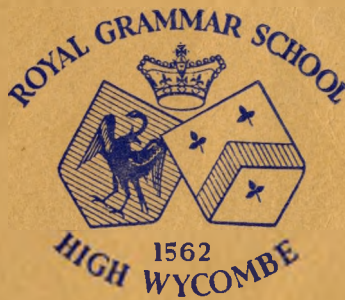


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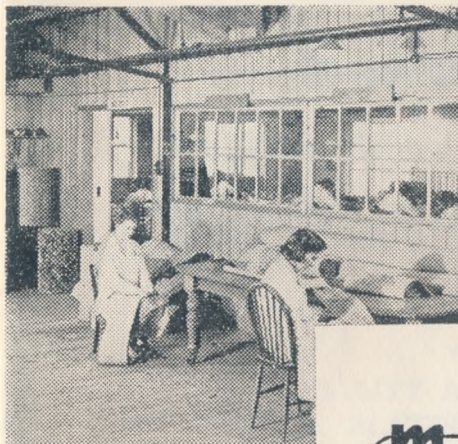
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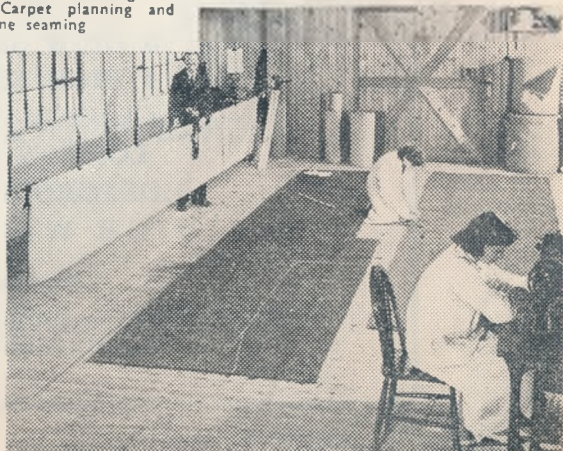
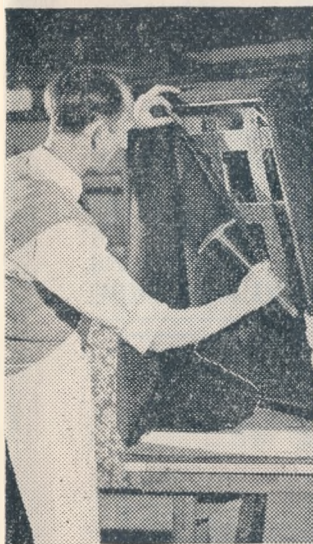
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## EDITORIAL

The printing dispute has added an extra element of uncertainty to the problem of producing a magazine worthy of the School. The editorial staff of this issue have had to contend with the usual indifference of most members of the School, but innumerable editorials on the subject seem to have little effect. Instead, it is time to discuss a deeper problem that has been of increasing concern to many both within the School and also on the Staff.

The Headmaster's Annual Report contained welcome news about the progress of the new buildings and the final building projects of 1960/61. Despite some delay, the new Science Block will be ready for use in a few months, and some relief from the pressing problem of overcrowding will be evident.

No one will deny that the School, at the moment, is badly overcrowded. Sooner or later its academic standards will begin to fall if this trend is not stopped in the very near future. Conditions are at their worst in the Junior Buildings. Despite the creation of new forms, the number of boys in each individual form has not fallen, because of the rise in the amount of entrants. In addition to this, the buildings are very inadequate for a modern Grammar School. Similarly, the sixth form of well over 200, in the near future, will need enlarged library accommodation, and a separate reading room seems an obvious solution. The very large science sixth forms are, at the moment, working under cramped conditions, but this, it is hoped, will soon be remedied. Not only do the lower forms suffer from inadequate buildings, but so also do the small upper sixth forms taking modern or classics subjects. Obviously, in the present situation, it would be impossible to provide only a few boys with a large form room, and so the advanced and scholarship level candidates are often taught in parts of the School not built for teaching purposes at all; the boarders' Common Rooms and the Prefects' Room are often used.

The root of the problem is that too many boys are coming into the School for the existing buildings to cope with. Since

the war, the number of boys entering the School has increased every year. Obviously, this state of affairs cannot continue. One solution that has been put forward is to raise the standard of the entrance examination. However, would it then be right to deny some boys entrance to a Grammar School because of the inadequate facilities even if they have reached a standard which, a few years before, would have earned them a place?

The School at the moment has nearly one thousand members, which is a large number by any standard. Large schools have their own particular advantages, there are always many academic successes and a wide distribution of talent in all activities. However, when the existing buildings are unable to cope with such large numbers, there is bound to be a lack of School spirit, and of efficiency, among other obvious advantages.

It seems that the next five years will show a large improvement in the situation, indeed the Headmaster's report was optimistic on the subject, and did much to dispel an otherwise gloomy outlook. Certainly the new projects are ambitious enough to satisfy all the needs of the School, providing that the numbers do not rise a great deal in the meantime.

Two of the announcements deserve special mention. The conversion of the laboratories into a School Chapel for the boarders will satisfy a need that has been felt for some time. Similarly, the decision to build a swimming pool will be very popular throughout the School. The news that it will be of a size not merely sufficient for beginners, but worthy of a school of this size is very welcome. With these additional improvements, as well as the other new buildings, the School will have gone part of the way towards establishing the position that it deserves in the field of education.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

A party of sixth form boys went to Oxford on April 28th to see "The White Devil," by the Elizabethan playwright John Webster.

The annual House Music Competition was held on May 15th. The adjudicator was Mr. Kenneth Collingham, the County Music Organizer and an Old Boy of the School. An account is given on a later page.

The School Sports were held on May 22nd and won this year by Fraser House.

The guest speaker at the T.C.O.S. Meeting on June 12th was Mr. John Hall, Member of Parliament for High Wycombe. He spoke to a large audience on politics and current affairs.

The Speech Competition was judged this year by Mr. R. Howard, who is now the Senior English Master at the Royal Latin School, Buckingham.

A School concert was held on July 20th. The main work was Coleridge-Taylor's "Hiawatha." A detailed report will be found elsewhere in the magazine.

On July 21st, the School First Cricket XI left for a ten-day tour of Holland, during which they played four matches.

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## STAFF NOTES

We are sorry to say goodbye to six members of the Staff at the end of the Summer Term.

Mr. A. L. Nicholas leaves after serving the School for the last six years to become the Head of a Modern Language department in Coventry.

Mr. D. C. F. Edginton goes to take up the post of Head of a Modern Language department in Portsmouth. His three years' service to the School has been a popular one, and his work in so many activities has been much appreciated.

Mr. Alan Hall joins Rickmansworth Grammar School as Head of the Physical Training Department, after three years' valuable service on the Staff and in all sporting activities.

As reported in the last issue, Mr. D. W. Broadbridge leaves to become Head of the English department in Uxbridge.

Mr. M. Bridges becomes Head of the Physics department at Hereford School after three years on the Staff.

Mr. D. G. Baker, who has been with us for a year, is going to join the staff at Oundle School.

Finally, Mons. P. L. Dussert and Herr P. Gill, depart at the end of the Summer Term. Their stay has been very popular and valuable.

We wish them all happiness and success in their new appointments.

We welcome nine new masters at the beginning of this term :—

Mr. J. K. Andrews, B.Sc. (London), is to teach Science.

Group Captain J. W. Baxter joins the Mathematics Staff.

Mr. J. C. R. Davies, B.A., comes to teach Geography.

Mr. G. R. J. Jones, Loughborough College, has come to help Mr. Nightingale with P.T. now Mr. Hall has left us.

Mr. B. Leighton-Jones, B.A. (Oxon.), will teach English.

Mr. G. W. Roberts, B.Sc., comes to teach Chemistry.

Mr. J. Gareth Rowland, B.Sc., will also teach Chemistry.

Mr. B. R. Rowlands, B.A. (Wales), is to teach French ; and Mr. I. H. C. Waters, B.A. (Cantab.), an Old Boy, comes to us to teach German.

We also welcome Mons. C. Dreux, who will help the French staff.

Mr. T. S. Eliot, O.M., who taught at the School for a short period in 1915, was presented in London with a gold medal expressly struck for him by the City of Florence. The presentation was made by Count Vittorio Zoppi, the Italian Ambassador. Florence offered this special award to Mr. Eliot in recognition to his outstanding contribution in "The Sacred Word" to the understanding and appreciation of Dante, who was, to Mr. Eliot, the greatest poet who ever lived.

## SPEECH DAY

Speech Day tends to follow a traditional pattern and Friday, July 17th, proved to be no exception. After the Rt. Hon. Viscount Curzon, J.P., had inspected the C.C.F. Guard of Honour and the Band, which were as efficient and smart as usual, speakers and parents assembled in the Hall for the main function of the afternoon.

The proceedings were opened by Alderman R. P. Clarke, the Chairman of the Governors, who commented on the near completion of the new buildings, and mentioned that six of the younger members of the staff were leaving at the end of the term.

The Headmaster began his Annual Report by welcoming Viscount and Lady Curzon to the largest school in his "Diocese". In welcoming the Mayor and Mayoress, the Headmaster recalled that it was the first time in his memory that an ex-Head Boy had returned to the School as Mayor. He paid tribute to the present Chairman, Alderman R. P. Clarke, and his predecessor, Mr. R. C. Raffety, on being given the Freedom of the Borough. It was a matter of very great pride to the School that they should have been honoured in this way.

While referring to the new Laboratory Block, and the new Hall and Teaching Block to be built in 1960/61, Mr. Tucker said he was anxious to see the present Chemistry Laboratory converted into a Chapel for the Boarders. Of outstanding importance was the very big change in the Staff at the beginning of next term, when six masters were leaving to take up positions as Departmental Heads in important schools. These young, vigorous and entertaining young men will be greatly missed. He also expressed the School's sympathy with Mr. C. Sladden's present ill-health. Reviewing the outstanding events of the last year, special mention was made of the Scholarship Level Chem-

istry candidates who attended lessons at Eton College. The academic successes of the past year were outlined, and the fact that four of the seven State Scholarships were for Classics showed that the Classical tradition was not on the decline, as many people feared. He said that even in one of the School's less good years, it was important that the line of Open Awards at Jesus College, Cambridge was still kept intact.

The Air Section of the C.C.F. had a very successful year with four Flying Scholarships, and one member of the Naval Section had gained one of the coveted Naval Scholarships to Dartmouth. The Headmaster congratulated the Boarders' Scout Troop on winning three medals or shields in the last term. The First Cricket XI were going on a foreign tour for the first time in their history, when they left for Holland at the end of term. The Old Boys continued to do good work at Universities, and especial mention was made of G. D. B. Jones on being awarded the Rome Scholarship by the British School of Archaeology. The Headmaster paid tribute to the invaluable support of Mr. Morgan and the Staff. He ended by reporting the sorrow which the School felt when the news of Alan King's death by drowning in the Baltic Sea reached England. He said that he would never let a boy leave the School without having learnt to swim, and plans for a swimming bath in keeping with the size and numbers of the School had been included in the final batch of new buildings for 1960/61.

After having distributed the prizes, Viscount Curzon rose to make his speech. He spoke first on the obvious need for new buildings, especially a larger Hall, and expressed the need for the careful siting of the new buildings in order to preserve the School's imposing appearance. The aim of the Bucks Education Committee was to further university education in the county, but this was difficult because of the increasing number of children. He paid tribute to the efforts of the Headmaster and the Chairman of the Governors in the county's education. The rest of the speech was devoted to the importance of education in social affairs, and the contributions of young men to the country's prestige in the world. A vote of thanks was proposed by P. C. Raffety, Esq., J.P., and seconded by Alderman C. W. Lance, J.P.

After tea in the School, many guests visited the numerous exhibitions, including Science and Biology, Art, Model Railway, Model Aircraft and Photographs, all of which attracted a great deal of attention from parents and boys alike. Later, the Commemoration Service was held in the Parish Church. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Reverend A. L. Evan Hopkins, and the sermon was preached by the Reverend J. C. Vaughan Wilkes, M.A., Vicar of Marlow and late Headmaster

of Radley College. The School Choir sang the chorus "The Heavens are telling," from Haydn's "The Creation."

