

THE BEDEAN TIMES

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Editorial

There has been a tendency in the past few weeks to form clubs of all kinds. This self-initiative is to be applauded, but one cannot help wondering how long many of these organizations will survive. A word of special congratulations must go to Mr. Cosgriff and his French Circle who have made amazing progress. The Young Farmers' Club is another highly successful organization. However, example should not be taken from the Bedean Club formed last year which has been silent long enough. Maybe the Chess Club could settle down to playing chess competitions in the near future. The debut of the Drama Club will be eagerly looked forward to. The Classical Music Club will provide entertainment of a serious nature, while the hoped-for Jazz Club might provide some competition. Perhaps the Life-Saving Club could indulge in some practical work this term by cleaning the baths. No doubt the Harmonica Club will eventually amalgamate with the two Musical Societies and we of the Editorial Staff confidently predict that in a short time there will be a School Orchestra.

A LINK WITH THE PAST In the early 1940's Fr. Bennett introduced the "Beads" - the covers of which are now used on the Novena Booklets. This paper was of a more serious nature and continued for a few years.

In 1952 a group of senior boys started a more simple paper called "Look".

Now we intend, with your co-operation, to produce "THE BEDEAN TIMES" which we hope will grow and expand from this humble beginning.

ST. BEDE'S ALPHABET - by 'PERCY'.

- A - ASHTRAYS: Found in all seniors' lockers.
- B - BEAKS: Excellent fellows, and about as useful as a fifth wheel on a car.
- C - CANE: Instrument of torture used for extracting information from Carroll as to where his cache of tobacco is.
- D - DAINTY: Cosgriff tripping lightly up the stairs on his way to bed.
- E - EMPTY: Feeling in the stomach after meals.
- F - FORGERY: Gaffaney's report-faking process.
- G - GATE: Invisible and unobserved boundary for boarders.
- H - HELL: 6.30 a.m.
- I - IDEA: Foster inspecting prefect's room prior to a smoke.
- J - JUNIORS: Under-privileged, under-sized sources of noise.
- K - KISK: Weapon which does damage to the approximate extent of an H-Bomb.
- L - LILTING: Melodious tones of M. O'Connor inviting everyone to be silent.
- M - MOANS: Holden praising everyone's consideration of himself.
- N - NITRIC ACID: Delicious mouth-tingling substance, which McNamara feels bound to take internally.
- O - OVEN: Where bread is baked to rock-hard consistency.
- P - PICTURE: Stopforth framed in peak's room.
- Q - QUICK: Exits from Fr. O'Connor's room.
- R - RISK: What's been taken in writing this paper.
- S - SILLY: M. Smith asking for ice-cream from the office.
- T - TROUBLE: That's the result of A.R. (Perce) Hyde's triple English homework.
- U - UNIFORMS: What Farrell and Wright couldn't remove quickly enough.
- V - VANITY: Fraher's car.
- W - WEEKENDS: Boarders stream off to fleshpots.
- X - XTRA: "The Bedean Times". Xtra value for a small outlay.
- Y - YARD: The quadrangle where delinquents, Wood, James & Harris, pick up papers on a Saturday morning.
- Z - ZEBRA: Resembles rear end of capital offenders, e.g. Smith & O'Malley.

STOP PRESS!!

Replies to letters: "Casual Observer" - try reading our editorial. Thanks for letter - Ed.

"Viscount Visigoth" - your article has appeared in many magazines and we feel it too well known.

THE EDITORIAL STAFF WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS WHICH WOULD IMPROVE THIS PAPER. ALL ARTICLES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF LOCAL INTEREST - MOST WELCOME.

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

(From our Special
Hollywood Correspondent.)

This month the following pictures will be screened in the studium through the courtesy of Fr. O'Meeghan:-

Sat. June 15th. "Q U O V A D I S"
In Technicolor. Starring Robert Taylor
& Peter Ustinov.

This stirring story of ancient Rome is taken from the pages of the book "Quo Vadis" by Sienkiewicz, who wrote his story around the following legend: St. Peter was fleeing from Nero's persecution when he met Our Lord and asked him, "Where are you going, Lord?" ("Quo vadis, Domine?") Our Lord replied, "Back to Rome to be crucified a second time!" M.G.M. have effected a startling dramatization of the conflict between the pagan rulers and the Christians of ancient Rome.

Sat. June 22nd. "ROMEO & JULIET"
Starring: Laurence Harvey,
Susan Shentall
Flora Robson.

