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MILTON JUNIOR

1910 SCHOOL 1970

The school, combined Junior and Senior, was opened on 25th July, 1910, by Sir William and Lady Eveline Milton. The Headmaster was Mr. de Beer, and he remained here until 1927 when the Senior part of the school was moved to its present premises. The Borrow Street building became a paying Junior School under Mr. Macdonald from 1927 – 1932.

The school has had only three other Headmasters - Mr. Edgecombe, 1932-1946; Mr. Page, from 1946-1960, and the present Headmaster Mr. C. S. Lineham from 1960. Mr. Page was on the staff with Mr. Macdonald. Mr. Lineham came to the school in January 1935 and apart from Military service during World War II, has been there since his first appointment. The school has had many staff whose continuous service at one school deserves mention. Mr. H. H. Montgomery - 22 years, Mrs. M. Montgomery - 24 years, Mrs. Hayes - 21 years, Miss Beverley -17 years, Mrs. Jones — 15 years, Mrs. Sturman joined the staff in 1935, left in 1946, and returned to Milton again in 1962, totalling 19 years. Mrs. O. Montgomery, school secretary until December, 1969 - 18 years, and Mr. Whittaker, Caretaker -13 years. Mrs Van Zyl has been a Matron since 1957, and Mrs. Trinder was a Matron from January 1956 to December, 1968. On the African Staff, the Messenger Tshwelli succeeded his father in 1948. Gideon has served 22 years, Nyamayo 19 years, and Sango 18 years.

In December, 1955 a fire broke out in the East Wing of the school starting in what was then the office. All records were destroyed, the library completely gutted and the ceilings through the whole wing destroyed. School opened in January 1956 using the Hostel Prep. room, the Greek Church Hall, and the Scout Hall in 9th Avenue, as classrooms. The "Chronicle" appealed for assistance from any persons, particularly 'Old' boys, interested in the school. The result of this appeal was great and donations of money and books came in quantity. The Public Works made a great effort to re-house the school and by the end of the first term all classes were back in the main school buildings.

There are two rooms in the school which are unusual in Junior Schools. One is the Library

which is used mainly by the Standards 4 and 5; the lower standards having class libraries. The other is the Craftroom designed by Mr. A. M. Brown. Here every cupboard, every drawer is designed to hold exactly some book-binding or craft equipment such as sheets of manilla and rolls of linen. When this was designed the school carried a Craft specialist and full use was made of first class equipment. Mr. Brown, who died in 1961, will be remembered by many boys for the great courage he showed in overcoming his ill health.

When the school was built there was only one playing field; the one between the school and hostel. Now the ground adjoining 9th Avenue; between the school and the river has been levelled, a pavilion built and this is one of the most attractive junior school cricket grounds in the country. The field next to 12th Ave has been planted and has become a fine rugby ground. Another addition to the grounds is the swimming bath shared with Coghlan School and opened by the Mayor, Clr. A. Menashe in 1966. This amenity has been of immense value to the school both from the point's of view of coaching, and of swimming for pleasure.

The school has an excellent record in all games. This was the first school to use a composition wicket and later to go to turf wickets. Many boys have gone on from here to play for their country and Mr. P. N. F. Mansell for South Africa. Soccer has also produced its great players, notably Bobby Chalmers. This being the Jubilee year, we celebrated by winning the interschool Athletic Sports, and the under 11 and over 11 Soccer. A Rugby Festival was started in 1968 and this has been a great success, and now four teams from Mashonaland come to this Festival each year. Both Rugby and Soccer have always been played here and we can claim Des van Jaarsveldt and Ronnie Hill as Springboks. Many Provincial and Rhodesia tennis players started here with Mrs. Hayes, and our record in swimming too is excellent.

Other activities which have continued for years include a Cub pack run by Miss Beverley, Choirs which have been taught by Miss Holmes, and Mrs. Caborn, and a Drama Club run by Mrs.



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Morgan-Davies, and now by Mrs. M. Montgomery. The aim is to produce an annual play and our most successful have been "The Tinder Box", "Treasure Island" and "A Matter of Policy".

The School Council and P.T.A. have always been active in their support of the school. The present council consists of Clr. R. Harris, Mr. M. Harris, Mr. Standish Harris, Clr. E. Gordon, Mr. F. Walsh (all past scholars), Mr. I. Hargrove, Mr. L. Meal, Mr. M. J. Carroll, Mr. K. Graham.

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The boys' own effort towards this 60th year was the establishment of a small bursary fund to be awarded annually. This year contributions were made by the boys of 1969, and the award was made to Ian Penhale, now at Milton High School.

THE DECEMBER 1955 FIRE



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THE FIRE THAT GUTTED THE EAST WING

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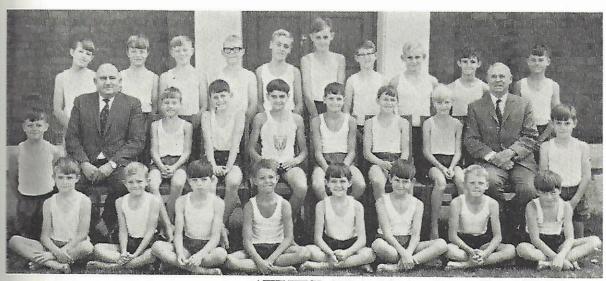


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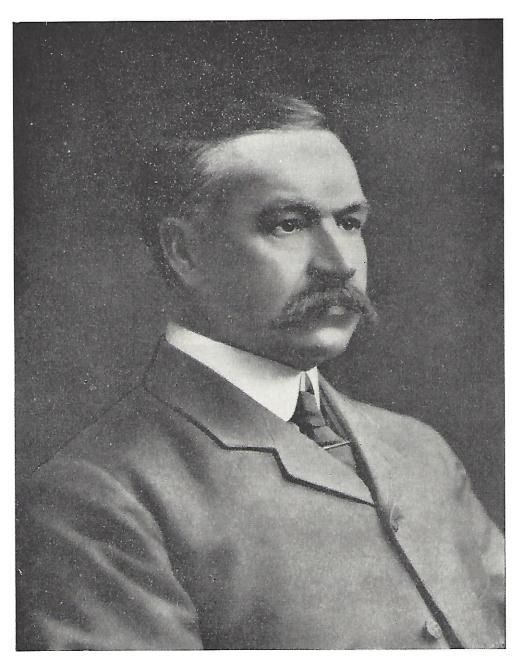


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