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## THE JOSEPH EDWARDS' MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. John Edwards has very generously given the school an annual covenant to found the Joseph Edwards' Memorial Fund in memory of his father, the late Mr. Joseph Edwards, who was a member of the staff of this school from its foundation in 1920 to 1956. Mr. John Edwards' example has been followed by a number of other Old Boys with the result that the Joseph Edwards' Fund now has an annual disposable income of approximately £70. This Fund is to be used to help boys of this school, who otherwise might be debarred by financial difficulties from doing so, to take a full part in the life and extra-curricula activities of the school. The Headmaster and Deputy Headmaster have been appointed trustees and payments will be made out of the Fund on the recommendation of members of the staff. One of the conditions of the Trust is that the money should be expended as far as practicable each year and not allowed to accumulate.

The school is most grateful to Mr. John Edwards for his initiative in founding this Trust which will not only be of the greatest value to the school, but also will serve as a permanent memorial to one of the founder-members of the staff of the school who gave his name to Edwards' House, and was held in the highest affection and esteem by all those who came into contact with him during his active years at King George V School.

## LONG RIGG

The first party to stay at Long Rigg was taken by Mr. H. C. Davies during the Easter holidays when a most useful Biological survey of the area was made which will be valuable for future occasions.

This term has seen a continuation of the work on the interior of the hostel most weekends and parties are now able to stay overnight which means that more work can be done and a more enjoyable time had by those who go up. Work on the first floor is now almost finished. The decoration is complete and the upstairs is now curtained and furnished and very pleasantly habitable. Downstairs the three dormitories have been decorated and are now ready for floor covering and the installation of the bunks which are being initially constructed in the school workshop. A local plumber at Sedbergh is undertaking a complete re-organisation of the downstairs lavatories and washing accommodation which will make it completely adequate for our purpose. We are installing a large Rayburn kitchen range in the kitchen together with a stainless steel sink of adequate dimensions. We hope that these improvements will be substantially ready by the summer holidays and that we shall be able to keep the hostel open with a warden in residence throughout all, or certainly most, of the summer holidays so that boys from the school can use the hostel for recreational purposes during that time.

All these improvements are, of course, costing us a lot of money and by the time these are finished we shall have spent some £700 to £800. Our next big expenditure will be to buy a mini-bus or some similar vehicle for use in transporting parties to and from the hostel and for use while they are there. There seems now to be every prospect that we shall have Long Rigg in full working order by 1970 when we hope to have an official opening as part of the School's Golden Jubilee celebrations.

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P. J. T. Reynolds, C. R. Richardson, M. J. Saunders, R. Smith,  
C. M. Watson.

### Congratulations

We congratulate Ian T. Day who continued the long line of successes by pupils of this school by this year winning one of the 14 prizes awarded to pupils in the United Kingdom for the European Schools' Day Essay Competition. Like R. B. Jackson's essay last year, Day's essay was placed second in the whole country which means that his prize consists of a two day visit to Salzburg as a guest of the Austrian Government, followed by three days in Vienna for the international prize-giving, followed by short stays in Venice, Milan, Varese and Strasbourg.

The M. A. Thurlow prize, value £3, for the best contribution to the Red Rose has been won this year by R. M. Jones and the David Hall Memorial Prize, value £10, for the most outstanding contribution to the school's musical activities during the year has been won by M. J. Pearce. We congratulate both these boys on their valuable contributions to the life of the school.

We congratulate the Hockey XI on its most successful season and in particular on winning the Sefton Schools Tournament in March.

We congratulate Mark R. Gritten on being awarded an Army Scholarship which will enable him to complete two years further study at school before proceeding to the R.M.A., Sandhurst.

### Careers Convention

The annual Careers Convention was held on 22nd May and was another very successful occasion. The following representatives were very kindly present to give advice and we are much indebted to Pilkington Bros. and Joseph Lucas Ltd., for two excellent demonstrations.

Mr. Ledson, Systems Engineer, I.B.M.

Mr. D. Burton, Commercial Director, Crown Wallpaper.

Mr. D. A. Hopkins, Senior Lecturer Liverpool College of Technology.

Members of Southport Rotary Club Vocational Service Committee.

Mr. W. Watson, Youth Employment Officer.

Mr. P. Pond, Careers Advisory Officer.

Careers films were shown throughout the day to boys in various age groups and the exhibitions and representatives were visited by a large number of parents in the evening.

### Parents' Association

The A.G.M. of the Parents' Association was held on 20th March and this occasion marked the retirement of Mr. W. B. Turner who has been an outstandingly successful Chairman of the Association since its inception nearly four years ago. Mrs. D. J. Laws, the secretary since the founding of the Association, also retired as her son has left the school. The Meeting elected a new Chairman, Mr. Harry Seddon, and a new secretary, Mrs. E. Ince. Mr. W. Suffolk was re-elected Parents' Representative on the Governing Body.

The school has every reason to be grateful to Mr. Turner and Mrs. Laws for the splendid work they put in both in money-raising efforts and in their promoting a sense of social unity among the parents. This term the Parents' Association has had three most successful ventures: the Fashion Show at the Floral Hall which was organised in conjunction with the opening of Littlewoods Store and which realised over £200; a Jumble Sale which realised £43, and a very successful Dinner-Dance at the Royal Hotel which raised £27.

### Orchestral Concert

We congratulate Mr. Wilson once again on a most successful School Concert at the end of last term. The idea of a night of Viennese music obviously had great appeal and the Concert must be regarded as one of the most successful ever given at this school.

### Gift to the School

We are most grateful to Mr. G. Osborne for the gift of a valuable violin to the School Orchestra.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term ends ..... Friday, July 12th, 1968  
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## THE SCHOOL CONCERT

The School Concert was presented in the School Hall on the 5th of April.

