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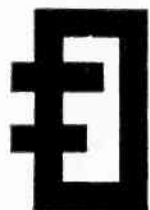


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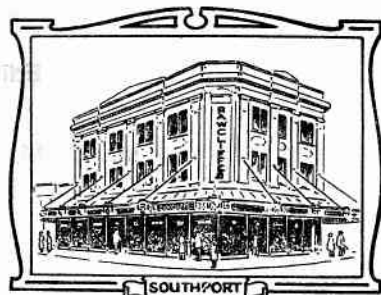
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The Reverend A. T. L. Gear, the last surviving member of the original staff of the school in 1920, died on 1st August, 1972, at Quedgley, near Gloucester, aged 85

STAFF CHANGES

We were very sorry to lose the services of Mr. C. F. Fleming who retired at the end of the summer term. He had been a member of the Physics Department from 1945 and Housemaster of Leech's House since 1953. His kindness and interest in the boys in his House will long be remembered by many generations.

We also were sorry to lose Mr. I. Lunn and Mr. J. K. Andrews, both of whom were promoted to be deputy heads at other schools. Mr. Lunn has gone to Prescott Grammar School, and Mr. Andrews to The Priory School, Shrewsbury. We are most grateful to both of them for their excellent work as heads of departments in this school for the last seven years.

Miss M. Clarkson also left the English Department after a brief stay here of two terms.

We welcome to the staff this term Mr. J. A. Fairburn from Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, who has been appointed head of the Chemistry Department; Mr. A. Cook from Nottingham University to the Physics Department; Mr. J. B. Puckey from Liverpool University to the Mathematics Department and Mr. C. M. Johnson from Keele University into the English Department. We also welcome Monsieur Pierre Jandot as French Assistant.

MASON MEMORIAL FUND

The trustees of the Mason Memorial Fund again hope to have upwards of £350 to disperse in scholarships to members of the school during this academic year. These scholarships will be awarded for any educational or adventurous undertaking during the school holiday periods or for participation in any activity organised by outside bodies. The scope is wide and there is no lower age limit.

A copy of the rules governing these awards can be obtained by any boy from the school office at any time. In order to be considered for an award, the boy or boys concerned should write down a detailed summary of what they intend to do and make an estimate of the cost. This should be handed to the Headmaster by the end of March 1973. All the applications will then be considered by a small committee of members of the staff who will make their recommendations. Now is your opportunity to win a valuable award to take part in some interesting activity which might otherwise be too expensive for you to contemplate. If you wish to discuss the matter informally before making your application please see the Headmaster as soon as possible.

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LONG RIGG

All members of the Lower Fifth forms had the opportunity of a three day visit to Long Rigg this term. Use will be made of the winter season to effect certain improvements. Some re-painting has already started and we hope to have an additional toilet provided downstairs and a shower unit upstairs. During the last month the trustees have been able to repay the last of the mortgage owing on the property.

IMPORTANT DATES

Lent Term begins	4th January
Half Term	14th, 15th, 16th February
G.C.E. Trial Examinations begin	5th February
G.C.E. Trial Examinations end	23rd February
Lent Term ends	13th April

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We regret to announce the death of Derek Aitken (M. 1965-70) on 16th September, 1972, in a motor car accident in Southport.

A. M. ABRAHAM (M.1924-31), consultant surgeon at Liverpool, has just returned from a surgical lecture tour in Australia where he attended a urological conference.

Rev. M. S. ARMITAGE (G. 1956-64) is now chaplain and lecturer in liberal studies at Kingston Polytechnic, as well as holding the office of honorary assistant priest at St. John's, Kingston upon Thames.

Dr. D. BROWN (M. 1952-60) took up an appointment in October as Lecturer in Dental Materials Science at Guy's Hospital, London. He has also been appointed Tutor in Hughes Parry Hall at London University.

W. N. CAMPION-SMITH (S. 1965-69) is now reading Economics at St. John's College, Cambridge.

J. A. COHEN (R. 1958-64) is now a solicitor and attorney at law at Cayman Islands.

M. R. GRITTEN (M. 1963-70) who recently passed out of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, was awarded the following prizes at the end of his course: The Administration Prize. The Director of Studies Prize for meritorious performance in the Diploma Year, and Various Monetary prizes amounting to £80.00.

P. P. GUBBINS (S. 1961-68), who gained his B.A. Honours in German at Manchester University this year, has been awarded a Samuel McLaughlin Scholarship to undertake post-graduate work at Queen's University, Kingston Ontario, for the year 1972-73.

K. G. HALSALL (R. 1949-56) has been recently appointed Chief Pharmacist at the Fazakerley Hospital, Liverpool. For the last 10 years he has been Deputy Chief Pharmacist at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

R. H. JACKSON (Le 1961-68) is now an Associate of the Institute of Bankers.

C. J. LLOYD (R. 1961-68) who gained a Senior Optime degree in mathematics at Cambridge last summer, has joined a Liverpool firm of actuaries.

