Open Age Section is really "open." Marshall Younger, a dual cup winner of last year, is a warm favourite but he can expect tough opposition from any one of Bill Bainbridge, Gavan Rice, Charlie Castle, John O'Shannassy, Kevin Shannon, Kevin Shea, Joe Gallagher or Ken Pike, while Brendan Ryan, whose left-handed style is difficult to counter, could cause an upset.

The other divisions are not so open, but nevertheless there are no certainties. Marshall Younger appears to have a mortgage on the Under 16 division, but any lapses in concentration on his part could result in a win for Gavan Greer. In the Under 15 group, John Hogan and John Threlfall look like the probable "finalists" with Bernie Elliot and Laurie Thorpe looming as distinct threats. The Under 14 group should provide no difficulties for Bernie Elliott, although some judges favour Ian Slockitch, mainly because of his size and strength.

Regardless of who wins the competitions, handball will remain a prominent branch of sport at St. Pat's and much of this enthusiasm can be traced to Br. O'Malley, whose efficient eye watches over the handball competition.

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ROWING

Rowing has begun again this term, in preparation for the Annual Public Schools' Regatta early next year. The extra interest gained by last season's successes and near successes has resulted in a large number of new members, and prospects for next year seem extremely promising.

Brother Wilson again has charge of the rowing, and to him must go the credit of the enthusiasm and promising form already shown by so many.

Of last year's stalwarts, we still have Chas. Castle, Bern. Carey, Vin. Colbert (all of the first crew), Brian Vear, Richard McArthur, Barry O'Donohue, Ray Lamaro, Geoff. Slockitch, Gerald Cameron, Phil. Johnson, Tom Scarff and Gavan Greer.

Enthusiastic novices include Neil Sist, Brian Dillon, John O'Doherty, Roy O'Connor, Michael Dinley, Chris. Targett, Stan. Webb, J. Noonan, Kev. Lamaro, Dan Lorkins, Noel Day, Frank Caulfield, Tony Grigg, Paul Foster, Peter Morris, Peter Jefferies, Pat Harris, Des. Martin, Denis Joyce, Bill Ward, Reg. Fenton, John Graham and Dave McGrath.

Most successful Juniors are Paul Quinlan and R. Coutts. Others include Brian and Michael Hickey, John O'Brien, John Calnin and Noel Morris.

The Ballarat Rowing Association has planned to run a race for schoolboys' fours in their Annual Novices Regatta on December 4th. St. Pat's hopes to enter several crews and is hopeful of achieving success.

Jim Pierce, Anthony Foley, Leo Smith, Peter Gleeson and Mick Walsh, although not returning next year, are training hard for the Regatta on December 4th.

The Ballarat City Rowing Club's assistance in the matter of boats, oars and assistance is greatly appreciated. Since they lost their shed by fire several years ago, City have had the use of our shed and, in return, they have assisted us in every way possible. We are deeply grateful.

VIN COLBERT.

CRICKET PROSPECTS

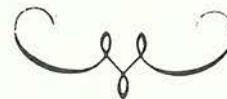
Although the cricket season does not start until well into the first term of next year already there is much enthusiasm and activity on the cricket field at S.P.C. This can partly be attributed to the successful season experienced this year and partly to the enthusiasm and ability of our coach, Br. Howard.

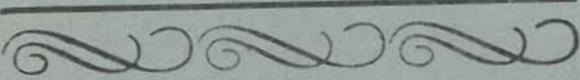
Although at this stage it is difficult to predict who will represent St. Pat's on the cricket field next year, the following appear to have bright prospects: J. Coffey, J. Walsh, G. Bourke, B. Murphy, D. Brown, N. Sist, P. Butler, P. Ryan, G. Sampieri and A. Higgins.

Unfortunately, there are very few of this year's team returning to College next year. However, what they lack in numbers will be more than made up for in ability as Kevin Leitch, Marshall Younger and Peter Brennan figured prominently in this year's successful team. Then there are John Devine and John Hogan, both of whom gained valuable experience in Sunday matches this year. These two should lend great support to the three players mentioned above. Doubtless some of the new boys next year will be fighting for places and we wish them success.

Already the prospects appear very bright, as Br. Howard has the material to make a really first-class side which, we hope, will worthily uphold the traditions of the Green, White and Blue. We wish everyone the best of luck for next year's team.

J. M. O'SHANNASSY.





May God Bless...

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OUR PRIESTS

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*

