

MILTON *Archie Girdle* NEWS

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Notes from the Headmaster

We are very fortunate to welcome the following new members of staff this term :- Mr. Anderson, Mr. Annandale, Mr. Bowyer, Mrs. Haddon, Mr. Hannay, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Newmarch, Mrs. Staats.

They have all adapted readily to our methods and I wish them all a happy and rewarding stay at Milton. I am sure that the pupils will benefit immensely from their work in our school.

Also this term we have welcomed some 130 form one pupils and some 30 pupils at various other levels in the school, so that our numbers have increased above the level of last year. Already one of these lads, Gary Hardman, has played in the first XI and gave a very creditable performance as wicketkeeper and opening batsman in the team's victory over C.L.C. on Saturday.

In the sixth form we have 9 pupils from Northlea and some 9 Eveline girls and three Gifford boys, attending all their lessons at Milton. In addition, some 15 Townsend girls come to us for Physics.

On Wednesday 31 January the U13A cricket team will play a staff team. We hope that parents will take this opportunity of meeting staff during the course of the afternoon.

A sundowner has been arranged for parents of ALL pupils who are new to the school in order to meet staff. This will take place in the Jubilee Pavilion at 6.00pm. on Wednesday 31 January after the cricket match.

We have been invited to enter a team of parents to participate in the National Foods Inter-School PTA Quiz and eight parents, Mesdames Cundall, Parsons, Daniels and Smart, together with Mrsers. Walsh, Oswald, Bloch and Dr. Gibbs, have been practising in order to select the best possible team. Should any parents wish to participate please be kind enough to mention your name to me. The first prize in this quiz is \$4000, so we obviously want to put in the strongest possible team.

Congratulations go to the following members of staff :-

Mr. Clift on his appointment as acting head of the Maths department.

Mrs. W. Taylor on her promotion to the position of school Bursar.

The Prefects Seminar

The Prefects Seminar took place on the 18th. Jan. in the Jubilee Pavilion. It is an annual meeting which deals with the prefects and their duties & responsibilities. This year there were again 3 speakers, Stephen McKenna speaking on "The Aims of Prefectship", Michael Hill speaking on "Qualities of Leadership" and Andrew Buchan on "The Place of Rules in School Society".

The object of the seminar is for the prefects to get to know what is expected of them, for them to get to know and understand people and to discuss things that need to be altered. The basic format is that of three speeches on specific topics. Once one of the topics has been opened by a speaker, the prefect body splits up into three groups, each expressing their particular views. Each group has a

group discussing with one of the masters present, their own particular views. Each group has a scribe who reports back to the whole body after the groups have reassembled.

This year, as you already know, the theme is "Discipline"; members of the prefect body will have to enforce discipline where they believe it to be necessary and important. However, the prefect body would prefer to call a boy to the common room to congratulate him, rather than to discipline him !

Sixth Form General Studies - Talk about the Samaritans.

1979's general studies got off to a somewhat unusual start when Mr. Paddy McCarthy came to address the sixth form, about the work the Samaritans do. He explained that the organisation was formed by the Rev. Chad Varah in the mid 1950's in an attempt to do something constructive about the increasing suicide and divorce rates and to help with social problems and pressures in general. The basic principles are confidentiality and anonymity - many people find it easy and helpful to pour out their troubles to an unseen listener to whom they do not have to reveal their identity; wherever possible the Samaritans do follow-up work, but always in the strictest confidence.

Although the name Samaritans is taken from Christ's parable of the Good Samaritan, Mr. McCarthy stressed that the organisation is in no way linked to any religious denomination; of the four Bulawayo directors, one is an Atheist, one a Jew, one a Catholic and one an African. The Bulawayo group numbers approximately 80 and every hour of every day someone is available to answer the phone at 65000. The Samaritans deal with in excess of 800 cases each year and of these, some 15% are very serious problems as opposed to temporary worries. There is a lighter side - Mr. McCarthy told the story of a practical joker who attempted to convince a credulous Samaritan that he was

actually phoning in the midst of a suicide attempt on top of Southampton House !

Mr. McCarthy concluded by explaining the value of the Samaritans' work and pointed out that the organisation was funded entirely by donation; in that connection, there was to be a flag day on Saturday 3 March and he hoped that, if asked, some Miltonians would be willing to help with this; we are certain that he can be assured of as much support as he might require.

Old Miltonians Reunion

On Saturday February 3rd. we are holding the Old Miltonians Reunion, an annual event. There will be a cricket match against the Old Boys starting at 9.30am. and in the afternoon it is hoped to have a social tennis match between the School and Old Boys. In the evening there will be a sundowner and supper in the pavilion.

Up to now we have reserved this date for all past pupils, but this year we are inviting parents to attend as well. Last year's reunion was a very successful occasion and it is hoped that this year's will be as successful. All Old Boys are invited to join us on the 3rd. February. The charge is merely \$1.50 per person for the supper. Phone the school and make your booking as soon as possible.