J. K. McNAUGHT (M. 1962-69), having graduated from Sussex University with an Honours Degree in Biology, has begun a post-graduate course at Salford University, leading to M. Sc. in Environmental Resources.

T. R. PEARCE (W. 1955-61), is now Art and Crafts teacher at the School for Maladjusted boys, St. Augustine's Hospital, near Canterbury.

P. E. RIGBY (Le. 1950-57), has been appointed to the position of Assistant Secretary to the Merseyside Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

I. W. RODGERS (Ed. 1965-71), is now reading Engineering at Cambridge, and holds a scholarship from United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, Aldermaston.

A. RODWELL (S. 1949-57), has been appointed Head of the Lower School at Foxford Comprehensive School, Coventry.

K. M. SMITH (Ed. 1931-36) is Principal Lecturer in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the Huddersfield Polytechnic.

D. T. TABRON (M. 1960-67) has a teaching post at Linwood Boys' School, Leicester, and is now taking his Certificate of Education at the University Centre, Northampton.

A. W. THOMPSON (M. 1962-66), has now taken up a post as Management Accountant with Mullards, Southampton.

STRATFORD VISIT 1972

The form of this year's visit to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford, differed slightly from that of recent years. In view of the large number of boys wishing to see the R.S.C.'s production of "Julius Caesar", it was decided to limit the visit to the matinee performance of the play and undertake the journey by coach. The demand for tickets from the school was, to say the least, encouraging, and some people were unable to obtain tickets.

The morning of Saturday, October 14th. The party, consisting of 37 boys and three members of staff, assembles outside the school. The arrival of the coach (a few minutes late, as is traditional) is greeted with loud cheers and all pile in. Our driver, Tony, rapidly establishes that an orderly journey will take place, and his point is taken by all. Through Lancashire to Skelmersdale and the M6 Motorway. The coach picks its way through the Saturday morning traffic on its way south. At 10.00 a.m., we pull in at Keele Service Station to stretch our legs and purchase reading matter to fill in the next half of the journey. However, to buy any solid sustenance necessitates our joining the ever-growing crocodile of travellers, which takes time that cannot be afforded. We press on along the M6, through the industrial sprawl of Birmingham and over the infamous Spaghetti Junction to the gentler Warwickshire countryside. Past Shakespeare's Garage, Shakespeare's Bank and Shakespeare's countless souvenir shops to a parking-place situated conveniently near the theatre.

The party disperses, resolving itself into separate groups of two, three or four. Map in hand each party makes the visits to churches and Shakespeare's various haunts. On meeting each other, the parties hail like long-lost friends, and resume puzzling out their present location. Some wander like lost souls by the River Avon, trying to resist making an early start on their sandwiches. The general consensus of opinion is that Stratford-upon-Avon in October and cold threatening weather is an exceedingly dull town. Sandwiches are eaten, by those with sufficient sense to have brought their own provisions, and the performance is eagerly awaited.

The time comes to make one's way to the theatre. Lavish programmes are purchased and thoroughly digested. The atmosphere in the foyer, one of great expectancy, adds to the excitement of watching the Royal Shakespeare Company in action at Stratford. It appears, much to Mr. Holland's relief, that no-one has accidentally mislaid his ticket, or suffered any other accident. The stage, entirely in white and adaptable within seconds from a hill into a senate-house, is a fitting one in this production. With each interval, the praise

becomes more glowing. Everyone is impressed with John Wood as Brutus, Richard Johnson as Mark Antony, and Mark Dignam as Julius Caesar himself. The thoroughly entertaining performance builds up to a thrilling climax. Leaving the theatre, the view is unanimous that the play was well worth the expense and the long journey.

As a contrast to the intrigues of Ancient Rome, we are left with the more worldly task of obtaining some food to sustain us on a long journey home. Although it is the "off-season", the local cafe proprietors, we find, are not slow to take advantage of their position in catering for hungry theatre-goers. Some, of the more limited means, find themselves congregated in a cafe whose food defies any kind of description, but is at least inexpensive. Others roam the town in search of licensed establishments; "The Dirty Duck" left a profound impression on all those who visited it. At 6.30 p.m. the party reassembles, thankfully complete, and spirits are generally high. As the coach makes its way north on the M6 spirited songs are performed, some of a highly illuminating nature, until the efforts of a long and arduous day have a detrimental effect on the voices of the improvised choir. Southport at 9.30 p.m. is a welcome sight, and the party gradually diminishes as the coach makes its stops at various parts of the town.

The 1972 visit to Stratford was, I can safely say, enjoyed by all. It remained a topic of conversation for many days after, and the memorable performance of the play will, I am sure, be remembered for many years to come. Thanks are due to Mr. Holland, for organising the whole thing, our driver Tony (for whom the collection came to a tidy sum) and, of course, the actors of The Royal Shakespeare Company for living up to their magnificent reputation. P.A.C.M.

