

Exploration Club

The Exploration Club was founded early in 1966, with the aim of undertaking expeditions with an element of exploration and adventure and carrying out field studies of definite value. The May Expedition, consisting of three members of staff and 18 boys, spent a week in the Stirling Ranges. It established a two-day 'high altitude' camp on the summit of Bluff Knoll, and whilst meeting the challenge of living in such a difficult environment, it undertook field studies in geology, botany and surveying; the support group learnt some of the skills of rock climbing.

The August expedition travelled 1800 miles in a fortnight. Pierre Springs, on the Canning Stock Route, north-east of Wiluna. The members, 13 boys and three members of staff, were grouped for botany, zoology and geomorphology. Specimens were collected for the museum, and displayed by the club in the Naturalist Club's "Wild Life Show" in September.

More important than any tangible results are the benefits to the explorers themselves. A group of people have, together, taken part in genuine investigations. In doing so, each one has contributed to the final result, and learnt a good deal about himself and something of other people. And, above all, each has experienced being part of a team in a real adventure.

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the past, who are in the stream of current ideas and who can make use of them, and who have the quality of imagination that is capable of foreseeing and welcoming the future". Nevertheless we shall need to have greater concern for the individual to balance the impersonal and mechanistic nature of our mass society. Emphasis on the growth of personality and individuality will be vital if we are to counter the strong tendencies towards deference to the group and the moulding of uniformity of tastes, these tendencies derive from a sense of insecurity and an immaturity.

In the planning for the age of automation in which the pace of change is quickening, technology becoming more and more specialized, propaganda more subtle the school must give more time to developing in students the competence to understand and deal with such complexities. It must provide the environment in which the student learns to think clearly, to feel deeply and to act wisely, in which the qualities of spontaneity and originality are valued and provided for in the everyday school programme and the creative spark is fanned not smothered.

The School Council is planning for this future conscious of the need to provide additional buildings and equipment so that the new concepts of teaching through the media of television, team teaching, language laboratories, programmed learning and tutorials can be effectively operated. Through sympathetic, compassionate pastoral and counselling activities it aims to build an environment in which the Spirit of God, God the Creator, can work and in which each boy can be inspired to a life of service and creative purpose.



"Into the Straight." Under 16, 200 metres, at the School Sports.

Sporting Roundup, 1966

Christ Church has met with very different degrees of success in sport this year. Hockey, rugby and gymnastics results were excellent, while rowing, swimming, cricket, tennis and football results were only mediocre. (Of course, the standard of the teams cannot be judged merely by their results.) Swimming, for example, showed a marked improvement in form on previous years, although the team only gained fifth place in the P.S.A. carnival.

Rugby probably has been our strongest sport this year. The first XV, captained by M. Lumsden, lost only one match, while the second XV, captained by J. Arkle, won every game - only three points were scored against the team during the season. Both teams came first in their divisions of the P.S.A. competition.

Hockey also has been extremely successful this year. The first XI, captained by K. Harrison, came equal first, with Aquinas, in the P.S.A. competition, the second XI came first, as did the under 16 'A' team. This is the first time that the first XI has met with such success. Some indication of the high standard of hockey in the school is given by the selection of three players, R. J. Campbell, I. Brown and R. Charlesworth, in the State under-16 team; Campbell was made vice-captain of the team. Charlesworth was later selected to play in the combined sides under 16 team.

Gymnastics this year has met with the success that has come to be expected of Christ Church, and again Mr. Kovacs has shown its effectiveness. Captain of the gymnastics team was C. Redcliff, who came second in the State Junior A-grade championships to vice-captain K. Rutter. Christ Church won the junior C grade State team championships.

Rowing has been Christ Church's most spectacularly successful sport since the school first entered the P.S.A. rowing competition eight years ago. This year, we did not meet with quite the same success as in previous year, but nevertheless the high standard expected of us was maintained. The first VIII, stroked by G. Hanson, came second to Aquinas in the Head of the River, and in the few weeks before this, stroked by J. Ransom, won the Canning Regatta and came third in the Wesley Regatta. No crew won a race in the P.S.A. Regatta, but the second VIII also came second, and no crew finished further back in the field than fifth.

Cricket this year has not been as success-

ful as in previous years. The first XI, captained by D. Anderson, played well in a closely-matched field to come fifth in the P.S.A. competition. Some idea of how fierce the competition was can be gained from the fact that we only needed to win the last game of the season to be within one point of first place. The second XI, captained by T. Lovegrove, did very well to come first in its division without losing a match, and the under 16 'A' team were also premiers.

Tennis is a sport that until very recently has been somewhat neglected by the P.S.A. Only last year was tennis accepted as a standard competition sport. So far, Christ Church has not excelled at tennis. This year, the first four performed very creditably to gain fourth place; some excellent tennis was played by this team, notably captain P. Holten and vice-captain W. Munyard. With the recent introduction of the new courts and a practice board within the school grounds in preparation for next year, however, there is a fair prospect of better results being attained in the future.

