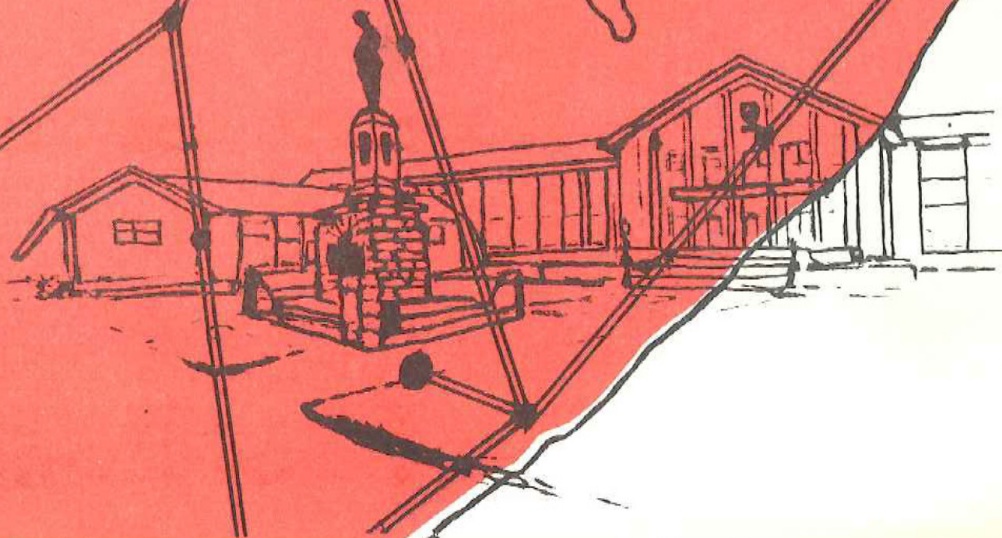
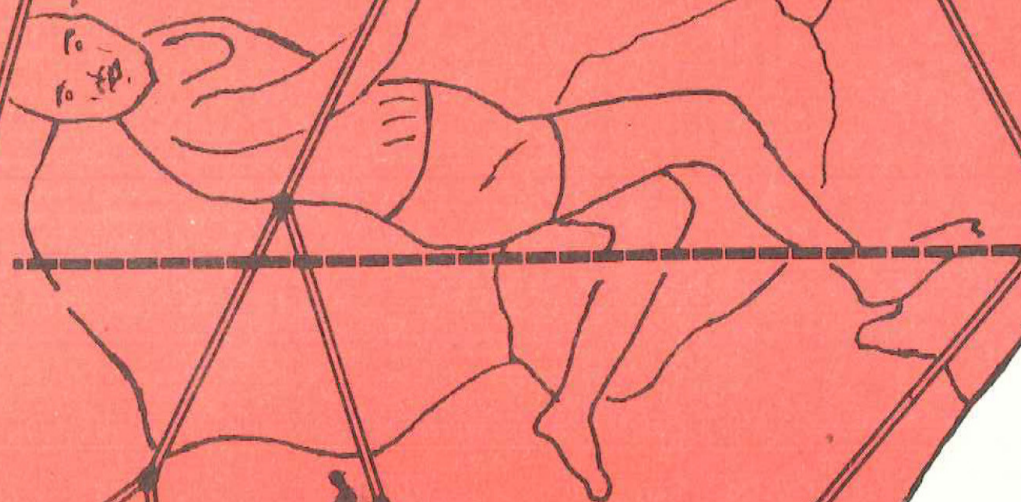
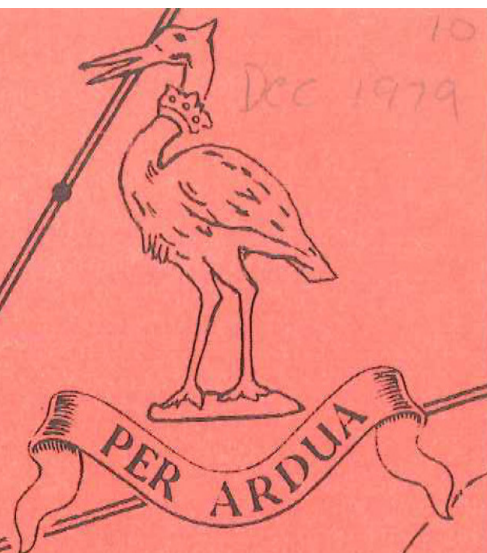


