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## ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE ASSOCIATION, 1945

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## EDITORIAL

Now that the war is over and their task accomplished, our boys with the fighting forces may be expected home in the very near future. Some of them have endured all that war has to offer short of death, to suffer the crowning misery of life in a German or Japanese Prisoner of War Camp. Others have been more fortunate in that hostilities have ended before their turn to face the enemy came around"

We owe these boys much. The romance of war, the spirit of adventure may have had much to do with their enlistment, but, be that so, each one of them must have realised that there was a chance, however remote, of not coming out of the fight alive. That so many have come out alive leaves us very grateful a merciful God who has spared them to read perhaps some day our simple but sincere "thank you."

Others there are who will never read these words of thanks, others to whom especially we owe our gratitude. They have made the greatest sacrifice of all. Now that the victory they died for has been gained we pray God that their blood may not have been shed in vain, that mankind, if only in gratitude to them and the countless thousands of other noble dead, may find a way to settle their differences and live in peace together. To their sorrowing families we offer our deepest sympathy, and hope that they may find solace, even though the smallest, in the knowledge that their boys have given their lives in the cause of justice and decency. *Requiescant in pace.*

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## LITERARY AND DEBATING GROUP.

There were programmes scheduled for every month except August when the first Monday was August Monday, a public holiday. Of these, all except that scheduled for September 3rd, when only seven members turned up and the discussion was abandoned, were held as arranged. It may as well be stated here that the senior boys of forms five and six of the College turned out to these meetings far better, both in numbers and in regularity, than many of the members of the group. Now, do buck up and show that the parents are as good or better than their sons in the interest shown in the work of this group. The following is a brief summary of the proceedings at each of the meetings.

7th May, 1945. A talk on "Elocution" by Fr. J. Goodwin, S.J. This meeting was very well attended, there being over forty members present. The President, Mr. C. C. de Freitas, introducing the speaker for the night said that Fr. Goodwin was well known to all as an Elocutionist and, singer of high merit. He had had his eye on Fr. Goodwin since the last College Dinner when he, Fr. Goodwin, in his speech toasting the Association had deplored the fact that Elocution was not given more attention. Mr. de Freitas then added that Fr. Smith had something of special interest to say to the boys present. Fr. Smith then rose and informed the boys that there would be no school the following day - Tuesday, 8th May - the official V-E Day. Needless to say this announcement was greeted with vociferous cheers and applause. Fr. Goodwin then began his talk. He said that everyone was required to speak publicly at some time or other and the following cardinal points should be borne in mind.

- (a) First, one must aim at audibility, as if a speaker is inaudible, he cannot possibly hold his audience. "Think of the little boy who paid six-pence to come in and is at the back of the hall." Rehearsal was therefore necessary and the bath was as good a place as any to give vent to your voice expression. Added Fr. Goodwin, "I do like to sing in my bath."
- (b) Articulation. An artist will be perceived to shape his mouth when closing a turn so as to pronounce his words clearly. Words must not be slurred over. Give value to consonants and little Word.
- (c) Accent. It was a great pleasure to him to hear his own language beautifully spoken. In his youth, he often visited the Law Courts in London to hear great speakers like Mr. Justice Darling and Sir Rufus Isaacs. He also mentioned some present-day actors and actresses, such as Claude Rains, C. Aubrey Smith and Merle Oberon as examples of first-rate speakers. The College should again produce plays, as was the custom some years ago, and this would materially assist in developing good speakers.
- (d) Tone. It was necessary to develop feasibility and a good manipulation of the voice to put over points of importance well. Fr. Goodwin rocked the audience by telling the

tale of "Albert and the Lion." He advised all present to listen to good speakers and try to emulate them.

After the usual "coke" were served a general discussion followed and many questions were asked of Fr. Goodwin. This was indeed an instructive and entertaining evening. Mr. C. C. de Freitas in thanking Fr. Goodwin said that whenever he heard Claude Rains speak in the films it greatly reminded him of Fr. Goodwin and he urged the gathering that they would do well to emulate the Reverend Father.

June 4th. Debate--"A World Without War is within the Bounds of Possibility." There were thirty members present. Mr. Jorge Jardim lead the motion which was seconded by Mr. Clem da Silva. The opposition was lead by Mr. Andrew Morrison seconded by Mr. C. Canzius. The following in the audience then spoke either in support or against the motion: Fr. F. Smith, Mr. C. Delph, Mr. C. P. de Freitas, Mr. S. Walker, Mr. D. C. da Silva, Mr. C, C. de Freitas, Mr. P. Francois, and Mr, S, Marques. As can be judged from the number of speakers, the debate was interesting and the voting proved how close it was. The notion was defeated by sixteen votes to fourteen. What pessimists there were in that audience! What would the decision have been had the atomic bomb been known at that time? This debate was one of the best for some time, the speeches delivered being of a higher standard than of late. Perhaps, the seriousness of the subject made for earnest thought and preparation.

