

THE SECONDARY SCHOOL AND LOCAL HISTORY AWARENESS: KRUGERSDORP HIGH SCHOOL AND THE KRUGERSDORP CENTENARY

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"History is too vast a subject to be confined to the classroom and too far-ranging to be restricted by a time-table. It contains limitless opportunities for moving out into the world. History is the sum of humanity and must not be divorced from man and the world by the school bell. Historical characters are more than names; they were men who breathed, who hoped and feared, who were in the world as we are. If we are to understand their times, we must understand the men themselves, and for this we must go to the relics and reminders they have left."

(Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters: The teaching of History p153).

Background to the Project

In order to participate in the centenary of the town and to make our students aware of the tremendous potential of studying local history, it was decided to involve all history students (Sts 6 - 9) in a collective project.

About four months before the centenary (planning in advance is imperative) the history department held a special meeting to work out the proposed programme.

The Project Itself

Each and every history student \pm 600 were expected to undertake a personal or group assignment. (See Document A).

These projects would be used for a display during the centenary week. Students were awarded prizes for the most successful project in each category.

The activities covered a three day period (See Document B) and culminated in a special history evening, involving Civic Leaders, prominent citizens of the town, parents, staff and students (See Document C).

Evaluating the Project

In assessing the entire project, it became very clear that the following emerged:

1. It promoted unity amongst members of the history department.
2. It offered the students opportunities for individual creativity and social integration (working in groups).
3. It welded the students, staff and parents into a unity.
4. It stimulated an awareness of the potential of local history.
5. It collected, for the history department, a wide variety of

stimulus material and teaching aids.

6. It projected the image of the School in a very successful history awareness and public relations exercise.
7. It provided opportunities for local history tours/ excursions (Document D, E).

The KHS project was received with great appreciation by the public of Krugersdorp.

KHS project a winner

by
Lara Warr

The Newsletter of the Krugersdorp Municipality also paid tribute to Krugersdorp High School in its May 1987 edition.

KRUGERSDORP HIGH

Thank you Krugersdorp High School for presenting such an interesting programme over four days in pertaining to Krugersdorp's history.

The Council sincerely appreciates the dedicated way in which Mr Langley, personnel and pupils have again brought to everyone's notice the cultural and historic importance of Krugersdorp and its people over one hundred years.

This was Krugersdorp High School's centenary project and included inter alia a tour through Krugersdorp during which places of historical interest were visited.

In a next issue of the newsletter some of the poems especially written by pupils to commemorate our centenary, will be published.

KRUGERSDORP High School recently paid tribute to Krugersdorp's 100th birthday, with over 600 history student participating in organising an exhibition.

The exhibition featured many interesting displays, including models, charts, needlework, cakes, albums, publications, brochures, photography, museum artefacts, clothing, implements and books.