### FORM PRIZES

#### FORM IIA :

- 1st, C. H. Sworn  
2nd, G. P. Millward

#### FORM IIB :

- 1st, B. J. Russell  
2nd, J. R. Knight  
1st (exam.), P. D. Chadwick

#### FORM IIC :

- 1st, W. J. G. Pidgeon  
2nd, W. H. N. Laws

#### FORM IID :

- 1st, G. L. Pidoux  
2nd, J. M. Bibby  
1st (exam.), C. G. Williams

#### FORM IIE :

- 1st, H. M. Hine  
2nd, P. Langston  
1st (exam.), C. J. Day

#### FORM IIIx :

- 1st, P. B. Farmer  
2nd, C. J. Myerscough  
3rd, K. R. Marshall

#### FORM IIY :

- 1st, D. A. Lunnon  
2nd, P. Booth  
3rd, R. A. G. Iliffe

#### FORM IIIr :

- 1st, F. J. Freeman  
2nd, { D. A. Thomson  
A. Green

#### FORM IIIs :

- 1st, S. C. Charlton  
2nd, J. L. Newman

#### FORM IVx :

- 1st, T. Ludgate  
2nd, M. R. Ferguson  
3rd, { P. C. Drayton  
R. I. Patterson

#### FORM IVY :

- 1st, M. J. C. Webb  
2nd, R. Cooper  
3rd, A. McGlashan

#### FORM IVA :

- 1st, A. W. Dingle  
2nd, L. G. Friend

#### FORM IVs :

- 1st, A. J. Rogers  
2nd, P. M. J. Shelton

#### FORM Vx :

- 1st, R. E. M. Hedges  
2nd, D. S. Culley  
3rd, D. J. Thornton

#### FORM Vy :

- 1st, R. J. Puddephatt  
2nd, P. G. Davies  
3rd, M. J. Clegg

#### FORM VA :

- 1st, P. R. Briggs  
2nd, I. Howarth

#### FORM Vs :

- 1st, R. G. Beavis  
2nd, R. H. Coward  
1st (exam.), B. H. J. Cronin

#### FORM Vz :

- 1st, I. M. Macwhinnie  
2nd, I. A. Johnston

#### FORM VUY :

- 1st, K. G. Sansom  
2nd, N. H. Freeman  
3rd, M. J. Bedford

#### FORM VUA :

- 1st, S. Swain  
2nd, R. A. O. Stockwell  
3rd, D. R. Spackman

#### FORM VUs :

- 1st, J. C. Bowman  
2nd, D. M. Elvey  
3rd, R. P. Williams

#### FORM VU SHELL :

- 1st, T. J. Coleman  
2nd, J. K. Bonnett  
3rd, S. J. Parker

#### NEATNESS PRIZES :

- |     |                 |
|-----|-----------------|
| VU  | } M. J. Bedford |
| VX  |                 |
| V   | P. E. Woodard   |
| IV  | L. R. Berryman  |
| III | B. C. Busbridge |
| II  | N. Leek         |

#### MUSIC PRIZE :

- J. E. Burnell

#### SPEECH PRIZES :

- |     |                     |
|-----|---------------------|
| VI  | D. A. Hamilton-Eddy |
| VU  | } S. N. M. Evans    |
| VX  |                     |
| V   |                     |
| IV  | R. A. Laskey        |
| III | M. K. Jenner        |
| II  | J. N. McLoughlin    |

FORM VI—1ST YEAR :

<i>Classics :</i>	T. E. Chandler
<i>Ancient History :</i>	B. N. Buckley
<i>French :</i>	J. E. Camp
<i>German :</i>	R. W. Hammett
<i>English :</i>	D. A. Hamilton -Eddy
<i>History :</i>	B. A. Barratt
<i>Geography :</i>	P. J. Yates
<i>Science and Mathematics :</i>	M. E. Ashburner
	J. E. Burnell
	N. A. Morley
	R. I. Rothwell
	D. K. Stratford
	B. M. Williams
<i>Engineering Drawing :</i>	A. J. Riley
<i>Biology Field Work :</i>	R. G. J. Shelton

FORM VI—2ND AND 3RD YEAR :

<i>Classics :</i>	E. W. Burrows
<i>Greek :</i>	P. A. Taylor
<i>Latin :</i>	M. B. Wood
<i>Ancient History :</i>	R. P. H. Green

*French :*

2nd Year	C. D. Waller
3rd Year	P. J. Muller
<i>German :</i>	G. P. M. Walker
<i>Spanish :</i>	C. D. Waller
<i>English :</i>	C. D. Waller
<i>History and Geography :</i>	M. G. Swift
<i>History and Economics :</i>	D. P. Davies
<i>Science and Mathematics :</i>	
2nd Year	J. P. Baker
	J. R. Barber
	S. P. Baxter
	R. G. Hollingworth
	E. A. W. Maunder
	R. M. Pearson
	P. J. Thompson
	P. J. Wilson
3rd Year	A. M. Fowler
	D. A. King
	D. P. May
	J. R. Parkins

*Engineering*

*Drawing :* D. H. Nicholls

*Mathematics*

*Open Awards :* D. M. Cunnold  
C. J. Date

**SPECIAL PRIZES**

**Headmaster's Prize :** R. C. Jones.

**Governors' Reading Prize :** R. A. P. Wilson.

**Governors' Classics Prize :** W. A. C. Knowles.

**Graefe Cup** for best C.C.F. Cadet : R.S.M. W. A. C. Knowles.

**Harte Cup** for best R.A.F./C.C.F. Cadet (presented by Wing Commander C. S. W. Harte) : Flight Sergeant G. W. Moss.

**Giles Keen Memorial Cup** for best Naval Cadet (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Keen) : Cadet Coxswain D. P. May.

**Art Shield** (presented by A. Hastings, Esq.) : R. D. Sackett.

**Hope Cup** (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Hope) : R. G. Beavis.

**Thorne Prize for English :** R. C. Jones.

**Fletcher Prize for Classics** (presented by C. T. Fletcher, Esq.) : R. P. H. Green.

**Westney Prize for Music** (presented by M. W. Westney, Esq.) : A. B. Miller.

**Lance Memorial Prize** for Persistent Progress : 1st Year—P. A. Lambert ; 2nd Year—T. R. Porter.

**Raffety House Cup for School Work :** Queen's House.

**EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, 1958-59**

**Open Scholarship Awards :**

D. M. Cunnold, Open Scholarship in Mathematics with Physics, St. John's College, Cambridge.

C. J. Date, Open Exhibition in Mathematics, Jesus College, Cambridge.

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- E. W. Burrows for Classics.
- C. J. Date for Mathematics, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- S. C. Dell for Mathematics and Physics, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- W. A. C. Knowles for Classics, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- R. J. Nuthall for Classics, Jesus College, Cambridge (to read Law)
- R. H. S. White for Mathematics, Downing College, Cambridge.
- S. C. Williams for Classics, King's College, London.

### **Reserve List :**

- M. K. Williams for Mathematics, King's College, London.

### **Bucks County Major Scholarships :**

- D. A. King for Mathematics and Physics, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- M. K. Williams for Mathematics and Physics, King's College, London.

### **Bucks County Major Exhibitions :**

- L. Aldred for Modern Languages, Leeds University.
- A. H. Brown for Modern Languages, St. John's College, Cambridge.
- N. H. Blaby for Modern Languages, Leeds University.
- D. J. Bevis for Mathematics and Science.
- J. R. Bone for Engineering, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- H. C. Bramley for Engineering, St. John's College, Cambridge.
- A. M. Fowler for Biology and Chemistry, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- A. Grainge for Classics, King's College, London.
- L. G. J. Johnson for Engineering.
- D. P. May for Science and Mathematics.
- P. J. Muller for French and Latin, Bristol University (for Law).
- J. R. Parkins for Science and Mathematics, King's College, London.
- J. J. Portlock for Modern Languages, Leeds University.
- P. A. Taylor for Classics.
- J. A. Vickers for Mathematics, King's College, London.
- R. A. P. Wilson for Mathematics, Leeds University.
- S. W. Dakin for Mathematics and Science, London University.
- J. A. Dawes for Engineering, Queen's College, Cambridge.
- D. W. Hollomon for Biology and Chemistry, Reading University (for Agriculture).
- D. W. Jeskins for Engineering, Manchester University.
- E. G. Mann for Dental Medicine, Guy's Hospital, University of London.
- C. J. Melsom for Mathematics, Regent Street Polytechnic, University of London.
- T. P. Thirlway for Classics, Exeter University.
- M. J. Darling for Geography and French, Peterhouse, Cambridge.
- G. Gilbertson for Modern Languages, Manchester University.
- W. J. S. Torrens-Burton for Classics, London School of Economics, University of London (Law).

### **Berkshire County Major Exhibitions :**

- J. N. Kitching for Economics, Manchester University.
- T. E. Swain for Mathematics and Chemistry.

### **Middlesex County Major Exhibition :**

- C. S. J. Mardell for Classics, Reading University.

### **Navy Scholarship, Royal Naval College, Dartmouth :**

- D. M. North.

### **Army Cadetship, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst :**

- M. E. Ledger.



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## C.C.F. NOTES

### ARMY SECTION

The main activities since the last report have been two camps, an Easter camp and a Summer camp, both in the mountainous part of Brecon.

The Easter camp was confined to some 25 N.C.O.'s and was used as "Recce" for the larger Summer camp. It was designated an "Arduous Training Camp," and undoubtedly it was well named. A circuit of 45-50 miles was selected from the map and the party was split into small groups and each group was given a section of the circuit to reconnoitre and report on with a view to the requirements of the Summer camp, whilst one "Commando" group consisting of R.S.M. Knowles, R.Q.M.S. Fowler, C.S.M. Shackell and Sgt. Currell attempted the whole circuit.

The route was a mixture of road track, rough country and the mountain slopes of the Brecon Beacons, and much of the cross country was turned into bog by the incessant rain.

All parties showed great determination and initiative in carrying out their allotted tasks in spite of the most adverse weather conditions, and valuable information was gained for the Summer camp. The Commando group, after two steady days, not only completed the course on the third day, but marched back to camp, covering a distance for the day of at least 25 miles, including the ascent and descent over the Beacons.

The Summer camp was designated a "Greenfield" camp and both camps differed from the customary C.C.F. camp in that the unit was self-administered as regards equipment, cooking and transport, etc.

The equipment was obtained beforehand from Army sources and taken up by a 3-tonner with an Army driver, whilst the rest of the transport consisted of the recently acquired C.C.F. 3-tonner, an Army "Champ" plus trailer, the C.O.'s private car, and last but not least, the laundry van owned by ex-R.Q.M.S. G. D. Jones and R.S.M. W. A. C. Knowles and converted for archaeological expeditions but used by its ever cheerful driver in an inconceivable number of different ways and occasions.

The cooking was a revelation of the versatility of the P.S.I., Sgt. C. Harrison, who, with the aid of portable Calor gas equipment, provided the "best food ever."

After some preliminary training, groups of cadets were committed to the three-day expedition according to age and ability, and the whole sixty-five slept in bivouac tents and prepared their own meals from the Army compo ration.

During the expedition the groups were given initiative training in the form of river crossing, raft building, scaling the "prison wall" and negotiating the cliff face with a stretcher party. During the whole of the exercise many ex-signallers will be surprised to hear practically unbroken contact was maintained between two 22 sets and one 19 set, all of which were made mobile in the vehicles available and the "net" made a real contribution to the control of the administrative problems which were always present.

The expedition was regarded as a qualifying test for those cadets who had indicated they intended to try for the Duke of Edinburgh's award and several cadets successfully completed their tasks. One of the "Commando" groups consisting of R. A. French, P. J. Thompson, R. Ward and M. G. Welch completed the whole course and walked the additional distance back to camp, completing the 25-mile stretch in eleven and a half hours, arriving in very good spirits and physical condition.

It is sad to report the departure of Capt. D. W. Broadbridge, who has during his brief stay rendered invaluable and unselfish service to the N.C.O.'s cadre class and on many week-end courses and camps. His untiring energy will be greatly missed.

R.P.

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## NAVAL SECTION

The training programme of the Section during the Summer Term was punctuated at the beginning by visits and disrupted at the end by School and G.C.E. examinations, and not much had been achieved in the way of work. However, 30 boys took the Naval Proficiency examination successfully and three cadets, A. C. Pain, D. K. Luscombe and N. C. Gravette, obtained the Advanced Naval Proficiency Examination. The success of a number of boys in the Naval Proficiency Examination can, I think, be attributed to a course organised during last Easter holidays where the aim was to condense the Naval Proficiency Syllabus into seven days, four at H.M.S. *Dryad* and three aboard H.M.S. *Starling*. A great amount of work was done and a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by the boys. It is hoped to repeat this visit next year if possible.

On May 26th, thirty boys attended "Exercise Shopwindow," a display by the Navy of ships and weapons in action. The cadets were taken to sea in a destroyer, H.M.S. *Cavendish*, where they saw "squids," bofors and 4.5 inch guns firing, and some very impressive flying from the aircraft carrier H.M.S. *Victorious*. Venoms and Scimitars showed their fangs when they attacked a smoke float with rockets. An exciting, yet sobering sight.

Later during the term, in June, another visit to Portsmouth was organised to watch "Operation Runaground X." This was a display by the Royal Marines showing how an amphibious assault is launched and was the "real" thing from beach reconnaissance by frogmen to the landing of troops from amphibians and L.C.A.'s, and tanks, guns and lorries from L.C.T.'s. Demonstrations were also given by commandos in landing from helicopters, cliff climbing, canoeing and under-water swimming. A fascinating day when all were impressed by the magnificent training and precision of the Royal Marines.

The Army Education Corps were again our hosts when we used their establishment at Wilton Park in conjunction with the Army and R.A.F. Sections for another popular and very worthwhile week-end initiative course.

To some, falling in the river would be the last thing they would wish to do, but to fourteen Naval Section cadets at the end of term the prospect was very attractive, and so a canoeing course was arranged with the Central Council of Physical Recreation who provided the canoes and instructor. After a five-mile paddle to Hambleden Weir the boys were shown how to manoeuvre a canoe in rough and fast-flowing water. A number of cadets learnt quickly and became reasonably proficient, so it was decided to enter a team for a novices canoeing competition at Henley in September. We look forward with interest to see how they fare.

As usual, a number of boys are going on courses arranged by the Navy and a total of twenty are going to the annual Summer training. One party of fourteen cadets will be in H.M.S. *Collingwood* and six in Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

D. P. May was awarded the Keen Memorial Cup for the best Naval cadet. Our congratulations to him, for it was well earned.

Mr. D. C. F. Edginton is leaving us this term. He has, during his relatively short stay, put in a great amount of work for the Section and we shall miss him. We wish him the best of luck in his new post at Portsmouth Grammar School.

D.T.N.

