

OLD BOY MAGAZINE

Over the last few years the cost of publishing the "Old Boy" magazine has risen steadily and recently has reached more than \$70 per issue. This has caused a considerable draw on our funds and had reached the point where it was embarrassing the Association.

In an effort to combat this drain on funds, committee has decided, for the present, to incorporate the "Old Boy" into the "Chronicle". It is anticipated that the cost of printing extra copies of the Chronicle will be minimal compared to the cost of a separate magazine.

Additionally, much of the information now appearing in the Chronicle has in the past been repeated in the "Old Boy". Such articles appearing in the Chronicle will be of as much interest to Old Boys as to Parents.

WALKABOUT

George Hill, who has spent the last few years in New Guinea as an Agricultural Adviser, is now back in Perth. George has a study grant and is completing his Ph.D. in Agronomy at the University.

Congratulations to Brian Jones and Guy Dowling and their wives on the recent arrival of sons. Guy who has been working at Northam was recently transferred back to the city.

Making a welcome reappearance in the Hockey Club was Colin Sanders who has for some time been working out from Wiluna.

Headquarters recently for Tim Russell have been Kalgoorlie while he is geologically surveying areas of the Goldfields.

Among the many at the June Sundowner Charles Atkins, Ian Grose, Lewis Lane, Mal Lankester and John North. Also present was Alan Blackwood, the Acting Headmaster.

Congratulations to Rob Hutton, who has recently been commissioned in the Naval Reserve. Other Old Boys who hold a commission in the Reserve are David McNamara and George Hill.

SUNDOWNERS

The re-introduction of Sundowners has proved most popular amongst Old Boys of all age groups.

Due to a lack of advertising, the first Sundowner this year, in March, was not well attended; however, at the most recent function on June 13th there were approximately 70 members present. It was generally agreed that for the \$2 admission there was ample liquor and food available.

Dick Stephenson now has the organisation of these evenings down to a fine art and his efforts are appreciated.

The next Sundowner is scheduled for October 23rd and during the evening the A.G.M. will be conducted. With a bit of luck this will occupy a minimum of time so that the serious business of socialising can be continued.

SPORTS DAY

The Monday holiday of the June long weekend saw the annual sports afternoon against the School take place.

Organised by Geoff Laurent, the Old Boys fielded a football XVIII, a Rugby XV and two hockey teams.

Despite the valuable play of veterans Ron Oliver and Dean Bowker and the

Old Boys' Hockey Club

With the 1969 season now entering the second round of fixtures, it is possible to gain an assessment of the Club's success during the year.

Always late starters, due to an unfortunate tendency amongst members not to consider too seriously such trivialities as training and fitness, it is usual to find the Club in a somewhat shaky position on the premiership tables at this stage. This year has been no exception, and, in fact, the trend has worsened. As a result, only one team, the "Old Buffers" is in the four at the present.

Club Captain, Greg Eastman, battling against a band of entrenched anti-training enthusiasts, is gradually instilling pro-training enthusiasm and over the last week or so, all teams have been performing better.

A3 Team

The Club's top team, captained by Bill Price, has not shown the form of previous years despite the infusion of some new blood. At present the team is in fifth position on the premiership list, but still has a good chance of completing the season in the four.

With the back line constantly under pressure, goalkeeper Craig Minns has been playing brilliantly. Also consistent have been Rod Marshall and Bill Price. The forward line is lacking in penetration, and despite good play by Chris Albany and John Allen-Williams, is finding it hard to convert goal scoring opportunities.

B1 Blue Team

Under the guidance of Dick Utting, this team is now settling down and developing into a solid combination. Veteran Alastair Dowling, with 28 goals to his credit to date, is always dangerous in the scoring zone.

Amongst the newcomers to the Club are Ian Gell and Mark Gorman who are disgracing all others with the fitness they are showing in the forward line. In defence Dave Hillman has proved reliable and, together with Dick Sudlow and Brian Jones, is hard to beat.

B1 Green Team

As with the other B1 team, it is only just now that the players are settling down into a working combination. The team has yet to chalk up a win, and under these circumstances the back line is getting every opportunity to show its ability. Goalie Peter Pittendrigh is in good form and has been well supported by Jim Boyce and Howard Synnott. At half-back John Poynton has been consistent as has Linton McRostie.