TRANS-DALE

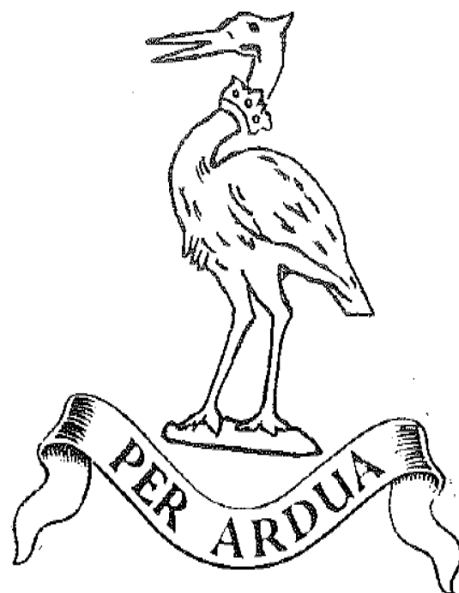
10
DEC 1979



TRANS-DALE

NEWSLETTER OF
THE TRANSVAAL
PARENTS
ASSOCIATION OF
DALE COLLEGE

No 10
December 1979



How the SAR went off the rails

A NEW PLAN to bring returning Dale boarders from Blaney station to King William's Town by train — instead of by bus — was derailed the first time it was tried.

In recent years school buses have fetched the boys getting off at Blaney each term. This is now being discontinued because of high fuel prices.

Instead the Railways are to shunt off the Dalian coaches at Blaney and take them to the King station.

But the new scheme misfired when the boys arrived at Blaney for the fourth term.

Somewhere along the line of Railway bureaucracy the signals went awry. Someone forgot to tell somebody — a "breakdown of communication."

And at Blaney the boys were left waiting . . . for some hours. Some got lifts into town, but others just waited — with the stoic patience that one expects from well-disciplined Dale boarders.

The school buses went to King station to fetch the boys . . . and waited. Eventually it was discovered

that no train was bringing the boys from Blaney. So the buses went out to fetch the remaining boys.

An unfortunate botch-up. Not the school's fault, but the SAR's.

The Transvaal Parents Association took up the matter with the Headmaster, Mr Colin Thomson, who says it will be sorted out with the Railways.

With this assurance, we trust the new arrangement will work better when the boys return to King in January.

Already the Transvaal boys have to spend a large part of a day in King before the opening of each term. Parents, however, have accepted the Headmaster's reasons for insisting that the boys arrive in time for the first term. But for the boys to have to hang round a lonely rural junction for some hours is not just a waste of time. It could be dangerous.

If the Railways cannot get the boys to King promptly we suggest the school revert to fetching the boys by bus. Let's hope all goes well on January 21.

Leave-out rules at Reunion, okay?

TWO years ago parents who visited King William's Town for the Reunion found most stringent leave-out restrictions in force. Some saw so little of their sons they felt it was hardly worth the trip.

The Transvaal Parents Association approached the incoming Headmaster, Mr Colin Thomson, and new visiting leave-out rules for boarders were introduced in 1978. Parents enjoyed greater access to their sons at Reunion that year.

So there was some concern when rumours reached the Transvaal on the schoolboy grapevine this August that leave-outs would again be severely curtailed.

Some boys told their parents it would not be worth their travelling to King as they would see little of each other. And some

parents cancelled plans to join the Old Dalian combi trip.

Happily the rumours proved unfounded. Parents were given reasonable access to their sons and it seems the rules have been relaxed further.

Aubrey Hall, secretary-treasurer of the parents association, received assurances when he saw the Headmaster in October.

During the Reunion weekend boys will be allowed to see their parents as much as possible, but boarders may not sleep out and must be back at their hostels at 10 pm. Parents must advise the school and hostel matrons when taking boys out for meals.

Parents visiting King at other times will be allowed to take their sons out provided this does not interfere with any school activity.



● Theuns (Serf) and Michelle Serfontein of Benoni flew to East London in August for their first Reunion weekend in King William's Town.

Their son is in his first year at Dale and Michelle's father is an Old Dalian.

Here is Michelle's report on her impressions.

To King with love. . .

WHAT a tremendous weekend we had down in King William's Town for the Dale College Reunion.

Serf and I flew to East London on the Thursday evening and were met at the airport by Midge Hilton-Green and Judy, who kindly lent us her car for the weekend.

On the plane were some Old Dalians — a few dressed in army uniform. Many people at the airport stopped Midge to wish him and his first team "good luck" for the Saturday game. Eventually we were able to leave and Midge took us to Paterson House to see our son.

As we drove up boys were looking out of windows chatting, others putting their laundry away and the atmosphere was relaxed and happy.

After a short chat with our son and a visit to Jan and Vivienne Linde's home — what a welcome we got — Midge and Judy took us to Phillip and Bev Levy, who put us up for the weekend.

On Friday morning there was Assembly in the huge and beautiful school hall. Hanging on the walls around the hall are large wooden plaques with names engraved in gold — names that have given Dale College its distinction and tradition.

The Day Boys were presented by Dr H Marais with two new house shields. The Dale Junior Choir sang in beautiful, clear voices and Mr Brian Sheard (national president of the Old Dalian Union) made a delightful speech, bringing back memories to many Old Dalians and a chuckle to all.

After Assembly there was a general greeting of parents and sons, followed by tea where we met the Headmaster, Mr Colin Thomson, some teachers and Old Dalians.

