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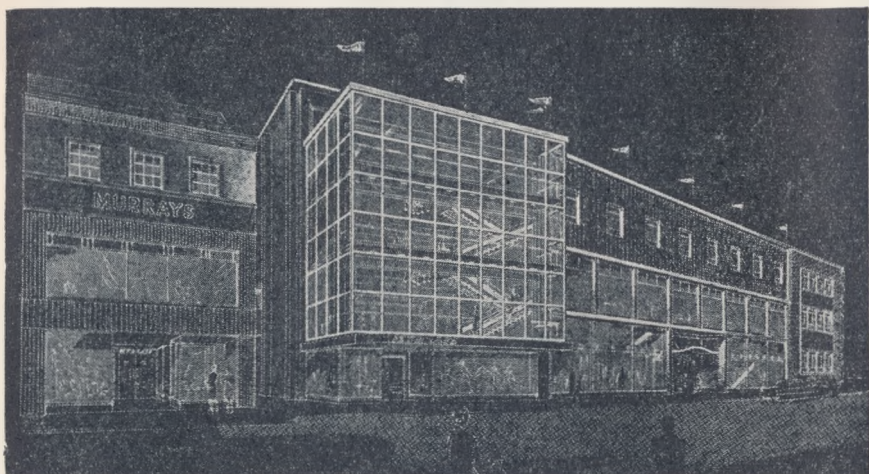
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MR. E. R. TUCKER

It is with the deepest sorrow that we have to record the sudden death on July 24th, 1964, of our greatly loved Headmaster after only a very short illness.

The funeral took place on July 30th at the Parish Church, High Wycombe, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Eric Hague, and the School Chaplain, the Rev. John Skipp. A tribute to the life and work of Mr. Tucker was given by Mr. C. Howard Ensor, the Principal of Newland Park Training College.

A Memorial Service will be held at the School on Friday, September 18th, at 2.30 p.m.

The Chairman of the Governors, Alderman R. P. Clarke, has written the following appreciation.

EDMUND RONALD TUCKER

A little more than two years ago Mrs. Tucker's very many friends and admirers were shocked and saddened by her sudden and untimely death, but they will all remember with admiration the Christian fortitude with which Mr. Tucker, the Headmaster, bore his overwhelming loss. His courage like much else in his life was an example to all who knew him. It was abundantly clear that in his religious faith he found a limitless source of strength and comfort. This faith enabled him on all occasions to maintain a cheerfulness which was of inestimable help to his family and friends.

And now a few days after the second anniversary of Mrs. Tucker's death her devoted husband has died. Ronald Tucker, "Tuck" to many of his friends, in no priggish sense was a good man. Great strength of character, invincible determination, patience, good humour and great personal charm added to his scholarship, his ability as a teacher and administrator were the chief qualities which enabled him to become one of the great post-war headmasters, and it was as Headmaster that most of those who read these lines knew him.

Chosen without difficulty—for he was an outstanding candidate—from very many applicants for the headmastership of

the Royal Grammar School in the Spring of 1933, Ronald Tucker very soon showed how right and how fortunate the appointing Committee had been in their selection. At the comparatively youthful age of 31 for a headmaster he soon proved a very worthy successor to Mr. G. W. Arnison.

At that time it was a comparatively small endowed Grammar School of which he became the head and though the next few years up to the last war saw some expansion, particularly in the sixth form, it has been during the post-war years that the school has grown so rapidly in numbers and academic distinction until it is now one of the great Grammar Schools of this country.

Ronald Tucker would have been the last person to take all or even most of the credit for this achievement, for amongst his many admirable qualities were real modesty and humility. But his inspiration, his personality, his zeal, his ability, his strength of purpose and his strength of character were the main forces which brought the Royal Grammar School to its present high position. He would have given a large measure of the credit for this achievement to the members of his staff, but his was the judgment which enabled him to chose that very able staff and throughout the 31 years of his head-ship every member of that staff would testify to their admiration and affection for the Headmaster, as would that multitude of pupils who have had the good fortune to pass through his hands and his many other admirers far and wide.

Though he had many activities outside the school he was always accessible to masters, boys and parents, and his many friends will always remember with gratitude that it was to Tuck they would turn if they required any help and that his generosity and seemingly boundless energy enabled him to give it so willingly.

In this brief tribute it is not possible to mention all the Headmaster's activities. These are very well set forth in the History of the Royal Grammar School 1562 to 1962 such as his becoming a member of the Headmasters' Conference in 1943, the time and energy spent in "making the School known to the Universities, to the Services and to commercial and industrial employers all over the country" and in "finding places for his boys at colleges and universities". But no tribute, however brief, should fail to mention his many public activities outside the sphere of, though in some cases connected with his head-mastership. His restless energy and vitality enabled him to perform the onerous duties of a Magistrate, to serve on the Buckinghamshire Education Committee and many other Committees connected with education, and on a number of occasions at the invitation of the Foreign Office to visit West Germany and

assist with teachers' courses in that country. On these visits he gave invaluable service and made many friends, as he did wherever he went. Indeed his capacity for friendship was unbounded and those—and they were many—who enjoyed his friendship, will remember it with pride and gratitude for the rest of their lives.

Having early in his career as Headmaster joined the Church of England, he later became a licensed lay-reader, and during the latter years of his life it seemed that rarely did a Sunday pass on which he was not preaching somewhere. His eloquent, forthright and stimulating sermons were an inspiration to many. His only critic was his wife who, though no one was more proud of him than she, sometimes told him he was too long! So much in demand was he as a preacher that some of his friends urged him to take Holy Orders when he retired. His sermons, though eloquent, had a quality of "man to man" which commanded the attention and thought of his congregation.

In 1960 one of his dearest ambitions was achieved by the conversion of a large laboratory into a beautiful and dignified Chapel. The school was indeed fortunate in the Headmaster's conception and the skill with which the conversion was carried out. The consecration of this Chapel in November 1960 was probably one of the happiest events in his career as Headmaster. Probably the happiest of all was the visit of the Queen in 1962, and for those who were present it is a joy to remember with what pleasure and aplomb his wife Bertie Tucker took the part of the Queen at the rehearsal for that memorable occasion.

Whatever demands his outside activities made upon his time and energy, it was the School that occupied most of the Headmaster's thoughts. It may be truly said that his life was the School and the School his life. He lived to see all his ambitions for the enlargement and improvement of the School realised save one, the construction of the swimming pool. But that this was not achieved was through no fault of his.

No tribute to the Headmaster would be complete without mention of the abundant and delightful hospitality enjoyed by so many at the Headmaster's house. The Headmaster was firmly resolved that 31 years in that capacity was sufficient and that a younger man should take his place. The Governors, however, persuaded him to agree to remain another year, but that he has not been allowed to do.

Ronald Tucker has left us at the very zenith of his career after a life of great usefulness and influence which will be long remembered with admiration and gratitude.

R. P. CLARKE,

Chairman of the Governors.

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EDITORIAL

From the moment one enters this school it is strongly emphasised that we are members of a Royal Grammar School. This is a good thing—it is not always appreciated that such schools are few and far between. But perhaps more emphasis should be made of the fact that it is the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, and not simply the Royal Grammar School. For, surely, it is to the town of High Wycombe that this school owes its very existence.

Today, boys entering the school come from all parts of Buckinghamshire—from the noise and bustle of Slough in the south, to the peace of the regions near Aylesbury in the north. Some boys come from overseas—Nigeria, Cyprus, Canada, Germany—all appear in the Grey Book. But beside these appears a good percentage of boys from High Wycombe itself. In our rise to the status of the largest, and academically, the major boys' grammar school in the county, the town of High Wycombe has not been forgotten.

And, as the school is widening the area from which it draws its pupils, so High Wycombe is widening its field of industries. Once a town devoted almost entirely to the production of chairs, High Wycombe now has factories which produce compressors for Canada and postage stamps for Sierra Leone. It is one of the major centres of the diamond-cutting industry, a fact which is not generally known, although thousands of pounds' worth of uncut and finished diamonds pass in and out of the town each week. The main industry remains, however, furniture production being the mainstay of the town's economy.

The growth in numbers of boys at the school is always in direct relation to the increase in the population of the town. In the last few years the town has grown up towards, and surrounded the school. The Green Hill estate and the Terriers estate are testaments to this.

But perhaps the closest parallel between the town and the school is the reconstruction and change that has occurred in the last four or five years. In the town, the change is characterized by new office blocks in Castle Street and Desborough Road, by

the new Fire Station in the centre of the town, by the new College of Further Education, and by the new shops and shop-fronts in the High Street. In the school, the Science block, the Junior Buildings, the Queen's Hall, and the Music and the Staff rooms are the results of this phase of change and reconstruction. The Uplyme huts have gone, the Canteen's days are numbered. Gone too is the Norman Reeves showroom in Crendon Street, and the reliable but inefficient steam trains to London. Both the town and the school have plans for the future. Let us hope that the two can keep in step—it should not be difficult ; we have, after all, been doing so for just over four hundred years.

STAFF NEWS

At the end of last term we were sorry to say goodbye to eleven masters. Mr. P. L. Jones finally retired after no less than 47 years' service here. Mr. A. S. Heatt retired after 21 years. Mr. D. R. Pelmore has gone to be Head of the Chemistry department at Christ's Hospital, and Mr. G. B. G. Chapman has gone to be Head of the Physics department at a large grammar school. Two masters are going to be Heads of departments in girls' schools (signs of the times !) : Mr. C. K. Hillard to be in charge of Chemistry at Wycombe Abbey, and Mr. F. J. Brand to be in charge of Mathematics at Queen Anne's School, Caversham. Mr. R. T. Ashwell goes to be Senior English Master at Harlow, and Mr. J. G. Rowland to be Senior Chemistry Master at Henley. In addition we lost the services of three temporary masters, Mr. P. T. Cockle, Mr. K. R. Masters and Mr. P. J. Allister, and the French and German assistants, M. Cuffia and Herr Eigler. To all these gentlemen we extend our very best wishes.

We welcome this term : Mr. J. C. S. Weeks, B.A. (Cantab.), who will be Head of the Geography department ; Mr. M. R. Mander, M.A. (Oxon.), Head of the Chemistry department ; Mr. G. L. Copson, B.A. (Oxon.), to be Librarian and to teach English ; Mr. J. L. Ditchburn, B.Sc. (Lond.), to teach Biology ; Mr. I. R. Hancock, B.Sc. (Lond.), to teach Physics ; Mr. K. D. Millican, B.Sc. (Birmingham), to teach Chemistry ; Mr. J. R. Burnell, B.Sc. (Lond.), to teach Mathematics ; Mr. S. J. Lloyd, B.A. (Oxon.), to teach English ; Mr. D. Bridges, B.A. (Oxon.), to teach History ; Mr. L. W. Fry, B.A., B.Sc. (Oxon.), to teach Chemistry ; and Mr. I. Horn, B.A. (Leeds), to teach Classics. Mr. B. Leighton-Jones, after a brief stay in Hong Kong, is returning to rejoin the History department. We also welcome the two Modern Language assistants, Herr G. Riemeyer and M. J. P. Cransac.

GOODBYE, P.L.J. (1916-64)

We were all a little saddened last term when it became known that at last P.L.J. had decided to retire completely : for the last three years he has been helping the Maths department during the mornings.

What can one really say about someone who, for the best part of fifty years, has been a friend to all of us—boys, masters, parents, Old Boys—that is not already known or has not been said before? To be connected with a school such as ours for half a century, to make countless friends, to be counsellor and critic to generations of schoolboys, to preserve a warm place in the hearts of his colleagues, is to ensure a memorial—not in bricks and mortar but in the inmost heart. We all know his qualities. His completely unrelenting thoroughness in the classroom made him a most successful pedagogue : he was sometimes successful even in teaching those who didn't want to learn, the supreme accolade in his profession ! More than that, he brought to his relationships with younger people a warmth and friendliness which encouraged them to develop as personalities and people, to their lasting benefit in later years. To further this interest he kept up his contacts with Old Boys all over the country, and in the world without, by acting as secretary to the Old Wycombians, following their fortunes with a keen and human interest. One of the first questions a returning Old Boy inevitably asks is, "Old P.L.J. still here?" It must be one of his everlasting rewards that so many people bear him so much goodwill. To us, in the Common Room, he was always a fountain of wisdom. We could always feel that his replies—sometimes scandalous, sometimes facetious—to our queries, contained the essential germ of truth we were seeking.

P.L.J., we couldn't let you go without assuring you once again that all you were to the R.G.S. will abide in our memories through the years to come. We wish you and Mrs. Jones many years of health and happiness.

S.M.

SPEECH DAY

After last year's belated event, the 1964 Speech Day was held towards the end of the Summer Term as is usual, on July 10th. The guest of honour was Dr. W. Oakeshott, M.A., the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University and the Rector of Lincoln College.

It was an ideal day for such an event, since for once the usually inclement British weather had given way to brilliant sunshine. The principal guests inspected the proficient guard of honour to the accompaniment of the School Band, complete with pipers. Everyone adjourned then to the Queen's Hall, where the speakers addressed many parents and Sixth Form boys. The speeches were also relayed by loudspeaker to the quadrangle, where the main and junior schools were seated.

The first to speak was Alderman R. P. Clarke, Chairman of the Board of Governors. First, he felt it was necessary to clarify the situation concerning the school swimming pool : because of a clerical error the swimming pool was omitted from the original contract for the new buildings which were completed last year. As a result of this, the cost originally estimated was found to be inadequate, and this meant a further contribution from the school of £900, though naturally only the parents of the boys not present at the school at the time of the 1960 appeal would be asked to contribute.

The Chairman thought he ought to mention that the Board had finally, if reluctantly, decided to accept the resignation of the Headmaster at the end of the next school year. He felt sure that everyone would be saddened at relinquishing the man under whose guidance the school had reached such academic heights.

The Headmaster began his report by welcoming the guest of honour not only as a distinguished academic figure but as an old personal friend. As Vice-Chancellor of the "oldest and greatest University in the world" perhaps he more than any other was in a position to measure the success of the school. He then welcomed another old friend, the Rev. A. L. Evan Hopkins, who had come to preach at the Commemoration service later in the day.

He paid tribute to the Governors the school had lost, and to Staff who were leaving. It was a sad blow to learn of the death of Mr. P. C. Raffety ; he thanked Wing Commander Currall and Rear-Admiral Skelton, who were leaving the Board after valuable service, and then welcomed Mr. John Prior, Mr. C. B. Bowler and Mr. O. S. Puckle to the Governing Body.