With a new-look forward line headed by evergreen John Saleeba it is hoped that the customary second round improvement will result in this team at last breaking the ice.

B2 Red Team

This team has shown marked improvement over the last few weeks and is now playing well. Top goal scorer is Tim Dunn, who up till last year was a goalkeeper! He is being well supported by Phil Hopkin and Rob Kerr.

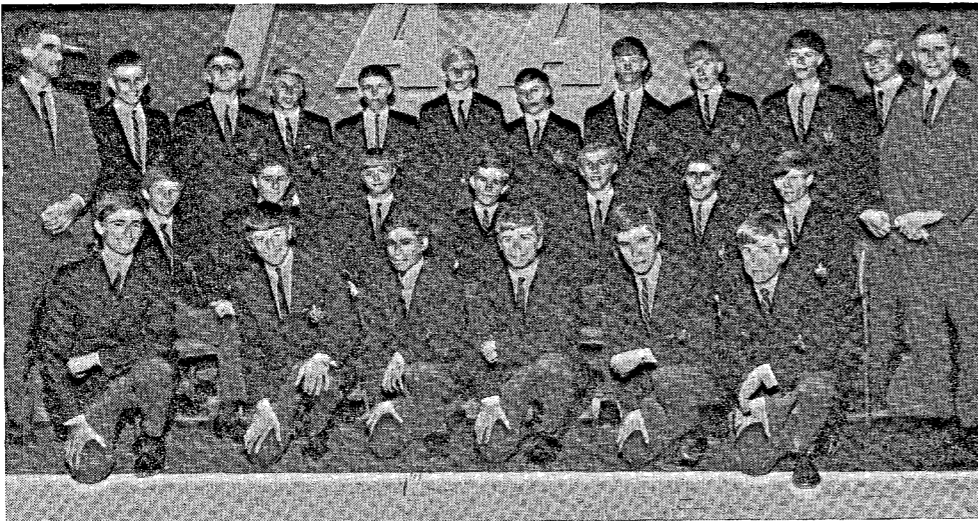
New members John Cooper and Andy Dawson have been consistent throughout the season as has Rob Barnett in goals. The Club is looking to this team to continue its run of successes and consolidate its position.

B3 White Team

The "Old Buffers". The team which defies all accepted methods of training and bases its selection on the belief that a dedicated B3 player must never practise. There must be some merit in this belief, for this team is the only one in the four and currently is lying in second place.

Geoff Bevan and John Martin are showing plenty of fire in the forward line and are well assisted by Dennis Culley and Rob Russell. Bill Goddard is his usual reliable self at full back and is a constant danger to the opposition.

Despite the general lack of success in the matches, the Club is functioning happily. Members are enjoying their hockey and social functions are popular. A Players' Tea at the Tum-Tum Tree during July promises to be well supported, and in August a team will attend the Bunbury Carnival.



The Australian Rules team - one of the three sporting groups who toured the Eastern States during May. See "The School Year"

SUNDOWNER AND
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
PALACE HOTEL
FRIDAY, 23rd OCTOBER
5.45 p.m.

fitness of the younger members, the Old Boys were no match for the School in the Australian Rules match. The tables were turned, however, in the other games. Both hockey teams and the Rugby players had comfortable wins.

The matches were followed by the usual well-attended keg.

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THE CHAPEL - A PROGRESS REPORT

