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The Dale Family needs support of young and old

DALE COLLEGE and the Old Dalian Union are gearing up for what they hope will be the biggest Reunion ever held, to mark the climax of the 125th anniversary.

We share their wish that this will draw Old Daliens of every vintage and also parents from every corner of the country.

Transvaal parents can be relied on for their fullest support if the attendance at the 1985 Reunion is any indication.

Twenty-two out of 23 members of the Transvaal parents committee were there and we know the 23rd would have attended too if it had been possible. There was also support from other Transvaal parents and Old Daliens, young and old.

The August Reunion of 1986 will last a week. Innovations will include a sports day for Old Daliens, parents and their sons, an open day at the school, a gala ball and a variety concert.

There will be the usual cadet parades, PTA cheese and wine party and annual dinner and drama production, and a Saturday of rugby and hockey against Selborne College, who have not played Dale at Reunion for 18 years. The traditional Memorial Service in the Hallowed Courtyard will wind up the week's events.

The Headmaster pronounced the 1985 Reunion the most successful ever held, with record attendances at the opening assembly, the dinner and the rugby. About R2 400 was collected at the dinner when two rugby balls were auctioned in aid of the Dale overseas tour and a further R1 000 was raised at the beer tent at Farrer's Field after the rugby.

Younger Dale supporters responded well to appeals to keep the peace over the weekend and particularly at the rugby. There is no doubt that the vast majority of parents and Old Boys who attended the Reunion thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A somewhat discordant note, however, came from some of the younger Old Boys who felt left "out in the cold", but happily this problem is on the way to being resolved.

Not being the most punctual of spectators, some lads found no place to sit when they arrived for the rugby at the Victoria Grounds. They had expected a place of their own.

Their views and those of the school and the Old Dalian Union require some attention here — because some of the lads are from the Transvaal and because the ODU looks to them for support now and in the future.

We would agree with the Headmaster and the union that Old Daliens should not sit in the same stand as present Daliens. School discipline demands this.

The younger lads, however, feel that the main grandstand (with reserved seats at R5 each) is a bit too "grand", with its older and more subdued spectators.

The answer seemed to lie in a special stand for younger Old Boys and the ODU Executive has since agreed to provide this. But the executive would like some control to be maintained over this stand, which will be reserved only till half time in the first match of the afternoon. It feels that seats cannot be kept open for latecomers while other spectators have to sit on the grass.

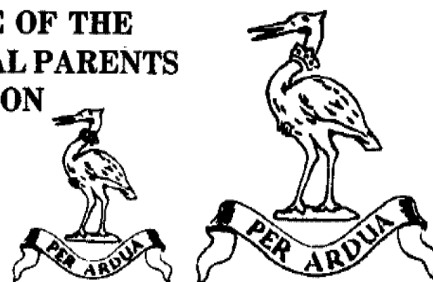
The Old Dalian Union would clearly like to attract more support from its younger members both at Reunion and at other times of the year and this matter may be aired at its annual general meeting and symposium in August.

Complaints would be more sympathetically received if raised constructively on these occasions in King William's Town.

It would be sad if younger Old Daliens lost interest and became alienated from their older colleagues. The Dale Family needs them. Reunion must not be perceived as a festival for parents and the "Old Guard" of the union.

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The Tvl Dale parents committee for 1985-86

THIS is the new committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents Association elected at the 1985 annual general meeting:

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Jim Truscott (vice-chairman) and Maureen Truscott, 28 Cresta Road, Sunward Park, Boksburg 1460 (Phone 896-4427).

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

● Theuns (Serf) and Michele Serfontein were re-elected to the committee, but have since moved to Durban (see Page 3).

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Thanks, you old buddies

MORE than a dozen veterans of the Transvaal Dale parents committee have retired after years of service to the association.

Tribute has been paid to their hard work, loyalty and dedication to their association even after their sons had left Dale.

They include Alan Naylor, with a remarkable record of nine years on the committee, including three as chairman; John and Alisa de Klerk (John drew up the association's constitution and Alisa is a former treasurer); Drew and ex-secretary Inez Turner; George and Avril Thompson; Frank and Cookie Rouessart; Charles and Sheila Simpson (Sheila, a former treasurer, ran the block booking scheme); Kevin and ex-secretary Priscilla Lowe; Martin Hartigan and Keith Greenway.

Each has played a part in building up the Transvaal association into the strongest Dale parent body in South Africa. Thanks, folks, we hope we'll still be seeing you.

Christopher's famous great-grandfather left the school in 1883

That's my baby! He'll be a Dalian in 1998

By JOE SUTTON

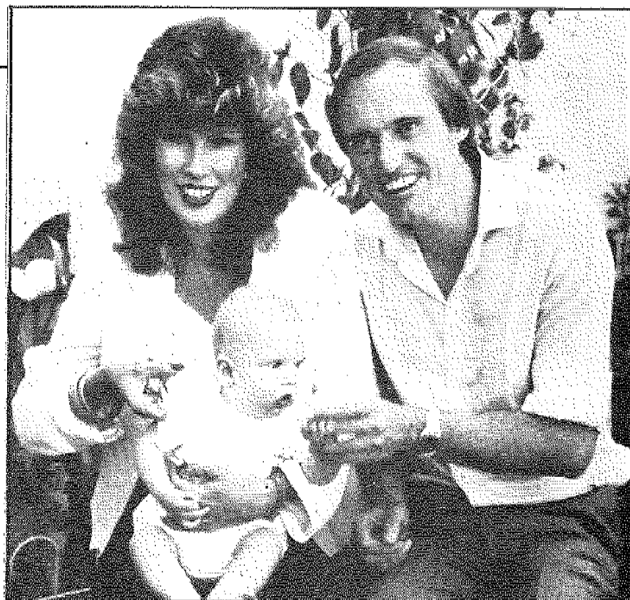
TRANVAAL parent John Mehliiss, grandson of a distinguished Old Dalian, is leaving nothing to chance. He has already booked his baby son into Dale College as a boarder to start in 1998.

John, who lives near Muldersdrift, north of Johannesburg, wanted to be sure that young Christopher would get a place at this "very great school".