Interview with Form Ones

Do you remember your first days at Milton in form 1 ?
Here are the opinions of some form ones about Milton :-

The main difference between junior and senior school is that you walk to classes.

School is more exciting with several teachers because when you only have one teacher, if she is in a bad mood, you are stuck with her all day; here you only have to stick it out for 30 minutes.

When asked if they wanted Milton to be co-educational, they all replied "No" !!

Prefects should help us more instead of always picking on us. Teachers however, treat us alright; they are quite nice.

Asked whether they think discipline is stricter at Milton, they replied that it is, especially with ties, garters and haircuts.

R. Rapisarda

Witzenburg Camp

On Boxing Day 32 scouts (Rhodesian) left for camp in the Witzenburg Mountains, 180 km. N.E. of Cape Town. We arrived on the 28th. December.

There were twelve base camps to attend: Orienteering, Kloofing, Archery, Marksmanship, Motor engineering, fishing Dutch oven cooking, pion ering and Comando. We went to most of them (and gained a great deal of experience in these fields). Souvenirs, post cards, scouting equipment and a tack shop were available at each.

After the camp we went to Cape Town for two days. We arrived back in Rhodesia on Saturday 13 January after a very enjoyable and informative trip.

N. Dempsey 3A1

Milton Boys in the News

During the recent school holidays, the following boys achieved success in a variety of spheres :-

Squash: I. Ferguson, B. Kendall and M. Sissons were all members of the Matabeleland Squash Team which played in the Rhodesian U13 trials for a South African tour. M. Sissons was runner up in the second Plate event.

Cricket: N. Rix and R. Pattison were selected to play for the Matabeleland U13 team against Midlands in Bulawayo.

Baseball: J. MacMillan was a member of the Matabeleland U13 baseball team which toured South Africa.

Tennis: D. Gubbay got through to the U16 singles finals of the B.A.C. Junior Tennis Championships. R. Broomberg won the U16 Doubles title in the same competition.

Swimming: The following boys represented Matabeleland at the Rhodesian Aquatic Championships in Salisbury :- G. Biles, G. Johnson, R. Leech, G. Lutz, C. Maughan, R. Parsons, S. Rachman, M. Rachman, O'Callaghan, Lebuschagne, G. Michelson, D. Maughan. Congratulations go to these boys on five results at the championships and particularly G. Johnson, R. Leech, C. Lutz for achieving two first places each in the U14, U16 and U12 divisions respectively. R. Rachman is to be congratulated on being selected as a member of the Rhodesian Lifesaving team to go to South Africa in March.

Basketball: S. Loxton, who plays men's league for Wildcats, has been selected to play in the men's super league competition. He has also been invited to turn out for practices for the Matabeleland men's side.

Cross Country

This term the inter-house cross country at Hillside Dams will be held on Monday 19th. February. I believe this event is one of the most important on our school calendar, as it is the only time a whole house can be together. A tremendous amount of house spirit is always generated during the training for cross country. This house spirit goes further and helps school spirit which is improving every year.

One of the big problems is to find time to get the training in, and it is in this context that I appeal to the school to co-operate with house Captains. It is often the case that you should run early in the afternoon; if this is so, have a light lunch and be prepared for the run. This type of running is always fun and a very necessary part of our lives. Medically it has been proved that running and keeping fit is vital: Remember, a fit body helps develop a fit mind.

Good luck boys, run hard and enjoy yourselves ; who knows, even you may be a long distance runner.

1ST. XI CRICKET vv CBC

Milton got off to a good start this year by beating C.B.C. Viljoen won the toss and elected to field and C.B.C. were soon in trouble after deVilliers and Pettican picked up some early wickets. C.B.C. started to consolidate and had recovered a little, but with the first balls of his 3 consecutive overs after tea, Smith took 3 wickets, all brilliantly stamped by Hardman. C.B.C. collapsed to 79 all out with Smith taking 5 for 25.

Then Milton batted and lost both openers cheaply; however an 80 run partnership between Smith and Einhorn saw Milton home with 8 wickets in hand. Smith scored 55 and Einhorn

42, and the running between wickets during their partnership was excellent. Milton batted on and were 125 for 4 when rain washed out play.

M.B.

A Priest was preaching to the inmates of a lunatic asylum; he began his sermon with the question: "Why are we all here?" To his horror a voice answered: "Because we are not all there".

News of a Forthcoming Attraction

Rope Enough - a Play by Roy Russell

This is a Murder. A highly excitable musician/composer is done away with by a so called friend who is supposedly interested in his work, but in actual fact is in love with the musician's wife. Several things transpire and eventually the audience is embroiled as this friend actually committed a murder in real life sometime previously and the police come to the theatre to arrest him. There seemingly is confusion, and the play is permitted to continue. At the end the friend does away with himself.

This is to be Milton's annual production for 1979; Rehearsals for "Rope Enough" are underway, and the play will be staged from April 3rd. to April 6th. inclusive.
