

"BINGHI"

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MEMORIAL WINDOWS ARE DEDICATED

The superb memorial windows in the Memorial Assembly Hall at The Armidale School were dedicated by the Bishop of Armidale, the Rt. Rev. J. S. Moyes, at a special service in which Old Boys were joined by members of the staff and present pupils, and their friends.

These three beautiful windows at the east end of the hall were designed by Mr. Napier Waller, who also designed the windows in the National War Memorial at Canberra. The centre window includes the coat of arms of the school with its motto, "Nothing Without God", and the badge of the Australian Commonwealth Military Forces.

On the left and the right are the badges of the Royal Australian Navy and R.A.A.F. The badges are woven into a theme which symbolises the ascent of the souls of the fallen to their heavenly reward. The basis of the idea was given by Mr. B. J. Mattingley, the Acting Headmaster, who himself had a distinguished service record in the R.A.A.F.

COST £1600

The windows have cost £1,600, which has been raised by the Old Boys' Union among themselves, their friends and the relatives of the fallen.

The hall they now beautify is itself a memorial to those who served and who fell in World War I and World War II, as the 750 names inscribed in gold letters around the hall denote.

ADDRESS

The address was given by an Old Boy of the School, the Rev.

B. Lancaster (1939-41) who is now Vicar of Werris Creek.

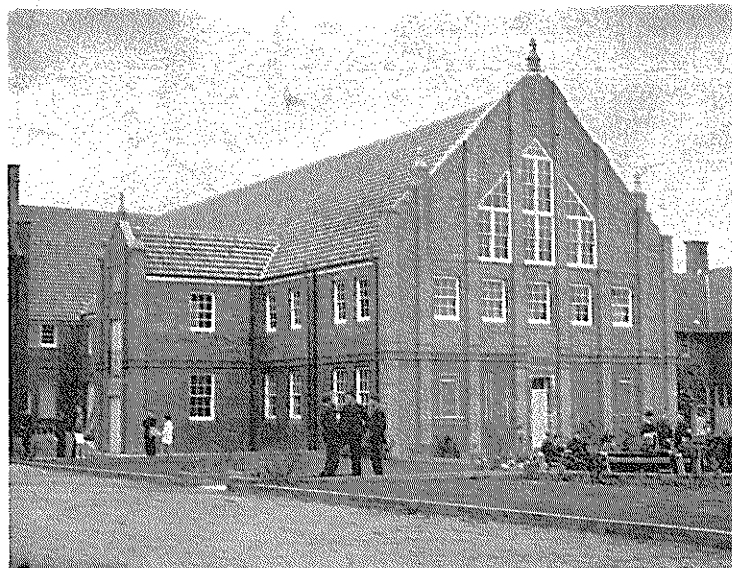
The purpose of the dedication service, said the preacher, was to give formal and public expression of gratitude to God for his great goodness, that so many had been spared by the efforts of those honoured yesterday.

"We give thanks to God for the heritage given to us by those we honour in the dedication of these beautiful windows", he went on.

"This heritage is the peace, which may have been shaky at times, and the prosperity which we in Australia have enjoyed through their sacrifices.

"The greatest fears during wartime are natural and not ignoble—fears of the son, husband, father, lest he should leave parents or wife, or children, bereaved and desolated, fears of parents, lover, wife, that they should be cut off, fears of the soldier that his courage or nerve should fail him at the critical moment. All such fears have been scattered. The strength we needed at the critical moment did not fail us.

"The hopes of men who faced the facts, who saw the evil in all its ugliness, who were under no illusion about the horrors before them, or the cruelty or brutality meted out by man, of



Exterior New Science Laboratory and Classrooms

men who believed good is stronger than evil, and God stronger than the devil—their hopes have been realised and justified.

"We see on many memorial tablets, 'He laid down his life that others might have faith in God'. There is something in this statement that makes us wonder how far that object is being attained. How can our faith in God be affected by the fact that these men laid down their lives—only by believing that that for which they died was Godlike. If they were clear that the call of Liberty and Right to which they responded was the call of God, then the witness of their death does become for us a call to a stronger faith.

