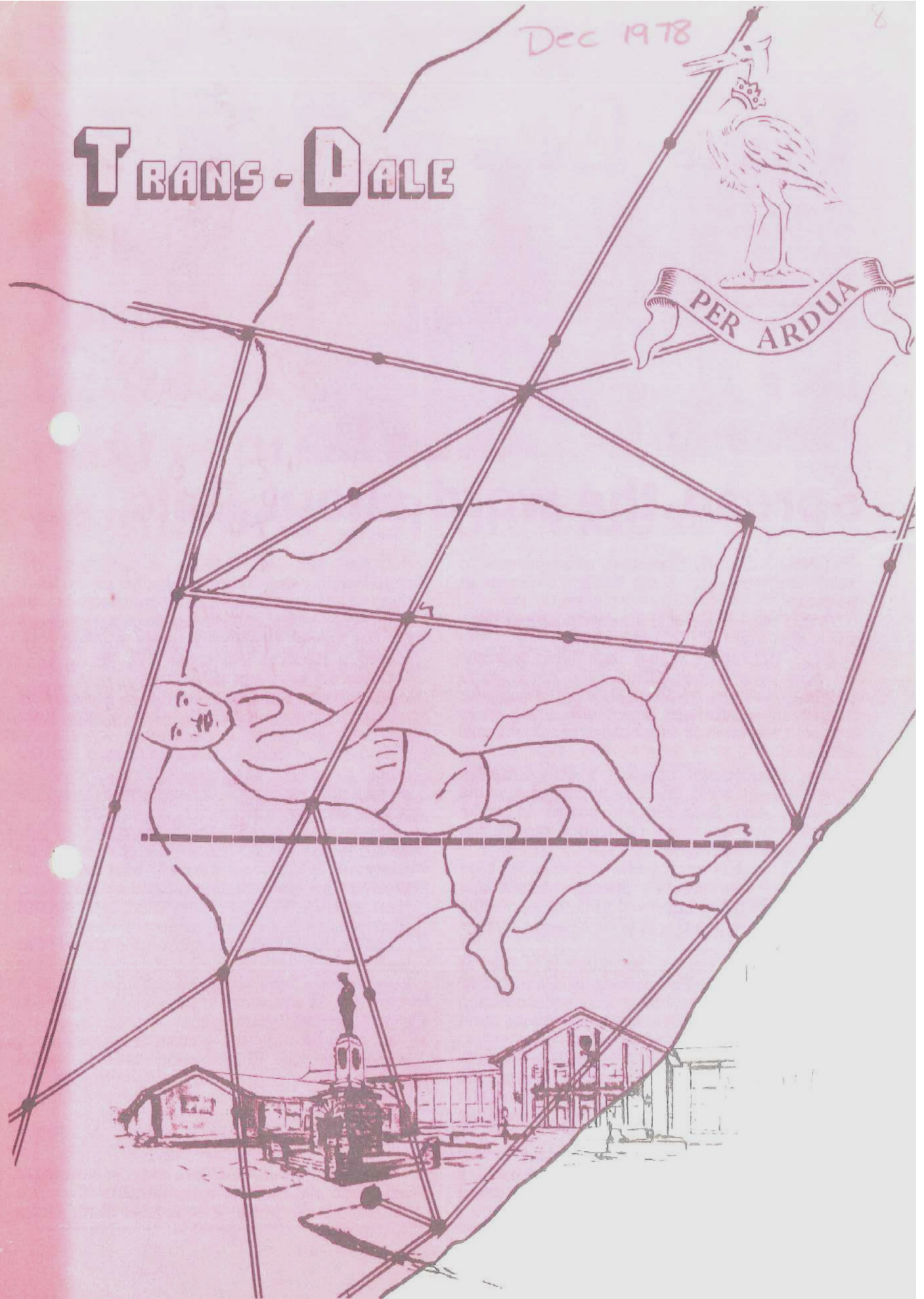


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Spread the word about Dale

PROMOTE DALE. Encourage other parents to send their sons to King William's Town as boarders.

This is the earnest and persistent appeal from the school and the Old Dalian Union.

Why? The reason is that Dale needs to grow. To achieve a higher rating Dale needs more pupils. With more numbers Dale will qualify for higher State subsidies which will bring more teachers and an even wider range of subjects and facilities.

Like a successful business a school cannot stand still. It must grow — within reasonable limits — and Dale is now poised to make dramatic new advances. Controlled growth can be the road to progress.

Dale College is aiming at a target of 510 boys next year. The school's accommodation and facilities are being improved to meet increasing numbers. More pupils will in turn ensure further improvements.

One way of expanding the college is to start at the junior school. The moving of Dale Junior boarders into Sutton House is a welcome step which should encourage more parents to send their sons as boarders at an earlier age.

The fees will be lower and Sutton House is conveniently next to Dale Junior. Under the enterprising leadership of Mr Ken Schaefer Dale Junior is providing new incentives for younger boys.