The theme of this year's concert was 'Vienna Revisited' and the mood for the evening was set by the opening piece, the Austrian National Anthem, arranged by Mr. Wilson and sung in the original German. The harmonies in this piece suited the choir although the orchestra began rather shakily.

The first full orchestral piece was Schubert's "Ballett-musik aus Rosamunde." The orchestra here didn't grasp the piece fully in the opening bars but later showed their capabilities to the full. The Madrigal Group then continued with music from Rosamunde; two choruses were performed, the Shepherd's Chorus and the Huntsman's Chorus. The Shepherd's Chorus was accompanied by a trio of flutes. The flute music, written by Mr. Wilson was performed admirably. The Madrigal group captured the rhythm of the piece well and illustrated the depth and variation of tone required to make this an interesting performance. The Huntsman's Chorus was accompanied by a French Horn which gave atmosphere to the piece. These two pieces heard recently on Radio Merseyside, sung by the Madrigal Group.

The climax of the first half was Brahms' 'Song of Destiny' the first full combined piece by choir and orchestra. The orchestra set the high standard maintained throughout this piece with the introductory bars; the choir came in promptly and brought out the rich harmonies of the piece. The combined effort of choir and orchestra was sustained in the rather more difficult, faster second half of the piece although towards the end choir entries became slacker. The orchestra finished off the piece in the same vein in which they started it.

The second half began with an extremely competent performance by the orchestra of 'The Emperor Waltz.' The orchestra captured the spirit of this lively piece and obviously enjoyed performing it. Their enthusiasm was transmitted to the audience who were probably relieved to hear this well-known piece, in contrast to 'Song of Destiny.'

The choir and a small section of the orchestra then performed the 'Love Song Waltzes' by Brahms (originally) but arranged by Mr. Wilson and John Hardie. The Waltzes they offered used the original piano duet accompaniment but

were 'jazzed up' with the use of pizzicato bass, a variety of wind instruments, a glockenspiel and dance drums. The archaic original translation of these pieces was discarded for nonsense syllables. The combination of these factors made this a popular item not only with the choir but also with the audience. The pieces most appreciated by the audience were those which used whistling and rhythmical clapping. The last piece which was executed at high speed contained rhythmical clapping and was enjoyed immensely by both choir and audience.

The evening was concluded by the orchestra with an energetic performance of the 'Radetzky March' by Strauss. This piece was played with great gusto and in accordance with tradition the choir and audience began clapping (in time) towards the end of the piece. The orchestra again gave a very sound performance.

Finally, we must thank Mr. Wilson for the mammoth effort he has put in during hours of frustrating practice with both the choir (120 strong) and the orchestra. Once again he has managed to produce an excellent concert, indeed a memorable one!

# House Reports

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## EDWARDS'

Housemaster: Mr. E. Gale

House Tutor: Mr. T. B. Davies

House Officials: G. G. Clegg (Captain), B. Livesey (Vice-Captain), M. J. Pearce C. W. Kitchen (Joint Secretaries), M. G. Rapaport, S. J. Charmak (Almoners)

This year has seen the realisation of the hopes for improvement, which were evident in the house last year. At the end of last term the senior house rugby team, captained by Livesey won a close and exciting final to take the senior shield, following this up with another success in the senior sevens. The junior team inspired by this example, also won both their competitions, thus enabling the House to win the seven-a-side cup.

The house also won the basketball competition, thanks mainly to the able captaincy and outstanding play of Harkness, by beating a strong Woodham's side in the final. Although the House was only moderately successful in the cross-country, and both the junior and intermediate cricket sides were defeated in the first rounds of their competitions, the senior cricket team has succeeded in reaching the final, and now have a chance of securing Edwards' fifth senior House competition of the year.

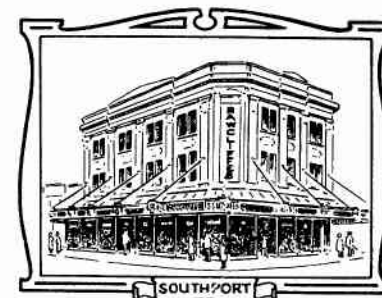
The success of the House this year is due mainly to the efforts of its sixth-form members. It is because of their example to the rest of the House, as well as the close liaison existing between them and the juniors, under the governorship of Mr. Gale and Mr. Davies, that the House has shown improvement.

There is, however, one major fault, which pulls the House down, and prevents it from achieving success in the Jubilee cup. This is the lack of academic success at present displayed by the House. The sooner the House recognises that success is achieved as much in the classroom as on the playing fields, the sooner it will become an all-round successful one.

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House Officials: M. Wilson (Captain), J. Keely (Vice-Captain), R. M. Jones (Secretary)

### **Horoscope:**

A general upsurge of the House into a pre-eminent position is readily predictable. The juniors are in the ascendant and the seniors of the House have appeared on the horizon.

The stars do not lie, and as was previously foretold the House has made several improvements, especially the Juniors. Indeed with their strong efforts in the Rugby, and the Cricket they have largely put the seniors to shame. The seniors have been moved nevertheless, with a few going as far as appearing at athletics practices!

Sadly, the still existent planet Apathie, exerts a strong influence upon the rest of the House. Many are still evidently adversely influenced by Aquaries, for had there not been such an aversion to water and in particular Life Saving, the grand effort in the Gala would not have been negated.

With the annual change of year came a change of hierarchy in the House, and undaunted by the task which faced them, Wilson and Keeley have performed their duties more than adequately. By their own example and encouragement they have helped the House greatly.

The onset of the equinox has had a regrettable effect upon the willingness of the House to contribute its time to voluntary service. Although there are no longer the formal collections, the idea was that time instead would be contributed. Evidently the solar magnetism has lead them out of doors to pursue their own heliotrope and nefarious activities.