"Public faith is by no means fixed. Because of the many

'isms' today, people are greatly perplexed. Egotism is one of the greatest in our midst. We shall never be a free people till we have confidence in each other. The word 'Freedom' has always been on our lips.

"We have now to prove that having fought for it, we are prepared to seek its blessings. Out of freedom of the soul must come all other forms of freedom and, we believe, we are pledged by the solemn bequest of those we remember by this memorial, to live and strive for a stronger faith in God.

"This beautiful memorial will be a constant reminder to the present and future generations who use this place of learning. May this memorial be regarded not merely as stained glass that has been fashioned into something pleasing to the eye, but rather as silent but eloquent reminder of duty well and faithfully performed by many of our manhood.

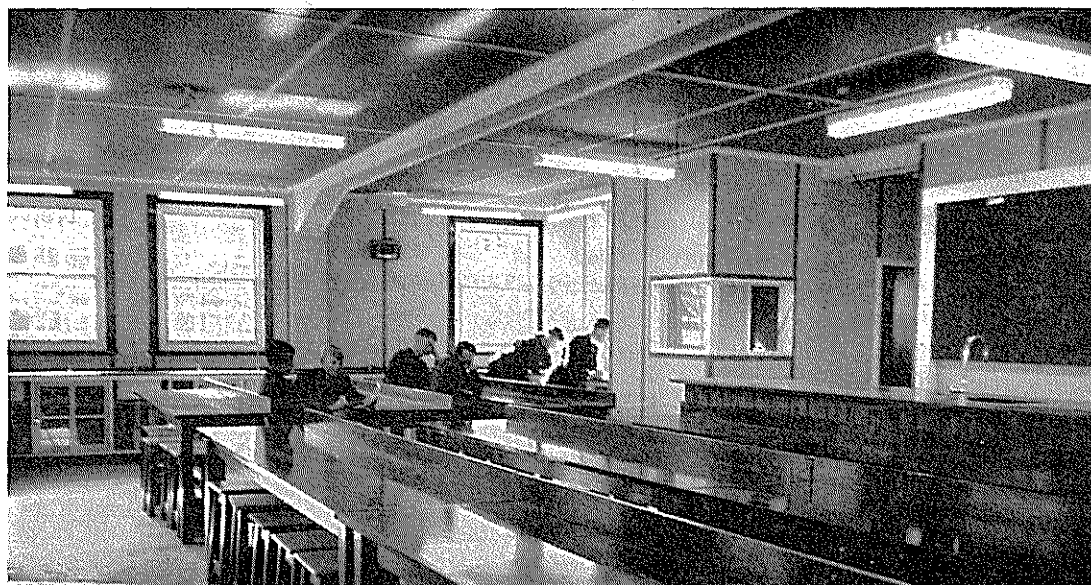
"It is no little privilege to be present at this sacred service and commemoration, and to have the honour to preach. Let us remember that life is eternal—death is only an horizon, and an horizon is only the limitation of our sight."

New O.B.U. Badge?

The out-going Committee of the Old Boys' Union reported to the Annual General Meeting that they had commenced investigations to see if a new O.B.U. Badge could be designed to include the full School Badge with motto possibly on similar lines to the O.B.U. car badge. The Annual General Meeting have asked the new Committee to pursue their inquiries with a view to some recommendation coming up to the next Annual General Meeting.



H.M.S. Pinafore



Interior New Agricultural Science Laboratory

T.A.S. Building And Expansion Appeal

The total of gifts paid and promised is just on £61,000, and the first and major project in the building expansion — the Agricultural Science Laboratory and new classrooms—is now complete.

Old Boys and friends had the opportunity of inspecting these classrooms at the end of last term and they will be in full operation during this third term and a tremendous asset to the School.

To expedite the completion of the first project the School Council made arrangements for temporary finance and it is interesting to report that when this fact was made known at the Old Boys' Annual General Meeting that an inquiry was made as to whether Council would accept future promised gifts in a lump sum.

The Council are of course are only too happy to accept promises for the future before their time especially now as it reduces the interest account and enables future budgeting to be more accurate.

One of the larger donors to the Appeal has recently paid in advance of promises which has substantially helped the Project.

The kitchen renovation plans are well in hand and it is hoped that tenders will be called before the end of the year.