SIXTH FORM COMMON ROOM

At the time of writing this report (just after half-term) the Sixth Form Common Room is almost complete. The conversion of the Cricket Pavilion has gone very well and no unforeseen difficulties have arisen. My only regret is that it was not completed for the beginning of this term. The hold-up, during the summer holidays, was due to the builders' strike.

A common room has been wanted for many years in this school. I think I speak on behalf of all members of the Sixth Form when I say that we are extremely grateful to the Parents' Association, members of which have put in a great deal of time and effort to make this Common Room possible.

I should also like to thank Afford, Rigby, Suffolk and anyone else who has helped with the work on the Common Room.

One final point. By now the Common Room should be in use and I sincerely hope that it will be treated with respect and have many years of use ahead of it. G. Owen, U6M.

1st XV RUGBY

The team showed an early willingness to train and practise, and a good team-spirit prevailed following a useful trip to the school hostel.

Early matches against Southport Rugby Club showed that ability and fitness existed, but confidence was somewhat lacking. This was borne out by the performances against Lancaster and Blackpool. However, any confidence built up in these early matches was demolished by a Cowley side fresh from overseas triumphs.

After this period the team struggled to renew its spirit and after an unconvincing win over Heversham there followed a run of defeats which did little to help. The latest match, against Cardinal Allen, produced the best play of the season but the team, reduced to fourteen men in the first half, were unfortunate to go down to a narrow 3-0 defeat.

We are fortunate that a squad of around twenty players of some ability has been built up, so that injury need not necessarily mean a weakening of the side. Certainly the team has the ability to improve on this early season performance, but only if they commit themselves wholeheartedly and develop a winning attitude.

The recent mood suggests that we have reached a turning point and that we are heading towards better things. P.R.

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CRICKET REPORT — 1st XI — 1972

Played 12 — Won 1 — Lost 3 — Drawn 8

Despite the bad weather the team managed to complete most of its fixtures. With many new, young faces, the side took time to settle down, and consequently suffered a rather disastrous start, losing three of its first four matches. The main weakness seems to have been in the batting. Apart from Darwin and Ritchie, and Fletcher, with his occasional "bright and breezy", players were too easily dominated by the bowlers. This stemmed from lack of confidence rather than any shortage of ability. There was an encouraging improvement, however, especially during the last few weeks of the season, culminating in the near-defeat of a strong Southport and Birkdale side (S.& B. 106 for 7 declared, School 101 for 5 at close of play).

Bowling was always the strong point of the team. Four bowlers took ten wickets and more, and even some of the batsmen found success with the leather. Ritchie was probably the most successful and certainly the most consistent, though Whittaker on his day could be devastating. There was never any shortage of spin bowlers — Huyton especially did a startling job on even the most amicable wickets.

Fielding began disastrously but there was a gradual improvement, although it has still to reach a high standard.

Despite the fact that the team won only the one match, beating Prescot G.S. by 70 runs, it did fairly well. Half the team were Upper Fifth boys and only three were in the Upper Sixth. In spite of its youth and relative inexperience, the team did quite well, especially towards the end of the season — apart from the Southport match, the side almost beat the Old Boys (School 75, Old Boys 30 for 7) and rain cut off the staff match at what was an interesting stage from the School's point of view.

The Team was:

MELLOR—An enthusiastic captain and a player of considerable ability. Unfortunately his performances in the field and with the bat were often impaired by the weight of the captaincy and this responsibility undoubtedly prevented him from developing his full potential as a cricketer. Next season, with more mature players around him, he should certainly be able to improve on this year's record.

RITCHIE—A most consistent all-rounder who took the most wickets (25) and scored the most runs. He moved the ball away from the batsmen with his fast-medium pacers, and was both stylish and aggressive as a batsman, if a little erratic in the field. He should be a great asset to next year's side.

DARWIN—A very aggressive opening bat, who was more of a run-machine than a stroke-maker. He and Jones made some useful opening stands. His innings were highly exhilarating though his fielding could be improved.

WHITTAKER—He opened the bowling with Ritchie but, though he was a bowler of undoubted ability, he was very erratic. On his day he could bowl out over half a side, and then the next week get no wickets at all. As a batsman he became a useful stand-in opener and scored quite a few runs.

RIGBY—An enthusiastic cricketer who undoubtedly had the ability to score runs but who occasionally let himself be bogged down in dour defence, to the frustration of, especially, the Wallasey bowlers. He was a useful medium-pace bowler and a good reader of the game, making a valuable knock against the staff.

FLETCHER—Came into the side as the traditional "slogger" but developed some good-looking strokes as the season wore on. In full swing he was a sight to watch and his "bright and breezies" certainly livened up the matches. He was good in the field, despite his size. However, he was totally confused by one Lytham spin-bowler.

