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—of CAREER TALKS

During April Mr. J.

R. Ward, an Old Boy, of the Agricultural Department,
came to the School and gave the senior forms a lecture on agriculture and its future. This lecture was invaluable as an informative talk and also as a deciding factor for boys who were considering taking up agriculture as a career. Mr. Ward gave a clear and concise outline of farming in general, and a detailed talk on Pathology, which, we understand, is his speciality.

April 27 marked the second lecture, which was given by Mr. G. Hodgson, a well-known Old Boy of the School.

An expert engineer himself, Mr. Hodgson acquainted us with the many facts and intricacies of engineering. He also had an interesting film which gave a com-prehensive survey of the various sections of engineering. We were all considerably enlightened on this subject, which had before been to many of us an inextricable mass of mechanics and formulae. Again the boys are indebted to Mr. Hodgson for the lecture, and we gratefully acknowledge the time he devoted to it.

The latest talk was given on June 7 by Commander A. H. Green. As a naval man he was able to give us the inside story of the Navy and the Naval College. He then showed us a film on the College, which was intensely interesting, giving us an idea of the rigorous physical and mental training boys undergo. Again we received a clear picture of a career, and we are grateful to Commander Green for "painting" it.

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sincerity in their parts than has been seen in the other operas. It is not our wish to individualise, because the production of "Ruddigore" concerned the whole School. But we feel that special mention must be made of Mr. Denis Sampson, who designed the magnificent decor, and Mrs. R. W. Vincent, who, with her committee of helpers, did justice to the former by dressing the sixty-odd players in such beautiful costumes as she did.

We sincerely thank them and all the others who helped to make "Ruddigore" a success. We are proud of the performance, but we shall not rest until more and better operatic feats have been accomplished.

The first general meeting for 1956 of the Hutchins School Literary and Debating Society was held on February 23. The following office-bearers for 1956 were elected:

Patron: Mr. H. D. Erwin. President: Mr. J.

K. Kerr. Vice-Presidents: Rev.

S. C. Brammall, Mr. F. J.

Williams, Mr. W. J.

Gerlach. Hon. Adjudicator: Mr.
J.

R. M. Driscoll. Hon. Secretary: F. B. M. Lilley. Executive Committee: The Captain and Vice-Captain of each House, namely, I. Elliott, E. Pitman, C. Rankin, D. Brammall, P. Chapman, E. Lilley.

It was decided at the meeting that the House competitions should be held in the following order: First, the Senior Impromptu Speaking competition; second, the Senior Debates; third, the Junior Impromptu Speaking competition; and fourth, the Junior Debates. It was also decided to hold all Senior competitions on Friday nights.

The Senior Impromptu Speaking competition was held on March 23. Mr. Driscoll adjudicated. Each House entered a team of eight boys, and each boy had five minutes to choose between two subjects he had been given, and to prepare on the one he chose a short talk to last about three or four minutes. School House won the competition with 246 points, defeating Stephens House with 240 points and Buckland House with 210. C. Rankin, discussing the dilemma facing the modern world, made the best speech and thus became Senior Impromptu Orator for 1956. In a Senior House debate each team consists of three members—the leader, a second speaker and a third speaker. The leader speaks for a time which should be about seven minutes. Each supporting member speaks for about five minutes, and the leader then "sums up" for about five minutes. The actual order of speaking is affirmative leader, negative leader, affirmative second, negative second, affirmative third, negative third, negative leader, and finally affirmative leader.

The first Senior House Debate for 1956 was held on April 6. It was between the School House team led by C. Rankin, and the Buckland House team led by I. Elliott, the former taking the affirmative side. The subject was "That Capital Punishment Should be Abolished." Mr. Driscoll adjudicated. The final result was that the School House team, with 251 points, defeated the Buckland House team, with 239 points. Best speaker for the evening was D. Brammall, who gained 79 points.

An inter-school debate was held on April 20 in the War Memorial Library.
It was against a Collegiate School team led by Miss R. Anderson. The subject was "That the modern child has too much independence," and the Hutchins team led by B. Lilley took the negative side. Mr. Driscoll adjudicated. The result of this most interesting debate was that the Hutchins team defeated the visitors, 280 points to 250. Best speaker for the debate was D. Lane, who gained 85 points.