Despite the loss of some of the older members of the House, it should be obvious that those who remain can be relied upon to continue the good work. I hope that those who leave have good fortune, and that those who enter the House have a good example to follow.

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Housemaster: Mr. R. Heyes

House Tutor: Mr. P. Holland

House Officials: T. H. Rimmer, J. M. Dow (Joint Captains),

N. J. Robinson (Secretary and Almoner)

In December we said goodbye to our former House captains, D. W. Gilchrist and N. E. Blunt. Congratulations go to Gilchrist who obtained an Exhibition Scholarship to Magdalen College, Oxford.

In leaving they made way for the new House officials and we also have the following Junior Prefects: J. K. Banks, P. N. Cockhill, A. Y. Dow, W. S. M. Rooke.

Our first triumph of the year was the acquisition of second place in the Inter-House badminton competition. The team was captained by T. H. Rimmer and congratulations are extended to them for doing so well.

We were able to have several Rugby practices with full teams before the actual House matches, and although many of the team were non-school team players, the games were played with a great amount of skill and promise. The Junior Rugby team did especially well and went through to play in the finals in the seven-a-side competition.

Well worth some recognition was the great number of life-saving awards gained by members of the House, and the keenness shown by their attendance. Also in the swimming Gala the House team managed to obtain second place in the relay competition. Our appreciation extends to R. J. De Prielle and P. J. Croudace for their organisation of the swimming.

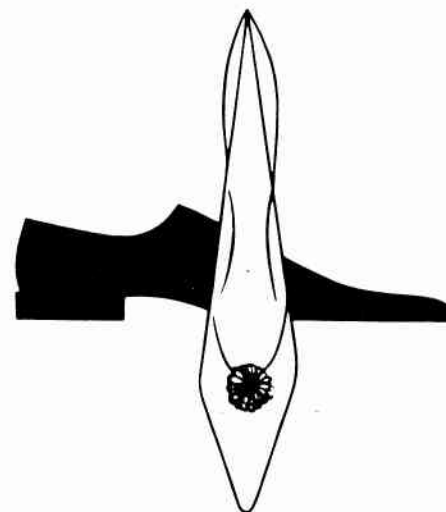
Unfortunately the House was severely defeated in the inter-House cross-country competition, which was probably due to the lack of long distance runners and a certain amount of apathy from people in proving their capability in this event.

House athletics are now in progress under a new system which it is hoped will improve our ability to gain points in each event for the Jubilee Cup. We are hoping to better our previous record.

School colours were awarded to the following members: J. M. Dow, T. H. Rimmer, N. J. Robinson and half colours to W. S. M. Rooke and M. G. Low.

All in all it has been a year of promise; we can only hope that the progress will continue and develop further next year.

Finally the House would like to extend its best wishes to all those House members who are leaving at the end of term.



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House Officials: M. R. Abram, N. W. Cumbley (Joint Captains), J. C. Haynes (Secretary), P. Lucas (Almoner)

According to legend, King Canute was unsuccessful in his attempt to stop the waves advancing. He got his feet wet. Unfortunately, this same trend was visible in our House for some time, but of late the tide of our fortunes has turned and the first signs of returning honours are visible.

Both last term and the previous term ended on a high note with the House being placed second in the academic list on both occasions. Judging by the shocked silence which prevailed at the time of the announcement of the results, this improvement was not only unexpected, but also desperately needed. This is the most important part of House life, and it is good to see a revival of fortunes in this field.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" — so the saying goes. And so it is fitting that we should also win honours on the fields. Bradshaw shared first place in the senior cross-country competition, while the Junior chess team achieved its highest-ever placing. Victory was also close at hand on the rugby field, and seems likely to be realised by our younger cricket teams this term. However, anticipation in these events is restricted by the size of teams. For this reason it is pleasing to see the whole House entering for life-saving examinations and the athletics qualification system. This is the sphere in which 100% co-operation by the whole House is needed, and is at last being received.

And now — what of the future? This school year has now come to an end, but if this increased support is maintained, there is no reason why the Jubilee Cup should not soon be returned to its rightful holders.

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House Officials: J. Campbell (Captain), T. Strid (Secretary)

A. Budd (Almoner)

Mason's has ridden the blast of yet another academic year. Success was ours and then she deserted us, cold in the shadow of Failure's cloud. Yet all was not lost for, as ever, a Mason's man is oblivious to the gilded badge and engraved cup. Sincere effort made in all activities will gain him esteem amongst his fellow men.

In rugby our Junior team, elusive little nippers, came forth determined but deficient in numbers. However they did well to get to the semi-final in the seven-a-side competition. The Intermediates avenged their defeat in the full-side semi-final by out-scoring Woodham's in the seven-a-side. Our senior commandos played well to contain the fury of their opponents but fury scored more points.

In cricket our Juniors, dressed in fluffy white, didn't score fast enough in playing but the spectacle was well worthwhile. Our Intermediates have a very good chance of victory in sight, but our Senior team although determined to leave their mark on the field appear to be somewhat the underdogs.

Swimming this term deserves special note because of the work of Calland. The House in fact relies too much on him. Though he yet shines of youth he has taken on a great task with little assistance.

Our new House captain, Campbell, has very ably taken over his new job and everything seems to be running smoothly. The entire House thanks Mr. Smith and Mr. Johnson for their leadership and fine example set to us all.

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## ROGERS'

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House Officials: S. C. Sixsmith (Captain), I. T. Day  
(Vice-Captain)

The unbounded optimism expressed in our last House report would seem to have been rather premature. Since winning the Jubilee Cup last year, the House has declined to a position of more humble stature.