The final plans for the additional dormitory accommodation and renovations to the covered way will depend solely on the final response to the Appeal. It is not anticipated a full Report can be made on this aspect for some time.

Up to approximately £1500 is now overdue at the anticipated time of receipt and no doubt has been caused through credit restrictions and seasonal conditions and it is hoped the position will improve over the next few months.

Further contributions or promises from those who have not yet joined in the Appeal will be appreciated by the Council and could have a decided effect on the final success of the whole project.

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F. F. Mulligan, Esq.
P. H. Croft, Esq.
L. W. Thomas, Esq.

Office Bearers Of O.B.U.

The Office Bearers elected at the recent Annual General Meeting of O.B.U. are:—

President:—

J. C. Somerville, Esq.,

Immediate Past President:—

R. G. Vyner, Esq.,

Vice-Presidents:—

R. J. Magoffin, Esq.

E. S. Hancock, Esq.,

H. F. Croft, Esq.,

W. A. J. Mulligan, Esq.

Hon. Secretary:—

P. L. Johnstone, Esq.

Assistant Secretary:—

R. A. Vyner, Esq.

Treasurer:—

T. L. Mackenzie, Esq.

Armidalian Representative:—

R. M. Croft, Esq.

Committee:—

W. C. Chapman, Esq.

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J. T. Coventry, Esq.

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R. B. Skipper, Esq.

J. M. Moffatt, Esq.

A. T. Mitchell, Esq.

Old Boys' Union Scholarship

Applications are invited for an Old Boys' Union Scholarship which is available from the beginning of 1962 to the extent of £50 per year.

The Scholarship is open to sons of Old Boys of the School only and it is preferred, but not essential, that the boy be between the age of 10 to 12 years.

Applications should be sent to the Hon. Secretary supported by the following information:—

1. Full name of the boy and date of birth.

2. Particulars of schooling to date with Certificate from present School Master as to the standard of work.

3. Details of any sporting activities of the boy.

4. Full name, occupation and address of father and details of the years at The Armidale School.

An Examination may be arranged with the Headmaster of the School if the Committee of the O.B.U. feel this is necessary.

The Scholarship is available for Day boy or Boarder. Applications should be in the hands of the undersigned by 31st October, 1961.

—P. L. Johnstone, Hon. Sec.,
T.A.S.O.B.U.

Election Of Old Boy Members To The School Council

The present Old Boy members of the School Council end their present three year term in February, 1962, so that in accordance with the rules of the Old Boys' Union I now call for nominations.

The relevant rules relating to Nomination are as follows:—

Rule 40 — Any financial member of the Union who is able to attend regularly the meetings of the Council shall be eligible for election, provided that at all times not less than three of the five representative members shall be members of the Church of England.

Rule 41 (a) Nominations may be made by any two financial members or by the Committee. Each nomination shall be in writing, shall be signed by the two members submitting the nomination or by the Hon. Secretary on behalf of the Committee respectively. A written statement shall accompany each nomination in which the Nominee states (1) the years he attended The Armidale School (2) his present occupation (3) whether he has previously served on the School Council, or the Old Boys' Union, and in what capacity (4) if previously served on School Council or Old Boys' Union, the period of such service (5) if he is willing to be nominated (6) whether or not he is a member of the Church of England.

Rule 41 (b) Nominations shall be forwarded to reach the Hon. Secretary prior to the closing date.

CLOSING DATE for Nominations to be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary is 31st December, 1961.

The retiring Old Boy Members are:—

H. F. Croft, P. L. Johnstone, W. A. J. Mulligan, J. R. Richards, R. G. Vyner.

P. L. Johnstone, Hon. Secretary, T.A.S.O.B.U., P.O. Box 196, Armidale.



A scene from the operetta, "Jan of Windmill Land", which Junior School presented at the end of second term. As a result of the performance it is hoped to present a cheque for fifty pounds to the "Ohio" Church of England Home for Boys at Walcha. (Despite appearances, all of those girls are boys).

SERIOUS AND SOCIAL SIDE OF O.B. WEEKEND

The Annual Old Boys' Reunion Weekend was its usual unqualified social and sporting success. In addition it saw the culmination of some of the fund-raising objectives which have been a feature of O.B.U. activities since the last war.