So let's spread the word about Dale — surely one of the finest boarding schools in the country — a school with modern ideas built on sound traditions that go back more than 100 years.

It is a school that inspires extraordinary affec-

tion from its old boys — as shown by the remarkable reception given to the rugby team that visited the Transvaal in June and by the numbers — young and old — who go back to Dale for the annual Reunion. Parents who have attended a Reunion will sense this strong bond between old boys and their alma mater.

We parents can make Dale even stronger by telling our friends about the school's attractions and helping to build up its numbers.

At the same time we are glad to hear that the school authorities are planning a comprehensive prospectus to attract new boarders to Dale. This is long overdue.

The promotional literature sent out by the school to parents of prospective boarders is inadequate. It does not compare with the glossy brochure and pamphlets produced by one of our rival schools. We have seen what both schools send out and Dale comes a poor second.

The Transvaal parents committee knows of at least one prospective pupil lost to Dale because his parents — who sought information from both schools — were more impressed by our rival school's publicity material.

In view of this the committee has recommended to the Headmaster that the school launch a public relations drive, spearheaded by a professionally produced brochure highlighting the school's activities and achievements.

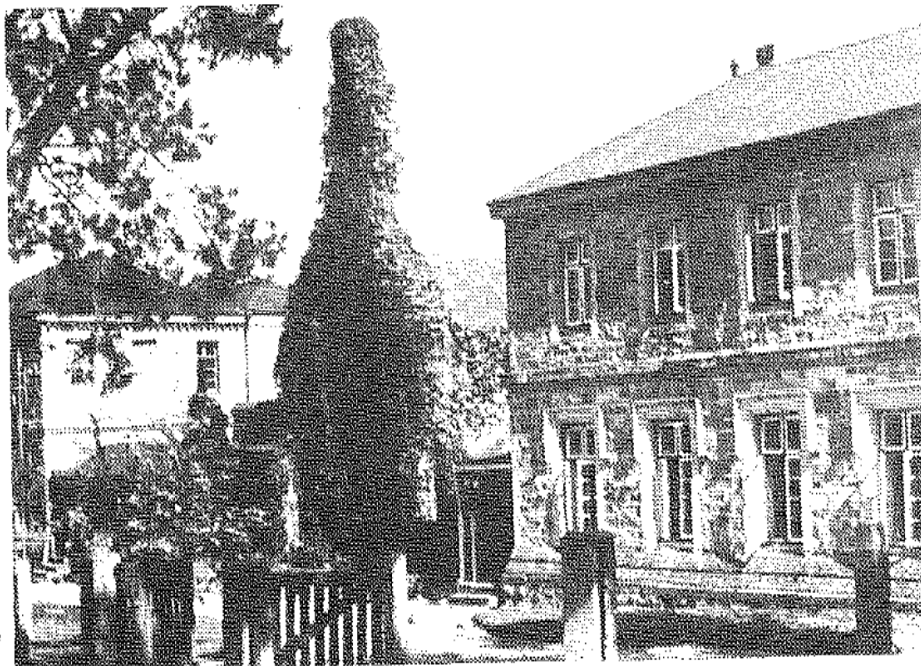
We have since heard that work on such a brochure is already under way.

Dale has splendid facilities and a fine record of academic and sporting achievement.

Let's tell the world — or at least South Africa — about it.

Where Dale was born . . .
Sutton House (formerly
College House) before
the bell-tower collapsed.

Dale Junior boarders next year



at historic Sutton House

SUTTON HOUSE, where Dale College first started more than 100 years ago, will enter a new phase of its many-sided history next year.

It will continue to be controlled by the senior school but its boarders will be mainly juniors, with a few "young seniors" newly promoted to the college from Dale Junior. There will be accommodation for at least 60 juniors.

Renovations to the hostel have been completed, new beds and mattresses have arrived and new desks and lockers are awaited. In recent years Sutton House has housed standard six and seven boys with a few senior prefects.

Taylor's Hostel, which has housed junior boys for many years, will close as a Dale Junior hostel at the end of this year. Mr Roy Taylor, who was in charge of the hostel after the retirement of his father, "Pommy" Taylor, became principal of the Central Primary, King William's Town, earlier this year and for the latter part of the year the hostel has been controlled by the school committee.

Mr Midge Hilton-Green, who has been superintendent of Sutton House for five years, will be succeeded next year by Mr Terry Lennard, a master at Dale College for several years and a former warden of Diocesan Hostel.

In addition there will be a staff of two married couples from the staff of Dale Junior and a single master. The hostel fees will be R106, considerably lower than the fees at Taylor's Hostel.

Mr Ken Schaefer, Headmaster of Dale Junior, who is trying to build up the number of pupils at his

school, says: "We can offer a small-town atmosphere, healthy climate and more individual attention as we have small classes. On the sports side we offer rugby, hockey, tennis, tennisette, gymnastics, athletics cricket and swimming.