Our lack of success this year in sporting activities has often been due, not to apathy or indifference, but simply to a lack of real talent. With regard to the badminton, for instance, in which we came fifth, or the basketball, in which we were knocked out in the first round, one can only say that, had enthusiasm been sufficient as a measure of achievement, we might well have done a lot better.

However, no such excuse can be made for the failure of the senior house rugby team to carry off the senior rugby shield in the Lent term. Our fourth consecutive year in this final should have produced our fourth victory; but inexplicably, on the day, the team managed to lose 6-3 to a strong — but hardly superior — Edwards' team; perhaps if the whole team had followed the untiring example of our experienced captain, Sixsmith, the cup might have been ours.

Compared with the assortment of silverware which the House managed to collect last year, we have had a surprisingly high failure rate this year. In the 'sevens' knock-out competition, the first round saw the departure of all three teams, added to which were the disappointing failures of the House XVs, with the Juniors and Intermediates losing all their matches. The senior cross-country team did well to gain second place, only to be pulled down by the juniors, whose performance earned them last position.

Fortunately, the overall picture is not quite as bad as it may at first appear. In the cricket, both the senior and intermediate XIs have reached their finals — the seniors for the fifth successive year — and the House achieved a creditable third place in the life-saving qualifications. Perhaps most encouraging of all was the continued improvement of the juniors who achieved a very reasonable average in academic points.

One can only hope, finally, that when this year's 'A' level forms leave for the Great Unknown and, one hopes, for successful careers, those members of the House lower down the school will be prepared to carry on with equal alacrity.



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Another School Year is drawing to a close and the House can review its achievements with a fair degree of satisfaction — the only regrets being that it is always the same people who gain the points.

The most significant feature of last term's activities was the Intermediate and Junior rugby. Although at first the prospects were remote of the Intermediates gaining anything more than the celebrated cabbage their fortune suddenly improved. Under the capable guidance of McAllister and Horrocks and under the captaincy of Beynsberger the team rallied to win third place in the competition. The Juniors, inspired by Mellor and coached by Robertson and Suffolk did especially well in the seven-a-side competition. The Seniors too must be praised for their stalwart performance in their 'sevens' match at the end of last term — such was the enthusiasm generated by this match that even the more taciturn members of the House were roaring their support in no uncertain terms . . .

Moderate success attended the badminton team under R. Jubb and they must be congratulated on winning the Knock-out competition.

Encouraged by G. G. Bartley the House had a good year as regards life-saving. A total of 46 certificates were won, including two Awards of Merit gained by Parker and R. Cantor. In the Swimming Gala the House made quite a splash, gaining third place overall as a result of some excellent work from the junior end of the House. Special mention must be made of R. Suffolk, who won every event for which he was entered. Our position could have been higher with more support from the seniors. It is to be hoped that next year this situation will not be allowed to continue.

Cricket this term has started well, with the Juniors, again under Mellor, reaching the semi-finals. Athletics practices have been held but again more support is required from the Seniors — it is a fact that certain gentlemen in the Sixth Form have not hurled a discus or put a shot for the last four or five years.

Finally our thanks to Mr. Gray and Mr. Rimmer for their support and encouragement over the year and to the fine examples set by Dart and Walton in their leadership — in short to all who have contributed in any way to the success of the House.

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"Tollite cuncta," inquit 'coeptosque auferte labores"

In my earlier years, House activities were distinguished by the fervent apathy of House members; this year has been distinguished, as Mr. Johnson says, by the amount of voluntary co-operation of the members of this House.

Last term was notable for high positions in this House; we were overall winners in the following contests: Intermediate XV rugby, Senior and Junior cross-country, and Junior chess. The Intermediate seven-a-side team came second, as did the basketball team, and we came third in the badminton. Although the Junior rugby team had little success, we were able to achieve second position in the Lancashire Cup for life-saving, with the aid of our large number of enthusiastic instructors.

This term has seen keen participation in athletics practices, and in the swimming gala we achieved an overall position of fifth; especially good performances by Holmes, Morris and Wade. The Senior cricket team was knocked out in the first round, but the Intermediate team reached the semi-final; the Junior cricket team, at the time of writing, has won one match, with a good performance from Saunders.

The House's thanks go to the following for their efforts in organisation: Welsh, Pimlott, Barnett, Ratcliffe, Best, Wood, Cooke, Campbell, Roberts, Mountford, and especially to Hatfield for his all-round effort. We also thank Mr. Johnson and Mr. Stainton for their leadership and wish all those leaving this term luck in their future careers.

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# Society Reports

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## DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: P. P. Gubbins.

Secretary: R. M. Jones

Over the last term attendances have slightly increased and a wide range of motions have been debated. Certainly debates have been more amusing of late and those that did take the trouble to investigate the activities in the Library on Friday evenings have not been disappointed.

Special mention must be made of the Minutes — thanks to the efforts of R. J. Winter and C. P. Moore these boring monologues of old have assumed a new rôle. Now, in terms amusing and eloquent, they herald the start of another hour of debating, and for some, K. S. Whittaker not excepted, another hour of mirth and double entendres.

The Committee would like to thank all those who have supported the Society throughout the year, and especially E. D. Bowman who has provided the necessary posters for each meeting.  
P.P.G.

## SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Chairman: J. Miles.

Secretary: A. J. L. Budd

Vice-Chairman: P. J. Best.

Treasurer: C. J. Lloyd

Due to the pressure of work imposed on the Committee this term by the G.C.E. 'A' levels, we were only able to arrange one meeting this term, when Mr. S. Ellis of the 73 S.S.B. Club demonstrated his amateur radio station, 93LSF.

