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EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING

The Appeal Follow-on Committee, headed by Paul Johnstone and Richard White, is very pleased with the rate of giving and the current total. Promises for the 1963 Appeal now amount to £37,059—a wonderful gesture of support to the School. It is most gratifying to see that 119 donors to the 1959 Appeal have continued their support by making further gifts and promises to the 1963 Appeal.

Plans are in hand for a preview of the Fisher Wing by donors to this Appeal. The date cannot be fixed until we know more definitely the date of completion, but we expect the Donors' Preview Day to be early in first term next year.

The Fisher Wing will be officially opened by the Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, Dr. J. R. Darling, C.M.G., O.B.E., M.A., D.C.L., on Wednesday, 13th April, 1966 (the Wednesday after Easter).

GOOD PROGRESS WITH NEW BUILDINGS

Most of this year at the School, we have listened to the rumble of diggers, the hum of concrete mixers and the clacking of hammers as old buildings came down and new ones were erected. Now progress is obvious and expectation of occupation high.

Fisher Wing at Half Height

The slabs of concrete on the first floor of the Fisher Wing are complete and the "Uncovered Way" is half covered. The second floor brickwork is about to begin.

At Old Boys' Reunion Weekend, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fisher stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Cash on their first official visit to the School since leaving in 1961. It was a great joy to all. On the Sunday morning, after the Old Boys' Chapel Service, Mr. Fisher unveiled the plaque commemorating his services as Headmaster and formally gave the building its name.

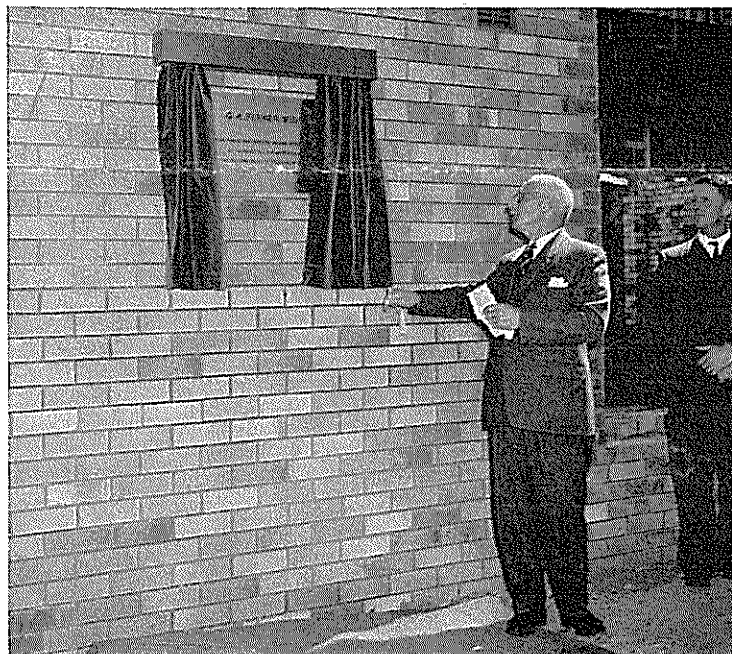
Language Laboratory Purchased

The Parents and Friends Association generously gave £200 for the purchase of part of a language laboratory—a Philips "Minilab". This has outlets for 10 students and can be extended to provide for 20 or 30 boys. At present we have the "Lab". Console with six headsets (microphone and earphones) used in a master's study, and ready to be installed in cubicles as soon as space becomes available. Later we hope to increase the headsets to 10 and in a few years, to increase the capacity to 20 outlets.

Junior Dormitory Near Completion

Meanwhile, below Dangar House, the "Moyes" dormitory block for 30 junior boys is nearing completion. It is due

to be opened officially on Speech Day, 8th December, 1965.



Mr. G. A. Fisher unveils Plaque. Mr. R. White (right)

Address of Mr. G. A. Fisher

My Lord Bishop, members of the School Council, Mr. President of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. Headmaster and members of the school staff, all members of the school community, Ladies and Gentlemen—amongst whom I see many old friends,

May I first thank the Council for honouring me with the name of this building-to-be, and for inviting me to unveil the commemorative plaque?