And by enrolling his son, now 22 months old, John has restored a century-old link with Dale College.

His grandfather, Dr John Max Mehliiss, matriculated in 1883 at Dale where he was an outstanding athlete. He became an eminent

JOHN and MARJORIE MEHLISS with CHRISTOPHER . . . restoring a century-old link with Dale



medical scholar, a leading specialist in infectious diseases and was superintendent of Rietfontein Hospital, Johannesburg, from 1896 to 1927.

John Mehliiss, now 34, was born in Johannesburg but grew up in Rhodesia where his father, a geologist, had settled. John went to Plumtree, one of Rhodesia's leading boarding schools, and graduated LIB at the University of Rhodesia.

He practised as an attorney there until he and his Rhodesian-born wife Marjorie moved to the Transvaal in 1983. He is now a legal adviser for an insurance company in Johannesburg and is studying to obtain the language qualifications to enable him to resume practice in South Africa.

When Christopher was born on April 19, 1984, John looked ahead and decided to send his son to a school with a similar tradition and spirit as Plumtree. The answer lay in Dale College with which his family already had a close link.

Within days he wrote to the Headmaster asking him to enter Christopher as a boarder.

"I understand Dale is still a very great school and would like to maintain the family link with it," he wrote.

John Mehliiss told TransDale: "I have heard very good reports of Dale and its long tradition and rugby record.

"I think it important to get involved with an institution that means something to boys in terms of tradition and spirit."

Dale College was 22 years old and Grahams-town-born John Max Mehliiss was only 15 when he matriculated there. The school had only been known as Dale College for six years.

Dr Mehliiss's distinguished career was out-

lined recently in the Adler Museum Bulletin, journal of the Adler Museum of the History of Medicine in Johannesburg.

He studied at the Universities of Munich and Gottenberg in Germany. He graduated top of the country and was personally congratulated by Bismarck, the Iron Chancellor, who was a third cousin of his father, Otto Mehliiss.

The doctor returned to Johannesburg in 1893 and after a spell in private practice and as a District Surgeon of Krugersdorp he became medical superintendent of what became Rietfontein Hospital.

"He gained unique experience in smallpox, plague and venereal diseases and was considered the leading authority on these diseases in the country," says the Bulletin.

Rietfontein's fame grew after Dr Mehliiss imported a wonder drug, Salvarsan, for the treatment of syphilis, on which he had worked as a student in Germany with the Noble Prize-winning scientist Paul Ehrlich.

The hospital became known as "Mielies", a mispronounced tribute to the great doctor.

Dr Mehliiss died in 1927 aged 59 in the Johannesburg General Hospital after suffering a stroke which left him partly paralysed.

He was buried at his own request in a pauper coffin in one of the hospital cemeteries at Rietfontein. At a simple funeral the plain coffin was draped with the Union Jack and the Vierkleur.

His battle against smallpox and venereal diseases earned him an international reputation.

● Christopher Mehliiss will be 13 and due to enter Std 6 when he starts at Dale College in January 1998 — 115 years after his great-grandfather left the school.



Dr John Max Mehliiss . . . medical scholar and specialist, in masonic regalia.

Thank you, Serfs, and good luck!

THEUNS (Serf) and Michele Serfontein left late last month to settle in Durban after serving seven years on the committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents Association.

Last year they were honoured by Dale College for their service to the school and the association. They received the Per Ardua Award at the Reunion.

The Serfonteins had been committee members of the association since their eldest son Wynand first went to Dale in 1979. Serf was vice-chairman for three years and chairman for two. Michele was secretary for four years.

Wynand matriculated at Dale in 1983 and, after completing his two years' national service, is now training as a SAAF pilot. Younger son Barry matriculated last year.

Good luck, Serfs! Farewell — and thanks!

Dale overseas tour postponed

POLITICS has scuppered the first Dale overseas rugby and educational tour planned for this Easter.

"We can't find schools to play us," said a disappointed Headmaster Malcom Andrew, who blamed political pressure.

The tour was to include rugby matches, educational outings and sightseeing trips in seven or eight countries. It has now been postponed, but attempts are still being made to arrange matches with schools in southern England and Wales, and possibly South America.

Forty Dalians, including the first rugby team, were due to join the party with three teachers.

"We are committed to this tour for which R25 000 has been raised," said Mr Andrew.

Dale first rugby team has toured Rhodesia, but this would be the first team to go overseas.

The greening of Dale College

THE GREEN, green grass of Dale is back.

After heavy rains late last year the Dale sports fields — which two years ago were a dustbowl after a crippling drought — are now looking like a paradise, says Headmaster Andy Andrew, who pays tribute to the efforts of groundsman Cliff Greeff.

Two new hockey fields, financed by contributions to the Dale Education Fund, will be opened in March.

The main grandstand at the Dale A rugby field, now named after Dale's 1937 Springbok C B Jennings, is to be renovated and its seating increased by 50 per cent.

Six hundred trees are to be planted by Dalians in Dale's 125th anniversary year and facilities at the track field will be electrified.

WHEN I was asked if I would be the first to accompany the boys back to school, I was happy but apprehensive.

I would have two extra days with my boys, but I did not know what lay before me.

I have heard snatches of what goes on on the train, so what was I supposed to do? Police the boys? No. I felt they knew what is expected of them and how they should behave in public.

At last the hour came and I was on the train, armed with my own list of the boys who should be on the train.

My first job was to establish myself in my compartment. I soon found myself doing exactly what the boys do: Find a bunk where I would be happy.

This, fortunately, was not too difficult. Thanks to the Railways, "H" which should have been a coupe, was a compartment. When I discovered this and only three juniors in the compartment, I was in there like a flash and no one gave us a problem.

Where the three extra boys from Compartment A went to I don't know, and neither did the inspector or conductor, but they got organised. Sorting myself out took me past Germiston, then I wandered around to see what was on the go.

First there was a change from uniform to casual. At one time I thought I was on an army train as there were quite a few grey coats, some German some Russian, but thankfully they were on my side.

Later I found about ten boys in one compartment, wireless going and chatting. There were others who decided to find some girls to "chat" to so all in all there were no problems.