SHEARER—An erratic pace-bowler who could be good on his day. Took several important wickets and improved as a fielder as the season wore on. He deserted to the bins later in the season.

FOX—A slow-medium pacer who was a very good first-change bowler. His deceptive flight and movement off the pitch brought him a lot of wickets. A close-to-the-wicket fielder of the highest quality.

HUYTON—A very good spin-bowler who took a number of wickets throughout the season. With experience he could be even better next year. He was a remarkable outfielder with a long and accurate throw, and also proved himself with the bat.

JONES—For most of the season he was the team's opening batsman but after one or two good scores early in the season his form slumped. He was more at home in the middle order to judge by his performance against Southport. He must run a little faster between the wickets. He was a useful spin bowler.

GREENHALGH—A lower-middle order batsman who did not really find his true form. Only once, against Prescott, did he reveal the ability which will stand him in good stead next season.

He was a good fielder in any position.

ESSEX—Came into the side late and proved himself for next season with several fine knocks.

Finally, the team would like me to thank the following on their behalf, for all the interest shown and time devoted to practice and umpiring: Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Gale and various other members of staff who officiated. Thanks also to George and Pulman for regularly scoring. J. C. Mellor

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SECOND XI CRICKET REPORT

Played 6 — Won 1 — Drawn 2 — Lost 3

Despite facing many problems the team certainly tried hard. Rain caused the first match to be cancelled and interfered throughout the season. Even the team's only win was nearly cancelled before the wickets were pitched and towards the end of this limited-over game the umpires refused to officiate in the continuous drizzle, the game only being saved when Barton, Darwin and Somerset took turns in wearing the white coats.

The team's only two defeats were due to bad batting, with the innings closing at 23 against Stockport (in 57 minutes, 3 minutes short of stumps) and 27 against Kirkham. The only win, as stated, was in a game reduced to 20 overs each by the rain. Q.E.G.S. scored 55 for 5 after batting first, with the home team reaching 58 for 3 in 18 overs, Walmsley (35 not out) being the highest scorer.

The leading characters of the team were:

BARTON—(Captain H.S.14* B.B.4—26.) A reliable and competent captain who led the team decisively throughout the season. His consistent bowling proved very useful, as did his judgement in the field.

CULSHAW—(H.S. 13 B.B. 1—22) A slow but dependable batsman, he could always be relied upon. Unfortunately he was run out against Kirkham, but in the collapse against Stockport he scored one, not out, in half an hour. He bowled in only one match and fielded competently all season.

DOLBEN—(H.S.* B.B. 0—4) Although not one of the more dynamic players of the side, he could always be relied upon under pressure. His bowling was always accurate with a seasonal average of only two runs an over, but his batting was a little insecure.

ESSEX—(H.S. 9 B.B. 3—23) A sound, solid, left-handed bat who never really "got his eye in". A consistent bat with much potential, he was promoted to the first team later in the year. Due to the shortage of bowlers, he bowled frequently, returning an average of 8—4. His all-round ability was completed by his tremendous agility in the field, especially in the slips.

HOPPER—(H.S. 18 B.B. 3—25) He always batted with a cool temper, unleashing his obvious ability only once. A desperately unlucky bat, he was dismissed l.b.w. twice and run out once in four innings. He was somewhat erratic when bowling and not always safe in the field, but he had the best throw of all the team.

MONKS—(H.S. 14 B.B. 1—4) Having a totally unpredictable attitude, he was known to have thrown the bat at everything, including the wicket-keeper. He gave ready advice to all, especially when he wanted to bowl, and always fielded nearer the bat than positioned. His value was as a change bowler, but he could only be used in short spells. He was one of only two bowlers to claim wickets in every match he bowled in.

NELSON—(H.S. 9 B.B. 0—8) He bowled only once in that game confining the opposition to only 8 runs in 3 overs. His batting improved as the season progressed, but he might have been more aware of the quick single. Probably the most improved player in the side, he will undoubtedly be an asset next year. An exceptionally quick fielder, he was the only player to hold two catches, one of them a tremendous drive at silly mid-off.

ROBINSON—(Wicket-keeper H.S. 15 Dismissals 1, caught) The gay deceiver of the team, his attitude was somewhat keen: he always wanted chances but dropped as many as he caught. He always offered sound advice to the bowlers and captained the side against King Edward's in Barton's absence. He was able to call on his vast experience at all times, on or off the field.

SOMERSET—(H.S. 12) A dedicated opening bat, he was often luckless. In the field he was reliable, especially in the covers, where he had one of the safest pair of hands in the team.

WALMSLEY—(H.S. 35* B.B. 3—17) As a batsman or a bowler he never failed and his ability in the slips was unquestioned. His tremendous all-round skills earned him promotion to the first team at the end of the season.