I deeply appreciate also the generosity and loyalty of the donors to the appeal fund which has made the building possible, and to those who organised and collected for it. The old "Covered Way", now very uncovered, had many uses in its day, but this new block will be a great asset to the school.

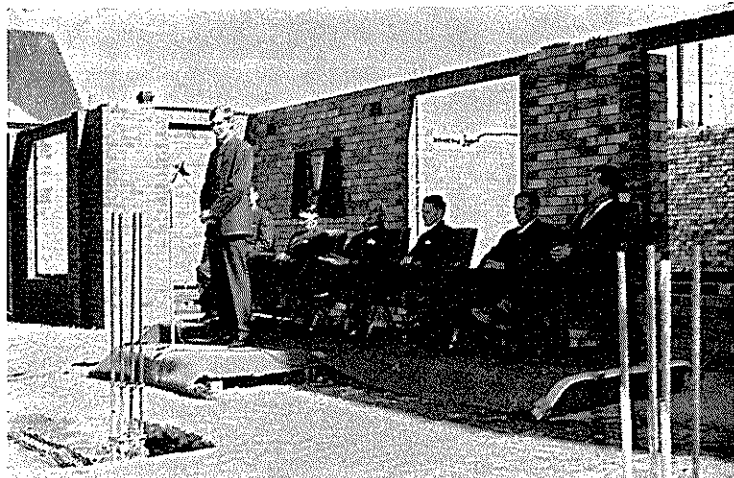
When an Old Boy in Brisbane heard of the proposed wing, he wrote congratulations, adding, "They have made you

half an angel!" It sounds very humorous but on reflection it is a trifle significant in point of time!

This section of the school was the only ugly part. It spoilt the splendid site and detracted from the general harmony of the buildings which the present architects (Old Boys Reg Magoffin and son Denis) have preserved so well, maintaining the unity probably envisaged by the original architect, Sir John Sulman.

We all know the influence of environment and educationists cannot overstress it. Edmund Burke said evil will remain if good men do not move to eradicate it—and the same thing applies to ugliness. So the present inhabitants of T.A.S. and generations to come will enjoy another building, well and truly built.

May the beauty and strength of T.A.S. continue to increase.



THREE CHEERS FOR MR. FISHER.

M. B. Ewing, Senior Prefect. Seated, left to right: Messrs. R. White, A. T. Mitchell, G. A. Fisher, Bishop R. C. Kerle, The Headmaster, Mr. P. L. Johnstone.



"Fisher Wing", First Floor height, October 4, 1965

READ CAREFULLY—

**T.A.S. Ready for New Courses—
Important Message from Headmaster**

Much public concern is expressed concerning the ability of schools to meet the requirements of the new Fifth and Sixth Year courses. The Headmaster, Mr. A. H. Cash, has explained that the new buildings now under construction will meet the majority of our physical requirements for classrooms and dormitories. Dormitory space may be difficult in a few years and the school will need additional Science laboratories in 1967. Application for a Commonwealth Science Grant has been made but, so far, no indication has been given when such a grant will be made.

NEXT YEAR

Repeat L.C. and Higher School Certificate

Next year T.A.S. will conduct a "repeat" Leaving course as well as the new Higher School Certificate Course. The Headmaster has said: "We have sufficient flexibility to cope with both courses and staff well qualified to teach them. The new system will place greater demands on the studying capacity of boys; we shall be ready to provide the study conditions, we shall guide and control them in their study periods—the rest is up to them. I believe that the majority will profit from the new system.