Swimming showed a marked improvement this year. The Christ Church team, captained by R. Hammond, won the Quadrangular Swimming Sports and came fifth in the P.S.A. carnival. There was a general improvement in the performance, and the results of the team as a whole showed that Christ Church can produce first class swimmers. Four boys from the school, M. J. Moncrieff, W. S. Martin, A. Knox and K. N. Pallot set a new State record for the under 14, 4 x 55 yd relay in the State trials.

Football in 1966 was, in general, unsuccessful. The first XVIII, captained by M. Ewing, lost every game in the season to come sixth in the P.S.A. competition. The only football team which really met with any success was the under 16 'A' team, captained by R. S. B. Campbell which came first in its division.

The Athletic team performed creditably in the Quadrangular Sports finishing second to Guildford by 4 points. At the Inters our all round strength carried us into 4th place comfortably defeating Guildford and Wesley. Notably among our performances were Kim Harrison's win in the Open Shot Put and Bob Merrell's sprinting Under 17.

Thus 1966 was shown up our weaknesses and displayed our strengths, and it is up to the teams of 1967 to strengthen those weaknesses and maintain those strengths.

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YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

A report from the Headmaster

On February 7, 1967 - the first day of the school year - Christ Church will have reached the 58th year of its foundation, for it was on this day in 1910 that the Rev. W. J. McClemons opened the school with an enrolment of 16 boys.

Ten years later the enrolment had reached 107 and the Diocese of Perth had established a Council for Church of England Schools which was responsible for both Guildford and Christ Church. The numbers had fallen to 90 by 1930 in spite of the devotion and untiring efforts of the Headmaster, the Rev. L. W. Parry.

It is recorded in the minutes of the Council Meeting of June 1929 that Archdeacon Huddleston stated that: "If the Council gave the same thought and consideration to Christ Church School as it has given to Guildford Grammar School, he thought the Council could make it a successful School". Renewed efforts were made. The Girls High School was purchased - Queenslea House today - and alterations and renovations were begun. But the depression brought to a halt these plans and aspirations and the war which followed meant unforseen difficulties and frustrations. By 1950 the enrolment had reached 263 of whom only 113 were in the Senior School and the Leaving Certificate class had 15 students. Financially the School was in serious difficulties and there was idle talk of closing the school. However the Commission set up by the Perth Diocesan Synod in 1949 to enquire into the Church Schools expressed faith and a reasonable hope for the future, in 1950 it reported "With good leadership and wise and careful management we believe that Christ Church could take its place amongst the best schools of the land, and become an educational asset of immense value to Church and State". The Most Rev. R. W. Moline, Archbishop of Perth gave his unqualified support and his faith in the School dispelled the doubts of many. The 1950 Synod adopted the report and recommendations. Christ Church was to have its own Council to manage and govern it. The School was to stand on its own feet - it was to be independent.

THE YEARS OF GROWTH

The story of the years 1951 - 1966 is an enthralling one. Mr. J. E. D. Batty, Mr. H. N. Giles and Mr. Frank Gamblen who

had been members of the Council for Church of England Schools and its committees, were elected Fellows of the new School Council. They had worked untiringly as members of the original Council to bring about changes and improvements in the School. Mr. Batty served as Chairman for nearly 12 years until 1962 when Mr. G. D. Clarkson Q.C., another Old Boy, was elected to that position. For sixteen years Dr. Leigh Cook and Mr. Frank Gamblen have been Fellows of the Council and throughout this period Dr. Cook has been vice-Chairman. The faith and wisdom, imagination and vitality of the Governing Body is the key to this chapter of the School's history.

The story of the growth of the School is illustrated in the following figures.

	Preparatory School	Senior School	Total enrolment
1951	150	109	259
1955	167	204	371
1960	237	428	665
1965	233	596	829
1966	245	608	853

The growth has been spectacular even when compared with the rapid development in education in the State. The numbers in state secondary schools have trebled in this period but our senior school is nearly six times greater while the overall increase has been more than three times. Yet this growth has been controlled and by resolution of Council the enrolment of the Preparatory School has been fixed at 250 ± and the Senior School 600 ±. This ceiling has already been reached so that no further increase in numbers is contemplated under the present organisation of primary and secondary education in this State.

GROWING PAINS

This growth has placed considerable responsibility on the Council for in 1951 the school was in financial straits and the buildings, facilities and equipment were in-



Mr. P. M. Moyes, B.A., Headmaster.

adequate. Sound financial planning, imagination and foresight have enabled the school to provide sufficient classrooms, vastly improved educational facilities and playing fields. Since the three classrooms of the Memorial Building were opened in 1953 there has not been a single year in which some new building or project has not been under way or completed. In all twentyone classrooms, eight science laboratories and their ancillary rooms, the Preparatory and Senior School libraries and Staff rooms, Senior Masters' studies, the Arts Centre, change rooms, the Memorial Hall, McClemons boarding house and extensive additions to Queenslea House, the Memorial Boat Shed, the Memorial Pavilion at Mount Claremont, tennis courts and four additional playing fields have been purchased, built or developed.