In the afternoon we saw some very good rugby played by the Dale Under 9's against Stirling, an energetic gym display, and the lovely KHS drum-majorettes, who were photographed by enthusiastic Dale fans.

Then we saw our sons in cadet uniform, looking so grown-up, marching past in formation. The Retreat ceremony was well done and rather moving.

In the evening the PTA gave a cocktail party for Dale parents and teachers — what a terrific crowd of people and to think our sons are in their hands!

The party set the pace and tone for the weekend so no-one felt a stranger the following day at rugby and could share in the tension and excitement.

At last! Saturday dawned overcast with a light drizzle. Crowds gathered at the Dale fields for a day of rugby — especially the first team match.

The games started at 9.30 am and progressed through the day with Dale steadily winning each game. For some parents it was the first time they had watched their sons playing rugby.

Eventually it was lunch time — but who could eat? Dale's honour was at stake and it rested on 15 senior boys and their coach, Midge Hilton-Green.

Midge didn't see, hear or hardly speak to anyone that day. He existed only for his team and the match. Tension rose around the field as the second teams of Dale and Piet Retief ran on amid terrific cheering. What a tremendous game that was — played hard to the end as their coach, Dup du Pisanie, stood quietly alone, grimly willing his team on. The game ended in a draw with every point well earned.

By that stage the excitement was high and the tension unbelievable. You had to be there to experience it — old boys sang and conducted present boys in the war cry and rugby songs.

Parents sat rooted to their seats — some puffing at cigarettes and hardly saying a word. Fingers tapped knees or hands were tightly clasped together.

At last! The teams ran on — the crowd went wild, then came silence as the referee raised his arm and blew the first whistle. And from that moment, all were absorbed in the game.

Piet Retief, reputed to be the team of the season

The Reunion, 79

with a tough bunch of guys, were playing Dale at Reunion!

It was a hard, tough game and the scoring was slow. By half time we were all almost as exhausted as the team. The referee blew the whistle and the game went on. Go Dale!

Minutes ticked by. . . the game was drawing to an end and Dale was leading by one point. . . one could hardly breathe.

The final whistle blew, oh wonderful victory! We had done it again, we'd won. . . The cheering went on and on, the team were lifted shoulder high and carried off the field. Well done, Midge and your team!

That was the beginning of the end because then began the celebrating at Jack Rosenberg's Central Hotel. Midge could not stop grinning from ear to ear — and all around was talk of rugby, past and present. What a day it had been!

One of our memorable moments during the celebrations was when Jack told us he knew my father, Barry Wiggett, many years ago, when Barry played for the unbeaten 1939 Dale First XV. My dad had been his hero. It was such fun to hear some delightful antics about one's father.

On Sunday morning we attended the Memorial Service in the Hallowed Courtyard. Mr Thomson read out the long list of names of Old Dallians who died in both World Wars, the Korean War and now more recently, on our borders. It was a very moving ceremony especially when the veterans marched with the Dale College Guard of Honour.

The climax and heart-rending part of the ceremony was Andre Hendricks singing the Memorial Song — one of the most beautiful pieces of music and words we had ever heard. After the laying of wreaths and the National Anthem, played by the cadet band, the service closed.

We were served tea in the Hallowed Courtyard where we stood chatting for a while, then eventually said goodbye to many new friends.

Wynand, our son, and his friend Stuart gave us a grand tour of the school and showed us their classrooms and projects they had done. Before we knew it lunch time was upon us and we took two hungry boys off to eat.

It was sad having to leave our son behind, but we were happy to know he was quite settled and proud to be a part of this tremendous school.

Mr and Mrs Du Pisanie, with their two charming children, kindly took us to the airport at East London on Sunday afternoon. We were sad to leave but glad to be going home to sanity, an early night and some desperately needed sleep!!

Amadoda, Ewe, Dale!

The night Bob took over the copshop

IT was about 1 o'clock one near-freezing Friday morning in August when two combis pulled into a small Free State town and headed for the police station.

The men wanted petrol, the girls wanted to use the loo.

The policemen on duty were young and shy, but most obliging. Gallantly he invited the girls into the police station and showed them the way. It could have been the relief of Lady Smith. . .

The travellers had petrol permits and this was a pre-arranged re-fuelling stop. But where was the garage owner at that time of night? Fast asleep at home like any sensible Free Stater, of course.

With typical Vrystaat hospitality the policeman offered to show the trippers the way, but someone would have to mind the copshop — for a few minutes, please.

And that is how Bob Gillanders, chairman of the Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union, came to take over a police station in the middle of the night in the middle of nowhere.

The garage man lived only a few dark streets away. It did not take long to wake him up and bring him down, bleary-eyed, to his filling station next to the copshop.

Petrol was served and the two combis were on their way again — carrying a party of Old Dallians and parents to King William's Town for the 1979 Reunion.

It was a memorable weekend. While driving the second combi into Johannesburg before the party set off on Thursday night, chairman Bob collected a dent in the door. As he passed a group of bystanders near a city pub one reveller put the boot in, leaving a big black mark. What some people will do for kicks!

