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HARVEY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL

Introduction

This is an innovation which I hope, will serve a useful purpose and help to bridge the gap between School and parents. I am a firm believer in close contact between School and Community. In a residential school such as this, it is not so easy and I hope this monthly note will establish some contact. Also I realise that if what some parents know about our doings here is what their sons dash off each week, then they will not be very well informed. I feel that I and my Staff are perhaps to blame by providing so much to occupy the boys that letter writing often is "squeezed out". Accepting the responsibility therefore I hope this bulletin may compensate to some extent.

Staff:

Last Friday, Mr. B.H. Ozanne and his wife left the School on their six months Long Service Leave. They will not resume duty until 10th February 1959 and in the intervening months they will tour Great Britain and Europe.

Mr. Malcolm Shalders, B.Sc.(Hons.) Agric. Dip. Ed. has taken over as Senior Master in Agriculture and is now assisted by Mr. Rod Pether who will teach the School subjects and take charge of recreational activities.

Housemasters are Mr. H. K. Philmore, B.A., Mr. C. Bogg, B.A., with Mr. Pether and Mr. Shalders.

Trade staff are Mr. G.R. Brown, Senior Master, Mr. Weller, Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Fleming.

Mr. A. S. James took up duty on 26th May as Farm Supervisor of our newly acquired farm. He comes to us from the Denmark Research Station.

On the domestic side the staff is as follows: Matron Mrs. A. Miller, Mr. R. Campbell 1st Cook, Mr. A. Selman 2nd Cook, Mrs. Borrow, Mr. J. Betts and Mr. J. A. Betts. Mr. J. Mitting has charge of the buildings and Mr. R. Robertson the grounds.

Social:

Last Friday the boys farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Ozanne and family with a delightful gathering. Messrs. C. C. Wakefield and Co. lent us some excellent colour car racing films which were screened and then all adjourned to the recreation room where the boys served the guests with a beautiful supper. Hugh Brown, School Captain, made an excellent speech in presenting Mr. Ozanne with a barometer framed by a ship's helm. There was great merriment when opening the second packet revealed a pair of bright pink socks. The lads are to be complimented on this well organised occasion.

Those boys who witnessed the Harvey Choral Society's Concert on Thursday experienced a feast of fun and talent with several of the Junior High School teachers taking leading roles.

Dancing classes are in full swing again. Miss Mudford and Miss Wild from the Junior High School conduct these aided by senior girls.

Buildings:

Parents will be pleased to learn that in the "Sunday Times" of 22nd June, tenders were called for the building of septic toilets at the Agricultural Wing. This is really wonderful news and it is hoped that the buildings will be available well before summer.

Builders are also to convert one of the army recreation rooms into a gymnasium and the Education Department has agreed to fully equip it.

The acquisition of our own farming property, and these building improvements mark 1958 as a year of great advancement for this School.

Sporting:

Football (by Hugh Browne)

The Ag. School Footy team (captained by Syd. Millington with John Fairbrass as Vice Captain), has not disgraced itself; on the contrary, we've cause to be proud of the team. Earlier in the season, we lost two matches against Brunswick, but last weekend we defeated them 10 goals, 10 behinds to 1 goal 6 behinds. Our only other defeat was the last match against the town team when we were defeated by 1 behind. This was the first time they have beaten us in the last couple of years.

On the 12th of June 8 boys from the Ag. team combined with the Junior High School team for a social match against Pinjarra. We were successful in defending our home ground.

The first Association match was held on June 8th when a number of boys from Brunswick Harvey and the Ag. teams combined against Busselton. We had a good day, and although we didn't win, we did manage a draw.

At the time of writing, Thursday 26th June, we are to meet the High School team from Bunbury - we stand a good chance, but the result will not be published till our next bulletin.

To wrap it up, I'll close by saying that the prospects for the Ag. team are indeed favourable, and we should come good with the shield at the end of the season.

Hockey:

Mr. C. Bogg has been largely responsible for the introduction of hockey into the Agricultural School and its success is most pleasing. Under Captain Brian Wittington and Vice Captain Ray Franke, the team is gradually acquiring skill and has won one game and drawn two. The boys almost live with their hockey sticks. Teams in the Association include Boyanup, Stratham, Exies, Bunbury High School, Ferguson and Dennybrook. On Sunday there is a social picnic match with Subiaco.

Weekend Leave:

Harvey is now served very poorly by rail and it has been very difficult to organise weekend leave. After consultation with the Education Department it was decided to have one four day mid-term leave instead of the previous 2 ordinary weekends. This will be from 17th to 21st July.

Parents are invited to write to the Headmaster, Mr. J. West, or Matron, Mrs. Miller, about any matters which cause them concern. We are checking more carefully this term on the boys writing home. We are doing our best to improve every aspect of the boys' life and work here and we welcome suggestions.