"On the cultural side we have a choir, chess club and drama club. We concentrate on field education (as shown in an article elsewhere in this issue)."

Sutton House, formerly known as College House, developed from the first Dale College buildings in Queen's Road. The Governor of the Cape Colony was present when the foundation stone was laid by Sir Langham Dale, Superintendent-General of Education, in 1877, when the school was officially named Dale College. The new buildings were opened in 1878 and a master's residence and boarding accommodation followed.

It was for 47 years the home of the Sutton family, who produced two headmasters of Dale — the Rev J.G. Sutton (1890-1912) and his son, the Rev F.J. Sutton (1913-1937) — and three generations of Dalians. But hundreds of Old Dalians will nostalgically remember it as College House, with its famous (or perhaps notorious) No 5 Dormitory.

The move of junior boys into Sutton House means that they will live within a few hundred yards of the present Dale Junior building facing in Albert Road. This familiar redbrick building, designed by Sir Herbert Baker, was opened in 1907 as the new home of Dale College. It has housed Dale Junior since 1962 when the senior school moved to its present buildings.

How to dial D-A-L-E

DALE COLLEGE and its hostels have new telephone numbers. Here they are:

Dale College: Headmaster 21968; staff 23998

Joubert House: Headmaster 23114; boys 22431

Diocesan: Housemaster 23113; boys 22436

Paterson: Housemaster 22714; boys 22437

Sutton: Housemaster: 22017; boys 22432

The code number remains 0433.

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE

ABOUT 50 Transvaal parents attended the 1978 annual general meeting of the Transvaal Parents Association and elected a new committee for 1978-79. The members are:

Aubrey Hall, secretary-treasurer, 77 Third Ave, Highlands North, Johannesburg 2192 (Phone 40-4436).

Doug Gordon, 24 Landau St, Morehill, Benoni 1500 (Phone 849-6974).

Alan Naylor, 57 Second Ave, Edenvale 1610 (Phone 53-7042).

Ron and Audrey Begg, 23 Ann Arbor Place, Glendower, Edenvale 1610 (Phone 53-8298).

John de Klerk, 23 Denise Circle, Blairgowrie, Randburg 2021 (Phone 48-5196).

Ian Paterson, 15 Yster St, Bardene, Boksburg (Phone 894-1473).

Sheila and Rob Pringle, Stutterford Van Lines, PO Box 10812, Johannesburg (Phone 786-2300).

Joe Sutton, 33 Sheila St, Dunvegan, Edenvale, 1602 (Phone 53-4927).

Mr Sutton welcomed Mr Colin Thomson and his vice-principal, Mr Midge Hilton-Green. Mr Thomson gave an address (reported below) and Mr De Klerk proposed a vote of thanks.

Mr Hall, secretary-treasurer, said that thanks to continued contributions from parents, the Development Fund stood at R269,40 after R400 had been sent to the school last December. Parents voted to continue donations.

Donations towards return fares of masters travelling with pupils on homeward train journeys had not been entirely satisfactory but were improving.

Presenting the committee's annual report, Mr Hall said the committee had maintained close contact with the school and the Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union. Joint functions had been arranged (to welcome Mr Thomson last December and to entertain the Dale rugby touring party). Under Mr Thomson there had been a regular flow of information from the school through newsletters and phone calls.

The continued publication of TransDale at reduced cost had kept parents informed and strengthened links between the committee, the school and Transvaal parents. (The magazine is supported by advertising canvassed by committee members).

Mr Hall paid tribute to Mrs Ford for her work in arranging block bookings.

Headmaster Colin meets the parents

THE HEADMASTER of Dale College, Mr Colin Thomson, reviewed his first nine months at Dale and spoke of future plans when he addressed more than 50 parents at the Victoria Hotel, Johannesburg, on June 30.

It was Mr Thomson's second visit to Johannesburg since his appointment last year. He attended the 1978 annual meeting of the Transvaal Parents Association and interviewed parents and prospective parents.

In his address Mr Thomson spoke of his dual role as headmaster — to educate boys academically, physically and spiritually and to act as a parent.

His aim was to ensure that the boys would achieve their best and be proud of being Dalians.

He felt parents should keep in touch with the school and their committee. Most important, they should promote Dale and encourage other parents to send their sons as boarders.

The school was aiming at a target of 510 boys next year and added facilities would be available. Three new staff posts would be introduced next year and the student subject choice would be widened.

HOSTELS: Mr Thomson said Diocesan Hostel had been renovated and boys been housed in other hostels because the contractors had not finished on time. This had resulted in overcrowding. A flu epidemic had created a further problem.

Sutton House boarders would next year include juniors and the hostel would be renovated. Paterson House would be renovated next year.

The second term had been long and difficult, lasting 12 weeks — two weeks more than average. Some pupils had found difficulty in accepting certain breaks in tradition. A no-bullying rule had been enforced.

