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miscellaneous pages

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S.A.E. Take it back. All that wood is needed on the job.

Pte. Please, Sir, just this little piece. We have no tents and there's no place to write, please Sir.

S.A.E. Tents be damned! You're in the desert now, not in a swanky hotel. Put it back where you got it.

Pte. Please, Sir, just this little piece, Sir. It's all I want.

S.A.E. Cut out that "Please Sir" stuff. It won't get you anywhere with me, my lad. Take that wood back at once.

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S.A.E. Oh! for Heaven's sake man, take the b----- thing and don't worry me any more!

Pte. Thank you, Sir, thank you. The Engineers are good fellows always trying to help their mates out.

(He trots happily away with his "loot" his face the picture of satisfaction and with that "I knew I'd get it" expression. Hitler has nothing on him when it comes to peaceful persuasion).

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That. "B" Coy is the only Coy that boasts a Capt. cook.

That D-gg- is in the news again by virtue of his magic towel. Out of this towel he produces one baby every night.

That Little Isaac will give lectures on how to fry egg fruit.

That Capt. W-lly K. is guilty of cruelty to dumb animals. He bargained with a Gyppo for a bunch of roses - which he maintained he did not require. The Gyppo wanted "only 5 ackers" "Ten" barked the Capt. The Gyppo died from shock.

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That "B" Coy wants to know who went on parade without the bolt of his rifle and who "pinched" H.Q.Coy.O.C's pushbike?

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That G-p U-s prefers drinking tea, to discussions with Generals.

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That the other evening "D" Coy beach patrols were sneaking along in the darkness. Suddenly, out of the murk, came the ringing challenge : HALT!! - "Blarst it!" quoth Pte A--1, "Wrong foot again!" (Only he didn't say 'Blarst')

That Sig.S-a-b-r- has an injured digit and is still looking for the Jerry who shot him on the way from Alex!

That if the Signallers keep control of communications on the battlefield as well as they keep control of the ball on the soccer field the D.M.R. will be well served!

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AL MACKENZIE AND HIS BOY FRIENDS

PLAY BEDFORD BLUES

Rhodes registered the convincing win of 27 points to ten against Bedford last Saturday. The visitors however gave a creditable performance, and at times, largely due to the two Eastern Province men Pringle and Webster, were very dangerous. They actually led 10-8 just before half time.

Once again Connell played an excellent game, and Brown's four tries were largely the result of our fly-halves magnificent breaks. McLoughlin who is a much improved player, ran strongly down the touch-line and showed a fine turn and control of speed. The forwards combined well and heeled quickly from loose scrums, but opposing forwards were at times coming right through line outs. The loose forwards were fast on the attack, but could improve their dive-tackling.

The line of late has lacked penetration in orthodox line movements. The danger of imperfect scissor movements was illustrated for on the one occasion when this movement was initiated, Webster intercepted and would have scored but for Watson and Brown's fine covering. The second scissor movement also nearly proved disastrous as it was executed too slowly and hesitatingly.

Rhodes second XV fielding a scratch team defeated Bedford second in a very poor display of football. The main fault seemed to lie in the very unbalanced scrum.

Kingwill on Saturday missed his first match for the first team in three years. A fine record.

Both Rhodes first and second teams are now logleaders and should play in the cup-finals at Port Elizabeth. Both the teams have but two more matches to play.

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We hear that:-

A new Professor of Classics, K.D. White will arrive in September.

Graham House is let to private tenants.

College House has new bathrooms.

A filter plant for the swimming bath will be installed in the next few weeks.

Music rooms have been put in order and two new pianos have been ordered.

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STOP PRESS

1939 HOSPITAL RAG.....EXECUTIVE REPORT.

The 1939 Rag has come and gone without a procession. In spite of this, however, we have succeeded in collecting about £360. The record sum collected this year is not, as has been suggested, due to there being no expenditure on the procession, as over £50 had already been spent on this, when, on Thursday, Sept. 7th, the Rag was cancelled on account of the international situation without any of the Rag Committee being consulted; the total cost of the procession would not have exceeded £55 (these estimates include advertising). As it was, however, all costs had been covered from the beginning.

The success of the collection was in great measure due to the efficient organisation by Miss J. Rose and Mr. T. Dreyer, of the competitions by Misses J. Harle and D. Meara, and Mr. J. Smit, to the preparation of the Rhodent by the special sub-committee, and its distribution by Mr B. H. Glasse.

The largest amount handed in by any student was £5. 2. 0. by Miss Carr, for which stout effort she has been awarded two scope tickets for "The Mikado". Two tickets for the same show have been awarded Mr. R. F. Bouwere for selling 76 car competition tickets. The prize for the best float suggestion has been awarded to H. P. Wiles who had almost completed a model of the topical Coelocanth Fish on his bicycle.

In addition to the above we would like to thank sincerely the following for the services enumerated :

The public of Grahamstown for responding in an even more generous manner than in the past. His Worship the Mayor and the Municipality for offering to co-operate on the day of the Rag by granting the freedom of the City to the students, provision of a power line and loudspeakers and a platform for the Square Entertainment. Also the Botanical Gardens for providing free float-building material. The Secretary of the Hospital Board for his co-operation in many ways. Those friends of the College who so generously lent their cars for the purpose of collecting, and those who offered their lorries for use in the procession. The South African Broadcasting Corporation and particularly Mr. N. Filmer, for permitting the students to go on the air on that fateful Thursday evening. The Grand Theatre and His Majesty's Theatre for donations and permission to show slides, and co-operation in other ways. Williams, Hunt and Brock for providing a motor car and giving petrol for the car competition. All advertisers for supporting the Rhodent and thereby making possible its publication. The various colleges and schools who supported the Rhodent. Those business houses who displayed advertising posters, and those who gave packing cases and cardboard. Fishers for the idea and execution of the thermometer collection. Morris Ossher for giving materials for costumes. And last but not least, the students of Rhodes for their loyal support; especially the Float-leaders, Collectors and those who used their cars for collecting. We owe a debt of gratitude to those lads, who, under our affectionate guidance, constructed the greater part of the floats and so efficiently disposed of the Competition tickets.

The result of the Competitions are as follows :

Motor Car Mileage Competition. The prize is shared by the following, each of whom estimated the mileage exactly correctly as 165.6.

Mr. R. F. DALL, c/c Barclay's Bank, G' town, and Messrs. R. Robertson and P. N. Kingwill, Struben House.

Gollywog Competition. Will the owner of red ticket number 237 please collect the prize of one guinea from Grocotts. If not claimed by the end of October, it will be given to the Hospital.

Competition on Float-Judging Forms. The winner is Mr. E. Kock of 36, Somerset Street. He will receive £1 on application to Grocotts.

Will all firms who have not yet done so please send in their accounts to:

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