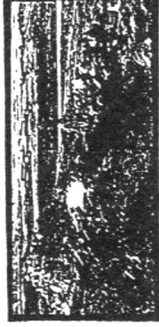


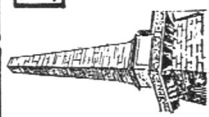

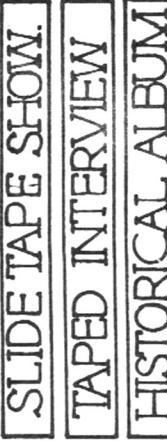


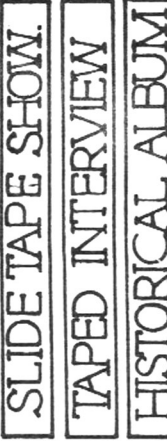


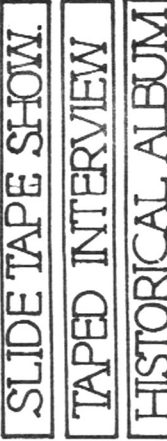


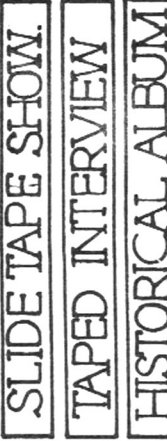


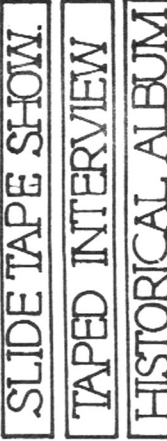


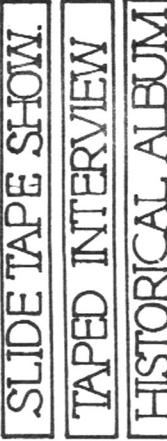


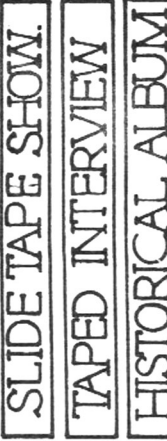


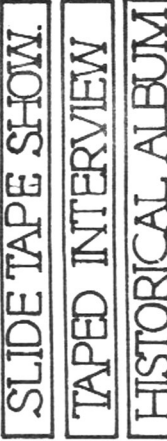


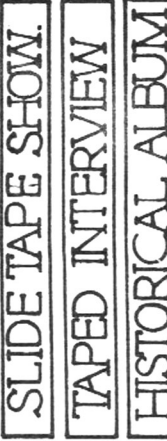


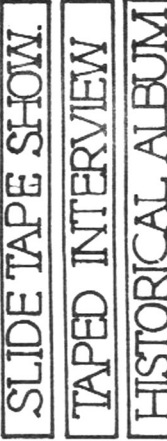


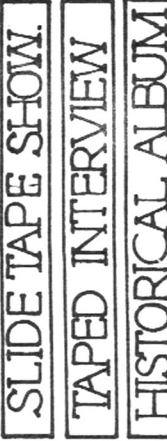


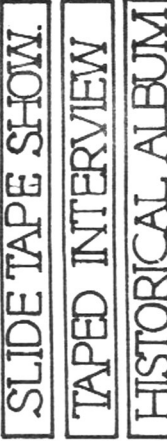


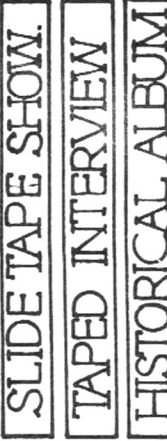


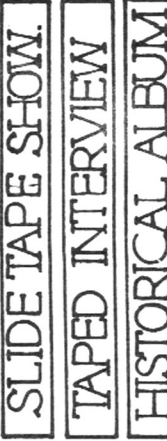


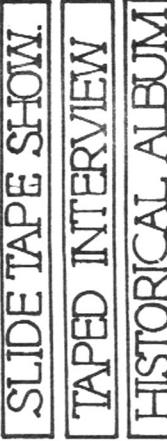


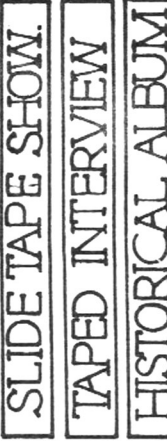


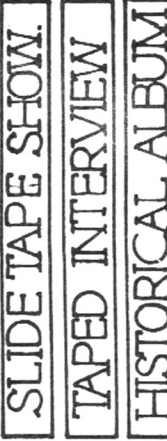


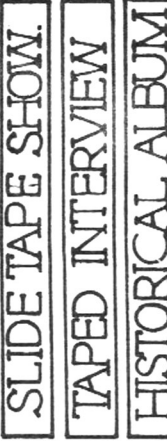


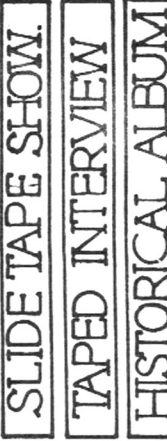


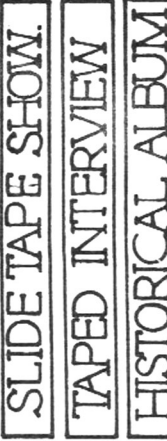


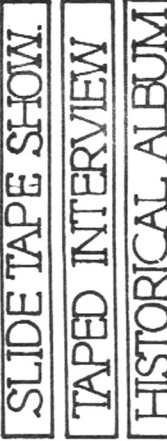


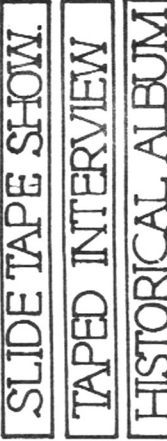