Due to technical difficulties, however, he was unable to use his Linear Amplifier, a device which boosts the R.F. signal prior to transmission. In addition to this, atmospheric conditions were unusually bad, and since we were only using a small helical whip aerial we were only able to 'listen-in' on long-distance transmissions and made no DX's (long-distance contacts). The meeting was extremely well-attended however, and it certainly sparked off a good deal of interest in amateur radio, especially amongst the junior

members of the school; for this reason it was well worthwhile.

Finally I would like to thank those members of the Committee, who have helped in the organisation of the meetings and whose able assistance has helped to make this one of the Scientific Society's most successful years in recent times — namely, R. J. Collinge, J. M. Dow, P. H. Hopkins and D. M. West. I would also like to express my appreciation of the work done by our treasurer C. J. Lloyd, chairman J. Miles, and vice-chairman P. J. Best, without whose help we would not have been able to arrange the above-mentioned meeting.

## JAZZ CLUB

Chairman: T. Strid.

Secretary: I. B. Jackson

Despite the fact that this year the Jazz Club has gone official — with its name in the School Calendar (almost) and regular meetings (give or take a month or so anyway) — despite all this, attendances have hardly been what you might call overwhelming.

Still, the regular half-dozen members (five actually) have been treated to a variety of good sounds from Benny Goodman to Ornette Coleman (and back) and have appreciated them (in spite of their semi-comatose appearances).

Thanks are due to T. Strid for his eye-catching (to say the least) posters, to P. Davies for his record player (until it died) and to Mr. Rothwell for the use of Room 7 (until we were banned).  
I.B.J.

## EUROPA

President: Mr. S. Smith

Chairman: P. P. Gubbins.

Secretary: R. H. Jackson

During the Spring term three meetings were held. At the first meeting, Mr. Berry spoke about Bertholdt Brecht, while at the second Mr. Smith gave an interesting talk on everyday life in Spain and certain Spanish customs.

The highlight, however, was the third and final meeting when the best attendance at a "Europa" meeting for some time, which included a few girls from the High School, saw

a film about Germany, which was followed by a most enlightening talk from Graf Matuschka, the German Consul for Liverpool, about various aspects of his home country.

A select play-reading group have also met with the High School on a few occasions, but success has been limited.

R.H.J.

#### C.U. AT THE C.U.?

After a rallying call to arms last term, things seem to have brightened up for us at last. Not before time . . . !

Our first meeting this term was attended by fifteen (a marked increase from last term), and Mr. Ashworth enlightened us on the subject of the Sermon on the Mount. Stuart Dagleish, a local businessman-cum-preacher, spoke to us on the Trinity, giving a concise and most interesting talk. Our last meeting, a session of records, included Jim Reeves, The Glorylanders, and other gospel groups.

Future meetings have been suspended due to exams. On the whole, the scene has improved somewhat, but next term changes could be brought about by the new Committee replacing the school-leavers. In order to make it an effective organisation, we ask for more support from co-operators or even critics.

R.E.R.

#### CHESS CLUB

Captains: E. Robinson, M. G. Rapaport. Secretary: P. Lowry

The season followed a pattern which is becoming increasingly familiar. In the Autumn term we enjoyed reasonable success, coming second in our zone of the Wright Shield Competition and reaching the second round of the "Sunday Times" Competition. But after Christmas as the opposition became stiffer and we were weakened by the loss of Robinson and Gilchrist, success became very elusive; indeed apart from a draw with Prescot G.S., our best performance was a hard-fought 3-4 loss with Wallasey G.S. who have often defeated us by a far wider margin.

The team was drawn from Rapaport, Barnett, Lowry, Buckley, Ashton, Cahm, Olsen and A. J. Rawcliffe.

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# Sports Reports

## 1st XV RUGBY

This season was not exactly one of the best seasons that the School rugby team has experienced. There are many possible reasons for this, and of these, the most important is that what looked like a powerful and experienced back division just did not live up to expectations. Then when this was remedied by re-positioning some players and by introducing newer, younger players, notably McAlister, the forwards seemed to lose the cohesion that they had possessed. On the few occasions that both units, forwards and backs, really played well, we saw some spirited and able rugby.

They can look back with pride on a few games, notably those against Lancaster, Barrow, De La Salle College, Jersey, the return match against Cowley and that against the Southport R.U.F.C. In every one of these matches the forwards stuck to their task well and provided good opportunities for the back division.

These scoring chances were not fully utilised until the Easter half of the season when the backs tried to bring Livesey into play quickly and often. The number of tries scored then rose dramatically.

But all this would appear to indicate that the success, or lack of success, of the side was entirely in the hands of the backs. The forwards, too, must take a share of the blame. Cohesion was far too often lacking, despite sterling performances from individuals. They were unfortunate, however, in that when they were just beginning to play well as a unit they met a very strong side in Kirkham G.S., whose forwards were most formidable.

To sum up this season, the old saying is most apt:—

"When they were good, they were very good, but when they were bad. . . .!"

Though the writer is loathe to predict, next season's prospects seem quite bright, especially as a number of this season's side are returning. Allied to this there will be some quite able younger players to consider. However, greater application will be necessary in every department, with the emphasis on building up a team spirit and team cohesion. Players must realise that they have a duty to the other members of the team to attend **every** practice as a practice without **all** the members of the side is no practice at all.

## Characters of the XV:—

Walton, P. G. (Captain): A strong, robust player who found his best position at centre, after much experimenting. When at his best he could be very good indeed, though the burden of captaincy seemed to affect his play adversely.

Sixsmith, C. (Vice-Captain): A prop-forward of great experience and intelligence. He was the most consistent player in the side. An able scrummager and particularly useful in the loose.

Dow, M. (Hooker). A fast striker who learned a lot as the season progressed. He makes up for lack of real weight by his speed about the field and by his tenacity.

