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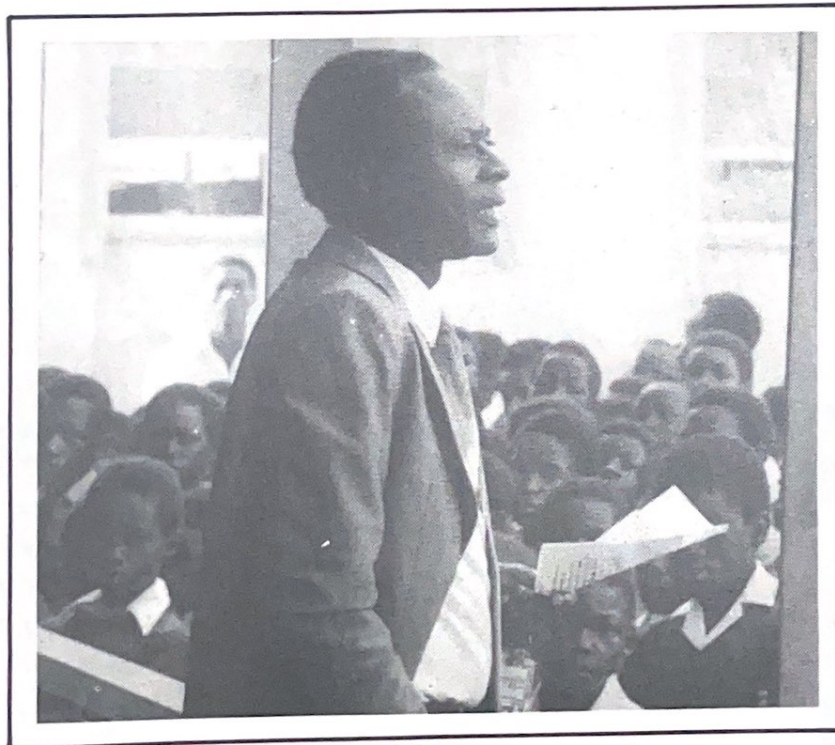
## THE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is with pride that I witness the publication of another issue of Pace Magazine at Federal Government College, Kaduna. I am proud because this 1982-83 issue directly follows the first issue which was published last year. I hope it represents the beginning of a worthwhile tradition at the College.

Many events that have highlighted our academic year are recorded here. We were honoured with a visit from His Excellency Ambassador Jolly Tanko Yusuf, a great friend of the college. Honorable Minister of States Mrs. E. Ivhase and Alhaji B. Usman, Honorable Minister of state in the Ministry of Education. Another big event was the laying of the foundation stones for the college's chapel and mosque. There were many others. Throughout the year our students continued to excel in academics, sports and the arts.

Before I go on, permit me to invite you to turn the pages of this magazine and let it speak for itself. I wish you hours of pleasurable reading and I hope for the continued success of Pace Magazine.

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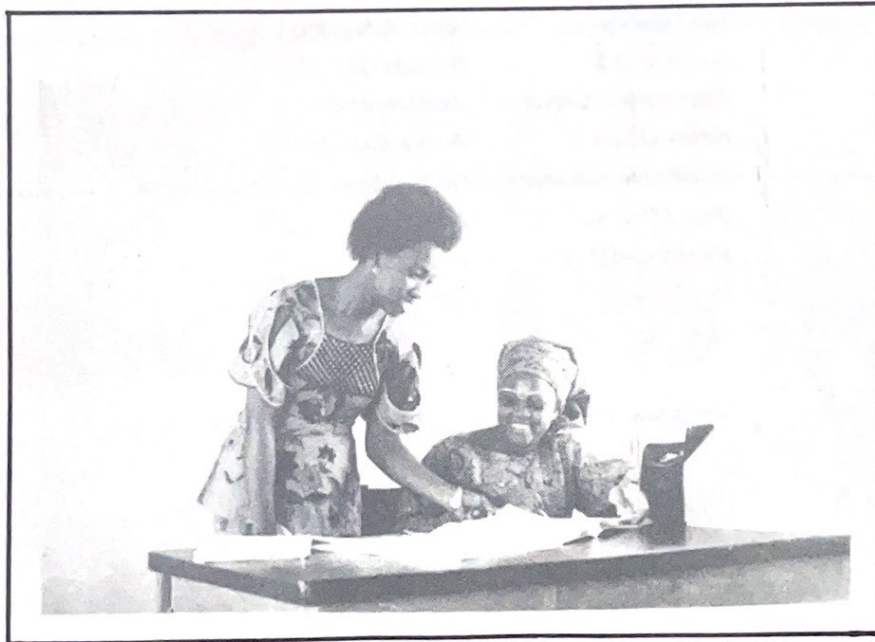
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Mrs. Adebilero (left) and Mrs. Ayoola, at work in the staff room*

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## OUR REGRETS

We in the Press Club sincerely appreciate the tremendous response from students to our request for articles for the college magazine. However, we regret that due to limited space we were not able to publish every contribution submitted. Again, we thank you and ask for your continued support in the future.