## R.A.F. SECTION

A most welcome and useful addition to the training facilities of the Section has been provided by Headquarters Bomber Command. Since the beginning of the Summer Term we have been able to send a party of cadets, each Thursday, to R.A.F. Station, Booker, where they have had a very great deal of flying in Anson aircraft. We can look forward to a continuation of this useful flying experience during the coming School session.

The Summer Training Camp was held, at the end of July, at R.A.F. Station, Swinderby, near Lincoln. A party of 30 cadets spent a very enjoyable and profitable week at this Flying Training Command station. Every cadet had about 45 minutes flying in dual-controlled Chipmunk aircraft. There was also an extremely interesting visit to a V-bomber station and a memorable and spectacular flying display at nearby R.A.F. Station, Cranwell.

Three cadets are warmly congratulated on the award of Flying Scholarships. Cadets D. J. M. Rendall and P. P. Icke are to be trained at West London Aero Club at White Waltham during the Summer vacation and Cadet C. R. S. Wood is to receive his flying instruction at Cambridge Flying Club. At the beginning of next Term these three cadets should be the proud holders of the Civilian "A" Pilot's Licence.

The R.A.F. Advanced Training Examination was taken by a number of cadets in July. Some very high marks were scored in this examination and the results were extremely creditable both to the cadets themselves and to the N.C.O.'s and Instructors who had clearly been so effective in their work.

E.M.

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## THE SCHOOL CONCERT

It is impossible to expect a school concert to be of professional standard, but on July 20th, 1959, the School Choir and Orchestra, under the experienced baton of Mr. J. S. Dawes, maintained a high standard throughout a varied and interesting programme.

The School Orchestra opened the concert with a Trepak by Prosper Morand, and Dvorak's Slavonic Dance, Op. 46, No. 6. Despite the inevitable hesitation through lack of experience of public playing, both of these works were given an adequate performance. There followed a piano solo, Frank Bridge's "Valse capricieuse and Rosemary." C. Hughes, considering his years, gave a very musicianly rendering. Mr. A. Gaster's recorder group, although young, impressed us in their first item, an "Aria

a 3," by Morley, but Purcell's "Chaconne for Flutes" was marred by faulty timing, probably due to nervousness. Nevertheless, a generous audience gave them hearty applause. The madrigal group then sang with remarkable precision three Elizabethan madrigals, and this was one of the evening's highlights. Purcell's "Golden Sonata" for two violins and piano was sensitively interpreted by M. J. Wadsworth and W. Chorley, with Mr. J. S. Dawes at the piano, the last movement receiving especially spirited treatment.

P. Uppard is well known throughout the School for his piano-playing, and to-night he dazzled the audience with his performances of a Brahms ballade and Dohnanyi's "Rhapsody in C." In the latter especially his technique was faultless, and it in this style of music that he is at his excellent best. The Orchestra provided a rousing ending to the first part of the concert with four movements from Handel's Fireworks Music.

The main work of the evening came in the second half. The musicians who generously give of their time for School operas joined forces with the School Choir and some of the Orchestra to perform "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast." This striking work, with its unusual and attractive part-writing and felicitous orchestral accompaniment, was written at the turn of the last century by the negro composer, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor. The School performance suffered slightly from lack of attack from the trebles and altos, and from a tendency of the Choir not to watch the conductor. Nevertheless, the singing was on a high level, as was the Orchestra's playing. Mention must be made of the difficult tenor solo, which J. E. Camp sang lyrically and with feeling. This solo provides an effective contrast with the choral sections of the work which precedes and follow it. Mr. J. S. Dawes conducted with great sympathy, and kept the work together. Thanks are due to him, and to all those whose efforts made this evening a success.

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## SOCIETY NEWS

As usual, the Summer Term's activities of many of the School societies were hindered by examination work. With the prospect of examinations only a few weeks away, many society secretaries became conscience-stricken and hurriedly returned to their studies. Of those which did manage to function, the Science Society, as might be expected, was most active, with frequent films and a trip to the London Planetarium by over 60 boys. Well over a dozen films are ordered for the Christmas

Term, and the editors are assured by the indefatigable secretary that the membership charge is the "best shilling's worth in Wycombe."

The Music Society continued its unspectacular activities with twice-weekly gramophone concerts through most of the term, but concert rehearsals prevented a more ambitious programme. The Camera Club, hoping soon to change to the Photographic Society, had a joint outing with the Science Society to Kodak Ltd. at Wealdstone, and also a trip to the Photo Fair at Olympia. This has been the Club's most active year, despite the fact that plans for a Summer Photographic Competition had to be dropped. The highlight of the year's activities of the Twentieth Century Opinion Society was the visit of the Member of Parliament for High Wycombe, Mr. John Hall, to the School, to give a talk on politics and answer members' questions. The Historical Society organised a trip to Sulgrave Manor and Claydon House, which is reported in detail elsewhere. On the same day, the Classical Society went to St. Albans to see the Roman remains at Verulamium. The exclusive "13 Society," under the guidance of Mr. Broadbridge, has rivalled the Dramatic Society in holding play readings of work by modern writers. Finally, on Speech Day, the exhibitions of the Model Railway and Aeronautical Societies demonstrated the enthusiasm shown by the younger members of the School for these activities.

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## PARIS CULTURAL HOLIDAY 1959

Most September issues of THE WYCOMBIENSIAN for some years past have contained an account of the Paris Cultural Holidays, organized each year by Miss Christina Williams, of Huntingdon Grammar School. The 1959 holiday was similar to those in previous years, except that the numbers were greater—about 1,000 British students, with girls outnumbering boys in a proportion of 7 : 3.

Thus this Easter Paris, more especially the Latin quarter, might easily have been mistaken for Brighton beach on August Monday. Indeed, so little French was heard that some of us wondered whether the long, boring train journey had taken us for a circular trip round the Home Counties, crossing the Thames at Woolwich Ferry.

Mornings were usually occupied by lectures. Trips to notable places of interest in the afternoons were theoretically compulsory, but in fact a blind eye was turned on anybody who wanted to amuse him or herself otherwise, within the bounds of

reason. Visits were made to various plays and operas, including a special performance of "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" at the Comédie Française, "Le Cid," Victor Hugo's "Marie Tudor," "Carmen," "Don Giovanni," and others, all at reduced prices and well worth seeing, particularly as French stage presentation is so different from ours. The customary reception was held at the Hôtel de Ville, but the nightly dances which have been a feature of previous years were cancelled, owing to the death of a mistress in the college where they were to have been held. Nevertheless, this proved no drawback to those who wanted to enjoy themselves, as most of us did.

Members of the School did not distinguish themselves particularly, and only one was successful in winning an essay prize. Another caused consternation by not appearing in the dormitory until half-an-hour after midnight. Having lost his way on the Métro, he had spent most of the evening wandering round Versailles looking for the college.

There were no casualties, however. The food was excellent, and amply made up for the short, narrow, hard beds, and the cold water in which we had to wash. The cost of the ten days was quite reasonable, and not only do you hear Frenchmen's at times very unconventional views on their national literature, and have an opportunity of speaking French with natives, but also have an excellent holiday, meeting many people and making many friends.

J. CAMP.

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## UN GIOCO MYSTERIOSO

A mysterious joke. Thus an Italian newspaper recently described our national summer sport. Most Englishmen, having had the laws of cricket instilled into them from a very early age, would quibble with this ; but do they realize how much more there is to the game than meets the eye ? For instance, do even those energetic mortals who cavort, clad in white, about the cricket field ever give a thought to that most useful, but ill-used, adjunct to cricketing, the scorer ?

In my younger days, I occupied this position in our local team. Tempted by the prospect of a free tea every Saturday, I started in a temporary capacity for the second XI, still under the impression that backward short leg was a term of abuse, and graduated, none the wiser, the following season to the permanent post of official first and Sunday XI scorer. This, of course,



meant two free teas every weekend, and sometimes even a free lunch as well.

A scorer must have a great power of concentration. If he finds, as I did, that watching a game for more than five minutes, without falling into the arms of slumber (dangerous, as scorebox-chairs are notoriously ill-equipped in such essentials as legs, backs, arms, seats, etc., and great attention is required to balance on them) is a complete impossibility, some remedy must be found. The best is, of course, an eager and enthusiastic fellow-scorer, from whom he can crib. If both scorers are like-minded in lethargy, and would far rather be in the pavilion bar, or even worse, when the other team fail to provide a scorer at all, there is nothing for it but to make a conscious effort at keeping the score. This only too frequent necessity usually leads to leg-byes attributed to batsmen, three wickets recorded as down when the whole side is out, and amazing discrepancies between the different totals. One of two things can be done to relieve this predicament.

- (i) The books must be cooked.
- (ii) Ink must accidentally be spilled over the page.

As the players always inspect the scorebook afterwards, the second is usually the best way out, clumsiness in a scorer being less likely to forfeit him a drink from the captain than cricketing dishonesty.

A scorer's job is further muddled by his having to operate the scoreboard and with some of the elaborate affairs in some cricket grounds, numerical deception is practically impossible to practise. Any observed calculation is signified by a shout of "scoreboard." The scorer, in the midst of pulling levers, turning wheels, and fishing around with poles, while precariously balanced on a narrow window-ledge, usually fails to notice these calls, and the game is further disrupted while the umpire stalks over, and attempts to set matters to rights.

The scorer's machinations behind the scenes contribute much to the game, and the player who thinks the team's success due to his own efforts little knows the real story. The Italians could be right in their description. "Un gioco?" Perhaps, but who would laugh at this game, revered for centuries in the Long Room at Lord's, and on every little village cricket-pitch in England? Spend a Saturday afternoon in your local ground's scorebox, watch the scorers at work, making a rough copy of the game in their books, and see. But I mustn't give too bad an impression of these overworked, underfed score-makers. After all, it just wouldn't be cricket.

R. E. Rocs, 6M.

## AS OTHERS SEE US

*(The following was received from a parent shortly after  
Speech-Day)*

The powers of description of the average schoolboy are not remarkable. Ask any student of the R.G.S. to outline last term's work and one is met with a non-committal shrug, a mumbling mention of "set-books," a shuffling of feet and an obvious desire to get away from the subject as quickly as possible. But as the same boy to describe one of the masters, and the response is totally different. From being a tongue-tied specimen of humanity he emerges as an expert in the use of his English language. The adjectives are well chosen, the comments pithy, and a realistic word-picture is produced. Unfortunately the image evolved from such a description bears no resemblance to any known species of the human race. One is left with the impression that every master at the R.G.S. has an impediment in his speech, webbed feet and a prehensile tail.

It is therefore not surprising that the first Speech-Day a parent attends is one that he looks forward to with a certain amount of trepidation. At last he is to come face to face (if he can stand it) with these two-headed monsters who rule over his little Willie during school-hours.

Standing in the boiling sun, he watches, with a certain amount of impatience, the gyrations of the C.C.F. in front of the main building. And when, finally, the V.I.P. who is inspecting the parade signals his satisfaction with the turn-out, he can hardly get into the Hall quickly enough.

But what is this? The men wearing gowns who are showing the parents to their seats cannot be on the staff of the R.G.S. They are normal-looking men, some of them even kindly looking, and in fact one may well believe that at times they have patted small urchins on the head and probably contribute regularly to Cats' Homes. The whole thing is obviously a blind. They have been imported specially from the Tech or from the Borlase School for the occasion. There is no sign, for instance, of the master who is outwardly indistinguishable from a Labrador! No doubt he is safely hidden away in some subterranean kennels.

The speeches are made and the prizes presented, and it is noted that even a normal-looking headmaster has been smuggled in to make the report on the year's work. Heading for the canteen, one listens in vain for the howls of maniac laughter that are said to indicate the approach of one's boy's form-master.

As the tea and buns vanish, and the clatter of tea-cups subsides, parents are seen talking to masters. A little careful

eavesdropping soon establishes the fact that these sober-looking gentlemen are indeed R.G.S. masters. Little Bertie's progress is being discussed in that corner, in another the sad reasons leading up to young Horace's impending expulsion. Truly, these men know what is what. Little Willie's word-pictures have been somewhat exaggerated.

The next thing, of course, is to try and talk to one of them. It is a simple matter to stand for an hour trying to catch the man's eye whilst he talks animatedly to a surprisingly young-looking Mother! He appears to be oblivious of one's presence, but at last success is in sight, and as the young Mother reluctantly tears herself away, the master approaches with outstretched hand. It is at this precise moment that it dawns with ghastly reality that one is about to address him as "Mr. Cods-Eye," this being the only name one has ever heard mentioned. Perspiration pours down one's face—the entire room seems to be hanging on one's next remark, and the situation is saved only by the fact that the master walks straight past and proceeds to pump the hand of an odious-looking woman in a picture-hat who has been standing immediately behind.

By this time the party is beginning to thin out. Cars are moving down the hills towards the town. Regretfully one decides that next year more accurate descriptions will be obtained in advance. One also remembers, a little too late, that the master one is looking for has got a Welsh name. That should be easy enough, next time. Such is the innocence of the new parent. It is as well to put off any identification until next year's Speech-Day. It will take that long to sort out the 43 Jones and 17 Evanses that appear to be on the staff. And having done that and identified one's victim, it will be no comfort to find out, next year, that he has gone back to his native heath and become headmaster of the new Grammar School at Aberbanana!