Passing on to the Staff, he told the school that Mr. P. L. Jones, who joined the Staff in 1917, was retiring, as was Mr. A. S. Heatt, who had completed twenty years on the teaching staff. Also, a great number of other masters were leaving for senior appointments and he wished them well in their new jobs.

The Headmaster then mentioned the solid academic achievement maintained throughout the year, which resulted in a large score of successes at "A" Level by Sixth Form boys. He praised those who had left to continue their studies at universities, and in

particular the boys who had distinguished themselves by gaining Open Awards at Oxford and Cambridge.

Finally, the Headmaster touched upon a subject that is currently being discussed—the movement towards a reconstruction of secondary education. He felt it would do enormous damage, after winning a nationwide reputation for academic work of the highest order, to precipitate such changes as the age of entry, or the type of boy the school had been conditioned to accept.

After distributing the prizes, Dr. Oakeshott delivered a most pleasant and concise speech. He began by praising the excellence of turnout of the Guard of Honour and the school generally. He then discussed the question of leadership, asking boys to remember to examine their own decisions, to seek within themselves when things go wrong, and to understand the motives of the people they are dealing with.

To wind up the main proceedings a vote of thanks was proposed by Alderman Mrs. C. L. Lovelock-Jones. Parents and boys then dispersed for tea, watched a demonstration by the C.C.F., and visited the exhibitions staged by school societies throughout the school.

At 6.00 p.m. the Commemoration service was held in the parish church, where the sermon was preached by the Rev. A. L. Evan Hopkins. A similar service was also held in the Roman Catholic Church.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, 1963-64

Open Scholarship Awards :

- C. J. Myerscough, Open Scholarship in Mathematics and Physics, Churchill College, Cambridge.
- J. Grieve, Harley Brown Open Scholarship for Biological Sciences, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.
- G. M. K. Dunbar, Open Exhibition in English, Christ's College, Cambridge.
- R. C. Snelling, Open Demyship in History, Magdalen College, Oxford.
- P. B. Farmer, Sidgwick Scholarship in Natural Sciences, Lincoln College, Oxford.
- A. W. Dingle, Open Scholarship in English, Lincoln College, Oxford.
- M. R. Ferguson, Open Exhibition in Modern Languages, Jesus College, Oxford.
- G. M. Seale, Menzies Bursary in Biology, St. Andrew's University.

Bucks County Major Scholarships :

- D. J. Rees for English and Drama, Birmingham University.
- M. D. Arch for Mathematics and Physics, Hull University.
- J. M. Baxter for Mathematics and Physics, Leeds University.
- A. N. Brandes for Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, University College, London.
- R. A. Dorkings for Modern Languages, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- L. G. Friend for Music, Royal College of Music, London.
- P. M. Goldring for English, Nottingham University.
- J. C. Hughes for Music, Christchurch, Oxford.

C. J. Packman for History, Merton College, Oxford.
 N. W. Saunders for Modern Languages, St. John's College, Cambridge.
 T. S. Ward for Economics, Swansea University.
 B. R. Hemuss for Philosophy, St. David's College, Lampeter.
 M. R. Horrex for Law, Holborn College of Law and Commerce.
 A. M. Pratt for Modern Languages, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.
 R. P. Ayres for Spanish, Exeter University.
 K. E. Burrows for History, Downing College, Cambridge.
 B. Carritt for Botany and Zoology, Liverpool University.
 A. R. O. Chapman for Biology and Zoology, Liverpool University.
 P. M. J. Shelton for Botany and Zoology, St. Andrew's University.
 A. E. Leek for Biochemistry, Pembroke College, Oxford.
 R. M. Cass for Architecture, Sheffield University.
 W. R. Jajensnica for Engineering, Queen Mary College, London.
 M. K. Rhodes for Engineering, Imperial College, London.
 A. J. Rogers for Estate Management, College of Estate Mgt., London.
 P. Stenning for Chemistry, Brunel College, London.
 R. S. Strange for Mathematics, King's College, London.
 S. Watanangura for Aeronautical Engineering, Imperial College, London.
 C. B. Antill for Engineering, Manchester University.
 J. M. Barlow for Engineering, Southampton University.
 P. J. Capell for Physics, Bristol University.
 B. A. Fell for Civil Engineering, Southampton University.
 I. A. Johnston for Metallurgy, Birmingham University.
 R. N. Nunn for Natural Sciences, St. John's College, Cambridge.
 R. I. Patterson for Engineering, Imperial College, London.
 A. Cawson for Social Science, University of Sussex.
 D. M. Davies for Natural Sciences, Jesus College, Cambridge.
 P. D. Davies for Chemistry, Cardiff University.
 R. L. Davies for Engineering, Bristol University.
 J. J. Ellerton for Mathematics and Physics, University of Winnipeg.
 R. Fountain for Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, Leeds University.
 P. A. German for Natural Sciences, King's College, University of Newcastle.
 M. W. Giles for Mathematics and Physics, Manchester University.
 P. M. Glass for Mechanical Sciences, Jesus College, Cambridge.
 R. W. Gravestock for Mathematics and Physics, Manchester University.
 D. A. Heeley for Art and Design, Leicester College of Art.
 M. J. Jeskins for Engineering, Manchester University.
 K. R. Marshall for Civil Engineering, University College, London.
 P. R. McDowell for Physics, Birmingham University.
 P. Merrington for Engineering, Bristol University.
 D. G. Orchard for Physics, Sheffield University.
 I. A. Sifton for Engineering, Leeds University.
 D. J. Stokes for Agricultural Engineering, National College of Agriculture, Silsoe, Beds.
 A. Wilson for Mathematics and Physics, Queen Mary College, London.
 R. J. Wilson for Engineering, Southampton University.
 P. M. Wood for Natural Sciences, Peterhouse, Cambridge.
 M. J. C. Webb for Chemistry, Bristol University.

Teachers' Training Colleges :

M. D. H. Priestley, St. Mark's & St. John's College, Chelsea, London.
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 J. F. Shackell, Newland Park Training College.
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Service Cadet Colleges :

M. H. Anderson, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.
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SPECIAL PRIZES

Headmaster's Prize : R. A. Fewtrell.

Governors' Reading Prize (presented by Ald. R. P. Clarke) : R. C. Jones.

Governors' Classics Prize (presented by Mrs. R. P. Clarke) : K. N. Simons.

Graefe Cup for Best C.C.F. Cadet (presented by the late Ald. W. Graefe) :
Cadet R.S.M. M. H. Anderson.

Harte Cup for Best R.A.F./C.C.F. Cadet (presented by Wing Commander
C. S. W. Harte) : Cadet Warrant Officer D. C. D. Young.

Giles Keen Memorial Cup for Best Naval Cadet (presented by Mr. and
Mrs. Keen) : Cox'n R. C. A. G. Iliffe and P.O. M. J. Gibb.

Social Service Prize : D. A. Lunnon.

Art Shield (presented by A. Hastings, Esq.) : M. R. Snodin.

Hope Cup (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Hope) : D. C. Mills.

Thorne Prize for English (presented by Mrs. A. M. Bailey) : R. M. Jones.

Westney Prize for Music (presented by M. W. Westney, Esq.) : D. G. Essen

Fletcher Prize for Greek Prose Composition (presented by C. T. Fletcher,
Esq.) : K. N. Simons.

Lance Memorial Prizes for Persistent Progress (presented by Ald. C. W.
Lance, J.P.) : 1st year, S. M. R. Hill ; 2nd year, A. Arbaney.

Raffety House Cup for School Work : Youens.

FORM PRIZES

FORM 11A :

- 1st C. E. Lowe
- 2nd N. J. Miles

FORM IIIA :

- 1st G. D. Beare
- 2nd G. J. Taylor

FORM IIB :

- 1st R. M. Wood
- 2nd R. I. Hamilton

FORM IIIB :

- 1st C. L. McKibben
- 2nd R. P. Gamble

FORM IIC :

- 1st B. J. Woodley
- 2nd J. Stephens

FORM IVx :

- 1st M. G. Miles
- 2nd A. G. Lee
- 3rd { P. T. D. Fulton
A. G. Newitt

FORM IID :

- 1st P. R. Somers
- 2nd P. F. Rundell

FORM IVY :

- 1st C. M. D. Settingington
- 2nd G. M. Stephenson
- 3rd B. R. A. Debnam

FORM IIE :

- 1st C. J. Marshall
- 2nd { C. D. J. Edwards
R. Davison

FORM IVA :

- 1st P. J. Siddell
- 2nd P. G. Vernon

FORM IIIx :

- 1st I. S. Elliott
- 2nd J. N. Woodley
- 3rd D. A. Long

FORM IVSa :

- 1st C. M. Feek
- 2nd M. J. Samways

FORM IIIY :

- 1st D. C. Stevens
- 2nd M. B. Gowers
- 3rd R. M. Zahler

FORM IVSB :

- 1st R. M. Eley
- 2nd B. M. Gwynnett

FORM IIIA :

- 1st K. R. Barrett
- 2nd T. R. Gilson

FORM VY :

- 1st B. P. Hills
- 2nd D. Morton
- 3rd D. J. Rundell

FORM VA :

- 1st N. A. Partridge
2nd S. Darrington

FORM VSA :

- 1st D. Sutton
2nd M. J. Pickering

FORM VSB :

- 1st P. H. Boord
2nd C. C. Koefoed-Nielsen

FORM Vx :

- 1st R. J. Wallington
2nd A. G. Hipgrave
3rd R. B. Kenyon

FORM VUA :

- 1st A. M. Dormer
2nd R. P. Robson
3rd P. H. Green

FORM VUG :

- 1st K. E. Wills
2nd M. J. Dalley
3rd C. Birch

FORM VUR :

- 1st { J. Dixon
G. A. Monaghan
3rd J. S. Reid

FORM VUS :

- 1st B. M. Phillips
2nd R. D. Hudson
3rd J. F. Tapp

FORM VUY :

- 1st I. D. Hentall
2nd J. Clemens
3rd R. C. Hill

SPEECH PRIZES :

- VI M. R. Snodin
VU } R. L. Heron
VX }
V C. C. Koefoed-Nielsen
IV M. T. Coysh
III A. D. Gray
II R. M. Wood

NEATNESS PRIZES :

- VU { J. Clemens
R. P. Robson
V K. J. Chamberlain
IV M. G. Miles
III P. C. Lance
II P. Sawney

FORM VI—1ST YEAR :

Classics :

Greek : R. G. Thomas

Latin : P. F. Simpson

Ancient

History : J. P. Killingley

French : A. P. Potts

German : J. A. Stevens

Spanish : D. G. Beattie

English and

History : R. K. Mills

Russian : G. Poole

English : M. V. L. Turner

History : G. D. Ferguson

Geography : P. M. Rawkins

Science and

Mathematics : D. R. S. Hedge-
land

P. L. Sears

D. M. Wood

D. A. J. Membry

C. M. Hood

C. J. Smith

Economics : G. F. Cutler

Engineering

Drawing : T. G. Carthy

Botany : G. J. Jellis

Zoology : A. S. Farmer

FORM VI—2ND AND 3RD YEARS :

Classics—

2nd year : K. N. Simons

Ancient

History : S. I. Chorley

*Modern**Languages—*

2nd Year : M. Vickers

German—

2nd Year : M. T. Maiden

3rd Year : P. R. G. Clark

French—

2nd Year : W. H. N. Laws

3rd Year : M. J. Mobbs

English and

History : A. J. Bradley

Music : E. R. Piper

History : M. P. G. Hames

Economics : J. E. Havard

Geography : R. I. Ferguson

*Science and
Mathematics—*

2nd Year :	M. Carritt J. Blamey R. C. A. G. Iliffe B. J. Russell C. H. Sworn
3rd Year :	P. M. Wood D. M. Davies M. J. O'Hanlon
<i>Botany :</i>	A. E. Leek
<i>Zoology :</i>	M. J. Gibb

OPEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS :

<i>English :</i>	A. W. Dingle G. M. K. Dunbar
<i>Biology :</i>	J. Grieve G. M. Seale
<i>History :</i>	R. C. Snelling
<i>Mathematics :</i>	C. J. Myerscough
<i>Natural Sciences :</i>	P. B. Farmer
<i>Modern Languages :</i>	M. R. Ferguson

THE CONCERT

July 17th, 1964

Although attracted more by the price of the tickets than the content of the concert, it was with a feeling of "Once more into the breach . . ." that Your Correspondent arrived at the school on the evening of the seventeenth of July. His fears were by no means allayed when, turning into Hamilton Road, he was faced with the scene apparently now so characteristic of such functions—vehicles of all kinds jammed into the car park, the road itself choked with cars, both entrances to the field blocked by thoughtless parking—surely better arrangements could be made? Mindful of the last such occasion, when his car suffered actual damage, Your Correspondent resigned himself to a brisk walk from the top of Hamilton Hill.

On entering the Hall, the second of Your Correspondent's fears were realized. To be fair, it was a hot thundery evening, but the temperature in the hall was high in the eighties, if not the lower nineties, despite the fact that all the windows were wide open.

But, on hearing the first dozen or so bars of the Academic Festival Overture, Your Correspondent forgave all. The sheer excellence of quality, the simple volume of sound was far and away the finest that has ever been heard in the school. This was followed by Part 1 of "The Creation", by Haydn. Conscious of the limitations of the schoolboy voice and the technical difficulties of the solo parts, it had been decided that these should be performed by professional singers, whose co-operation, moreover, is an inspiration to all concerned. The net result was a polished and well-arranged performance.

After the interval, the choir and baritone soloist performed "Belshazzar's Feast", a vigorous and inspiring piece by William Walton. Again the performance was excellent. The school choir, in number about 150, was divided into two choruses for

this work, and with the help of members of staff and others in the tenor and bass sections, sang magnificently. Great credit must be given to the junior members of the choir, largely First and Second year boys, who sing treble and alto, and really gave of their best—in spite of the heat!

Thanks should be given to the three soloists, Rachel Joscelyne, Alan Green and Geoffrey Coleby. The greatest credit must surely go, however, to Mr. Dawes, who must have contributed much time and effort to ensure the success of this production.

“CLASSICAL” AND “BEAT” CONCERTS

Among the entertainment organized by Mr. D. G. Jones after the examinations last term were a “beat” concert and a “classical” concert; both were great successes.