Just before nightfall the fun really began. We stopped in the middle of nowhere. No body seemed to know why, but after about 15 minutes we found out.

There were the inspector and his henchman — the conductor. They were about 5ft 10in tall and broad. No one could get past them, and they were directly behind one another. Both were armed with passenger lists. They were going from compartment to compartment.

On seeing me the inspector said he would come back when he had done his "count". Eventually this was done and back he came.

We now went to his coupe and to my horror he was six passengers short. Now how was that

● Parent NEVILLE PATIENCE "rides shotgun" with Transvaal Daliens on the Johannesburg-Blaney Express — and reports on an enlightening night of frustration, red tape and mirth.

His verdict: It was a pleasure, but of course boys will be boys . . .



You think you've got angels?

possible — after the way they had gone through the train?

It was now up to me. We went through his list and my list backwards, forwards, inside and outside. Eventually we went through the tickets, and I took one ticket out and he made a mark on his list.

And so on, and on, until eventually all the little

strokes for the amount of tickets were accounted for.

Now he has to multiply by six. That was another problem but eventually he succeeded, but was still six boys short.

Well, after an hour he gave up and said to me: "Now youse had better checks them out and finds the missing boys."

That hour was more than frustrating, but he never came near me again, thank heavens.

I was looking forward to a super dinner in the dining carriage, but guess what, there was only a hamburger stand; and as it was three carriages away the food was cold when you finally got to eat it.

It is worth while having an adult on the train. One junior boy complained he had been short-changed and, being on the spot, I was able to sort out the problem.

The next morning, knowing what the kiosk man should have over on his till, the boy got his change back — about R3, a fortune to him.

But one could see why the change was not given back immediately, as some boys go out of their way to catch the poor guy. Not Dale boys, of course.

On the last trip up the carriages, one could see where the action was. A Dale "guard" was on duty and when I turned into the passage way there was almost an eerie silence. You could almost hear, "Chips, here he comes".

You may think you've got angels, but boys will be boys.

At 11 pm, I was ready for bed. Some juniors were not quite ready, but 15 minutes later they went to bed. In the morning I was accused of not going to sleep, but believe me I had slept.

From Queenstown to Blaney was a three-hour trip. Blaney was something else. Only one bus arrived, but it was soon packed and off to King.

Half an hour later the second bus arrived and that too was soon packed and we were on our way. It was great to see the organisation and co-operation of the boys to get packed up and away.

When the boys hit the train they seem to take on a different character. Some are out to have a good time, some are pensive and wondering how they are going to attack the term ahead.

It was a pleasure to accompany the boys down and it is hoped the compartments can be organised better in future. Any suggestions would be welcome, apart from more girls on the train!

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FOODS

FOR QUALITY

Dale fund-raisers heading for the Transvaal

A TEAM of campaigners from the Border will visit Johannesburg early in March to try to boost the Transvaal's contribution to the Dale College Educational Fund.

After a promising start, the campaign has faltered. Most of the support has come from King William's Town, followed by Johannesburg, Durban, Port Elizabeth, East London and Cape Town. Most of the contributions have come from parents.

By December R428 362,35 had been pledged to the fund by 170 Old Daliens (out of a possible 2 500), 260 parents (out of a possible 850), 26 past parents and friends and six donor trusts or business houses.

Of the amount pledged over a period of five years, R160 555 has been received of which R148 157,97 has been spent on pressing needs.

These include R41 887 on the Dale sports fields, which were ravaged by drought, R5 000 for school buses and a R16 842,70 loan to the 125 committee for momentoes.

The National Fund Raising Council, which helped to launch the scheme in 1983, cost R59 924 000.

These figures have been given by Chris Fick, of King William's Town, who has taken over as campaign chairman from Professor Brian Gardner.

Chris is a member of the Dale College School Committee. His wife Hazel is assistant secretary of the Old Dalian Union.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund or having difficulty over a pledge may phone Chris or the appeal secretary (0433-21243).

"We need your contributions, however small they may be," says Chris, "so we may provide Dale College with the teaching aids which the Department does not supply."

Dummy is back

WELCOME back, Dummy Taylor, to another term as public relations officer of the Old Dalian Union.

Dummy's services will be particularly valuable during the school's 125th anniversary year. Dummy was on the platform at the 1985 prizegiving and at the leaving matrics' welcome to the ODU the next night.

One of his first efforts was to compile and send out a ten-page newsletter to Old Daliens in December.

Tradition! Legends that live on at Dale

DALE COLLEGE is rich in legends handed down by tradition. These four were recalled by Headmaster Malcom Andrew at the 1985 Reunion dinner . . .

The night Sandile's ghost haunts Hostel newpots

EACH year in February, the new boys of Diocesan Hostel are awakened at the dead of night and sent from "top" hostel across the road to "bottom" hostel. On the way over they encounter the ghost of Sandile, a Xhosa chief who lived from 1823 till 1878.

This tradition is a fairly traumatic experience, but it is an integral part of a boy's initiation into Diocesan Hostel.

Where did it come from?

During the frontier wars Sandile led an impi north of King William's Town. Legend has it that at times of drought or famine Sandile and his men were often given food at Diocesan, then as now at the edge of the town.

One February day in the 1860s Sandile arrived for food, but the hostel didn't have enough to feed its boys, and refused.

Sandile, later killed in a frontier war, threatened to haunt the hostel on the anniversary of the incident. The tradition lives on today, 107 years later.



When Headmaster Bob banned rugby — 80 years ago

RUGBY at Dale goes back to 1906 when Dale was a soccer school with only a few senior sides. Bored juniors used to drift across to the Butts, a shooting range, for an illegal game of rugby.

For rugby was banned by Headmaster J G (Bob) Sutton, who used to patrol the boys' hangouts on his horse "Beauty".

One day "Old Bob" caught about 40 boys playing rugby at the Butts and herded them like a shepherd from Beauty's back to school for a hiding!

Being true Daliens the juniors continued their rebel rugby and eventually formed a team, the Shamrocks. They wore black polo jerseys with a green shamrock leaf and green stripe.