The Gillanders' combi led the way. With Bob and Gene Gillanders, who shared the driving, were their elder daughter Jenny, Schaik Wessels, an Old Dalian, Penny Harris, a Transvaal parent, and her younger son Sean.

The Gillanders, who have made the combi trip to King four times a year for several years, apparently know every speed trap and set a lively pace. Gene would not be disgraced at Kyalami.

Struggling to keep up in the next combi were Aubrey and Marina Hall — on their last Reunion visit as Dale parents — Old Dalian Ewen Turnbull, his girlfriend Sandy Heine, three other Old Dallians Mark Roberts, Ken and Ted Warren, and Ted's girlfriend, Venetia.

On a dirt-road deviation near Sasolburg, an approaching car threw up a stone cracking the windscreen of the Halls' combi. Fortunately it didn't shatter and the show went on.

Near Petrus Steyn, the Gillanders' combi stopped to pick up Peter Wales, an Old Dalian on leave from national service.

It was a long, cold night and it got colder as the travellers neared King. They made it in time for a wash and brush-up before the 10 am Reunion Assembly, which was a moving ceremony.

Headmaster Thomson remarked how pleased he was to see some of "my Old Dallians" at Reunion — meaning boys who had matriculated since he took over.

The return trip on Sunday after the Memorial Service took longer and was without incident. Back in Johannesburg about 2 am the travellers were exhausted, but most agreed it had been good fun and worth it.

Would they do it again? Yes. . . but let's see next year. Perhaps a charter plane might be a better idea.

Transvaal boys bring home the prizes



The face of determination... Witbank's Mark Turnbull, who won three awards — one a trophy for sportsmanship and determination.

TRANSVAAL Daliens were prominent among the prize-winners at the 1979 Dale College Prizegiving. Several parents attended the ceremony on October 12.

Outstanding among the senior Transvalers due to leave at the end of this year were the two Marks — Mark Neille from Johannesburg, with four awards, and Mark Turnbull from Witbank, with three.

Mark Neille, son of Mr and Mrs G T Neille, won prizes for dramatic art and the best speaker (senior) in English, a cadet prize for the leading trumpeter and the Society Chairman's Award, one of the trophies presented by Mr John Fresen, a veteran Transvaal Old Dalian.

Mark Turnbull, son of Mr and Mrs W I Turnbull, received two sports prizes — for exemplary conduct on and off the cricket field and for outstanding performance at rugby — and a trophy for sportsmanship and determination.

Jeremy Hall, son of Mr and Mrs Aubrey Hall of Johannesburg, won a trophy for the best all-round scholar and sportsman in Std 10.

Luke Manley, son of Mr D C Manley of Johannesburg and Mrs S Thorne of Benoni, received a prize for perseverance in sport and another for the most improved senior in crosscountry.

Rorich Odendaal, son of Mr and Mrs W Odendaal of Witbank, won a trophy for the best physical education student.

Mark Richardson, son of Mr and Mrs D L Richardson of Johannesburg, was awarded a prize for the best performance in inter-school cricket matches.

Paul Harris, son of Mr C J Harris, formerly of Pretoria and now of Montshiwa, Bophuthatswana, received fourth prize in Std 10. Stuart Bewley, son of Mr and Mrs J G Bewley of Johannesburg, won a practical course prize in the same standard.

In Std 9 Neil Vorster, son of Mr and Mrs F A L Vorster of Fochville, won fifth prize and Alan Ball, son of Mr and Mrs K C Ball of Kempton Park, a prize for diligence.

Barry Ross, son of Mr and Mrs G R D Ross of Johannesburg, received a prize for progress.

Kerry Swemmer, son of Mr R Swemmer of Johannesburg and Mrs J A McConnell of Edenvale, won third prize in Std 8 and Wayne Korras, son of Mr and Mrs E F Korras, formerly of Witbank and now of Edenvale, a prize for diligence.

Among the juniors Stuart Sutton and Pierre Rouessart did well in their first year at Dale.

Stuart Sutton, son of Mr and Mrs Joe Sutton of Edenvale, won three awards — second prize in Std 6, a prize for the best junior speaker in English and a prize for the new boy who has made a positive contribution to College life.

Pierre Rouessart, son of Mr and Mrs J P F Rouessart of Mondeor, received fifth prize in Std 7 and a prize for the best performance by a junior cricketer.

Bruce Vorster, son of Mr and Mrs F A L Vorster of Fochville, won fifth prize in Std 6 and Wynand Serfontein, son of Mr and Mrs M W Serfontein of Benoni, a prize for diligence.

Two ex-Transvalers distinguished themselves. Anthony Ressel, formerly of Johannesburg, won a practical course prize in Std 8 and Roger Beaden, now living in Natal, a trophy for all-round proficiency in swimming.

How Midge's brave boys stirred The Spirit of Dale

THEY weren't the strongest or most talented Dale College rugby team to tour the Transvaal... but one had to admire their spirit.