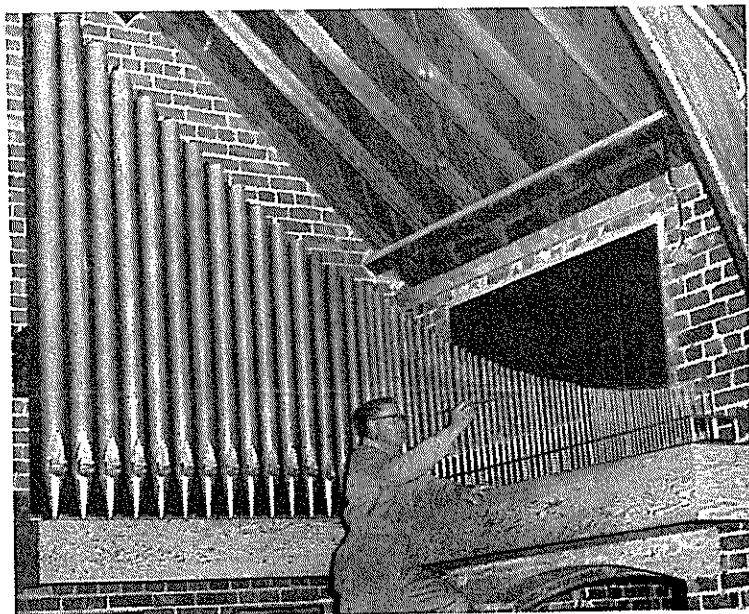
"What distresses me at present is the large number of parents who are regarding the Fourth Year (School Certificate) as a terminal examination. It is so for some, but too many parents are subtracting a year

from their sons' education instead of adding a year as Dr. Wyndham envisaged. In this modern age, it is short-sighted (though perhaps in the drought conditions desirable) to terminate a boy's education at 15 or 16 years of age. Under the old system these boys who have now indicated their intention of leaving at the end of Fourth Year would have, in 90 per cent. cases, tackled L.C. Now when the opportunity arises to leave a year earlier, parents and boys are being short-sighted in thinking that Higher School Certificate is not for them. This is, from the point of view of future employment, general education, and the boy's own welfare and enjoyment of life, quite erroneous.

Six Years Desirable

"Boys not intent on University entrance can profitably and, in general, without serious difficulty, essay Third Level work in a variety of valuable subjects. I cannot stress too much the desirability of a six year course of secondary education. It seems to me very strange that so many parents are rejecting this opportunity; it is designed to provide so much more than the old L.C. which was for all a preparation for tertiary study. There is no doubt that in the eyes of thinking people and of farsighted employers the secondary school course is now of six years' duration for those boys who can reach this level. We have very few who cannot."

CHAPEL ORGAN



Chapel Organ—Mr. Jarrott tuning.

It is a two manual pedal instrument, with six ranks of pipes. The pipes have been fitted ingeniously into the north west corner of the building just above the entrance, and are controlled from the console which is most conveniently placed near the choir stalls, the organist facing out into the chapel.

Most of the pipes were imported from Holland, and are very clear and fine in tone quality. The instrument has met with high praise from all who have heard it, and the response by the boys in their improved singing is most marked.

The console is attractively finished in Queensland maple.

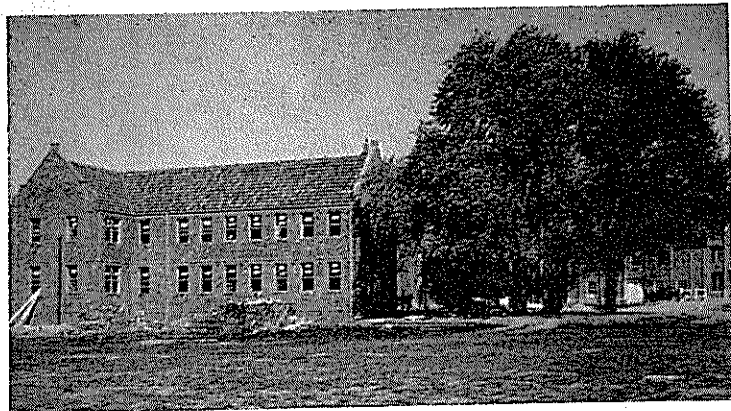
Short recitals, to which boys may stay if they wish, follow Evensong, and these have created much interest in the organ and its music.

The instrument was built by H. W. Jarrott & Co., of Brisbane, at an approximate cost of £3000. Half of this sum is already in hand, made up by gifts from the P. and F. and interested people, proceeds of some Gilbert and Sullivan performances, and money earned by boys to give to the Organ Fund. Our sincere thanks to all who have helped.

Dedication

The organ was dedicated by the Right Reverend R. C. Kerle, Bishop of Armidale, at a special service on Sunday morning, September 26.