WORSLEY—(H.S. 0 B.B. 0—15) Coming into the side at the end of the year, his most valuable contribution was his partnership of 10 for the last wicket against Kirkham.

The team would like to thank Mr. Bruce for all the work he has done and all the time he has given to enable the games to be played, and also Mr. T. B. Davies, Mr. Gale and Mr. Radcliffe for giving some of their valuable time to umpire on Saturday afternoons.

L. R. B.

T. J. B.

UNDER 13 CRICKET XI

The Under 13 Cricket Team played two games and won them both quite easily. A third game, against Balshaw's G.S., had to be cancelled.

In the game against Merchant Taylors' School the Team won by 30 runs: K.G.V. 89 (Holgate 20, Thornton 34 not out, Bailly 12); Merchant Taylors' School 59 (Pinch 4 wickets for 18, Taylor 3 for 0, Hodge 2 for 19). In this game Palham took 4 catches.

The game against Ormskirk G.S. was won by 8 wickets: Ormskirk 28 (Taylor 5 wickets for 2, Pinch 4 for 7); K.G.V. 31 for 2 wickets (Ball, the captain, scoring 26 not out).

S. B. R.

TENNIS (Not just a Racket)

No doubt you would be impressed if you saw a Deakin smash or a Kelly serve. And what is more, there is similar potential throughout the school.

You might however be forgiven for not knowing who holds the record for the individual consumption of crisps at matches. This record was set up one windy morning, in the most unlikely weather conditions for tennis. And that shows keenness to turn out and play!

The teams performed well in the matches against Scarisbrick Hall School and the Sphinx Club, and were narrowly defeated in the Glenburn Invitation Tournament by Upholl and Grammar School, who went on to win in our half of the draw. We are going to repeat and increase the fixtures next season.

You see a lot of Fourth and lower Fifth formers have given the side a forward thrust. Then there is a strong backing of younger players to add a smooth co-ordinated swing to the stroke — continuity you might call it. And the follow through? For that we are looking to the Sixth Form. Next season will be a challenge.

It is hoped to have extended practice time on Wednesday evenings, and two teams playing a variety of fixtures. Here is a great opportunity for non-club members, as well as the chance for club players to meet on a competitive basis.

A few will be called upon to organise or act as captain of a team. The vast majority will compete - or play for the sheer enjoyment of it. Because tennis is an attractive sport. So when you come out onto the court, bring all your equipment with you: talent, enthusiasm, good humour, respect for your opponent, . . . and not just a racket!

B. M. H.

FENCING SOCIETY AND TEAM REPORT

Captain of Fencing: P. M. Price.
Secretary: T. Thornborough.
Coach: Mr. Finch (many thanks due from all).
Captain of Foil: P. M. Price.
Captain of Sabre: T. Thornborough.

Since our secretary is now doing the Astronomical Society report, this is being written by the captain.

This has probably been the most successful team for fencing in the school's history, with a great deal of welcome interest shown by the juniors. This is most encouraging, and we hope that anyone else who is interested will come along, on Wednesdays.

Our sabre team, in the matches against Waterloo Dolphins (an adult club), had an overall victory of 7 - 2. The points in the games were closer, however, being about 30 - 22 to us.

The foil team has had more matches, both at schoolboy and adult level. It was vanquished somewhat ingloriously by the Dolphins (8 - 1, to be precise), but bore up extremely well at the North-West Schoolboy Championships. Here, Thornborough and Gidney gave competent performances, but were outclassed, being eliminated early on. Price, more fortunate, came through to the final round before elimination. Considering the size and strength of the entry, this was a surprisingly good effort by everyone. Just to close, it is worth noting that, on an individual level, Lancashire Trials have been awarded to Thornborough and Price, and that the team as a whole is rated one of the top three in the county.

Yes, a most satisfactory term, and we can look forward with confidence to the next.

THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Chairman: Mr. F. Large
Secretary: T. R. Thornborough
Treasurer: P. Whitworth

Under the new and capable leadership of Mr. Large, our dormant society got under way once more. The beginning of this term saw a vast expansion of the society due to the dramatic influx of lower school members, and it was with their help that the work got under way. The first task was to repair the exterior of the observatory (again!) and make good the damage done by the vandals. This was done one glorious Saturday afternoon and, whilst the observatory was being repaired, an effort was made to improve the