In their first game in 1908 the Shamrocks beat a local team at the Butts by a disputed try. The

losers claimed the Dale wing put his foot into touch. The Dale linesman disappeared down Fleet ditch at great speed.

In 1910 the Shamrocks became the Dale College rugby team, wearing the Shamrock jersey, and the following year introduced the famed red-and-black hooped jersey and started a tradition that has lasted 74 years.

Dale won their first game in Dale jerseys against Pirates 57-0.

● Are any of those 1906 juniors, who eventually persuaded Bob Sutton to change his mind about rugby, alive today? They would be about 87 years old now.



The day Hofmeyr played for Dale

Mr JAN HENDRIK HOFMEYR resigned from General Hertzog's Fusion Cabinet in 1938 because he disagreed with an appointment Hertzog had made to the Senate.

Mr H T (Jerry) Crouch, in his first year as Headmaster of Dale, invited Mr Hofmeyr to present the prizes at the annual prizegiving.

Mr Hofmeyr, who later captained the Parliamentary cricket team, arrived in King and wanted to play cricket in a Dale team. But Dale was playing Queen's that Saturday and Queen's objected to Mr Hofmeyr's inclusion.

However, the Dale tennis team was playing Athlone and Chris (Karretjie) Marx, the coach, selected him to play for Dale.

There is no record of the result of that match, but this incident of an MP playing in a school team must be unique in South African sport.

● Mr Hofmeyr later became Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister in Gen. Smuts's wartime Cabinet.

How Muir hijacked OUR War Cry . . .

THE Dale War Cry was composed by a teacher, Mr N C Dugmore, who later moved to Muir College, Uitenhage.

He took the War Cry with him and introduced it to Muir, of which he became headmaster.

That is why if you attend a Muir rugby match you will hear the Dale War Cry.

Have you ever tried to translate the War Cry into English? It goes like this:

Oh! Oh! Oh!
Look at Dale College
Oh!
Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!
Kick! Kick! Hurry up!
Kick! Kick! Hurry up!
Wow! Dale College, The Men,
Yes,
Dale!

Hardly the most inspiring words you will read, observed Mr Andrew, but when chanted it sends the blood of those associated with the school pounding.



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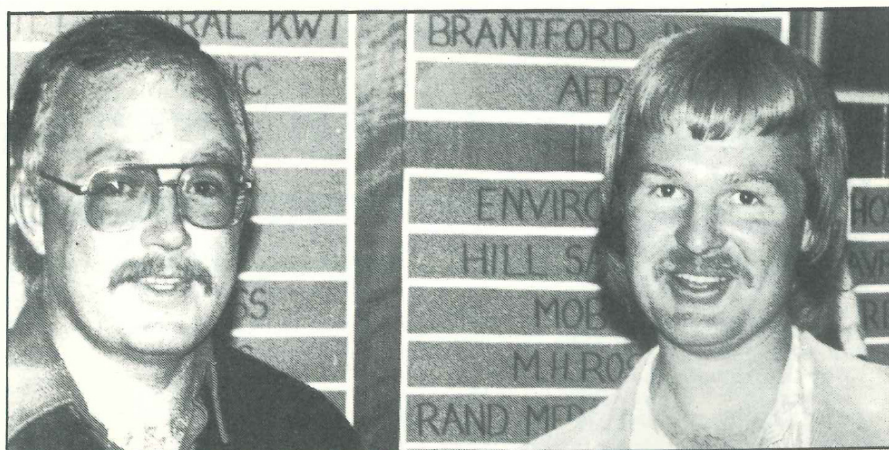
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GOLF WINNERS: Old Dalians Ian Macintosh (left) and Kevin Dollery . . . 48 points



RUNNERS UP: Donald Searle (centre) and B O'Hagen

It was billed as a Fun Day and there was plenty of fun — but there was hard work, too.

FUN for those who played and watched golf, tennis and bowls at Kyalami Country Club, north of Johannesburg, on June 23.

HARD WORK for the parents, their families, young Dalians, Old Dalians and friends of Dale who toiled to make the day a big success. Some did both. It was a great team effort — no names please, for all did their bit. Headmasters Malcom Andrew and Roy Taylor, who joined us, were impressed by the turnout (about 200 in all), the effort and spirit shown.

That ubiquitous, distinguished Old Dalian Tertius Myburgh — taking a brief break from TV and after-dinner appearances and his more onerous duties as Editor of the Sunday Times — was on top form as Master of Ceremonies.

Always willing to help a good Dale cause, he supplied ready wit and encouragement.

It was reassuring, he said, to know that the Sunday Times was well read at Dale and that the back page had been found displayed inside boarders' lockers. "We must be getting through to the youth."

Sue Boggett, wife of chairman Tony, presented the golf prizes — a considerable task as there were plenty of them.

They were awarded to the first 20 pairs, then to a further ten pairs chosen at random among the next 35 couples, ending with the pair that came 55th.

There were consolation prizes and lucky draws, special contests and prizes. No competitor who stayed should have gone home empty handed.

Never before has a Transvaal Dale golf tournament been better supported by members of the Dale Family — parents, old Dalians and young Dalians.

Old Dalian Kevin Dollery had a great day. Not



Vicky Krauss and son Neville . . . they came fourth



Bob Keen and J A McLeod . . .

only did he and his partner Ian Macintosh win the better ball stableford competition (with 48 points) but Kevin won the main raffle for a giant bottle of Scotch whisky.

Second were Donald Searle, industrialist son of former Dale head Russell Searle, and his partner, F O'Hagen.

They were followed by Dale parents committee member and Old Dalian Alan Davis, and his partner, Martin Pope.

Former Dale parent Vicky Krauss, long a stalwart at starting the field at Dale golf tournaments, and her son Neville, were fourth.

On fifth were 1985 Headboy Bradley Worth, playing off a handicap of 30 — somewhat high for such a

● Pictures by MICI

natural sportsman — and his dad Bob, who looks as if he could clout any ball, golf, cricket or base, out of the park.