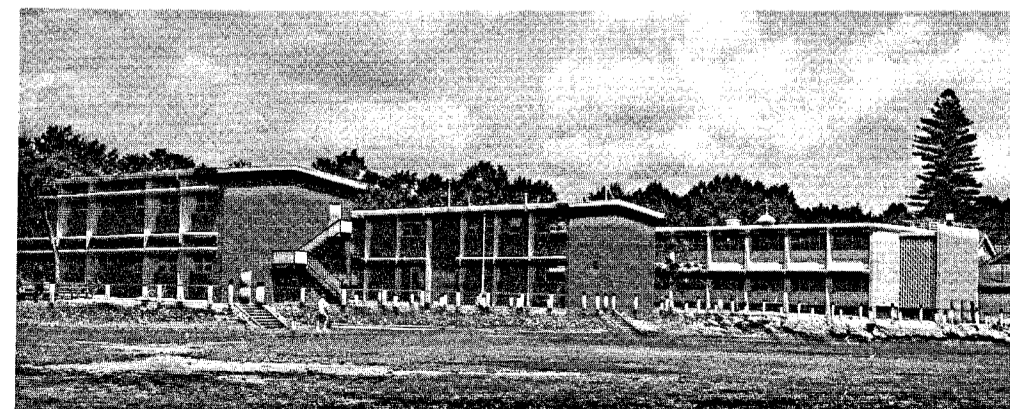
STANDARDS & STATUS

Students and buildings do not alone make a school. The quality of staff and the teacher-student ratio are of vital importance. In a period when the demand for teachers has exceeded the supply owing to the rapid expansion not only of primary and secondary education but also in the tertiary and technical fields, the policy laid down in 1951 of employing well qualified men and women has been followed and the result has been the growth of a sound attitude to learning and an academic standard of which we are rightly proud. More important still has been the creation of an educational environment which has vitality and purpose.

As a school we have established ourselves in this community through membership of the Headmasters Conference of Australia and of the United Kingdom Headmasters Conference. The School through the Staff has given a lead in education. For instance it was at Christ Church that the idea of Modern Language Camps originated. It has also played the major part in organising refresher courses for Staff of Independent Church Schools and the lead in Physical Education is widely acknowledged.

THE FUTURE

But we are entering a new age - the age of automation. As Leon Bagrit said: "We shall have to produce men and women who are able to understand the significance of



Recent additions: The new advanced science wing (right) and the Memorial Block.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

The last fifteen years have seen the formation and confirmation of a school policy towards academic standards that has paid off handsomely in terms of successful careers at tertiary level. Simply stated, the policy is this: in the light of an individual's responsibility towards his community and himself, priority will be given to his studies. Sporting, artistic and social activities are strongly encouraged at the school, but a boy's academic achievement has a direct and close bearing on his future vocation.



MR. GRESLEY CLARKSON, Q.C.

A noted Old Boy of Christ Church Grammar School is the former Chairman of the School Council, Mr. Gresley Clarkson, Q.C., now Mr. Justice Clarkson of the Papua and New Guinea Supreme Court.

Mr. Clarkson was Captain of School in 1933. After leaving school he graduated in Law at the University of Western Australia and was admitted in December, 1939. He served in the A.I.F. from 1941 to 1945, attaining the rank of major and being mentioned in despatches. Mr. Clarkson practised in Kalgoorlie until 1948. He then moved to Perth and, in 1963, commenced practice as a barrister with the newly formed Bar. In August, 1965, Mr. Clarkson was appointed Queen's Counsel.

At present he is President-elect of the Law Society of Western Australia of which he has been Vice-President for some years. He is a Visiting Lecturer in Law at the University of Western Australia.

While at school he captained the 1st XI cricket team and was a member of the 1st XVIII football, the tennis and athletics teams. At university he captained the Rugby Union team and represented Western Australia in that sport. He represented the University in the 1st XI cricket side, and also in the Inter-University Debating competition.

Since the War, Mr. Clarkson has continued with his interests in cricket, golf and fishing. When the 10th Light Horse Regt. was reformed after the War, he was for some time the Regiment's Second-in-Command.

Mr. Clarkson has been an active member of the Old Boys' Association and, in 1953, was elected as an Old Boys' representative on the School Council. In 1963, he was elected Chairman of the Council, in which position he has since remained.

Mr. Clarkson is married and has three children. Of his two sons, one is now an Old Boy of Christ Church, while the other is still at school.