They came as a reputed team of underdogs after an erratic run of matches — and they surprised us. They won two games, drew one and lost one.

Some Old Dalians who have seen better days and better Dale teams shook their heads, but few could deny the boys' courage and dogged defence. Technique may have been lacking but not guts.

Some thought the team's best display was in the match they lost. This was against their strongest opponents, a well-drilled Sandringham High School side, who had earlier beaten Dale 19-12 in King. In an exciting game Dale finished strongly to lose 12-17.

The team had opened their tour by deservedly beating Witbank High, who fought back strongly in the second half and gave the visitors some anxious moments. Dale won 12-7.

The tourists held Highlands North to a 9-9 draw and nearly snatched victory in a stirring finish.

The final game against St David's College (Marist, Inanda) was a more relaxed affair (for spectators as well as players). Dale won comfortably 16-0.

The tour matches were fixed at short notice by Transvaal parent John de Klerk, who also arranged the boys' entertainment and their accommodation with parents in Johannesburg and surrounding towns. Who can blame John when he pleads, "Never again!" But with the experience gained it should be easier next time. He did a superb job.

Parents and Old Dalians again turned out in force to support the tourists. Young Old Dalians — some with army-cropped heads — were prominent. Sometimes noisy, boozy and boisterous.

But through it all from young and old one thing was obvious: The Spirit of Dale. The spirit that brings Old



Dalians of all ages, Dalians and parents out to watch and cheer the school from faraway King.

After the games there were the parties — a braai at the Witbank home of Mr and Mrs Ken Jones, cocktails at the Capri Hotel, Johannesburg, and the Bedfordview Country Club and finally a braai at the "next door" homes of parents Bob Gillanders and John de Klerk — the scene of last year's great party. Their wives, Gene and Ailsa, each deserve a medal.

In between was the ball of the year — a glittering affair at the Carlton Hotel, organised by the Old Dalians and well supported by Dale parents and former parents and their friends.

About 250 people heard speeches by Colin Thomson, the Headmaster, Tertius Myburgh, Old Dalian and Editor of the Sunday Times, and Brian (Bok) Sheard, national president of the Old Dalian Union. Master of ceremonies was Bob Gillanders, chairman of the Transvaal Old Dalians who for months had planned this successful dinner-dance.

An enthusiastic tour contingent came from King. They included the Headmaster and Bok Sheard, coach Midge Hilton-Green, manager Dup du Pisanie and



Dalians in hot pursuit against Highlands North.
Picture: SELWYN TAIT

camp-followers Jan and Vivienne Linde (on their second tour in two years), James Petersen, Pinky Cockcroft, Theo Crossman, Jack and Ezra Rosenberg and Shirley Schmidt. Derek and Barbara Osborne came from Natal.

One day the tourists enjoyed a guided tour of Jan Smuts Airport organised by Serf Serfontein, SAA pilot and vice-chairman of the Transvaal Parents Association. They were taken through the workshops and training centre and into a Jumbo cockpit.

That evening they saw a saucy comedy at the Intimate Theatre which was taken over by a large block-booking of adults, Dalians and KHS tennis girls also touring Johannesburg.

The boys also visited Eastgate, the largest supermarket complex in the southern hemisphere, and were entertained to braais and movies by host schools.

Nothing brings out Old Dalians and parents more than a rugby tour — and the parties that go with it.

Next year Dale will be visiting the Cape for an inter-school rugby tournament. We look forward to the winter of 1981.

Match this one!

● HERE'S an easy way to support Dale. Buy your business cards — and matches — from us.

The Transvaal Parents Association is to raise funds for the school by selling book matches and cards.

Cards in two colours of your choice (lettering on a solid background of another colour) will cost R18 per 100, plus 50c postage.

Book matches (also in two colours) will cost R10 per 100, plus 50c postage.

For details and samples write to Aubrey Hall, 77 3rd Avenue, Highlands North, Johannesburg 2192 or phone 40-4436.

Old Dalian golf day raises R600

TRANSVAAL Old Dalians staged a most successful golf tournament on September 23 at Glendower Golf Club, Bedfordview, and raised about R600 for school projects.

There was a field of 144 players. Parents helped and also took part.

The Hirsch Shield comes back to Dale



Don't forget these train times

HERE'S a reminder about next year's terms, block booking deadlines and train departure dates.

First term: January 22 to March 27. Trains leave: January 20 from Johannesburg, March 28 from King William's Town.

Second term: April 9 to June 19. Trains leave: April 8 from Johannesburg (A day later than usual because April 7 is Easter Monday), June 18 from King William's Town.

Third term: July 15 to September 19. Trains leave: July 13 from Johannesburg, September 18 from King William's Town.

Fourth term: October 1 to December 9. Trains leave: September 29 from Johannesburg, December 8 from King William's Town.

The deadlines for block bookings with cheque payments are: December 5 1979, February 20, May 28 and August 13.