Mr Thomson was asked about the future of King Williams Town and the possibility of incorporation in the Ciskei. He said the Mayor had received official confirmation in Cape Town that the corridor between the Ciskei and the Transkei would remain white. King William's Town's future appeared to be secure.

Reporting on the school's achievements in 1978, the Headmaster said:

- * Three new vice-principals had been appointed.
 - * A new pupils' bus service had been introduced between King Williams' Town and Maritzburg to avoid long and tedious train journeys.
 - * Junior Prefects had been appointed.
 - * A newsletter, The Heron, had been started. Sponsored by the Old Dalian Union, this publicises sporting, cultural, academic and other events at Dale and Old Dalians news.
 - * A motor knowledge pit had been built from funds donated by Transvaal Parents.
 - * Seats at the main sports pavilion had been renovated. Negotiations were under way to take over a sports club and there were plans for a sports stadium.
 - * The tuckshop had been extended at a cost of R3 000.
 - * Prefab classrooms had been built.
 - * New lathes and equipment had been added to the metalwork and woodwork.
 - * A new library was being established.
- Mr Thomson said the heads and teachers who attended the Cape teachers' conference at Dale in June had been greatly impressed by the school.
- He was impressed by parents' attendance at meetings and paid tribute to the efforts of Mrs Jackie Ford, who had spent a great deal of time and energy in organising train block bookings.

By MIKE CHANDLER

THERE is no real name for it yet. Some people call it "impact education" or "education by experience." The main feature of it is that schoolchildren are shown real-life situations outside the classroom, and are taught to analyse them — and learn.

This is a relatively new idea in teaching. Of course, children have been taken on school outings and taught outside the classroom before — that is nothing new. What is new is that the children are now being encouraged to come to grips with real-life problems outside a classroom.

Dale Junior are one of the pioneers in this field. This year the school organised and conducted a "field study project" and an educational tour of Natal, the Eastern Transvaal and the Kruger National Park.

According to Dale Junior Headmaster, Mr Ken Schaefer, the outings have been so successful that they intend carrying them on next year.

What, perhaps, makes this new field of education even more interesting is that it is not geared towards senior schoolboys, but to standard four and five schoolchildren.

Towards the end of May this year, Dale Junior kicked off its experiment in "field education." Thirty-two standard four children went on a four-day study trip to Fort Cox Agricultural College out on the Alice Road near Middelrift.

The children were divided into six groups (with five or six children in each). All the groups were given a study programme that covered geography, science, history, English, Afrikaans, maths, Xhosa, study of cattle, sheep and goats and a general section including an introduction to ecology.

Aside from learning a bit more on conventional school subjects, the children learnt how to live with other children, how to take elementary decisions, and something about the basic everyday problems that face an average farmer.

Mr Schaefer comments: "The boys mixed play with schoolwork — but they did a tremendous amount of schoolwork unbeknown to them.

This was our experiment. We have now seen what we can do and what we can't do. I think we have learnt a tremendous amount.

"The purpose is to try to correlate classroom situations with those experienced outside the classroom. In this way we hope to enrich the pupils and make their learning experience more enjoyable."

Undoubtedly the trip was a success judging by the finished projects, a tremendous amount of work was done by the children during the short excursion.

The end result was a scrap-book from everyone. Each subject is indexed and photographs taken by the boys together with pictures from magazines and drawings help to illustrate the project.

The programme was packed, and according to Mr Schaefer when the time came for the boys to go to sleep, they were exhausted.

The field trip not only taught the boys some valuable lessons, but the masters in charge of the trip, Mr D. Schenk and Mr R. Stretch, were given an ideal opportunity to learn more about the children — about their leadership qualities, about their relation-

• Dale Junior blazes a new trail . . . an article published by arrangement with the Mercury, King William's Town.

Beyond the classroom . . . into the field

ships with other children their own age, and about any difficulties the children may have.

As Mr Schaefer points out: "We may think that a particular boy will make a good prefect, but when we actually see the boy tackling leadership problems, we may realise we were wrong. Another boy — less noticeable in school — may make a better prefect."

Mr Schaefer is deeply interested in this type of "field education." He believes that taking the children out to see the world and making them become involved with day-to-day situations outside school provides an important supplement to classroom lessons.

"You can tell a child that a cow produces milk. You can tell him how many litres of milk the cow can produce. But, if the child has lived in town all his life, he may find it difficult to visualise dairy production.

"If you then take him out to see a dairy, and cows being milked, the lesson you taught him in the classroom becomes meaningful," he says.

"I am very interested in doing further research into this type of education."

HOLIDAY TOUR

ANOTHER innovation at Dale Junior is the educational tour.

This is more of a holiday, and is conducted during the school vacations. Again, the idea is to give the schoolchildren a better understanding of the country they live in.

Says Mr Schaefer: "This wasn't a regimented tour as such — we were on holiday. Again, the children learnt a lot of what we teach in the classroom without realising it."

In July, during the school vacations, a party were taken on a tour of Natal, Eastern Transvaal and the Kruger National Park.