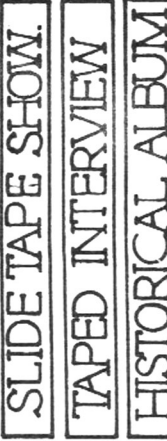


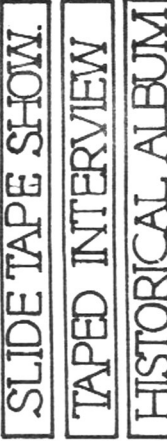


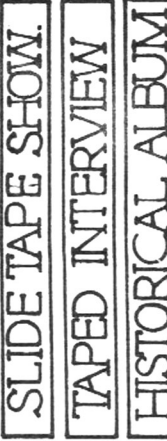


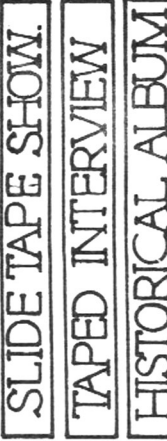


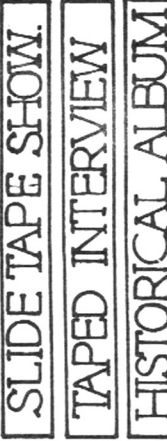


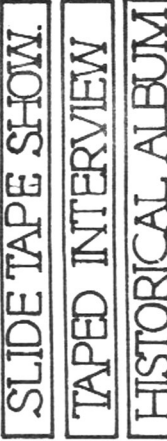


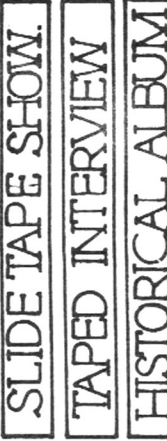


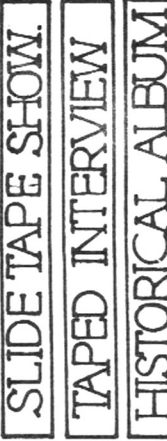


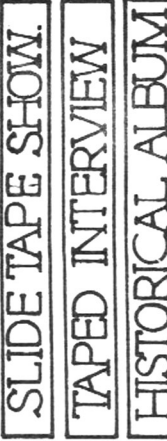


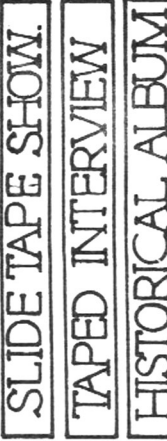


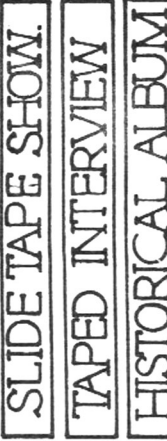


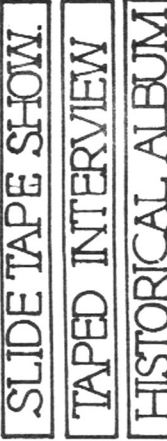


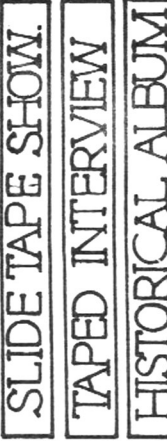


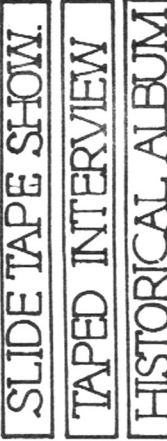


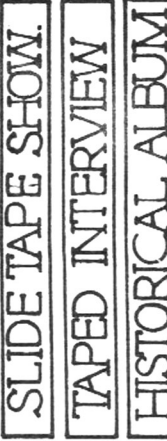


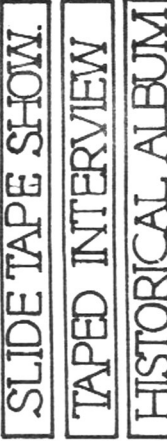


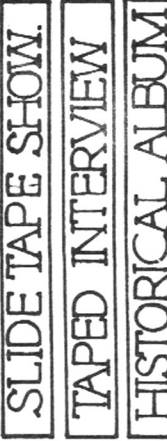


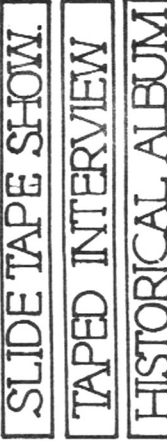


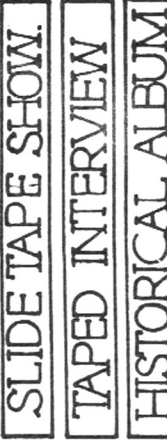


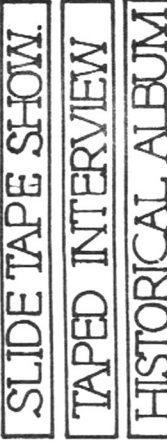


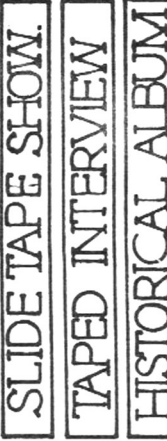


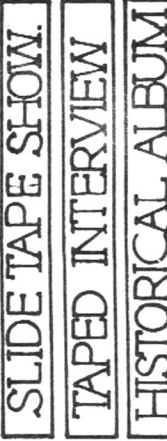


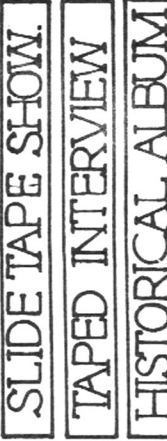


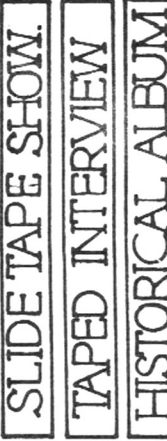