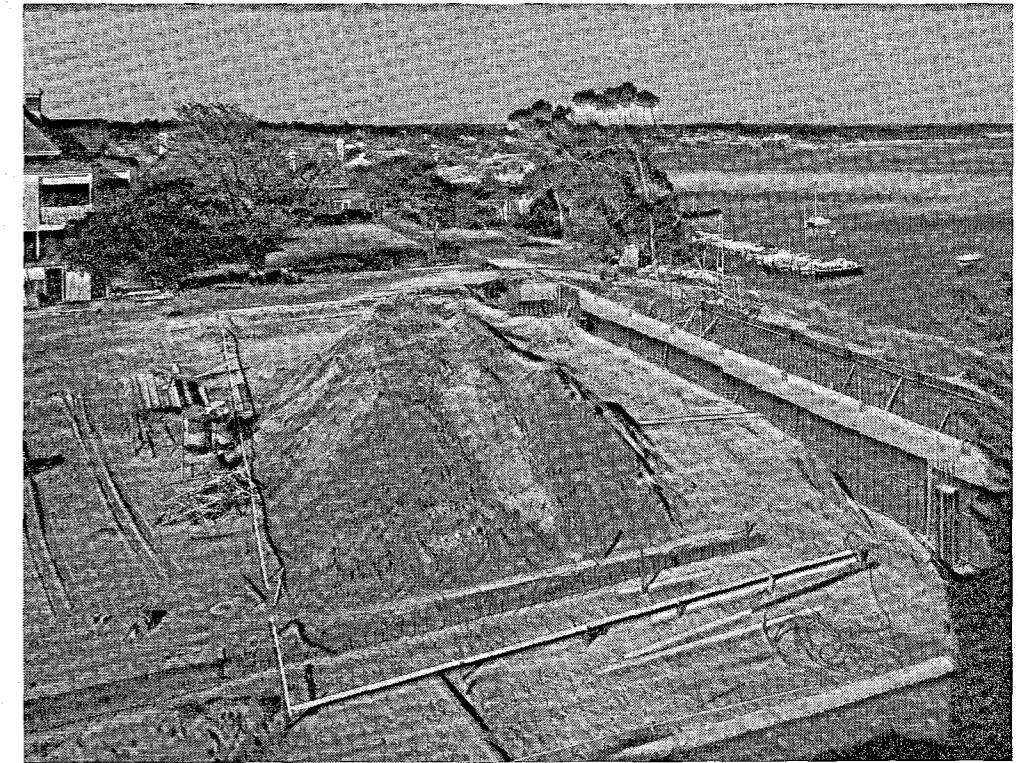
The development of the building site for the Chapel started during May. One small bulldozer plus a continuous stream of trucks went to work to clear the area, level it and dig the area for the undercroft. On occasions they worked well into the night, naturally arousing the enthusiasm of many small boarders when the dozer worked with headlights long after the boys were in bed.

From then work has progressed steadily as foundations are dug, concrete filled and the walls suddenly begin to rise.

The Chapel is being built with off-form concrete walls; it is rectangular in shape, 70' x 80', with a courtyard to the north of similar area. The capacity will be over 700, some 200 being accommodated in the gallery.

The courtyard, which is clearly visible in the photograph of the model printed in the last Chronicle, will be most useful for large School activities such as Speech Night and Anzac Day Services. Plays and concerts in the warmer months would find this area a suitable auditorium.

Hence the building plan is being kept up to schedule. The Chapel should be consecrated in the year of our Diamond Jubilee, 1970.



The Chapel site, taken from Queenslea balcony looking east to "Romsey" on left and "McClemans" in background. Tyre marks run across future courtyard.

The School Year

Examination results in 1968 were quite satisfactory. 68 boys matriculated, 32 gained Commonwealth University Scholarships and two Advanced Education Scholarships. D. S. O'Sullivan and J. A. D. Cameron were each awarded University General Exhibitions. 39 boys from the Junior year were awarded Commonwealth Secondary Scholarships.

This year in the Inter-School Swimming we were again second to Hale, Hale being far too strong in relays. The Under-14 Breaststroke record was broken by Glen Koski, and two Freestyle records also went - Garry Pallot setting a new time in the Under-15 100 metre event and Simon Martin establishing a record in the Open 200 metres.

The 1st XI had an eventful season finishing in second place. Outright wins against Wesley and Guildford (the Darlot Cup winners) were not sufficient to offset the losses against Aquinas and Trinity.

The Tennis VI were unable to win more than one match, against Guildford, and finished in equal 5th place.

At the Head of the River on 19th April the 1st Eight finished third behind Aquinas and Wesley, thus maintaining their record of never being further back than third.

We had the usual Cadet Parade and Service on Anzac Day. The hymns were accompanied by the School 50-piece Orchestra and the Address was given by the Very Reverend J. Hazlewood, The Dean of Perth.

After the Service the School was open for inspection and a large crowd of parents and friends wandered through classrooms, laboratories, libraries, etc., to see how and where the hours of a boy's school life are spent.

Early on Thursday morning, 15th May, two parties of Christ Church boys left Guildford Airport bound for the Eastern States.