The tour included visits to places of historical and geographical interest — places that crop up on children's history and geography books.

The highlight was a visit to the Kruger National Park. Here the children were lucky to get first-class views of animals in their natural environment.

"We even had a cheetah running alongside the bus for some way, and the boys saw a lion at its kill — a wonderful experience," says Mr Schaefer.

How 22 Dalians

(with some help from their fans)

took the Transvaal by storm

By JOE SUTTON

PARENTS and Old Dalians gave the 1978 Dale rugby team a typical Transvaal welcome when they came on tour during the June-July holidays.

Midge Hilton-Green's splendid 22 won their matches and made friends wherever they went.

It was three years since a Dale rugby team had visited the Transvaal and Old Dalians and parents turned out in strength.

The boys, who stayed with Transvaal parents, impressed their hosts and others as a relaxed, cheerful band of youngsters of whom Dale can be proud. If they appeared somewhat reserved, this was compensated for by the high spirits of a rumbustious band of camp-followers from "King".

Wherever the Dalians went there were Old Dalians and parents to greet and cheer them.

At Witbank, where the tourists beat the Hoër Tegnieseskool 20-12, Dale supporters far outnumbered the locals. Afterwards the team and visitors from King and the Reef were entertained by Witbank parents and Old Dalians to a braai at the golf club. Our compliments to the organisers, Mr and Mrs Ken Jones, whose son Gareth was in the touring party.

While in Witbank the boys were taken on guided tours of Highveld Steel and a coal mine.

The tourists were in the Johannesburg area from the afternoon of Thursday, June 29, till the following Tuesday morning.

Parents who put up boys included Dave and Tessa Turnbull, John and Ailsa de Klerk, Ron and Audrey Begg, Robert and Maxine Frisch, Vicky Krauss, Dawie and Nora de Beer, Joop and Corrie Jacobs, David and Phoebe Richardson and Joe and Bunty Sutton. That stalwart Old Dalian, Gordon McEwan, also took in three boys.

The Headmaster of Dale, Colin Thomson, motored up with his wife and family from King to join the party of Dale supporters at the Victoria Hotel, which is managed by Roy Vice, an Old Dalian formerly of East London.

Mr Thomson and his vice-principal, Midge Hilton-Green, met more than 50 parents and some parents of prospective Dalians when the Transvaal Dale Parents Association held their annual general meeting at the "Vic" on the Friday night. When Colin Thomson said goodbye to the last parents it was

12.45... and he and his wife Elizabeth found themselves locked out of their room!

There was a remarkable turn-out of Dale supporters at Roosevelt High School on the afternoon of Saturday, July 1.

Young Old Dalians — high spirited and voluble — led the support from a packed stand with the War Cry, Dale songs and a constant stream of good-natured banter. Dale won 16-3.

After the match the party was on... Nearly 200 Old Dalians, wives, girl-friends, parents and their families attended a braaivleis at the adjoining homes of Dale parents John and Ailsa de Klerk and Bob and Jean Gillanders. Bob is also an Old Dalian.

Guests of honour were Colin and Elizabeth Thomson, Midge and Bernadette Hilton-Green, Sakkie and Peggy Le Roux and the team, backed up as usual by those stalwarts from King.

Their names: Derek and Barbara Osborne, Jan and Vivienne Linde, John Cotton (wearing a strange mixture of an Old Queenian blazer and a Dale Centenary tie), Ivan and Angela Mullins (who joined her husband in Johannesburg), Vernon Maybery and the irrepressible Mike Russell. Dale master Andre Leurs and Bazil Birch also joined the party in Joburg, as did Brian Nixon.

Bearded Mick Bissell, an Old Dalian now teaching at Northcliff High School, arranged for 22 charming partners for the Dalian players.

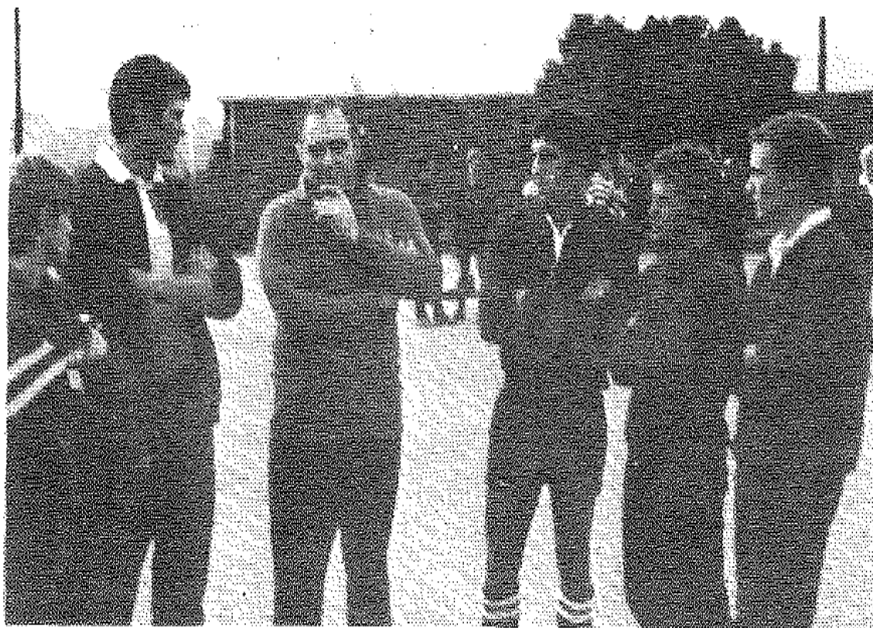
The brisk winter air could not chill the atmosphere of true Dale spirit and camaraderie around the fires and on the dance-floor. Headmaster Thomson and Midge Hilton-Green responded to this welcome with equal warmth.