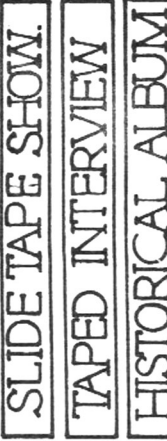


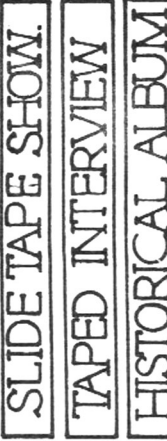


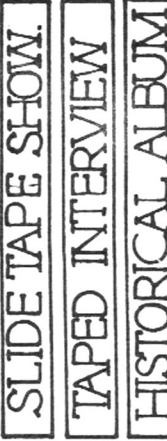


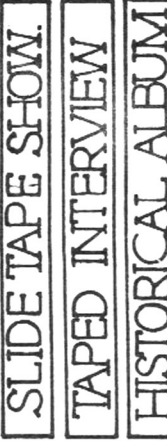


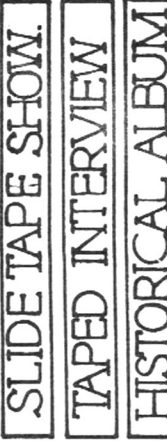


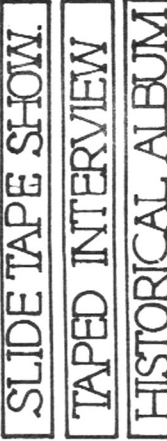


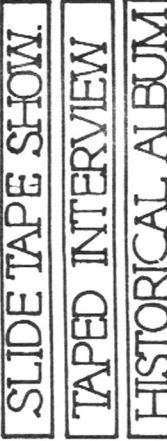


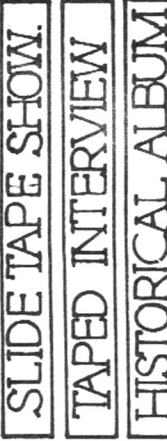


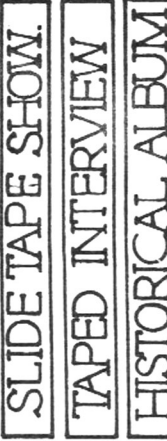


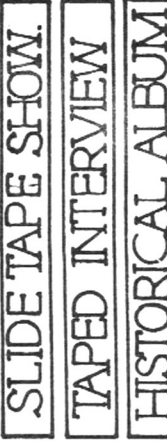


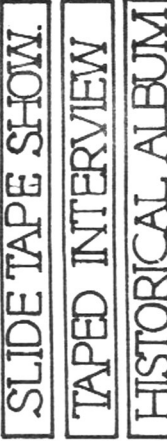


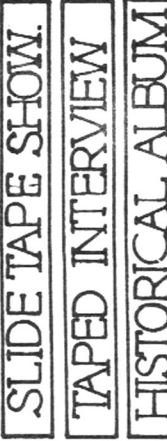


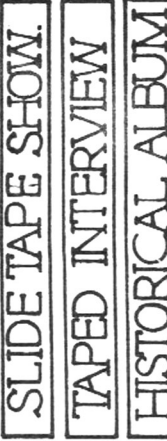


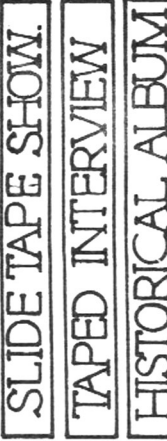


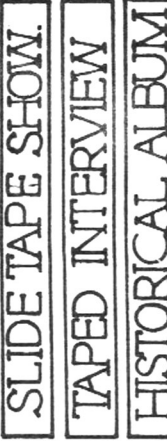


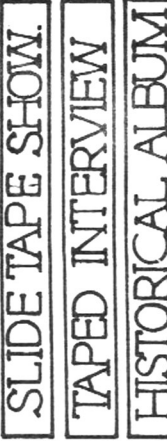


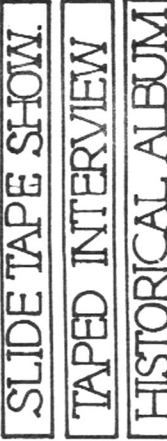


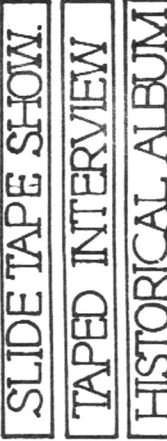


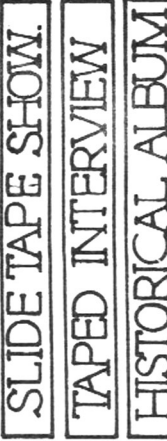


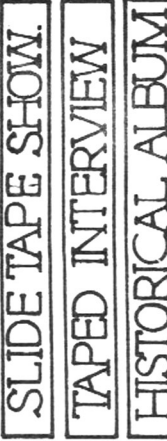


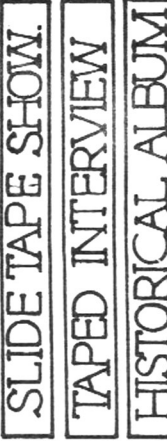


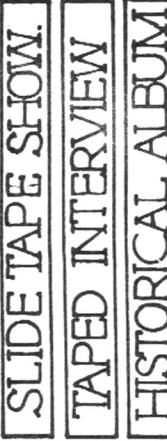


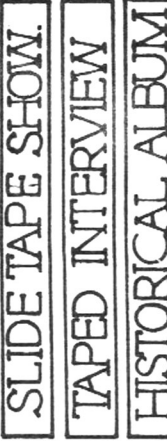


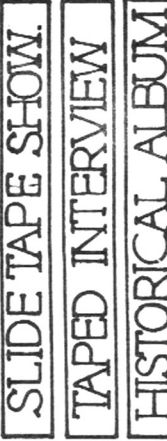


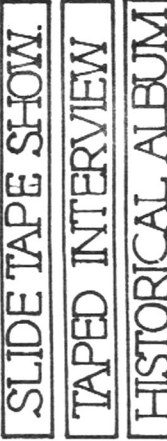