25 boys under Mr. Peter and Mr. Watkins were bound for Melbourne and Hobart. The three days spent in Melbourne enabled the boys to see the big city, visit the Dandenongs and watch Hawthorn defeat Richmond at the M.C.G. During their week in Hobart they played three football matches, two against The Friends' School and one against the Matriculation College. They won the two former games but were too young and light for the latter team.

In Hobart the boys were billeted with boys from The Friends' School and have given glowing reports of the hospitality of Hobart.

The other party of hockey and rugby players under Mr. Wheeler and Mr. House, had four days in Sydney before flying to Canberra. Although the rugby boys found they were no match for their opponents, the hockey team had three wins in Canberra after being defeated by an Under-18 and an Under-16 combined metropolitan team in Sydney.

This party stayed at a motel in Canberra and between matches visited Parliament House, the War Museum and the Snowy Mountains.

The Inter-School Drama Festival was held at Scotch College on Saturday, 21st June. Our play, "The Three Billy Goats Gruff", was well received by the large audience. Alan Keeley produced the play under the direction of Arthur Pate.

The School Debating team of Wayne Martin, Peter Lake and Russell Goldflam have represented the School in three Federation debates this term. They defeated St. Mary's but were beaten by a narrow margin by Our Lady of the Missions and Perth Modern.

PROFILE: Mr. Alan Blackwood

Some years ago, in 1948 in fact, a "big chap" with whom I was on course at Melbourne University came to me and said (loose quote): "You're a Western Australian, do you know anything about Christ Church Grammar School?" It appeared he was interested in a position on the teaching staff.

In reply I hastened to point out that not only was I a Western Australian but also an Old Boy of Christ Church. Hind-sight always proves one a sounder judge, so I can now say with confidence that I was able to add:—

"It's not a member of the 'Big Four' at this stage but I have no doubt that it has an excellent future."

The "big chap" was Alan Blackwood, who has currently taken over the role of Headmaster while Mr. Moyes is overseas.

Mr. Blackwood is an "Old Boy" of Geelong College, Victoria, and after an outstanding war career during which he received a Military Cross for Army service in the Middle East and the Islands, he returned to civilian life and Melbourne University. From Melbourne he came to Christ Church in 1949 and set about completing a Bachelor of Arts degree at the W.A. University.

He and Mrs. Blackwood have worked for Christ Church with great enthusiasm and it would be fair to say that Mr. Blackwood has become one of the most respected and popular masters to have taught at Christ Church. Having been Deputy Headmaster for three years, Mr. Blackwood is well fitted for his present responsibility.

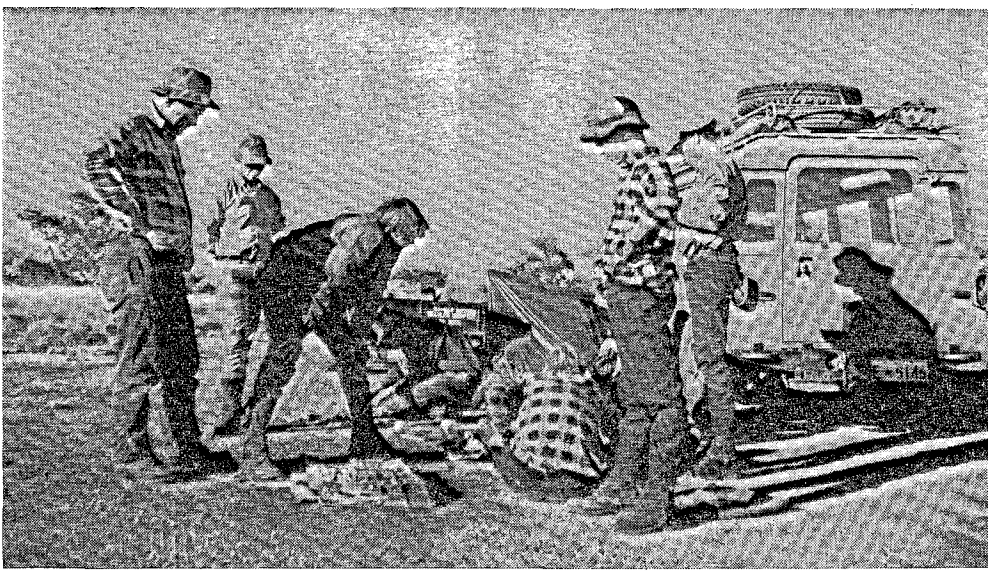
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Vice President, Parents' Association.