Those wishing to take advantage of the block-booking saving should:

- Make out a cheque for R43-95 to J Ford, plus commission on all out-of-Johannesburg accounts.
- Write the full name and age of your son on the back of the cheque.
- Post to Mrs J A Ford, c/o P O Box 867, Rivonia

FIVE Transvaal boys were in the Dale College athletics team that won the Hirsch Shield this year — Trevor Noble (captain) of Vanderbijlpark, Kerry Swammer of Edenvale, Andrew Ball of Kempton Park, and Mark Richardson and Jeremy Hall of Johannesburg.

It was the first time Dale had won the shield in five years and only the fourth time in its long history.

The full team (with masters) is seen above.

Seated in front (left to right): Mr L du Plessis, A Johnson, Mr C Thomson, T Noble, Mr P Vermaak, G Elliot, Mr A Jacobs.

Middle row: K Swammer, R Kolbe, M Richardson, M Beech, A Ball, N Laine, M Hoffman, R Beadon (formerly of the Transvaal) and G Coyle Mayberry.

Back row: P Anderson, K. Robertson, C Matherbe, G de Wet, J Hall.

2128. Phone 802-3668 (home)

Please include in your cheque an extra R3 per family to cover the travelling expenses of the master accompanying the boys on the home-bound train.

Hello, Cape parents

Dale parents in the Cape will in future receive copies of Trans-Dale.

The Transvaal Parents Association has made contact with Mrs Anne Pengelly, who organises train block-bookings for Dalians from Cape Town. Any Cape parents interested in this cut-rate scheme should write to Mrs Pengelly, Indola, Dennendal Ave, Tokai 7945 (Phone 72-2452 office or 72-6369 home).

THE Headmaster of Dale College, Mr Colin Thomson, praised Transvaal parents for their support, enthusiasm and spirit when he visited Johannesburg in June.

"You are the pace-setters, always stirring the pot," he said.

Mr Thomson told about 60 parents — who attended the annual general meeting of the Transvaal Parents Association of Dale College — that he found Johannesburg a friendly city.

"You may not have wind but you have a whirlwind of activity here," he said.

Reporting on progress at Dale, Mr Thomson made these points:

ACADEMIC WORK

Last year Dale had a fine group of Matrics and he complimented the boys on their hard work — there were two A aggregates, each with five A's and a B.

This year's Standard 10s were potentially better and he hoped the "tail" would be stronger.

"Academically the position at Dale is rosy. We are putting a lot more pressure on the boys, eg extra prep for those not doing so well." The Motor Knowledge section was considered the best on the Border.

EXTENSIONS were being made to the woodwork and metalwork departments and a new science laboratory was being built. He hoped this would be finished by the end of the year. Two new classrooms were being built.

PANEL INSPECTION

This had lasted five days and the three departmental inspectors had complimented the school and the boys — on their manners, courtesy and spirit. They also spoke warmly of the teachers and the standard of teaching.

SPORT

The cricket season had begun well in the first term and Dale had lost only two matches. Percy Davis, the professional coach, was returning later this year for his 27th season. Another seven nets were being built — concrete and ozite.

The school had some promising tennis players and was getting three or four new courts.

Talking of rugby, the Headmaster joked, "We're the greatest losers on the Border," and paid tribute to the first team's "terrific spirit."

There were no stars this year but they had welded into a nice team — "young, inexperienced but well-motivated fellows who don't give up."

Dale athletes had come second in the Sasol regional finals, losing by 16 points, and won nine titles in the Border Junior Championships. The cross country team was very strong.

The swimming team had had a very good season. The relay team had been beaten in the Athlone Shield by two feet — the best Dale had done in five years.

The squash team was very young but promising.

ATHLONE COMPLEX

Dale was waiting for a decision from the Town Council and the Athlone Sports Club on this transfer.

CULTURE

Dale was becoming a cultural centre. More plays

I'm so proud of Dale...

Headmaster Thomson reports on a year of progress



were being produced and a Shakespearean production had been taken on tour. The school had initiated triangular debates and hosted chess festivals.

Boarders were now able to attend Scouts on Friday evenings.

THE HOSTELS

"I do not believe the hostels have ever been run as efficiently as they are now," said Mr Thomson.

Much research had been done into costing, meals and uniformity of discipline.

The spirit in the hostels was high. As a "relative newcomer", he found the spirit at Dale "fantastic."

"I cannot tell you the pride I have had in Dale this year." The boarding system was the backbone of the school.

ANSWERING QUESTIONS

Mr Thomson said Queen's would play Dale at Reunion next year. Selborne declined to play at Reunion.

The Headmaster mentioned problems with boys' laundry about which some parents had complained. In four weeks R75 worth of laundry had been mislaid, misused or not claimed. Some laundry was not marked. Others from certain boys was marked for someone else. He appealed for greater care with clothing.

