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The Batlow Excursion

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The students of Section 491 left College on Friday morning at 8 o'clock, in more or less high spirits. Little did they realise that they were, before the end of the trip, to experience even higher spirits. A College tradition was broken, as this was the first bus trip on which students did not have to sit on chairs in the aisle. Noel Fletcher left the front of the bus before we even arrived in Wagga, and displayed an unusual amount of forwardness, by taking a seat next to "Flossie," when he moved. Perhaps he had caught the holiday spirit which was far too prevalent among a party of students on a biological and geographical excursion.

During the first day, we saw many things to delight a biologist's heart. (We study "life," you know!) The sight which excited the most interest was a view of the original "Pine-er Ave," in a pine forest almost 100 miles from Turvey Park.

Of course, during lunch, Jack Collins spilt tea on his pants, making them very wet, but he was saved from discomfort by changing into a pair of Nilon's.

COMMUNAL LIFE!

We took Wakefield Hostel, Batlow, under control just before tea, on Friday night and discovered community life a novel experience. Boys' and girls' dormitories were in such close proximity that the girls could even hear the boys struggling with their darning.

The temperature of the men's showers was affected by the women showering and vice versa, so that the only way of securing a reasonably heated shower would have been by the men and women combining.

After tea, the College studes made themselves at home by organising a dance to records in the hostel common room.

At the dance, Shirley's academic appearance attracted a newspaper reporter from the "Tumut-Batlow-Adelong-Tumbarumba News," who was particularly interested in classical lines. Receiving no help from Shirley, he approached Mr. Cornell as a person who might have experience in matters of this nature. Mr. Cornell was only able to construe the idea very freely.

RHUMBA'S ARE FLYING

During the evening, Inspiration visited Miss Kilgour, and the "Tumbarumba Rhumba," a dance for young and old, was conceived. It is suggested that she writes the music to it in Pople time, and we hereby place it on record that Miss C. B. Kilgour will demonstrate the "Tumbarumba Rhumba" at the Final College Dance of 1947. Some of the steps, I believe, were dreamed up in those "last few waking moments" before she was tumbled from bed at 6.30 o'clock on Saturday morning. Judging from her reaction at the time, perhaps she composed forceful words to the music at the same time.

AN UPSET PLAN

Due to adverse weather conditions, our itinerary was changed, and although there was some disappointment at first, many were later heard to remark that perhaps it was even advantageous, and certainly pleasant, for it afforded us the opportunity of visiting the Batlow Packing Co.'s cider factory. The people of Batlow were most generous, for as well as apples, pears and tomato juice, they presented us with five dozen bottles of mixed cider.

There was some delay in getting back in the bus at Batlow, because two studes disappeared just as we were about to start. Mr. Cornell instituted a one-man search party and was quite "niggedy" when he found them so close to the bus.

Lunch was duly consumed in a saw-mill at an altitude of 4,000 feet, and all felt a definite need for the warming effects of cider when they settled in the bus for the journey home. Shirley caused us to wonder if her firm grip on the bottle indicated that the bottle had a firm grip on her, and Bev's practised action caused much comment. However, she saved her pay and her honour by falling asleep on her travelling companion's knee.

Students entertained the foresters who accompanied us on the trip with community singing, on the way home. Ray Hildebrand, hitherto an unknown quantity, showed quite an interest in forestry during this singing. Mr. Cornell, however, did not play his part, in making our guests feel comfortable, for when invited to croon "Chloe" over the microphone, he flatly refused. Perhaps, after all, he was being the perfect host, and we didn't recognise it. Miss Moore told us a couple of bedtime stories

and a ghost story, but I'm afraid the cider had given us "Dutch Courage," and she couldn't scare us.

Everyone in the party thoroughly enjoyed himself, and is already eagerly awaiting the next excursion. Except perhaps, Mr. Cornell, and I'll bet he doesn't want any more, for a while, at any rate.

BEV. DOMINISH.

Mathematics Club

Since its inception in July of this year, the Mathematics Club has had a varied programme. We commenced with a brief study of the elements of Calculus, but it was decided that as this was to be studied next term by the Mathematics Option Group, furtherance of the topic was unnecessary. The Club has been divided in its work of late, some of the members being engaged upon the sundial project, which is progressing satisfactorily and which should be finished before the end of term, the remainder being engaged in making teaching aids of various kinds for their own use during the practice teaching.