We regret that notice of this was unavoidably short, but we are glad that a number of parents and friends were able to be present.



"Moyes"—from the east

O.B.U. ANNUAL DINNER

G. A. FISHER Esq., B.A., B.Sc., M.A.C.E., Guest of Honour

The outstanding feature of the O.B.U. weekend was the presence of Mr. G. A. and Mrs. Fisher on their first official visit to the School since Mr. Fisher's retirement in 1961.

The Headmaster, Mr. A. H. Cash, extended a genuine and sincere welcome to Gordon Fisher, expressing his fear that Mr. Fisher might think he had 'wrecked the school' since his taking over from him. Then, after amusing references to entries in the Punishment Book over the years, Mr. Cash called on Mr. Fisher to propose the toast of the O.B.U. At this Mr. Fisher was greeted with most enthusiastic applause.

TOAST TO O.B.U.

My Lord Bishop, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Headmaster, Gentlemen, It is a great pleasure to be with you this evening and I

appreciate the honour of proposing the toast of the Old Boys' Union, so many of whose members I have known during the past forty years.

In case I miss some of you this weekend, firstly, my wife and I give you greetings and extend a welcome to you at Bonny Hills. The fishing is good and that 'Greener' you gave me a few years ago conspires with myxamatoxis to keep the rabbits down!

Next, I should like to congratulate Mr. Cash on a successful reign.

I could give you many facts about the fine work of the O.B.U. on behalf of the school, gifts and working bees and so on, but if you will bear with me for a few minutes, I will mention one or two comparisons between England and Australia that have struck me in recent times.

HUMOUR

Take the sense of humour, sometimes considered to represent the state of a nation's civilisation. English repartee, especially in politics, is deadly, whereas ours is strong, down to earth and sometimes cynical.

Winston Churchill's statement regarding Stafford Cripps, a Chancellor of the Exchequer with a tight rein on the money bags, is a good example: "There but for the grace of God, goes God."

Harold Macmillan and the present P.M. had several tiffs. Once Wilson had referred to himself as one of the barefoot boys. To this Mac replied, "If Harold Wilson ever went to school without boots, it was because he was too big for them!"

There are so many Australian examples of the laconic and generally dry, cynical wit that I'll select but one, that of the old bushman's disgust at finding lipstick on the spout of his water bag, laconic in the extreme.

"Red lipstick on the water-bag! Stone the crows! Stone the blinkin' crows!"

MATESHIP

Then the subject of Australian "mateship" is a very interesting one. We all know the average Englishman is more reserved than we. But mateship has been closely analysed recently.

Author, T. Inglis Moore, has

divided mateship into two categories: the exclusive and the inclusive types.

The first type is found notably in four groups: convicts, larrikins, trades' unionists and Marxists. In each of these the loyalty of mateship is directed against another group—convicts against the law, larrikins against society at large and other larrikin groups, and so on.

The inclusive type is directed not against alien groups, but against the hazards of environment such as loneliness, danger and death, or is directed towards an ideal.

The bond of loyalty can operate between members of a small group, even a pair of mates, or be extended to a larger fellowship, in a settlement or a battalion, just as we have the wider conception of country people and the traditional bush hospitality.

LOYALTY OF O.B.U.

I think Australian people on the whole have this quality; and my point is that products of T.A.S. and members of the Old Boys' Union have it particularly. Since I have experienced the mateship of members of the O.B.U., and have seen them for nigh on forty years working towards an ideal, in supporting the school and its aims, I now give you, with the greatest sincerity, the toast of "T.A.S. Old Boy's Union".

T.A.S. Parents and Friends' Association

The many and varied activities of the Parents and Friends' this year have all been most successful.

At the commencement of the school year there was the welcome to new parents which is always a most enjoyable function. In June a card party and trading table were held in the school library and the sale of sweets at the school play helped swell our funds. This term we have just held our major function for the year, a buffet tea. This was both a financial and social success as parents enjoyed meeting one another in the pleasant surroundings of White House. Our thanks to all who helped so willingly and to the senior boys of White House who assisted with many jobs including the washing-up and disposal of the left-overs!