Gritten, M. R. (Prop.): A young forward of fine physique who was possibly the most improved player in the side. Intelligent and robust in every aspect of his play.

Day, I. T. (2nd Row): A player of fine physique who did not begin to live up to his original promise until the Easter term. But during that term he improved greatly, particularly in his line-out work.

Abram, M. (2nd Row): A tall player who was able to obtain a fair share of the ball from the line-outs. He often overdid his "covering" but scrummaged most solidly in the tight where he made up for lack of weight with hard work.

Biffin, L. J. (No. 8): A young, keen forward of fine physique who came into the side at Christmas. He learned a lot and should do well in the coming season.

Lucas, P. A. (Wing-forward): A hard-working forward who is at his best when harassing or destroying the opposition's moves. He needs to improve his constructive game, his passing in particular.

Cumpley, N. (Wing-forward): He started the season as a centre but settled down to playing in the forwards with some success. A devastating tackler, he could become a very good forward if he were to concentrate now on learning how to support his own backs.

Stubington, M. (Scrum-half): A hard-working and lively player, even if he is inclined to be theatrical at times! His tactical appreciation of the game is sound. This should stand next season's side in good stead.

Pimlott, C. (Stand-off): A young player of considerable gifts. A balanced player, he can pass, kick and catch the ball with fluency. He needs now to increase his own pace and determination in going through the gap, in order to bring the best out of himself and his outsides.

McAlister, I. (Centre): Another young player of great promise. Good in defence and most capable in attack. With greater strength and experience he should do very well in future seasons.

Livesey, B. (Wing): The season's top try-scorer. A player of great pace, he can change direction at speed. He was always looking for the ball and deserved all the success that came his way.

Rogers, J. (Wing): Started the season as full-back, suffered an injury and then returned to go on the wing. He also played at stand-off on occasions. In all three positions he displayed his general rugby-playing ability.

Keeley, J. (Full-back): Unfortunately he did not live up to expectations in the centre. Upon moving to full-back he produced some good runs and excellent tackling and gradually settled down to playing well for the rest of the season.

## 2nd XV RUGBY

P	W	D	L
14	7	3	4

This season must surely be remembered as one of the most frustrating for a very long time. Potentially, we had a team capable of taking on the strongest 2nd XV opposition and many 1st XV teams, as was shown by the first four matches, all of which were won without conceding a point. The fifth match against Hutton G.S. was easily the best performance by a School 2nd XV for many years even though they lost by 8 points to 11.

After this match, however, came the sad decline which frequently follows radical re-arrangement due to first team requirements and the team never really recovered fully from it.

The changes in the captaincy of the team also contributed to the loss of confidence but this did in no way reflect the ability of the people concerned; Stubington, Gilchrist and Pearce all did a tremendous job, although Pearce certainly had the most difficult task since the team was very much weakened by the time he took over.

One pleasing aspect about the general performance was the confident display of the threequarters on many occasions and the discovery of the season was scrum-half Clarke, who had a very difficult job replacing the experienced Stubington on the latter's departure to the 1st XV.

It is to be hoped that next season it will be possible to field a regular 2nd XV to enable an understanding within the team to develop.

R.H. R.W.R.

## UNDER-14 RUGBY

The U.14 XV failed to fulfil the promise shown last season. Individual players were good, but they were unable to combine their talents for the benefit of the team.

The season started badly and but for the courage and skill of Rimmer at full-back the scores against would have been astronomical.

Many changes were tried and some of these brought improvement. In particular, the introduction of Hurst on the wing and Benedyk at full-back, allowing Rimmer to move into the threequarters, gave more penetration to the back line, and the advent of Smith and Wright transformed the pack into a powerful scrummaging unit. It was at this stage that the team recorded its only victory — a most meritorious one against Calday.

Unfortunately, the spirit found in this match was not maintained and many times lack of staying power resulted in what should have been easy victories turning into crushing defeats.

Once the team can learn to give maximum effort for the full length of the game, and to play together rather than as individuals, they have the ability to beat all-comers.

## HOCKEY CLUB

Captain: F. Dart.

Vice-Captain: M. Wilson

Season 1967-68, total 1st XI games:

P	W	D	L
30	24	2	4

The hockey team has enjoyed its most successful season mainly due to the keen interest shown by all members of the whole group. This great spirit can be interpreted by the 1st XI's goal average — For 60, Against 12.

It is to be hoped that the same team spirit will be retained for the ensuing season when another full fixture list is envisaged.





**F. Dart, Captain:—**

A most reliable performer who led his team to its most successful season. He tended to hold the ball for too long in mid-field, but this fault was overshadowed by his good positional play.

**M. Wilson, Vice-Captain:—**

Wilson played an invaluable role as sweeper-up, behind a defence which was inclined to be erratic. It was mainly due to his speed and efficiency in this position that the team had such a successful season.

**T. Rimmer:—**

Rimmer proved to be a great asset to the team, although he only took on the permanent job of goalkeeper halfway through the season. He was safe, and often pulled off some remarkable saves. His one trouble was dealing with the high shots.

**S. Taylor:—**

A full-back of great potential, but who tended to play too defensively. I'm sure the experience gained from this season will have improved his play for next year.

**P. Whalley:—**

Here is a player who improved as the season progressed. His tackling in defence was not always perfect, but any lack of skill was more than compensated for by his determined effort.

**P. Hopkins:—**

He became a most accomplished player when, after Christmas, he was moved from inside-forward to half-back. In the forwards he lacked the punch of a goalscorer, but always covered well in defence.

**M. Cooke:—**

Cooke joined the 1st XI after Christmas and was a person of boundless energy. However, the fact that he was slow off the mark meant that some of his energies were wasted. His centres of the ball from the right wing was a great asset to the team.