The party ended about 12.30 am. Three cheers for the hosts, the Du Toits and the Gillanders!

On the Sunday afternoon the Dale team practised at the Wanderers. There to back up Midge, the coach, was the bulky form of Don Clarke, amiable former All Black fullback now settled in Johannesburg and working for South African Breweries. Don put the team through a workout of New Zealand-style rucking and second-phase backplay. Those forwards sure did some running...

Monday ... the last day of the tour. After a visit to a diamond cutting works in central Johannesburg the team lunched at Northcliff High School, as guests of

All Black "great" Don Clarke chats to Daliens (left to right) Russell Linde, Shaune Kaltenbrunn, Kevin Mullins and Johnnie King during coaching.



the Headmaster, "Jed" Dickerson and Mick Bissell, both Old Daliens.

The match was a keen, running encounter with Dale finishing convincing winners by 19 points to 6. Once again Dale received spirited support from a large crowd of Old Daliens and parents, who gathered afterwards at the Ridgeway Hotel, Randburg, to say farewell to the King William's Town masters and camp-followers. The boys were entertained to a braaivleis and film evening by Northcliff.

We didn't keep track of all the parents we saw that weekend but here are the names of some who attended one or more of the Johannesburg functions:

Ken Jones (from Witbank), Ian Paterson, Doug and Pam Gordon, George and Avril Thompson, the Turnbulls, Smiths, De Klerks, Gillanders, Frisches, Beggs, Richardsons, Jacobs, De Beers, Suttons, Aubrey Hall, Vicky Krauss and, among parents of Old Daliens, Prudence Cawood and Ted and Shirley Crossey.

among the Old Daliens: "Pixie" Joy, Harry

and Rob Voorman, Malcolm Gordon. Ewen and Grant Turnbull, Ted and Tom Warren, Rory King, Bruce Theunissen, Barry Paine, Max Middleton, the Crosseys — Neil, Russell and David —, "Charra" Ralph, Rob Hughes, Grant McIntyre, Robin Hammond, "Doeks" Andrews, Ian McIntosh, "Berky Berkowitz, Dolf Coetzer, "Butch" Cochrane, Dave Reynolds, Keith Coetzer, Bob Keen, the Cyrus brothers (Georg, Hans and Gerry), Johnny Tebrugge and Dennis Sansom (of Vereeniging), Malcolm Cumming, G.R. Agoes, Allan Cawood, Alwyn Taylor, James Gibbons, Michael Dennis, Bob Gillanders, Joe Sutton and, among the older stalwarts, Gordon McEwan and John Fresen.

On Tuesday morning — some before dawn, others after breakfast — the visitors were back on the road heading for King and, one hoped, a well-earned rest after a strenuous and hectic tour.

Headmaster Thomson must have taken back lasting impressions of his first Dale rugby tour and the welcome he and his teams can expect whenever they visit the Transvaal.

Totsiens, Dave and Tessa!

TRANSVAAL parents David and Tessa Turnbull will end an 11-year association with Dale College this year when their youngest son Graeme matriculates.

He and Tessa have been staunch supporters of Dale ever since they sent their eldest son Ewen as a boarder to Diocesan Hostel in 1967. Dave helped to found the Transvaal Parents Association in 1973, was its first chairman and served on the committee until last year.

Ewen matriculated in 1971 and is now working as an insurance broker in Johannesburg. He is a committee member of the Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union and is a regular visitor at Dale Reunions. He missed this year's because he was doing a spell of duty in the Navy.

Next on the scene from the Turnbull family was Grant, who was head prefect at Diocesan, played for the first rugby team and matriculated in 1975. He

was recently married and is now working in the accounts department at General Mining in Johannesburg.

Graeme went to Dale Junior in 1973 and finishes up this year, also as head boy of Diocesan. He goes to Free State University next year to take a BSc (Agriculture) degree.

This year is the first since 1969 that Dave and Tessa Turnbull have missed a Reunion and only pressure of business kept them away.