Unfortunately, both concerts suffered partially from inaudibility, which spoiled the Haydn string quartet and much of the singing in the “rhythm and blues” numbers.

Apart from this, standards were high; during the “beat” concert the athletic drumming and the magnificent guitar and harmonica playing were greatly appreciated, as were the performances by two Old Boys, Paul Drayton and Peter Uppard, in the “classical” concert. The piano, flute, guitar and violin solos were technically very professional, and deserved all the applause that the audience willingly gave.

E. R. PIPER.

SERVICE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

This was held in the Parish Church, High Wycombe, on July 20th. The church was very full, with rows of bobbing boaters, and the order of service was tailored unobtrusively to meet the needs of the occasion, with references to “the joy of effort”, “books and art and music”, “a true sense of values”. The first lesson was read by a High School girl, and the second, the parable of the talents, was read by M. K. Jenner. But it was the sermon which articulated the theme of the service. The Rev. H. Bramwell Howard spoke calmly but distinctly, and was explicit in addressing himself to those with only one talent, for “they on the whole cause less trouble than the clever ones”. Taking his terms from the second lesson, he referred to our “share in God’s capital”, and asked us to remember that when we enter fully upon “this oh-so-exciting life”, we do not go alone.

The service was purposeful and memorable, but it was his words which echoed gently over the ancient flagstones. “Those who are of ‘less than average ability’ may be of more than average help to men.”

BENEVOLENT FUND

My pessimism in the last report was obviously unfounded, since towards the end of the Spring Term a great amount of money was collected, making a total of £87 10s. 5½d. for that term. This was indeed a worthy sum considering the brevity of the term. IVa and IVsb seemed to be the outstanding forms in the school, as both had donated over £10 before Easter. Unfortunately many Sixth Forms give very little considering their immense numbers. It is a pity that they do not have prefects to encourage their generosity, which has remained, until now, well below the surface.

The Summer Term was as always somewhat disorganised, since the regular prefects give way to temporary prefects on account of examinations, and, as a result, the collections obviously suffered. Nevertheless, the amount that was collected during the term was in fact over £58, which brought the total Benevolent Fund collected since its inception to over £1,000.

One of the charities to which we have contributed during the past few years invited a senior boy to attend their anniversary celebrations, and to meet Princess Alexandra. R. C. Jones had the honour of representing the school on this occasion.

Undoubtedly the Benevolent Fund has been and will be a great success. With the diligence of the prefects and the generosity of the boys, I am sure that even greater sums will be collected in the coming years.

M. HARRIS.

SOCIAL WORK

This term has been a fairly difficult one for our Thursday afternoon working group. Examinations, and the preparations for them, have taken up much of everyone's time and at times severely curtailed work.

Apart from these restrictions, work continued very much as usual, though I fear that drinking tea and chatting was the heaviest task that many of the old people could produce. They are so independent that it is often impossible to persuade them that we have come to help them ; although I believe that someone to talk to often means just as much to them as someone who will do their heavier work.

The term's work culminated in the redecorating of a house which is to be let out by the Central Aid Society. This task necessitated the drafting in of sixteen people, most of whom were not actually engaged in doing social work. It took four and a

half days, at the end of which the house did appear to be a little cleaner and brighter than before, in spite of the invasion of R.G.S. boys. The Central Aid Society were pleased with the result and so everyone was happy.

I should like to thank everyone who played his part in helping throughout this year ; I hope that they have derived some satisfaction from it.

The last point I should like to make is that I feel it would be a shame if this Thursday work ever stopped ; there is a great deal to be done all the time, and those who are engaged upon a task of this nature usually reap some satisfaction from doing it. I hope that Social Work will continue to be a popular way of spending Thursday afternoons.

D. A. LUNNON.

EDUCATION IN SWITZERLAND

Before coming to the Grammar School, I had the privilege of attending a Swiss school for four years, and I should like to draw a brief comparison between the two schools. I think it is a perfectly fair comparison to make as the Swiss school was also run by the State, being in the hands of the Kantonsrat, a body corresponding to our County Council. Furthermore, it was intended for the more intelligent boys who obtained entry by passing an examination similar to but slightly more difficult than our 11-plus.

A Swiss boy enters the first form at the age of thirteen. His schooling lasts six and a half years, so he may be twenty or even older when he finally leaves school. In his first year he starts Latin, in his second he starts French, and in his fourth he is given the choice between English and Italian, English being by far the more popular choice. In addition, he is taught German, History and Science. For the latter he is taught Chemistry and Physics in alternate years. There are no organized games, but there are three periods of P.T. a week.

The school year is divided into four terms. There are two weeks each for the Autumn and Christmas holidays, one week's holiday in February for skiing, three weeks' holiday at Easter and five in the Summer. A report is issued twice a year ; unsatisfactory marks in two consecutive reports means immediate expulsion from the school.

The examination for which the boy is eventually prepared is the Matura, in which a half of the marks is given for his progress at school. He is examined in no less than eleven subjects ; failure in even one would result in the failure of the whole

examination. If he passes, however, he is guaranteed a place at University, unlike an English boy who is not certain of gaining admission to a University even if he does get good examination results.

It seems, therefore, that we tend to specialise far earlier in this country than they do in Switzerland. Whether this is good or bad is debatable. At any rate the Swiss boys must work much harder if they wish to remain at school.

As far as school life is concerned, the Swiss look upon school much more as a place of learning, and less as a character-building institution. No uniform is worn, and the school does not try to interfere with a boy's conduct outside of the school precincts. Little disciplinary action is taken, nor, for that matter, is much discipline needed. The Swiss boy, far from being perfectly behaved, at least recognises that it is a privilege to attend such a school.

One cannot say that the Swiss schools are better than ours, but we could learn much from their system.

M. MAIDEN, 6M2.

THE VIVARIUM

In the remote fastness of the school's Biology Department is a little room called the Vivarium. It is rarely entered by anyone outside the Biology Sixth ; very few know it even exists, visitors from other forms in the school are not exactly encouraged, and it is supposed to have an off-putting odour of mice, which we don't notice.

Mice are the most obvious inhabitants of the room ; to your relief and mine they usually stay safely behind glass or wire. The present population, about 100 of various ages and colours, is said to be descended from three free-thinking individuals caged together a couple of years ago ; which proves something or other. We use them for studying the inheritance of coat colours, and are at present trying to get rid of a few to pet-shops. Anyone interested please contact . . .

The animals of which we are most proud, however, are a pair of Palm Squirrels, engaging little fellows who spend most of their waking life racing round and round their cage. The reason for our pride is that as far as we can make out, we are the only establishment in the world to have bred them successfully in captivity. This is very largely due to the persistence of our Head of Department, Mr. Lambert.

Unfortunately we recently lost our most popular animals, a pair of Indian Mongooses. We had hoped that they too would breed, but both died early this summer. To most people snakes are "horrible creepy slimy things", an attitude I'm sure they would change if they could handle one. They are truly fascinating creatures, certainly not slimy, but quite dry and pleasant to touch. We have several, in an old aquarium tank with a few very lively lizards.

That is a more or less complete catalogue of the animals we keep in the Department. To the parents of boys in the Junior School, don't let this put you off their studying Biology in the Sixth; we don't let them take any of these animals home. On the other hand, don't get the idea that watching animals is all there is to Biology: we have to be capable of hard work at times.

ADRIAN F. LEEK, 6B.

SHOOTING

Wet woods,
A trail of unspoilt pigeons,
And the sky, a constant shiver of rain.

M. V. L. TURNER, 6M1.

INCIDENT ON THE B 4507

The lorry stood silent on the lonely road, the damp Highland mist whirling around it. The driver jumped down from the cab. The sound of his boots striking the road echoed through the night as he walked towards the rear of the lorry.

He lay down on the road and crawled underneath the vehicle, shivering slightly in the chill of the December night. He swore silently to himself—the transmission shaft had broken, rendering the vehicle completely unserviceable.

It was then that he made his second discovery. He should have been on the main Wick—Thurso road—but this road was little more than a track. He was faced with an appalling dilemma. If he stayed in the truck, he could keep warm for as long as there was enough fuel to run the engine. If the fuel ran out, he would surely freeze to death. But if he tried to walk to a telephone, along a road he did not know, in a freezing, heavy, mist . . .

The situation was resolved by the sound of another vehicle moving slowly through the mist towards him. He turned

towards the sound and saw the dim outline of an elderly car approaching slowly. He waved, and the car rattled to a halt beside him.

The driver of the car was a young man, aged about twenty-five. The car was a Morris, a Cowley, the truck-driver thought.

"Trouble?" asked the young man. He spoke the precise, perfect English of the Lowlands.

"Drive shaft's broken—can you get me to a telephone?"

"Certainly—what are you doing on this road, anyway?"

"I think I lost my way." The lorry-driver was fascinated by the condition of the car. It was almost as if it was brand-new. "This car —" he started.

"Just bought it—it has electric lights, pneumatic tyres and the seats are . . ."

What was he talking about, wondered the lorry-driver. Electric lights, pneumatic tyres—the car was forty years old, surely he'd seen cars with pneumatic tyres. This was Scotland, not a primitive part of Africa. His train of thought was interrupted by the car driver.

"My name's Fraser," he said. "I'm from Braemore. I've just come up from the market in Thurso. I'm not yet used to this car." The car gathered speed on a slight slope. "This is Duncan's Hill—it's quite dangerous." He began to change down, but could not engage the lower gear. The speed of the car increased.

"It'll never make the bend," shouted Fraser. "Jump for the verge." The lorry-driver jumped. He hit the verge, and rolled down the bank beside the road. On the road above he heard the sound of the car as it left the road, and rolled over and over. There was an explosion, and through the night he saw the dull glow of the Morris, which was burning furiously.

He climbed up the bank beside the road, and as he reached the road, fell forward in a faint. When he regained consciousness, the first thing he saw was the dim outline of a police car silhouetted against the grey dawn. A policeman of the Caithness Constabulary was kneeling beside him. He levered himself up into a sitting position.

"What happened?" said the lorry-driver.

"That's what we'd like to know," said the constable. "I presume that's your lorry back up the road?" But the lorry-driver was no longer listening. He was staring at a stone, erected by the side of the wide, metalled road. Carved in the granite were the words

"Erected un memory of my son, James Frazer,
killed here in a motoring accident.
December 19th, in the year 1924."

C. R. SABINE, VIB.

INVASION OF THE NEW FOREST

July 13th, 1964

Early one Monday morning some rockers, hardly dressed in school uniform, congregated just outside the school buildings. This was, in fact, Six Biology, a form which few people speak or even hear of. There was one late arrival—the boy who lives nearest the school. The mist hovered over Amersham Hill when the twenty-nine assorted individuals boarded the forty-one seater coach and departed from the school to invade the peaceful and unsuspecting village of Fritham. It was mainly a quiet trip, save for a few shouts of “rocker” whenever a motor-cyclist was seen. One wonders, perhaps, why a rocker so despises another member of his clan.

The coach was fairly old, but with a surprising turn of speed, due to the efforts of the bearded driver. After a swift run down the Winchester By-Pass, we entered the New Forest between Romsey and Cadnam. The coach turned off the main Bournemouth road, wandered down a quiet, shady lane, and shuddered to a halt on a small piece of grass miles from anywhere.

It was half-past eleven, and it was arranged to meet four and a half hours later a few miles away at a spot mysteriously named on the map as “Telegraph Post”. We started towards Fritham, the keen botanists and zoologists armed with their equipment, including gumboots and anoraks to keep them warm on the extremely hot day. The first local inhabitant to be found was accosted with cries of “Where’s the nearest pub?” The sound of running feet drowned the reply of “Up the hill”.

The party split into several smaller groups at the bottom of the next hill, the experts remaining to browse through the marshes, searching for orchids and other rare plants.

At half-past three the party met up again at “Telegraph Post”. (No posts were in fact visible for several miles.) The day had not been without incident. One member had miscalculated a jump over a small stream, and was carrying his shoes and socks. Another was covered in mud from the waist downwards—his misjudgement concerned some small piece of marshland, and he was rather touchy about it. Others had been on a wild vole chase, the difference between this and a wild goose chase being that the vole was finally caught.

The last two members of the party hurried across the heath—one of them was, of course, the boy who had arrived late at High Wycombe. It was surprising that everyone found the rendezvous point, for none of the groups had maps. A number

of things had been collected—a grass snake, a lizard, the wild vole, sunburn, and various insect bites. The driver of the coach would not, however, allow the three New Forest ponies we had collected on board his coach, so we had, regretfully, to let them go. The trip was greatly enjoyed, and was an unqualified success.

J. N. REES, 6B.

WITH SWINBURNE

“With Swinburne, once the trick is perceived and the scholarship appreciated, the effect is somewhat diminished.”—T.S.E.

We are the men who are hollow,
We are the men who are stuffed,
Ours is the path all must follow,
Whom even Death hath rebuffed ;
Like wind in the dried-out grass
Are we empty, although we in Hell are,
Or the feet over broken glass
Of rats in our dry cellar.

Eyes that can never appear,
Though they chill the most animate breath,
Eyes that I too much fear
In the dreamlike kingdom of death,
These are more distant and solemn—
For we are the sinners who sinned—
Than sun on a broken column,
And voices that sing in the wind.

We stand in the darkness of time
On the banks of this tumid river,
Hope is bitter that once was sublime,
What once did will no longer deliver.
And the scholarly trickster unbends
In the twilight of death like an amateur,
For this is the way the world ends
Not with a bang but a hexameter.

M. V. L. TURNER, 6M2.

THE HOUSE-BOAT

At last, the long-awaited letter, answering their application for renting a house-boat for their holidays, arrived at the Matthews' home. Anne read the letter out to the rest of the family. It stated that their application had been successful, and Anne continued :

"The boat contains one bedroom-diner, twelve feet by six feet, and a kitchen-driving cabin, five and a half feet by four feet . . ." At this point she was interrupted by cries of anguish from the rest of the family, for the advertisement that they had answered had stated that there were two rooms as well as the kitchen.

"Go and fetch that advertisement quickly, John !" Mother spoke curtly.

"All right, darling, we must not lose our tempers over it. We have already paid the deposit, so we will have to have the boat now. Besides, you should be all right with the cooking and so forth in the kitchen ; we will be able to manage with the other room somehow." Father tried to calm mother, but he just made things worse, for mother became even more heated.

