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## A.C.S. O.B.A. ANNUAL REPORT, 1958 - 1959

Gentlemen,

Your Committee has great pleasure in presenting for your perusal the Annual Report for 1958—1959 and also the Statement of Accounts for the same period duly audited by the auditor, Mr. Yeo Yong Poh.

### Officials for 1958—1959

At the Annual General Meeting held on Friday, March 7, 1958, in the combined classrooms at Coleman Street, 74 members who were present elected the following gentlemen to serve on the General Committee for 1958-1959:

President :	Mr. Cecil Wong
Vice-Presidents :	Mr. Thio Chan Bee, C.B.E., J.P. (ex-officio) Mr. Chen Jan Jee Mr. Tan Boon Chiang
Hon. Secretary :	Mr. Chan Siew Jiang
Asst. Secretary :	Mr. Foo Kee Seng
Hon. Treasurer :	Mr. Quek Khye Kee
Asst. Treasurer :	Mr. Chee Keng Lim
Committee Members:	Dr. A.W.S. Thevathasan Dr. Ong Swee Law Mr. Yong Ngim Djin

Mr. Ang Kheng Leng  
Mr. Yap Ah Chuan  
Mr. Yeo Yong Poh.

Hon. Auditor :

### Committee Meetings

Four meetings were held. At the first one held on Tuesday, April 15, 1958, the following gentlemen were co-opted:—

Mr. Wee Guan Chye — Chairman, Literary & Social Sub-Committee;  
Mr. Teo Tye Hin — Chairman, Games Sub-Committee.

At a meeting held later, on Friday, Dec. 19, 1958, Mr. Wee was elected Chairman of a Sub-Committee to study the problems of putting up a clubhouse at Coleman Street and to put up definite proposals for a clubhouse. The other members of this Sub-Committee were Mr. Ang Kheng Leng, Mr. Teo Tye Hin, Mr. Quek Khye Kee and Mr. Foo Kee Seng.

Attendances at all Committee Meetings were good.

### Visit of Mr. & Mrs. T. W. Hinch

This historic event was another entry in the Book of Memories. Your Committee wishes to place on record its very great pleasure in

having Mr. & Mrs. Hinch at the 72nd Founder's Day Dinner and its gratitude to the numerous Old Boys who had made it possible for your Association to invite the Hinchses to a dinner, 9,000 miles away from their home, 9, Amherst Avenue, London, W. 13, the home which has provided the warmth and sunshine of fellowship to many Old Boys and sons of Old Boys who have experienced the cold and grey skies of London. Your Committee is also thankful to the hundreds of Old Boys and their wives who turned up for an informal buffet on Friday, March 7, at Barker Road. The Hinchses felt very much "at home" and Old Boys present were most expressive of their pleasure and delight at meeting them and also their own classmates whom they had not seen for years. For the great success of this party your Committee is indebted to Mr. Wee Guan Chye, Mr. Quek Khye Kee and the many who had worked behind the scenes, but credit for the brainchild of "dating" the Hinchses to a party so far away from England must be given to the ever generous past President, Mr. Chen Jan Jee. The part Mr. Yong played in "gently persuading" many to share in the success of this unique way of showing their affection and esteem for the Hinchses must not be overlooked. There was a balance of \$564.41 in the T. W. Hinch Fund. Your Committee decided that it should be transferred to the O.B.A. Welfare Fund.

#### The 72nd Founder's Day Dinner

So must Mr. Yong's successful efforts as Chairman of the 72nd Founder's Day Dinner be recorded. The Lee Kuo Chuan Auditorium and the lawn adjoining were full to capacity with Old Boys, their wives and their friends amongst whom were Bishop and Mrs. Amstutz, the Hon. Mr. Chew Swee Kee, Minister of Education, who replied on behalf of the guests to the toast proposed by Mr. Yap Pheng Geck and Mr. Ong Eng Guan, Mayor of Singapore. Mr. Goh Soen Tioe's string orchestra provided light music for the evening and Mr. Wee Guan Chye's brain-wave provided all the noise and pomp that were necessary for such an occasion. After being welcomed by a burst of Chinese crackers Mr. & Mrs. Hinch inspected a unique guard of honour drawn from representatives of the 1929-1947 classes the years during which Mr. Hinch was Principal of A.C.S. They then marched into the Lee Kuo Chuan Auditorium for the reunion dinner, heralded by their guard of honour. To all these gentlemen and to many others (too numerous to mention by name) who had also contributed to this memorable

and historic occasion your Committee says, "Thank You".