July 2nd. Spelling Bee. Two teams were picked from the members present, the two leaders being Fathers F. Smith and S. Boase, and a lively and interesting contest then ensued. Fr. Smith's team won every round until the seventh, when it fell to Fr. Base himself to spell a real "snorter" and put his team in the lead by two points after the particular word in question had been tossed from team to team in rotation. Fr. Smith's team rallied in the eighth and last round but just failed in their effort. For Boase's team barely nosed home as winners by one point, the final score being 106 and 105 points, The usual prizes were distributed to the members of the winning team.

Sept. 3rd. Discussion. "That the Standard of Sportsmanship had declined in the last twenty years." As mentioned above, only seven members attended and it was not considered worthwhile to hold the discussion. It is rather unfortunate that this should have happened and it is hoped that it will not recur. Once again members are urged to remember the first Monday in every month (besides the usual notice) to turn up at the meetings which are both instructive and entertaining.

Oct. 1st. Debate - "That the Modern child has too much Freedom." There were thirty-seven present - including twenty-two college boys. Fr. Smith led the debate. Mr. A. Morrison opposed and, out of the audience, Fr. Boase, Mr. C. Delph and Mr. Gomes spoke also opposing. Then came a touch of humor. Mr. Morrison, the official opposer, veered round and supported the motion which was lost by 9 votes to 28.

Nov. 5th. Impromptu Speeches. It was decided to see what progress had been made by members in public speaking, and, also, in view of Fr. Goodwin's talk

mentioned earlier on, to see whether his advice had borne fruit. This took the form of Impromptu Speeches, described below. Twelve subjects for speeches, already decided on by the Executive of the group, were placed in a box. The names of every member present (about thirty-six) were placed in another box. The subject drawn was spoken on by the member whose name was pulled from the other box at the same time. The speakers and subjects for the night are given below

- D. Morrison - "That the Railway should be abolished"
- R. Caleb - "The Atomic Bomb."
- D. Heuvel - "The Benefits of a Pure Water Scheme"
- R. Trim - "The Happiest Day of My Life"
- S. Walker - "Music."
- H. Steele - "The Evils of Betting" or "The Sport of Kings"
- D. Belgrave - "Cricket."
- S. Seymour - "Man must enroll war or war will end Man"
- P. Francois - "Mr. Churchill"
- Fr. F. Smith - "The Late Hitler"
- D. Greaves - "Scouting."
- A. Morrison - "Toast the College".

The last subject drawn was fitting. Most of the speeches can be hardly termed such, being very short and not developed. One speaker said that in these days of modern science, when everything was so fast, planes, rochets, meteors, the railway was too slow and therefore he agreed it should be abolished. What brevity! Mr. Steele, Fr. smith, and Mr. A. Morrison were the exceptions. Mr. Steel, although his pick offered a choice of two subjects as they happened to be closely connected and right down his alley, promptly informed the meeting that he would speak on both subjects. An ardent racing fan and one who has been closely connected with the sport for many 'years, he spoke lengthily on his subjects and, as the bell was about to ring to announce that he had gone over the allotted span of time, he brought his speech to a close with the following advice - "Go and see horse-racing but leave the betting alone. Does he follow this sage advice himself or speaks from bitter experience?"

The Chairman complimented the speakers and particularly the school-boys, of whom but two declined to speak, through shyness no doubt. To make an impromptu speech, with only one minute allowed for reflection on the subject picked, is a very difficult thing, and is a splendid way to overcome awkwardness and develop one's debating powers.

Finally, members are again asked to come regularly to the meetings. Anyone who does not receive his notice should notify the Secretary at once and anyone desiring to join the Debating and Literary Group should forward or hand in his name and address to the Secretary.

The following are the programme scheduled for the next three months :-

Dec. 3rd: "That the film benefits the human race more than the scientist"

Jan. 7th, 1946: "Spelling Bee" - prizes to be awarded the winning team.

Feb. 4th, 1946: "That federation of British Guiana and the West Indies is desirable for the Colony."

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## **COMMITTEE NEWS.**

The Committee of Management has for a little while been depleted by the absence from the Colony of Mr. John Fernandes, one of the Vice-Presidents, and Mr. H. L. Steele. We are happy to record that they have both returned and have their shoulders to the wheel again. Their places on the Committee were not filled during their absence. As you may have noticed from the last number of the Magazine, Mr. Arthur Abraham has been transferred to Imbaimadai in the Mazaruni-Potaro area. His place as Secretary of the Activities Sub-committee has been filled by Mr. C. F. de Caires, while Mr. C.C. de Freitas has been appointed Assistant Editor of the Association Section of the Magazine. We understand, however, that Mr. Abraham will soon be back with us permanently.