"What do you mean—'you should be all right with the cooking'? I am not just going on holiday to wait on you. I want some holiday as well. You can go off fishing with John, what am I supposed to do—sit and cook in a floating oven all day?"

"But, mother," Anne tried, unsuccessfully, to interrupt.

"But, darling, we will be on the move up the river for most of the time, and . . ." Father was cut short by mother.

"Oh, you are not telling me that the house-boat moves ? It says kitchen-driving cabin, but surely that was only before it was converted into a house-boat !"

"Darling, I understood that it was to be a cruise. Why, half the fun disappears if you have to remain in the same spot and just watch other boats go by. I should never have let you send away the deposit before I had read the details first." Now father was not quite so calm himself.

"That has settled it then, we will not go. If you had taken more interest in the first place, none of this would have happened."

John returned with the original advertisement, and Anne was still trying to interrupt the heated conversation, but still she was not given the chance.

Mother glanced through the advertisement until she reached the relevant paragraph.

"Both bedroom and diner, twelve feet by six feet," she read aloud.

"Why the nerve of it! That could mean one room of that size, or two separate rooms each of that size which we took to be the meaning."

"I will write to these people and tell them what I think." Mother was furious.

"No, I will do the writing. It is a man's job, I will tell them what we think of them."

"You can tell them what to do with their house-boat. I am not staying cramped up in a boat twiddling my thumbs."

The whole family was in uproar, but a short lull gave the now desperate Anne time to speak.

"Mother, father, please let me read on. Also, living room, six feet square, bathroom, separate W.C. and a small bedroom . . ."

M. COLE, 5A.

LIVING NEAR THE BIRTHPLACE

A great deal is being written and spoken about Stratford-upon-Avon this year, but I wonder how many English people realise that Alloway, a village two miles south of Ayr, looms even larger for Scotland. Here, on the 25th January, 1759, Robert Burns, the poet, was born, and the cottage where this world-shattering event took place, is still preserved more or less in its original state, and a museum of relics has been added. Here, nearly every day of the year, people flock in their thousands to see the birthplace, and of course the souvenir shops do a roaring trade. Every school child has to learn his poems or sing his songs, every music festival has sections devoted to Burns, and on the 25th January every year, countless suppers are held throughout Scotland and even overseas, at which speeches are made in his honour, his poems are quoted at length, and his memory is extolled even by people who would probably have disapproved most heartily of his private life.

We went to live in Alloway in 1955 and soon came to feel that the Scots make altogether too much of their national poet. But gradually we began to realise a possible reason for this. Not only was he in their eyes a great poet, but the Scots had to prove to themselves, as well as to the English, that they were not just a savage tribe living north of the border, but had someone to put alongside Shakespeare. The average Englishman knows very little about Burns except perhaps that he wrote "Auld Lang

Syne" and a few much-quoted lines such as "A man's a man for a' that" and "O wad some power the giftie gie us, To see oor-selves as ithers see us". He may be forgiven for much of this ignorance since many of the poems are in Scots dialect, and even those in "modern English" are not impressive as great poetry (or so it seems to me). But when we are tempted to feel irritated by all the "ballyhoo" we should remember that it is the sentiments expressed in the poems which have won them a unique place in world literature. American and Russian celebrities who come to Scotland make a point of visiting Alloway, and it is probably true that Burns is better known and held in higher esteem in Russia than Shakespeare. The reason is undoubtedly his emphasis on world brotherhood and his hatred of everything pretentious. So even as we celebrate the 400th anniversary of England's greatest poet, we should not forget that perhaps Robert Burns does even more to break down international barriers.

MALCOLM D. GOLDRING, 4A.

SPOTLIGHT

"Spotlight" is a partly humorous, mostly satirical, wall magazine written and produced by a group of sixth-formers, some six in number, under the guidance and censorship of a master, Mr. A. J. MacTavish. Most of the material is written by the editors, although our thanks go to those all too few people from outside the editorial board who have contributed articles, features, and ideas.

In producing an issue, the first stage is a planning meeting which is usually held about a week after the previous issue "goes to the wall" in the glass-fronted cases specially constructed in the main corridor. At this usually inconclusive meeting, many suggestions are put forward for articles, but very little is actually done in the way of producing an issue. The job of actually writing, typing, and arranging the articles now rests fairly and squarely on the editors. For each issue the three editors take it in turns to be co-ordinator, and on this unlucky fellow falls the responsibility for collecting all the promised articles, servicing the typewriter, arraigning the articles before the censor, making the tea and the other various duties that suddenly and mysteriously appear. If not enough articles are forthcoming, publication is delayed, and such a delay can escalate into a complete failure to publish, such as occurred during the last examinations, and for which we would now like to apologise. We would point out, however, that part of the blame must lie with our readers.

This year a new editorial team have taken over. They are now beginning to realise how hard it is to please every member of a school of eleven hundred. We, the present editors, have taken our last bow. We would like to thank our readers for their patience and faithfulness.

NICHOLAS CORNFORD, R. J. B. COX,
CHRISTOPHER FORRESTER, ANDREW POTTS.

SOCIETY REPORTS

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

This term's programme has been somewhat limited because of the approach of important examinations ; nevertheless two meetings of the Joint Christian Fellowship were held, one at the High School when a "Fact and Faith" film was shown, and the other here, when the secretary of the Mayflower Centre in London's East End (where the Rev. David Sheppard works) talked about its life and illustrated its many aspects with slides.

As well as these meetings, we were fortunate to receive a visit from the South-East England secretary of the Inter-Schools Christian Fellowship, who brought with him many useful hints on the running of a Christian Fellowship, which, it is hoped, we shall be able to put into practice next term.

The daily prayer meeting is, I feel, a great blessing to those Christians who attend, but meetings aimed much more at non-Christians are far less effective.. We are fulfilling our aim of being a fellowship for Christians, but we are failing to witness to others. This we shall try to remedy when planning our new programme.

P. LANGSTON.

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Thanks to examinations, public and internal, the activities of the Society have this term been rather limited. At the end of the Spring Term the Latin Reading Competition was held. The Senior section (for Sixth Forms) was disappointingly supported by a very small number of competitors. K. N. Simons won the prize after a close heat in which R. Thomas came second. The

Junior section was excellently attended, and out of an entry of over thirty boys, M. J. Lowe (Vx) won for the second time, but D. N. Snodin (YUY) and I. Maun (Vx) won the prizes, as nobody is allowed to win a prize two years running.

Mr. Haworth took a small party of boys to a lecture at Reading University on Roman London and the archaeological work on it. Later in the Summer Term the High School invited our members to a lecture on Tacitus, with special reference to Annals, Book I, an "A" level set book for that year. Afterwards the girls provided us with an excellent tea.

On 25th June a party of boys and masters went to Bradfield College to see their production of Euripides' "Hippolytus" in the open-air theatre. Other worthy periodicals have given expert appraisals of the production, and we need only add that even amid the gnats and concrete seats (only cicadas were lacking from this reproduction of Attic drama) everyone had a most enjoyable evening.

David Rees left school at Easter and we are sorry to lose so enterprising and efficient a secretary, who in a year has produced most successfully two Greek plays; we wish him all good fortune for the future.

A. S. WICKENS.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

This term's activities have been restricted as usual owing to the G.C.E. However, the termly trip to a London theatre was planned—"The Schoolmistress" at the Savoy—but had to be cancelled through lack of support. The few who signed were keen to go but were rather unwilling to pay about ten shillings for the coach fare.

Following last year's pattern, it was decided to join together with the High School to produce a play or part of a play for the amusement and amazement of those who had just completed their G.C.E. Unfortunately this had to be called off as there was not enough support from either the High School or here.

Therefore this report must again record the inactivity of the Society in the Summer Term. Next year we hope to gain more members (we have eight members this year) and more support for the Society's ventures and ideas; we must not forget to thank the staff for their interest and we hope that there is a Dramatic Society for them to be interested in next term.

I. J. GRAYSON 6M2.

ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL STUDIES SOCIETY

The Society has had two meetings this term. On May 29th a tape-recording of a radio talk by Andrew Shonfield on "The Economic Implications of an Expanding Population" was played to a small audience of sixth-formers. At the second meeting, on June 4th, two films were shown in which Andrew Shonfield and Michael Shanks were interviewed about the Common Market.

In common with most other societies, this one has suffered from the examinations in the Summer Term, but the prospects for the next two terms are very encouraging.

J. E. HAVARD.

JAZZ APPRECIATION SOCIETY

The Summer Term is notorious for society inactivity—it cannot be said that this term has proved any exception. Owing to the call of examinations, therefore, it has only been possible to arrange a few meetings, most of which were poorly attended. A proposed trip to a Woody Herman concert received a very small response, but the few members for whom tickets were obtained spent a very pleasant evening being entertained by the latest Herd, especially by that very talented drummer, Jake Hanna.

Over the past year it has become evident that the Society caters for a comparatively small circle of jazz enthusiasts within the school. Prospects are certainly bright, provided that this interest can be maintained as well in the future as it has been this year. It is in this connection that I must thank Mr. Gray for his tireless year's work, with a promise that next term will see a full revival of our activities.

M. R. D. YORKE.

HISTORY SOCIETY

As anticipated in the last report of this Society, on March 16th Professor Max Beloff, from Oxford, analysed and assessed the influence of the United States on world politics from 1895 to 1914. Professor Beloff is well known for his skill in unravelling the threads of official and public policies, and it was very stimulating to hear him speak on such an interesting subject.

Since Easter, the Society has been dormant but not dead, a practice that has been regularly forced on it at this time of the

year by the impending examinations. However, one distinguished Oxford historian has agreed to give a talk next Spring Term, and in other respects the Society should have an interesting and varied programme next year.

J. E. HAVARD.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

At the beginning of the Summer Term Mr. Strickland gave a very interesting talk entitled "Can we count to Infinity?", and towards the end of term Mr. Chapman gave a very lively talk on computers, together with a demonstration of his own binary counter.

On Monday, July 6th, a group of Society members visited Equity and Law, who told us about the use of a computer in their type of work, and who also showed us their new I.B.M. computer in its own air-conditioned room.

A mathematical exhibition was held on Speech Day and prizes were awarded for the best models. We were surprised by the large amount of support and interest aroused. The exhibits were mainly polyhedra, but there were also some stitched curves and envelopes. Two exhibits which were permanently surrounded by an admiring crowd were the harmonograph, once a popular diversion in Victorian drawing rooms and the binary counter kindly lent by Mr. Chapman.

For our first trip in the Autumn we hope to visit the Northampton College of Advanced Technology to see their digital and analogue computers and logic machine. We also hope to show films of mathematical interest.

D. M. WOOD.

MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

Much has transpired since our last exposé of the subterranean world of the R.G.S. We have, at last, gained possession of the whole area under the old school stage, having evicted the sole survivors of a now forgotten industry in the school, namely three sad and unhealthy-looking pieces of scenery. These were ceremoniously transported to their new home in the "latin" quarter of the school. This now gives us an area of over five hundred square feet, which contains two circuits, one of over seventy feet and the other of over one hundred feet in length, both supplemented by many sundry loops and sidings, which together make up for interesting working.

Our "OO" exhibition on Speech Day certainly provided much enjoyment for operators and spectators alike. A fine "TT" layout was also on show, and we would like to thank the owner for loaning it, and also the brave gentleman who transported it from Iver on the top of a car. We have been assured that this is no easy matter.

Photographs and railway number plates and signs proved to be of great interest to parents and boys alike, and many favourable comments were heard from both.

Once again, we would like to thank their owners, and appeal for others for future exhibitions.

Films have been non-existent this term, simply because boys would rather play cricket than sit in a stuffy lecture room. We should have our full quota in the Autumn Term, however.

Our trips have met with their usual support and enthusiasm, especially the one to Birmingham and Wolverhampton. This brings the total number of trips run by the club in the past eighteen months to over ten—surely a record for any school club at any time.

The next term should see the club in its strongest position since it was formed seven years ago, and there is no reason why its programme of films and trips, together with its layout, should not keep it the most popular club in the school, and certainly the best "bob's worth" in Wycombe.

P. J. HOSKINGS, J. WHITBREAD.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

As usual in the Summer Term, the Society's activities were not only restricted by sheer lack of support, but by the examinations. There were no trips or long films, but the fortnightly showings of short films were maintained. A surprisingly large audience was present one week after it had been accidentally announced that no charge would be made for admittance.

Next term it is hoped to recruit fresh talent from the eager ranks of the new sixth-formers, and, with their assistance, arrange an interesting and stimulating programme. However, even the most ambitious schemes will fail unless there is sufficient support for them. For instance, several theatre trips in the last year had to be cancelled because not enough people were interested. We can only hope for an improvement in the general attitude of the school community.

Finally, our thanks and best wishes go to Mons. Cuffia and Herr Eigler, two helpful and interesting assistants.

W. H. N. LAWS.

RADIO CLUB

The principal attraction of the Radio Club in the past has been the film-shows, and as there have been less of these, membership has fallen accordingly. It is hoped that in the Autumn of 1964 the facilities of the clubroom will be made available to all members for the construction of electronic apparatus of the widest possible interest, especially small and simple "gadgets" such as intercoms, miniature radios, and burglar alarms, for the members' own use. In addition, the club will tackle a number of projects, including ultrasonic waves and radio astronomy. Members with any radio knowledge are welcomed by the committee. There will be no unnecessary or difficult theory; the accent in future is to be entirely on the practical uses and the construction of electronic apparatus.

J. R. KNIGHT.

MUSIC SOCIETY

The activities of the Music Society were severely hampered during the Summer Term by the rehearsals for the end of term concert. We had, however, a few record recitals; as only a small number of boys were informed of these, the attendances were very poor.

The end of term concert of choral and orchestral works was very successful, and was greatly enjoyed by the appreciative, but scanty, audience.

A. D. BISSETT 6.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

During the Summer Term we continued our usual programme of films, the most popular ones being about the production and development of the "Rover 2000" and the "Hillman Imp".

Once again the problem of getting a company to take us for a visit around their works has been a difficult one, but Wiggins Teape Research and Development Limited entertained a party of thirty Sixth-formers at the end of the term.

To make our programme more interesting, Mr. Coldham gave a lecture to the Society on Air Pollution and Industrial Poisons.

For the past two years, the Society has been served by basically the same committee, but now that they are leaving some new ideas from a new committee should give the Society the slight boost that it now needs.