Two of the best prizes — Jack Nicklaus video tapes on "How to Play Golf" — went appropriately to the pair who achieved the "most golf", Old Dalian Bob Keen and his partner J A McLeod. Their total: 22 points, achieved no doubt with great patience, forbearance and self-control.

Our thanks to the ladies who helped see the field off, sold raffle tickets, checked the cards and dis-

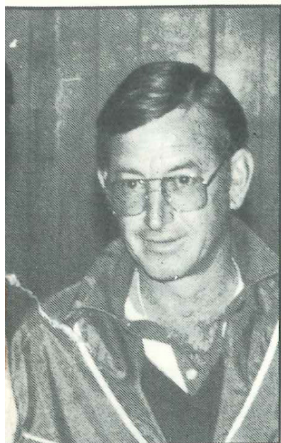


Bunty Sutton, master of ceremonies Tertius Myburgh and Malcom Andrew



Tony and Sue Boggett with Heather Reynolds, wife of

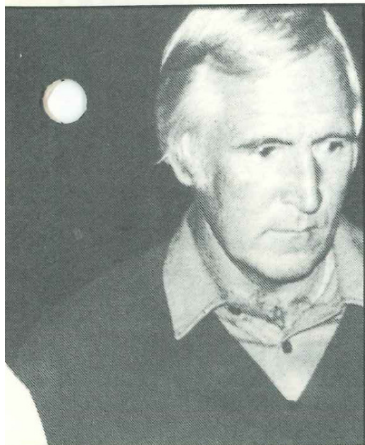
A MONEY DAY — FOR DALE!



Tony Boggett with Sue Boggett



Old Dalian parent Alan Davis ... third with partner M Pope



Headmaster Malcom Andrew giving lessons on tape for "most golf"



Dale Headboy Bradley Worth and dad Bob ... fifth



DOUBLE WINNER: Kevin Dollery with his bumper prize

CHELE SERFONTEIN

played the prizes, and to those parents and kids who ran the on-the-side competitions that helped bring in the lolly.

Headmasters Andy and Roy, relaxing after a hard second term, entered into the spirit of the day and were in their best bantering and wisecracking form at the prizegiving.

Roy had earlier played golf and Andy tennis. Roy, on a seven handicap, partnered by high-flier Serf Serfontein, was well down the field. Andy collected a tennis prize.

The tennis, a round-robin competition, was organised and won by Tony Boggett with Andy Andrew runner-up. Tony's Std 9 Dalian son Duncan was third.

The tennis was so well supported that there were too many players for the two courts, especially in the afternoon. There was a small but enthusiastic band of bowlers.

So it was a big Fun Day, but also a big money day. More than R2 200 was raised for Dale.

● Special competition winners — Large liquor hamper, Sandy Turnbull; small liquor hamper, Francois Wolfaardt; smaller liquor hamper, D Poultny; 4,5 litre bottle of whisky, Kevin Dollery; beers, Sharon Shepard.



Teacher Anton



ODU ex-chairman Kevin van der Westhuizen and Peter Terbrugge

QUOTES

● YOUR arrangements, hospitality, friendship and high motivation were all noted and very much appreciated at all the functions for which you were responsible.

The Fun Day was a magnificent idea, well-supported and lucrative, but even more, gave a substantial number of "outsiders" a glimpse of what Dale is all about. — Dale College Headmaster Malcom Andrew, in a letter to the Transvaal Dale Parents Association.

● THIS was certainly one of my most successful, and definitely the most enjoyable, visit to Johannesburg, and the hospitality and friendship shown to me by all the parents was outstanding and very much appreciated.

Kindly convey my sincere thanks to your entire parent community for their loyalty, support and for being such wonderful friends of Dale.

I am only sorry that my golf was not quite up to standard and that Serf had to carry me around the 18 holes! — Dale Junior Head Roy Taylor.

● MANY thanks for organising the Transvaal parents' weekend. This was a tremendous task and we really appreciate all the hard work you are doing up there. — Trevor Balzer, National President of the Old Dalian Union.

DALE COLLEGE has hit its targeted figure of 600 boys this year.

"We're thrilled," said Dale's Headmaster, Malcom Andrew, after the school's enrolment reached 602 at the start of the first term in January.

But what was once regarded as the magic barrier of 600 boys (the 1985 total reached 560) is no longer the yardstick for the coveted H1 status, which would bring new benefits to the school.

Technically Dale is now graded as an SKS-6 school, but the benefits of this are not clear.

The Cape Education Department has changed the formula and status is now based on the number of teachers. Although in theory more pupils should mean more teachers, a shortage of money is preventing an increase in staff.

"It's a Catch 22 situation. The department owes Dale six teachers but we can't get them," says Mr. Andrew.

He has built up a strong team of highly qualified and dedicated teachers and will continue to press for more.

The attainment of the H1 status remains Mr Andrew's dream — announced when he took over as Headmaster three-and-a-half years ago.

The four Dale hostels are full and account for 65 per cent of the total school enrolment.

But, says Mr Andrew, Dale continues to be selective in its drive for more pupils. In 1984 he turned down 45 and last year he turned down more than 30 for 1986 because "they are not good enough for Dale".

He was tremendously impressed with the calibre of Transvaal boys interviewed in Johannesburg last June as prospective Daliens. More than 20 new boys have entered the school this year from the Transvaal.

600!

Dale cracks that dream barrier

One of Dale's biggest problems, says Mr Andrew, is that a significant number of parents are now feeling the economic pinch. They are finding it increasingly difficult to pay the price of keeping a boy at Dale.

Boarding fees are being kept to R280 per term, but there were about ten withdrawals in the latter months of 1985 for financial reasons.

The high cost of living and the recession, which has put people out of work, are blamed.

Mr Andrew, however, thinks that to take a boy back home from Dale is false economy.

Considering the fringe costs of keeping a boy at home in a city, there is a strong case for boarding school education, even allowing for train fares.

Unfortunately the Friends of Dale Fund, which

has helped needy parents in the past, is running low. Contributions have been affected by the campaign for the Dale Educational Fund.

On the academic front the Headmaster has reported that the general standard is "very satisfactory" with failures "significantly down" on previous years.