*John Rugambo*, Editor

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Here is your annual school magazine again with a difference. Lots more important events have been included with photographs of these events, for example the Sports Day.

Before I say too much I would like to thank the Principal, Mrs. P. Tewogbade, all Press Club members and the entire students body of the school for their co-operation and contribution towards making this edition a success. I hope that as you read this magazine you will pick up advice and learn a few things too.

I have tried my best to include every event. Many societies have improved and brought glory to the College, the French Society, the Cadet Force, to name a few. Sane Stars have risen in the field of Sports. I am happy we encountered few problems due to co-operation from almost everyone we turned to, especially the printer, Sooji Press Limited, Kaduna, without whose help I wonder what would have become of this edition.

This school had done much better this session in nearly everything compared to the last session. hope this will continue. Once again I thank you all and wish you success in everything you do.

THE EDITOR.



*Members of the press Club  
Picture by A. Browning*



## PRESIDENTIAL LIASON OFFICER VISITS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, KADUNA.

On Wednesday, the 19th of January, 1983, Ambassador Jolly Tanko Yusuf, visited our school. This important event was covered by quite a few news reporters. Ambassador Tanko was accompanied by a few government officials. He arrived at the School at about 10.00 a.m. and inspected a guard of honour mounted by the cadets. At 10 a.m. everyone, including the Principal, members of staff, journalists, students and the distinguished guests gathered in the new assembly hall, to hear the ambassador.

First the Principal welcomed Ambassador Tanko. He expressed his gratitude for the classrooms and laboratories the Federal Government had provided. Then he thanked the Ambassador for the new trophy he had donated to the School. He also appealed for completion of two new hostel blocks in the college. The Principal noted with satisfaction that the school now had 75 teachers, not including youth corpsers. He said that Federal Government College Kaduna came 2nd in academic performance among all Federal Colleges. The Principal announced that the P.T.A. had collected ₦40,000 to build a church and mosque for the students. As the Principal said, "The sky is our roof." He asked for a borehole in the school to offset the water problem.

Then Mr. Jolly Tanko stood to address the Students. First of all, he referred to the school as a university and the Principal as "my best friend." He praised the school for its progress since 1980, when the present Principal took over. He commended the students for what they had done to make the Federal Government's conception of "unity colleges" a reality. He then told them the main objectives of their being educated were to have sound moral and academic training. He noted that the Ethnical Revolution would only work if the people wanted it to. He told the students that religion was only a dictionary word in Nigeria. It had no meaning in real life. He said that all people cared for was money. To quote him, "We worship Naira, not kobo." He emphasized that training starts at home, and urged the students to take to worship now.

Mr. Jolly Tanko Yusuf's speech ended at 11.30 a.m. Then the distinguished guests and teachers went to the Home Economics block for some refreshments. Later, Mr. Tanko inspected the classrooms.

Mr. Tanko's visit to our school will remain green in our memory for ever.

*Sanja Kabra and John Rugambo*

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## A BEHIND—THE—SCENES—LOOK AT GIRL'S DAY

The annual Girls' Day celebration has come and gone at last!

To tell the truth, I still do not know the exact purpose behind this day long event. But I have arrived at the conclusion that it is a form of exclusive entertainment for the students, parents and teacher, and at the same time a fund raising event for the improvement of the girls' hostel and certain facilities in the school.

No one seemed to take the event serious, until it was about a fortnight to the occasion. I don't think I have ever worked so hard in my life! Every evening after dinner, I had to get all the girls together for rehearsals with the help of the assistant head girl. At times we practiced twice in a day. And a few days before the time, the house mistresses and the guidance counsellor began to attend the rehearsals to help us out.

We made several journeys to the markets to buy materials for costumes, ingredients and articles for the bazaar which was the afternoon programme, the fifth form girls and I delivered invitations to eight schools. I will not say that there was a division of labour because about the same girls did everything. The assistant head girl and I were involved from the beginning till the end; five particular fifth form girls helped a great deal in the preparations and a few responsible fourth form girls helped with the bazaar. We did the cooking all by ourselves. Thank God the food sold like hot cakes!