A. H. DIXON.

STAMP SOCIETY

Although our programme this year has centred mainly around the customary twice-weekly meetings for the sale and exchange of stamps, membership has increased and we have had enthusiastic support from members of the Junior school. These weekly meetings provide young members with philatelic material, and the Society obtains trade periodicals, approval services and equipment for the recognition of stamps.

On June 3rd of this year, a party visited Harrison & Sons Ltd., where they saw the various stages in the production of stamps by the photogravure process. This visit was very successful and enjoyed by all.

For our annual Speech Day exhibition a thematic competition was held and the entries were put on display. The exhibition was enhanced by a display of stamps portraying insects alongside which real specimens were mounted, and we would like to thank Mr. D. G. Lambert for the loan of this display.

Finally, I should like to express the Society's gratitude to C. J. Myerscough for the excellent service he gave the Society in his two years as secretary before leaving us at Easter in preparation for his going up to Cambridge in the Autumn.

L. J. PRYCE.

TWENTIETH-CENTURY OPINION SOCIETY

As with most other societies, examinations put a stop to all activities during the Summer Term. It would appear that the best time for meetings would be in the three weeks after the completion of examinations, but one finds to one's dismay that all of the most interesting and topical subjects have been amply covered by Mr. D. G. Jones's "post examinations entertainment". In any case, people are reluctant to give up their time after school in the winter evenings. In the summer, however, it is, perhaps, asking too much to expect people to attend meetings after school.

In October the country goes to the polls to elect a new government, and, as is traditional at this school, a "mock election" will be held under the auspices of the Society. This should arouse the usual five-yearly interest in politics and for some it will mean definite political activity.

It is most gladdening to see so many maroon blazers in the audiences at our meetings, as this means that there is considerable hope for the future.

M. G. BAKER.

C. C. F. NOTES

This year was the "one year in four" to miss annual Inspection ; ceremonial training, therefore, was restricted to preparing for the usual Guard of Honour for Speech Day.

Much hard work went into these preparations and undoubtedly one of the best Guards in recent years paraded for the Guest of Honour.

The unusually early date of the occasion left very little time after the examinations for rehearsals, but the Band was well up to standard on the day and the two pipers who had the least preparation of all gave many visitors the impression that they were professionals imported for the occasion.

The usual training and camps have been held this year and reports of these will follow.

Mention should, however, be made of the standard of shooting, which continues to rise. Undoubtedly the Shooting Club formed a few years ago is now feeding keen and efficient marksmen into the school teams. In the small bore competition for the "Country Life" Trophy the school again finished fourth in the Class B competition for rifles with sights as issued. The Ashburton results just to hand are also very encouraging : the score of 499 placed the team in 43rd position out of 102 schools and recorded a best performance in this event.

ARMY SECTION

A slightly smaller party than usual set out for camp on Dartmoor this year, at the Prince Hall Farm site. The advance party as usual did a splendid job in erecting the whole camp well before the main body was due to arrive, and reaped the reward of a refreshing dip in the cool waters of the river Dart and followed this with a trip into Tavistock in the evening.

Training in the early stages of camp was directed towards achieving a high standard of "ground to map" knowledge in preparation for subsequent patrols and expeditions.

The first of these was an "escape and evasion" exercise in which two pairs of "escaped prisoners" attempted to reach their "getaway car" some miles away. They did in effect start from the vicinity of the prison and almost achieved their objective after an exciting and interesting day.

The three-day expedition was planned partly for cadets wishing to qualify for the Duke of Edinburgh's award and partly as a test of initiative, self-reliance and endurance. Much thought and industry always goes into the preparations which are as much fun as the actual expedition. Planning of routes, menus and equipment required is all part of the exercise and a good test of leadership.

The departure of the C.O. for hospital with the fashionable complaint of pneumonia threw a greater burden than usual on the remaining officers who were, however, equal to the occasion and maintained good morale amongst everyone during the expedition though all were saddened beyond measure by the unexpected news of the loss sustained by the school, so fully reported elsewhere.

The camp closed with the usual tests of initiative in the form of river crossings, etc., which were enjoyed to the full by participants and spectators alike.

R.P.

R.A.F. SECTION

The award of a Flying Scholarship to J. C. Pettit continues the list of cadets of this unit who have gained Pilot's Licences in this way. Cadet J. C. Pettit will commence his training at the Bedford Flying Club in August. J. E. Havard, whose training at Easter was delayed by unsuitable weather, has, just recently, qualified for his Pilot's Licence. M. T. Brooks, similarly delayed at Easter, will continue his training in the summer vacation.

A very enjoyable camp was held at Easter at R.A.F. Watton, attended by 25 cadets. There was a generous amount of flying and, in particular, the night exercise was a great success. The summer camp will be held at R.A.F. Lindholme in Yorkshire during the last week in July.

Gliding activities during the summer vacation are numerous. Number 613 Gliding School at R.A.F. Halton will run two Proficiency Courses in August during which, we hope six cadets will reach the Proficiency standard in gliding. In addition, three

cadets, who have already attained the Proficiency standard, have been selected because of their promising performances to attend a course for Advanced Gliding at R.A.F. Halesland at the end of the holidays.

E.M.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

As is usual in the Summer Term, work was disrupted by school examinations, which have affected everyone in the section at one time or another. Within the section itself Able Seaman and Proficiency examinations were held with some success.

It was disappointing to learn that "Operation Rockall", a trip to Gibraltar in the ships of the Home Fleet, had been cancelled. However, parties of boys travelled as far north as Scotland for training during the summer holidays.

The highlight of the Summer Term was a trip to the "Sea Day" at Portsmouth at the beginning of July, with Lieutenant Merrylees and Mr. Browning in charge. We watched simulated attacks by the Fleet Air Arm, fast patrol boat and submarine. We also saw demonstrations of Jackstay Transfers, refuelling at sea and helicopter flights. Everyone was most impressed by the firing of live "Squids" during the demonstration.

C. R. ILIFFE, Cox'n.

THE CORPS OF DRUMS

1964 seemed promising for the band, as we had all the year in which to practise. However, minor disturbances, added to the idea that the band is a glorious "scive", hindered us for most of the time. As usual, the pressure of Speech Day loomed overhead and caused many panic-stricken bandsmen to learn fervently a louder repertoire. In past years, one has been able to walk around the school and at the slightest mention of "band" people groan inwardly and start humming the tune of an "old faithful".

The Corps of Drums is now 31 strong, and with the addition of two clarinets and two trumpeters, has a more varied range. Certain junior bandsmen, Colt Stansall, A/B Haywood and Colt Fox show exceptional promise, while Colt Mann has excelled himself on the side-drum. Next year one can only hope that the selection of music will be increased, not only to provide entertainment on Speech Day, but to maintain interest in the band throughout the year.

Last but not least, I feel I must mention the interest shown by the officers. Mr. MacTavish was most helpful in arranging a meeting with the R.B.Y. (T.A.) bandsmen, and the loan of cornets to our bugle section. Capt. Davies has taken over the appointment of Bandmaster, a position that was, until recently, amalgamated with that of Drum-Major. The presence of Capt. Davies was, without doubt, an incentive to preparation for Speech Day, and we only hope that he intends to continue helping in the task of building the band into a first-rate branch of the C.C.F.

As one final word, I should like to say that, according to the records, the Royal Grammar School won several competitions for band music between the wars. Surely, with a little bit more effort, we can repeat this honour.

R. M. OVERALL (Drum-Major).

HOUSE REPORTS

ARNISON HOUSE

In my last house report hopes for the future of the house system were high, since a committee had been formed to revise its whole structure. Unfortunately these masters and senior boys have met only twice and, it seems, have decided very little. Thus the House Championship has continued, and even more important, will continue in its usual aimless way.

In fact it was a wonder that some events ever took place. Most were arranged at the last minute, the Chess was only half-finished and no one ever did discover what happened to the Hockey. House Officials, I am sure, are completely disheartened with the present state of affairs, since at the moment it is an absolute waste of their time striving to arrange teams. One must face facts; in this school there is very little "school spirit" and practically no "house spirit", as a recent survey, conducted by senior boys, showed. If there are no improvements, it would surely be much easier to forget the whole affair.

Now I must turn to the fates of Arnison in this fiasco. Being more fortunate than some houses with regard to abundance of talent, we once again achieved first place in the Championship for the fifth time in six years, although there is no cup or shield to prove the point.

In the events completed since the last magazine our fortunes have somewhat deteriorated and we have only just staved off a

late effort by Queens to overtake us. In the Badminton we were last, after desperate attempts to improve our position, after the tournament had ended. Obviously our officials do not have the persuasive powers which some members of one house have had in past years. In the Chess we held the premier position, mainly thanks to Myant who, as expected, won all his games, and Thomas a supposedly "thick" second-row forward, who did very well. In the other minor event of the Summer Term, the Shooting, we were third.

The results of the three major competition were very varied. In the Athletics we were only narrowly beaten by Fraser, who themselves admit that the positions would have been reversed had the jumping pits been in use. Congratulations, however, must go to John Hume, who yet again won a cup for his respective individual championship. The biggest disappointment was in the Tug-of-War, since we lost to Fraser in the first round in spite of having several renowned rugby players in our team. Undoubtedly Baker, the opposing captain, did most to upset our performance by his mere appearance.

In the Tennis we were most successful and gained first place. Of course Moores played superbly as usual; nevertheless, O'Hanlon, Turmezei and Lane, who is unfortunately leaving this year, ably supported him. The result of the Cricket was a little disappointing. We won the first round quite easily, but were then beaten in the semi-final with only five balls remaining. The match for third place between ourselves and Queens was most exciting. Our opponents needed five runs to win on the last ball. The fielding side's captain, who, I believe, prefers to remain anonymous, naturally placed all his men on the boundary. Then Douglas bowled the ball and it was snicked past the captain. He promptly ran after it, but on picking it up, he amazingly threw it over his head, then with his second attempt missed the wicket with an atrocious throw. In the meantime Queens had completed five runs and in so doing won the match. Arnison's opening batsman, who also fills that position for the 1st XI, never did appreciate this generous gesture by his captain.

Next year the house will have two new Housemasters, since Mr. Hawkins left at half-term and Mr. Rowland is leaving at the end of July. We wish them luck and thank them for their support during the past years.

In conclusion I should like to take this opportunity of hoping the house continues its great success in the future and also competes in a house system which encourages more boys to play a part and which once again instils a spirit which was lost long ago.

M. HARRIS.

DISRAELI

The house has done well in most of the competitions, our particular weaknesses being in the Boxing, Basketball and Chess.

With the exception of D. W. Lewis and one or two others, the house is lacking in athletes, but we can hope for better results in the future if our promising junior members maintain their present interest. Unfortunately the house lost the organising and athletic abilities of our House Captain, C. J. Packman, when he left earlier in the year.

Our Cricket team lost to Arnison in the six-a-side cricket match, despite a creditable 46 runs by P. C. Cant. The Tennis team, captained by M. E. J. Panter, did well, and gained second place in the Tennis tournament.

Finally, the committee would like to thank our Housemasters, Mr. E. J. Perfect and Mr. R. J. L. Duffield, who have always shown interest and have helped us, especially in finding our more elusive members when volunteers were not forthcoming.

E. G. RAINBOW.

FRASER

For the first time in six years Fraser did not finish first or second in the House Championship.

It may be that this is a good thing and will encourage members of the house to make a greater effort, and not merely to rely upon the efforts of a few senior members of the house. But this is not likely to be the case, and the truth is that there are very few members of the house who know, let alone care, what position the house does come in the Championship.

However, this is not only the situation so far as Fraser is concerned, and all the other houses meet the same problems. Therefore it would seem obvious that some radical changes should be made in the present system, or that the system should be completely abolished.

It is my opinion that the house system could have definite advantages, and should be continued, but that the scope of events competed in should be widened to ensure that more members of the house do have a chance to represent their house, and that more publicity should be given to house competitions. Only then will the system be worthwhile—that is, when house members show an interest in house activities.

Although Fraser only managed fourth position in the Championship, we were less than ten points behind the winners. This was due to our victories in Athletics and Basketball and our high positions in Cricket and Badminton. However, our performances in other events, notably Shooting, in which we were more than one hundred points behind the fifth house, were nothing less than hopeless—but what can you expect when a shooting team of five has to be chosen from only eight boys who bothered to enter.

Finally, it only remains for me to thank both our House-masters, Mr. D. G. Jones and Mr. R. C. File, for their continued support and encouragement to those members of the house who have made an effort this year.

R. A. FEWTRELL.

KINGS

Once upon a time it was sufficient for a house captain to copy out last year's house report, with slight alterations to names and positions, and it was automatically accepted as a house report for the school magazine. This year, however, the editors demanded something different.

“Make it interesting, not the usual stuff,” the editor said casually. I sat down to think about and soon decided I was incapable of doing anything more than copy out last year's report and then hope that nobody would read it.

I then set about trying to find out what had happened during the last term, but either nobody knew, or if they did they weren't telling me. After all, I'm only the House Captain. We did, I finally discovered, finish third overall. This is not too bad, but only a few points separated the top three places. A little extra effort from as little as three boys, and we would have won.

Mr. Scott gave his usual support and encouragement, and it is a pity a few more boys do not follow his example and initiative.

R. F. GREENWOOD.

QUEENS

This year Queens House climbed from the depths to a position of second in the House Championship, a very notable achievement and one which no doubt surprised our opponents. The key to our success lay in our all-round performance rather than to brilliance in any particular field, although we won the Badminton and came second in the Basketball and Shooting.

I was very pleased with the response received in the Athletics. A large number of boys went in for various events and, although a position of fourth was somewhat lower than our position in most other events, it was not through lack of effort. It represents a degree of fighting spirit which is very encouraging.

The House Cricket competition provided some very exciting entertainment ; the teams turned out to be very evenly matched despite the fact that some were, on paper, more talented than others. After getting a bye into the second round, Queens lost to Kings, but recovered slightly, to come third, by beating Arnison. Five runs were required off the last ball to win and with the help of an all-run four and an overthrow they were duly made.

On looking at the score-sheet you will see that very few points separated us from Arnison, and winning the House Championship is obviously within our capabilities.