TRAIN BOOKINGS

Mr Thomson asked that boys returning to Dale should be booked to and from King William's Town

Thomson reports (continued)

and not Blaney, because of the petrol situation.

Aubrey Hall, secretary-treasurer, thanked Mr Thomson for his address and particularly for bringing up the school reports. He appealed for more promptness by parents in making train bookings with Mrs Ford.

FROM THE CHAIR

Alan Naylor, chairman, welcomed two prospective 1980 parents, Mr and Mrs Hamilton, and paid tribute to Mrs Jackie Ford for her work in organising the train block bookings.

The chairman reported that two successful functions had been held during the year — a braaivleis last November and a party in May when committee members entertained new parents. It had been suggested that the new parents' evening should be held before the start of the year so it could include the new boys, too.

Mr Naylor said ties were being maintained with the Transvaal Old Dailians and the Trans-Dale magazine was still being produced by Joe Sutton, assisted by John de Klerk. He thanked John for his sterling work in organising the Dale rugby tour of the Transvaal.

Assistance was being given to the school in drawing up a new prospectus. Committee members were thanked for hosting meetings and special thanks were given to Jackie Ford for continuing to arrange block bookings on school trains.

The meeting supported a continuation of the R10 levy per family to the Development Fund and agreed to continue R3 contributions to the master's fare to and from Johannesburg. It was agreed that R5 donations to the Development Fund would be welcome from those parents who could not afford R10.

Your money buys a screen for Dale

A FULL-SIZE projector screen is to be bought for the Dale College Assembly Hall from funds contributed by Transvaal parents.

Aubrey Hall, secretary-treasurer, told the parents association's annual general meeting that R765 had been donated to the Development Fund by Transvaal parents from May 1978 to June 1979.

The committee was waiting to hear from the Headmaster how this money would be spent.

The chairman, Alan Naylor, said some difficulties had been encountered over a plan to buy blackout curtains for the school hall.

Since the AGM the school has decided that the money will be spent on a screen and arrangements are being made to buy this in Johannesburg.

New parents committee

THE NEW committee of the Transvaal Parents Association for 1979-80, elected at the annual general meeting, is:

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

Theuns (Serf) Serfontein (vice-chairman) and **Michelle Serfontein**, 108 Honiball Street, Ryntfield, Benoni 1500 (Phone 849-1909).

Aubrey Hall (secretary-treasurer) 77 Third Avenue, Highlands North, Johannesburg 2192 (Phone 40-4438).

Joe Sutton (editor, Trans-Dale magazine) 33 Sheila Street, Dunvagen, Edenvale (Phone 53-4927).

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

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

Sheila and Rob Pringle, PO Box 10812 Johannesburg 2000 (Phone 70-3055).

Avril Thompson, 355 Dungenen Road, Mondor 2091.

Errol Korras, PO Box 1263 Edenvale 1610 (Phone 36-8185).

● If you have a problem concerning Dale College you may approach any of these members.

DALIANS LEARN TO BE LEADERS

FOUR Dailians — including two from the Transvaal — attended a Jaycees leadership course over the last weekend of the third term at Gleneden, near East London.

The boys — D Cockcroft, A King and Transvalers Michael Naylor and Rory Odendaal — were in a party of 24 from Border schools, including Selborne, Cambridge, West Bank, Clarendon and George Randall.

After travelling down to the resort on Friday afternoon and enjoying a "change of diet" dinner, the pupils had to pair off with others and "break the ice" by telling delegates about themselves and their partner. This was followed by a lecture, "Where is the world heading?"

The next day there were lectures on leadership qualities, public speaking, civic and community responsibilities, which were followed by a test of initiative and ingenuity.

Groups of four delegates each had to build a bridge of "iced lolly sticks". Points were awarded for the number of sticks used and for the time taken to build the bridge.

Selborne won with a R30 000 profit. Dale had a R62 000 loss, but did design the first concave suspension bridge.

After a film that evening the delegates chatted into the wee, small hours — a decision regretted the next morning.

On Sunday, after some strenuous exercises to clear the cobwebs, they were lectured on "Achieving your goals", followed by a session on effective speaking.

Then there was a session on "The energies of man," emphasising the power of positive thinking.

The conference ended with a braai. All delegates thoroughly enjoyed themselves and many new friendships were formed. The boys agreed that the course would help them in their future attitudes to life and when they ventured out into the big, wide business world.

Witbank's Rory is 1980 head prefect

A TRANSVAAL boy, Rorich (Rory) Odendaal, has been chosen as head prefect of Dale College for 1980. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Woden Odendaal of Witbank. Rory is also head prefect of Paterson House.

Other Transvalers named as school prefects are Barry Ross, son of Mr and Mrs G R D Ross of Wendywood, Johannesburg, and Michael Naylor, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Naylor, of Edenvale.

Mr Naylor is chairman of the Transvaal Parents Association.

**Please
support
our
advertisers
— they
support us**

Mince, mince, mince...