**A. Boyd:—**

Not the most gifted of players, but a person who always gave of his best and gave valuable support to the rest of the forwards.

**P. Thomas**

Thomas is a player of outstanding ability and this was shown by the fact that he was top goalscorer by the end of the season. He always worked hard and was constantly creating havoc with the opposition's defence.

**M. Williams:—**

Left out of the team owing to injury, for the first half of the season, the flashes of good play by this player, acted as an inspiration to the rest of the team.

**J. Campbell:—**

Campbell was the youngest member of the team, and will be next year's captain. He was a player of great skills and often produced some fine runs down the left wing. He ended up as the season's second highest goalscorer.

A number of other players from the 2nd XI and the Under 15 XI deserve a mention, but it is sufficient to say that C. Morris, M. Low, J. Lound, C. Tattler and D. Smith also played and contributed to the success of the 1st XI.

Another maximum effort will be required next season and further success should be forthcoming.

All players are to be congratulated on the consolidation of the relatively new Hockey Club, and special thanks are offered to Mrs. Davies and Mr. Amer for their valuable assistance.

## The Merseyside Schools Tournament

On March 10th a party left Southport in the early hours of Sunday morning for Sefton Hockey Club where the tournament was to be played. The coach picked up some supporters along the way and by the time the group reached Liverpool all were in fine spirit.

The tournament took the form of three leagues with three teams in each league, the winner of each league and best runner-up to go into the semi-finals.

The first match in Group A was played between Liverpool Collegiate and Bromborough, the result being a goalless draw. Then K.G.V played Bromborough and were well in command, gaining a two-goal victory with goals from Thomas and Dart. Then the final Group A game was played between K.G.V and Liverpool Collegiate, K.G.V needing only a draw to qualify. Playing within themselves the team achieved a goalless draw, and qualified for a semi-final place against J. Rosamond's XI.

Semi-final results: J. Rosamond's XI 0, K.G.V 1; Liverpool College 1, Calday Grange 0.

This result put K.G.V in the final versus Liverpool College — which was a repeat of last year's final.

The final began with many spectators, the majority of whom appeared to be supporting K.G.V as the underdogs. The pitch was in good condition and the ball was moved around during a display of some very good hockey. The K.G.V defence tightened up well to overcome the thrusting power of the two College Lancashire forwards, Chestnut and Brewer. Boyd played a special role and did well to restrict Brewer's movements throughout the match so helping the defence. The forwards meanwhile were moving well, creating gaps for themselves, and running off the ball in a manner befitting the wide county pitch. The goal that took the trophy from College to K.G.V was a picture goal. The ball passed from midfield to the wing ahead of Campbell who centred into the open space ahead of Thomas. The latter seized this opportunity to score with a well-taken shot. From then onwards the College were rather disheartened and all the support was with K.G.V. The only real threat of an equaliser was from Chestnut, who was lost without Brewer. Time ran out with K.G.V the winners of a trophy that had eluded them last year when they were beaten finalists. K.G.V had not conceded a goal in the tournament.

F.C.J.D. M.A.W. P.L.T.

## BADMINTON, 1967/68

Once again the badminton teams have had a most successful season. With only one defeat at the hands of Wigan and a drawn game with the Old Boys, the School maintained its very high standard of badminton and its proud record shows only five defeats in the last 50 games, and as the first team, with the exception of Harkness and Rimmer, this augurs well for the future. Next season will provide a severe test with the loss of the two experienced players, but standards will have to be kept high as a first team pool of nine or ten players will be fighting for six places.

The Junior team kept a 100% record against the local schools and all boys must be congratulated on some very fine performances. However, the team must not sit back on its laurels as some of the opposition was very weak. It was a great pity that we had to travel to Poulton for the Lancashire Schools' knock-out competition without two of the selected four through illness, and a disappointing display ended in a 6-1 defeat. Poulton were the eventual winners of the trophy.

Edwards' as expected easily won the House competition with Gear's just beating Woodham's into second place. Woodham's, who have a very young side put up fine performances and should next year be challenging Edwards', who will not be the same side with the loss of Harkness, for the championship. Leech's have the potential of a very good side but some very erratic play from the more experienced players produced many disappointing results.

Congratulations to:

Harkness, on his selection for the Lancashire III senior team and his success in the Lancashire Schools' tournaments.

Rimmer, on his award of full colours.

Jackson, on his award of Lancashire Schools' colours.

Buckley, Jackson, Warren, on award of Junior colours.

Jackson and Wright, on winning the boys' doubles in the Southport Schools' tournament.

Edwards', on their third successive House championship.

Spencer's, on winning the House handicap knockout competition.

Mason's, on scoring their first points for three seasons.

The final placings in the House competition were:  
1, Ed. 21pts.; 2, G. 16; 3, W. 15; 4, L. 10; 5, R. 9; 6, S. 6;  
7, Ev. 4; 8, M. 3.

### School results:

1st team beat Hutton 7-2, 5-4; M.T.S. 8-1; Wigan 5-4; Ormskirk 8-1, \*8-0; Staff \*11-5; Waterloo 9-0; drew with the Old Boys 9-9, and lost to Wigan 4-5. (\* jointly with High School).

Under-16 beat Crosby 8-1, 9-0, 9-0, 7-2; Hutton 5-4, 6-4; Wigan 9-0; Ormskirk 6-3, 9-0, and lost to Poulton 1-6.

### CROSS-COUNTRY

Captain: N. J. Robinson.

We started the season full of apprehension and hopes for the future. Having lost two or three of our best runners, the senior team was severely weakened since no-one was old enough to promote from the previous year's U.16 team. Apart from the senior team, our team's seemed to be fairly strong and several fixtures were arranged for the junior teams.