We're sure we haven't seen the last of this charming couple who will always be welcome at Dale functions in King William's Town and the Transvaal.

And, as Dave says, it will only be a matter of time before the grandsons arrive and another generation of Turnbuls descend on Dale.

The new train times . . . it's good news — and not so good

THERE'S good news and bad news for Transvaal Dale boarders who travel to King William's Town by train.

THE GOOD NEWS is that from next year boarders will always leave for home for short holidays on the day before the term ends.

THE BAD NEWS is that boys will have to be back at school the day BEFORE each term starts. This means that Transvaal boys will have to catch the train two days before school starts after both long and short holidays.

And for the June and December holidays the boys will leave for home mid-morning on the last day of term.

The new arrangements have been introduced because the Headmaster, Mr Colin Thomson, feels that the first day of school is being disrupted by the late arrival of Transvaal boys.

In a letter explaining the changes, he says: "I am very unhappy with the idea of the boys arriving back mid-morning Tuesday On the first day of

term one wants to get going at a quarter to eight and not find the day being wasted because the Transvaal boys have not yet returned.

Mr Thomson has asked the Railways to make these arrangements for arrivals and departures in 1979:

Arrival date in KWT	Departure date from KWT
Tuesday, January 16	Wednesday, March 21
Monday, April 2	Wednesday, June 20
Monday, July 16	Wednesday, September 19
Monday, October 1	Thursday, December 6

It seems that Queen's College boys travelling by train to and from Queenstown get a better deal. The reason is that on the trip down they can leave the day before the term starts and still arrive in time for the opening because they do not have to travel so far.

On the way home they are allowed to leave the night before because the train only leaves Queenstown at 5pm. If they left on the last day of school their four hostels would have to be kept open till late in the afternoon.

Tough luck, but that's the way the cookie crumbles.

Transvaal Dalians win prizes

TRANSVAAL Dalians figured prominently among the prize-winners at the annual Dale College prizegiving on October 20. They included:

Edward Lindstrom (Old Dalian Union Prize for the Practical Course in Std X) son of Mr and Mrs R.E. Lindstrom, of Rothdene.

Jeremy Hall (Vernon Hort Prize for diligence in Std 1X) son of Mr and Mrs A.C. Hall, of Highlands North, Johannesburg.

Stuart Bewly (Old Dalian Union Prize for the Practical Course in Std 1X) son of Mr J.G. Bewly, of South Hills, Johannesburg.

Alan Eyre (Victor Ludorum) son of Mr and Mrs P.S. Eyre, of Middelburg.

Shaune Kaltenbrunn (Victor Ludorum and the Benny Levy Memorial Trophy — a special prize for performance and promise in rugby) son of Mr G. Kaltenbrunn and Mrs P.A. Maher, of Springs.

Kerry Swemmer (Squire Smith Memorial Prize in Std VII) son of Mrs S. McConnell, of Eastleigh, Edenvale.

Paul Harris (CPWAA Prize in Std 1X) son of Mr C. J. Harris, formerly of Pretoria, now of Mafeking.

Robert Frisch (Mr S.E. Farrer's Prize for the best performance in inter-school cricket matches) son of

Mr and Mrs R. Frisch, of Berario, Johannesburg.

Roger Beadon (Peinke Floating Trophy for all-round proficiency in swimming) son of Mr and Mrs L. G. Beadon, of Johannesburg.

Rorich Odendaal (Charles Newell Memorial Prize in Std VI11) son of Mr and Mrs W.S. Odendaal, of Witbank.

Simon van der Veen (R.W. Searle Memorial Prize for prseverence in sport) son of Mr and Mrs W.H.P. va der Veen, of Witbank.

The guest of honour at the prizegiving was Mr T.W. Higgs, an Old Dalian, former teacher at Dale and former Headmaster of Queen's College, now Inspector of Education in the Cape Education Department.

. . . and they're among the prefects, too

CONGRATULATIONS to the three Transvaal Dalians appointed school prefects for 1979. They are Jeremy Hall, son of Mr and Mrs A.C. Hall, of Highlands North, Johannesburg; Trevor Noble, son of Mr and Mrs W.R. Noble, of Vanderbijlpark; and William Turnbull, son of Mr and Mrs W. I. Turnbull, of Witbank.

Reunion '78 ... Thomson's happy debut — and Zac's sad farewell



By the REV

MARTIN HARTSLIEF

THE Old Dalian Reunion of 1978 will remain a long cherished memory, for it opened a new chapter in the annals of Dale.

Our hearts went out to the new Headmaster having to follow such an exceptional man with all he had accomplished for Dale. Colin Thomson soon won our admiration and appreciation for his undoubted spirit of dedication, as shown in his remarks at the Assembly and at the dinner, to the high challenge of Dale.

Old Dalians and parents wish him well as he builds on the wonderful foundations of the past.