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## MAL DE MER

Exiguous fishes, swimming, madly skimming on  
In myriads,  
Like angels deftly coiling winged forms  
About vast flurries, contemplative nothingness  
At last at rest, succumbed by noise of naught  
And endless sea.  
In myriads

Like hippopotami in minute stage  
So much their grandeur aught beknown  
In curious eddies, whirlpools, fits  
Of calm  
Loud their silence from without their curling shapes.  
And yet  
Like conflagration infinite there bides  
A stronger, stranger lord besides,  
Who, like a fiend incarnate, man to man  
Doth endless rage in black and stony  
Pools of whiteness, dark within  
And loud without.  
In fluting, purling currents, shades of pearls,  
And crossing over, under  
And beyond  
The indefinable commensurate of all  
Like slowly nodding statues, prying,  
Drawing on and on  
Beyond  
And into seas of mists of sinuous light  
Shedding their purple fruit of moisture  
Radiant  
In the orb of glory ; in and out  
And ever again their  
Shadows cast to endless flickerings and pale  
Their ever-glowing beauty,  
Like birds in madly spinning twitters  
Fall the feathers, dark into the night  
And softly wafting in on air of clouds and fragrance  
In winged flight now put to rest  
Those powers of Night  
And Death.

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In infinite repose they now abide  
Restless like ever magnifying whirlpools  
Fronds of fern-cloud fanning freely  
In the breeze.  
And all and ever mighty noise  
Like dazzling light in fleeting columns  
Ever up  
Beyond all human wit and mind  
To rest beyond the timelessness  
Of God and Man.

ANON.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

The author, on being informed of the Editor's intention to reduce his manuscript by seven pages, sent the following letter :  
Dear Editor,

I am glad that my epode has so far been accepted. I like the way in which you have skilfully extracted its centre. However, your substitution of "Mal de Mer" for my title cannot go unchallenged. I want my "Pisces" back.

You could, of course, head the work "A touch of the sun," or "Solar perplexus," which seems even better, perhaps, than my original suggestion.

I must also insist on your NOT excluding the first two lines,  
"Little blue alligator,  
Nodding his head in praise of . . ."

It was the first line which gave birth to the rest of the poem.

I sincerely trust you will have time to re-alter your editing.

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The Editor's decision was final.

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## MATTERS ORNITHOLOGICAL

As everyone knows, the weather this year has been amazingly good : it has been dry, and temperatures have risen well above 90° at times. This, although favourable to the bird-watcher, is unfavourable to birds, and a decrease in song has been noted everywhere. Nevertheless, some excursions have been very interesting as far as unusual birds are concerned.

During the Winter, visits to Staines Reservoir and other lakes produced many kinds of ducks, not the least of which were Smew, Goosander and Goldeneye. On Staines Reservoir on January 25th nine species of duck were observed : there were two Teals, three Goldeneyes, three Shovelers, five Goosanders, and one Smew, among a flock of about five hundred Mallards, Pochards, Wigeons and Tufted Ducks. A visit to St. James's Park in London is always worthwhile, and this year I saw Sheld-duck, Pochard, Wigeon, Tufted Duck, Shoveler and Pintail among the captive Paradise Sheld-duck, Bar-headed Goose, Mandarin Duck, Carolina Wood Duck, Rosybill, and Red-crested Pochard.

During May, I went down to Devon for a week, and during this time I observed Sanderling, Ringed Plover and Turnstone on the shore, and I also found a large colony of Rock Pipits on the

cliffs. Migration was nearly over then, but I was lucky enough to see a rather belated Pied Flycatcher coming in.

I spent my summer holidays in Scotland, where I was amazed to see the immense variety of bird-life. On the very first day I saw Goldcrests, Wheatears, Winchats, Redstarts and Oystercatchers in great numbers, and I also saw three Curlews, one Common Sandpiper and one Arctic Tern. On the second day I went up into the great Rothiemurchus forest, which covers the Strathspey side of the Cairngorm foothills. This forest has always been a Mecca for ornithologists, and I was able to see my first Crested Tit among the myriads of small birds which fill it. I also saw Black-necked Grebe on this day, and Slavonian Grebe on the next day, which I spent on the coast. I found a great colony of Terns at the Spey estuary, and was mobbed by Common, Arctic and Little Terns while I was watching the waders which abound there: Curlew, Dunlin, Sanderling, Ringed Plover, Redshank and Oystercatcher were all to be seen around. On the following day I visited the Ospreys which were breeding in Strathspey. I was amazed to find a signpost by the side of a small lochside road with the legend: "To the Ospreys." It was rather like going to the zoo! I was informed by one of the R.S.P.B. watchers who had been guarding these birds since their nests were first discovered that over 7,000 people had been to see them. These people were obviously not all ornithologists, for I was told that one old gentleman had asked where the ostriches were breeding! However, it was quite a fascinating sight to watch the three young birds being fed. The male Osprey would fly off to the nearby river and come back with a fish. He would perch on a branch a little distance from the nest, and begin to eat the fish himself. After about ten minutes, he would bring the fish over to the nest for the female and young birds. As one lady put it, "Number one always comes first!"

A few days later, I travelled over to the west coast of Scotland. I went straightaway for a trip along the coastline, where I was rewarded by seeing families of Eider Ducks, Common Scoters, and Red-breasted Mergansers. I also saw twelve Shags perched on a rock: the same rock on which I had seen a pair the year before. There were also a few Storm-Petrels and Red-throated Divers; and I also saw a pair of true Rock-Doves. The day after, I saw some of the bigger land birds: Raven, Hooded Crow, Golden Eagle and Buzzard. It is not always easy to distinguish these birds when they are soaring 2,000 feet above the observer and continually dipping below and beyond some rocky ridge. Next day, I walked out on to a promontory, where, at the top of a massive cliff, I found a Fulmar among five species of gull, and was able to watch a Gannet coasting along just above the water; it was too windy and rainy for it to be able to fish in its normal

way of diving from a great height above the water. On the last day of the holiday, I was able to observe a flock of waders, including Curlew, Knot, Dunlin, Redshank and Oyster-catcher.

At the end of this report, mention must be made of the occurrence of a pair of North American Ruddy Ducks on Great Meadow Pond in Windsor Great Park. These birds, which are members of the Stiff-tail tribe, have never been seen in a wild state before. These birds present yet another piece of evidence in favour of the theory that a non-stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean can be, and indeed has been, made by a bird. The American Pectoral Sandpiper and Yellow-billed Cuckoo have occurred so frequently now that this theory must be accepted, yet there are still many who refute it, on the grounds that these birds must have been helped across by a ship.

D. R. COXS, 6M.

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## HENRY DRAPER : AN ENCOUNTER WITH A NAVAJO\*

It was early morning and we had just descended into the Canyon del Muerto, an amazing gorge in north-eastern Arizona, by foot, when we saw his logan, or log hut, through a grove of peach and poplar trees. We wanted to know which way to go, so we decided to see what a real Navajo Indian looked like. He was stitching up an old sack with some red twine as we wandered towards him and his wife was kneeling nearby grinding maize on an old metate (pronounced met-art-ay), or grindstone. They were both dressed in the old style, green or blue velvet jackets, with Mexican silver dollars as buttons, a multi-coloured and much-patched velvetine skirt or grey woollen trousers, soft leather boots with silver buckles, and sometimes, a self-woven blanket draped over the shoulders for protection against the wind.

He had seen us afar off, but, in the typical Indian style, he took no notice of us until we were standing over him, and even then he only took a glance, and went back to stitching. Then, of course, the inevitable happened, when we asked him the way to Chinle, a small village about 20 miles away : he could not understand what we said and we could not understand his gabble. In the end we understood him to be saying, "Chinle, no," and to any American this was quite sensible, as no one had yet grasped the fact that we wanted to walk a few miles : "Oh no, sir ! take a lift in my car."

We left him, having noticed that his gesticulations pointed in the same way. After we had walked a few hundred yards we heard a shout and some footsteps behind us. We turned round and it was old Henry running towards us (he is nearly eighty) ;

he had obviously just finished his stitching. He came up to us and started to trot around us in short steps and make queer noises and then he placed the first and second fingers of his right hand astride over his left hand and he looked at us queerly, but we shook our heads, having not understood him, and he wandered off looking sadly back at us. The last sight of him we had was a few minutes later, when we saw him and his wife looking after us and chatting, then we went round a bend in the canyon and he disappeared from view.

We learned from a ranger that day that his signs were meant to indicate that we were weak and would not reach Chinle, but to help us he would kindly hire some horses out to us. We also learned that he was a money-grabbing miser ; it was probably a good thing that we left as quick as possible.

C. N. MYNANT, IVx.  
(who visited America in the Easter Holiday)

\* The Navajos are a tribe of Indians who live on a reservation in North-Eastern Arizona, U.S.A. They are the largest Red Indian tribe in the world, there being 83,000 odd living on the reservation. The Apaches have close racial ties with them.

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## IMPRESSIONS OF THE NEW GERMANY

The first impression that a foreign tourist has of the West Germany of 1959 is one of prosperity, expansion and development. It seems impossible that only just over a decade ago Hitler's Reich had collapsed before the overwhelming forces of the Allies, and Germany was crushed in the nutcracker of a war on two fronts. Out of these ruins rose possibly the most dangerous trouble spot in the whole world, a divided Germany.

However, while the politicians argued over the same deadlocked situation, the German government on the west side of the Iron Curtain began to take strides forward in rebuilding and raising up from the ashes the remnants of their fallen country. Therefore, on the surface, the large towns and cities of Western Germany seem very prosperous. Even in London, the effects of the blitz of 1940-41 have not been finally erased. However, considering that Germany suffered land, as well as air assault, it is quite amazing to see the results that hard work and self-sacrifice can produce. In the large cities, huge blocks of flats rear upwards, and industry has regained much of its prewar strength. The roads are filled with modern cars, although the problem of congestion and traffic stoppages is surprisingly rare, owing to the far-sighted planning of the authorities.

However, beneath this surface, one cannot escape being aware that this prosperity is only skin-deep. Every country has



its problems of overcrowding and housing shortages, and the fact that in Germany there is still a great deal of the "one family, one room" situation, the same is true of many European cities. One cannot escape the fact that the essentials of life are still comparatively expensive compared to Britain. The position of importance that Germany has assumed in world markets has been won, like Japan, by much hardship.

Germany is not all mechanized and highly efficient. Like most European countries, it has retained much of its ancient charm and heritage in its countryside and small villages. As soon as one leaves the large towns and cities behind, the tourist enters the old-world atmosphere of the Germany of bygone centuries. It is not the Germany of this modern age, trying and now succeeding in finding its feet on the ladder of politics and prosperity, that is likely to captivate the visitor, but rather the German countryside, especially in those areas where the unattractive mechanization has not yet gained the upper hand over older methods.

If there is one impression above all others that the visitor to Germany for the first time takes home with him, it is one of admiration. Any economist or industrialist will tell you that one of the biggest threats to world trade today, from the British point of view, is Germany. Such an achievement after so great a disaster has to be admired. Together with France, Germany has now formed a network of European Economic Groups around herself, and after two world wars, is challenging the world again. Perhaps they have learned the lesson that

"Peace hath her victories  
No less renowned than war."

J. M. HODDER, 6M.

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## VISIT TO SULGRAVE MANOR AND CLAYDON HOUSE

As there was not going to be an organized School Trip on the scale of the Brussels Exhibition party of 1958, a day in the last week of the Summer Term was set aside for small outings to special places of interest. Despite the rival attractions of the London Planetarium and other modern inventions, there was a large response to the proposed Historical Society trip to two of the more interesting of the old houses within a reasonable distance. Accordingly, a full coachload of boys and masters left the School on July 21st to visit the first of the two houses, Sulgrave Manor, in Northamptonshire.

Sulgrave Manor owes its main claim to fame because it was the home of George Washington's ancestors. There is still a very close connection between the United States and the Con-

trolling Board of the house, although the Manor has been preserved in the authentic 18th century style. Mr. C. W. Carter, the Steward of the Manor, kindly took a great deal of trouble in showing the party over the building and grounds, and in answering all enquiries.

After lunch had been taken in Buckingham, the party arrived at Claydon House, the second of the day's visits. This impressive building has been the home of the Verney family for many centuries, although the present house dates mainly from the mid-18th century. We were indeed extremely fortunate in being met by Sir Harry Verney himself, who personally conducted the party over much of the building. He proved to be a veritable link with the past, with his fascinating and often amusing anecdotes about such people as Florence Nightingale, whom he knew well. These held everyone enthralled, although the attractions of the house alone would have been sufficient to merit a much longer visit. There proved to be something to interest everyone, and at the end of the very long stop there, the party had tended to split up into small groups scattered throughout the house. The magnificent library was a popular attraction, while the rococo detail of the rooms and the delicate, minute craftsmanship of the main staircase were very impressive. The musicians in the party displayed their dubious talents among the large display of old Javan musical instruments and on a very early form of piano.

One thing was proved by the day's events, that, despite all the advantages of the modern age in which we live, the ages that have now passed also produced their own distinctive qualities. The careful organization of the masters concerned with the day's outing demonstrated this fact admirably.

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## HOUSE REPORT

The new House System, introduced last September, has now been in operation for a complete School year and I think one can say that the change has been very worth while. The number of House activities has increased and the interest of the boys for their Houses has grown immensely.

Arnison are to be congratulated on winning, for to do so has meant a great amount of work by the House Captain, Committee and House Masters. Fraser House were, as may be seen from the result table, second by only one point. A very fine effort.