As staff and boys went off for their Christmas holidays, two teachers stayed behind for three weeks to transform two classrooms into an audio visual theatre and a staff workroom and media software centre.

A post-matric class was introduced at Dale at the beginning of 1986 with seven boys, including last year's Headboy, Bradley Worth.

Four have started their studies for a B Sc degree through Unisa and two for a diploma in personnel management through Technikon SA.

The post-matric year will serve as a cushion between school and university for boys too young for university or the army.

Mr Andrew reports that Dale's development continued in 1985 virtually unaffected by the disruption elsewhere in a watershed year for South Africa experiencing the birth pangs of a new era. Developments included:

The building of a tennis shelter, purchase of a second tractor and pitch roller, development of two new fields, building of three modern prefabricated classrooms, new vice-principals' offices, a start in the development of quadrangles at the school and the completion of the C B Jennings gates to the main fields.

Mr Andrew said all these projects were paid for by the school through the parents' R10 quarterly levy and the Dale Educational Fund.

Money was virtually unavailable from the Department because of the economic climate.

THE 1985 matric results are a "significant improvement" on the previous year's disappointing figures, says Headmaster Malcom Andrew.

Describing the results as very good, he said: "Our measures to improve standards have paid off."

The results included two A aggregates, three B's, 11 C's and 25 matriculation exemptions (for university entrance). Eighty-two boys sat the exam.

There were nine failures, down on the 1984 figure. Mr Andrew said: "Significantly more boys produced satisfactory results and matriculation exemptions."

In his annual report at last year's prizegiving, Mr Andrew said there were two reasons for the disappointing 1984 matric results:

1985 Matric results: A big improvement

- Too many Std. 10s had an over-rated confidence in their ability and despite warnings fell short of the required standard; and
- Many boys were caught out by the new and higher failing mark in higher grade subjects.

Steps unpopular with parents and boys had since been taken to improve results. "If a boy fails to produce a pass mark in higher grade he is dropped to standard grade."

Why the two Dales are growing so fast

DALE has grown incredibly over the past three years. I have often been asked why. My answer to this is in four parts:

● Tremendous development and job opportunities in Ciskei.

● Our type of education is most sought after — with its emphasis on tradition, discipline and a wide intra and extra curricular programme.

● The standard of teaching by highly qualified staff.

● The support of Old Daliens and the parent family.

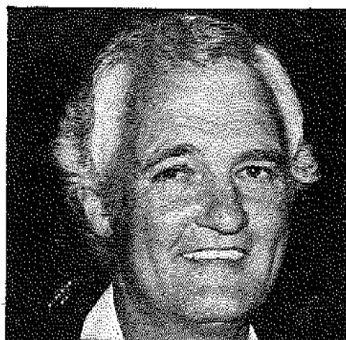
Not long ago the future of Dale was in jeopardy, according to our critics. Now we have proved them wrong.

In five years Dale Junior has grown from 320 to 470 boys. The acquisition of the Convent block has made Dale Junior one of the foremost primary schools in the country. Its hostel now caters for 100 boys.

What are we doing to maintain standards? The youth of today — the future of tomorrow — are our primary concern and we strive at all times to bring our boys to a standard where they can meet the demands of society about them.

Apart from the normal academic opportunities, Dale Junior offers an outdoor education programme, an introduction to computers through our computer club, a challenge club to enrich and

stimulate academically gifted pupils, and a modern, well-equipped media centre run by an expert. Research, self-motivated projects and the en-



● Dale Junior reaches a milestone in its history this year — its 25th anniversary.

Here the Headmaster, Roy Taylor, gives his views on the secret of the two Dales' success and how the Junior school is striving to maintain the high standards of the past in difficult times.

couragement of pupils to discover for themselves are the order of the day.

To add to this a wide variety of extra and intra mural activities is offered, covering chess, oratory, quizzes, debating, drama, the choir, the one-way club and a number of sports — cricket, tennis, swimming, rugby, hockey, gymnastics, athletics and tennisette.

To offer these activities and for our new pupils to have achieved as they have done, has cost the school a tremendous amount.

To stay abreast of ever-increasing advances in education, many developments are planned. The Department is no longer putting money into our coffers and therefore we have to go ahead ourselves.

I ask you in these difficult economic times to continue to support us, your alma mater, your son's school, as we need you as friends.

Dale cannot survive alone. Talk Dale, be proud of Dale, keep us at the top and I can assure you that Andy and I, with our staff, will strive to maintain the high traditions of the past.

● This report was excerpted from addresses Mr Taylor made to parents and Old Daliens on a visit to Johannesburg last year.

● Proposed highlights of the 25th year celebrations include a combined thanksgiving service, an academic assembly, an anniversary bazaar and a barn dance.

A helping hand to the top

● School Counsellor Anton Reynolds tells of his role in guiding Dalians — to cope with problems at school and to choose their future careers.

Anton is also in charge of religious instruction, plays golf for Border and coaches this sport at Dale. Last year he visited the Transvaal to meet parents.



Anton Reynolds and Transvaal Dalian Gavin Troxler, a 1986 school prefect, discuss careers.

WHAT does it mean to guide? To the mountaineering guide, it means to accompany a party of climbers, helping them over the difficult patches, pointing out the different routes that can be followed and finally sharing in their joy when at last they reach the summit.

As School Counsellor it is my task to offer guidance to pupils. In some ways my role is similar to that of the mountaineering guide.

But what exactly is guidance at Dale? There are two aspects to guidance. They are class or group guidance and individual counselling.

Let me start by explaining what constitutes the guidance programme in the classroom. Three areas are covered:

Academic guidance. This includes aspects such as study methods, planning homework and exam timetables and examination technique.

There is also the area of subject choice, grade choice, the ins and outs of university exemption courses and the choice of subjects for particular career directions. Quite a handful.

Vocational or career guidance. In Std 6 more of an overview of what a career involves is given.

Discussions on what is work, why we work, and the world of work in South Africa, give way to investigating specific career directions and class group projects.

By Std 10 the class is given very specific information on how to choose a career. The complicated world of university and technikon courses, bursaries, loans and other issues is unravelled.

We then move on to employment interviews, what they involve and how to prepare for them.