REUNION ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY MORNING (August 11):

After many handshakes and meetings with old friends we assembled in the hall and sang "Praise the Lord" with our best bathroom voices. Kevin Mulholland, the Head boy, read the lesson and read it well. Ken Schaefer, Headmaster of Dale Junior, led in exemplary prayer.

In Colin Thomson's speech of welcome we felt that although he was not an Old Dalian, he was nice enough and good enough to be one.

The farewell to Mr Zac Maree was spiced with sincerity, humour and nostalgia, and he was deeply moved when all present, spontaneously led by the boys, rose and paid tribute to him as a popular master and leader. His farewell gift from the boys will ever be cherished by Zac because he loved them and they loved him.

The address by Leo Crossman, the National President, was delivered with forceful emphasis on the relevant subject of "Self confidence". It was a masterly address of sense, substance and stimulation.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

The Under Nines of Stutterheim and Dale Junior ran "kaalvoet" on to the ground to do battle. Their

FUTURE SPRINGBOKS ... ? Dale and Stutterheim Under Nines do battle at the Reunion.

enthusiasm over-ruled any minor lapses through forward passes, off-sides or late tackles, although the big-hearted referee did not allow them to get away with all of them. Dale Junior took the laurels of victory.

THE GYM DISPLAY

The crowd were surprised to see the accomplishments of these lads. What they did was good and the spirit in which they did it made it all the more enjoyable.

KAFFRARIAN HIGH SCHOOL DRUM MAJORETTES

Their complicated manoeuvres were a wonderful blend of co-ordination and leadership, accompanied by the Dale Cadet Band.

THE RETREAT CEREMONY

This was fitting to the occasion and in the highest tradition of Dale Cadets. There was no prouder man than Leo Crossman, the National President as he took the salute.

THE DINNER

As usual the dining hall of the Central Hotel was bursting at the seams with 112 Old Dalians with their wives and girl-friends and some parents. Old Dalian Jack Rosenberg gave us a menu that would have done honour to any five-star hotel.

The master of ceremonies, Henry Nash, was in top form. The induction of the new National President by Leo Crossman was performed with dignity. Brian Sheard, his successor, replied in terms that promised a good year for the Old Dalian Union.

One outstanding lady sporting an orchid was the widow of an Old Dalian, Mrs Pat Schorn, one of the kingpins of the union. Something would be sadly missed if Pat were not there.

The heads of Dale College and Dale Junior left us

Reunion '78

(continued)

in no doubt that there was room for improvement in recruiting pupils and that all could help in that important matter.

It was late when our new Headmaster rose to speak but he was heard with rapt attention. The old firm was under new management and it promised well. The Headmaster of Dale Junior also had his feet solidly on the ground but with high aspirations.

SATURDAY'S RUGBY

Dale proved too much for Cambridge. We forgot the score — that was of minor importance — when we watched a display of copybook, running rugby.

THE PLAY

"Dry Rot" was a tonic of laughter and enjoyment. It was an ambitious undertaking and Errol Hort and all his helpers, as well as those who took part, deserve our congratulations.

THE DANCE

Another rousing success.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

The weather was perfect as the crowd gathered in the Hallowed Courtyard. What a beautiful setting in the spring sunshine.

The silence was broken by the music of the Dale Band bringing the cadets and the Old Sweats, with their rows of medals proudly worn, marching in step to the beat of the drum.



The Dale Cadet Band strike a happy note.

A solemn stillness lay over the Hallowed Courtyard as the Headmaster and his staff and Old Dalian Father Michael Hall took his place at the lectern.

The hymn "God of our Fathers" was sung with deep feelings and memories Lest we forget.

Then followed the prayer which united the past, the present and the future for the Old Dalians who had paid the supreme sacrifice, those who served on the Border, and to those who were yet to serve.

The prayer ended with the clear voices of the little Dalians singing the Lord's Prayer.

In an inspired address Mike Hall got his message across with quiet and telling eloquence.

Then came the Memorial Song. But who was to sing it, since there was no member of the Hendricks family present as in many years past? None other than Dennis Scott, with his strong and vibrant voice, under full control.

All present — and especially the Old Dalians and ex-servicemen — were pleased and proud to hear how the new Headmaster read the Roll of Honour.

The Last Post, the Reveille, the reverent laying of wreaths, brought the proceedings to an end. After playing "Die Stern", the Dale Band led the cadets and Moths off the Hallowed Courtyard.

Leaving the scene, many gave a long lingering look at the timeless Amatolas dressed in the distant blue of the springtime.

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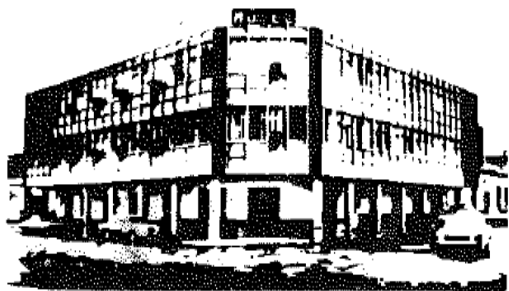
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