## FINAL HOUSE SCORES AND POSITIONS 1958-59

1st	Arnison	...	...	...	...	116 points
2nd	Fraser	...	...	...	...	115 „
3rd	Youens	...	...	...	...	99 „
4th	Queens	...	...	...	...	95 „
5th	Kings	...	...	...	...	81 „
6th	Disraeli	...	...	...	...	73 „

	<i>Psn Score</i>		<i>Psn Score</i>		<i>Psn Score</i>		<i>Psn Score</i>		<i>Psn Score</i>		<i>Psn Score</i>	
	Arnison	Disraeli	Fraser	Kings	Queens	Youens						
Boxing ...	2	12	1	15	5	3	6	0	4	6	3	9
Cross-country ...	3	12	2	15	5	6	4	9	1	20	6	3
Chess ...	2	12	1	15	3	9	6	0	5	3	4	6
Basketball ...	1	15	4=	5	2=	11	6	0	2=	11	4=	5
Rugby ...	3=	15	6	0	2	20	3=	15	5	10	1	30
Badminton ...	3	8	4	5	2	11	1	15	5=	0	5=	0
Music ...	3=	9	3=	9	6	0	2	12	1	15	5	3
Athletics ...	5	6	6	3	1	20	2	15	4	9	3	12
Cricket ...	—	0	—	0	1	20	—	0	2	15	3	10
Tennis ...	2	12	5	3	1	15	4	6	6	0	3	9
Shooting ...	1	15	5	3	6	0	3	9	4	6	2	12
	116		73		115		81		95		99	

## SPORTS DAY

Unlike most years, the day of the inter-House athletics was warm and sunny, and the spectators at least were well pleased.

The two outstanding athletes this year were R. D. Smith, whose running in the 100, 220 and 440 yards was first class and who well deserved his Open Championship trophy, and P. Muller, who competed with great success in the field events. He raised the School shot record from 39 feet 1 inch to 43 feet 3 inches, and the discus record to 139 feet 7 inches.

With two extra Houses in the competition and the increased interest in all Houses, a record number of entrants was recorded. To give an indication of this, twelve heats had to be run for the 100 yards event!

A. Lawrence (Kings) and B. F. Cullen (Youens) produced some very good results to be awarded the Colts' and Senior Colts' trophies respectively. Special mention must be made of R. A. Fewtrell (Fraser), who was either first, second or third in every event he entered, and won the Junior Colts' trophy by a handsome margin.

Final House scoring was very close, the first three being separated by only  $6\frac{1}{2}$  points, and in fact the final position was decided at the very end by the relay.

D.T.N.

## HOUSE SCORES AND POSITIONS

1st	Fraser	...	...	...	...	177	points
2nd	Kings	...	...	...	...	175½	„
3rd	Youens	...	...	...	...	171½	„
4th	Queens	...	...	...	...	145½	„
5th	Arnison	...	...	...	...	139	„
6th	Disraeli	...	...	...	...	97½	„

### OPEN

			1st	2nd	3rd
100 yards	...	10.5s	Smith, R.D.	Smith, J.O.	King
220 „	...	24.7s	Smith, R.D.	King	Smith, J.O.
440 „	...	53.5s	Smith, R.D.	Currell	King
880 „	...	2m 4.3s*	Currell	Yates	Cox
Mile	...	4m 44s	Hussey	Yates	Cox
Discus	...	139ft 7n*	Muller	White	Brinn
Javelin	...	157ft 3in	Miller	Muller	Blokland
Shot	...	43ft 3in*	Muller	Brinn	Gillett
Pole Vault	...	8ft 6in.*	Comer	Prior	Coates
High Jump	...	—	Muller	Baxter	Wood, C.R.
Long Jump	...	18ft 5in	Smith, R.D.	Fountain	Ralley
Hop, Step & Jump	...	—	Currell	Fountain	Smith, R.D.
Cricket Ball	...	99yd 1ft*	Brinn	Miller	Bond

### SENIOR COLTS

100 yards	...	11.3s	Cunnold	Layton	Davies
220 „	...	25.4s	Cullen	Cunnold	Dupond
440 „	...	56.4s	Cullen	Watters	Weston
880 „	...	—	Watters	Cunnold	Bailey
Discus	...	123ft 3½in	Fox	Johnson	Coates
Javelin	...	121ft 8in	Coleman	Coates	Beavis
Shot	...	32ft 1½in	Nash	Davies	Johnson
High Jump	...	5ft 1¾in	Weston	Bowman	Cullen
Long Jump	...	16ft 5in	Cullen	Cunnold	Prior

### COLTS

100 yards	...	11.7s	Findlay	Forrester	Lawrence
220 „	...	27s	Lawrence	Findlay	Fountain
440 „	...	61.1s	Priestley	Lawrence	Everett
880 „	...	2m 28s	Stossler	Priestley	Culley
Discus	...	97ft 4in	Lawrence	Stossler	Bevan
Javelin	...	117ft 5½in	Peters	Walker	Webb
Shot	...	—	Lawrence	Harding	Priestley
High Jump	...	4ft 9in	Priestley	Forrester	Lawrence
Long Jump	...	15ft 2in	Lawrence	Fountain	Forrester

### JUNIOR COLTS

100 yards	...	11.7s	Fewtrell	Moores	Fone
220 „	...	27s	Fewtrell	Moores	Merchant
880 „	...	2m 36s	Merchant	Harding	Fewtrell
Long Jump	...	14ft 10in	Fewtrell	Smith, R.	Moores
High Jump	...	—	Thomson	Fewtrell	Packman

Junior Colts Champion : R. A. Fewtrell

Colts Champion : A. Lawrence

Senior Colts Champion : B. F. Cullen

Open Champion : R. D. Smith

\* School Record

## HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION 1959

The music competition is always fraught with interest, if only because it provides an opportunity to see those known for their prowess on the sports field directing their energies to a more domestic form of entertainment by singing in their House choirs. This year, because of the increased number of Houses, choirs were smaller, and the scope of each House was reduced. Therefore it was decided that each House should perform only one solo and one choral item, and that this latter should be a unison song with descant, not a part-song as in previous years. This made the House music captain's job easier, but perhaps lowered the standard of performance. However, some very good work had been done by the choir conductors, especially as for some, this was their first experience of this kind of thing.

The choral items were all competently performed, but one or two choirs suffered from lack of tone and poor balance. Kings House won this section of the competition with a pleasing rendering of "All through the night." The solo items varied greatly in quality, but the adjudicator's burden was lightened by the fact that all were piano solos, and he did not have to compare a recorder group with an orchestra, or with a vocal quartet, as has happened in former competitions. P. Uppard's performance of Dohnanyi's "Rhapsody in C" deservedly received most marks, and won his House, Queens, the Music Shield, which had last been held by them in 1940. Mr. Kenneth Collingham, the County Music Organizer, and an O.B., adjudicated. He expected a higher standard than some previous adjudicators, but he gave some constructive advice. His main criticism was that both choirs and soloists did not communicate the music to the audience.

The final marks (out of 50) were Queens 42, Kings 40, Arnison 38, Disraeli 38, Youens 32, Fraser 31.

J. E. CAMP.

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## SHOOTING

The general standard of shooting in the indoor range has improved. This was shown by the result of the Country Life competition when a further advance up the ladder was made from 22nd last year to 13th this year. The top scorers were Cadets D. Nicholls and M. R. Pattinson, who both came very near to scoring a "possible."

The cancellation of the Salisbury Plain District Rifle Meeting was a disappointment to all, particularly as the Falling Plate teams were all out to win this year, after two very narrow defeats

in the finals of the last two years. The only competition fired was the Ashburton Shield in which the position of 75 out of 96 was a little disappointing considering that most of last year's team were shooting again this year. The highlight of the meeting, however, was the excellent shooting of B. A. Barratt in the Spencer Melliush Cup—a competition for nominated representative fired at 500 yards at the conclusion of the Ashburton. Barratt scored bull after bull and loud applause greeted his tenth shot, also in the bull for a possible score of 50. He was placed 3rd after the shoot, a very fine performance and certainly the best by a member of the School team in the Ashburton.

Other results :—

				Possible
Cadet Pair :	P. D. Bowen ...	...	60	70
	J. Cawson ...	...	51	..
Ninth Man :	P. G. Shoosmith	...	46	50
VIII :	D. N. Hubble	...	64	70
	M. R. Pattinson	...	63	..
	M. G. Welch ...	...	62	..
	B. A. Barratt ...	...	62	..
	D. Nicholls ...	...	59	..
	R. W. Paine ...	...	58	..
	C. Gee (Capt.)	...	56	..
	A. C. Paine ...	...	56	..

R.P.

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## LAWN TENNIS CLUB 1959

Played 14, Won 12, Lost 2

*Captain* : R. A. P. Wilson

*Vice-Captain* : C. P. Blunt

When five of last year's Tennis VI left, we felt we were in for a "lean" season in 1959. It has proved to be our most successful season, with distinguished victories over two schools we had never defeated before. Magdalen College School gave up a three-year undefeated record after an exciting match, with the result in doubt until the last game. Abingdon were defeated more comfortably.

Our success is due in the main to the amazing advance of some of our juniors who in twelve months have improved their game out of all recognition. The team was ably led by the captain, R. A. P. Wilson, a seasoned campaigner, and his partner, C. P. Blunt, who came to the School this year from a very good Berkhamsted team. One junior pairing proved immediately successful and we hope for great things in the future from

Orchard (4y) and Moores (3y). These diminutive players have staggered most opposition with the rhythm and power of their game and the maturity of their tactics. They have been entered for the Thomas Bowl at Wimbledon this year (under 16 years of age) and should make their mark there. They will be eligible to play in this tournament at least once more, and could very well win it one day against the best Public School competition in England.

Farmer, another regular and young player, has played with the most commendable consistency, but we have not succeeded in finding a regular partner for him this season. Lawrance, Taylor, Keeley and Hurst have all done well, and they are going to be a great source of strength to the team next year.

This report is written in most optimistic vein because we can look forward to teams of some considerable talent for years to come.

Colours were awarded to C. P. Blunt, C. H. Farmer, D. G. Orchard and P. J. Moores.

M.M.D.

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## LAWN TENNIS REPORT—SUPPLEMENT

Our high hopes for success in the Thomas Bowl (under 16 Doubles pair) were very justified. The more mature Farmer was eventually paired with Moores for this tournament and to our delight they reached the semi-final before going out to Repton after a very close match 4—6, 6—8. In the preceding matches they had beaten Bradfield 6—2, 6—3; Sherborne 6—3, 6—4; and Winchester 6—0, 6—2. Now more than ever we look forward to great things to come.

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## BOAT CLUB

As forecast in our last report, a School crew was entered for the Lord Glyn Schoolboy (U. 17) Four Challenge Cup at Wallingford Regatta on June 6th. The crew was: Sandeman-Craik (cox), Evans (stroke), Coppock, Barnes, Rubery.

Our first heat was at 11.35 a.m. in which we beat Wallingford Grammar School by 2½ lengths in 3.44, a fairly fast time, but not as fast as in 1957, when the R.G.S. crew won the cup in 3.36.

We had to wait until 5.10 p.m. for the next heat, by which time it was raining and the day had definitely gone to the dogs.

But meantime we watched a very gallant race rowed by P. T. Tomes, against Young, of Marlow R.C. (our mentors), in

the Schoolboy Sculls. This was a new event and Tomes' first race, and he is to be congratulated on finishing so well, and not so very far behind his adversary.

Driving rain and a stiff cross-wind producing a choppy stream were to be blamed for the Four's defeat by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths in the semi-final of the Challenge Cup. They lost to a good rowing school—Sutton's, Reading. They rowed a good race and they had nothing to be ashamed of. A good day was had by all and the enthusiasm of both crews and School supporters was most pleasing in face of the adverse weather conditions.

It was thought unwise to enter for the Public Schools' Fours at Marlow Regatta on June 20th because of the large and very strong entry. Our crew was too young and inexperienced (no fault of theirs!) to face up to opposition from such crack rowing schools as King's, Worcester, Tonbridge, St. Paul's, Bedford, etc.

Finally, I would like to thank all those connected with the Boat Club during my three very happy years of office as Hon. Secretary, especially are my grateful thanks due to people like Rolfe, Leader, Pratley and P. T. Tomes, who have shouldered responsibility so blithely. My good wishes to all those in the future who will learn on behalf of the R.G.S. how to "sit her up!"

D. F. C. EDGINTON.

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## CRICKET CLUB 1959

*Captain* : P. J. BLOKLAND

*Vice-Captain* : R. C. JONES

*Colours* : C. D. Waller, D. H. Bond, K. R. Miller, J. S. Simpson, A. J. Riley, A. W. Fountain, E. Holdship.

Played 25, Won 9, Lost 5, Drawn 10, Abandoned 1

The 1959 season will be remembered by those who played for two outstanding things. The first was the unusual but nevertheless welcome sight of sunshine on hard wickets and fast outfielders. The weather was so magnificent that the Wednesday umpire was seen but once wearing a raincoat and three pullovers. This type of weather made for good batting, quick scoring and encouraged the fast bowlers to give of their best. Only the off-spinners bemoaned the lack of rain and tricky wickets, but as they had had their own for quite a few seasons they could not really grumble. The second unusual happening was the departure of thirteen, before the end of term, to tour Holland for ten days cricket. More of this Tour is reported elsewhere.

When the season started the Captain had no fewer than nine players who had played for the XI in 1958, five of them old



Colours. This experience proved invaluable, as only one inter-school fixture was lost. Quite a few of the drawn games brought exciting finishes, although some teams were not prepared to accept reasonable declarations and so drew games which they could have won. It is a pity that the result of the game is so important to some that the whole idea of playing cricket is subordinate to the final figures of games lost and won. If the atmosphere of Test Cricket should one day influence School cricket, this grade of cricket, which after all is one of the finest, will not be worth the time and money spent on it. In these days of good school wickets the most inept batsman can push down the line for an hour and score no runs : but it takes courage and initiative to accept a fair challenge and go for the opponents' total. In any case it is far more rewarding to win or lose the match in the closing overs than to come off the field at the end of a frustrating draw.