## **MONTHLY PROGRAMMES.**

The Activities Sub-Committee prepared and produced a variety of instructive and entertaining sessions each month. The attendance were on the whole good and a few items attracted outstanding crowds. These very informal "get-togethers" continue to be the life-blood of the Association and should continue to form the backbone of the successful efforts to keep the College on the upgrade. It can be said, in all fairness, that without these meetings the Association would surely lose much of its attraction to members.

In March Dr. de caires gave a talk on Blood Transfusion. Many people braved heavy rain to learn something about this recently organized service and what it means to patients and doctors alike. Questions and answers flowed fast and furious when the talk ended and the meeting did not break up until after 10.30 P.m.

April brought one of the ever popular U.S. Consulate film shows. As usual the seating capacity was filled to over overflowing. A Social and Smoking concert in May literally brought the house down and at the June meeting the first 1945 issue of the Magazine was brought out, along with some light refreshments. Both items were well received.

In July the U.S. Consulate again presented a very attractive film show, and again the college was crowded out. This opportunity may be taken to explain a note on the invitations to members, who were reminded that as these shows were so popular it was hardly fair to bring visitors when there were hardly enough seats for members of the Association. From the beginning it has been the expressed policy of the Association that these monthly meetings were for members only; while exceptions can be made it is not proposed to depart from this policy. It is for members to decide what constitutes a special instance, e.g. some distinguished visitor or some special friend on a visit to the Colony, and then he should contact the President and let him know. At other meetings, where it is not crowded no one will take exception to a visitor; in fact-these occasions should serve as an opportunity to let others know what the Association is doing.

In August Dr. Heuvel gave a talk on music which was outstandingly good in its delivery and subject matter. After a social in September, Dr. Heuvel 's lecture - if it can be so described - was followed by a Musical Quiz in October.

For this occasion the audience, quite a large one too, was divided into sections and questions were put to them alternately. Quite a keen rivalry developed and as a question was missed one more point was added to its value - one particular teaser actually gained 16 points for the correct answer. A variety of musical items, were played, including Tschaikovsky's "1812 Overture", the famous V-sign (. . . -) fragment from Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Addinsell's "Warsaw Concerto," the Liszt Piano Concert No. 1, Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1, Debussy's "Clair de Lune" (played twice in the film "Music for Millions"), George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," and finally four samples of rhythms which the audience named without any - hesitation tango, rumba, samba and conga. A recording of Winston Churchill's voice was the closing item and although only a small fragment was played it was spotted at once.

The Annual Dinner is due to come off in November, and it is expected that "Santaland" will occupy members sufficiently in December - not to mention that month's inevitable social activities - to warrant the absence of any other kind of activity.

#### **OBITUARY**

It is with regret we record the death on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1945, of Albert C. D 'Oliveira in his 44<sup>th</sup> year.

To his sorrowing family the Association extends deep sympathy in their loss.

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## ROLL OF HONOUR

| <i>DULCE ET DECORUM EST PRO PATRIA MORI</i> |          |                    |
|---|----------|--------------------|
| R G. Amory, Flt.-Sgt.                       | R.A.F.   | Killed in Action.  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut. P. A. Heald          | R.A.     | Killed in Action.  |
| Lieut. Alfred S. H. July                    | Q.R.R.   | Killed in Action.  |
| Sgt. Bombdr. V. Peter Dias                  | R.A.F.   | Killed on Service. |
| Pte. C. de Chalus                           | R.A.M.C. | Died on Service.   |
| Capt. Stanley Alastair Heald                | R.A.F.   | Died on Service.   |
| AC2 Dominic S. Psaila                       | R.C.A.F. | Died on Service.   |
| <i>R.I.P.</i>                               |          |                    |

## LIST OF OLD BOYS SERVING WITH THE FORCES

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| E. I. Alves                    | R.A.F.                     |
| A. Belgrave, Lieut.            | S.C.F.                     |
| "Jimmy" Billyeald              | Grenadier Guards           |
| D. Birtles                     | R.A.C.                     |
| F. Brazao, Flt.-Mech.          | R.A.F.                     |
| Philip Camacho, L.A.C.         | R.A.F.                     |
| John A. G. Christiani, AC2     | R.A.F.                     |
| Alan Cunningham, Sgt.          | R.A.F.                     |
| Anthony Cunningham, Sgt.-Pilot | R.A.F.                     |
| D. Cunningham                  | R.A.M.C.                   |
| Ian Cunningham, W. Op.         | R.A.F.                     |
| Bruce Da Cambra, Guardsman     | Canadian Grenadier Guards. |
| Francis J. D 'Agrella, Sgt.    | R.A.F.                     |
| Carl Da Silva                  | U.S. Navy.                 |
| Flavio Da Silva                | R.C.A.F.                   |
| Frank Da Silva                 | R.A.C.                     |
| George Da Silva                | M.N.                       |
| S. Da Silva                    | R.N.V.R.                   |
| Vernon Da Silva                | R.A.C.                     |
| J. H. Davies                   | M.N.                       |
| Dennis De Caires, Flt.-Sgt.    | R.A.F.                     |
| Alex. De Freitas, Major        | R.A.M.C.                   |
| Arlindo De Freitas, Sgt.       | R.A.F.                     |
| Celso De Freitas, Sgt.         | R.A.F. (Prisoner of War).  |
| Gerald A. De Freitas, L.A.C.   | R.A.F.                     |
| H. E. De Freitas               | R.A.S.C.                   |
| J. P. De Freitas               | R.C.A.F. (?)               |