Early on Friday morning, August 18, O.B.U. committee members began arriving at the Town Hall with trucks and utilities loaded with the strange assortment of articles needed to prepare and decorate the hall for the evening's ball.

Their loads ranged from petrol drums and timber to flowers and jugs. While Old Boys closed in the long verandah and even carpeted the floor, N.E.G.S. Old Girls helped to decorate the hall with flowers.

Functions during this first day of the weekend included a lunch at which the President of the O.B.U. and Mrs. Vyner entertained a party of 32 including the President-elect Mr. J. C. Somerville. Mrs. Somerville unfortunately was unable to attend any of the festivities although she had travelled with her husband to Armidale. Her future Old Boy son became ill on the journey up.

On Friday evening there were dinner parties in a number of private homes as well as in hotel and motel dining rooms. The O.B.U. cocktail party immediately before the ball was held for the first time in the Town Hall itself. Guests to the ball were welcomed by Mrs. R. C. Moffatt (President of the O.G.U.) with Mr. Moffatt, and Mrs. Vyner with Mr. R. G. Vyner (President of the O.B.U.).

The ball was voted well up to its usual standard and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, including Old Boys from Sydney, Newcastle, North and North West.

On Saturday morning before the Annual General Meeting, energetic committeemen were back at the Town Hall dismantling and removing the previous night's decorations.

The General Meeting at this time was an innovation, replacing the tennis and shooting matches against the school. These will be held on a day especially arranged early in Third term. See the announcement and details on another page of this issue. General feeling among Old Boys was against this change and it is expected that next year there will be a return to the old programme.

The meeting elected office-bearers for the coming year with Mr. J. C. Somerville as President.

Saturday afternoon saw big crowds arriving for the annual football games. The Old Boys fielded three teams against the School. In the main game against the School Firsts the lead changed dramatically several times in the second half before the School ran out victors by 13-11 in what was one of the best games seen at T.A.S. in many years.

Results in the two earlier games were: Seconds 6-0, Thirds 9-0, both victories for T.A.S.

The Old Boys' Dinner, one of the most popular of all the an-

nual functions, was preceded by drinks in the Maxwell Library. 130 Old Boys attended.

The Bishop welcomed visitors to the dinner and the Acting Headmaster called on the immediate Past-President R. G. Vyner to propose the toast of "The School". B. J. Mattingley responded and asked the Director of Studies Mr. A. V. Cane to propose "The O.B.U." which was responded to by the new President J. C. Somerville.

The dinner itself in the Dining Hall was well-attended. A telegram carrying good wishes for the weekend was received from Mr. G. A. Fisher, at that time passing through Perth on his way to the U.K. During the dinner Mr. H. F. Croft presented the Croft Cup to the Captain of the School XV, A. Salmon.

Saturday night is traditionally given to the school play, this year an exciting performance of the G. and S. "H.M.S. Pinafore". Produced by Mr. Graham with musical direction by Mr. Bell, "Pinafore" was a thoroughly professional presentation from its colourful stage setting to the high entertainment value of all its acting and singing.

On the more serious side, Old Boys who attended the weekend saw some of the fruits of the efforts they have made for the School in recent years.