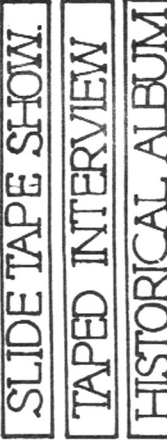


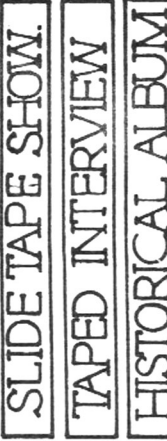


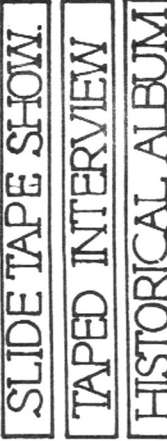


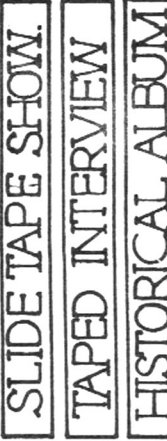


At the opening of the exhibition, which was held in the school hall, many well-known and respected citizens of Krugersdorp were present.

Several students recited songs, poetry, and prose, all of which focused on Krugersdorp and Krugersdorp High School. Mr

J.W. Hall and Mr L.W. Vorster, history teachers at the school, presented a slide show which focused on the opening of Krugersdorp High School up until the present day.

Mr Robert Palk, chairman of the Krugersdorp Council for the Care of the Aged, gave an interesting talk on Krugersdorp's past, relating what the town was like when he arrived here in 1929.

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Programme of the Activities of the Week

Monday 27th April

Morning Assembly	: 07h30 - 08h00	Thematic Message	Mr L.W.Vorster
First break	: 10h05 - 10h25	History of Krugersdorp	Mr L.W. Vorster