**LIST OF OLD BOYS SERVING WITH THE FORCES**  
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|---|-------------------|
| L. A. De Freitas  | R.A.F.            |
| Malcolm De Freitas, AC2                                     | R.A.F.            |
| Michael De Freitas, Sub.-Lieut.                             | T.R.N.V.R.        |
| P.M. de Freitas   | R.A.O.C.          |
| R. A. De. Freitas   | R.A.F.            |
| Colin A. De Groot, AC2                                      | R.A.F.            |
| P. John Dodds   | R.A.F.            |
| Carl F. D'Ornellas, Lieut.                                  | S.C.F.            |
| H. A. P. Evelyn, Lieut.                                     | S.C.F.            |
| J. Evelyn, Sgnlr.   | R.N.              |
| "Billy" Fernandes   | U.S. Army         |
| Charles Fernandes   | U.S. Army         |
| H. Fernandes  | R.N.V.R.          |
| Philip Fernandes  | R.A.F.            |
| René Fernandes, 2nd. Lieut.                                 | S.C.F.            |
| J. O. Fitt  | R.N.              |
| Terence Fitzgerald, Flt.-Sgt.                               | R.A.F. (Missing). |
| Anthony Fletcher  | R.N.              |
| Bernard A. Foster, Lieut.                                   | S.C.F.            |
| Clement Foster, Gunner                                      | R.C.A.            |
| Gordon French   | R.A.F.            |
| C. Gomes  | R.A.C.            |
| Elson Gomes   | R.C.A.F.          |
| Maurice Gomes   | R.A.F.            |
| R. Gomes  | R.A.F.            |
| Francis I. Gonsalves, Sgt.                                  | R.A.C.            |
| F. P. "Stumps" Gonsalves,<br>Wing Commander, D.F.C., D.S.O. | R.A.F.            |
| R Gonsalves, Pilot Officer                                  | R.A.F.            |
| Alfred Gouveia  | R.C.A.F.          |
| Andrew Grant  | R.A.F.            |
| Michael St. C. Grant  | R.C.A.F.          |
| Elmo Hart   | U.S. Army.        |
| Harry Hart  | U.S. Army.        |
| Lawrence Hart   | U.S. Army.        |
| C. E. H. "Teddy" Heald                                      | Capt. S.C.F.      |
| David Arthur Howard   | R.A.F.            |
| George Howard   | R.A.F.            |
| H.C.B. Humphrys, Lieut.                                     | R.A.F.            |
| Bolland C. Jardine, Flt.-Sgt.                               | R.A.F.            |

**LIST OF OLD BOYS SERVING WITH THE FORCES**  
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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Denis R. July, Trooper               | R.A.C. (Prisoner of War).        |
| Jackie F. July, Trooper              | R.A.C. (Prisoner of War).        |
| Cecil P. King, D.F.M., Pilot Officer | R.A.F. (Missing)                 |
| J. Lopes, Lt.-Col.                   | R.A.M.C.                         |
| Ovid Marks                           | R.A.F.                           |
| H. N. Nascimento                     | R.C.A.                           |
| Pat Nobrega                          | R.E. (Prisoner of War).          |
| Bryan O'Dowd                         | R.A.F.                           |
| Norman Psaila, Lieut.                | R.N.                             |
| Noel Rego,                           | R.A.F.                           |
| G. Lloyd P. Roberts, AC2             | R.A.F.                           |
| D. Rose, 2nd Lieut.,                 | K.O.Y.L.I.                       |
| Walter E. Roth,                      | R.A.F.                           |
| Joseph A. Roza, AC2                  | R.A.F.                           |
| Chas. I. Schulz, Gunner              | R.C.A.                           |
| Claude Serrao,                       | R.A.C.                           |
| Frank D. Slater, Lieut.              | 1st Bat. Loyal Reg.              |
| John Milne Smith, Pilot Officer.     | R.A.F.                           |
| David O. M. Thorne, AC2              | R.A.F.                           |
| "Gerry" J. R. Tranquada,             | R.A.F. (Mentioned in Despatches) |
| I. Vieira,                           | R.A.F.                           |
| Stephen H. C. Wallbridge, 2nd Lieut. | R.A.C.                           |

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## NOTES ON OLD BOYS WITH THE FORCES

The war is now over but most of our old boys with the Forces have still to obtain their discharges. Here are a few titbits we have picked up from time to time about them.