C. R. ILIFFE.

YOUENS

“Write something original,” the editor said. Whoever heard of an original house report ? I should imagine, however, that he means we must not use that word which begins with “a” and is said to be synonymous with “the school”. As I write I turn to the house results, the 5ths and 6ths with the very rare 4th and the single 2nd, and I feel the task is hopeless. At least so it seemed until one morning last week when Mr. Cooper came up, his face wreathed in smiles, and said in elated tones, “I don’t know how, Jenner, but we seem to have won the Raffety House Cup.” I could hardly believe it. Youens win something ? No, there must be some mistake. But it was no mistake. I have the cup to prove it.

Well, perhaps the scorn which I had been storing up to write in this report was ill-founded ; perhaps we are a house of intellectuals and not sportsmen. So thanks, Youens, for giving us one ray of happiness amid the gloom of our other results.

I should like to express my thanks to R. C. Jones, our vice-captain, and to Mr. Cooper and Mr. Newling, who have been devoted Housemasters in their own fields, and lastly to the faithful few who at least turn out to enable us to field a side in most events.

M. K. JENNER.

FINAL HOUSE POSITIONS

1st	Arnison	...	...	...	...	105	points
2nd	Queens	...	...	...	...	102	”
3rd	Kings	...	...	...	...	100	”
4th	Fraser	...	...	...	...	97	”
5th	Disraeli	...	...	...	...	84	”
6th	Youens	...	...	...	...	37	”

SCHOOL HOUSE

Since the last report was published we have been visited by several "old boys". Alan Cawson, who is doing a temporary job with National Opinion Polls before going to Sussex University, has visited us with his brother John, who is now starting his second year at London University ; and R. A. Dorkings was a regular visitor until he went to Germany, where he is staying in a boarding school, before going to Jesus College, Cambridge, next October.

We played a game of cricket against R. C. Jones's XI after the examinations and, owing to the bowling of Eastman and Colley (J.), Malec and Frankland, only had to score fifty runs for victory. This we did with ease, Malec scoring twenty-one runs off one over from M. Harris.

As usual many members of the house have been playing a part in school activities, and both school teams and school productions rely heavily upon the support given by the boarders in School House.

R. A. FEWTRELL.

TYLERS WOOD HOUSE

Again the task befalls the "innocents of the outpost" to compose a delicate piece of artistry that flatters all concerned without seeming too blatant and yet has subtle tones of mutiny (for improvement's sake). I think one can really say that most members of this establishment take the examinations in their stride. The organisation of certain school activities and the afore-mentioned exams., although important, did not seem to disturb the social life too much. The weekend entertainment was varied as usual.

The end of this term sees the leaving of many members, including R. C. Jones, R. L. M. Harrison, P. R. Lane, R. M. Overall, also D. Burn, M. R. Snodin, J. L. Newman, P. R. G. Clark and T. Pring, with D. Bedwell and R. Mathewson as possibles.

So far as sport is concerned, G. Field and D. Rea have excelled themselves in both .22 and .303 shooting. P. R. G. Lane has played tennis for the 2nd VI, and R. C. Jones had yet another season in the 1st Cricket team.

Tylers Wood has also acquired a "lodger" this term, who can be seen regularly "tearing up" the drive. At the time of writing, R. A. French, 1957-1960, is paying us a much overdue visit, although I personally still remember those wicked strokes with a size 10 gym-shoe. We have also had the pleasure of another visitor's presence, Michel Rogen. We hope that he takes a favourable opinion of "*un pensionnat anglais*" back to France with him.

Next term will obviously see an influx of numerous newcomers to boarding-school life, and we wish them all, whoever they may be, the best of luck and a happy life at Tylers Wood. We also extend our best wishes to all who are leaving and the best of luck in the world outside.

R. M. OVERALL.

UPLYME HOUSE

It is not generally known that Uplyme House was opened in September, 1947, and the Housemaster appointed was Mr. M. M. Davies. Since then he has struggled unceasingly to check the wild antics of boys released from parental bondage and aid them through their school careers with minimum discomfort and maximum success.

Everyone who has had the experience of being an Uplyme boarder can hardly forget the gently-controlled chaos of his Christmas parties, his liberal attitude to end of term madness and his stories of ghosts and the macabre doings of former tenants of Uplyme. Mr. Davies has a humorous attitude to life which is invaluable to a housemaster. Although he could wilt the heart of the most indignant wrong-doers with his roars or his silent wrath, he would bounce back after a minute or two with a joke which perhaps had more effect than his previous fury.

It is with great sorrow that we said goodbye to him as housemaster, but he has stayed on the staff of the school and is now able to enjoy an ordinary life. There is no doubt that he will be greatly missed, for Mr. Davies has left his mark on every boy who passed through his hands in more ways than one!

The new housemaster is Mr. F. N. Cooper, who, we hope, will command as much respect and be as well liked as Mr. Davies was.

SPORT

CRICKET

1st XI

With five colours returning to the team this season all promised well for a successful season, but difficulty was experienced immediately in filling the remaining six places. To make matters worse, the old colours did not find form in the early matches and it seemed that we were in for a slender season. However, this was not to be, as lost form was found and unexpected new talent began to emerge. Now, at the end of the season, I can say it has been a good season, better than the results suggest. On only two occasions have we been severely beaten, by Tiffin and Watford Grammar School. The other games lost have only been by ten to twenty runs or by one or two wickets. The school has usually been well on top in the drawn games.

R. A. Fewtrell has captained the side well, bowled and batted in a spirited fashion, but perhaps without as much luck as in previous seasons. M. Harris has kept wicket excellently and has made several valuable innings. John Hayter is developing into a first-class batsman and slip-fielder : no better batsman was seen on any of our opposing sides. Although runs did not come as easily to him as last year he had several scores of over fifty. R. C. Jones opened the innings all the season and saw the shine off the new ball on more occasions than his scores suggest.

J. McLoughlin has had a season of mixed success. His bowling has generally been good but his batting the most disappointing aspect of the season.

Several people have played in the remaining six places. Three deserve mention as 1st XI players of the future, Nottingham and two Colts, Clark and Culley.

M.J.E.

1st XI RESULTS

Played 17, Won 6, Lost 6, Drawn 5

- v R.G.S., Guildford, away.
R.G.S. 89 (J. Hayter 39).
R.G.S., Guildford, 51 (R. A. Fewtrell 6 for 17).
- v Borlase School, Marlow, home.
R.G.S. 119 for 5 dec. (J. Hayter 75 not out).
Borlase School 57 for 9 (R. A. Fewtrell 5 for 16, J. N. McLoughlin 3 for 11).
- v Leighton Park, Reading, home.
R.G.S. 73 (J. Hayter 31).
Leighton Park 78 for 4 (R. A. Fewtrell 4 for 23).
- v King Edward VI G.S., Southampton, home.
Southampton 120 (R. A. Fewtrell 5 for 20).
R.G.S. 108 (J. Clark 33, J. Hayter 28).

- v Emanuel School, away.
Emanuel 87 (J. N. McLoughlin 5 for 30).
R.G.S. 72 (R. A. Fewtrell 34).
- v Culham College, away.
Culham 164 for 5 dec. (J. N. McLoughlin 4 for 55).
R.G.S. 79 for 5 (R. A. Fewtrell 31 not out).
- v High Wycombe "A", home.
High Wycombe "A" 36 (R. A. Fewtrell 3 for 5, Hall 4 for 14, R. C. Jones 3 for 10).
R.G.S. 37 for 0 (J. Hayter 23 not out, R. C. Jones 14 not out).
- v Watford G.S., home.
R.G.S. 108 (R. A. Fewtrell 68).
Watford G.S. 109 for 3.
- v St. Benedict's, Ealing, away.
St. Benedict's 118 (A. R. Nottingham 6 for 40).
R.G.S. 119 for 7 (M. Harris 30 not out, J. Hayter 30, R. C. Jones 25).
- v St. Bartholomew's, Newbury, away.
R.G.S. 110 (M. Harris 29).
St. Bartholomew's 88 for 8 (R. C. Jones 3 for 21).
- v Old Boys, home.
R.G.S. 197 for 6 dec. (R. A. Fewtrell 53, J. W. Clark 33 not out).
Old Boys 110 (R. A. Fewtrell 4 for 47, R. C. Jones 3 for 12).
- v Staff, home.
R.G.S. 157 for 8 dec. (J. Hayter 50, M. Harris 34).
Staff 123 for 6 (R. A. Fewtrell 3 for 40).
- v Royal Liberty School, Romford, home.
R.G.S. 189 (J. W. Clark 48 not out, J. Hayter 40, J. Culley 43).
Royal Liberty School 100 for 9 (R. A. Fewtrell 7 for 29).
- v R.A.F. High Wycombe, away.
R.G.S. 120 for 6 (J. Hayter 64 not out).
R.A.F. 75 (J. N. McLoughlin 5 for 20, A. Parry-Jones, Esq., 4 for 47).
- v Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, away.
R.G.S. 107 (J. Hayter 27, M. Harris 27).
Queen Elizabeth's 109 for 9 (R. A. Fewtrell 4 for 26, J. N. McLoughlin 4 for 48).
- v Tiffin School, away.
R.G.S. 109 (M. Harris 37, R. A. Fewtrell 24).
Tiffin School 110 for 3.
- v R.G.S., Worcester, home.
R.G.S. 122 (J. W. Clark 22, Fowler 20).
R.G.S., Worcester 93 (A. R. Nottingham 6 for 24).

FIRST XI AVERAGES

Batting		<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
J. Hayter	...	17	2	487	75*	34.78
R. A. Fewtrell	...	16	1	319	68	21.26
J. W. Clark	...	11	2	180	48*	20.00
R. C. Jones	...	17	1	121	25	7.56
J. M. Rivers	...	10	—	74	15	7.4
S. G. Fowler	...	11	1	74	20	7.4

Bowling

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Average</i>
R. A. Fewtrell	... 211	71	53	392	7.39
R. C. Jones	... 91	20	15	191	12.73
A. R. Nottingham	117	30	23	303	13.16
J. N. McLoughlin	154.2	36	31	464	14.96

Catches : M. Harris 17, J. N. McLoughlin 12, J. Hayter 8, J. M. Rivers 6, R. C. Jones, R. A. Fewtrell, A. R. Daines, J. W. Clark, S. G. Fowler 3 each.

Stumpings : M. Harris 9.

COLTS XI

Played 10, Won 3, Drawn 5, Lost 2

The Colts has a better season than their record suggests, as they had the better of most of the drawn games, and of the two defeats one was by the narrow margin of two runs. And this was in spite of Clark, the most promising batsman in last year's Junior Colts, being "stolen" by the 1st XI for the whole season.

Fortunately Culley, who last year had wasted his talent for batting by besporting himself like a half-witted No. 11 in a village team, set about most opponents' bowling as if they had come to give him some practice. His straight driving was a joy to watch, although one or two umpires at the bowler's end blanched when he began to loft them. His scores of 61 not out against Emanuel, 39 against Slough, 80 against Watford, 65 against Newbury, 53 against Louth, speak for themselves. It is hardly surprising that such performances should dwarf the contributions made by the other batsmen, but Chamberlain always opened the innings watchfully and could usually be relied upon for a useful score. North, who failed to impress in the nets, only managed to get his chance to play in the team after several games had gone, but once established he proved himself an admirable opening partner. By contrast, Gardner and Newitt, who both appeared to have a full range of shots in the nets, failed week after week in matches. We can only hope that next season they will blossom, Culley-fashion. More successful with the bat were the mainstays of the bowling : Gatland, Colley and McIntosh.

Although a good spinner was missed, the bowling was generally well up to standard. Few opponents were accustomed to Colts bowlers as fast as Colley and Gatland. Colley took full advantage of his height and was able to cut the ball either way. He was always among the wickets and improved throughout the season. He should be a great asset to one of the senior sides next year. Gatland gained his reward for persistence and accuracy. Neither McIntosh nor Setterington finished with any remarkable analysis, but as support bowlers for the faster spearheads of the attack they played their part. When required Reitz and Huggins could fulfil a similar role.

The wicket-keeping of Culley was rather reminiscent of some continental goalkeeping—often very good but punctuated by strange mannerisms.

Gatland's captaincy was admirably resolute, but he did not always handle the bowling as well as one might have expected, and his field placing was at best eccentric.

Colts colours were awarded to : J. S. Culley (1963), D. H. Whitwham (1963), D. J. Gatland, P. M. Colley, K. J. Chamberlain, K. J. McIntosh and L. C. North.

COLTS' AVERAGES

Batting

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Average</i>
Culley	9	2	350	50.0
North	7	1	114	19.0
Gatland	7	2	95	19.0
Chamberlain	10	1	123	13.6
Colley	6	1	59	11.4
McIntosh	8	1	70	10.0

Bowling

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Colley	103	47	133	31	4.3
Gatland	84	27	161	20	8.0
Settington	31	8	64	6	10.6
McIntosh	31	20	138	10	13.8

R.C.F.

ATHLETICS

This term has seen more interest taken in Athletics than ever before. Thanks mainly to the enthusiasm of Mr. J. M. Williams the standard of athletics and the team spirit have both been very high. Special mention must be made of R. F. Greenwood, who lowered the school 880 yds. record to 2 mins. 0.9 secs. ; this was 3 seconds lower than the original record. He also won the Senior Mile in the County Sports and so qualifies for the All-England Schools Championships at Hendon on July 17th and 18th, as do Waller and Reitz. We wish them the best of luck and hope that they can bring the first national title to the school.

Out of the three age groups the senior team had the best results, winning two of their three matches and coming second in a triangular match. The reason for this success was the above average performances put up by the athletes and not any single outstanding performances.

In the last match of the season—which was between six schools and run on a cinder track at Enfield—a combined team only managed fourth place. This poor position must be blamed on the lack of middle distance runners and discus and javelin throwers. However, good performances were put up in the quarter-mile by Hume and Lewis, especially the latter, who returned 53.9 secs. in coming second.

The lack of support in the field events proved to be our downfall. The only competitor worthy of note is S. R. Thomas, whose shot-putting improved very considerably during the season. He was, however, ably supported in the latter part of the season by Mason.

Unfortunately there have been no serviceable jumping pits in the school this year and consequently our jumping has suffered. With this lack of facilities the choice of teams was made considerably difficult, and it was not until the District Sports that the best jumpers were recognised.

The following were awarded their Athletics half-colours : M. J. Malec, R. F. Greenwood, S. R. Thomas, R. A. Fewtrell, D. Goodman and M. H. Kefford.