Second break	: 12h30 - 12h50	Speech Presentation	Mr J.W. Hall
Afternoon Tour	: 19h00 - 17h30	Jameson Raid	Mr J.W. Hall Mrs C. Budler

Tuesday 28th April

First break	: 10h05 - 10h25	Poetry, Prose, Slogans	Mrs C. Budler
Second break	: 12h25 - 12h50	Krugersdorp Quiz	Mr J.W. Hall
Afternoon Tour	: 14h00 - 17h00	Local History Tour	Mr L.W. Vorster Mr M. Tyner

Wednesday 29th April

First break	: 09h40 - 09h55	Museum Visit Cake Judging	Mr M. Tyner Mrs C. Budler
Second break	: 12h00 - 12h25	Songs, Music	Mrs C. Budler
Afternoon Session	: 14h00 - 15h00	Work Session	All Staff
Gala Evening	: 19h00 - 22h00	Programme	All Staff

CONTINUATION OF THE FESTIVITIES

- * Standard Eight History Course - Meeting at the Paardekraal Monument
Lesson-on-site
- * Encouraging pupils and staff to participate in civic functions
- * Display to be housed in the old "Magistrate's Court" for the benefit of the Publicity Bureau.
- * Use of mementoes, souvenirs as prizes for school activities.
- * Liason with the Press : Krugersdorp News, Star.