We hear that JOHNNY CHRISTIANI has been doing well in England in the sports department. Besides making lots of runs, he was champion of an athletic meeting in which he recently took part, winning the high and long jumps and the 120 yards hurdles.

An R.A.F. Flight Lieutenant and ex-prisoner of war who has been in the Colony recently on leave tells us that when he last saw him CELSO DE FREITAS was looking well and fit and quite recovered from his enforced sojourn as a guest of the late Third Reich. We understand Celso expects to return home in the not too distant future. \*<sup>1</sup>

Lieutenant RENE FERNANDES of the south Caribbean Force, has returned to Trinidad after a short stay in the Colony.

CLEMENT FOSTER recently paid a short visit to his family. A bird whispers that the celebrations occasioned by his visit made it very difficult at times for his brother, Lieutenant BERNARD FOSTER, to produce that bright, alert look the Governor likes to see on the face of his A.D.C. early in the morning.

DAVID HOWARD dropped in unexpectedly on his family about 10.o'clock one evening a few months ago for a flying visit.

We are happy to record that PAT NOBREGA of the Royal Engineers is no longer wilting under the rays of the Rising Sun. He was released from the camp where he was held prisoner following on the Japanese surrender.

Pilot officer LEON WILLEMS has been released from the R.A.F. and is now back in the Colony. We understand he will resume the task of helping with the management of the family's timber business.

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<sup>1</sup> Since this was written Celso has returned to British Guiana - ED.

# MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE RECENT GOODWILL CRICKET MATCHES

BY

F. I. DE CAIRES

The deepest impression I got from the recent cricket tournament against Trinidad was that on a perfect Bourda wicket the bowlers dominated the batsmen with a few notable exceptions, and playing back was the order of the day. As a result the cricket on the whole was dull and an unusual number of maiden overs were bowled. This applied to both teams as far too many loose balls were allowed to go unpunished, due to the safety tactics that were employed. The batsmen, with the exception of Gomez and Trestrail on the Trinidad side and Robert Christiani on our side, seemed content to wait for runs instead of making them.

Chief praise in this tournament must go to young Kenny Trestrail who made three centuries during the games; and proved himself to be a batsman of the highest class with forcing strokes all around the wicket, He is inclined to have a go at the bail outside the off stump thus giving gully quite a lot of work and an occasional catch; this is his only failing, and I feel sure that he must make hundreds of runs by attacking this ball instead of leaving it to the stumper. In addition he is a sound fields man, and it is a pity that he will be Lost to West Indian cricket for a few years, as he tells me that he is going to Canada shortly to study Agriculture.

Gerry Gomez performed well but we did not see him at his best; he showed skill in captaining the side. Ganteaume was very consistent' and apart from Constantine was the only Trinidad batsman to use the hook stroke, a favored stroke of old time Trinidadians. I am told the new matting has caused this stroke to be dropped by most of the players, as the ball comes through lower than on the former coconut mat. Harding and Burnett were very slow and played far too much on the defensive, hence being out l.b.w. more often than not. Of the others Ashtine was sick most of the time so we were not able to judge him, but Pryor Jones struck me as being a splendid batsman using his feet well and playing all his strokes according to the book; I am quite sure that he must be the best fast-bowler batsman playing today. Derek Sealy was clowning except in the second innings of the second colony match when the position was tense and he was forced to play properly and gave us a glimpse of what he really can do.

Of the bowlers Pouchet was again outstanding; keeping a good length and Varying his flight cleverly, he dominated most of the batsmen. Pryor Jones and Lance Pierre are two first class bowlers and the only comment I can make is that they bowl too many balls off the wicket. Although Pierre was more successful I prefer Jones, who has a fine action and in my opinion was capable of much more than we say. Of the rest, Ferguson was disappointing as he did not seem to be able to find his length, but he spins the ball well. Burnett bowls slow off breaks round the wicket to a packed leg field and was quite consistent, but this negative type of bowling is never impressive. I notice that Tang Choon has given up and his batting and fielding have improved considerably as a result.

On the B.G. team Berkeley Gaskin was without a doubt the hero of the side, as, though bowled to a standstill, he managed to keep a good length all the time, sending down a record number of maiden overs. On top of this he made some very valuable runs in good style at times when they were most needed and was his usual capable self in the field. Robert Christiani and he were the only two of real class in our team, though Robert only gave us a sample of his batting in the first innings of the first match. He however fielded brilliantly throughout and captained the team well in the second match. It would be good tactics for him to take up wicket keeping again as he would then walk into the next West Indies team, otherwise he will have very strong competition with the two Stollmeyers, Gomez, the two Walcotts, Goddard, Worrell, Headley and the other Jamaicans.