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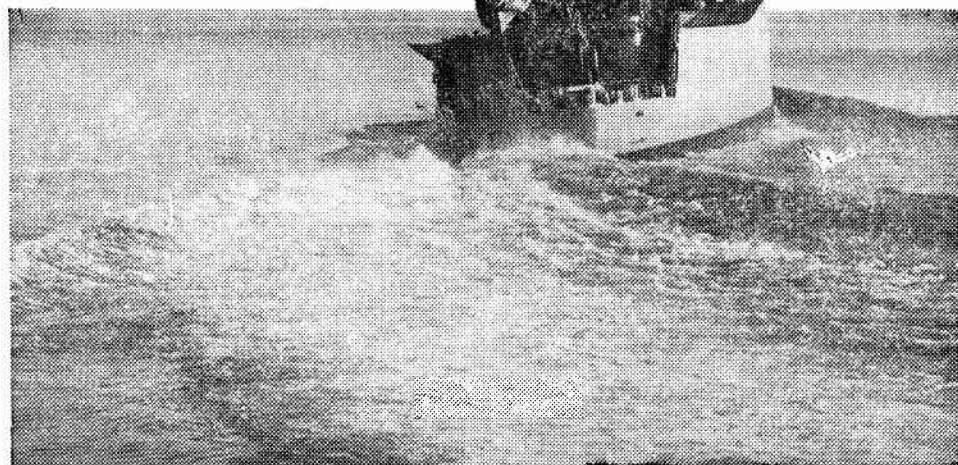
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skyline by decimating the trees near at hand. Despite voluminous objections by the owners, this was duly completed and the observatory made vandal-proof, mainly due to the efforts of myself and the Saunders brothers and the use of half a mile of barbed wire. However, there is still a lot of work to be done before the telescope can be used again, but we are confident that it will be serviceable by the end of next term, or the next, or . . . well, it is three years before we leave, but there is just a chance, that I may gaze through the eyepiece and see the red spot of Uranus.

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN UNION AUTUMN TERM REPORT

Chairman: P. Chadwick

Leaders: C. Nelson, P. Chester, B. Armstrong

This report deals with the period up to half-term, during which five meetings have been held. Attendances have risen to a healthy twenty-two, as compared with last year's abysmal eight. Meetings have been varied and informal, and this formula will be applied to most future meetings.

Although the much-vaunted "1st Printed Programme" had to be changed slightly due to circumstances which could not be foreseen, the half-term can rightly be called a success. This fact was due to the inspired leadership of Paul Chadwick, and thanks go to Chris Nelson for his progressive publicity and artwork, as to P. B. Chester, whose aptitude

for economy led to the nice balance of our accounts.

The leaders would like to thank all those who have attended and hope that they will grace us with their presences at future meetings. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who is thinking of attending. We'd be glad to see you. Remember it's your Christian Union. It exists for your use, so make use of it!!!

R.B.A.

Meetings are held at 3.50 p.m. on Fridays or Wednesdays in Room 29.

DEBATING SOCIETY REPORT

Five dates were arranged for meetings of the Society this term. At the time of writing, one (1) meeting has resulted; such is the present condition of the patient. The debating society has never been one of the best supported of the various school societies, but this term the committee has been simply overwhelmed by the enormous apathy shown by the rest of the school. This, coupled with a dearth of ideas on the part of the committee, including myself, and a lack of speakers (any offers?) has led to a very sick

society indeed. However, it is hoped that the now traditional Balloon Debate at the end of this term, and the meetings of the Joint Society (or Secret Society, as it is now referred to, as we are now limited to sixth form private debates) will lead to a renewal of interest in us.

N. R. Sellars, chairman.

Committee: Dave (the Rave) Strang, Tricky Dicky Bradley,
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SIXTH FORM FILM SOCIETY

President: Mr. Ward

Chairman: H. Herbert

Committee: R. J. R. Golightly, B. Skerry, M. Graham, N. Cornish, R. Birrell, S. Bracher.

SUCCESS! At last the film society seems to have found support, with the High School actually selling out of tickets. With the money already collected from the sale of tickets and the money collected on the door from guest tickets, this year's profit should be around the forty pounds mark.

SUCCESS? Definitely not the way to describe the projection side of the first film this term, CAT BALLOU. With a delay at the beginning because of a faulty extension lead and then a faulty projector, the first reel got under way with the use of our second projector. For safety's sake the High School's second one was brought into use. At the next change the spare projector failed and consequently a second delay arose as the next reel was threaded onto the one that had just finished.

However, the film seemed to have been well liked and we felt that the audience appreciated the trouble the projectionists were having. Either that or they were still asleep.

The second film, Fahrenheit 451, was much more successfully projected but did not seem to go down so well with the audience who seemed to think that the ideas put forward by the film were a lot of nonsense.

Unfortunately the B.B.C. seems to be celebrating its 50 years of showing films by choosing to show most of the films that we had decided on for our society. Because of this it has been decided that next terms film Citizen Kane will be changed for another film. Which we have not yet decided on.

With still two films to go this term we look forward to seeing two good films, and also the sixth form's at the High School, in the near future.

H.H.

PROCESS OF THOUGHT

What to write ?