On that long awaited morning, I was a bundle of nerves. We were about fifteen minutes behind schedule and to crown it all, some girls began to develop cold feet. I reassured everyone that it would be successful, with confidence that I was far from feeling. The morning show went without a hitch, which was a relief because it was televised. We also sailed through the bazaar. The climax of the celebration, the 'Girls' Day Party' was marred by teacher performing their duties. Although it was in the interest of the students, especially the girls' many of us would have preferred to dance until the early hours of the morning.

I am glad I helped the Girls' Day celebration take place, because it means I have maintained the tradition and I have not disappointed the students who had been looking forward to it. My reward was in making so many people happy.

*Kate Abohwo*

(HEAD GIRL) Upper six Arts

## GIRL'S DAY 1982

The Girl's Day is an annual event in this college. It was started in 1976 by Mrs. Harwood - wife of the then Principal of the college. It started as a form of entertainment but has over the years developed into both a display of talent by the girls and also as a means of making money. The 1982 Girl's Day was as good if not better than preceding ones. It took place on the 4th of December 1982.

Guests started arriving as early as 9.00. (Thanks to the advertisements placed in the papers and on the television.) The distinguished guests were Alhaji Abdullahi Lukman, Mr. and Mrs. Jaiyesimi-Olokun Mr. Jegede Sokoya, the Principal, Mr. A.K.O. Ademoyewa, and some senior staff members of the college.

By 9.30, the guests were all comfortably seated and the announcer for the occasion introduced the guests one after the other. Everybody who was seated rose for the singing of the National Anthem.

The head girl, *Kate Abohwo*, then delivered a short speech to enlighten the guests about what the girls' day was all about. She concluded by saying that "the Girls' Day which started as a form of entertainment has now grown into a kind of exhibition by the girls and also as a means of making money.

In his speech the Chairman of the occasion Alhaji Abdullahi Lukman expressed his gratitude to the girls for inviting him to be chairman of the occasion. He went on to say that he was glad the country has now come to realize the importance of women in a developing country like Nigeria. "Training a woman is training a family" he said.

Another Highlight was the girls' Guitar Group which consisted mainly of lower six girls. They performed so well that an eminent musician who was also guest at the occasion found himself interested in the talents displayed before him.

There was an interval at about 11.00 and refreshments were served to the guests who were still pouring in.

The Traditional fashion parade, always a big event, followed the display of about 15 different attires from all over Nigeria including Fulani, Yoruba and Ibo. The audience were treated to the latest fashion parade in town and also some teen dances. Throughout the program, traditional Ibo, Yoruba and Hausa dances were done by students.

The afternoon session featured a grand bazaar which attracted many young people both from the college and outside.

The gate-fee of ₦1 did not seem to alter the turnout to the evening disco. The latest releases were played and the latest "styles" in town ranging from the electric-bugaloo to the "harmattan bugaloo" were also displayed by eager boys and girls. Even staff members of the college joined in the fun. It was a good ending to a successful Girls' Day.

### CAREER AND VOCATIONAL WEEK

The Career and Vocational Week, organized annually by Mrs. Apoyin, the guidance and counselling mistress, took place this session on the 22nd and 23rd of November, 1982. Guests from the Rotary Club were invited to address the Form 3 and 4 students on their own jobs and professions.

On the 22nd the programme started at 10.30 a.m. in the library. The Vice Principal 11, Mr. Awonuga, introduced the guests for the day, and stated the purpose of the career week, that is, to let the students determine the most suitable jobs for themselves.

The first speaker was Professor Abengoore, who gave an inspirational talk. Dr. Lipede, Mr. Enwuzo and Mr. Neil Foster then spoke on medicine, banking and architecture. They mentioned the subjects students needed to study, and spoke on the type of training they might receive in the University. The V.P. 11 said the concluding speech for the day, and at 12.00 noon the students went back to their classrooms.

The next day too, a few speakers were invited to talk to the students. This time, Mr. John Onukulu (a commercial aviation officer), Mr. Solomon Oba, (an electrical contractor) Mr. Mike Thomas (a civil engineer) and Mr. Yomi Adegun, a dentist, spoke on their various careers. Later, the students asked questions about various fields which interested them. At the end of the day, the students had learnt many things, one of which was that without hard work you cannot succeed. As Mr. Foster put it, "It is 10% of aspiration and 90% of inspiration that makes an architect".

Finally the programme ended at 11.30 a.m. which marked the conclusion of yet another career week for another academic session.

*Sanjay Kabra*

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### THE NIGERIAN CADET FORCE IN F.G.C.K.