During second term the Parents and Friends helped to entertain visiting football teams at afternoon tea. This is a wonderful way to finish an afternoon of football and gallons of tea are consumed by parents, friends and boys.

This year equipment worth almost £1000 has been given to the School by the P. & F. Association: Band instruments, books for the library, a radio-gram, a slide projector and screen, a tape-recorder, a portable record player, a portable overhead projector and a language mini-laboratory are some of the things the P. and F. have paid for. The money for this came partly from the fete held last year after a donation of £450 had been made to the Organ Fund. The organ is now installed in the School Chapel and is indeed a joy to listen to.

One of the major jobs this year has been the drafting of a new constitution. With the increase in school enrolment the P. and F. Association has grown and many members felt the constitution needed revision. A committee was appointed and a draft copy of the

THE MIKADO

This year we returned to the ever-popular Mikado, and while we may regret the retreat from dramatic pioneering, we admire our players' near-professional skill. Every year singing and acting alike get better and better, while scenery, 'props' and lighting are constructed and expertly handled almost entirely by the boys. But we remain deeply indebted to our lady helpers, the Armidale Orchestral Society, the P. and F. etc.

Our leading parts were all filled well, some brilliantly. Denis Martin contrived to make the Mikado both dignified, sinister and absurd, while Robert White actually infused life into the usually colourless Nanki-Poo. Graham Giblin played Pish-Tush with his usual aplomb, and the two main leads, Lars Pedersen as Ko-Ko and Chris Kemp as Pooh-Bah, were capital. Lars gave a fine caricature of terrified incompetence while Chris in turn radiated self-esteem and grovelled cravenly. That difficult part, Katisha, was shared by David Nixon, Hugh Goddard and Michael Poggioli, while Stephen Lamb, David White (of Murrurundi) and David Fayle made three enchanting little maids. And the chorus of demure maidens and dignified nobles provided a well-drilled and harmonious background.

And this surely is the impression left by the 1965 Mikado—a team of boys, both principals and chorus, well drilled in acting "business" and singing alike, combining to make this year's G. & S. one of the best since G. & B. took over the School dramatics ten long years ago. Bravo!

new constitution was prepared. Copies have been circulated to all members for their comments and suggestions. It is hoped that the final draft can be presented for adoption at the Annual General Meeting next February.

Finally, thanks are due to all those who have given of their time and money most generously and thus have made the task of the executive a rewarding one.



"Mikado", 1965—Three Little Maids

Trek from Point Lookout to the Coast

What has become an annual expedition, a hike from Point Lookout to the upper Nambucca River, took place again this year over the mid-term weekend in second term. Under the guidance of Mr. D. L. Graham, a group of nine boys made the trip, and although they returned to school tired and footsore, they were enriched with a sense of adventure and achievement which more than made up for any physical discomfort.

CLIMAX. The Point Lookout/Nambucca trek can be undertaken only by those boys who have completed a large series of preliminary weekend hikes, a course of rockclimbing, and a course in first-aid. Thus it comes as a climax of about two years of preparation in the hiking programme. This stage passed, boys can then go on to more difficult undertakings and to canoeing.

The hike is hard and it is long. It is heartbreaking at times to see the steep sides of yet another hill in front of you. You climb it and your legs are like jelly when you reach the top—your head is pounding and your lungs are burning—but at last the top, and once there, down you go into a gully, through the undergrowth, the

vines, the trees, the ferns, and then, up again, up and up. So the process goes on until at last there is the final descent, and the Nambucca River is in front of you. All this with the full requirement of food and water, clothing and shelter carried by each member of the party.