I could produce a scathing attack on all Seniors who are Christians, yet who do not bother to support the Christian Union. Their usual excuse is that they don't like the meetings — quite invalid, because the vast majority haven't set foot inside Room 29 on a Thursday evening for well over a year, during which time the C.U. has been under new management. To those who still maintain the excuse, I would like to ask what steps they have taken or are taking to try to improve these terrible meetings. As it is, all planning is left up to the out-of-touch "Schol" people, who, I am quite sure, cannot, on their own initiative, plan meetings which will be appreciated by all. Outside help would be most welcome.

Or I could address the atheists, agnostics, anarchists, etc., who resort to mutilating C.U. posters and notices, and jeering at the members of the "holy huddle" behind their backs. The C.U. was never intended solely for Christians, everyone is welcome and, in fact, there are some regular agnostics in our midst. Surely a C.U. meeting is an opportunity to voice one's own opinion on religious and other matters to an attentive audience. Everyone, even a Christian, enjoys a good thrash now and again, so your views on Christianity and related subjects would be most welcome.

Or perhaps, I could address the uncertain ones amongst us, those who aren't sure quite what they believe. It is not very pleasant being unsure of one's own feeling, only lukewarm, and the C.U. meetings should help people of this calibre finally to decide whether to be hot or cold. The final choice is up to the individual. A person with definite ideas commands a much greater respect than someone who dithers all day long in uncertainty.

I could draw to a close by appealing to all who come to the Thursday meetings, and so make the C.U. a society which welcomes everyone, and caters for all tastes; closing by wishing everyone a Happy Christmas.

J. D. Findlater.

HUNTER TRIALS

It's awfully bad luck on Diana:
Her ponies have swallowed their bits.
She fished down their throats with a spanner
And frightened them all into fits.

So now she's attempting to borrow —
Do lend her some bits, Mother, do.
I'll lend her my own for tomorrow,
But today I'll be wanting them too.

Just look at Prunella on Guzzle,
The wizardest pony on earth.
Why doesn't she slacken his muzzle
And tighten the breech in his girth?

I say, Mother there's Mrs. Geyser
And doesn't she look pretty sick?
I bet it's because Mona Lisa
Was hit on the back with a brick.

Miss Blewitt says Monica threw it,
But Monica says it was Joan,
And Joan's very thick with Miss Blewitt,
So Monica's sulking alone.

And Margaret failed in her paces:
Her withers got tied in a noose,
Her coronets got caught in the traces
And now all her fetters are loose.

It's me now. I'm terribly nervous.
I wonder if Smudges will shy.
She's practically certain to swerve as
Her pelham is over one eye.

Oh wasn't it naughty of Smudges?
Oh, Mother, I'm sick with disgust.
She threw me down right by the judges,
And my silly old collarbone's bust.

D. Morgan LVM.

A GOLFER'S DEVOTION

A Golfer —
His name? Fred, Harry, Joe,
I don't know —
Stands in pouring rain,
Wielding a driver
Ready to hit.

Why does he do it,
Play in rain, or hail or snow?
I don't know.
Swings back slowly,
Swings forward
And hits.

Is he so devoted
That he can't stop swinging to and fro?
I don't know.
Walking along quickly,
Dragging a trolley
Behind him.

Does he want to get away from life
For three or four hours or so?
I don't know.
Comes to his ball,
Dips into his bag.
He swings

And misses !

S. Johnson LVB

MURDER

Stairs creaking,
Shoes squeaking,
Hands trembling,
Face sweating,
Approaching door,
Turning handle,
Be careful
Not to use the light,
Don't want to wake her
From her slumber.
Approaching bed,
Eyes glazed,
Teeth gritted,
Palms sweating,
Arm raised,
Knife glinting,
Arm falls,

Knife flashing,
Small groan,
Bed rocks,
Once again,
Again,
Again,
Hand red,
Sticky, wet,
Knife drops,
Makes a clatter,
Nerves tense,
Heart thumps,
Mops forehead,
Blood drips,
Starts to panic,
Too late,
Job done.

M. Almond LVB

WAITING

The main staircase of Milan Central was crowded with jostling, gesticulating Italians, all hell-bent on reaching their destinations in the shortest possible time. The Trans-Europe was due in at eight-thirty, and it was already twenty-five minutes past, so I resigned myself to being carried along in the crowd, under the great, concrete pillars and past Mussolini's great, curving frescoes towards the platform.

Several flights of steps and three railway officials later, I located platform seven. Above my head the glass and girders of the domed roof met the grey, stone walls and their inlaid symbolism in a tortured pot-pourri of style and utility. Ahead of me, past the grey-uniformed carabinieri and his sub-machine pistol, past the throng of multi-plumaged tourists in their lobster tans and ridiculous shorts, the grey iron lines stretched out spidery fingers to disappear in a maze of shunting-tracks. But there was no train. The crystal clock, incongruously placed under the deified carvings of the Zodiac to my left, showed the train to be three minutes late — unheard of for the Trans-Europe — and my thoughts strayed along the thin girders over my head to the Swiss mountain viaducts and tracks.