At the last meeting we were pleased to have a number of visitors to hear a lecture on the uses of the theodolite and tacheometer and to see these instruments in use. The lecture was given by Mr. Andrews, Assistant City Engineer of the Wagga Wagga City Council.

Mr. Andrews, in the course of his interesting talk, discussed the use of the tacheometer for determining the distance and elevation of objects within a reasonable range of the observer. The principle of the instrument is delightfully simple. It consists of a telescope mounted on a circular plate graduated in degrees. The direction of the telescopic axis can be determined by reading the graduated circle.

Within the telescope are placed two parallel horizontal, and one vertical, hairs or wires made from spider web, so situated that when viewed through the eyepiece or lens they measure of a distance of one foot on a staff or pole placed one hundred feet away. The surveyor has an assistant who carries a staff marked in feet and hundredths of a foot, and places it at the position whose distance is required. If the surveyor reads through the telescope that

the distance between the two horizontal "wires" appears on the staff at the 1.72 feet, then he knows the staff is 172 feet away.

Between the two horizontal "wires" is a third horizontal "wire" which is used in measuring the rise or drop between the surveyor and the staff. If the point of intersection of the vertical and central horizontal "wires" reads (say) seven feet on the staff and the tachometer is five feet from the ground, then he knows that the drop is two feet.

The second instrument shown was the theodolite, the most common instrument used by surveyors. It is essentially two graduated circles, one in a plane which can be made horizontal by means of levelling screws and spirit levels, the other is in a vertical plane. A telescope is free to move about a horizontal axis so that the angles of elevation or depression may be read from the vertical circle. Directions can be read from the horizontal circle.

Mr. Andrews discussed surveyors' methods of making a "closed traverse" by use of co-ordinates called "latitude" and "departure" measured from a datum base line and origin.

The Mathematics Club is most grateful to Mr. Andrews for giving up his time to assist them and for giving them the privilege of inspecting and using his instruments. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking him for an interesting and helpful lecture.

We would also like to thank Mr. Duncan for his kindness and generosity in giving us of his time and specialised knowledge during the infancy of the Mathematics Club.

R. JONES,
Secretary

A pretty young widow hailed her neighbour's little boy. "Sammy," she called, "I need some sugar from the store. Can you go for me?"

"No, ma'am," he replied, hurrying off to his football game, "but I heard my father say he could."

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**Capitol Theatre as
Cultural Centre**

How Sydney is to develop culturally when she has no musical or theatrical centre has been a sore problem for many years. The Town Hall, which is acoustically bad and can seat only a small audience has, to date, fulfilled this function. It is, however, inadequate and the obvious solution to the problem lies in the erection of a new and modern concert hall.

As this is not possible for some years, the A.B.C. recently applied to the City Council for a lease of the Capitol Theatre as a temporary expedient. The Capitol belongs to the City Council and is at present leased to Greater Union Theatres as a cinema. It was chosen after careful consideration as being the only building both suitable and immediately available.

Its acoustic properties are good, its seating adequate and the present lease will expire next month.

However, the financial committee of the City Council has decided to recommend the rejection of the A.B.C.'s application. It favours the extension of the existing lease, which means it will continue to serve as a cinema.

As Sydney has an abundance of cinemas and few theatres, the Capitol could fulfil a heartfelt need. Consequently it is difficult to justify the financial committee's decision, especially after their interest in the formation of the Symphony Orchestra last year.

Eugene Goossens, director of the Conservatorium and conductor of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, was acutely disappointed by the finance committee's decision. "Development of music in Sydney will be seriously hampered if we are fated to continue for another period of years in the Town Hall," he said. "We are postponing indefinitely the date of the choral festival upon which I had set my heart, as well as opera and ballet presentations, not to mention effectively presented orchestral concerts."

Mr. Goossens also stated that the application should not be misconstrued as a move for a national theatre. Said Mr. Finlay, the assistant general manager of the A.B.C.: "What we have in mind is a first-class stop-gap centre for music in all its branches until planned building of an opera house and concert halls can be undertaken."