The Nigerian Cadet Force in the School is led by P.S.I. Bello. It is the right channel for those who want to take the military line as their future careers. The Nigerian Cadet Force undergoes all military training and so it is not a place for lazy students.

The Nigerian Cadet Force consists of one hundred and six students and it is divided into three platoons. The number one Platoon is led by SGT Adams Nuru and the Number One section by Commander CPL Usman Idris. The Number two Platoon is led by SGT. Modupe Akinwale. The Number one section commander is CPL. Ebenezer Osuji and the Nuber Three Platoon is led by SGT. Danfulani Hassan. The Number one section commander is CPL Nuhu Jacob.

The Federal Government has sent Sergeant Bitholomeow Eyiba to be our instructor. Sgt. Bitholomeow is such a good instructor that all the cadets like him very much.

The Principal does his best to encourage the cadets. He even gave one of the school buses to serve as the Cadet Bus.

*CPL. Nuhu Jacobs 4B*

*NO.3 Platoon.*

### THE FRENCH SOCIETY AT F.G.C.K.

French is a language spoken by the people of France and many other countries. It is one of the three main languages spoken in the U.N. assembly. It is the lingua Franca in most West African countries which were colonized by France. It runs the English language a close second as the most common foreign language spoken in Nigeria.

The French Students at F.G.C.K. have brought honour to the school. The annual Inter-secondary school competition in Kaduna State has put the school in the first position amongst the schools in the state. Also on the national level, the French society has been representing Kaduna state for several years. The trophy for the 1981/82 session is currently in the school after the last victory which the society brought in the Kaduna state zonal competition. Thanks to Mrs. Mbuko, Mrs. Adegbilero and other teachers for their management and support of the society during the past years.

Our students who study French have achieved 100% in the language in every school certificate examination. Many of these students, such as Adebowale Adeyemo, Daniel Tswanya and Godwin Iroezindu, are high achievers.

It is very important for students studing French to try as much as possible to associate themselves with the French society. The knowledge of French helps one in life.

## SPORTS, 1982/83 SESSION.

The beginning of the session marked sports competitions within or outside the school compound. There were two friendly sports events involving our school, one with Federal Government College, Warri and the other with Federal Government College, Azare.

The Warri side competed mainly in football, volleyball, basketball and table tennis. Neither school was victorious not vanguished. Our school won in basketball and volley ball while F.G.C., Warri won in football and table tennis.

The competition between Federal Government College, Kaduna and F.G.C. Azare was lively. Our thanks go to Stephen Joshua who saved the school by winning the 200m senior boys because the Azare boys won most of the other track events. Our school scored some points in some field events such as girls shot put, discus and boys javelin.

The beginning of the session also marked the Kaduna State Intersecondary school football match. Federal Government College, Kaduna which participated in the competition, was knocked out in the first round by the Government Day secondary school, Kakuri.

There have been other friendly football matches within or outside the compound in which the school has been victorious. The school football team made up of Suleiman Idris, Effiong Awana, Danasabe Audu, Henry Menkiti, Augustine Ameh, James Stephens, Chiwendu Okafor, Christopher Banjo, Ilya Danladi, Emmanuel Nwankwo, Merry Asagbawiu and David Jeloko have a lot to offer in the field of football.

Basketball, which is a relatively new game to the college, has brought us glory. Our team made up Cyrenius Forh, Yinka Shadare, James Umoru, Ibukun and Suji Obatoyinbo and Simbo is one of the best teams in the school. They have defeated many other teams in and around Kaduna. Well done!

Handball, one of the main games in the school, has not been pulling on from the beginning of the session. The game is co-educational but the girls team in the school has not been showing much interest in it.

In the competition between the school handball team and the team of Command Secondary School, we won with 18-10. Congratulations to the boys. The competition between the girls team and the girls of Government Day Secondary School ended with Day Girls having eight points while our girls had nothing. The girls should take more pains in the game of hand-ball.

The volley ball team with their leader Hassan Kaita has done the school well by their efforts to uphold the schools name in volley ball.

October-November 1982, witnessed an intersecondary school athletics competition. Our school competed and came third out of eighteen schools. They came first in 4 by 400m relay in the javelin event and discus.

Sports in the school has been quite good, Though some weak fields should pull up their socks! Thanks goes to our games master Mr. Onwuka who has been sacrificing time and energy for the provision of game facilities.

Also thanks goes to Danasabe Audu, our games prefect, for his contribution to active sports life here by making students show more interest in sports.

As the session proceeds, we look forward to more victories in sports.

*Chinwendu L. Okafor*

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#### THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY HOLDS A GRAND CELEBRATION

The Literary and Debating Society is one of the many clubs we have in the school. The Literary and Debating Day comes up annually. This year it was celebrated on Saturday, February 15th, 1983.