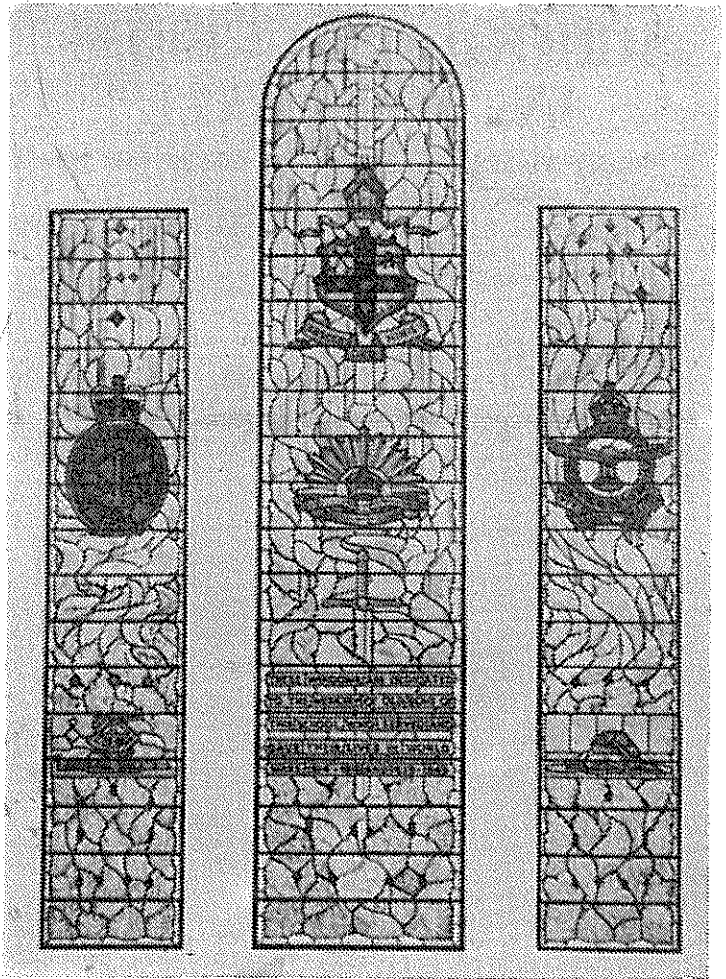
The O.B.U., at least since the last war, has never been without some physical objective. First it was the improving of playing fields, tennis courts and school grounds in general. Then build the War Memorial Assembly Hall which was such a tremendous success in giving the school a badly-needed hall for such activities as the play.

A third and major objective was the Fund-raising Appeal which enriched the School by a promised £62,000, and has so far given the School new classrooms and laboratories on top of the earlier labs, as well as making some improvements to the kitchens.

The new building, extending massively behind the Assembly Hall was in the final stages of completion during the Reunion Weekend and Old Boys were able to see this very substantial result of their work.

No sooner was this effort under way than the O.B.U. accepted the responsibility for the Memorial Windows for the Hall and these windows were ceremonially dedicated in a special Old Boys Service in the Hall on Sunday morning.

Among those at the Service were the next-of-kin of the Old Boys whom the windows commemorate (so far as they are known to the School), together with Old Boys and their wives, the President of the Armidale R.S.L. with his office-bearers, and the Staff and boys of the School.



Windows in T.A.S. War Memorial Assembly Hall designed by Mr. Napier Waller, C.M.G., O.B.E.

The Navy window (at left) has the Navy badge. The base of this window as is the base of all three, is a foliation based on Hakea and symbolising the earth. The Navy lower symbol is a telescope, sextant and a leaping dolphin. The lower symbols are intended to balance the bands of lettering in the centre panel. The lower foliation graduates up into seaweed and crested waves, merging into the ascending cloud-like forms, through the constellation Orionis.

The Army Window, as well as the Army Badge, has the

School Badge and has a centred crusader's sword.

The lettering is: "These windows are dedicated to the memory of Old Boys of this School who served and gave their lives in World Wars 1914-18 and 1939-45".

In the Air Force window design, with the airman's head, gear, the foliation moves into vague bird-like shapes, that continue upwards to the Southern Cross.

The background symbolism is intended to give a sense of the ascending spirit.

News From Junior School

During second term, Junior School spent much of its spare time in preparing for the presentation of "Jan of Windmill Land", an operetta for children. Every boy took part in the performance and every member of Junior School Staff — teaching, domestic and maintenance, made a practical contribution of one sort or another. So it really was a community effort. All accounts are not yet to hand but it would appear that we shall be able to donate fifty pounds to "Ohio" Home and about twenty pounds towards a new or re-conditioned piano for Junior School.

Nevertheless, as mentioned in an earlier "Binghi", we should be grateful to hear from any Old Boy or friend who has a good piano needing a home. It is not worth spending money on the one we have and the Council is at present unable to help from funds budgeted until next year at the earliest.

Memorial Windows

The present Deficit on the purchase and installation of the Memorial Windows is £887/3/7. All Old Boys would know that the Old Boys' Union has accepted the task of finalising this account having priority to all other objectives, but hopes that any members or friends who would like to be associated with the erection of such a fine memorial will not hesitate to make a contribution at this stage to enable the Old Boys' Union to concentrate on increasing Scholarships and helping the School in other ways.