A College Highlight

Scene: The Art and Crafts Room.

A mark for this,
A mark for that;
No time to slack,
Just bend your back.
A mark for this,
A mark for that;
It seems very clear
At the end of the year,
When the marks are computed by Mr.
Wilcox,
Each student will have 8000 (approx.).

**Report From Students'
Representative Council**

During the last few weeks members of the S.R.C. have discussed rules-of-dress and Dining Hall organisation with the Women's Warden, Miss Wylie, the Vice-Principal, Mr. Duncan, and Matron Ashby.

Final arrangements as regards the Medical and Dental Society were made.

Several experienced financiers have queried whether this Society would be able to meet both medical and dental expenses incurred by the students, but after serious consideration we have agreed to carry on with this fund as we originally planned, but we will review the position next year with the commencement of a new session. To date £16/9/9 has been paid out.

This Society will pay the cost of eye treatment and eye testing, but will not pay cost of spectacles.

Due to the various inquiries from students as to the possibility of having supper during the week as well as weekends, a delegate contacted the Matron to discuss this possibility. Students will be pleased to hear that, although supper in the Dining Hall cannot be arranged, the Common Rooms are to be equipped with crockery, cutlery, etc.—but we supply our own delicacies! This should be arranged by the beginning of next term.

Messrs. Gleeson, Nilon, Thomas and Miss Manwaring were elected to form an Inter-Collegian Sports Committee. It is hoped to arrange a cricket match with Sydney Teachers' College during next term.

MAUREEN LANE,
Secretary.

**Physical Education
Report**

The Physical Education Club, which is the most recently formed, held its inaugural meeting on September 26, at which approximately forty students attended. Since then the attendance has been most satisfactory, only lessening slightly over the past two weeks.

The aim of this Club is not only to achieve greater skill and accuracy in gymnastic work. It is hoped that we will realise the extreme importance of physical education to the mind and body, and depart from the College knowing the position physical education should occupy in the school curriculum. Thus we will be better equipped as teachers to put it in its rightful place. Knowing also that to develop alertness, skill and speed and accuracy, we must include physical education as a most important subject, emphasising it more than has been done in the past.

We are extremely fortunate in having Club members who have had previous gymnastic experience. These members, Don Westley, Jim Hartnett, Graeme Wilson, Ray Wood and Dave Rummery

have given valuable assistance to the weaker members, and under the guidance of Mr. Hawcroft, Murray Millar and them, we are making rapid improvement.

The girls who were inexperienced in gym. work at the time of opening of the Club, are now gaining confidence and are more proficient in their work on the mats. Because of more thorough ground work, some of the girls are more advanced than others. Of these Marie Hulme, Marg Welfare, Cath Smith and Dawn Smith have mastered the somersault in mid-air.

The horizontal bar is gaining in popularity and some of the feats, executed with perfect ease and grace, are equivalent to the stunts of circus acrobats. As yet very little work has been done on the parallel bars, floor bars and wall bars because special instruction so far has been based mainly on the mats and vaulting box. Work by the men on this box has reached a very high standard, and they have become quite accomplished in this field of gymnastics.

Of late shuttlecock has become extremely popular amongst the students. It is a more strenuous game requiring skill, speed, and accuracy which can only be obtained by constant and concentrated practice. In the absence of shuttlecock, circolis is played, and this can prove itself to be almost as tiring.

I should like to remind Club members that the equipment is most valuable and the utmost care should be taken of it. This material has to do long service, so obviously it must be handled carefully. As this is a wholly democratic Club we are not making any restrictions, so it's up to you, Ladies and Gentlemen.

MARGARET E. FISHER,

Secretary.

A College Highlight

Scene: A Dem. School bus.
Committed an action so base
A cad, whom we dare you to trace,
As to take a girl's seat,
And not being discreet,
Said, "I'm a deserving (hard) case."

The Crafts Practical Exam—Hacksby's Circus?

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,—With practice teaching about to commence and many of the students going to one and two-teacher schools, it is high time that the education system was altered to give the students at least one demonstration lesson in a small school. These ideas are not confined to one person, but are widespread throughout the College. Hardly any of the students going to such schools are looking forward with confidence to what is to them an altogether new and strange type of teaching. Many of the students have never seen a one-teacher school let alone a lesson in progress in one. They do not know what to expect or what is expected of them.