Christ Church has come a long way since 1952 when, of the 5 boys who sat for their Leaving, 1 passed, and of the 29 who sat for their Junior, 11 passed. Furthermore, those 5 Leaving boys were all that remained of the 1950 Junior group, of 21 boys. Put that against the 91 boys who sat for their Leaving in 1965, 56 of whom matriculated for entry into the University, and who came from a Junior group of 127, 103 of whom gained their Junior Certificates and hence were allowed to pass into Sub-Leaving. The records of the Public Examinations results for this school form a gratifying study, especially when placed together with the academic achievements of Old Boys at the University, Teachers' Training College, Technical School and other tertiary-level establishments.

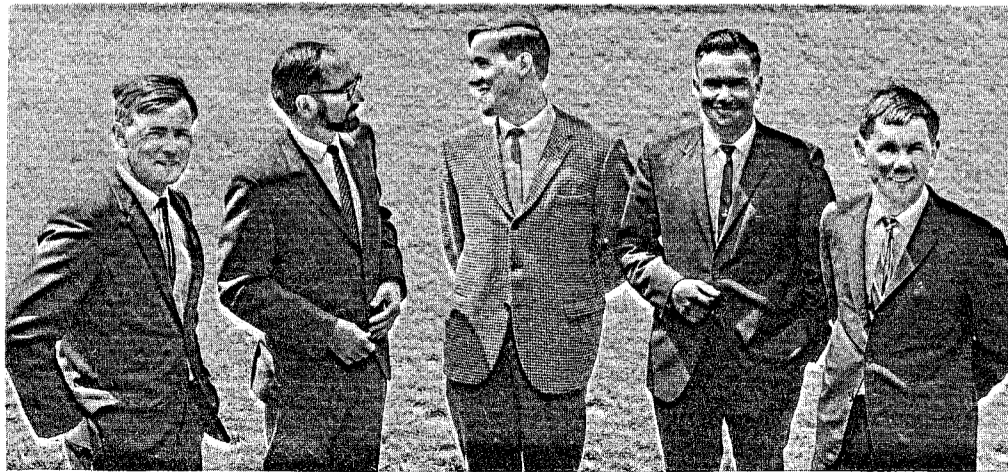
Figures arouse their own misgivings in the minds of certain parents. What does it mean, they ask, to be told that in 1965 there were, out of a group of 57 boys sitting for Leaving Maths B, 50 passes, 19 of which were distinctions? What does it mean when the school's 35-boy top Junior stream acquires 24 Commonwealth Secondary Scholarships? Does it mean that the academically average boy, by no means outstanding scholastically, is neglected?

On this point, the figures speak for themselves.

Percentage of students of First Year intake in 1958 who were in Fifth Year in 1962:-

Government schools	13.5%
Boys from ALL schools	21%
Girls from ALL schools	15%
Christ Church	57%

Let us say, then, that at Christ Church in 1962, 2½ times more boys were held to Fifth Year than the whole State average (the figure is, of course, slightly higher in actual fact). What were the 1962 school Leaving Certificate passes? They were, 40 Leaving passes out of 58. Consult the Martin Report and the Education Department records and it will become clear that this was roughly equal to the pass rate for the entire State. The staggering fact emerges that the School achieved the same Leaving pass rate as the State in that year while allowing over 2½ times more boys a successful chance at the Leaving than the whole State. And since there is no discriminatory entrance examination into the School, one conclusion



OLD BOYS ON THE STAFF

L. to R.: Tony Burns, David Hutchison, Peter Walsh, Arthur Gate, Tim Russell.

grows more incontestably apparent the more these figures are pondered: the School caters for the average boy as well as for the academically inclined. In fact, if there is any doubt left in the parents' mind, consider this: from 57% in 1962, the School's holding power has grown to 83.6% in 1966 as against the State figure of 19.3% --- and yet, in 1965, our 91 Leaving boys gained 28 Commonwealth Scholarships, 3 General Exhibitions, 3 Advanced Education Scholarships and 80 distinctions, with 56 Matriculations (a record number).

The Junior Certificate figures also support the School's contention that it does justice to the average as well as to the above-average boy. In 1965, better than 95% of the 1963 First Year intake sat for their Junior Certificate; the State figure for the same period was approximately 70%. In this year, as always, the School stood by its policy of letting any boy, no matter how academically weak, take the examination, provided only that he had worked for it. Yet the School's pass rate was 73%, while the State figure was 74%. To gain some idea of what difference there would have been to the School's results had, in contravention of the existing policy, only academically able boys been allowed to sit, one should bear in mind that the pass rates in the two top streams were 100% and 91%.

One of the basic principles of a democracy, and especially of a Christian democracy, is that there should be equal opportunity for all. The outstanding achievement of the School is that it has consistently upheld this principle and has still succeeded in holding its own with the remaining schools, both Independent and Government, throughout the State. Over the period 1962 to 1965 the School has secured 12 University Exhibitions out of the 84 awarded. (Perth Modern School has gained 11 in the same period, John Curtin 6 and Aquinas 5). This is no accident. Our Staff and boys have worked hard to achieve these results.