#### Board of Governors

Your representatives for the year under review were Mr. Cecil Wong (ex-officio); Dr. Ong Swee Law and Mr. Tan Boon Chiang. They were happy to report that the Methodist Church had at its last Conference held in December agreed to increase the number of representatives from three to five. As your representatives they had at all times concerned themselves with the varying fortunes of the School, always keen to support moves to add lustre to the good name of A.C.S., enthusiastic with the Alma Mater in her hours of triumph and ever sensitive to the sense of depression brought about by failures in any form.

#### Building Projects

By the time you read this report, after the second week of February, 1959, the new Hall in Coleman Street to replace the old and historic "Drill Hall" will have received its final touches, and arrangements for its formal opening at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, March 1st, by the Chief Minister, Tun Lim Yew Hock, will have advanced far. The opening will be followed by a week of concerts, exhibitions and special matches. To all of these, no doubt, our members will be invited by the School by one means or another.

But the P.S.C. and Science Block at Barker Road will have just advanced beyond the foundation stage. According to Mr. Thio Chan Bee, this project when finished can well be the Methodist Junior College for it can accommodate 260 boys and girls. Our sister schools have, therefore pledged to raise \$100,000/- of the \$200,000/- more, that is needed. Old Boys, particularly those who have been shy with their proverbial "widow's mite" and those who have not yet donated to the Building Fund will now want to match the support the girl schools have pledged to give with their loyalty. A dollar for dollar will just make it even. But the Association is sure the Old Boys love their old school more.

#### O.B.A. Club House

This was first discussed at the Annual General Meeting of the Association on 21st February, 1949. Since then the matter has been discussed off and on by succeeding Committees but most members have not been

enthusiastic because only a room or two have been reserved for the use of the Association. But with the completion of the new school in Coleman Street and through the challenge and generosity of one of the members, Mr. Charlie Chia Cheng Guan, a whole basement adjoining the old Badminton Court can now "house" the Association. Messrs. Wee Guan Chye (Chairman), Ang Kheng Leng, Teo Tye Hin, Quek Khye Kee and Foo Kee Seng have been elected by your Committee to "study the problem and put up proposals".

#### Sports

The following paragraphs are extracts from report by Mr. Teo Tye Hin, Chairman of the Games Sub-Committee. (The report appears in full in the 1957-1958 issue of the school magazine).

**Swimming:** "This year's Annual Swimming Gala attracted a huge crowd. There was a keen tussle in the 100 yards Free-Style, the race eventually going to Ang Boon Hor with Lee Seng Gay second and Foo Chee Wah, a close third. Foo Chee Wah's trio swam strongly to win the Medley Relay event. Lee Seng Gay's team came second."

**Athletics:** "There was an added thrill in the Old Boys' event at the 44th Annual Sports in which Chan Kum Chee and Richard K. M. Eu challenged each other in a specially arranged 100 yards sprint. Amidst thunderous cheering of the spectators, Richard K. M. Eu managed to beat Chan Kum Chee to the tape in this event."