It appears that the technique of this "modern" College is to throw students to their task in complete ignorance, and then slate them for their mistakes until, if they do not break down, they will eventually be cured of all their natural tendencies to do the wrong thing, and become perfect teachers.

We learn that the students will have opportunity to see a demonstration in a small school before they leave the College, but bad management must be blamed for everything being so far out of perspective that they see the right way after they have already tried, and possibly failed, themselves.

Because these methods are practised by the established Teachers' Colleges of New South Wales, is no reason why such obsolete methods should be used in what is, in construction at least, a modern Teachers' College.

"BILL HICKFORD."

Dear Editor,—Since the members of the Bachelors' Club are under the misapprehension that we have gone out of existence, we would like to give them and the public an idea of the activities of the Bachelor Girls' Club. For some time now we have been working very actively but unobtrusively.

At our last meeting we received the resignation of our President (Miss Beth Denton) with much regret, but it was duly accepted. Our Secretary (Miss Dawn Smith) was suspended for a term of two years' duration owing to infidelity to the Club.

An election was held, resulting in the appointment of the following officials: President, Miss Clare McGee (late Virtue

President); Virtue President, Miss Noreen Perry; Secretary, Miss Joy Ison; Treasurer, Miss Shirley Yonge. A committee consisting of the above members, plus Misses M. Byrne, P. Davies, N. Mitcheson and P. Lopez, was formed.

We should like to congratulate Keith Cowan on passing his probationary period and also on gaining the coveted honour of the Order of the Garter. By the way, we wonder where he got the garter, seeing there is such a shortage of elastic—oh, it has just dawned on us.

During the past few weeks we have had many social and cultural excursions which have been enjoyed by all. In conclusion, we should like to stress the fact that we are silently working for the betterment of our Club and its members.

C. MCGEE,
President, B.G.C.

Dear Sir,—It has given me great pleasure in the past to read your paper, for it has shown all the promise of blooming youth with a really excellent career appearing over the not too distant horizon.

But it surprised me greatly when reading your paper of 3rd November to find such an article as that so ironically named "Style Spy." Upon reading it, I would think that "Praise Hunter" would be more appropriate. If ever an anonymous article was "un-anonymous," this must surely be it.

Naturally, I don't know who wrote it, but I am afraid that, due perhaps to the time of year, your standard of reporting has degenerated considerably. And it is with regret that I must say this, for up till now a very high standard of discrimination has been maintained.

The outstanding illustration of bad taste is that of mentioning the two best dressed girls in the College. This is the level of performance usually achieved by the second-rate society columnists of city papers, who obsequiously pander to the cliques society circles.

Has "Talkabout" deteriorated to this extent? I thought that we had become sufficiently enlightened to consider dress not as a mannequin parade, but merely a long-established and accepted convention. Apparently "Anonymous" is judging our fairer sex more as one would a horse race for "because we couldn't separate them" sounds more like Ken Howard at Randwick than a reporter for a tertiary institution's paper.

In conclusion, I should like to quote from your article, "Co-education—Error

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or Boon," of the same issue. Would it not "be wiser if we were to set the standard and allow the public to conform accordingly"—Yours faithfully,
"T."

"HON SOIT QUI . . ."
PERSPECTIVE AND VALUES

Dear Sir,—I note with dismay that this paper intends to run a series of articles on Japanese education.

The Jap. has only been a pupil, and a recalcitrant one at that, of Western culture for the past forty years. We could profit more by looking elsewhere.

Education is only a thin veneer covering the intellect. Intellect cannot be acquired by reading text books. This was proved during the war when the Jap. showed his true colours and reverted back to type—the animal.

As time passes, Japanese atrocities will be glossed over and people will be beguiled into buying Japanese goods. Although this step is inevitable, I sincerely hope that "Talkabout" will not be the first to follow in the footsteps of Iscariot.

The Japs. have been forcibly ejected from the Pacific—

" . . . while to their lowly dome,
The full-fed swine return'd with evening home;
Compell'd, reluctant, to the several sties,

With din obstreperous, and ungrateful cries."