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During the May holidays, following the advice of Mr. Lord, Chairman of the School Council (and Chief Government Geologist), the Exploration Club numbering 19 boys and four staff members, headed towards that point on the map where the borders of W.A., S.A. and the Northern Territory meet — the Blackstone Ranges Mining Reserve.

While the bitumen lasted we made good time but beyond Leonora the roads and our rate of progress deteriorated rapidly. The second night of the journey was spent in the comparative luxury of the shearers' quarters at Minara Station on the way to Laverton. The following day's journey took us to the old gold mine at Beria, just beyond Laverton, Cosmo Newbury and a waterhole where we saw some cave paintings. Thirty miles this side of the Warburton Mission we entered the Native Reserve.

Within the Reserve we were permitted only two chains away from the road, so little was seen on the hundred miles to Winburn Rocks which marked the edge of the Blackstone mining reserve. Fuel was loaded at Warburton amid the mutual curiosity of the natives and the party members. The brakes on the forward-control truck had by this time failed twice, a malfunction which we were now able to correct using the facilities made available at Western Mining's Warburton Camp by Mr. Jim Armanasco.



Camp site S.W. of the Peterman Range

border with S.A. is about 120 yards east of the W.A./N.T. border line!

Pressing on to Ayer's Rock was at first fast going on the Gun Barrel Highway, but the road turning off it to the Rock and Alice Springs soon deteriorated into the bush track we'd become accustomed to. There was much, however, to occupy our gaze and minds in the magnificent Schwerin Mural Crescent, the Government settlement, at Docker Creek, the Peterman Range and Lassiter's Cave, where the famed prospector died.

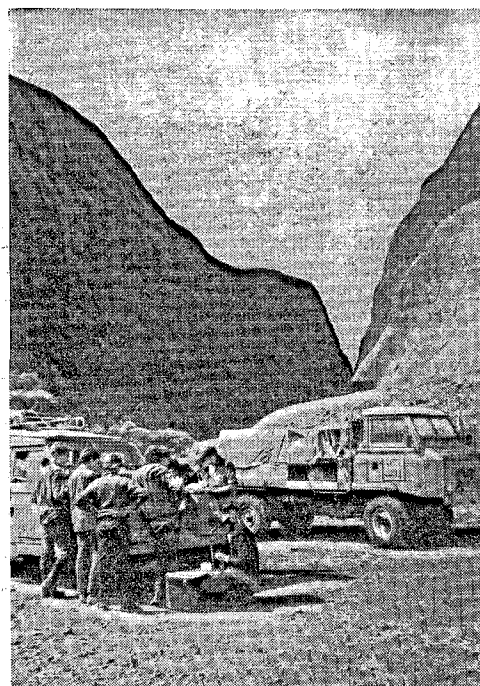
Mount Olga next hove into sight, soon followed by Ayer's Rock. The Olgas, with their fantastic shapes and massive domes, made Ayer's Rock almost insignificant as we approached it on this broad, excruciatingly-corrugated, tourist-frequented highway joining the two rock masses. Incongruously a Mr. Whippy-type van was parked at the foot of the Rock tending to brow-mopping tourists who made our party look like a bunch of desperate, scruffy ruffians.

Dawn at the camping ground provided one of the famed Ayer's Rock glows and also heralded a rainy morning. This however, was well spent in a guided tour of the Rock given us by the resident mechanic.

The homeward haul started with a return visit to the Olgas. At Docker Creek we were loaned two guides who took us to Bungabee Water Hole, a veritable oasis reached after a bone-shaking, mutiny-provoking 17-mile drive, which took us an hour and a quarter! The cool water was all too inviting and whether or not anyone had hopefully brought swimming trunks was immaterial.

Thereafter it was all hard, long driving punctuated by minor vehicle trouble, until we reached Western Mining's Camp again where we were able to wash away the stains of travel. Here Mr. Armanasco crowned the trip by presenting the Club with a true museum piece, an enormous and ancient Biddy or native carrying bowl carved from wood. The occasion was made more memorable when we watched repairs being carried out on our prize by one of the natives, using kitty, the gum extracted from spinifex grass. This must be one of the earliest forms of plastic known to man, used for at least fourteen thousand years.