This is more than the greatest love-story ever told. It is a tale of splendour and adventure of intrigue in secret gardens and magnificent castles, of young men's comradeship and old men's grief. Brilliant colour, and glorious music help to make "Romeo & Juliet" a memorable picture.

WATCH THIS COLUMN

FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS ! ! !

Exerpts from the Diary of "THE SPECTATOR."

("I live in the world, rather as a Spectator of mankind, than as one of the species. Wherever I see a cluster of people I walways mix with them, though I never open my lips. When I consider how much I have seen and heard, I am resolved to print myself out, if possible, before I die."
- Addison, 1711)

Wed. 5th June. Shades of Kingsford Smith and the Wright Brothers! I have aviation thrills in the early hour of this morning while I am flying round above Christchurch, jettisoning dry ice into the clouds. To my glee, about 4 am it starts to rain - so hard that the boys' football is postponed. Are they savage!!!

Frid. 7th June. Boys moan and grumble because they get burnt soup for tea. I'm rolling round the floor with mirth, because when the Cook wasn't looking I managed to toss a few bucketfuls of ashes.

Sat. 8th June. Today St. Bede's win their football match against Sunny-side Spreydon, contrary to my carefully laid plan, only the first part of which succeeds. O'Sullivan is having a penalty kick at goal, and I am sitting on the cross-bar with a bag full of compressed air. O'Sullivan kicks; I release air; the ball goes outside the posts. Boys ferocious. Later on I try to ankle-tap Wright just before he scores a try, but miss and land under the huge bulk of Keenan.

THE "Bedean Times" PENETRATES
THE INTRIGUE OF THE BOULEVARD
CAVITIES.

Has Uranium been discovered?
Has the H-Bomb been dropped?
There has been much controversy as to the cause of those enormous craters resplendent in all their untidy glory on the promenade in front of the main entrance. They are the result of constant heavy traffic which now has for the most part ceased. We hope that the council will be able to remedy the situation by providing some form of permanent bitulithic surface. Perhaps the Automobile Association could erect red-light barriers to warn approaching motorists of the hazards. Some have been wondering how much these cavities have contributed to loosened molars, lost hub-caps and bicycle troubles - many of the latter having been brought to light in the recent cycle check-up.

"SENEX"

REINSTITUTION OF P.T.

We are delighted to see the boys applauding the return of P.T. P.T. as you know stands for "Prefects' Tyranny". The morning recreation is too long in the winter time and the boys' brains are inclined to freeze up. P.T. is the perfect cure. We join with the boys in hoping that P.T. like the "BE DEAN TIMES" will

OUR COLLEGE HAKA.

In view of the approaching college games, where supporters of the 1st XV cheer on the team, we here publish our school Haka for the benefit of the newcomers.

BEDES! TAMARIKA (Leaders)

TAMARIKA HUTA PORA
EH NA NURA NE
AU AU AUE HA! *
AU AU AUE HA!
HE! KATUTE IWI
KATUTE MANAWA
I RANGI ITA RANGI
TU EHAU NE
TU EHAU NE
AU AU AUE HA! *
AU AU AUE HA!
BEDES!

* Leaders only.

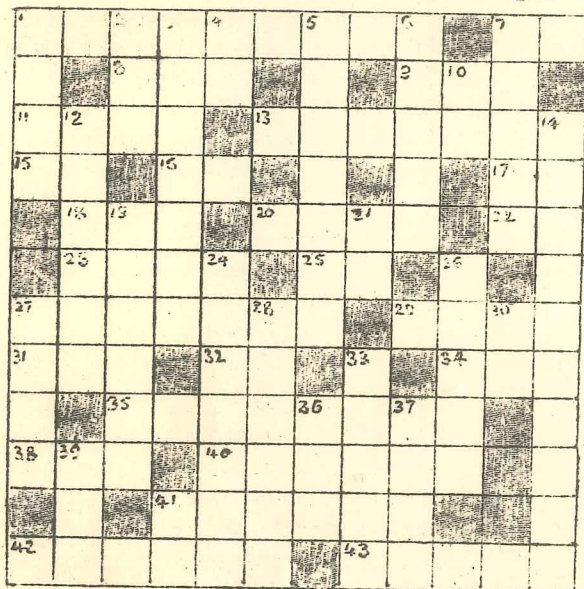
Dear Dad,
All's well at school,
but can you guess what I'd
like most of all? Please
could you mail it quickly.
Hopefully yours,
Llewellyn.