Let the Japs keep their educational system for themselves: they can teach us nothing.

Yours faithfully,
JACK M. ACKHURST.

Pickwick Club

On Wednesday night, 12th November, the first meeting of the Pickwick Pipe Smokers' Club was held in the Common Room of Block 18. The main business besides pipe smoking was the election of an executive committee and the discussion of the Constitution.

Mr. R. Wood was elected President, Mr. R. James Vice-President, Mr. A. Thomson Secretary and Mr. J. Munro was elected advisor to the Constitution.

The outstanding points of the Constitution were these:—

That all members must have pipes and must smoke same during the meeting. Clay pipes have been included because the best about a clay pipe is that if you drop it you don't have to pick it up.

Ash must not be knocked on the floor but in the bins provided.

A member must be willing to lend his tobacco to other members who have legitimate reasons for asking for same. It must be noted that members must not "bludge."

The Pickwick handshake must be used by members on all occasions.

But the most important point is that this is not just to be a smoko session, because it is intended to have education discussions on world affairs or topics which come under the notice of members, and these discussions are to be of an organised nature.

A. H. THOMSON,
Secretary.



Recent developments seem to indicate that the number of couples congregating beneath the lamplight after meals is steadily increasing. Whether these newcomers are welcomed into this social gathering or not I cannot say, but there is a possibility that the older members resent having their respective styles cramped.

James Hartnett has already proved himself as a distance man in his line and seems to be faring well in his appreciation of the lamp.

Something is brewing in Miss Baker's short stays beneath the light. Possibly there will be a new twosome joining this organisation for good.

It appears that a certain don, not satisfied with winning the mannequin parade, is after the hand of Thelma, and to a casual observer it looks as though he may win again.

I look with interest into the progress of Bruce Logan since he resigned from his apprenticeship in the Bachelors' Club.

Talking of apprentices, Nell seems to have caught one.

Another tryer is Harry Gibbs, who has made as neta job as possible of winning his lass.

Keith Cowan is finding a girl for himself by the process of trial and error. We hope his real choice has dawned on him.

Bill O'Sullivan seems to be overcome by his Jonah and it's doubtful if he'll stay President of the Bachelors' Club long.

Rumour has it that Max Bell has challenged Laurie to a duel because of the latter's association with the former's true love in Mr. Wilcox's bower.

Noticed in a dark corner on Saturday night was a Gleeson with a young girl, but the month's not June, Jack.

We admire Gwen's Nilon stockings. Though untried on the track, Shirley Williams seems to be the fastest girl in the College at nicking off at night.

The dashing debonair Marcus of W.T.C. seems to be about to Bill and coo again. Let us hope this is not another of this great composer's unfinished symphonies.

Watching tennis and study I begin to wonder if there is any moore tailoring going on in the College.

The most impressive and consistent performer to date is Harry Robertson, who always comes home late and may be heard humming "Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair."

Some Rummey work seems to be going on over Aud Tanner lately.

Many of the girls cast envious glances when a taxi called to take Marg. to the ball, but the men weren't admiring the car.

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Club Reports

The Library Club has settled down once again to the making of the College picture file, after a few rather hectic and interesting weeks spent in preparing for our great event of the year, namely, Book Week.

The picture file will be particularly useful in a few days' time when we will go "prac. teaching." As every student will be permitted to borrow material from the file for use in supplementing their lessons, so at present the Library Club is occupied in really "vital" work.

The Hobbies' Club participated in a small way in Children's Book Week by making for the Library Club the three dolls seen on display—representing the three countries, Holland, Hungary and China.

So far, the Club has been disappointed in not providing rigid heddles for our looms. At the moment the Club is awaiting a reply from the C.W.A. in Sydney regarding these.

The disappointment, however, was overcome by the students' enthusiasm for basketry and leatherwork. Many articles have been completed in both these hobbies and many are still being made. A few of the members are contemplating branching into yet another group to do bookbinding.

The Debating Club reports that they have ceased activities for the term, because with the oncome of exams, no one could spend the time in preparing debates. Members had also offered to help the Viz-ed Club in the construction of pantographs.