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PROGRAMME FOR WEDNESDAY THE 29TH

School Foyer, Minor Hall, S.F. van der Merwe Hall

1. VIEWING OF EXHIBITS (19h00 - 19h30)

2. Hall Programme (19h30 - 21h30)

* School Choir	:	Mrs C. Grobbelaar
* Welcome	:	Mr L.W. Vorster
* Songs, Poetry, Prose	:	Pupils
* Focus on Krugersdorp High School	:	Mr Hall, Mr Vorster
* Snippets on Krugersdorp	:	Pupils
* Presentation of Awards	:	Mr J.W. Hall
* Lucky Ticket Draw	:	Mr M. Tyner
* Introduction to Address	:	Mr T. Langley
* Address	:	Mr R. Palk
		Councillor G. Visser
* Focus on Krugersdorp	:	Mr J.W. Hall, Mr L.W. Vorster
* School Choir	:	Mrs C. Grobbelaar
* School Song	:	Mrs C. Grobbelaar
* Closure	:	Mrs C. Budler

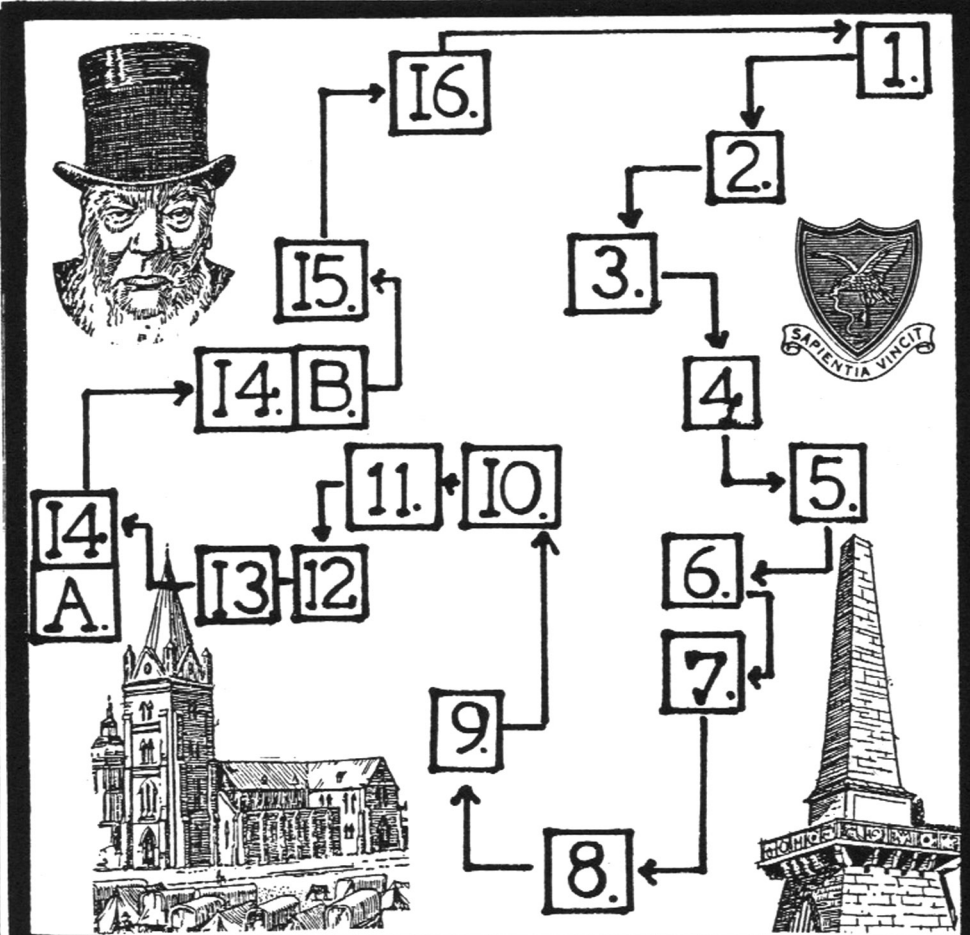
3. Refreshments - (21h30 - 22h00)

4. Exhibition

Models, charts, needlework, cakes, albums, publications, brochures, photography, Museum Display, clothing, implements, items of interest, books.