As early as 9.00 a.m., the invited schools started arriving, but not all of the schools that were invited turned up. Shortly after the arrival of the guests, the day took off with the president's speech.

A debate followed, the two schools participating challenged each other vigorously. I praise all the debaters for their smart performances.

Mock news, one of the Club's favourite activities came next. The newscasters made fun of a lot of people which made the students laugh a lot.

It's refreshment time! The guests were treated to light refreshments. Some students danced while others looked on. After the refreshments, the inter-school quiz competition was held. Two students from each school contested. Questions were based on current affairs. So the lucky students were regular magazine and newspaper readers.

The event that interested most students was the dancing competition. The dancers were gaily dressed and exhibited the latest dance styles. After many numbers had been played and the judges were satisfied, the results were compiled.

The fashion parade was another highlight. Participants for the inter-school fashion parade got themselves ready. Many of the participants wore traditional attire, while very few wore western attire.

Next on the programme was the presentation of prizes. Lucky winners tramped to the high table to receive their prizes amid much applause and cheering from the audience.

The day was capped off with a disco party which started at 8.00 p.m. Halfway through the party refreshments were served. By this time the hall was packed with students who were really enjoying themselves. At 11.00 p.m., the party ended. As the students left, they were looking forward to Lit Day '84. Some girls were escorted to their gate, the work of some eligible gentlemen.

*John Baptist Rugambo*

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### LETTER MAZE

This is a maze of states in Nigeria. They are all shown here. Can you spot all of them?

A	Z	Q	X	B	E	N	U	E	B	A	S	A	Q
N	B	Y	L	A	G	I	T	A	Y	E	N	D	U
O	C	L	I	U	O	G	K	O	K	P	L	A	O
G	Q	J	F	C	T	S	M	O	R	A	K	K	N
A	N	A	M	H	S	O	G	A	L	P	A	A	G
N	I	G	E	I	P	K	O	K	E	B	U	D	O
A	B	A	J	K	L	Y	O	N	D	O	G	U	N
M	A	K	I	M	O	N	D	Y	N	R	X	N	G
B	E	N	D	Q	T	E	D	B	E	N	L	E	O
R	I	V	Z	R	O	P	E	V	B	U	Y	Q	L
A	N	U	D	A	K	N	I	G	O	E	F	F	A
R	X	Q	L	W	O	R	U	O	R	D	U	L	B
N	D	U	A	K	S	I	U	A	K	I	K	E	A
G	O	R	J	S	O	V	G	Z	E	J	M	M	Y
F	A	B	O	S	R	E	G	I	N	T	E	D	O
A	W	R	N	G	F	R	E	N	E	E	A	S	E
B	C	O	A	H	E	S	S	I	M	D	D	L	U
C	D	N	K	P	I	G	O	L	O	S	E	U	P



The states are:

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| 1. Anambra     | 11. Lagos                              |
| 2. Bendel      | 12. Niger                              |
| 3. Bauchi      | 13. Oyo                                |
| 4. Benue       | 14. Ondo                               |
| 5. Bornu       | 15. Ogun                               |
| 6. Cross-River | 16. Plateau                            |
| 7. Gongola     | 17. Rivers                             |
| 8. Imo         | 18. Sokoto                             |
| 9. Kaduna      | 19. Kwara                              |
| 10. Kano       | 20. Federal Capital Territory<br>(FCT) |

*Ekerete Essien*

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#### BEWARE OF BLACK MAGIC

Sam was the only son of his parents, he was very handsome and had a good educational background. When Sam was studying abroad he met a very beautiful English girl called Millie. They both agreed to get married after his studies. Sam soon finished his studies and came back to Africa. One day in one of his outings he met an African girl called Kathy and fell in love with her. Their friendship grew stronger to the extent that they got engaged. A few months later, Sam went back abroad. He told Kathy that he was going on a business trip. Sam was away for several months without writing a letter to Kathy. That long silence made her start thinking there must be something fishy. Kathy thought Sam was still overseas, not knowing that he had already come back home with Millie, with whom he planned to settle.

One Sunday morning, Kathy turned on her radio for some early music but to her surprise the radio announced Sam's wedding with his English girl, Millie. Kathy could not believe what she had heard but the Sunday paper brought to her by her vendor confirmed everything because that was the headline. Kathy did not know when the paper slipped and dropped from her hands. Kathy was furious. She went straight to Sam's house. She knocked at his door, he opened it and greeted her warmly, but she refused to enter the house. She asked Sam why he had not called on her since his arrival. He told her that he was too occupied with his business. She then asked if what she had heard and read in the news paper was true. Sam replied that it was.