The following is a list of the other results:—

#### 100 Yards (Open) :

- 1st Tan Ngai Wah
- 2nd Chan Onn Leng
- 3rd Siak Chong Leng

#### Obstacles Race :

- 1st Tan Yong Poh
- 2nd Leong Mun Toong
- 3rd Boey Chwee Kim

#### 100 Yards (Handicap) for Older Old Boys :

- 1st Yeo Choon Bee
- 2nd Chu Siu Hong
- 3rd Tan Swee Wah

#### 4 x 110 Yards Relay :

- 1st Goh Keng Wah's Team

#### 4 x 110 Yards Inter-O.B.A. Relay :

- 1st St. Joseph's Institution

#### Annual Past vs. Present Matches

- Soccer — Past won by 5 goals to nil.
- Cricket — Past won by 60 runs.
- Hockey — was not played because of the outbreak of polio.

#### Inter-O.B.A. Cricket

- A.C.S. O.B.A. lost to Old Rafflesians.

Your Committee views with concern the state of certain games in the School and appeals to old "stars" of the School to come forward to coach the Present Boys. Mr. Swee Lim Swang has set the pace by consenting to coach the boys in both Soccer and Hockey.

#### Food and Fun Fair

This, organised by Mr. Wee Guan Chye in May 1958 and opened by Mrs. Eu Keng Loon, was a success as can be seen from the following figures:—

Gross Proceeds — \$17,968.20

Expenditure — \$ 6,557.59

Nett Proceeds — \$11,410.61 disposed of in the following manner:—

A.C.S. Building Fund — \$5,000.00

O.B.A. Building Fund — \$3,205.30

O.B.A. Welfare Fund — \$3,205.31

Your Committee thanks Mr. Wee and all the members of his Sub-Committee for the very fine effort.

#### Membership

Only 31 Life Members and 14 Annuals joined the Association. This brings the total to 1,451, an increase of only 45. The names of Life members and Annuals were mixed up in the list of new members which appeared in the 1957-1958 issue of the school magazine. Your Committee apologises for this and hopes to issue a revised list in the next issue.

#### Admission of Female Members

This requires no alteration in the Constitution as Rule 2 on membership states inter-alia, "words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender and vice-versa".

#### Increase in the Number of Committee Members

As rule 11 (3) has empowered the General Committee to co-opt members up to a maximum of 5, your Committee feels it is not necessary to alter the Constitution to allow the increase suggested by Mr. Yap Ah Chuan at the last Annual General Meeting.

#### Finance

The financial position remains strong as the Statement of Accounts shows. This was due to careful expenditure.

#### Acknowledgments

Your Committee wishes to place on record its gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wong for their hospitality at all Committee Meetings.

For The General Committee  
of the A.C.S. O.B.A.,  
CHAN SIEW JIANG,  
Hon. Secretary.

12th February, 1959.

# ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION SINGAPORE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1958

EXPENDITURE	INCOME
To Postage & Stationery - - - - -	By Members' Subscriptions 1958 - - - - - \$ 245.00
" Donations - - - - -	" Bank Interest 1958 - - - - - 120.09
" Miscellaneous - - - - -	" Balance being Excess of Expenditure over
	Income for the year - - - - - 403.18
	\$ 768.27
<b>NEW CLUB HOUSE FUND</b>	
Balance at 31.12.58 - - - - -	Donations - - - - -
	\$3,205.30
<b>O.B.A. WELFARE FUND</b>	
To Mr. M. J. Singh Fund - - - - -	By Donations - - - - -
" Balance at 31.12.58 - - - - -	
	\$ 200.00
	3,569.72
	\$3,769.72

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1958

LIABILITIES	ASSETS
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>	
Balance at 1st January, 1958 - - - - -	In Hand - - - - - \$ 123.38
Less: Excess of Expenditure over	With A.C.S., Singapore - - - - - 1,324.41
Income for the year - - - - - 403.18	At Bank - - - - - 9,911.42
	\$11,359.21
New Club House Fund - - - - -	
O.B.A. Welfare Fund - - - - -	\$11,359.21

I have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books and vouchers produced to me and hereby certify the same to be correctly stated in accordance therewith.

(Sd.) YEO YONG FOH,  
Hon. Auditor.

Singapore, 19th January, 1959.

(Sd.) QUEK KHAYE KEE,  
Hon. Treasurer.