OUTLINE ITINERARY GUIDE



1. KRUGERSDORP HIGH SCHOOL, EST. IN 1903; MOVED TO KENMARE SITE IN 1947	9. CENOTAPH (WAR MEMORIAL) COMMEMORATING BOTH WORLD WARS: 1914-1918; 1939-1945
2. BRITISH BLOCKHOUSE, SUBURB MONUMENT. ERECTED TO SPECIFICATION: 1899-1902.	10. HISTORIC STATUES OF STUTJUM SQUARE ADJACENT TO TOWN HALL BUILDING.
3. PAARDEKRAAL MONUMENT; SITE OF BOER MEETING IN DEC 1860; ERECTED IN 1891.	11. KRUGERSDORP CIVIC CENTRE (OLD AND NEW), SCENE OF CIVIL ACTIVITIES.
4. EARLY DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH; SCENE OF BURIAL OF BOERS KILLED (RAID)	12. OLD MAGISTRATE'S COURT; FOUNDATION STONE LAID BY S.J.P. KRUGER IN 1897.
5. KRUGERSDORP HIGH SCHOOL: 1914-1946; SUBSEQUENTLY USED AS PRIMARY SCHOOL.	13. HITCHING POST; MAJESTIC HOTEL FOUNDATION STONE LAID BY ABNER COHEN
6. FORMER SITE OF ROYAL HOTEL, OPPOSITE TO WHICH THE BOERS SURRENDERED IN 1902	14. A: KRUGERSDORP WEST CEMETERY
7. NEW TOWN LIBRARY BUILT ON THE SITE OF THE FORMER CARNEGIE LIBRARY	14. B: HISTORIC STATUES OF PRETORIUS PARK/ PRETORIUS PARK SPORTS CENTRE, PART
8. KRUGERSDORP RAILWAY STATION, SCENE OF FIRST LINK WITH SPRINGS.	15. OF ORIGINAL FARM PAARDEKRAAL
	16. MEMORIAL TO COMMEMORATE THE 1938 'OSSEWA-TREE' CENTENARY: VODDEKER RD.

A pupil's view - Tamsin Herbert (Std 9)



"History is too vast a subject to be confined to the classroom and too far ranging to be restricted by a timetable."

The accuracy of this quotation was put to the test by the History Department of Krugersdorp High School, who issued an unusual selection of history assignments which required practical rather than book knowledge. All topics were related to the history of Krugersdorp and assignments had to be submitted to co-incide with the centenary celebrations of this city. The aim of these projects was to familiarize pupils with the landmarks and monuments of Krugersdorp and to emphasize the importance of "reminders of the past".

On Wednesday, April 29, 1987 a "Gala History Evening" was held at the school, where all assignments were displayed and

the history of Krugersdorp High School was related to an interested audience by means of two slide-tape shows. Several pupils related anecdotes on the history of Krugersdorp.

Among the most striking projects were models of historical buildings and designs for monuments. Memorials of the future appear to be heading for a radical change. Outstanding projects included charts, needlework and photographs.

A popular section of the exhibition was the cakes. Surprising talent in the culinary arts was displayed in a assortment of "cake monuments". Fortunately most cakes remained intact for the evening though mouths watered and fingers itched.

Photographs of previous Krugersdorp High scholars and old school uniforms were a source of much amusement and old report cards and other documents were perused with interest.

The evening was a great success and made us aware that our actions of today will influence the history of tomorrow, i.e. that "Few will have the greatness to bend history itself but each of us can work to change a small portion of events and in the total of these acts will be written the history of this generation".