The School does not promise miracles. To offer 100% pass rates in every scholastic sphere and at all levels would mean a restriction of intake to a dishearteningly narrow band of the academic spectrum. What the School does promise is that if a boy works hard, placing the emphases in his school life where they properly belong, he will achieve a start in life which will ensure that he need never look back.

A 50th Anniversary

March 24, 1967 will be a date of great significance for the Old Boys' Association, as it was 50 years ago on that date that twenty-six Old Boys gathered at the school to constitute the Inaugural Meeting of the Christ Church Grammar School Old Boys' Association.

The major business on this occasion was the election of the following Office Bearers:

President: Mr. S. C. Noake (Headmaster), Christ Church School)

Vice Presidents: Canon W. J. McClemons (School Founder) Rev. R. J. Smith, W. F. Preshaw, W. T. Loton.

Committee: P. W. Parker (Chairman), J. C. Rooney (Secretary), K. Whitlock (Treasurer), M. S. Brooking, H. Boys, R. Kendall, T. C. Parker, K. R. Piesse.

The Old Boy's Association commenced activities and over the past 50 years has made a major contribution towards the development of the School.

THE EARLY YEARS

The first few years of operation were exceedingly active ones for the Association and a review of the records indicate that a most dedicated group of Old Boys directed activities during this period.

In the first year the Old Boys' magazine "The Mitre" went into circulation a few editions were published before, due to financial reasons, its control was transferred to the School and it eventually became the School Magazine.

Aside from organising a range of successful sporting and social events, the first Committee succeeded in its first year in:

- drawing up a Roll of Honour for Old Boys away in the services of the Great War
- designing a draft of the Old Boys Constitution which was later adopted in July, 1918.

War Memorials have always occupied a position of prominence on the Agendas of Committee Meetings and the first accomplishment in this connection was made in 1918 with the construction of a Memorial to "Algy" Whitnell, the only Old Boy killed during the Great War.

PURPOSE & ACHIEVEMENT

Since its formation, the aims of the Old Boy's Association have been to:-



1934 CHAMPION OLD BOYS' HOCKEY TEAM

Standing: W. Sudlow, D. Moseley, L. Angel, G. Martin, C. Bickford, T. Bedells.

Sitting: C. Armstrong, H. N. Boys (Vice-Capt.), M. S. Brooking (Capt.), T. W. G. Flintoff, H. N. Giles.

- promote fellowship amongst Old Boys and between Old Boys and students of the School, and -

- generally further the interests and prosperity of the School.

Every year the Committee organises Old Boys' functions in accordance with these aims such as -

- sporting events against the School and the Parents Association
- Old Boys representation in Interschool and Public School Association sporting events
- social functions for Old Boys

Many money raising campaigns have been conducted over the years, the proceeds of which have been donated to the School in various forms but mainly as Memorial buildings.

Old Boy's Association finances equipped the School Gymnasium in 1932 and a Gymnasium Fund continued to assist this cause.

However, the most successful money raising activity in the history of the Association came following the formation of the C. C. G. S. War Memorial Fund Association in 1952.

In this association, the Old Boys and Parents Association combined forces and rapidly swelled the funds destined to make a substantial contribution in building additions to the School over the past 14 years.

Two of the most successful money makers for the Memorial Fund Association have been the Annual Fete and the "Circle C" Square Dancing Club, the latter having run for several seasons during the '50's.

In 1936, when the Old Boy's Bursary Fund was established. Although the Bursary has been discontinued, up until the early '50's it assisted in bringing to the School selected boys of scholastic and athletic ability.

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

During the past 15 years, the School Council has achieved a record of achievement in planning and directing the School's progress and rapid growth.

Members of the Old Boy's Association have been, and still are, prominent on the School Council.

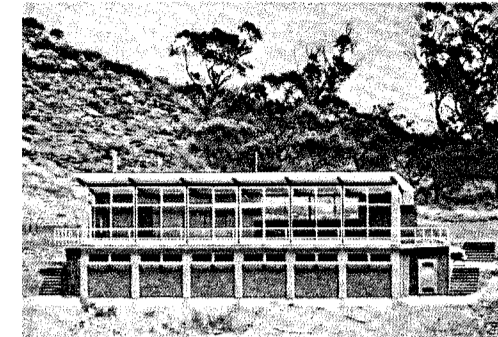
Today's representatives, G. D. Clarkson (Chairman of Council), J. Lord and T. Flintoff, three Old Boys who have given outstanding service to the association.

OLD BOYS HOCKEY CLUB

Many attempts over the years have been made to form Old Boys Sporting Clubs. Athletics, Rugby and Basketball clubs have been attempted but have never got under way.

Only the Old Boys Hockey Club has been successful.

In spite of some lean times since its inception in 1933, the Hockey Club today embraces a large group of Old Boys and



The Memorial Pavilion on the James Battye Oval.

contributes greatly to the overall strength of the Old Boy's Association.