In the last two days we covered over 900 miles making a grand total of 3,533 miles. Throughout, the trip was made most pleasant by the co-operation and good humour of all the Club members.



Lunch break at Mt. Olga

The first area of interest in the mining reserve was at Lightning Rock and Bilbarrin Water Hole where the trip's one and only Tectite was found by Stephen Battersby. That same day we ate lunch amongst the giant's castle grandeur of the Cavanagh Range. The Blackstone Range was somewhat similar in construction to the Cavanaghs and to the north of them we came across the old Blackstone Mining Camp which we'd hoped to have used as a base for exploration of the area. The dryness of the windmill there made us decide to push on the extra three hundred miles to Ayer's Rock but first we visited the International Nickel Camp at Wingelina where we were most hospitably received by the camp caretaker, Mr. Alex Dugiamos, and his wife. Mr. Dugiamos showed us the corner posts of the borders of W.A., the Northern Territory and South Australia. Much to our surprise, these carefully surveyed points indicated that the W.A.

Mothers' Auxiliary

Serious planning for the School Fete commenced on Friday, June 13th when a morning tea for all mothers was held at the Mt. Claremont Pavilion. Mothers were told of the way in which previous successful fetes had been organised and were then allocated to the various stalls run by the Auxiliary.

Pre-fete activities have already begun or are being organised by the convenors of the various stalls and the enthusiastic support they are receiving from the school mothers is most gratifying.

You will be hearing more about the fete which is to be held on Saturday, 25th October, 1969. If you would like to help at this stage please contact either Mrs. Gorman on Telephone 3 5480 or Mrs. Eunice McGibbon on Telephone 86 2059 who would be delighted to accept your co-operation and allocate you to the appropriate stall.

There may be some doubt in your minds as to how the profits of the fete will be spent and we would like to emphasize that there is no connection between this function and the Building Fund Appeal which was launched in July 1967. All monies received will be paid towards the purchase price of the organ for the New School Chapel. We do look forward with confidence to your usual support and co-operation.

Parents' Cocktail Party

The Parents' Association ran the Annual Cocktail Party on May 7th, and this year were fortunate enough to be able to hold it in the new "Sandover". All who attended agreed that the new surroundings were most pleasant and added to an extremely enjoyable social function.

We would like to take this opportunity of mentioning to all parents that the Cocktail Party is not intended to be a money making function but a social activity where as many "old" and "new" friends as possible can get to know each other. It is hoped that not only will we be able to hold the Cocktail Party in Sandover again in 1970, but that even more parents will be present to enjoy the evening.

The Library

"A start has at last been made . . . The inaugural concert provided 104 books . . . We hope to bring the total up to 300 during Michaelmas term which ends December 4th.

"We aim at having eventually a well-equipped library of 1,000 volumes. Besides books we have nearly a dozen games of various kinds for the use of boarders."

The Old Boy who claims he can recall those stirring words of optimism fully deserves his title; they are from the "Mitre" of August 1917!

He might also be pleased to note that the thousand volume mark was reached during the ensuring half century — not once but many times. Unfortunately no record exists to tell us just what the games for the boarders might have been. Cribbage, perhaps, amongst others?