Of the rest Bertie Christiani did well and was successful with ball and bat, though the latter depended entirely on, patience and grit. Reece and Westmaas performed well and it seems that Westmaas will develop into a really good bat. Trim had some success with his bowling but still wastes his run by stopping before delivering. Elvis played a very attractive innings on his first appearance but failed to repeat. Bernie Thomas carried his weight and is a useful man to have in any team; it was a great misfortune that Lennie failed in the first match as he is capable of playing very attractively. The games though un-enterprising for the most part, still had moments great interest, and it good to see the B.G. tail on more than one occasion wag so strongly.

In my opinion the best stroke of the tourney was made by an old St. Stanislaus boy, Cecil de Caires, the captain of the Colts. It was a pull off Ferguson for four which went to the boundary all the way along the ground with unusual speed; as this worthy effort was followed by a straight drive for six - the only six hit by a B.G. batsman in the tournament - the College has much to be proud of.

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# CROSSWORD

By  
"WEVH"

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(The numbers in brackets indicate the number of letters).

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| 1      | The woman devoured by a young bear becomes an angel (1-3-2).         | 1    | A physician is at the end of the ascent (5).                |
| 4      | Sounds less than seven but they are many (5).                        | 2    | Enter Simon Templar in confusion (5-5).                     |
| 7      | A confused noise engulfs half a score to purpose (2-3-1).            | 3    | The Royal Navy follows a letter for a vessel (3).           |
| 9      | Auntie's husband gets an awful twist (5).                            | 5    | The house for Eskimo pies? (b).                             |
| 12     | Corsets (anagram.) (7).  | 6    | A slight indication, not dense but confused (4).            |
| 13     | Weary not quite everyone to belong to the brother of Zephyrus (4-2). | 8    | Where the farmer should be found, perhaps (4).              |
| 15     | Little Louis (3).  | 9    | Mix a French article with rice to make a cream cake (2-22). |
| 16     | Northern League (ab.) (2).   | 10   | Near cactus (anagram.) (10).                                |
| 17     | Ultimately this is above you (3).                                    | 11   | Consumed us and then little Edward (4).                     |
| 18     | A drink, with a slight change it is more than half eaten (3),        | 14   | A change of inclinations for gold coins (6).                |
| 19     | South Island (ab.) (2).  | 18   | Go to Ur ! There's journey in that (4).                     |
| 20     | Poet's anger (3).  | 19   | A mean, dirty fellow, but he refuses to strike (4).         |

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| 22 | Carry on (6).  | 21 | To set one's foot down out of order is to get scolded (5). |
| 24 | 3 down and other things; to have taken a seat before this results in times of wild revelry (2 words, 3-4). | 23 | Written attempt (5).                                       |
| 26 | The bundle of hay undergoes oxidation (5) '  | 25 | Turn into a small Welsh cow. (4).                          |
| 27 | A French article among. The flower plots draws blood (1-2-3)'  | 28 | Permit, perhaps, or hinder (3).                            |
| 29 | Reverie (5).   |    |  |
| 30 | To upset liquor in a Pig Pen is mean (2-3-1).  |    |  |

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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The recent Good will Tournament held at Bourda between British Guiana and Trinidad saw six old boys and one present boy of the College appearing on the field of play in one or more of the four matches that were played. The old boys were ROBERT CHRISTIANI, his brother E. S', GEORGE CAMACHIO, LENNIE THOMAS and his brother BERNIE, and last but by no means least CECIL DE CAIRES. Our hearty congratulations to Robert Christiani who captained the Colony XI in the second Trial Match in a very capable manner. His good handling of the Colony's bowling in the last innings of the Match when Trinidad were so neatly defeated, must be highly recommended. In the tournament, Robert also performed very well with the bat and on the field, and particular reference must be made to the three or four spectacular catches he took. E.S. Christiani, the "sample man," carried a lot more than his weight and gave us excellent performances with both ball and bat. But then, we all know that good things are wrapped up in small parcels. George Camacho, Jnr was too preoccupied with the natural anxiety of forthcoming events to give us of his best; since then Georgie the Third has made his appearance in this troubled world to the parental delight of Molly and George. Lennie Thomas' sight improved after he was fitted with a nice pair of spectacles in the 1st Colony Match. Lennie was really seeing the ball and seemed like never getting out in his fine batting display for 53 runs in the last and unofficial two-day Colony Match. Bernie Thomas proved himself a sound all-rounder but particular mention must be made of his dogged innings when runs were badly needed. Cecil de Caires made a good job of the captaincy of the colts XV., and if you start wondering what is a Colt just ask budding Journalist, Jack Bayley, Cecil played a real Captain's innings until he hit Ferguson for a beautiful six; but then he tried the same shot off the next ball and the wickets behind him just grinned and it was time for the next Colt to have a try.