Kathy did not know what to say, but she managed to ask Sam what brought the sudden change. Sam replied that he felt like changing his mind and that was that, no more questions. She started sobbing. She went home cheated and disappointed but promised to take revenge against Sam with black power.

When Sam's wedding day was approaching, Kathy went to a herbalist and collected some herbs. On the day of the Wedding, Sam, his fiance, and other guests were dancing and drinking, Kathy dropped some of the herbs in Sam's glass of wine, unnoticed. Sam, being unaware of the plan drank everything immediately. After that glass of wine, he became very intoxicated. Being a gentleman, he did not like to misbehave. He told his wife that he was going to bed before things got worse. Before the party was over Sam turned into a big python with a human head.

That is why I say beware of black power.

*Friday Amicable Audu*

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### THE LAZY TORTOISE

Once upon a time when animals and men spoke the same language, man and tortoise were great friends.

One day they decided to have a farm. When they planted the seeds, they agreed on a plan that during the days of the week, man will work for four days, while tortoise will work for three days. Man said this because he knew that tortoise was lazy. But tortoise did not want to work on the farm at all.

So on the days that tortoise was to work he complained that he had a serious tummy ache, so man would do his work for him.

Tortoise did this for a long time. Then when it was almost time for harvesting he started working. When it was time for harvesting, he started complaining again until harvesting was over. They decided to share what they had harvested.

So the next day at the second cock-crow they decided to come to the farm. As you all know, tortoise, a greedy animal, decided to come before the second cock crow. Man knew what he was thinking, so he decided to come at the first cock-crow. When man got to the farm, he took his share and some of tortoise's share because he knew tortoise was just faking. When tortoise got there he was surprised and he went to man's house. Tortoise said that he was sorry for what he had done. He realised that he was not so clever after all.

*Olufunke Uansohia 2C*

## REMEMBER THE SON OF WHOM YOU ARE.

"I am the son of a rich man who taught me to cut my coat according to my size." This is true of a boy whose mother died when he was still very young. His father was a well-to-do person so the boy received a sound education.

Before his death, the father took a large photograph on which he wrote in block letter: "REMEMBER THE SON OF WHOM YOU ARE" This he placed on the wall of the room where his treasure was kept.

When the boy was twenty-five, his father died. The boy now was the master of himself and he was carefree.

Undoubtedly, he was the legitimate owner of his father's property. During this time, the boy had many princely friends. He took part in all public functions. The boy was without self control and self denial. As a result, he forgot his father's warning.

One day he got prepared to go to a nearby big river to swim. At such a time, people should put on their best clothes. Our young man went into his room. The first thing he saw was the photograph of his father with "REMEMBER THE SON OF WHOM YOU ARE" written on it. The boy was downhearted. He said, "In case I go in the company of my friends and I meet my end, where is my own image? I am the image of my father. Ah! I am not going anymore.

When this redeemed boy was thinking, his comrades were waiting for him to be quick. He told them that he was not going. His friends went to the stream disappointed. Then none of them returned.

Here is a lesson for all young people of today. It is when we forget the conditions of our homes that we go as far as to set river Thames on fire. Therefore, it is necessary for us to "Remember the son of whom we are" always, lest we may be rewarded with sudden and untimely death. So please let us obey our parents.

*Abdul-Rasheed Awesu (Rasco)*

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## UNE VOIX MYSTERIEUSE (A MYSTERIOUS VOICE)

Monte sur son chameau, Mustapha faisait route sur l'oasis. Il meditait tristement sur son sort. Loin des grandes villes, il vivait dans l'isolement. Jamais personne a qui parler. Soudain un léger chuchotement vint interrompre ses réflexions:

Un, deux, trois, quatre, cinq.....

Mustapha ecouta. La voix continua:

Six, sept, huit, neuf dix.....

Mustapha regarda autour de lui. Personne!

Je me suis sans doute trompé, se dit-il. Encore un des effets de cette affreuse solitude.

Prolongé de nouveau dans reverie il continua sa route. Cependant, au bout de quelquel temps la voix reprit:- Un, deux, trois.....

Je deviens fou! s'écria Mustapha. Il regarda encore une fois tout autour. Toujours personne! .....quatre, cinq, six ..... Continuellement la voix Mustapha descendit de son chameau et s'assit sur le sable pour décider ce qu'il devait faire. Son regard enant tomba sur le chameau, qui le considerait d'un oeil ironique.