Social and personal guidance. The emphasis here is on forming healthy relationships. The individual's relationship with himself forms the basis for all other relationships with family, friends, teachers and the wider society.

Discussions on relationships with girls are always lively as well as on drug and alcohol abuse.

I am also available to boys, teachers, parents and other parties for individual interviews. These take place during school hours (and after) at a mutually convenient time.

How School Counsellor Anton Reynolds points the way ahead

This is probably the most crucial part of my role. Pupils, parents, teachers and other interested parties are all part of the counselling programme. There is both an amusing and heart-rending side to counselling.

What do you say to the Std 6 boy who is being "pursued" by four girlfriends (in different towns) but cannot decide which one to pick?

Then there is the boy who tells you in a roundabout, halting way that he considered attempting suicide the previous afternoon, but couldn't bring himself to do it.

In general, problems that are shared usually fall under one of the categories already mentioned under class guidance. Where there are boys with problems in one of those areas I am able through individual counselling to give in-depth help.

This is where my analogy of the mountain guide is appropriate. As I see it, my role is not to try to solve problems, but to help the boy come to a proper grasp of his problem and work on a solution together with him. This teaches the boy to develop his own problem-solving strategy.

Take the case where there is a divorce or

death in the family. Trite words of advice do not help the boy to develop his own coping strategy.

Not only must he come to terms with his home problems, but he must also carry on coping with his life at school (and in the hostel).

Careers counselling, especially with matrics, is also a case in point. The boy who has no idea what he wants to do is in the same boat as the boy who is dead keen on becoming a sniper and putting himself up for hire!

In both cases a careful exploration of the boy's abilities, interests and, most important, his values is needed.

After all is said and done he is the one who must choose what career to follow because he is the one who has "to do that job" (not his parents).

Besides my role as School Counsellor I also do "normal" teaching, coach two sports and run a cultural society. This gives me a chance to meet boys in different settings.

I would like to encourage parents to approach me whenever they have a problem they wish to discuss. We together form the "guide" who can help their son to climb to the top and conquer his particular Everest.

Tvl gives R4 000 to the two Dales

THE Transvaal Dale Parents Association gave R4 000 to the two Dale schools at its annual general meeting in June 1985.

Tony Boggett, chairman, handed over cheques for R2 500 to the Headmaster of Dale College and R1 500 to the Head of Dale Junior.

Thanking the association for these donations, the Headmasters wrote:

● The school committee will allocate this to a worthy and meaningful project which will benefit all Dalians. — Malcom Andrew.

● This could not have come at a better time, particularly with our recent purchases of two buses, a tractor and a mower. — Roy Taylor.

KEEP TIME WITH DALE

The new 125th anniversary clock will make a fine gift

BUY a new-style Dale clock for your Dalian or Old Dalian son — or for yourselves.

Stocks of a special model to mark the 125th anniversary of Dale College are available from the Transvaal Dale Parents Association.

The clock carries a plaque, "Dale College 1861-1985".

Production costs have risen sharply. The price for a battery-operated Dale clock with wooden-type frame and anniversary plaque is now R50.

Those who already have Dale clocks may buy the plaques separately at R5.

If you would like a clock please order as soon as possible from Joe Sutton (Phone bus. 710-2602 or home 53-4927) or Colleen Patience (Bus: 337-6351, home 942-4325)

Bravo, Bradley! You're the tops

BRADLEY WORTH, Transvaal's 1985 Dale Headboy, crowned a year of achievement by being awarded eight prizes and honours in squash, in which he captained the school team and represented Border.

He received two prizes for cricket, two for squash, an award for diligence and three special merit prizes at the annual prize-giving.

Bradley, also head prefect of Diocesan Hostel, received his colours in cricket, in which he captained the First XI and represented Border Schools. He also represented Border and South African Schools at softball.

New parents and Daliens get a rousing welcome

● About 120 people attended the end-of-year bring-and-braai party for Transvaal parents and "new" parents and Daliens. It was the biggest and most successful function of this kind ever held by the Transvaal parents association. Here Colleen Patience reports:

DECEMBER 8 dawned a truly super sunny day for the lunch-time party held at the home of Tony and Sue Boggett in Rivonia.

Unfortunately Tony was rushed to hospital early that morning so he missed out on all the fun, the wine, and the work, but we are happy to report he is fit and well again.

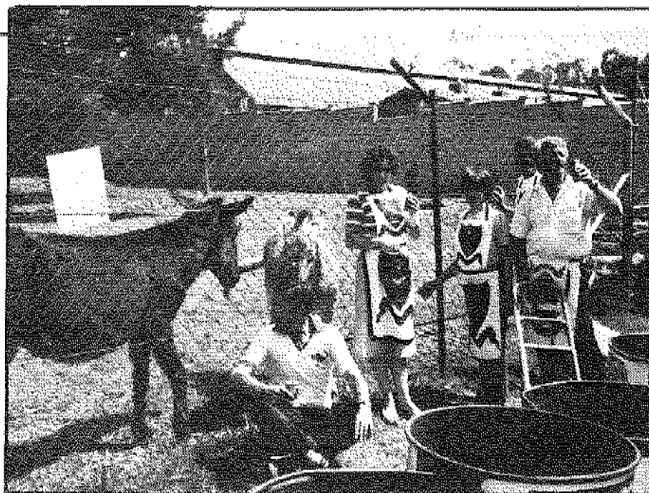
We were pleased to welcome Mandy and Mike Hosty of Dale Junior, who came from King William's Town to join us.

Forty five "new" parents and more than 20 sons, due to go to Dale for the first time this year, came along and got to know us.

Other more familiar faces among us were "old" parents Alan Naylor and family, George and Avril Thompson, Drew and Inez Turner, and old boys Dougie Thompson and Wynand Serfontein.

The blazer bank for the Transvaal had its first outing at the party and thanks to Maureen Truscott was a total sell out. We are looking for more of those items of clothing, which no longer fit your boys and can be useful to others.

Thank you to Sue, Tony, Graham, Andrew and Duncan Boggett for the really fabulous day spent in your home. I am sure all those present really enjoyed themselves.