Sunday night may also possibly be the last meeting of the Recorded Music Club. Last week the programme was Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and "The Entrance of the Gods Into Valhalla" by Wagner. We would like to thank Mr. Levis for his kindness in lending the records of the former to the Club.

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Qualifications: Applicant must not hold either Intermediate or Leaving Certificate. Knowledge of boarding-school and/or prison management considered essential. Preference for ex-Provost Corps. Applicants should be 30-45, have a wide experience of world, be unmarried and prepared to take bribes.

Duties: Successful applicants will be required to investigate women students walking-out after 7 p.m.; to discover deficiencies in men's dress and manners in the dining room; and to prepare significant graphs that will prove conclusively that College students aren't of an age to think for themselves.

Hours of Duty: (As for students) 90 per week.

Conditions of appointment and application forms may be obtained from the Editor, "Talkabout," or the Editor, "Red Tape."

METEOROLOGIST

Conditions as above.

Qualifications: Graduate or diploma of any Australian University.

Duties: Establishment of climatic observatory and weather bureau at the College. Prediction of fine days for sport and wet days for lecturers. Appointee will be expected in his spare time to determine whether any given day is uncomfortably hot or not. In this latter matter he is to co-operate with the House Detective(s).

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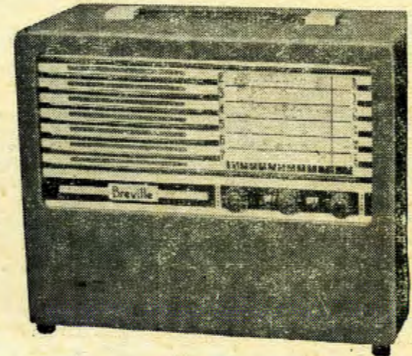
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The College Clip

We all came back from Gurwood,
As the mail-car left its load,
And a tiny little parcel
Started off the episode.

The strings were quickly cut,
The contents soon on show,
So fast the news was spread about,
The deaf would even know.

By seven in the evening
They had come from far and near,
Darby volunteered a haircut.
What a worthy pioneer!

We sat him on the table
Amid the laughs and cheers,
For Darby was indeed the first,
The first of the volunteers.

As fast the clippers clipped the hair,
Advice came loud and fast.
Some laughed till they could laugh no
more,
While others stood aghast.

My client's hair above his brow
No longer overlaps,
But his frequent exclamations
Can be counted from the gaps!

The odds were much against me,
As I've already said,
But the odds were more in the final
score,
For Darb. collapsed on the bed!

The onlookers, tired of laughing,
As they had done at the start,
And taking hold of Keith Cowan,
Then took an active part.

Noel then picked up the clippers,
Which left behind their track,
While Keith Cowan turned round and
round,
Trying to see the back.

Noel Davidson went up the back,
Col. Taylor did the side,
The "ups" and "downs" were little curves,
But, no "ridge" to mark the tide!

I was goaded on to try a shave,
And I'm always one who tries.
With the cut-throat sliding o'er his
throat,
'Twas fun to watch his eyes.

But by way of compensation
To a client in such despair,
I was forced to give him his revenge
By taking his place in the chair.

And if your lectures prove too boring,
And time's dragging slowly on,
Review the latest haircut!
Weigh the pro's and cons!

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Ball to Ball

COLLEGE B TEAM BAT

Dave Rummery won the toss for the B team and their openers faced up to Hodges and McLaughlan. Cummins and Lyons retreated from the firing line, leaving behind Rees and Bree.

BATSMAN FLAYS BOWLING

By forceful batting Paul Rees caused the opening bowlers to retire into the outfield. He then proceeded to flay the change bowlers.

HANDY PARTNERSHIP

Bree batted solidly at the other end, but he was nicely caught at forward square leg by Gibbs off Bell, after bringing up a handy partnership of 52.

BREWSTER'S HAT TRICK

Rees continued to bat splendidly, cracking sixers off Bell and Brewster. At the other end, however, the dry rot set in. Jack Brewster turned on a marvellous bowling display. He took four wickets off four balls, had a catch dropped off the next, then finished the A team's innings with the first ball of the next over.