Ah, c'est toi, me chante bete! cast toi qui parle! Tu es ensorcelee. Et sortant vivement son revolver il tua l'animal sur place. Soulage', il reprit son chemin a pied, mais presqu aussitot la voix recommença. Un, deux, trois ..... Mustapha s'arrêta, tres calme.

Je suis donc fou se dit-il. Il faut en finir. Je vais me tuer.

Mais, avant de se donner la mort, il alluma une dernière cigarette qui etait de la marque anglaise qu'il preferait a tout autre. Tout en fumant, il contemplait le paquet qu'il gardait toujours a la main. Soudain, le mystere fut resolu.

Mustapha comprenait mal anglais, mais il put deciffrer la phrase suivante imprimee en caracteres noirs sur le paquet.

C'est la tabac qui compte.

*Adekunle Akinsanya*

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## A POEM FOR YOU

How happy is he born and taught  
That serveth not another's will;  
Whose armour is his honest thought  
And simple truth his utmost skill?

Whose passions not his masters are  
Whose soul is still prepared for death,  
Untied unto the world by care  
Of public fame or private breath.

Who God doth hate and early pray  
More of his grace than gifts to lend;  
And entertains the harmless day  
With a religious book or friend

This man is freed from servile bands,  
Of hope to rise or fear to fall;  
Lord of himself, though not of lands,  
And having nothing, yet hath all.

*Moses Tsado*

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## MON VILLAGE (MY VILLAGE)

Connaissez - vous mon gai village  
Et la maison au toit pointu,  
Ou, se succedant d'age en age,  
Tous mes ancetres ont vecu?

Ce n'est pas la bruyante ville  
Avec de superbes palais!  
Mon existence bien tranquille,  
Et loin du luxe je me plais.

J'aime le mur de pierre seche  
Que le temps a rendu tout noir.  
Et la fontaine, a l'eau si franche,  
Ou les boeufs vont boire le soir

Voici, sur la place, unce forge,  
La marechal ferre un cheral;  
Il siffle, il cnante a pleine gorge  
Et n'en travaille pas plus mal.

Elle est petite, la mairie,  
Mais c'est la qul, depins cent ans,  
Tout le village se marie;  
Apres les peres, les enfants  
Voici l'ecole aux vitres nettres  
Et la cour propicl aux ebats  
D'ou sortent des hommes honeles,  
Des citoyens et des soldats.

J'aime notre vieux cimeti'ere  
A l'ombre de notre clocher;  
C'est la La demeure derniere  
Ou la mort ira nous concher.

Travailler et fini sa vie  
Dans le village ou l'on est ne,  
Sans orgueil comme san envie  
N'est-ce pas un sort fortune?