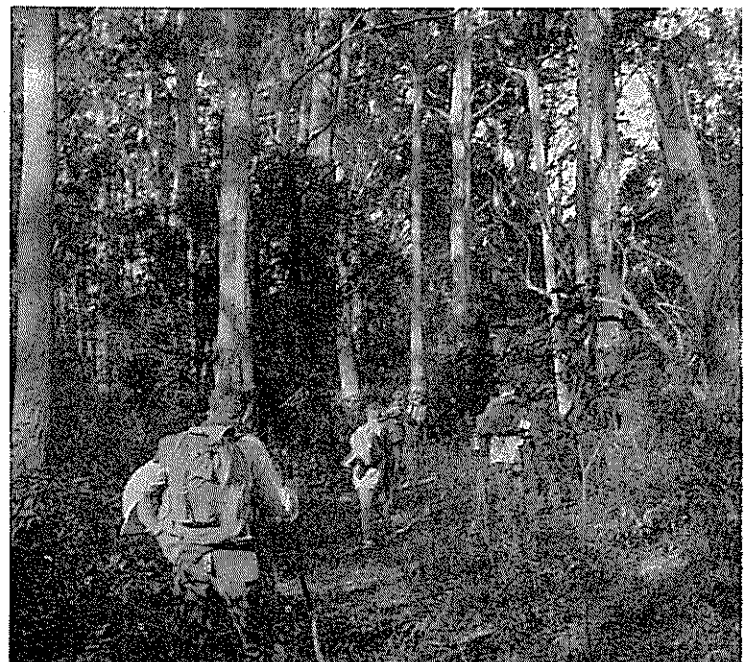
PURPOSE. Let us ask what a boy gains from this experience. First, the joy of adventure—it is hard, it is long, at times it is dangerous. Will I make it? Can I do it? Let me find out.

Second, the satisfaction of self-reliance. There is the great trek ahead; can I by myself do it? I have only myself to depend upon. I cannot go half-way and decide I have had enough. I cannot ask for help, I have to carry my own pack. Can I depend on myself to do all these things? Boys anxiously or uncertainly ask these questions. They can find out the answers in only one way. They have rarely been disappointed in the answers. The school, the masters, their parents all want to help, but no one can answer these questions for a boy. We can, however, and do provide a means whereby the boy can find out for himself.



NEAR THE END OF THE TREK

R. A. Perry, D. A. White, S. F. Kitley, Mr. D. L. (Jim) Graham, D. J. Stewart, A. R. Paul, H. E. Barnes, K. Yabara, A. W. Makim



Easy going—12 miles out in N.E. National Park

BIVOUAC

On Saturday, September 18, A and B Companies, under the command of Lt.-Col. D. J. Harrison, and accompanied by Lieut. D. R. Watts and W.O. H. Philips, left the School for their annual bivouac.

The first part of the morning was spent in siting company positions, clearing arcs of fire, etc., and issuing rations, ground sheets and blankets. After the serious business of preparing lunch, done in sections, the cadets settled down to training in preparation for the night's exercise. During the afternoon several visitors inspected the area, but happily all were rounded up in time to depart with their respective families at nightfall.

After tea, prepared individually from regular army ration packs, the night exercise began. The emphasis this year was on patrol work, both A and B companies trying to probe the strength of each other's positions, and where possible, take prisoners. In the exercise the fact that some of the most junior cadets could move skilfully and quietly in the dark was soon impressed on some of the more senior cadets. A flock of sheep meandering across the routes taken by certain patrols added to the difficulties of a moonless night, and it was rumoured that one of the umpires spent a considerable time following the sheep in mistake for a patrol!

At 2300 hours the exercise was over, and some very tired cadets got their heads down in their bivouacs until an all too early reveille on a frosty Sunday morning.

Church parade was taken by the Rev. T. Kitley and the Rev. E. L. Barnes, who gave a short and very effective sermon.

ATHLETICS

Open: D. B. Smith 1, R. I. Mackenzie 2, A. R. Paul and J. K. Read 3.

Under 17: J. C. Garraway 1, D. M. Toppin 2, W. G. S. Hutchinson 3.

Under 16: P. H. Kemp 1, K. Yabara 2, R. L. Clissold and C. A. McMurtrie 3.

Under 15: B. W. Duddy 1, G. H. Hall 2, J. E. Allen 3.

Under 14: J. R. Evans and B. Kaman 1, G. Cornelsen and A. C. Heap 3.

Under 13: D. G. Hall 1, R. B. Paul, J. A. Failes, D. H. Curtis, B. R. Edmonds 2.

Under 12: N. Peniston 1, L. Woods 2, R. L. Van Rooy 3.

Under 11: A. B. Adams 1, T. M. Hough 2, K. B. A. Moodie 3.