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On April 27 an occasional debate took place between a team led by F. Pitman and one led by E. Lilley, the former proposing that "The strife caused by modern

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Class reading libraries are being formed with the idea of widening and deepen-ing the English Literature studies, and already, in consultation with the Senior English master, seven classes have been provided with a good nucleus which we hope

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The Second Crew

P. T. McP. Johnstone (bow), M. W. R. Weaver (2) R. L. McCarthy (3) M. D. Gibson (stroke), T. A. Francomb (cox.).

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The Life-Saving Team
Standing: I. S. Miller (instructor). W. J. Henry, P. W. Loney. Sitting: J. S. Clennet:, S. W. Knott.

NAVAL CADETS

WE are pleased to report that this year to date has been our most successful since we were formed as a separate unit several years ago. Our performances have not been spectacular; our numbers have not been quadrupled, or even doubled; nor have we thrust ourselves in any way in the public eye. But, of course, the very nature of our traditions is against exhibitionism. Our numbers are still limited by budget policy to about twenty, while the Friday afternoon period is largely used for basic theory instruction instead of the practical seamanship most of the boys would prefer. There has been a marked increase in the interest of cadets in the activities of our main unit, the training ship "Derwent."

The annual camp at Fort Direction was a happy affair, though too few of our chaps were prepared to endure the rigours of camp life. Most agree now that we were fortunate in the presence of the senior Hutchins cadet, Able Seaman Phillip Calvert.

Rifle drill exercises have made great strides this term under the direction of Able Seaman Michael Gray. In fact, with most things going well there is only one disturbing note: What about that tug-o'-war challenge we issued to the Army and Air Force cadets?
ARMY CADETS

This year has been one of the most successful for the School Corps. We have
a record number of 110 cadets.

A camp was held at Brighton during the Christmas holidays, from January 23, for the training of non-commissioned officers. As usual, it was enjoyed by the boys who attended. As a result of this camp the following promotions have been made: Sgt. Brainmall to U/O, Cpl. Palfreyman to WOii, L/Cpls. Kean, Skeels, Clennett and Burbury to Sgt., Cdts. Johnson and' Turner to L/Cpl., and Cdt. Munro to Cpl. Sgt. Clennett has also been appointed Staff Sergeant.

We welcome to our Cadet Corps Capt. Wood, who is our C.O., and Sgt. Jones, who is our A.R.A. Instructor.

Our first showing in public this year was on Anzac Day, whe

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Housemaster: Rev. S. C. Brammall
House Captain: S. V. Burbury
Vice-Captain: R. Skinner
Captain of Cricket, Football, Tennis and
Rifle-Shooting: S.V. Burbury
Captain of Athletics and Dramatics:
A. Johnson

Captain of Swimming: A. Kean
Captain of Standard Athletics: C.. Rankin
Captain of Cross-Country: P. Loney
Captain of Debating: P. Chapman
Captain of Music: J. M. Jones
Captain of Life-Saving: R. Thiessen

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This year "A" House Debating was decided in first and second terms. In this field we must acknowledge a thorough defeat at the hands of Stephens and School. School won the Impromptu Speaking, and Stephens the Debating. Bucks was third in each. However, both sections of "B" House Debating will be decided later, so there is still a chance for those in the lower forms to bring Bucks up to second in Debating.

House Football has not yet begun, and Bucks has high hopes of taking off top place.
With a return to Inter-House Drama competitions this year, Bucks has been practising for several weeks. However, a change has been introduced since the last House plays. This is that only Fourth, Third and Second Formers are allowed to compete. The Buckland House play is "Archibald," a one-act play by W. Robertson, produced by D. Ferguson.

In conclusion, the whole House would like to congratulate School on their fine win in the Cock-House Competition last year. This year we hope to be able to wrest the title from them.

SCHOOL HOUSE

Colours: Light Blue and Dark Blue

BUCKLAND HOUSE

Colours: Maroon and White

Captain of Swimming and Life-Saving:
M. Gray
Captain of Athletics: I. Miller
Captain of Tennis: W. Henry
Captain of Debating: I. Elliott

ONCE again Buckland has shown its strength at swimming, by soundly beating School and Stephens. Our team was captained by M. Gray, who was later the captain of the Inter-School team. Swimming being more an individual sport, one boy is often found to carry off most of the victories. This year this boy was S. Knott, of School House. However, several firsts went to Bucks, namely, J.

Hood, A. Maxwell, J.
Turner, S. Clennett, M. Gibson, M. Weaver, D. Brammall and M. Gray. The final points were: Bucks, 131; School, 108; and Stephs, 64.

In the "A" House Life-Saving our team was successful in winning the competi-tion from School and Stephens. With the exception of S. Knott, Bucks' team was also the Inter-School team—a very fine performance!