OPENER GETS GOING

Chasing 81 Murray Millar with his partner Peter Debenham batted vigorously, despatching Bieler to the boundary on numerous occasions. The first wicket fell at 78 when Bieler caught Debenham at long mid-on.

FIELDING WEAK

At this stage the fielding of the College B team in the air was very poor. Easy catches from both Millar and Debenham went begging. If all these catches are taken in the future the College B team will be a formidable combination.

DOUBLE TO PLAYER

The batsmen continued to score freely but Nilon and Millar both tossed their wickets away when going for big hits.

Brewster raced along to 50, scoring freely all around the wicket, thus completing a good double.

Arthur Smith has at last thrown off the hoodoo and in his innings scored

patiently to reach 27 not out at stumps. The other not out man was John Skein who has ten runs on the board.

COLLEGE A IN GOOD POSITION

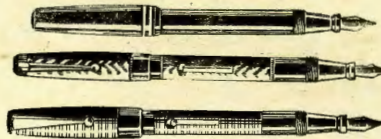
With 207 runs up the A team are in a good position for an outright win. But this hope may be dashed if Rees and Bree get settled in.

Some biology students decided to play a joke on the lecturer. They got the body of a Japanese beetle as a chassis, substituted the legs of three grasshoppers for its own and glued on the feelers of a moth. They presented the concoction to the lecturer and told him that they couldn't identify it. He peered at it for a few seconds and declared: "Gentlemen, this is indeed a rare find. It is an insect rarely encountered in the insect world—some people call it humbug."

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Shade and Beauty

Have you looked down Gurwood Street and admired the long line of Oriental Plane trees framing the street and casting welcome shade over the footpaths, or the trees in the Memorial Gardens or the stately rows of Poplars along the Esplanade? Have you ever seen the Rose Gardens or the Azaleas in the Botanical Gardens in Spring? Have you ever seen drab school buildings in country areas set in bare playgrounds, no lawns, no trees, no shrubs? or even big modern schools set in bitumen, concrete or dust?

Pleasant and beautiful surroundings make every-day routine less monotonous, and a beautiful garden is a living, constantly changing thing, which can never be commonplace.

A properly planned school garden provides not only shade and beauty, but masses of material for nature study which can be taught in its right environment, and children caring for

garden plants will have their curiosity aroused and will learn quickly and easily as can never be achieved by only examining specimens or having talks on living things in the classroom. These living things can only be observed effectively in their own habitat and there the children's powers of observation can be trained.

The College gardens have only started. They are being planted with every possible variety of introduced and native trees and shrubs that will grow in the Wagga climate. The aim is to make the College environs colourful and pleasing, where students may enjoy the shady trees on well-kept lawns in Summer, admire the Autumn tints and the blaze of colour in Spring.

The large number of different varieties which are to be clearly labelled is to increase the students' knowledge of trees and shrubs, in the hope that they will find pleasure in cultivating some of these in their own private gardens later, and, in particular, to plant and turn the desolate school grounds where they are appointed into the beautiful surroundings they should be. Even the most modest structure takes on a new and pleasing appearance if set in beautiful surroundings.

There is no school in the State where the surroundings are too dry for some hardy species to grow.

In order that schools in this district may make their playgrounds shady and beautiful, the College is establishing a nursery to strike cuttings and grow plants from seed to supply these schools with the best varieties of trees and shrubs and later bulbs.

Students from this College after appointment to schools may at any time write back to the College for trees and shrubs to plant in their school grounds, or ask advice on the varieties most suitable for the conditions in the districts in which they are teaching.

Let us all get away from the utilitarian idea of a school. Let us get away from the concept that a school is a place where a few fundamental facts are assimilated by children, and consider education as a broad training inculcating those things which are important in life.

Among other things, let us surround our schools with shade and beauty. It may mean some initial hard work, but it is well worth it to the teacher, the pupil and the community.

A. S. CORNELL.

"Now that you have your divorce how do you feel?" asked a friend of a woman who had recently won her freedom.

"I feel like a new man," she replied confidently.

A gentleman of our acquaintance didn't like to be disturbed when reading the paper. When a friend of his wife's brought a whining poodle into his inner sanctum he asked with great interest: "Your first dog, Miss Smith?"