Averages can be most misleading, although this season the leading members in both batting and bowling deserve their positions. As the six leading batsmen have but a difference of five runs in their final averages, appropriate comments would be on their individual approach to the game rather than on their performances. D. H. Bond was always capable of batting beautifully, as he often did, but was just as likely to give his wicket away on the slightest provocation. Invariably, when he made a good score he would brush it off with his embarrassed smile, and when he got himself out quickly would return to the Pavilion disgusted with himself. He played all of his cricket wholeheartedly, and a fast bowler cannot really be faulted if he finds the wicket away from home a bit lively and makes use of it especially if the wicket is in a distant land at a city where Englishmen showed that same attacking spirit fifteen years ago. R. C. Jones, always a tower of strength in times of trouble and just at home at No. 1. as at No. 8, batted in his own style, and as the season progressed found the lofted on-drive a most useful shot. His innings of 42 not out at Deventer made the win possible in spite of mixed feelings from fellow-team-mates. J. S. Simpson could always be relied upon to do the unexpected. His shots off the front foot were delightful and his supersonic dives to regain his crease were a sight for sore eyes, although he found this method of entry more than painful on the matting wicket at Enschede. A. J. Riley improved rapidly as the season progressed, even if the execution of certain shots did not follow suit. However, it is not every batsman that can get his faults sung in an outstanding music-hall turn. K. R. Miller, after a disappointing start, proved to be the most determined batsman. His 95 not out at Worcester and his innings at Nijmegen, when he batted against Ernst Vriens, a regular bowler in the Dutch XI, were both high-

lights of the season. C. D. Waller, with his shots to leg, and that one cover drive in England and one in Holland, proved to be a good middle order batsman. His desire to turn all and sundry to leg proved invaluable at Nijmegen against International off-spin. As for the rest of the batting strength the Captain could always be relied upon to get runs quickly, A. W. Fountain so often made runs when all the others had failed and E. Holdship batted elegantly, if at times with little success, and should be a very useful member in the future.

The fast bowlers were well rewarded for much toil in the hot sun. Blokland and Bond bowled many fine overs and in Holland found the matting wickets to their liking. Blokland's performance at Enschede was, perhaps, the best of the year. Waller ambled his way through many overs and took a surprising number of wickets considering the hard true wickets that always confronted him. Fountain and Currell proved to be useful change bowlers and once the leg-spinner took wickets.

The fielding was adequate and as the season progressed, improved. The change of wicket-keeper in mid-stream made a world of difference to the cover fielding and did not cause any falling off of standards behind the stumps.

P. J. Blokland captained the side with confidence. As an opening bowler he had that most difficult task of deciding when to take himself off. He performed this duty with that lack of self-satisfaction that one had expected of him. His aim throughout the season was to win the match. His instructions to his batsmen, his picturesque descriptions of teams that refused a challenge, and his own successful attempts with the bat showed that he has the right idea of the game.

No team is complete without its non-playing members. Mr. Hills and Mr. Runswick again umpired all matches, and there is no doubt that they enjoy the cricket season as much as the playing members. Mrs. Clarke and helpers continued to provide teas and lunches in that quiet efficient way that helps so much in the running of school cricket. Mr. Beeson, as always, gave too much help to the batsmen and not enough to the bowlers. Our thanks must also go to the small but faithful few who watch so regularly. Some of the more outspoken of the XI suggested that the 3.30 cup of tea is just as good a draw as the cricket, but it must be stated that these regulars come well before the tea is brewed and leave well after it is consumed. Our thanks also to the Master i/c Tennis, who never failed to confirm that the teas had been laid on.

The end of the season is always a time of regret, especially for those who are leaving. However, the successful formation of the Old Boys' Cricket Club and the wise policy of that Club to

include members of the School XI in the teams now means that the contacts so pleasantly made in school cricket can now be continued after schooldays are over. All of the leavers from the 1st XI who live within reasonable distance of the School have joined the Old Boys' Cricket Club and it is hoped that many of the 2nd XI leavers will do the same, as the Club intends to run two XI's next summer. Thanks also to Mr. D. J. Baker, with us for but a year, for his help with the 2nd XI. Mr. Bridges, who captained the School in his last year and then returned to put back into school cricket not only what he had learned at school but so much more through his own efforts in obtaining the M.C.C. Coaching Certificate, his invaluable help in Holland and last, but by no means least, his ever cheerful outlook on cricket and life in general, has left to take up a senior post in Hereford. We wish him a successful time in this important post and thank him for all his help. His knowledge of the game will be greatly missed.

The School XI has always been lucky with its choice of scorer. This year was no exception. A. Mc. D. Fowler has done this important job with delightful efficiency. His never-failing humour at home and abroad has done much to help in the happy atmosphere of the team.

H.W.J.

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### FIRST XI RESULTS

- May 2—*v* High Wycombe "A", at home. R.G.S. won by 74 runs.  
R.G.S. 154 for 7 dec. (R. C. Jones 31, A. J. Riley 56 not out).  
High Wycombe "A" 80 (Blokland 3 for 18, Bond 2 for 13, Simpson 4 for 20).
- „ 9—*v* Dr. Challoners School, Amersham, at home. Match drawn  
R.G.S. 132 for 8 dec. (Bond 34, Simpson 32, Jones 26).  
Dr. Challoners 45 for 9 (Blokland 3 for 9, Waller 2 for 6).
- „ 13—*v* Bishopshalt G.S., at home. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 164 for 6 dec. (Waller 44, Simpson 52 not out).  
Bishopshalt 125 for 7 (Bond 3 for 13).
- „ 20—*v* Borlase School, Marlow, at home. Match drawn.  
Borlase 149 for 5 dec. (Waller 2 for 27, Fountain 3 for 33).  
R.G.S. 91 for 8 (Punton 22, Waller 22).
- „ 23—*v* Leighton Park, away. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 168 for 7 dec. (Waller 57, Simpson 36).  
Leighton Park 110 for 6 (Blokland 3 for 21, Bond 2 for 21).
- „ 27—*v* Culham College, at home. R.G.S. won by 2 wkts.  
Culham College 118 (Mr. Pursey 5 for 32, Waller 3 for 36).  
R.G.S. 122 for 8 (Simpson 22, Blokland 20 not out).
- „ 30—*v* Emanuel School, at home. R.G.S. lost by 4 wkts.  
R.G.S. 108 (Jones 21 not out).  
Emanuel 111 for 6 (Bond 3 for 46).
- June 3—*v* R.A.F. Wycombe, at home. R.G.S. lost by 5 wkts.  
R.G.S. 110 (Waller 26, Jones 25).  
R.A.F. 111 for 5 (Waller 2 for 11).

- June 6—v Trinity School, at home. R.G.S. won by 4 wkts.  
Trinity 162 (Blokland 2 for 36, Waller 3 for 41, Williams 4 for 17).  
R.G.S. 163 for 6 (Bond 50, Riley 33 not out).
- „ 10—v R.G.S. Staff, at home. R.G.S. won by 5 wkts.  
Staff 172 for 9 dec. (Mr. Bridges 55, Mr. Davis 45 not out)  
(Blokland 5 for 51, Fountain 2 for 14).  
173 for 5 (Bond 75 not out, Riley 57). (E. Beeson 3 for 30).
- „ 13—v Royal Masonic School, away. R.G.S. lost by 8 wkts.  
R.G.S. 71 (Fountain 15 not out).  
Royal Masonic 72 for 5.
- „ 17—v Halton Apprentices, away. R.G.S. won by 4 runs.  
R.G.S. 120 (Simpson 50).  
Halton 116 (Blokland 3 for 31, Bond 3 for 29, Williams 2 for 18).
- „ 20—v Watford G.S., away. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 123 (Fountain 31, Jones 22).  
Watford 97 for 7 (Bond 3 for 30, Waller 3 for 26).
- „ 24—v R.A.F. Medmenham, at home. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 181 for 5 (Miller 42, Bond 25, Jones 34).  
R.A.F. 53 for 9 (Waller 5 for 14, J. Pursey, Esq., 3 for 26).
- „ 27—v St. Benedict's, at home. Match drawn.  
St. Benedict's 151 for 6 dec. (Currell 2 for 24).  
R.G.S. 108 for 9 (Bond 34, Simpson 22).
- July 4—v St. Bartholomew's School, Newbury, at home. Match drawn.  
St. Bartholomew's 123 (Bond 5 for 35, Currell 3 for 27).  
R.G.S. 118 for 8 (Miller 42, Simpson 22).
- „ 11—v R.G.S. Old Boys, at home. R.G.S. won by 4 wkts.  
R.G.S. Old Boys 171 (Harvey 41, Wickens 23). (Blokland  
2 for 39, Waller 7 for 69).  
R.G.S. 172 for 6 (Miller 53, Blokland 21, Williams 29). (M. Bridges  
4 for 56, R. Sharpe 2 for 42).
- „ 15—v R.A.F. Wycombe 2nd XI, at home. R.G.S. lost by 3 wkts.  
R.G.S. 203 for 3 dec. (Bond 83, Simpson 62 not out).  
R.A.F. 205 for 7 (Blokland 2 for 35, Waller 2 for 33).
- „ 16—v Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, at home. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 142 (Simpson 55, Waller 44 not out).  
Queen Elizabeth's 133 for 8 (Blokland 3 for 16, Waller 4 for 36).
- „ 18—v Abingdon, away. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 142 (Jones 46 not out, Fountain 33).  
Abingdon 124 for 7 (Blokland 3 for 29, Bond 3 for 38).
- „ 20—v Worcester R.G.S., away. R.G.S. won by 9 wkts.  
Worcester 155 (Jones 3 for 17).  
R.G.S. 158 for 1 (Jones 46, Miller 95 not out).

### HOLLAND TOUR 1959

- v U.D. Deventer, Holland, Friday and Saturday, July 24th and 25th.  
U.D. Deventer 267 (D. Bond 4 for 61, A. Fountain 3 for 45).  
R.G.S. 254 for 6 dec. (K. Miller 40, D. Bond 33, C. Waller 35, A. Riley 79  
not out).  
2nd Innings, U.D. Deventer 99 (Bond 3 for 36, Blokland 3 for 20, Fountain  
3 for 10).  
R.G.S. 113 for 8 (R. C. Jones 42 not out, D. H. Bond 26).  
Win for R.G.S. by 3 wkts. (12 a side)
- v Union Nijmegen, Monday July 27th.  
R.G.S. 91 (K. Miller 31, C. Waller 21).  
Union 92 for 9 (Bond 6 for 43).  
Loss for R.G.S. by 1 wkt.
- v P.W. Enschede, Tuesday, July 28th.  
R.G.S. 160 (D. H. Bond 28, J. Simpson 37, C. Waller 40).  
P.W. Enschede 76 (Blokland 6 for 38, Fountain 3 for 29).  
Win for R.G.S. by 84 runs.
- v K.N.C.B. Jeugd, Den Hague.  
R.G.S. 262 for 7 dec. (K. Miller 52, D. H. Bond 73, E. Squires 61).  
K.N.C.B. 24 for 1. Rain stopped play. Game abandoned.

**AVERAGES, 1st XI, 1959**

**Batting**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>Completed Innings</i>	<i>Average</i>
D. H. Bond ...	578	26	83	24	24.1
R. C. Jones ...	425	25	46*	19	22.4
J. S. Simpson ...	487	24	62*	22	22.1
A. J. Riley ...	381	25	79*	19	21.2
K. R. Miller ...	511	26	95*	25	20.4
C. Waller ...	438	24	57	23	19.1
P. J. Blokland ...	170	21	27*	13	13.1
A. W. Fountain ...	204	19	33	16	12.7
E. Holdship ...	123	18	17	10	12.3

**Bowling**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
P. J. Blokland ...	234	52	597	46	12.9
A. W. Fountain ...	84	18	226	17	13.3
C. Waller ...	183	30	583	40	14.8
D. H. Bond ...	255	56	712	46	15.5
Currell, J. ...	87	17	246	12	26

**Catches :** Holdship 11, Blokland 10, Miller 9, Jones 9, Bond 8.

**Stumpings :** Holdship 5.

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**HOLLAND, 1959—A RETROSPECT**

The car had been safely hoisted aboard the *Kon. Emma* at Harwich, deck chairs had been obtained, and one of those small but effective tablets had been swallowed with the help of the first decent "kopje koffie" for nearly a year. It was with a certain amount of trepidation that I stood by the rails watching for the arrival of the boat train. I knew that Mrs. Hall had left the evening before and had given Mr. Hall the tickets and an alarm clock set for an early hour. Would that clock do the trick, had Holdship got his passport? Did Williams really know where Wycombe Station was? After all, Risborough is right out in the country; in any case, had they all got back from Worcester the night before? The boat train arrived and the passengers began the long trek to the boat. No sign of the R.G.S. party; Mr. Bridges kindly offered to look after my deck chair so that I could get nearer the rail. From out of the Customs shed came a party of very attractive Swedish girls. If the team was not right behind this lot they had missed the train because they obviously would not let such an opportunity slip by. There they were, right where I had expected them to be, but here came the first revelation. I had expected the party to be led by Mr. Hall, followed smartly by the other ladykillers of the XI. But no, to the fore were Waller, Miller and Punton. If a few hours on a train can do that, what would six hours on a boat and ten days in Holland do? The Captain appeared and indicated that the game on Monday

had been won by, I thought, 9 runs, but which proved to be 9 wickets.