Cricket was the next sport to be played, in which we won one match and lost one. In the first School beat us easily, but in the other match our team soundly beat Stephens. D. Brammall, in both bowling and batting, gave our team a splendid advantage. The "B" House matches, which it was hoped could be played in the first term, have been postponed till third term. Thus, the final cricket result will not be known until next term.

AS the half-year approaches School House is in the lead for the Cock-House Shield.

Our cricket team has played exceptionally well in scoring two decisive victories
against Buckland and Stephens.

The Swimming Sports for 1955 were conducted at Amateur House. The con-
ditions were perfectcby.899 y2ere again Pl,e con-8 0 0 etyBucks d M.ain preplowthe Coa1 0 0 1 591.

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year, captained by S. Burbury, who is vice-captain of the First XVIII, and we also have eight other First players. We wish our team every success in the approaching
season.

In the Cross-Country, also, we have a strong team, including P. Loney, who came third in the School Cross-Country last year. A newcomer to the team isA. Johnson, who has returned from the Naval College this year. He has proved his running powers in winning the Sub-Junior l'-mile club race, in which he narrowly defeated P. Loney. We offer our congratulations to this pair, and look forward with anticipa-tion to the Inter-House and School Cross-Country, where they are bound to dis-tinguish themselves.
The Tennis team, with S. Burbury and S. Palfreyman, both of the School team,

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PYNITE

What is it that roareth thus?
Can it be a motor-bus?
Earl Street residents are rocked,
Folk in Nelson Road are shocked.
Whither may the locals flee From this loud cacophony,

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Sugar-cane and rice growing are the principal occupations of the people. Be-sides these, pineapple, tobacco and potato industries are carried on on a large scale. But, out of 300,000 people, fifty per cent, are engaged in sugar-cane cultivation. New Zealand and Australia are partially dependent upon Fijian sugar.

Of 320 islands, nearly 80 contain gold; manganese, copper, silver, zinc and lead. Millions of pounds worth of gold, manganese and copper are exported every year, although there are quite a number of mines not in operation.

Fiji has a great international airport as well as a seaport. A traveller really wonders when he perceives so many aeroplanes and ships calling at such a small group of islands.

There is no doubt that Fiji has justly been described as "The Paradise of the Pacific." Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth first visited the Fiji Islands before she actually made her tour of Australia and other British colonies in the Pacific ocean.

Finally, the most important point is that Fiji is a great tourist attraction. There are several beaches, the most famous being the "Deumba Beach," where the film "His Majesty O'Keefe" was taken. It is something for a tourist to remember when he sits down with a couple of pawpaws on the soft sand and gazes at the huge waves as they collapse on the reefs while he slowly eats, his fruit, and again when he swims in the warm waters and dries himself by lying on the shining sand.

I hope this information will encourage all, including even non-tourists, to visit "The Paradise of the Pacific."
Tirnial Singh, Form VI

THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL

IF you have ever been through the Panama Canal you will realise what a wonderful feat of engineering it is. Three sets of locks were constructed, as well as a long cut

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Shearing takes about three weeks, depending on the weather. If it looks like rain the shepherds endeavour to drive the sheep under shelter before it falls,

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August-
3-110th Anniversary Celebrations.
September-

During the evening 'Cheggy" Vincent was handed £65 by Dick Cruttenden for a scholarship to be known as the David Cruttenden Memorial Scholarship. This is to be a yearly gift during the lifetime of Dick, and is to be awarded by the Head-master, Mr. W. J.

Gerlach (Tennis Master) and the Association Secretary, to the
boy who shows promise at tennis and where an early year's tuition will benefit School tennis and complete the holder's education.
Secretary's Note: I would like to pay a tribute to Clayton Hudson for taking over the initial work in regard to this function, and to the organising committee.

DOWN THROUGH THE AGES

Felix St. Hill (1930), who has for some years been stationed in New Zealand, has been transferred by I.C.I.A.N.Z. Ltd. to Adelaide.

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The Committee of the Club desires to express its appreciation to the Head-master for the use of ovals.
George McKay, the School cricket coach, is being recommended to the next Annual General Meeting of the Club for election to Life Membership
Trophy winners for the season were: John Mullen Memorial, M. S. Bull; Most Outstanding Performances, W. H. Mason-Cox, M.'S. Bull and N. Johnston; Best Fieldsman, N Johnston
The date of the Annual General Meeting for the forthcoming season has not been decided, but will be in September. If you arwills not