RESULTS

R.G.S. 82 *v* Newland Park 67 *v* Rickmansworth G.S. 101.
R.G.S. 157 *v* St. Nicholas' G.S. 130.
R.G.S. 111 *v* Watford G.S. 79.
St. Nicholas' Trophy : R.G.S. 4th.

LAWN TENNIS CLUB

1st VI

After several extremely successful seasons, the results of matches this year do not appear outstanding. The departure of two of last year's strongest members, D. G. Orchard and G. M. Seale, has undoubtedly weakened the team, and it has been possible on only a few occasions to field our strongest possible team.

In the two matches in which we suffered defeat, Peter Moores was unable to play. The first of these was against Highgate School, whom we beat last year. The fact that the school gained but half a rubber was brought about by the intelligent tactical play of the opposition, on painfully slow hard courts. The loss to Emanuel was not so ignominious, the score being 5—4.

Perhaps the most successful match of the season was against University College School, in which the school gained a well-deserved 6—3 victory.

Once again congratulations must go to Peter Moores on his exceptional achievements in tournaments and County matches throughout the country, in spite of his preoccupation with examinations. He again represented Great Britain in the International Junior Invitation Tournament at Wimbledon, reaching the quarter-finals. In early July he represented England in a match against Wales, and later that month he was playing for the county at "County Week".

The greatest event in the school's Tennis Calendar is the Public School Lawn Tennis Association Youll Cup, which is held in late July, and we have high hopes of emulating last year's success. The team will consist of P. J. Moores, P. B. Farmer (1st pair), and M. E. J. Panter, D. M. Davies (2nd pair).

Much amusement was caused by the accidental award of 1st VI Tennis colours to N. Gooderham. However, he has played many times for the school and thoroughly deserved them. Colours were also awarded to C. East, D. M. Davies and R. N. Grove. Once again we would like to thank Mr. Clark, Mr. Haworth and Mr. Davies for all their assistance, which made this year's season both harmonious and enjoyable.

The Youll Cup 1964

We've done it again.

The Public Schools' Lawn Tennis Association 1964 competition for the Youll Cup was held at Wimbledon this year and during the week beginning Monday, July 27th, the High Wycombe team fought its way steadily through to another final against Charterhouse.

The R.G.S. team was :—

1st Pair : Peter Moores (Capt.) and Peter Farmer.

2nd Pair : Maynard Panter and David Davies.

They defeated Sevenoaks (2—0), Eastbourne (1—1, 3—2 sets), Magdalen College School (2—0), City of London (2—0), Bradfield (3—2), Bedford (3—0), and finally Charterhouse (3—2).

Peter Moores played well within himself for most of the week and it was clear to all that he had developed greatly since last year. On only two occasions was he called upon to play a deciding singles and he made no mistake each time. In the final he overwhelmed his plucky Charterhouse opponent 6—2, 6—0. Peter Farmer partnered him admirably and dealt some very shrewd blows at important moments in the tense struggles.

Maynard Panter and David Davies are to be congratulated on good steady play and upon the fact that thanks to their efforts against their opposite numbers, Peter Moores had to play only two singles matches.

The tension at Wimbledon on Friday, the final day, was almost unbearable and at one particularly tense moment when a Wycombe player had to hold his service to save a vital set, his mother agreed that the travail of motherhood was as nothing compared with this. We did, however, win through and the boys showed great fighting spirit.

Mr. C. M. Haworth was there nursing them along and taking the strain like the man he is.

The Youll Cup was presented to the Royal Grammar School team by Mr. Roderick Maclaren, who founded the Public

Schools' L.T.A. in 1936 and started the Youll Cup competition in 1946. Then eight teams competed, this year there were 84.

Peter Moores played for the Public Schools' team against the All England Club on the Saturday following the final—a well-deserved honour.

M.M.D.

2nd VI

The 2nd VI have again had a most successful season, remaining undefeated in all their matches, in spite of the fact that the team was sometimes weakened by the transfer of some of its members to the 1st team. There are several promising players who have greatly benefited from the experience of playing in regular matches, and we look forward to seeing their promotion to the 1st VI.

Among those who played for the 2nd VI were J. S. Ray, G. H. Tomkinson, M. J. O'Hanlon, B. A. Pearson, P. A. Beasley, C. Birch, I. J. Belsham, R. M. Cowan.

M. E. J. PANTER, P. B. FARMER.

BOAT CLUB

This last term has been an active one for the Club. The First Four entered for five regattas. At Evesham they reached the semi-finals, whereas at Reading Clinker they were beaten in the first round, but in their heat they beat a four from Abingdon School, the crew of which had been rowing for four years, whereas most of our crew had only been rowing seven months. At Hereford Schools Regatta they were knocked out, in the fastest heat of the day in their classification, by a matter of four feet. The next regatta, the best in the country for the Public Schools Fours, Marlow, they were beaten in the first round. To finish the season they went to Reading Working Men's Regatta, where they were beaten by the eventual winners in the first round.

The second Four entered two regattas, Hereford and Reading Working Men's; in the latter they reached the second round. At this regatta, Wickens was adventurous enough to enter the Novice Sculls—he was second in his heat.

The Club would have been unable to be so active had it not been for the help, in transporting the crews by the parents, and the coaching by A. J. MacTavish, Esq., and J. Dormer, Esq., a member of Marlow Rowing Club. As we are getting a second set of blades, the Club will be less dependent on Marlow R.C.

As to the future, we will be able to expand, as we now have two coaches ; next season we hope to enter three Fours in the summer, but in the spring we hope to enter an Eight in a Head.

The first Four have been awarded their colours.

P. J. PESCOD.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club remained open this term so that two competitions might be completed. The House Chess was, as expected, a struggle between Kings and Arnison, the latter winning by one point. The Senior Competition, on the other hand, provided a slight upset, M. Myant losing in the final to R. Mildon, who had himself nearly been beaten in the previous round. Both these players had, earlier in the term, done very well in the Junior Congress at Liverpool, where W. T. Bradford surprised everyone by winning the *Daily Post* Cup.

Half-colours were awarded this term to W. T. Bradford.

M. J. MOBBS.

RIFLE CLUB

The Summer Term this year has seen an even wider range of activities than in previous years. In addition to the usual Tuesday evening shooting, to which Sgt. Harrison has devoted much of his spare time, there have been regular excursions to Bisley for practice.

Several successes may be reported in external competitions. First of all we learned with great pleasure that the First Team had repeated their last year's position of fourth in the *Country Life* small-bore competition, and that the Second Team had backed this up by a much-improved position of twelfth. This is especially impressive because the standard was rather higher than last year.

Secondly, we swept the board at the Bucks Junior Championships. Seymour became Junior Full-bore Champion with Hyde a very close second. Firth was fourth, and he also became Junior Small-bore Champion, with Seymour third. This was an excellent performance.

In June we entered the Oxford Public Schools Full-bore Competition for the first time and came fourth. The range at Otmoor was very pleasant and we can, no doubt, improve upon this position in future years.

Seymour rather distinguished himself by winning the Individual Cup by three points from Iliffe in an exciting (possibly too exciting!) finish. An extremely high standard of shooting was achieved, the winner scoring 188 out of a possible 200. Field shot very well to win the Senior Club Trophy from Hyde. Congratulations to Field and Andrew on being awarded their colours!

At the time of writing, final preparations are being made for the "Gale and Polden" and "Ashburton" Shield competitions; the most important full-bore competitions on our shooting calendar. They will be shot off at Bisley at the end of term, and we aim to considerably improve upon our poor position of last year.

At last something has been done about the bad condition of our range. Extensive repairs have been carried out and the building has lost its broken-backed appearance and has taken on a less ramshackle aspect. No doubt this has prolonged its life considerably.

The Club is extremely grateful to Mr. Cooper for giving up so much of his time, as he always does, and to other masters who have kindly helped out on occasions.

C. R. ILIFFE.

(P.S. Iliffe and Heeley leave us after nearly two years as Captain and Vice-Captain. They have been an excellent combination. They are both very good shots indeed: Iliffe has ably combined his cricket with a careful and unobtrusive organisation of shooting practice, and when he has been on the cricket pitch Heeley has always seen to it that all has gone smoothly on the range. They and Peter Merrington, who has been a most useful member of the VIII, go with our best wishes for the next stage in their careers. We hope to see more of them in the shooting world as we have of Michael Pattinson, to whom our congratulations go for *inter alia* winning the prize in the Match Rifle competition at Bisley this year and gaining a place in the English team to tour in Canada.)

F.N.C.

OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB

Births

READ, J. (1942-50). On April 14th, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Read, at Amersham Hospital, a daughter, Belinda Jane.

TILLION, M. F. (1944-50). On July 1st, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Tillion, a son, Andrew Malcolm, a brother for Caroline.

Marriages

DAVIES—CROSET. On May 2nd, 1964, at Holy Trinity Church, Rue du Mont-Blanc, Geneva, Barry L. Davies (1954-57) to Miss Danielle Croset.

HARDY—ESSEN. On July 25th, 1964, at Langley Parish Church, B. J. Hardy (1950-57) to Miss Frances Essen.

Deaths

E. T. THURLOW. On October 24th, 1963, Eric Thomas Thurlow, J.P., F.C.A., on his 69th birthday at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford.

In 1908 E. T. Thurlow was awarded a Senior Ewelme Scholarship. There were 48 candidates and Thurlow was second on the list. He was later sent to Berkhamsted School. He became a chartered accountant and J.P. for Guildford.

W. LINE (1909-15). On February 17th, 1964, William Line, Doctor of Psychology at Toronto University, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Line, of Lane End, at the age of 67.

We repeat this notice because since the last issue of the Old Boys' Notes much more information has been received about this distinguished Old Boy.

His brother, the Rev. John Line, Emeritus Professor, Victoria University, Toronto, writes that he had been reading an account of the Old Boys' Dinner in the *Bucks Free Press* and felt that the Club would like to know of a resolution passed by the Senate of the University of Toronto, respecting his late brother.

The resolution reads as follows :—

It is resolved : That the Senate deeply regrets the death of William Line, former Professor of Psychology and member of the Senate of the University of Toronto.

Professor Line was born in Buckinghamshire, England, in 1897 and was an undergraduate in Chemistry at the University of London at the outbreak of World War I ; he

enlisted with the Oxford and Bucks. Light Infantry and on his discharge had risen to the rank of Captain. He served in Egypt, the Balkans and France, and was twice wounded.

On coming to Canada he finished his undergraduate work at Mount Allison University, graduating in 1921 with honours in Chemistry and Mathematics. He studied briefly at Harvard and later taught Chemistry at the University of Alberta. His interests then turned to Philosophy and Education, and in 1922 he was awarded an M.A. in Philosophy and in 1934 a Master of Education, both from Alberta. He taught at the University of Manitoba but soon returned to London to pursue his studies in Psychology under the great Charles Spearman. He received his doctorate from London in 1928 for a brilliant experimental study on the "Growth of Perception". He taught at Mount Allison before coming to the University of Toronto, Psychology Department in 1929, where he remained until his death.

In World War II he joined the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, serving in Canada and Overseas as Director of Personnel Education with the rank of Colonel. During this time he established the system of personnel selection and intelligence testing in the Canadian Army. Toward the end of the war he helped establish the rehabilitation programme for returning veterans. In recognition of his services he was made an officer of the Order of the British Empire.

On his return to the University he re-established his long-time interests in mental health and resumed his position as consultant to the Canadian Mental Health Association. He became psychological advisor to the Department of Veterans' Affairs in Ottawa, consultant to the World Health Organisation and to the United Nations Secretariat on personnel policies. He was founder and later consultant to the International Institute of Child Study established by UNESCO in Bangkok, Thailand. He was President of the Canadian Psychological Association. His main psychological studies are to be found in the learned journals of Canada, the United States, England, France and Germany.

P. C. RAFFETY. On April 18th, 1964 Peter Charles Raffety died in his sleep at his home, North Dean, Furzefield Road, Beaconsfield, at the age of 85.

P. C. Raffety was a leading citizen of the Borough of High Wycombe since the turn of the century. He devoted much of his long life to social work in many fields, his major interests being his work for hospitals in the district and for the Royal Grammar School.

He was the senior partner of the family business of Hamnett, Raffety and Co., chartered auctioneers, surveyors, valuers and estate agents. He was an Honorary Freeman of the Borough, a Justice of the Peace and a former Chairman of the Borough Magistrates, a former President of the High Wycombe Chamber of Commerce, and a founder member of High Wycombe Rotary Club. P. C. Raffety was the first Old Boy to become a Governor of his old school and was Chairman of the Governors from 1947 to 1955.

His work for hospitals began in 1905 when he became honorary auditor of the former High Wycombe and Earl of Beaconsfield Memorial Cottage Hospital in Priory Road. As secretary of the building committee he took a leading part in discussions which led to the building of the new War Memorial Hospital at the foot of Marlow Hill. He was Honorary Secretary of the new Hospital from 1923 to 1947, its Chairman in 1937-38. In 1947 he was elected its Presiding Governor. In 1948, when voluntary and local authority hospitals passed to the control of the Ministry of Health, Mr. Raffety was appointed by the Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, as an original member of the Oxford Regional Hospital Board. In the last few months before his death, he saw his dreams of a large modern hospital becoming at last a reality with the beginning of a £2,000,000 hospital on the Marlow Hill site.

He had many other interests and activities including music and sport. He was honorary secretary of the High Wycombe Choral Society from 1905-1921. He was a member of many church choirs and honorary secretary for many years of the choir of Trinity Congregational Church. In sport he had wide and active interests including hockey, soccer, cricket and golf. He was a particularly able hockey player and a regular member of the County team for many years.

Mr. Raffety married, in 1910, Miss Ethel Margaret Child, who survives him. For many years they loved attending all functions at the Royal Grammar School.

A large congregation attended the funeral at Trinity Congregational Church, High Wycombe, when Mr. E. R. Tucker delivered a moving address. A memorial service was held on April 29th at the Royal Grammar School.

Staff

E. R. TUCKER, Esq. (1933-64). Mr. Tucker died suddenly at Amersham Hospital on July 24th, at the age of 62.

At the moment words are totally inadequate to express our sense of loss. A memorial service will be held next term and we shall report it fully in our next edition.

G. W. ARNISON, Esq. (1905-33), has sent along his usual collection of cuttings containing news of Old Boys. In the early part of this year he had a nasty fall and chipped a bone in his right shoulder. He is now slowly recovering the use of his shoulder and is being helped by physiotherapy treatment.