Since the dedication of the Windows, donations have been received from:—

C. W. L. Taylor
G. E. Forster.
J. C. Sommerville
J. L. G. Johnstone

A Tear-out Slip is included in this issue for the convenience of those who wish to help.

SCHOOL SUCCEEDS IN FOOTBALL

Major Victories were the key-note of this year's First XV matches.

The School began the season this year with ten players who had had previous experience in the First XV.

At the beginning of the season, a series of trial matches was played, thus allowing over 60 Senior boys to demonstrate their ability and have a chance for selection. All previous experience was disregarded, so the team was built up from scratch. Trials such as these have many advantages, as they indicate where ability is to be found in the lower teams when replacements are necessary and thus eliminates much re-shuffling.

The team this year has had the advantage of being both heavy (averaging 12 stone 4lbs.) and having valuable experience which so many gained from last season in the First XV. We feel we have done well, winning three out of four G.P.S. matches, and so far this season the team has recorded 12 wins out of a possible 14 games. The successes recorded below show the progress of the team over the season.

thus eliminate much re-made about the fine backline, behind a good heavy pack of forwards. The backs, led by Byrne, are some of the finest the School has had, and centres How and Byrne have registered over 70 points so far this season. Fullback Heath, a forward last year, deserves praise for adapting himself to this key position, and has done some remarkable line kicks and has kicked some fine field goals.

We have a big pack this year, which has given much of the ball to the backs. They came together well at the beginning of the season, due to the fact that six players, played in the same position in the First XV, as they did the year before. A feature of the forward play has been some particularly fine cover defence by both the second rows and lock. Duncombe at prop and second row on occasions has been seen tackling the inside backs. Lamb and Grice at breakaways have helped to win many matches by harassing the opposition halves.

Jones as the team's hooker has done his job well in the scrum and is also a valuable player in the open. The forwards have become a solid-rucking unit, and have played with vigour and determination, which were particularly outstanding in the Shore match.

It is interesting to note that the 1st, and 2nd, XV's played a total of 34 matches. Of these, 30 were victories to the School. This is an outstanding record for the School in football.

The Committee on behalf of the members of the First XV, would like to take this opportunity to thank our coach, Mr. Brownie, for his wise guidance and advice, which has always been sound and constructive, and we feel he has contributed to much of our success.

Also the First XV Committee would like to thank Mr. Fisher for his knowledge and continued interest in the team this year. For this we are extremely grateful.

Probably the greatest success the team has had this year, is the development of the happy friendship and a real team spirit which many of us gained from last year's team, and we feel it is one of our greatest rewards.

Football Colours from 61 were:—

Full: A. G. Salmon, R. B. Byrne, R. M. Lamb, A. M. Grice, R. How, V. M. Duncombe.

Half: R. Jones, P. Jackson, R. McCorquodale, E. Croft, W. Hunter, F. Paterson, E. Barlow, K. Lawrie, M. Heath.

Results of main matches were as follows:—

T.A.S. v. Scots, Warwick, at Warwick, April 22—Won 32-0.

T.A.S. v. Scots College, Sydney, on Backfield, April 29—Won 18-11.

T.A.S. v. King's at Parramatta, May 6—Lost 3-20.

T.A.S. v. Newington, at Stanmore, May 9—Won 9-6.

T.A.S. v. S.C.E.G.S., Backfield, May 5—Won 17-0.

T.A.S. v. Cranbrook, at Cranbrook, June 10—Lost 8-11.

T.A.S. v. Gunnedah A grade, August 12—Won 8-3.

Old Boys' Football Best In Years

Three games of football were played this year under good conditions. Although the School won all three matches, the Old Boys, played a most enjoyable brand of football in a highly competitive spirit.

Phil Bailey led the O.B. against the School in a most exciting Firsts game. Phil was ably supported by his brother, former international Graham Bailey. Tony Morse played his usual fine game. Of the younger players, David Stewart was outstanding.

Peter Taylor and Bill Cannington were missed this year, but congratulations are extended to Bill as a member of this year's University Premiership team.