It was a great pity PETER BAYLEY, through stress of work, could not take part in the cricket Tournament. Rumor had it that he had forsaken the green sward for the green baize, as the hours for the latter game were more convenient, and it was said that his ambition in life was to lead a team of poker players to the North-West District. But Dame Rumour is a lying jade, for Peter took a little time off and ventured over the recent Armistice Holiday week-end to Leguan with a team to try his bat again. The long absence from the game has shown that he has developed a complex which we choose to call L.B.W.- it is. If you doubt me ask the Leguan boys.

Congratulations to JACQUES WILLEMS on his marriage some two or three months ago in England. Jacques, who is still abroad, was born to be a Benedict.

Congratulations also to ALEX GONSALVES who on Monday, 22nd October, led Aldora de Freitas, sister of our 1945 President, to the Altar, and to BERNIE THOMAS who, on Saturday, 17th November, took unto himself a bride - petite Marie Demers of Montreal. Canada's loss is B.G.'s gain. Alex and Aldora were married at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception by Rev. Fr. J. Sellier, S.J., while Bernie and Marie signed

their contract at a Nuptial Mass at the church of the sacred Heart, the Rev. Fr. J. Parkinson officiating. And

Finally we congratulate WILLIE D'ANDRADE on his recent marriage to Thelma Hyderkhan.

From marriage we turn our attention to the consequences and aspirations of marriage and our congratulations go out to GEORGE CAMACHO - a son, WALTER HARRISON - a son; NED Mc DAVID - a son, JACK BAYLEY - a son, ARTHUR ABRAHAM - a son. Oh My! O My! All sons. The hand of Providence no doubt, providing war replacements. Well fellows don't forget to convey our congratulations to your better halves. After all, they deserve them more than you do.

We have only one new engagement to announce, that of MAURICE De SOUZA to Eula Craigen. Our very best wishes to them both.

PERCY DE CAIRES is his old bright self since the return of fiancé Mary Games from the U.S.A., looking lovelier than ever with that appreciable increase in avoirdupois. Lucky guy, Doc!

CLEMENT DA SILVA has been promoted from Assistant Private secretary to Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor and is now 'we gather, H.E.'s right hand. No, H.E. is not left-handed.

We go to Press awaiting the arrival of Celso de Freitas who was suppose (to have left Canada on Monday 12th. We would be very happy to have him here in time for the Annual Dinner on the 30th inst. <sup>\*2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> \*Since the above was written Celso has arrived in British Guiana. – ED.

# TAKEN FOR A RIDE.

BY

C. C. DE FREITAS

Remember June 30! Well, if you don't I do. It was the occasion of one of our Socials and notwithstanding the inclement weather, what a crowd of old uns coupled with quite a handful of the more recent old boys turned up at the College. But then, a Social is never a failure with everything on the House. This Social went with a particularly jolly swing; perhaps such things as good company, good music, a few nice songs contributed by Frank Brazao, Ulric Gouvera, Billy Ryan, and the inimitable comic recitations of Johnny Tranquada together with a well stocked bar and an ample supply of delicacies were the components of a very successful show. Indeed, it was wet out-of-doors, and wet in doors, but don't get me wrong as I refer to some Coca-Cola boys whose elbow-bending during the session seemed constant. There was much affability and on all sides one could hear many an old 'un speaking with pride of events in the good old days. It appeared to me that that older the 'boy' the better were those days of his - so long ago - or is it that, with the experience of years, he gave a better delivery to his story.

As the evening wore on, some of the gang got a bright idea and organized a team of "old boys" to play the College eleven on the afternoon of the following day - Saturday July 1. In the midst of enthusiasm and being entirely unsuspecting, I was persuaded to play and at Centre Forward of all positions, if you please. This team they chose to call the "old crocks" for what reason I really do not know, but I believe it was due to some would-be busy body mathematician the gang who set about and calculated the average age of the team. Why is it some people will not mind their own business?

Came Saturday morning and in a calmer state of mind, I made desperate efforts to avoid the commitment I had made the previous night but not a Centre-Forward could be found to replace me. It began to dawn in my dull brain that some funny business was going on. However, I hid not lose herat and, as the weather was "spitty" I kept a hopeful look-out for a heavy down pour to wash out the game. As the went by my hope faded, as around 2 p.m. the sun began to peep out in earnest and it was not until 3:15 I really got busy and set about borrowing "togs" in which to play. Luckily I got the outfit of boots, stockings and shorts from brother-in law, Roger de Freitas. Back home and with a newly found zest I put on my football gear with a sense of pride as I reflected that many years had passed away since I was last so, attired, but found it very uncomfortable to walk in football boots. I had forgotten the discomfort I must have put up with in the days of long ago and wondered why enterprising manufacturer does not put out football boots with decent heels. Perhaps they have not stopped to think of the comforts of their clients. Well! Here is my suggestion, free of charge.