The seven-hour boat journey began. The team sorted itself out and the Swedish girls were "persuaded" to sew on the Tour badges which had arrived the day before. By this time the romantic types were in deep "conversation" with the girls, Waller and Punton had reverted to type and were discussing cricket and the hardened sinners were playing cards in the blunt end of the boat. We were just sitting watching the scenery, which can be most attractive on a cross-Channel steamer, and drinking many cups of coffee. Two of us had spent five weeks in Holland the previous year and knew that unless we got in some rest on the first day we should be unable to last the pace. By the time the boat had tied up at the Hook, all of the passengers had gone below to collect luggage except the team and the Swedish girls. There was no doubt at all that some fairly solid Anglo-Swedish relationship had been formed. Still, this was nothing new, as one of the organisers had already booked a passage to Sweden for the self-same reason. The highlight of the boat trip was undoubtedly the sight of Bond rushing around the empty boat deck trying to evade the designing clutches of one of the more buxom Swedish girls. This was but another surprise until we found out, a few days later, that it was just the nationality that was at fault. One member of the team was most subdued. All he could manage to do was to loosen his tie. Little did we know that soon he would be the life and soul of the party and be ready ay, and willing, to cope with Dutch beauty in the mini-bus.

The drive to Deventer, over 100 miles, done in 2½ hours on wonderful motorways which put the Preston by-pass to shame, was uneventful : but not so the welcome at the hotel in Deventer. All of the club and the boys' hosts had turned out in force, and the warmth of the welcome by friends of a year ago opened the eyes of the party and gave them some idea of the time in store for them all. Hans Herklots, who had opened the innings for Holland, had driven 40 miles to welcome us. They were all there, Dries, Theo, Mart, Eric, Anneke, Dicky, just names to the boys, and Mr. Hall, at the moment, but people who were to become so well known and do so much for us all to make the tour such a success. The boys were sorted out and paired off with their respective hosts and then left the hotel for home, food and bed. The sight of the team leaving the hotel, some in cars, some on foot, some on bikes, and the rest on the back of cycles was most amusing ; only a cine camera could have done it justice.

Wednesday was spent in the formal atmosphere of a reception by the Deputy Burgomaster at the Town Hall, where speeches of welcome were given and the Captain made the first of many

admirable speeches. Photographs were taken and duly appeared in the daily press. A visit round the museum finished this side of the tour, and the rest of the afternoon was spent in the swimming bath. That evening the three of us took our hosts out to dinner to a hotel a few miles out of Deventer. After dinner we were joined by Blokland, Jones and Bond, who had been billeted with the older members of the Club, and a most pleasant hour was spent on the terrace drinking coffee or "pils" and talking until the "Continental Stomach" made its unwelcome appearance and sent us home.

Deventer, a mediaeval town built on the banks of the river IJssel, has a large open space in the centre, used in times past as the market square and now as a car park. Off the southern end of this square is a café owned by a member of the Deventer Cricket Club, Herr Floors. "Floors" was to become the headquarters of the tour. If there was no cricket on, one could be certain of meeting at least two of the party sitting at the tables on the pavement drinking coffee, "Heinekens" or lemonade and watching the world go by. There are few more satisfying things to do on holiday than to sit in the sun in a continental town with a glass of cold beer with friends and watch life flow by. The ice-cream parlour on the other side of the Brink was also a favourite rendezvous of the younger members of the party, and the IJssel Hotel, on the far side of the river, was a pleasant place to spend an evening. This was reached by a ferry, and the river terrace was ideal on a warm evening with the lights of the old town shining across the river. The only drawback to this place was the fact that the ferry stopped at 11 p.m. and the hotel closed at midnight. One or two of the party found that a two-mile walk over the bridge, which had been unsuccessfully attacked many times during the war by both sides, rather took the edge off the evening's entertainment. Deventer is about the same size as Wycombe, but can boast of a Chinese, Indian and many ordinary restaurants. Maybe the Dutch are not prepared to follow the English in accepting second best when dining out. Quite a few of the team fed at the Chinese restaurant and enjoyed this type of food.

As always with holidays, the first two days went slowly and then the tempo increased. The two-day match with Deventer had been won by three wickets in spite of an amusing declaration by Blokland. Saturday evening was booked for the party given by the Dutch Club. This was a most enjoyable evening. The girls' section of the Club was in full force and new friendships were made at an alarming rate. Sunday was spent at Amsterdam watching Holland play Denmark, and the team were able to get a pre-view of Ernst Vriens, an off-spinner who was playing against them the following day at Nijmegen. In the evening the party

was entertained to dinner. Speeches by the Captain and Simpson enlivened the proceedings, and new talent was discovered in the scorer, who was called upon to second a toast. The game at Nijmegen on the following day was lost by one wicket, but many new friends were made after the game ; and it was with some reluctance that we left the town and drove back over the famous bridge over the Rhine, through Arnhem and back to Deventer over some of the few hills, at least 50 feet high, to try and get some much-needed sleep before the match on the Tuesday. The fielding had definitely shown signs of "tour tiredness," so an early night was indicated. The game at Enschede, one of the finest grounds in Holland, was won by over 100 runs, but again the hospitality after the game was overwhelming. Jim Guthrie, a Cambridge Crusader who just missed a "Blue" a few years ago, was resident coach here and played against the team. The evening was reserved for a dinner given to the organisers in Holland and the whole party sat down at 10.30 to a large steak dinner. Here it was decided that the dinner should be formal, and toasts to the two Queens and the Deventer Club were followed by speeches by Blokland, Jones and Fowler. By this time we had been joined by two recent Old Boys, A. Harvey and M. Squires, who were over to help with the coaching that was to follow after the team had returned. Squires had the unique experience of celebrating his 21st birthday at this dinner and being given the usual musical honours at one minute after midnight. Wednesday was spent buying the usual presents, visiting old haunts for the last time and packing in readiness for the early start to The Hague the next day, where the last match against a Youth XI drawn from the west of Holland was to be played. The long ride to The Hague was uneventful except for the fact that the police stopped the convoy in the city and made the scorer leave one of the Dutch cars as suspected overloading was taking place. After much measurement by the police we were informed that Fowler would have to travel by taxi the rest of the way. Fortunately the usual Dutch hospitality came to the fore and when the taxi man heard the story he refused to charge a fee. The game was abandoned after tea, as the only rain of the tour made its appearance. The party then made its way to The Hook to catch the night boat. Many of the Dutch officials and hosts had come along to see the party off amid cries of "Come again next year" the boys, together with Mr. Hall and the cricket bag, disappeared through to Customs.

The tour was over. It seemed impossible that ten days could have gone by so rapidly, that so much could have been done in this time and that such firm friendships could have been made. We went back to the empty cars and bus, it all seemed rather desolate and cold ; the rain put the finishing touches to



the general feeling of sadness. A long journey of over a hundred miles was in front of us and we would not be in Deventer before 1.30 a.m. However, my navigator-radio operator managed to find some music on the scale and then strapped himself in, went to sleep and left me with the rain, the darkness, a hundred-odd miles of motorway, and my thoughts. It had all been more than worth while. The odd worries need not have been thought of. The chits filled in before the party left England, giving next of kin, had not been needed. Nobody had put a foot wrong, but all had experienced ten days of real enjoyment and if the rumour is true that there were very long and sad faces on Wycombe Station the next morning, when five or six boys realised that they had come to the end of a long association, that they were leaving school, then it was the best thanks that they could have given for the time and energy that had been spent on them during those years. Suddenly the lights of Deventer appeared. I had driven through Scheedam, Rotterdam, by-passed Utrecht and Amersfoort, and we were back in the home town again. Tomorrow was Saturday, and Monday would see the start of a fortnight's coaching, parties, dinners and the usual round of life in Deventer. In any case, I had been asked to bring an XI over next summer.

ONLOOKER.

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## 2nd XI

This year has shown a great improvement in the performance of the 2nd XI over last year. Of the thirteen matches, 6 were won, 2 lost and 5 drawn, all honourably. In the first match against Bishopshalt, A. W. Fountain made a hundred, the first the 2nd XI have witnessed for a great number of years, and although it cost us the game, was well worth batting on for.

Leighton Park were beaten in spite of a late start and early finish, but under similar conditions at Croydon we were forced to close up until late in the innings, when several wickets fell, due to some of the batsmen trying to bring the game to life again.

In the Aylesbury game, Furley, the Bucks colt, proved the best bowler we faced during the season, and we had lost five wickets for eight runs, but the innings almost regained respectability when R. Chapman (19) and P. Dronfield (36) made a valuable stand for the 6th wicket.

St. Benedict's gave us something of a shock by taking eight of our wickets before we passed their rather small total. We were rather apprehensive when at Newbury we were faced with a total of 140 to be passed in 90 minutes. J. Priestley scored 64 not out in exactly the right style and R. Brown backed him up

with a vigorous 36. We had luck and a county ground on our side and the finish, a win for us, was closer than many care to remember.

Against Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet, we did our best ever ; the game started at 11.45 and after three-quarters of an hour we were 40 for 3. This was followed by a stand of 107, of which R. Stockwell made 63, including ten fours, and W. Knowles 64. We went on to make 215 for 9. Barnet replied with 98.

The comparative success of this year's team was due to the very much greater enthusiasm shown for the game itself and for the practices. Here one must not pass without thanking Mr. Nightingale and Mr. Baker for supervising the practices and imparting some of their skill and "know how" to those who attended. We would also like to thank the other members of staff who umpired for us and those boys who attended the practices without quite making the grade. This year has shown that practice, even if it does not make perfect, improves your game and therefore your enjoyment of it.

W. A. C. KNOWLES.

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## 2nd XI COMMENT

I have been very pleased with the way the 2nd XI have played cricket this season. The standard has been good and the spirit of the team first class. The person mainly responsible for this has been "Billy" Knowles, the captain, and great credit is due to him for handling the team so well.

Never before have we had so many fast bowlers, very lucky, too, for the hard wickets have suited pace and they have taken advantage of them. Except for a few lapses, the fielding has been very keen and good, and the batting has been better than for a number of seasons. J. Priestley has scored a lot of runs, and so has W. A. C. Knowles. The outstanding partnership of the season, however, was against Queen Elizabeth's School when Knowles and Stockwell batted without fault for 107 runs.

Poor running between the wickets has been the greatest fault, and we lost too many wickets this way. However, it did improve towards the end of the season.

A very good season ; congratulations.

D.T.N.

2nd XI Colours have been awarded to :—W. A. C. Knowles, B. White, R. Browne, A. Perfect, R. Stockwell, P. Dronfield, G. Nash, D. Stratford, R. Chapman, J. Priestley, J. Currell, V. Punton, R. Fountain.

### 2nd XI AVERAGES

Batting		Runs	Innings	Highest Score	Average
J. Priestley	... ..	307	12	64*	27.9
W. Knowles	... ..	214	12	64	17.8
P. Dronfield	... ..	127	9	39*	15.9
R. Stockwell	... ..	145	11	63	14.5
R. Browne	... ..	113	9	36	10.3
B. White	... ..	41	7	23*	10.3
V. Punton	... ..	37	5	19*	9.3
R. Chapman	... ..	62	10	19	6.9
G. Nash	... ..	45	13	—	3.5
A. Perfect	... ..	20	9	—	2.2

\* Not out

Bowling		Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. Currell	... ..	54	13	136	18	7.5
P. Dronfield	... ..	59	16	150	19	7.8
B. White	... ..	48	8	134	11	11.2
A. Perfect	... ..	119	28	324	28	11.6
D. Stratford	... ..	64	10	231	19	12.2

### RESULTS OF MATCHES

	For	Against	Result
Bishopshalt School	... .. 152— 6 dec.	105— 6	Draw
Sir William Borlase School, Marlow	... .. 92	75	Won
Leighton Park School	... .. 113— 4 dec.	76	Won
Emanuel School	... .. 57	148— 9	Lost
Bomber Command H.Q.	... .. 152	114— 7	Draw
Trinity School	... .. 44— 7	92— 4	Draw
Royal Masonic School	... .. 141— 9 dec.	63	Won
Aylesbury Grammar School 1st XI	... .. 82	83— 7	Lost
Watford Grammar School	... .. 118— 8 dec.	62— 7	Draw
St. Benedict's School	... .. 51— 8	50	Won
St. Bartholomew's School, Newbury	... .. 152—5	141	Won
Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet	... .. 215—9 dec.	98	Won
Abingdon School	... .. 116— 7	170— 9	Draw

Won 6, Drawn 5, Lost 2

### JUNIOR COLTS' CRICKET

Record : Played 7, Won 2, Lost 3, Drawn 2

The Junior Colts had rather a disappointing season in that they did not quite live up to their potential. There was, however, no lack of keenness, boys being eager to turn out for two nets a week and for regular lunch-time fielding practices. The side was well captained by R. I. Smith, who showed himself willing to learn from his mistakes.

In a rather weak batting side—they only once scored over 100—Seale was consistent and prepared “to get his head down.” Davies was the only player to score fifty and Hall showed the greatest improvement during the season. Of the bowlers, Smith used the new ball intelligently and McLoughlin proved himself a most effective leg-spinner.

The fielding was spasmodic—the ground fielding usually being better than the catching. Solomon, Mason and Seale were the best in this department. Harris, the wicket-keeper, shows great promise.

The following played regularly during the season : Smith, R. I. (capt.), Seale, G. M., Davies, J. M., Hall, P., Mason, M.J., Rothwell, G. H., Cockerham, P. S., Harris, M., Sifton, I. A., Solomon, M. P. A., McLoughlin, J. N., Fane, S.

