

MILTON ~~Anglo~~ NEWS

Notes from the Headmaster.

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Wednesday 17th October, 1979.

1. Return of ballot forms: I believe that we have received a very good return of ballot forms from parents. Unfortunately the exercise has lost momentum because many parents returned forms to the school office rather than to form teachers as requested, thus delaying the check on returns. However, these returns have now been sent to form teachers and the count will be made this week as scheduled.

The final result will be circulated to all parents hopefully before the end of this week.

2. Public Examination. We have finally been officially informed that public examination candidates attend school until the following days:-

'A' Level	2nd November, 1979.
'M' Level	9th November, 1979.
'O' Level	7th November, 1979.
RCE Higher.	9th November, 1979.

Report on the Inter House Public Speaking Contest.

Last week, Tuesday evening the Inter-House Public Speaking was held in the Beit Hall. Mike Hill was the compere and each House entered a speaker in each section; the U14's delivered 3 minute speeches, the U16 and Open groups followed with 5 minute speeches. The speeches were taken from a list of 100 topics ranging from "The Consequence of Failure"

to "The Trouble began with Eve".

This was followed by interval during which the adjudicators Mrs. Hale and Mr. Chidavaenzi from T.T.C. decided who the three finalists would be from each age group.

The Finalists were:- U14 J. Tapson -
M. Lawrence -
S. McTiernan.

U16 D. Bloch -
C. Walsh -
D. Smith.

Open J. Glassbrook -
D. Foley -
B. Watts.

Each of these finalists had to give a one minute speeche. on a surprise subject. Some hilarious one minute speeches were given. Walsh's "peanuts" and Lawrence's "Old Man's Shoes" being particularly entertaining. The overall winners of their respective sections were M. Lawrence, C. Walsh and J. Glassbrook.

The winning House was Birchenough.

The standard in this contest was exceptionally high, and the fine display of talent in the U14 and U16 sections bodes well for the future of public speaking at Milton.

General Studies.

Recently those who attended general studies enjoyed a very entertaining talk, given by Mr. Daust, Head Librarian at the Public Library.

Mr. Daust began his talk by outlining careers' prospects for a librarian. Having dealt with the routine aspect of the talk, Mr. Daust, began

telling us about his first library post in Kerby Moorside, a town usually thought of as a place to retire and die.

Then Mr. Daust worked in a London district library, in a lower class area; one would expect the library to be quiet but it was quite the opposite; Guy Fawks night provided a rocketing climax to his stay!

Mr. Daust's third appointment was as librarian at a large boys' school. It appears up to a third of the pupils played truant at a time and many amusing and macarbe incidents occurred. One such incident was when the police asked the Headmaster about a certain pupil; the Head insisted on having the boy present and only when the boy could not be found did the police reveal that the boy's bleached skeleton had been found at a rubbish dump. The school however had recorded the boy present for the previous six weeks. In enquiry not one member of staff knew what the boy looked like.

The job however was rewarding for Mr. Daust who taught seventeen year olds how to write, or at least to sign their names for Social Security! It appears quite a number of pupils at the school were illiterate.

Mr. Daust concluded his talk by expressing his view that he feels that the Public Libraries should be Government-subsidized as they are in most countries. He also reminded pupils that the library's reference facilities are available for use by anyone.

Cake Sale.

Parents of boys in Forms 4 - 5 - 6 are reminded of the cake sale on October 24th. Mr. Swales will be collecting jumble from the 18th October for a forthcoming Jumble Sale.

Report on the under 15 Waterpolo Tournament
held at Gifford on Wednesday 3rd October 1979.

Scores:- Against Gifford : Milton lost 4 - 7
Against Northlea : Milton won 8 - 1

Gifford once again proved superior to Milton. Milton played too static a game and marking was not up to standard. Ferguson played very well in the goals. Shooting by Milton was poor and through this Gifford cruised to victory. Evans scored two goals and Malloy and Hunter 1 each. Milton had the shoe on the other foot against Northlea and played with much more determination; shooting improved and left-hander, Evans, once again put the ball in the back of the net whenever the opportunity arose. Evans scored 6 goals and Hunter and Malloy 1 each. The team enjoyed the games and improves everytime they play together. They must learn to make more breaks and marking must also improve for the future.

First Team Waterpolo Report on Tournament
6th & 7th October at Gifford.

Scores:- Against Falcon : Milton won 7 - 5
Against Chaplin : Milton drew 5 - 5
Against Hamilton : Milton lost 5 - 6
Against Plumtree : Milton lost 4 - 7
Against Gifford : Milton lost 20 - 7

Although the team was not as successful as the previous week the boys played good polo. In the game against Falcon they seized every chance to score, marking was good and the game was very fast. Mattheus played well in goals. Michelson scored 4 goals, Labuschagne, Calvin Maughan and Myles scored 1 each. The game against Chaplin was very tight and Milton was ahead until just before the end of the game when Chaplin scored a very good goal to equalise the score. There was good marking by the backs and the forwards

never fully utilised their opportunities with poor shooting. Labuschagne and Calvin Maughan scored two goals each and Michelson one. The game against Hamilton was very tight with Milton ahead most of the time, if the forwards had shot more accurately the score would have been in our favour. The team was a bit too static and should have made more breaks. Mattheus made some very good saves in the goals. Calvin Maughan and Michelson each scored 2 goals and Labuschagne one. In the game against Pluntree, Milton played far too static a game and passing was poor and marking generally below standard. Mattheus had an outstanding save from a penalty awarded to Pluntree but unfortunately hurt his arm in the process. Labuschagne and Michelson scored two goals each. With the loss of Calvin Maughan on Sunday going to Risco for a Swimming Gala and Mattheus unable to continue in the goals, Milton suffered a severe loss to Gifford. However, the boys never gave up and scored whenever they were given an opening. Although the score was heavily against Milton, it was a good natured game and one hopes Milton learnt something from the game. Labuschagne captained the team well and throughout the tournament the spirit was good and behaviour excellent.