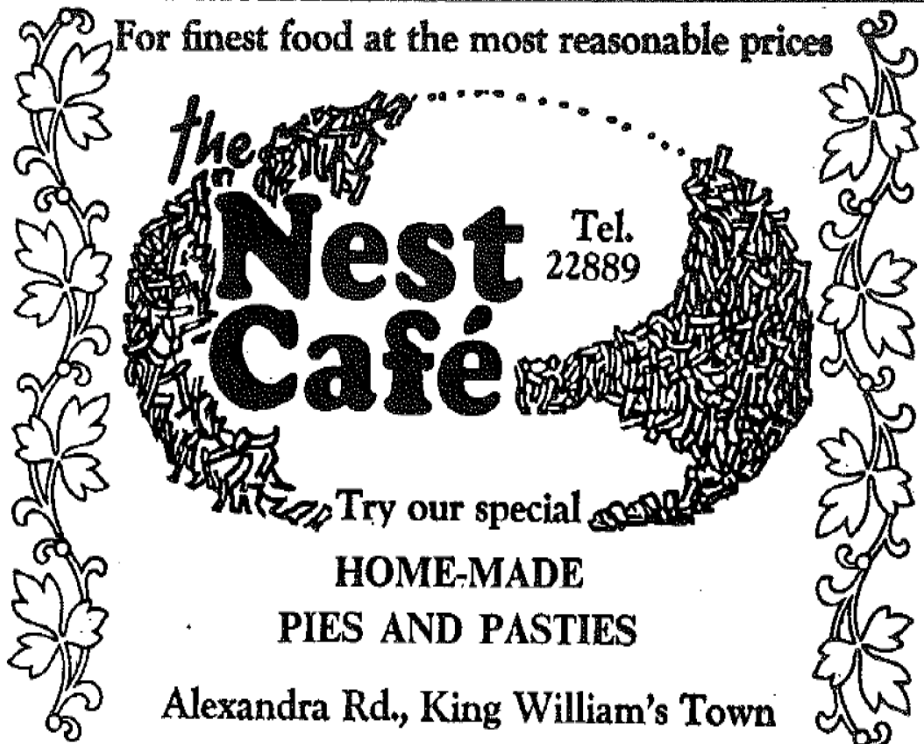
● THERE have been some complaints about the food at Dale hostels.

It is said that meals lack sufficient variety, with mince appearing too frequently on the menu.

The parents association has reported this to the Headmaster, who agreed to investigate and to supply sample menus to the association.

To date these have not been received, but we look forward to them with interest. . .

For finest food at the most reasonable prices



the Nest Café Tel. 22889

Try our special
**HOME-MADE
PIES AND PASTIES**

Alexandra Rd., King William's Town

HEWITT & PALMER

APPOINTED STOCKISTS OF **DALE SENIOR**
AND **DALE JUNIOR UNIFORMS**

Where
Old
Dallians
serve you

*** SPORTS SPECIALISTS ***

- ACCOUNTS OPENED
- CASH DISCOUNTS
- OUTFITS MARKED
- ALTERATIONS TO CLOTHING



- TUCK SUPPLIED
- DRY CLEANING
- SHOE REPAIRS
- TOILETRIES

The Best Place In Town

Farrer's Sports

19 Maclean St
King William's Town
Phone 23616

OFFICIAL STOCKISTS FOR: **DALE SENIOR &
DALE JUNIOR OUTFITS**

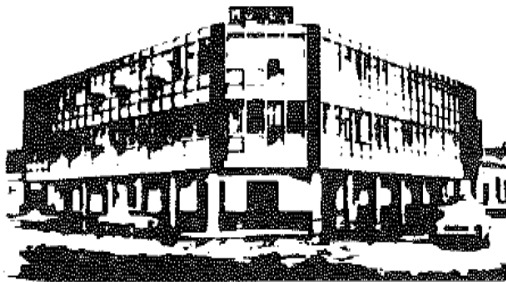
WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING:

- * MARK OUTFITS (no extra) * CASH DISCOUNTS * COMPETITIVE PRICES *
- * ACCOUNTS OPENED * DRY CLEANING * CLOTHING ALTERATIONS (on premises) *
- * SHOE REPAIRS * TUCK (if required) * TOILETRIES * SPORTS * TOYS *
- * OUTFITTING * ARMS & AMMO * FISHING DEPARTMENT etc *

TO FACILITATE ONE STOP SHOPPING

P.S. OWNED AND RUN BY
OLD BOYS OF DALE

*BUY YOUR OUTFIT EARLY AND AVOID
LAST MINUTE RUSH. AMADODA!!*



When you visit King William's
Town stay in the place
with that homely
atmosphere

Central Hotel



P.O. BOX 84
KING WILLIAM'S TOWN

TELEPHONE 21440

2 STAR HOTEL with 3 STAR SERVICE

Palframan's Pharmacy

21 Maclean Street
Phones: 23041 and 23057

King William's Town
P.O. Box 67

For all your pharmaceutical requirements
"Your family's health is our concern"