Father's Reply:

Dear Son,
Just a short Note to
say that there is Nothing
much to write about. Write
another letter soon.
So long for Now,
Dad.

P.S. You should get this
letter by Noon.
become a part of school
life.

CROSSWORD CORNER



There will be a prize of 2/6 for the first neat and correct solution to reach Michael Gaffney
MUST BE YOUR OWN WORK.

CLUES ACROSS:

1. The object of college life.
7. Negative. 8. Land of the sleepy.
9. He's drunk! 11. Presently.
13. Ranger for local D.I.A.
15. Year (abbr.) 16. Mark this!
17. Out for ten. 18. Adam's brew.
20. Extremely. 22. Important person-but not very. 23. Re-ate. 25. Himself to a Roman. 27. Three times a day they turn to Mecca. 28. The dangerous weapon of many animals.
31. "— gratia Artis" of M.G.M.
32. Thanks. 34. Royal Tank Reg. t.
35. Beat another by thinking more quickly. 38. We like to see it oft.
40. Sir Thomas More's ideal spot.
43. Boy's name.

41. Acid of vinegar. 42. First's opponents

CLUES DOWN: 1. Our math's homeworks aren't! 2. The second League of Nations. 3. Recent arrival. 4. Add-but not the last penny! 5. Popular author of life in Australia. 6. Abar sold at the tuckshop- but no reference to the service! 7. Al's partner. 10. Etre. 12. Debating should make you one. 14. Mapping to a geographer. 19. We can all learn one. 21. Again. 24. Market gardeners money, perhaps? 26. Warm jacket worn by Eskimos. 27. Calvary over again. 28. "It doesn't --" the schoolboy's cry. 30. Not without oh. 33. Don't just tear it! (3,2) 36. 38 makes us this. 37. A nice French city. 39. Columbus discovered it. 41. Admiralty Instruction. (abbr)

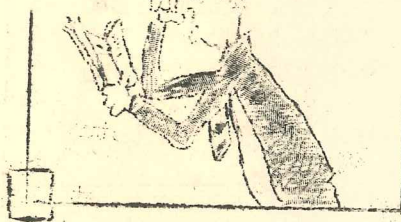
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Too Awful For Words.

A little corner for Three B. Just punctuate this, so that it makes sense:

That that is is that that is not is not but that that is not is not that that is nor is that that is that that is not so that is that.

Father Evatt tells us that Algebra is the wife of Euclid.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. (Names of Correspondents must accompany non-de-plume.)

Letter of the Week! 2/- Prize!
CLAMMY CLOTHES.

Sir,

Thanks to the generosity of many we have been gifted with a building that far outshines any other in Christchurch. It is fitted with facilities designed to better our lot, yet somewhere there has been a grave act of forgetfulness. Our "green door" has many new boys wondering, having been locked for twelve months; and it seems doubtful whether it will ever be opened. Wet football gear can be detrimental to the health of growing boys, and having it dry would improve the situation considerably.

"WET PANTS."

INFERIORITY COMPLEX.

Sir - There is a certain amount of discontent among the Lords of the Junior Boarding Company concerning the wearing of apparel utilized for the protection and warmth of the lower anatomy in the extended form, i.e. longs. While this practice is apparent among Plebians, viz. the day boys, the Patricians are forced to undergo severe privations during winter because of the rule barring them from this privilege.

"INDIGNANT FOURTH FORMER."

DRAMA SOCIETY.

Sir - The Society's object is to promote an interest in drama, comical and serious, among Seniors and Juniors. The Patron is Fr.

and Juniors. Fr. McCann is Patron. He also patronizes the "Chess Club" and the "Classical Music Club". In a few years the boys will realize how much he has done for the school.

Committee: Messrs. Carrol, Daly, Graham, McCarthy.

MUSIC CLUB.

Sir - The first meeting was held last Saturday. Mr. Lyons, the President, welcomed 33 members, & hoped they would find the Clubs activities helpful and entertaining. The President gave an informative explanation before each piece. At the end of the meeting Fr. McCann gave helpful suggestions and welcomed any ideas for improvements. - CUB.

Replies in brief: "Morpheus" - Too long and indicative of sub-normal intellect; in general unbearably inappropriate. "Early to bed, early to rise....etc." - Ed. "Archibald Augustus" - What do you expect. Wedgewood China. Suggest you provide your own. Ed. "Pinex Eaters" - This is not the Star-Sun agony column. You have the Natural Antipathy of the near competent to the superlatively adequate. - Ed. "Winston McCarthy" - Loquacity & longevity of your diatribe is amazing. If we start to praise the 1st XV they may start to think they are good. - Ed.