The Hockey Club this year fielded five teams each of which achieved prominence.

TODAY & TOMORROW

Today's financial Membership of the Old Boy's Association stands at approximately 340.

This figure compared with the initial membership of approximately 40 members may seem large. However, in relation to the School's present size (850 boys), and recent rate of growth it is quite small.

In recent years, the Committee has become increasingly aware of the need for change in the nature of Association activities.

Many Old Boys desire to see the Association become the largest and most active in the Public Schools group.

They realise that this is achievable only through increasing membership and accelerating general activity.

Under the Presidency of Mr. Ron Dawson, the present Committee is working towards a complete review of its structure and activity and is also conducting an assessment of future requirements.

It seems most fitting therefore, that on the eve of its 50th Anniversary, the Old Boy's Association fronts up to one of the most challenging and stimulating periods in its history.

All of us in the O.B.A. wish it well in this all important year.

Phil Parker, the inaugural Chairman of Committee (equivalent to today's President) and his brother Tom (also a member of the original Committee) attended Christ Church Grammar School 1911 - 13.

After a few months as Chairman, he decided to work his way to England and joined the British Army where he was eventually accepted into the famous Pioneer Regiment.

He later spent many years in India with the British India Frontier Forces and rose to the rank of Brigadier.

World War II saw him C.O. of a Gurkha Regiment in Malaya where he was soon captured and interned in Changi by the Japanese until 1945.

During this time his wife and son lived in W.A.

Phil returned several years after the war and returned to England where he is now an expert breeder of pigs and turkeys.

According to Jim Battye and Merv Brooking, who occasionally correspond with Phil, he still has a very soft spot for his native land and old friends.

THE STORY OF CHRIST CHURCH

During his charge to the 1908 Synod of the Diocese of Perth, Bishop Riley announced that "the time has come when we should be thinking of following the example of other States and have a Church of England Grammar School here. I commend this to your serious attention."

In the following year, on 2nd August, the Rev. W. J. McClemons, Rector of Christ Church Claremont, addressed a letter to the Diocesan Secretary in which he made application to the Diocesan Trustees for them to purchase land in Claremont for a Diocesan Preparatory School for boys.

The application was subsequently granted and a portion of slightly more than half an acre was purchased on the corner of Queenslea Drive and Stirling Highway. This land was part of some eight acres which could be available in the future. Plans for the proposed building were approved and the Diocese lent £100 towards the cost.

On February 7th 1910, the Christ Church Preparatory School for boys was opened. There was one classroom and an initial enrolment of nine day boys. Canon McClemons ran the school, at the same time carrying on as Rector of Christ Church.

Enrolment at the School slowly increased and eventually boarders were accepted. At first they were accommodated in the Rectory, and later rooms at Lucknow (now Bethesda Hospital) were rented. School property was also increasing. In 1911, two and a half acres of land was bought and in 1913 and 1914 further land was purchased in Queenslea Drive. Additions to the school building were carried out in 1912 and 1913.

In 1914, a loan was secured to finance the construction of boarding accommodation, subject to the school coming under the jurisdiction of the proposed Council for Church of England Schools.

The building which was erected in Queenslea Drive now forms part of the Administrative block.

Canon McClemons, who had been forced to pay for two classrooms out of his own pocket, resigned in 1915 and joined the A.I.F. as a chaplain. In 1916, Mr. S.C. Noake was appointed Headmaster of the school which had grown in numbers to 120, of whom thirty five were boarders. The same year Christ Church came under the direct management of the Diocesan Trustees on 1st September.

Then in 1917, Synod passed the Church of England Schools Statute, which brought Christ Church and also Guildford under the control of one Council - the Council for Church of England Schools. However until 1920, Christ Church did not have any representation on this Council. Other events of some importance in 1917 were:-

- (1) The Headmaster's recommendation to the Council that the school should be raised to University Junior Examination Level was appointed. Hitherto, Christ Church had been a Preparatory School only.
- (11) The formation of the Old Boys' Association, and later in the year its first Annual Dinner.

In 1918, and again in 1919, Christ Church suffered from an acute shortage of finance for school development. The only development that appears to have occurred at this stage was the levelling and preparation of the main oval at a cost of some £250. After clearing the lupins (a regular detention task) the ground was levelled with a horse and scoop to form what was then perhaps the finest oval amongst the independent schools.

ANXIOUS TIMES

There were now serious doubts about the future of Christ Church. Early in August 1919, one of the Fellows of the Council for Church of England Schools, stated that his opinion "was against any attempt to establish another Church of England Secondary School at Claremont or in the vicinity of Perth, unless you desire to court financial difficulties". A subcommittee was appointed to investigate the financial outlook of the school. Its report - "that there seemed no hope of making Christ Church School a paying proposition and immediate steps should be taken to dispose of the property".