H. B. REES, Esq. (1943-45).

We have just heard with regret from his home at Clydach, outside Swansea, that Mr. Bryn Rees died there early in July at the age of 60. Mr. Rees came to High Wycombe in 1936 to teach at Sands All Age School; he was transferred to Mill End Boys School in 1937, when it opened, as a history master. He left Mill End to go and teach in a central school in Dartford in 1940 and returned in May 1943 as Senior History Master at the Royal Grammar School. In December 1945 he left to take up a post as history lecturer at Newland Park Training College.

He was awarded the Walter Hines Page Scholarship for training tutors and spent three months in the U.S.A. He was well known for the historical tours he organised for students and was a great traveller himself. When he retired in 1963, Mr. Rees was Principal Lecturer in History at the College.

Mr. Rees was a keen Rugby enthusiast and raised one of the finest Rugby sides at the R.G.S.—he was always very proud of his association with John Woodward (1944-48).

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Gwen Rees, a former teacher at Hazlemere Church of England School, who lives at 66 Chapel Street, Clydach, Swansea.

P. L. JONES, Esq. (1916-64), definitely retired for the last time in July 1964. We wish him many years of peace and content in his home at Penn. Mr. Tucker was going to write about him in this edition of the magazine but that will not be done now. Mr. P. L. Jones takes with him into retirement the love and affection and admiration of countless Old Boys.

A. S. HETT, Esq. (1944-64). After twenty years, Mr. Hett has now retired. He hopes to carry on "mildly teaching" in Canada or Europe. He will keep the Hon. Secretary informed of his address so that Old Boys can visit him whenever they pass nearby. He will be very glad to see them.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

M. J. BANHAM (1943-51) is happily settled with his wife and three children at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He has returned there after nine months at Lake Erie College, Ohio, America, where he taught English, with special emphasis on drama.

E. L. BARRETT (1954-60) called in to say that he will be stationed in Bicester, Oxon., for the next two years. He spent two weeks in Norway in June on NATO Exercise "Fire Brigade". He is off to Turkey in August for another NATO exercise.

C. B. BOWLER (1908-12), of Park Lane, Hazlemere, has just been appointed to the governing body of the Royal Grammar School.

J. C. BOWMAN (1955-61) sent one of his postcards, from Cologne this time. He was over at R.A.F. Laarbruch, in Germany, with the Henlow Cadets' Rugby team. C. R. S. WOOD (1954-59) was out there at another R.A.F. station with the Soccer team. *The Times* of July 25th reported that Bowman and Wood had passed out of R.A.F. Henlow.

H. F. BROOM (1913-17), Chairman and Joint Managing Director of Broom and Wade Ltd., has resigned from office as a director because of ill-health. H. F. Broom, who is 60, suffered a heart attack while on the company's business in India. As a mark of recognition of his long service to the company, it is the board's intention to appoint him to the office of President as soon as articles can be amended to permit this.

P. J. C. CLARK (1955-62), who is studying Modern Languages at Leeds University, has just finished a term at Innsbruck. He has stayed on in the district doing a summer job—as cloakroom and lavatory attendant in a cafe-cum-night club. He meets *the* most interesting people.

W. CHINN (1939-46) called in at school with his German wife in July. At the moment he is doing research in the University of California in Geology and Geophysics, mainly applied to mineral deposits. After completing his degree in Geology at Dublin he spent three years in the wilds of Canada in the North-West Territories. He prospected for gold in Yellowknife and the Great Slave Lake but found nothing very valuable. He taught in an Eskimo school and helped to build new highways in temperatures 30-40° below zero. He looks as fit as ever.

D. R. COX (1954-61) reports from Jesus College, Cambridge. After two years he has just completed his Part I in Law and gained an upper second. He has done enough law for the moment and is now off to the pine forests of Sweden to build himself up for the year. He brought news of R. W. HAMMETT (1954-61) passing out with an upper second in French and German, R. V. SCRUTON (1954-61) gaining a First in Moral Sciences Part I, A. T. LUDGATE (1956-63) getting a First in Mathematics, and G. P. M. WALKER (1953-60) narrowly missing a double First and now going to Oxford to work at the Bodleian Library for a year.

J. W. J. FREETH (1949-56), driving a new sports car, bumped into the Hon. Sec. at the Twickenham Sevens. After gaining a Maths. degree at London he went to I.B.M., the big machine and computer firm. He gained experience with them in the provinces and is now back in London as their Senior Systems Analyst. He is doing very well indeed.

J. N. FOWLER (1954-62) is spending his summer vacation in the U.S.A. as a Rotary Scholar. He will be staying in Johnson City, New York State, and then in Mississippi and Alabama.

V. G. GIBSON (1942-45), after doing his National Service as a radar mechanic in R.E.M.E., took a degree in Fuel Technology at Sheffield University in 1953. He then joined the scientific section of the North-East Division of the National Coal Board, where he worked on various problems, including vapour phase chromatography and explosions in compressed air pipe pipe lines. In 1959 he began full-time teaching at the Sheffield College of Technology, where his work is largely concerned with the metallurgical courses run by the College.

R. C. HACKETT (1951-57) called in at "Uplyme" to collect his "A" Level Certificate before making arrangements to emigrate to Australia. He is an accountant in an insurance company in Harrow and drives a Triumph Spitfire. He used to share a flat in London with ROBIN OWEN (1952-57) and MARTIN GREEN (1950-57), who have both emigrated to Australia. Robin Owen has married an Australian girl and now works for his father-in-law and sees T. W. ABDALLAH (1946-53) occasionally. Hackett gave news of DR. R. C. TODD (1948-55), who qualified at the London Hospital. He is now a Houseman at Salisbury Hospital, where he lives with his wife and baby. He hopes to come back to London to work for his F.R.C.S.

C. S. W. HARTE (1926-31) came along to Speech Day this year to see his Harte Cup for the best R.A.F. cadet being presented. He was staying for a short while at Great Missenden before returning to Guayaquil in Ecuador as Assistant Sales Manager of an oil company. He will be spending two years in Guayaquil, which is known as the Pearl of the Pacific.

F. E. J. HAWKINS (1948-56) is now fully settled in as Sales Representative of the firm of Woodward and Stalder, based on Reading. He has been elected skipper of the well-known Wasps Rugby team for season 1964-65 and is lucky enough to have as his vice-captain J. E. (Ted) WOODWARD (1944-48). Last year CLIVE ASHBY (1950-54) was Vice-captain of the club.

G. A. HAZELWOOD (1950-54) was glad to leave in 1954 and the reason is now very clear. He did little with our academic curriculum but found himself when he joined Napiers, the Aero-Engine Company, as an apprentice. He is now out on his own as a gardening machinery specialist and is very happy in his own business—Garden Mechanisation Ltd., London Road, High Wycombe (Telephone H.W. 3382). Any Old Boy who wants a mower will receive a particularly warm welcome.

R. G. HOLLINGWORTH (1953-60) has just completed a year's M.Sc. research at the University of New Brunswick, Canada. He intends remaining one more year there and has accepted a lectureship in electrical engineering. He has also been appointed Proctor for one of the halls of residence and has entered fully into the social life of the University. He has added skiing and skating to his accomplishments. He spent a week in New York recently and visited the World's Fair.

P. C. R. HUDSON (1955-62) writes from Peterhouse, Cambridge, where is reading Natural Sciences for Part I. For Part II he expects to read chemical engineering although he may turn to metallurgy instead. He takes an active interest in the Christian Union, Informal Music Club and Railway Society.

G. D. B. JONES (1947-55). Dr. Barri Jones has just been appointed a lecturer in Roman History and Romano-British Archaeology at Manchester University. He is still working hard in Italy.

P. G. KEEN (1955-60), a student of the School of Design and Furniture of High Wycombe College of Further Education, has been awarded a guild scholarship by the Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers. P. Keen, the son of Mr. S. G. Keen, the High Wycombe furniture manufacturer, transferred from the R.G.S. to the College of Further Education, where he has now completed a three-year full-time course in furniture production and management.

H. A. LEESER (1939-42) writes to the Headmaster giving him news of himself and his family. He has a new job as management adviser on computer matters in Unilever. He is based on the Blackfriars London office, but gets about a great deal in the course of his work. He hopes that his son Andrew may be able to come as a boarder one day to the R.G.S.

A. D. MOORE (1935-40). Dr. A. D. Moore, a Wing-Commander in the medical branch of the R.A.F., is now stationed at Halton, and his son is coming as a boarder next September. Dr. Moore has many grim but interesting tales to tell of his experiences at Belsen concentration camp which he entered soon after the collapse of Germany.

D. G. ORCHARD (1956-63) has just completed his first year at Sheffield University. He captained last year's victorious R.G.S. tennis team in the Youll Cup competition and this year played in the Sheffield University tennis team which won the Universities' Athletic Union competition. He has been on a tour of Holland with the University team and in an open tournament in Birmingham he played against the Wimbledon finalist, Fred Stolle. He lost.

C. J. PACKMAN (1957-63) writes from the Staatliches Internatsgymnasium, Schloss Plön, in Schleswig Holstein, Germany, where he is teaching English and improving his German before going up to University in October. He does plenty of sailing and thoroughly enjoys the life there. The high point of his stay was a week spent in Berlin. He spent two days in the East Sector and experienced quite a funny feeling when he walked through the Wall at Check Point Charlie. He didn't find East Berlin as drab as he had been given to believe.

R. M. PEARSON (1953-61) has just left Cambridge after very successfully completing a Part II in Pathology. He goes to St. Mary's Hospital with JOHN SIMPSON (1953-61) in the autumn. Pearson is now spending some weeks in the islands around Crete, studying the problem of malnutrition there. If he and his friends find anything useful to report, the World Health Organisation will help them with their expenses. He reports that M. ASHBURNER (1953-61) is staying on at Churchill College to prepare for a doctorate.

J. K. PRIOR (1934-40), a member of the Old Boys' Committee since 1948 and Chairman from 1957-59, has been made a Foundation Governor of the Royal Grammar School to fill a vacancy left by the death of Mr. Percy Raffety. He is now employed at the chief office of the Prudential Assurance Company in Holborn, where he is deputy principal of the Staff Department. During the war J. K. Prior was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1942 and served as a regimental intelligence officer with the 3rd British Infantry in France and Germany. Subsequently he had a short period on the North-West Frontier before returning to an appointment as Brigade Staff Captain in this country. He is married with three children.

M. J. RAY (1921-26) was included in the Queen's Birthday Honours List and awarded the Queen's Police Medal for distinguished service. M. Ray was formerly Detective Superintendent in the Metropolitan Police. He is the son of Mrs. F. Ray, of Green Street, High Wycombe, and the late ex-Constable J. Ray. He retired in April 1963 after 33 years' service in the Metropolitan Police, most of which he spent in the fingerprint department. As head of the "scenes of crime department" he

investigated and gave expert evidence in many serious cases. His last case was the great mail-train robbery last August. He was responsible for the fingerprint evidence in this case and gave expert evidence against a number of the accused at their trial. On his retirement he became instructor and lecturer in fingerprints at the Metropolitan Police Detective Training School, where he is responsible for the training of fingerprint officers from all over the world.

P. W. REDWAY (1929-35) met E. J. DICKINSON (1929-36) at a business meeting recently and became so interested in the R.G.S. again that he has just become a Life Member of the Old Boys' Club. After the war he joined the Skinningrove Iron Company Ltd. as Assistant Sales Manager and he is now a Director and General Sales Manager of the Company. He lives in the country near Whitby, Yorks, has three children—two sons aged 20 and 15, a daughter aged 18—and was appointed magistrate in 1955. Paul Redway was delighted to read in the magazine that the Rev. A. M. Berry was still going strong. He well remembers "Bickle" and his long bony fingers with which he used to prod him most effectively into wakefulness if he day-dreamed in the scripture lesson.

P. G. UPPARD (1957-61) won the Nora Maismith Scholarship at the end of the Lent Term at the Royal Academy of Music, which enables him to continue his piano studies for another three years. The scholarship is open to the whole Commonwealth and since it is the only one of its kind at the Academy, it is not only keenly competed for but most coveted. Indeed the competition is held over two days of competitive playing before a board of eminent musicians, including Kinloch Anderson, Kathleen Long and Myers Foggin.

(M.M.D., the Hon. Sec., wishes to thank all Old Boys who have written or called with news. He hopes that they will continue to do so.)

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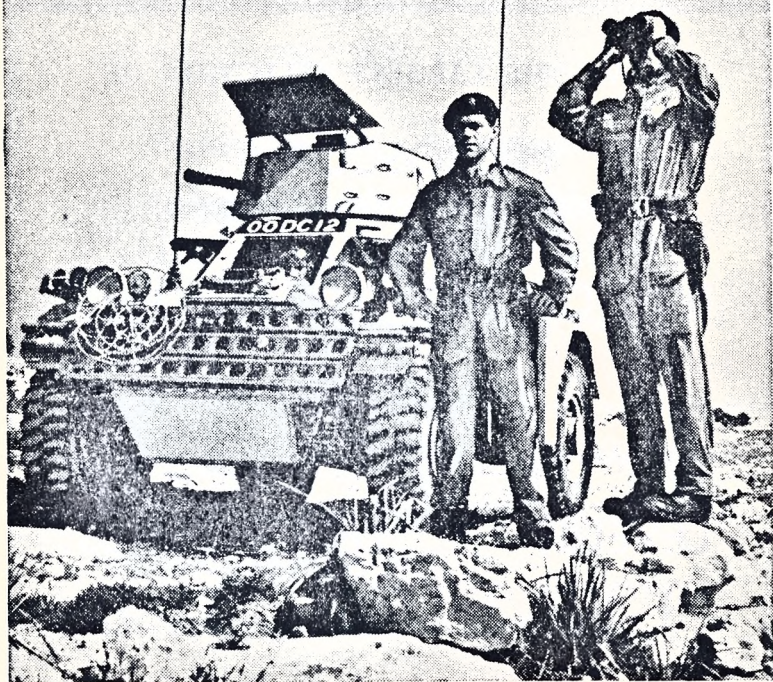
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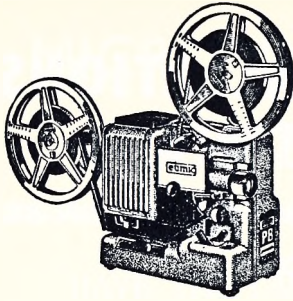
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