On leaving the house I aroused the chagrin of my wife by scratching up her nice polished floor with the pegs of the wretched boots - while the children came around and eyed me with suspicion, as if, although not expressed, they must have thought Daddy had gone "nuts" I arrived at the College complete with camera and rearing to go. My

poor photographic effort is illustrated below. But how can one focus a camera without proper balance; this constant drag to mother earth without a heel to up lift the sole. In the meantime, quite a gathering of concerned wives and children were arriving to see their dear ones in a crazy venture.



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| Back row from, Left:- | Fr. A. Gill, S.J. (referee), A. Roza. L. Mathias, John Fernandes, B. Foster, C. C. de Freitas, Carlos Fernandes, C. F. de Caires. |
| Front row:            | W.J. Mathias, F. Brazao, H. L, Steele, L.O. da Silva (Capt)'  |

On the stroke of five referee Fr. Gill blew the whistle and the College boys kicked off in a wet and slushy ground and as if to scoff at the armour of our two hefty backs, Cecil de Caires and Carlos Fernandes, both of whom had heavy shin guards under their stockings, a couple of College boys played bare-footed and bare-legged and set about to enjoy the mud-lark.

As far as I was concerned other than trying to follow the rest of the line up and down the field and mis-kicking the ball most of the time, it was a case of Mathias to the left of me, Mathias in front of me and Mathias all around me. These two boys really let themselves go until Louis in one of his mad swerving, runs around with the ball at his feet slipped a knee cartilage (an old trouble come to light) and had to be assisted off the field.

By now, with very little breath left in me and with a huff and a puff, I pulled up alongside referee Fr. Gill, and asked him quite confidently if he had not forgotten to blow the whistle for half time and even suggested that it must be a matter of mere minutes for full time, but, looking as fresh as a rose and with a glance of amazement in his, eyes, Fr. Gill looked at his watch and informed me rather casually there was eight minutes more for half-time. There must have been a look of anguish on my face as he muttered some word of cheer and ran along on his business as referee. After a lapse of what seemed "an age" which must have been only a few minutes it was Fr. Gill's turn to run up alongside of me and in a whisper said, "Better keep your hands in your pockets C.C." I wondered what lie meant but,

after a moment's reflection, I caught on, as in the heat of the game and under the stress of dire fatigue, having failed with my feet I must have tried with my hands.

In the meantime the College boys had banged in two goals, and just before half-time, when our line was in motion, I found the ball at my feet and made for the goal. John Fernandes, Jnr., full-back, must have fallen - or did I actually give him the slip - but I found myself three yards from the gaping open goal with only the goal-keeper, Rix, to beat. This boy must have some sort of magnetism as I obliged by kicking the ball meekly into his hands. Soon after the whistle for half-time sounded and this was the best thing I had heard for many a year.

On the resumption our team was re-shuffled. Clement da Silva who had come out to replace Louis Mathias took Hector Steel's place in the goal, Hector came to centre-forward and I was shoved to the outside left perhaps to indicate I should be left outside, Roza coming to the inside position. The "Old Crocks" had begun to take things seriously and their major move was to get rid of the chalk mark at Centre-forward. Everything was done so politely, but I am not so dumb. However, I seemed to have got a good second breath in this session and gave a somewhat better display. With the new forward line, things began to turn and two goals were scored fairly early - one by Roza and the other by Willie Mathias - and with no further scoring the game ended in a draw.

No one could have been more grateful than I was when the final whistle blew and we resorted indoors to the College to partake of much needed refreshment; there was still a variety and ample supply of drinks to be had, after the Social of the previous night. The fates were really against me; as though waiting for the game to end, the rain began to pour, but in spite of this, I got home safely by means of a car.

The consequences of the game were far worse than the game itself as I awoke on Sunday morning a mass of aches and pains and even to comb my hair I had to take my head to the comb instead of the comb to the head, but, with determination, I dragged myself to Church. I was indeed an "Old Crock" who had been taken for a ride. With the aid of embrocation and massage, my stiff and sore body gradually recovered in the next three or four days.

Well, you have had enough about the chalk mark and let me say something about those who really mattered. Outstanding on our side were Louis and Willie Mathias and Louis da Silva who turned in a really fine performance, whereas for energy and keenness there were Bernard Foster, A. Roza, Frank Brazao and the secret weapon Hector Steele - a good goalie but a better Centre-forward. Then there was John Fernandes, alias "Jofer," a truly great schooner. On occasions gusts of wind unanchored his bow but the stern bore the mighty impacts well. I cannot conclude without mentioning Cecil de Caires, that fellow with the owlish look, who leaned on one of the barefooted boys and sent him communing with mother mud because he kept on stealing the ball and the show away from him.

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## SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD

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### HOW?

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