Minutes ticked by or, rather, slid by: still the train did not appear, and the incessant chatter of the brightly bedecked tourists clashed with the grey walls and grey thoughts, like a parrot on a bier. Nine o'clock, and still no announcement — at least, one that I could understand. The grey carabinieri looked at me again, a note of suspicion in his eyes.

"Parla inglese?" I asked, knowing the answer.

"Niente."

"Francese?"

"Niente, nolle italiano." He shrugged his shoulders coldly, more French than Italian, and turned away.

As he did so, a grey, efficient voice came crackling over the intercom. The Trans-Europe, so far as I could make out, had been diverted because of snow in the passes. It may arrive tomorrow, or perhaps later today. A shaft of cold, wintry sunlight penetrated the cloudy glass over my head, and rested for a moment on the carabinieri's gun. Then, slowly, it travelled out along the thin rods of steel ahead, out towards the distant Alps.

P. M. PRICE UVS.

OLD WILL

Eight-thirty, twelfth of November.
Will gradually pulls himself up,
Leans across to his table,
The dust rippled in piles,
Centuries old and stagnant.

Will, centuries old and stagnant,
Is alive for a day.
He dresses quickly:
A suit, dark overcoat, bowler.
And then he unlocks his drawer.

Poppies, and poppies,
Small ones and large alike.
He smiles and pins one on,
His face a bright glow.
His spirits a mile high.

Then he removes the poppies,
And there, dull with age,
His prize possession,
His medals!
Driver William Hogard, M.M., D.S.O. !

Once a year they see light.
He polishes them, pins them on.
He is now ready for action.
He walks downstairs and along
A winding road to the station.

The train to London,
And a walk to the Cenotaph —
Will's made it, thirty-five years steady,
A once-yearly pilgrimage:

"They will not be forgotten."

He sleeps by day,
And hunts by night.
When he's on form,
No animal's all right.

Sometimes it's a dog,
Others it's a cat,
But if he only feels peckish,
It'll just be a rat.

He looks down on the world
From his nook so high.
He seeks out his pray
With a lustful eye.

His head provokes terror —
His head is hooked —
Anything that moves is immediately booked
For a fate worse than death.

A squirrel scutters,
But evades not his sight.
He swoops down low and gives more than a
fright
To that creature doomed to die.

At the break of dawn he returns to his nest,
The night's work is done,
And he's in need of a rest.
But when dusk falls he'll be seeking his prey
My word, he's the best.

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			Balance	17.00	
	£69.84			£69.84	

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	£	p		£	p
Subscriptions, Autumn Term 1971	64.62		WATKINSON & BOND, Printers:		
Subscriptions, Lent Term 1972	63.54		Autumn Term, 1971	181.00	
Subscriptions, Summer Term 1972	62.67		Lent Term, 1972	123.35	
Revenue for Adverts:			Summer Term, 1972	294.70	
Autumn Term 1971	51.50				
Lent Term, 1972	52.50				
Summer Term, 1972	38.00				
Sale of Magazines	1.86				
To Balance	264.36				
	£599.05			£599.05	

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GOLDEN JUBILEE FUND

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1972

Income					
Covenants and Subscriptions	544			498	
Income Tax Refunded during the year	284			298	
Donations	13			45	
Proceeds from Efforts	—			28	
Bank Interest Received	18			40	
Building Society Interest Received	4			6	
	<u>863</u>			<u>915</u>	
Less Expenditure					
Travelling Expenses	13		80		
Rates and Insurance	120		19		
Sundry Expenses	15		16		
Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance of Property and Equipment	356		230		
Mortgage Interest Paid	49		70		
Accountancy and Bank Charges ...	34		34		
Depreciation					
Equipment	78		58		
Minibus	160	238	825	160	667
Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year		£ 38		£248	

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 1972

Long Rigg Sedbergh, Yorks (at cost)	3693		3000	
Add Capital Expenditure in the year ...	211	3904	693	3693
Equipment purchased for the house (per last Balance Sheet)	325		383	
Additions during the year	193			
	<u>518</u>			
Less Depreciation	78	440	58	325
Minibus (per last Balance Sheet)	797		957	
Less Depreciation	160	637	160	797
Cash at Bank		446		556
Cash in Hand		1		3
Deposit with Building Society		61		100
		<u>5489</u>		<u>5474</u>
Less CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors		176		20
		<u>£5313</u>		<u>£5454</u>
Financed by :—				
Accumulated Fund				
Balance as at 1st April 1971	4805		4557	
Add Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year	38	4843	248	4805
Mortgage Outstanding on Long Rigg Sedbergh Yorks		470		649
		<u>£5313</u>		<u>£5454</u>

We consider the above accounts to be correctly drawn up in accordance with information and explanations given to us.

LITHGOW, NELSON & CO. Chartered Accountants

15th May 1972