NOTICE - First Meeting of the Drama Society on Sun. 16th at 2pm. in the gymnasium.

SPORTSMEN OF THE WEEK

PETER NEVIN.

One of our few "double reps", and most certainly youngest, Peter has wasted no time in reaching the top. In his first year he was Captain of the Under 14 A's, last year he was in the 2nd XI and now he is a member of the 1st XI. As a footballer he made a rapid rise from the Sixths in 1955 to the Fourths last year, and in spite of his shape he is filling his place behind the 1st XV in no mean manner.

JOHN DIEDRICHS.

It is seldom that a Fourth Former gets as high in school rugby as the Second Fifteen. John played in the Sixths last year under Fr. Mannix who has coached many 1st XV players in lower grades. John is a big boy who has a wealth of good rugby in him. He is a keen forward, trying hard all the time and always ready to learn. I think John will be a strong contender for a position in the 1st XV.

PERFORMANCES IN WEDNESDAY'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

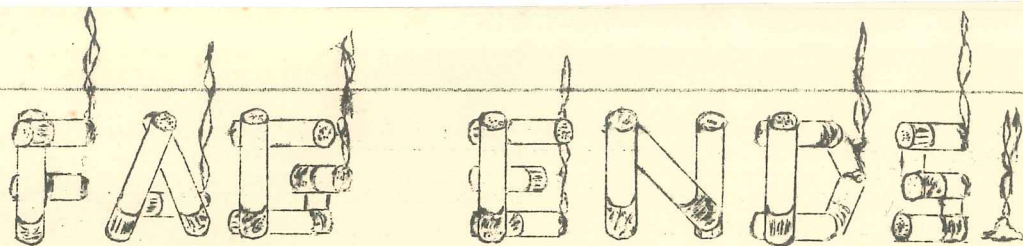
HEAVYWEIGHT:

(4th's)	IIIB.	9	Defeated	IIIA	8 (3rd's)
(5th's)	IV	6	"	BHSA	0
(6th's)	V	24	"	BHSA	3
(7th's)	VI	13	"	CC B	0
(9th's)	VIIB	24	"	CTC	3
(13th's)	IXB	13	"	CHS	0
LIGHTWEIGHT: IV	I8	"		CHS	14
BANTAM: IIIA	I6	"		SBHS	0
FLYWEIGHT: I	5	"		CTC	0
	IIA	12	"	IIB	0

COMMENTARY: Maurice Connell returns to active list in time to help the VIths beat BHS 24-3.

We would also like to congratulate the coach (Fr. Connolly) on his well-drilled team and on his firm grasp of the rules. We feel it was the triumph of "mind over matter" which restrained him from seeing the East and West clash at Lancaster Park last Saturday.

Ray James scored all the points (9) for the 4th XV in their torrid struggle against the Thirds today.



W.D. & H.O.

Mr. Meates's activities like his hair have been cut down

The Plumber and his able-bodied Assistant (so you might say) were unsuccessful in their recent attempt to defy the laws of gravity.

The ferocity of the 1st XV forwards made Mr Wright take up boxing to cure his inferiority complex.

Speakers in the Senior Debating Club should be given the same deal as the listeners and be allowed to read their speeches.

Maybe Messrs. McMurtrie and Mackintosh will form a Scottish Society. We will no doubt hear the 'skirl of the pipes' very soon.

In an exclusive interview we have been informed of the intended formation of a "Spit and Dribble" Club by a prominent member of the staff.

We suggest the Tuckshop is making too much profit. Surely candy pink or chocolate brown would have been more appropriate colours.

After the recent cycle test Mr. O'Malley has decided to sell his cycle. The Chch. Transport Board has offered two shillings.

We cannot expect Mr. Perano to arrive back on time for the 2nd Term and interrupt his whale-chasing.

Why does Mr. Magee take so long to traverse from the study door to the bell at the end of study? Some day he corrects his watch.

Once again winter brings a rush of indoor activities... The most interesting of these is dancing. These gentlemen who dress up in suites, stiff collars and carpet slippers, gallivanting around the floor of the hall with 'sweet nothings' in their arms must be seen to be believed.

The peculiar noises which emanate from the hall and come floating across the quadrangle are not screams but the highly paid efforts of Haley and one Belafonte.

WANTED: Three members for Drama Society - Junior or Senior.