#### SUMMARY OF MATCHES

May 30—v Emanuel School	...	...	Home	Drawn
June 6—v Trinity School	...	...	Home	Lost
„ 13—v Royal Masonic School	...	...	Away	Drawn
„ 20—v Watford Grammar School	...	...	Home	Lost
„ 27—v St. Benedict's School	...	...	Home	Won
„ 4—v Newbury Grammar School	...	...	Home	Won
July 22—v Emanuel School	...	...	Away	Lost

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#### STATE SCHOLARSHIPS 1959

The following awards of State Scholarships have been announced by the Ministry of Education on the results of the Advanced and Scholarship Level papers of the G.C.E. to :—

J. P. BAKER	...	For Chemistry and Mathematics.
J. R. BARBER	...	For Mathematics.
S. P. BAXTER	...	For Chemistry, Physics, Botany and Zoology.
D. H. BOND	...	For Mathematics.
H. C. BRAMLEY	...	For Mathematics and Physics.
D. J. CRAFT	...	For Physics.
D. P. DAVIES	...	For English and History.
A. M. FOWLER	...	For Chemistry and Botany.
J. R. GARLAND	...	For English and History.
A. GRAINCE	...	For Greek and Latin.
R. P. H. GREEN	...	For Greek, Latin and Ancient History.
L. G. J. JOHNSON	...	For Mathematics.
D. A. KING	...	For Mathematics.
J. R. PARKINS	...	For Mathematics and Physics.
M. G. SWIFT	...	For History and Geography.
P. A. TAYLOR	...	For Greek and Latin.
J. A. VICKERS	...	For Mathematics.
C. D. WALLER	...	For French and German.
M. K. WILLIAMS	...	For Mathematics.
P. J. WILSON	...	For Mathematics.
M. B. WOOD	...	For Greek and Latin.

The whole School will want to offer its warmest congratulations to those who have gained State Scholarships on this year's A. and S. Level G.C.E. Examinations. The total number awarded, now twenty-one, represents what is far and away the largest number of such awards ever gained by this School, and can stand comparison with the achievements of the greatest schools in the country.

I think there are two points to be borne in mind : one—that nearly every subject in the School Curriculum has made its real contribution to this success ; some subjects indeed a truly stupendous contribution ; second—that this is not an accidental happening, but is the product of a real development and a steady progress that has been going on over a considerable number of years. A great confidence exists between Senior boys, Masters and Parents ; we all know that there is no limit to achievement provided that the enthusiasm, hard work and firm belief that exist now, continue and grow.

E.R.T.

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## OLD BOYS' CLUB

### Births

- EATON, M. J. (1942-49). On June 4th, 1959, at St. Joseph's, Beaconsfield, to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Eaton, a daughter.
- NIGHTINGALE, D. (1940-46). On August, 9th, 1959, at Hazlemere, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Nightingale, a second daughter.
- OXLADE, J. D. (1918-24). On April 16th, 1959, at Bearsden, Dumbartonshire, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Oxlade, a daughter.
- SMITH, D. (1944-50). On June 19th, 1959, at West Buckland, Barnstaple, to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Smith, a daughter.

### Marriages

- EDWARDS—MIDDLETON. On June 20th, 1959, at the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, C. M. J. Edwards (1946-53) to Miss D. R. Middleton.
- READ—ROWLES. On June 10th, 1959, at the Parish Church, High Wycombe, J. Read (1942-50) to Miss Shirley E. Rowles.
- YOUENS—LANGDON. In April, 1959, at Redditch Parish Church, the Rev. H. E. M. Youens (1940-45) to Miss Margone E. Langdon.

## Death

E. P. WOODBRIDGE (1918-19). On April 18th, 1959, in Amersham General Hospital, aged 58 years.

On leaving school he went to London, but returned to Beaconsfield and became a partner in the firm T. Hammond and Sons, electrical engineers. He was a keen golfer and a member of the Flackwell Heath Golf Club. He left a widow.

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## OLD BOYS' NOTES AND NEWS

VICTOR A. BENNETT (1918-22) could not be present at the Old Boys' Dinner because he sailed on the Thursday from Southampton for Cape Town on the *Pendennis*. He and his wife were away for some seven weeks visiting most of the large towns in South Africa and returning to New York via London by air. With his letter he enclosed "The Bennett Report of Developments in Business affecting Markets, Advertising and Public Relations." He enclosed also a "release" giving the story of his public relations company opening up a London office to join those in Washington and New York. Some five years ago he entered into partnership with the Alfred Pemberton Company to form the agency known as Pemberton, Freeman, Bennett and Milne Ltd., with fully staffed offices in Toronto, Montreal and Trinidad, and so Bennett is deeply involved in international affairs, which he finds most stimulating.

His visits to England are frequent and fast. Unfortunately his visit to Devon was to attend his mother's funeral and eight weeks later his father passed away.

His elder son, Duncan, graduated two years ago and is with Curtis Publications in Philadelphia. Ian, the younger son, has just finished his freshman year at Trinity College, Hertford.

R. BIRD (1941-47) sailed with his wife and two-year-old son for Fiji on the S.S. *Coramic* last April. Until recently, Bird, a graduate in civil engineering of London University, was assistant site engineer on a hydro-electric scheme in Perthshire. Now he is to be assistant site engineer on a similar scheme on the building of a new harbour in Fiji. He expects to be away three years, returning by air on leave after two years.

C. B. BOWLER (1908-12) was elected Chairman at the annual meeting of Hughenden Parish Council.

H. S. BROOM (1913-17), chairman and managing director of Broom and Wade, presented 50 gold watches to 50 employees

(including himself) to commemorate the fact that they had been with the firm for more than 30 years. Chiming clocks were presented to 20 other people. Broom and Wade employ 5,000, and at the presentation paid tribute to the R.G.S. for the "first class" facilities provided for training young people.

T. M. DARVILLE (1928-34) wrote to Mr. Tucker about the possibility of his son becoming a boarder in 1960. He is a Captain in the Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment at Kaduna, Nigeria, where he has been for the last three and a half years. He and his family joined him in 1956 and their leave is due in 1959. Darville hopes his service in Nigeria will cover three Royal Visits, the first in 1957, when her Majesty presented new Colours to the Battalion, the second in 1959 by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, and the coming of Princess Margaret in October of this year.

Like many other O.B.'s, he has not received a Magazine lately. In 1956 it was returned from his home address in Kimble with "Gone away" written across it.

F. W. ESSEX (1927-34), who is a financial secretary in British Guiana, received the C.M.G. in the Colonial List. He has been in the Colonial Service for 18 years, and lives with his wife and two boys in Georgetown. At R.G.S. he was an all-round athlete and sprint champion.

C. T. FLETCHER (1939-46). After three years at Worthing as Senior Accountant in the Borough Treasurer's Department, he has moved to Coventry, where he is the Principal Secretary, ranking next to the Deputy City Treasurer. Coventry is considered one of the more desirable authorities because of the high reputation of the City Treasurer, Dr. Marshall, and because of the progressive outlook of the Council in the redevelopment of the City. They have some quite advanced electronic machines in the office.

One of the reasons Fletcher wrote to Mr. Tucker was his desire to institute an annual prize as a token of his gratitude to the R.G.S. Although naturally he had in mind a prize in connection with the Classics, he was quite prepared to leave the final decision to the Headmaster's discretion. He has a daughter of seven and a son of five years of age.

K. E. FOUNTAIN (1949-54), at present supply-teaching at Hillingdon, has just completed the course for the Certificate of Education at Bristol University. Although he has accepted the post of a teaching assistant at the University of Minnesota, in Minneapolis, U.S.A., he hopes to return to England to carry on with the same kind of work.

I. S. HADDON (1942-49), after the months in Australia since he left Farnborough, is so satisfied with that wonderful country that his father, mother and the rest of his family will join him. The only thing that he misses are the English Dance and Song Society dances. After being in the Aeronautical Research Labs. he joined the Commonwealth of Australia Meteorological Bureau and finds his work the most satisfying and interesting that he has ever done. Most of his friends are "Aussies." He has bought some building land. The address he gave was "The Cavendish Hotel," 409 Burwood Road, Glenferrie, Melbourne, Victoria.

COLONEL L. L. C. REYNOLDS (1888-94), now living in retirement in Devon, has been presented by the High Wycombe branch of the Bucks Battalion with a beautifully carved and inscribed pipe rack in English yew. Colonel Reynolds commanded the First Bucks Battalion almost throughout the first World War.

J. D'A. RICHARDSON (1949-56), after three enjoyable years in Leeds University, has obtained his B.A. with honours in Economics, French and German.

W. H. TIMMS (1905-11) invited the finalists of the Dairy Festival Quiz to hold their contest in his garden, a perfect setting for the occasion. After a sharp battle of wits the Wycombe High School defeated the R.G.S. by 39 points to 27.

T. C. WILLIAMS (1947-52), in a letter to his parents, expressed his excitement at the coming visit of President Tubman from Liberia on a state visit to Sierra Leone. He and Mrs. Williams had been invited to meet the President at Bonthe airfield when they hoped to be presented to him and also to attend the big native dancing display arranged for the occasion. It was more than likely that they would have to put up the two pilots of the plane from Freetown. His garden boy had just killed a deadly brown viper outside the kitchen door.

A. G. T. WILLIAMSON (1939-44) has just been taken into partnership to the firm of Messrs. Brocklehurst, Cooper and Williamson (his brother D.F.A., 1931-37). Alan has managed the quantity surveying side of the business for five years and is a fully qualified A.R.I.C.S.

C. S. W. HARTE (1926-31), having finished with the R.A.F., wasted no time in getting another post. In thanking Mr. Arnison for his help, he said that of the many jobs he could have taken he had accepted one as Accountant with Anglo-Ecuadorian Oilfields. When he went for his interview he was more than surprised to



be hailed by an O.B. of the R.G.S.—R. E. DOUGLAS (1913–18), the Assistant Secretary for the company. Harte flies over on August 25th for two years at a time, with about ten weeks' leave between tours. Coming to the R.G.S. from Chile, he should find no trouble in settling down.

R. E. DOUGLAS (1913–18), after meeting Harte, has at last remembered his old School. When he left the R.G.S. he joined an oil company in Mexico and came home in 1935 and became Secretary to the boss of Lobitos Oilfields. Passing the final Examination for Chartered Secretaries, he was appointed Assistant Secretary of Lobitos, a trustee of the Staff Superannuation Scheme and "Ship's Husband" of their new tanker. He has a son and two grand-daughters, and spends his spare time fishing a seven-mile stretch of the Sussex Ouse. Address: Flat 8, Bolmore, Haywards Heath, Sussex.

A. W. LEVER (1908–11), returning recently from Canada, did not take long to find Mr. Arnison's home in Parkstone. In the 1914–18 War, after service in Gallipoli, he was given a commission in the newly-formed Tank Corps and saw much fighting in France. In Canada, after the war, he was very successful in the building line, buying vacant plots and financing the eventual building. He has bought a home, 16 Manor Road, Folkestone, and proposes to build blocks of flats there to keep himself amused. He marries a Miss Pearce from Great Missenden and has a son, a Lieutenant in the Canadian Army and a daughter of 18 who hopes to get into an English University.

M. A. BIRD (1944–51) has turned to studying Economic Geography as a mental exercise and hopes to get his B.Sc. in 1962. There is a first-class correspondence course for exiles, and he intends to include law and sociology in his studies. He expects to be home next summer for a few years. He would like to live near a good reference library—his nearest at present is 376 miles away. He hears from Wynards from time to time and understands that Willy Wheelband has gone to Canada with a newly-gained wife.

R. G. COLLETT (1951–58) has been selected by the Royal Commonwealth Society for a year's service under the Voluntary Service Scheme. He will take games and other subjects at a secondary school in Belize, British Honduras. He will sail in a banana boat for Jamaica.

R. C. TERRY (1943–49), after trying his hand at journalism without any satisfaction, has graduated from Leicester University with an Honours Degree in English. He will be in the United States for one year, when he hopes to do some research towards an M.A.

T. J. CARTER (1948-56) has obtained his B.Sc. with Honours in Physics at Leicester University.

D. C. WILLATTS (1950-57) was one of the cadets passing out from Sandhurst when Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother presented the Sword of Honour to the outstanding cadet at the Royal Military Academy.

J. C. PAINE (1926-31) five years ago joined the Tack Organisation of London consisting of the Tack Air Conditioning Ltd and Ozonair Ltd. Last year he decided to go to Australia with his family and is now General Manager of Personal Training Services presenting Tack Courses in Australia. It is an interesting job going around to interview the many interested executives who use their services to train their salesmen. Three weeks ago while in Sydney he found to his surprise and delight that an old form mate, JACK BUNCE (1927-33) working with Rowntrees lived only about four miles away. Since then naturally the two families have met and spent hours "nattering" about the R.G.S. and all those connected with the School. J. C. Paine lives at "Trevyr," Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough, and J. R. Bunce at 18 Adamson Street, Rosanna, Victoria. There is a very wonderful future in Australia for all O.B.'s who have the will to work. Bunce and Paine had lost touch with the R.G.S. for some years owing to changed addresses.

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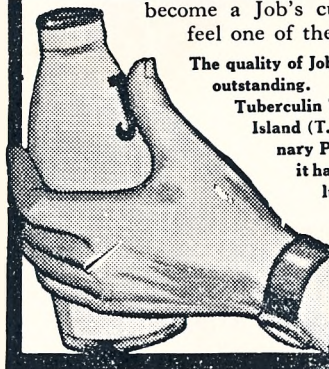
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