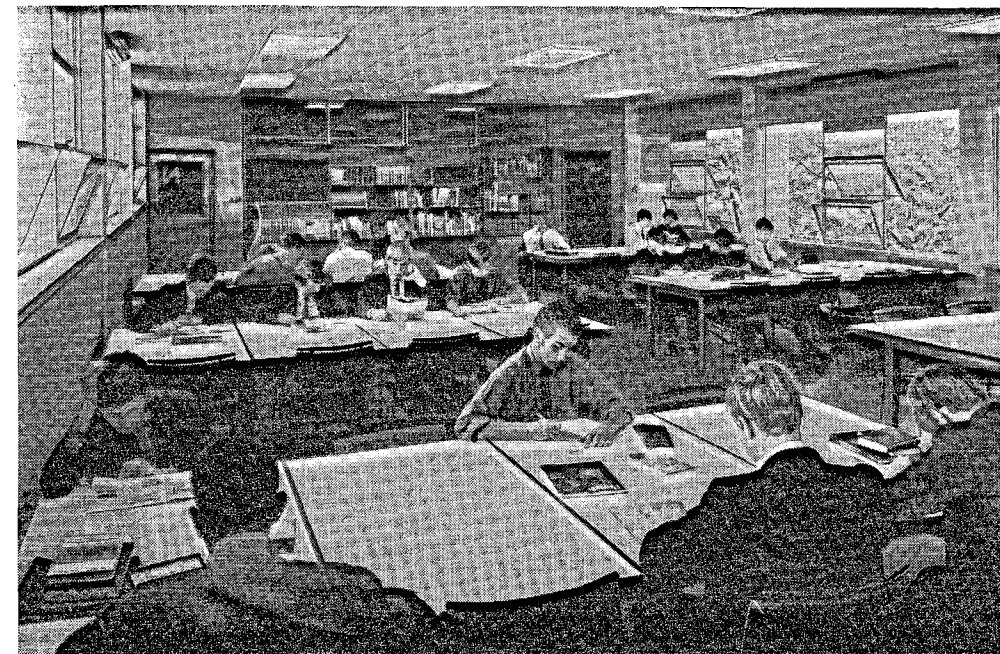
The number of volumes on the shelves is, of course, no true measure of a library. In keeping our library up to date we are not only continually adding new books but carefully culling out those which are out of date, no longer used, or have simply just been worn out.

At present we have some 8,000 books. Not a staggering figure perhaps but it is in the use made of them that their value lies. It should be noted, for instance, that last year the number of books issued to boys during the year exceeded 16,000, an average of 25 books per student. For the special requirements of boys following particular fields of study any book may be reserved in the Reservations Books set aside for the purpose and in 1968 1,450 such requests were entered and satisfied.

Children, however, do not use the library facilities or even read books unless they are so directed, and above all, stimulated. It is here that the librarian fulfills a most essential function. Good reading and study habits are formed easily and it is among the fourth forms and sub-juniors that such groundwork is most effective. The school librarian, Miss Corry, has always taken regular lessons on library use and procedure with these boys as well as classes in which the subject is best described as reading for pleasure.

In these periods a particular author or a particular genre, such as the sea story, might be introduced to the boys, plots outlined and extracts read. The proffered books are always eagerly taken out. Sometimes the boys themselves may give reviews of books they have read and enjoyed. By the time these classes reach Junior level it is hoped that they can use such things as reference catalogues with confidence and will come to the library with anticipation and pleasure. In addition, as far as the exigencies of the timetable will permit, all classes have the opportunity for reading periods within particular subject areas and it is here that individual masters can offer guidance in specialised reading.

If the school library has helped the student at tertiary level towards better study habits and the awareness that books are the repositories of all knowledge or if it gives a boy nothing more than the desire in later life to use his shire library in his leisure hours, it has proved its worth.



The library in use

The Astronomy Club

This year a greater interest has been taken in the Astronomy Club. In all, there are just over a dozen members, including several from the Middle School.

The Club now has an eight-inch reflecting telescope, a six-inch reflector (donated by Old Boy Andrew Bennett), and a three-inch refracting telescope purchased by the School Council.

Owing to local disturbances (including street lights and highway traffic), the platform on the Science Wing has proved unsatisfactory and it is for this reason that the Club recently constructed a concrete pier at Mt. Claremont. A portion of slabs has been placed around it and this should soon be put to use as the "final touches" are given to the Club constructed eight-in instrument.

If sufficient interest is taken in the Club this site may be developed into a small observatory — an important step in the history of any astronomy group.

Apart from being a hobby, the science of astronomy, speaking in terms of amateur activities, is of practical value to anyone studying physics at school or, later, university, as it adds a new viewpoint to the subject thus making it more interesting.



Members of Astronomy Club with 8" reflector telescope —Courtesy W.A. Newspapers

With this in mind, I feel sure that this Club is heading for an important role in

the scientific side of school activities.

Thanks, as always, must go to the masters involved, especially the Headmaster, whose encouragement and assistance have been of great value to the Club.

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Dr. LEIGH COOK

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Dr. Leigh Cook, who for so many years was associated with the School as Vice Chairman of Council, Physician, parent and friend.

On behalf of the Headmaster and staff and all associated with the school we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family.

In the next issue of the "Chronicle" a full appreciation of Dr. Cook's services to Christ Church and the community will be published.