For Sale.

Two microscopes: one large at \$10 and one small at \$5. If interested contact Edward Rossiter, Telephone 64227 ext 21.

For Sale.

Five fluffy kittens wanting homes. Also white mice for sale at 15c each. If interested see C. Floyd of 1A1 or telephone 74441 working hours and ask for Mrs. Floyd.

1st XI Cricket vs Falcon.

Falcon elected to bat, and on a grassy wicket was soon in trouble. A good opening spell by Benning and good back up from Smith saw Falcon reeling at 28 for 5. However their tail-enders put up stubborn resistance and in the last over before lunch their last man was run out with the total on 148. Smith bowled very well, taking 4 wickets for 31 runs, as did Benning who took 4 wickets for 56 runs. There was a considerable improvement in the fielding and only one catch was spilled.

Milton started off badly and lost their first wicket with the total on one. When rain stopped play at 3 o'clock Milton's total stood on 37 for 3 with one hour's play remaining.

Matabeleland Schools' Cricket Trials.

On Sunday five Milton cricketers took part in a trial match between an A and B team to select the Matabeleland Schools' Team. Devilliers who was selected for the trials had to withdraw as he had tennis commitments. The A team, containing Einhorn, Smith, Hardman, and Viljoen fielded first, and Smith bowled well to capture one wicket. The B team batted well, even though runs were of no importance, and scored a good total.

After lunch the A Team batted, the most outstanding batsman being Einhorn who scored an undefeated 50. The team was announced after the trials and the following Milton players were selected for Matabeleland:- Einhorn, Benning, Smith and Viljoen.

The Scout Diary Continued.Monday 16th July:

We left on a tour of the old city of Jerusalem with our longs in hand since as a sign of respect we had to wear them in Mosques and Churches. We got our first lecture soon after we entered the old city. We stood where there had been excavations on one of the retaining walls of the temple, King Solomon's temple was built on a hill, and to make a flat surface the walls were built up then filled up in between. It is called the wailing wall because in Roman times after the destruction of Jerusalem the Romans would drag Jews there and show them what was left of their city, they were then whipped, sometimes even killed.

Now devout Jews pray by it; prayers on bits of paper have been placed in the cracks and for some time it was considered the only remaining part of King Solomon's temple. We then went up through a second security check to the two mosques. We stopped outside the Edge of the Rock mosque and were told not to take photos of the inside of any mosques. We then took off our shoes and went inside. Everything was sculptured by hand, and the floors were covered with carpets. The only defect was where workmen were working to restore a burnt area where a lunatic had got into the mosque and set it on fire. We went out, put on our shoes and went up to the Dome of the Rock, and saw in the middle the only exposed part of the original rock from the hill on which Solomon's Temple was built. We went past the prison to the Via De La Rosa. This is believed to be the route Christ took to the place of his crucifixion. This route is divided into 14 stations at which Christ was supposed to have stopped or incidents occurred. Our first stop was a convent where we went below to excavations which showed the original court yard and road from where Jesus started his journey. Other stations are places where he met his mother and where the Romans got Simon of

Cyrene to help Jesus to bear his Cross. The last 5 points are in one Church: The Church of the Ascencion, supposedly on Golgotha, the place of the skull. The 5 points in the Church are supposed to be:

The place where He was nailed to the Cross.

The place where the Cross stood.

The place where He was taken down from the Cross.

A point where the only part of the original rock is exposed.

The actual tomb,

We got back to the hotel at about 12.30 p.m.

Then we visited Bethlehem, the birth place of Jesus and went to the Church of the Nativity, a very commercialized church where priests even sell candles. 1000 people can fit into the church and another 10,000 can watch the Christmas Service from a screen set up on the roof of the Police Station.

Then we moved to the cave where the shepherds were supposed to have sheltered. The area was under the control of a youth group who unlocked it for us. We went down into the cave and were given a religious speech and we said prayers and sang the hymn "While Shepherds watched their Flocks by Night"; we also reaffirmed the Scout promise. This was the most meaningful of all the religious places we had visited; the rest seemed like interesting, commercial buildings with hardly any meaning behind them except for the fact that they are there.

Tuesday 17th July.

After breakfast we went down to the Dead Sea. The landscape was fairly barren but not a desert. We were informed that after a good rain the landscape could be quite beautiful once the flowers were in bloom. We left there, heading back to Jerusalem; we stopped on the side of the road where we saw where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We then went past a Kibbutz, security fenced with a wrecked tank outside the gate.

To be continued.