The suggestion was seriously considered and for some time the fate of the School hung in the balance. Naturally enough, the offer to purchase three properties adja-

months (i.e. to the end of 1929). For a time progress was made. During 1925, the bathroom and change room facilities were improved considerably at the boarding house. There was also some improvement to the grounds. Enrolment was close to one hundred.

Then in 1926 - 27 Christ Church again went downhill financially and Canon Parry suffered large personal losses. 1928 saw some stabilisation in the situation, but at the end of his lease, Canon Parry had, understandably, had enough. He declined to renew the lease but offered to stay on as Headmaster on the condition that the Council show some interest and give some encouragement to the school.

It appeared that this support might be forthcoming. On January 1st 1930, the



Early Days: Opening of the main School block in 1914.

cent to the school was declined by the Council. It was at this stage however, that parents of boys attending Christ Church moved into the discussion. Acting through Mr. R.H. Sudlow, a Committee of Parents offered to take over the management of the school rather than see it closed down.

CONTINUING VICISSITUDES

Eventually, the Council voted to keep Christ Church School open. In the meantime, the indecision about the School's future had imposed a severe strain on Mr. Noake and his health deteriorated. He offered his resignation in December 1921.

Mr. H.S. Thompson was appointed Headmaster in 1922, but stayed for one year only, and in 1923 the Reverend L. W. Parry was transferred from Guildford Grammar School to become the Headmaster of Christ Church. He again had a continual battle to keep the School on its feet.

The school was continually in debt and finally the Council in 1924 leased Christ Church to Canon Parry for five years and 7

school reverted to full Council control with Canon Parry remaining Headmaster. The name was changed at this point to Christ Church Grammar School.

The change in the Council's outlook resulted in firstly, a sum of £3000 being paid to Canon Parry to cover his personal losses during his lease, and, secondly, a loan of £18,000 was arranged for "the development of Christ Church Grammar School so that it would be worthy of the Anglican Church and would be brought into a state of profit".

An offer to purchase a property adjoining Christ Church was accepted. This property was occupied by the Girls High School which had now amalgamated with St. Hilda's. The extensive grounds (now the Top Oval) and buildings (now Queenslea House) allowed a great deal of expansion. Things really began to look up. In 1931, the former boarding house (the present main administrative block) in Queenslea Drive became the Upper School. The dining room and kitchen became the school gymnasium.

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(Later this part of the building - the Southern Wing - was again altered to form two science laboratories and a library. Later still it became two classrooms and a Biology Laboratory).

1931 was also marked by the unfortunate death of Mr. B.A. Wheeler who had been a master at the school since the early 1920's. He was a tireless worker for Christ Church, and among his many activities he found time to raise money to build the original boatshed, and also the Scout House.

THE DEPRESSION

Just when Christ Church seemed about to fulfil Canon McClemans dream of becoming a great school, the depression came. This had a profound effect on all Church Schools, and Christ Church Grammar School was no exception. Salaries and the number of masters were reduced. Enrolment fell, and to top it off, the Council proposed that the boarding side of Christ Church be abandoned, apparently in the hope that the remaining boarders would transfer to Guildford Grammar School. It was also proposed that Christ Church be reverted to Preparatory School status.

This was the last straw for Canon Parry, and in 1932 he resigned. He had however, despite the frustrations and difficulties, achieved much at the school.

Following Canon Parry's resignation, the Council in 1933 appointed Mr. B.T. Walters B.A. as Headmaster, he being transferred from Guildford Grammar School. The threatened closure of the boarding house did not eventuate, but the total of seventy eight pupils was the lowest for many years.

GROWTH & SETBACKS

The total enrolment also slowly increased and by 1936 there were 147 boys at the school - the highest number yet. By 1939 it was almost 200.