*Adekunle-Akinsanya 4C*

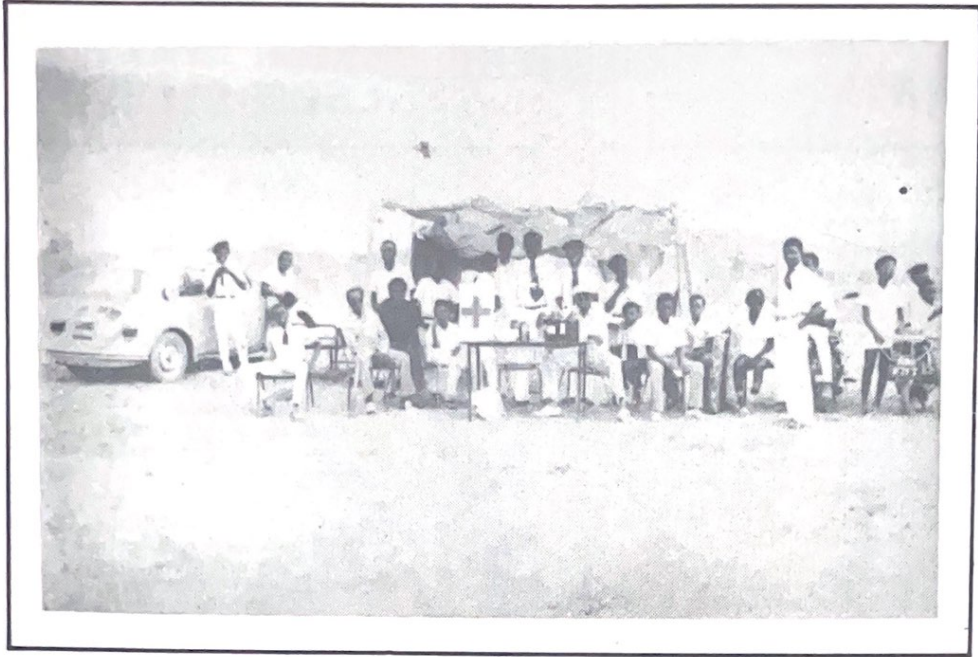
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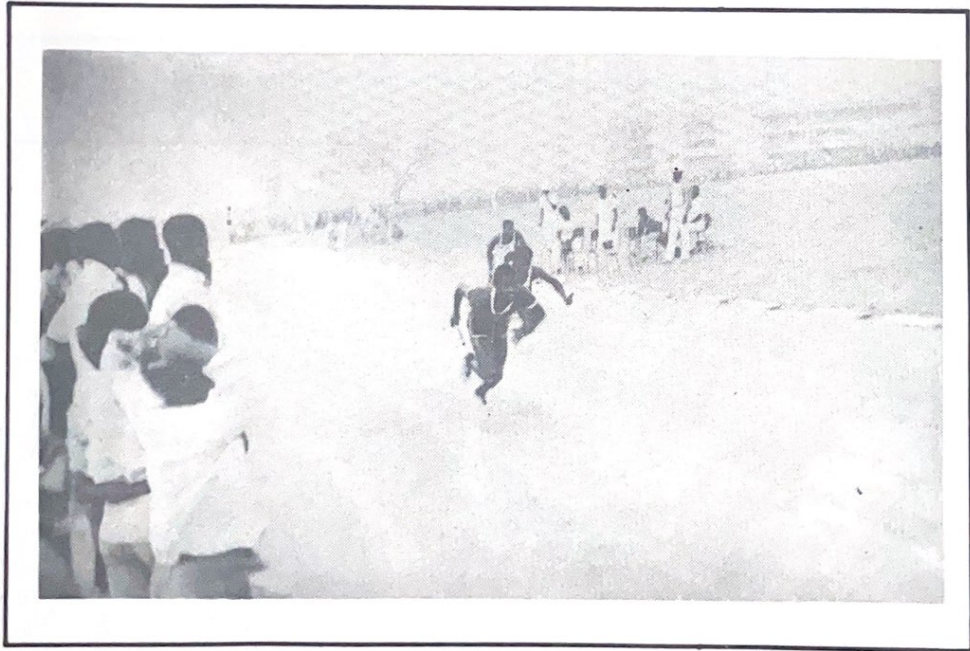
*Three young athletes stand in triumph for their prizes*



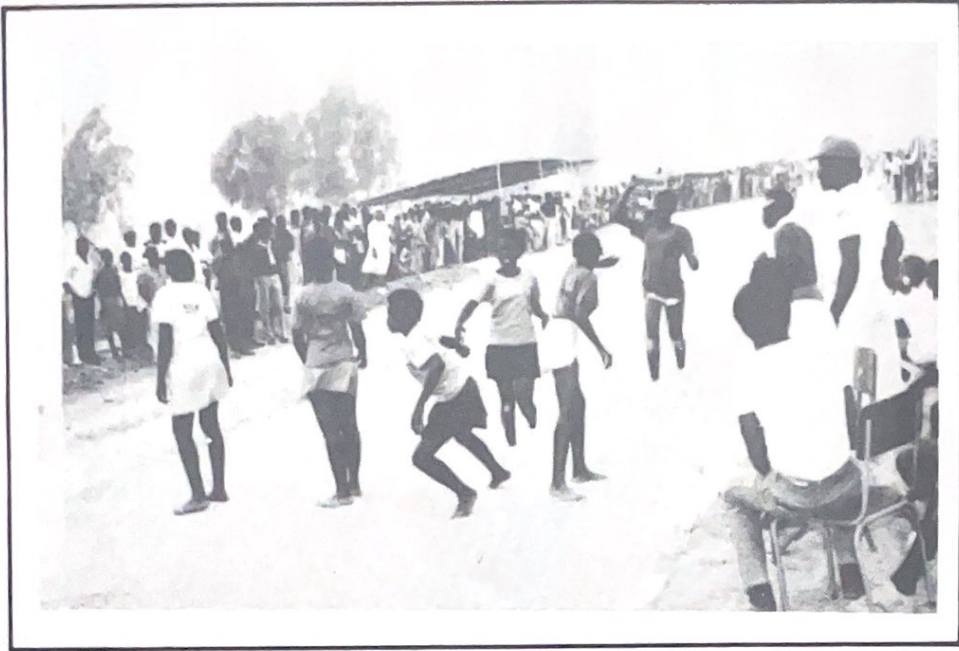
*Some of the guests, who cheered them on, watch the events*



*The Red Cross Club was ready if needed*



*They're off!*



*Quick! Hand it over*



*The officials and the principal confer.*