In the main game, scores see-sawed between School and Old Boys. Ian ("Kinging Boots") Wolfgang showed his old form in placing a perfect field goal. The match seemed certain to go to the Old Boys when Stewart scored a sensational try minutes before the end. However, School's captain, Salmon, led his team in a valiant effort which temporarily overpowered the Old Boys and How scored a nice try.

As this was the first win over the O.B., the School team was delighted with its effort. The final score was 13-11 in favour of School.

The essential features of the game were the high standard of football played by both teams, the closeness of the scores and the friendly atmosphere. All Old Boys present reported themselves well satisfied with the game which was one of the best seen in years.

Annual Cricket Matches

The Annual Cricket Matches against the School will be held on December 12, 1961, commencing 10 a.m. Old Boys are asked to diarize the date and advise the Hon. Secretary by December 9 should they wish to participate.

A Buffet Tea for Old Boys' Wives, Parents and Friends is being organised after the matches and an indication that they would like to attend would be appreciated.

October 7, O.B. Fixture

The draft programme is announced for the Old Boys' Tennis and Shooting matches against the School on October 7.

This year the Old Boys' Tennis and Shooting matches will be held on Saturday, October 7, at the School and on the same day the Parents and Friends will be running a Tennis Tournament. The programme for the day is:—

10 a.m.: Tennis match versus School 1st VIII.

10 a.m.: Shooting versus School Shooting team.

10 a.m.: Parents and Friends' Tennis tournament commences.

All Old Boys who wish to nominate will be guaranteed a shot with the Shooting team or a game of tennis, if not with the actual Old Boys' team, then in the Tennis tournament. Old Boys wishing to nominate should advise the Honorary Assistant Secretary, R. A. Vyner, 91 Mann Street, Armidale, by Friday, October 6.

Hot water will be provided for picnic lunches at the School Tennis Courts. Old Boy shooters are invited to join in the Tennis tournament during the afternoon. Even if the weather prevents the Tennis Tournament from being played, other alternate activities have been arranged, cards, squash, etc.

See the special application form for the Tennis and Shooting matches which is contained in the lift-out sheet inside this edition of "Binghi".

Education Endowment Assurance

Parents intending to enrol their sons at the School in future are advised that endowment assurance policies are available especially for the purpose of providing for school fees and educational expenses. The main advantages of such Policies are:—

(a) The cost of a schooling is spread over a longer period with a resultant decrease in average annual commitment.

(b) There is a financial saving.

(c) The amount required for school fees will be available when actually needed.

(d) In many cases, the premiums are fully deductible for income tax purposes. The statutory limit at present is £400 per annum.

(e) School fees are provided for in the event of the parent's death before the pupil's schooling is completed.

Information regarding educational endowment assurance can be obtained from The Bursar at the School and a Tearout slip is included in this issue for those who are interested. All enquiries will be treated as strictly confidential.

SCHOOL CRICKET—Third Term Fixtures

	A GRADE	RESERVE	B GRADE
Sept. 23rd.	A.T.C (Away)	D.L.S. (Away)	Churches (T.A.S.)
Oct 7th.	Public Service (T.A.S.)	Y.C.W. (T.A.S.)	Waratahs (Away)
Oct. 14th	Public Service (T.A.S.)	Y.C.W. (T.A.S.)	Tadcoop (Away)
Oct. 21st.	Ex-Service (Away)	Public Service (T.A.S.)	Public Service (T.A.S.)
Oct. 28th.	Ex-Service (Away)	Public Service (T.A.S.)	N.E. Rovers (T.A.S.)
Nov. 4th	Churches (T.A.S.)	St. Peter's (T.A.S.)	Hillgrove (Away)
Nov. 11th.	Churches (T.A.S.)	St. Peter's (T.A.S.)	East's (Away)
Nov. 18th	Waratahs (T.A.S.)	Ex-Service (T.A.S.)	Dumaresq (Away)
Nov. 25th.	Waratahs (T.A.S.)	Ex-Service (T.A.S.)	Churches (Away)

A Grade and Reserve Grade matches occupy two afternoons or one whole day. Normally, afternoon games begin at 1.30 p.m.

Arrangements for the Cricket Tour of the First XI to Sydney are now being finalised for the week beginning December 3. Two games will be played.