"Mikado", 1965—D. J. Martin, seated.

Ceremonial Parade

The Annual Ceremonial Parade was reviewed by Lt.-Col. J. M. L. Macdonald, M.B.E., E.D., Commandant of the E.C. Citizen Military Forces Officer Cadet Training Unit.

Col. Macdonald, a wartime commander of a regiment of the Black Watch, in praising the cadets' standard of drill and steadiness on parade, told them that, in the case of T.A.S., he had expected this high standard because "you only have to look at the Honour Roll in the War Memorial Assembly Hall to realise what a tradition the School has in the military history of this country".

It was a great pleasure to have Lt.-Col. H. F. White, C.M.G., D.S.O., C. de G., present with the official party. The Headmaster reminded us that Col. White came to T.A.S. the first year the School opened and is one of our most distinguished Old Boys.

SWORD OF HONOUR

The Alex Bain Sword of Honour was awarded to C.U.O. R. Erratt.

G.P.S. SHOOTING

T.A.S. marksmen did very well in the Annual G.P.S. Shoot in Sydney.

Rawson Cup: Kings 497, T.A.S. 497, Shore 492, Grammar 478, Scots 450. (T.K.S. won the countback).

N.R.A. Shield: Shore 355, T.A.S. 352, Grammar 350, Kings 334, Scots 312.

Points Score, first day: Shore 11, T.A.S. 10, King's 10, Grammar 5, Scots 2. D. Tully of T.A.S. gained highest score for the day.

Old Boys' Scholarships

The O.B.U. is offering **TWO SCHOLARSHIPS** (up to £75 p.a.) available next year.

One of these is restricted to sons of Old Boys who served overseas in the World Wars.

Applications should be addressed to The Hon. Sec., T.A.S. O.B.U., P.O. Box 196, Armidale, and should give the following information:—

1. Full name and age of scholar.
 2. Present school and class.
 3. Father's full name and years at T.A.S., and if a returned soldier, etc., details of service.
 4. If not already a pupil at T.A.S., a report from the scholar's teacher or head teacher.
 5. Other information which the applicant thinks relevant. (Number of children at school—to go to school, etc.)
- Applications should be legibly written and lodged no later than **November 18, 1965**.

Applicants may be required to sit for an examination.

Successful applicants may hold the scholarship until they leave T.A.S.

Buchanan Shield: Kings 350, Grammar 346, Shore 312, T.A.S. 308, Scots 224.

Premiership: Kings 18, Shore 14, T.A.S. 12, Grammar 10, Scots 3.

In the second teams' match Shore won with 529, T.A.S. second with 520.

Aggregate: M. Pilcher (T.A.S.), 155, 1; D. Tully, 153, 3. **G.P.S. v. Universities** M. Pilcher, D. Tully and R. N. Blomfield were selected for the combined G.P.S. team.

Old Boys' Cricket Matches

The Old Boys hope to field three teams to play the School teams on Tuesday, December 7, 1965, at 10.30 a.m. Old Boys interested are asked to advise either: R. M. Croft, "Dunvegan", Uralla or T. L. Mackenzie, 211 Faulkner Street, Armidale, no later than December 4.

Old Boys, please mark your calendars: A function will be held at the Armidale Club after the cricket, commencing at approximately 5.30 p.m. All players, visitors and wives, etc., are invited to attend.

End of Year Sydney Tour 1st XI:—

Matches already arranged: Sydney Old Boys, Tunks Park, November 28.

Trinity Grammar, Summerhill, December 2.

Barker College — November 30. And at T.A.S.—December 1.

WORKING BEE

At the last effort, fencing the new playing fields in front of Meadowfield, 15 Old Boys were present. There is work still to be done, and arrangements for completing this will be made known later.

Returned Unclaimed—

P. G. Bannister
G. S. Smith
P. R. Moffatt
J. McLaughlin
P. S. Squires
B. C. White
Hugh Kerans
W. C. Hampshire

Please write to the Honorary Secretary, T.A.S. O.B.U., P.O. Box 196, Armidale.



Lt.-Col. J. M. L. MacDonald inspecting the Band



"A" Company marching on