RESTING: Taking a break from hard work: Clive Stuart (left), Maureen Simpson, Nicole Shirley and her dad Peter, and Alan Davis.

Now we're into catering

THE Transvaal Dale Parents Association has gone into the catering business — to raise funds for Dale.

The first venture was to supply meals and refreshments to people attending the Transvaal Kennel Club dog show at Gillyooly's Farm on October 12 and 13 last year.

For the organisers this involved weeks of planning, several meetings, then virtually four days of hard work. Final preparations were made on the Friday, followed by two full days of catering on the Saturday and Sunday and then clearing up and stocktaking on the Monday.

It was another team effort with parents and children toiling away, supplying breakfasts, brunch, lunch, beer and wine and light refreshments to dog enthusiasts.

The quick service and high standard of cooking impressed the dog show organisers and plans were being made to cater at two shows this month. It is hoped further opportunities will become available.

As a "first", it was a worthwhile experiment in which valuable experience was gained for future ventures.

Because of the disappointing general attendance at the show (10 000 were expected by the organisers, 5 000 came), catering profits did not come up to expectations, but these should improve considerably at future shows.

Plans are being made to improve the promotion of future ventures and the display at stalls and bars.

AT WORK: Springs parent Peter Cockeran



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President Mossie . . . flying high

NEVILLE (Mossie) Hawkes, a former Transvaal parent now living in East London, is National President of the Old Dalian Union during the school's 125th anniversary year.

At Dale, which he attended from 1954 to 1958, Mossie was a school and house prefect and was awarded colours for cricket and rugby.

Mossie and his wife Gill spent five years in the Transvaal and were staunch members of the parents committee for three and a half years. Their son Neville matriculated at Dale in 1983.

They returned in that year to East London, where Mossie had spent most of his life and where he is now sales manager of T W Beckett.

Mossie and Gill are expected to visit the Transvaal in June when the parents association holds its annual general meeting and another Fun Day.



**MOSSIE HAWKES . . .
Ex-Transvaler at the top**

Roy, the golden ref

CONGRATULATIONS, Roy Taylor, on being the first to receive the Doug Orr Trophy, awarded to the referee administrator who does the most for refereeing in general on the Border. The trophy is shaped like a golden boot.

OBITUARY

DESIREE WORTH

Mrs DESIREE WORTH, of Mondeor, mother of the 1985 Dale Headboy, Bradley Worth, died in hospital on August 16, the day before the start of the Reunion celebrations.

Bradley decided at first to remain in King William's Town to face his heavy Reunion schedule, but on the Friday took leave of his duties to be with his family.

Mrs Worth, a cheerful, buoyant personality, brought up a family of three boys, Gary, Brent and Bradley, and managed the family business, a dry cleaners and a clothing boutique. Her father, Kenny Holmes, went to Dale before the Second World War.

To her husband Bob, Bradley and his brothers, we extend our condolences.

MILDRED TAYLOR

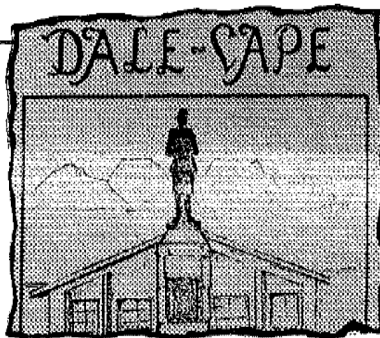
Mrs MILDRED TAYLOR, wife of Dummy Taylor, PRO of the Old Dalian Union, has died aged 69.

The Taylors had lived in Kei Mouth after Dummy retired as Headmaster of Dale Junior, a post now held by his son Roy.

Mrs Taylor died in the Frere Hospital, East London, last May after suffering a cerebral haemorrhage. Transvaal parents who recall her visits with Dummy will agree with tributes made to her as a "friendly and gracious lady... loved by those who knew her."

She will be remembered with affection by Old Boys of Dale Junior and Taylor's Hostel.

Our condolences to Dummy and their sons Roy and Peter and daughters Mrs Gill Harrower and Diane Smith of Benoni.



A new mag from the Fairest Cape

WELCOME to Dale-Cape, a new member of the family of publications associated with Dale College.

George Elmes, a Cape Town attorney who is chairman of the Cape parents association, has launched this newsletter for Cape parents and wants to do the same for the Cape as TransDale does in the Transvaal.

The first issue, published soon after the 1985 Reunion, includes a report on a parents' meeting attended by Malcom and Pam Andrew and extensive coverage on the Reunion, with a review of the Dale play "12 Angry Men".

George hopes the newsletter will keep parents in the Cape Town area informed of events affecting Dale and parents, and that through it Cape parents will be bonded in the same way as they are in the Transvaal.

Congratulations on this excellent start to a venture which Transvaal parents will wish well. We look forward to further issues and to an exchange of features and pictures which can benefit both publications.

Farewell Sakkie, Terry and Basil

DALE has said goodbye to two veterans — Sakkie Le Roux and Terry Lennard, who both taught at Dale for 21 years, and to another teacher, Basil Birch (11 years).

Sakkie has retired to Gonubie with his wife Peggy after teaching for 40 years. Terry has entered the field of teacher training.

Sakkie and Terry served under four headmasters — Russell Searle, Billy Rowles, Colin Thomson and the present head, Malcom Andrew. Last year they received the Per Ardua Award for their service to Dale.

● Popular teacher and sports administrator Sakkie le Roux taught maths, science and biology and was in charge of rugby and the cadets and coached tennis at Dale for many years. He played rugby and tennis for King.

● Terry Lennard coached rugby and cricket and was superintendent at Diocesan Hostel and Sutton House. He organised exams and controlled the printing on the offset litho machine.

Apart from running the geography department he was very involved in the Exploration Society and took boys on hiking trails.

Terry, who insisted on "old fashioned" standards of behaviour, endeared himself to colleagues and boys with his robust humour.

● Basil Birch has left Dale to join the staff of Hudson Park High School, East London. He made a notable contribution to metalwork and woodwork training, to the Interact Club and to sport. He accompanied rugby teams to the Transvaal.

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