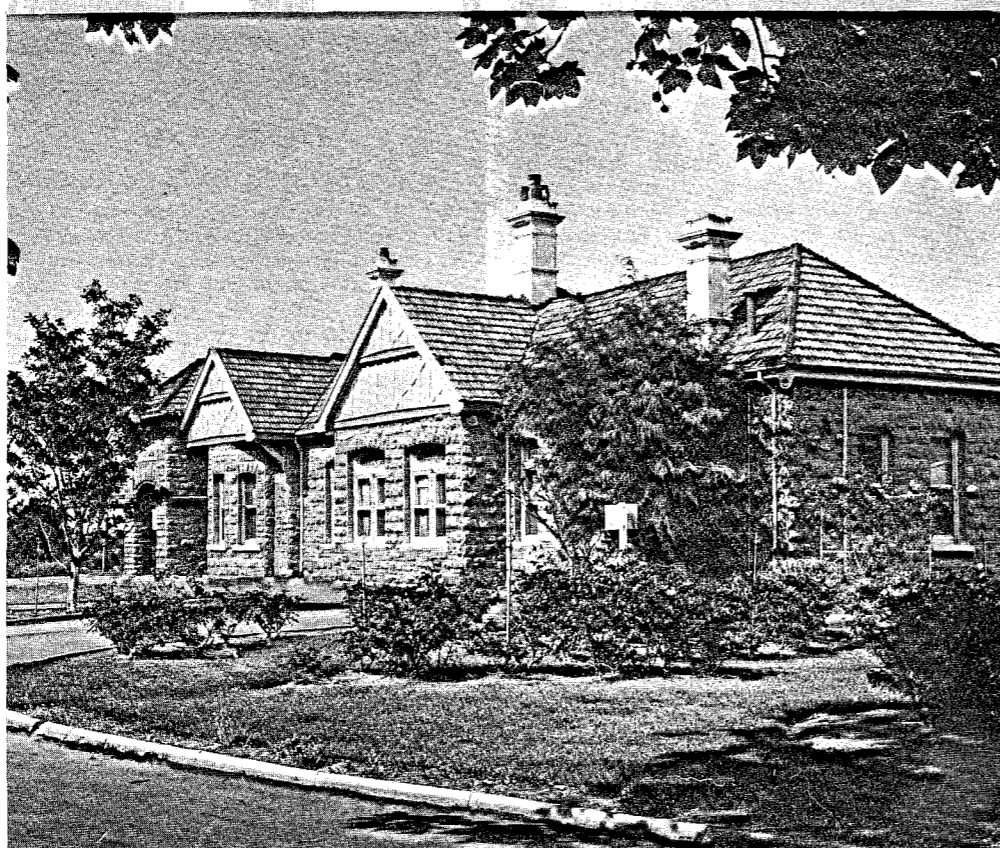
Once again Christ Church suffered a setback. This time it was the Second World War. There was difficulty in keeping the school open because of lack of finance. For some three years, during which at practically every Council meeting there had been some discussion on the closing of the school this unhappy situation existed. Eventually Mr. Walter's health failed and on November 6th, 1942 he resigned.

At Easter 1942, Fremantle Hospital took over Queenslea House as nurses quarters for the Bethesda Hospital. As a result some thirty-two of the Christ Church boarders were moved to Margaret House, St. Hilda's until the end of the year. In the meantime the girls had been moved to Bencubbin.

The following year, 1942, saw the Reverend L.R. Jupp, an old boy of Christ Church, appointed as the Headmaster for a period of five years. He arrived at a time of severe staff shortage - at times even the Headmaster and the teaching staff were forced to assist in mowing the school ovals.

For a number of years there has been little or no development and maintenance of the school property, and by the end of the War, the classrooms and boarding accommodation were in a poor state of repair. The playing fields were also much in need of restoration.

Synod again took an interest in the affairs of the Church of England Schools in 1945, and the statute for Church Schools was revised. This was followed a year or so later by the election to the Council of two Christ Church old boys, Mr. J.E.D. Battye and Mr. H.N. Giles.

TODAY

Today: McClemans House, the recently acquired boarding house.

In 1947, the Council appointed Mr. A. Todd, M.A. Dip Ed. as headmaster. He was probably the first headmaster to be fully supported and encouraged by the Council which was now determined to ensure the progress of Christ Church.

In 1948 alterations to the classrooms were carried out, bringing them up to as modern a standard as conditions permitted. Romsey and Queenslea Houses were altered - new dormitories above the dining rooms at Queenslea, and a new section at the back

of Romsey. The quadrangle at the main school block was also bituminised.

Unfortunately in second term 1948, Mr. Todd became seriously ill. He recovered temporarily but died in October 1949. His loss was keenly felt for he had breathed a new spirit of development into Christ Church. Until the end of 1950 the school Chaplain, Reverend J.F.A. Dobson and the former Headmaster now Archdeacon Parry, each for a time was acting Headmaster.

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Parents' Association

Although Christ Church Grammar School Parents' Association was not officially formed until 15th February, 1940, the meeting which led to its formation took place on 22nd November, 1939. The following were present at that meeting:

D. Gibson (Convenor), Dr. Morlet, Dr. White, Dr. Dunkley, and Messrs. Taylor, Norrie, Morris, Brede, Tucker, Cramer, Lynn, Dukes and Boys.

It is interesting to note that Dale Boys, son of the last mentioned, is now Old Boys' Association representative on this year's Parents' Association Committee.

Most parents today are members of the Parents' Association, and social events arranged by the Association are always extremely well attended. The Parents' Association serves as a very

useful bridge between parents and masters, particularly when sporting activities between parents and pupils, or parents and Old Boys, are to be arranged.

Although social and sporting events are a vital part of the activities of the Parents' Association, the most useful function of the Association has been fund-raising. Over the last five years about £25,000 has been raised, and this has been given by the Association to the school to pay for such projects as the Boat-Shed and the Sports Pavilion at Mt. Claremont.

This year's Fete, held on 29th October, was attended by a great number of Parents and Old Boys. Final figures are not yet to hand but the nett result will be a sum in the vicinity of \$4,000 contributed to the Building Fund. This figure is similar to that attained in recent years.