Hardly had we time to re-organise ourselves than we had our first fixture. The Christmas term did not show very much success for the senior team but the U.16 team showed a considerable amount of promise. The junior teams did not really do as well as expected but showed excellent keenness. Towards the end of the Christmas term, of course, many fixtures had to be cancelled due to the outbreak of "foot and mouth" disease, and this state of affairs ran into beginning of the Lent term.

It was at this point in the season that it was decided to disband the U.16 team and concentrate on making a good senior team from the best of both teams. This proved very successful since the new senior team, besides doing much better in the fixtures, won the Southport Schools' competition, although it was partly due to lack of competition. Several of the senior team were chosen to represent Southport in the Lancashire Schools' Championships. Thereafter the senior team did much better and we were pleased when we had won three matches in a row!

The House cross-country competition was won by Woodham's in both the senior and the junior races, and the individual winners were J. E. Bradshaw (senior) and J. W. Seddon (junior).

Colours were awarded to E. Crimmins, J. Faraday, N. J. Robinson and half-colours were awarded to R. I. Cantor, M. R. A. Cooke, M. P. Grimes, U.16 colours to J. C. Everett, A. D. Kirkman, N. H. Radcliffe, D. A. Roberts.

N.J.R.

### TABLE TENNIS CLUB REPORT

This is the first year that the school can boast of having its own table tennis teams. The school first team is officially limited by age to those of 16, so that fixtures can be arranged against the other secondary schools in the town. The prefects team has had a superb season, overcoming the two girls' schools that they have played. Unfortunately it has been a lack of choice that has restricted the fixtures this year. I would like to thank Mr. A. N. Spence of Meols Cop, Miss Shirley Hall of Trinity Hall, and Miss Alizon Hall of the high school for being so willing to arrange fixtures against us.

#### Results:—

1st Team v. Meols Cop	A	lost 4-6
v. Meols Cop	A	lost 3-5
v. Meols Cop	H	won 7-1
Prefects' Team v. Trinity Hall	A	won 8-2
v. High School	H	won 10-0
v. Trinity Hall		won 7-3

The 1st Team consisted of B. Hill, J. Ashton, J. Leonard and A. Jubb. The Prefects' Team consisted of P. G. Walton, F. C. J. Dart, R. A. Barnett, W. S. M. Rooke and M. R. Abram.

It is the junior part of the school that has supported the meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings, as they were the only ones who were willing to pay the 5 shillings membership fee. A competition has been held for the junior members of the club, but the final has yet to be played. I would like to thank Mr. E. S. Gale for his work in establishing the club in the school.

R. A. Barnett, Chairman.

### SWIMMING TEAM REPORT

Captain: A. Harkness

Secretary: P. F. Boycott

Through numerous cancellations the team have swum only six matches to date. Of these, four have been won and two, against the strong teams of Bolton School and Manchester G.S., lost. On the whole the team have given a good account of themselves and the victory against Alsop High School deserves a special mention as this school narrowly defeated us in the Merseyside Schools' Gala the previous year.

Of the team the more experienced Hale, Banks, Holmes and Calland have swum consistently well all year. In the Juniors, Deely, Ingram and Black appear to be well capable of maintaining the school's strong swimming tradition in the future. It must be stated, however, that the results have been essentially "team" results and every boy who has swum for the team has contributed to its success.

This "team spirit" is due mainly to A. Harkness, our swimming captain, and Mr. Campbell, who, by their attitude have set a fine example to the rest of the team and ensured that everyone has pulled his weight.

As we go to press, the team are preparing themselves for the Inter-Grammar Schools' Gala at Blackpool. Although we should give a good account of ourselves, lack of depth in the swimming of the senior school will handicap our chances of winning the Gala outright.

Results:—

Swum	W	D	L	Pts For	Pts Agst
6	4	0	2	879	781

P. F. Boycott

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## THE TRAPPER

The trapper slowly walked,  
To the blood-stained wreck in the snow.  
There lay a beaver,  
Its leg half severed.  
Its body heaving.  
Not moving . . . just breathing,  
Its final breaths.  
The blood still gushed from the severed paw,  
Staining the snow around.  
The trapper stared with mixed feelings,  
At the huddled mass below.  
It is his living.  
He will be paid.  
And yet, with impure money.  
Suddenly he ceased to think like the trapper he was,  
But began to think like a man.  
He had killed and slaughtered,  
And all for what?  
Money.  
He stared again at the mass below,  
And, thinking in his human form,  
Delivered three sharp blows,  
To the creature's skull.  
Ending the endless suffering  
Endured by God's smallest creatures.  
He picked up the beaver,  
Walking away, and stroking it.  
He goes to collect his money,  
Leaving a blood-red trail behind him.

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## IS ANYBODY THERE?

So I said to him,  
I said  
"So you think YOU'VE got troubles  
HA! That's good—  
that's real funny.  
With all the trouble and strife in the world  
today  
yes, TODAY (I said)  
this, even this very MINUTE.  
Did you know that the incidence of  
EARTHQUAKES is increasing?  
All over the U.S. the WEATHER is going haywire:  
in '67 Minnesota recorded the wettest June ever  
followed by the DRIEST July in 31 YEARS,  
The World food supply will have to be TRIPLED  
to feed the seven thousand MILLION people  
on this Earth in the year 2000—  
that's if there IS an Earth by then  
And EVERYTHING,  
Food, Air, Water, Soil,  
EVERYTHING  
polluted with hormones, silbestrol, high-gain feeds,  
insecticides, industrial EFFLUENT and  
noxious FUMES  
Sydney Harbour is INFESTED with  
paratyphoid organisms,  
The MISSOURI is a 2,464 mile SEWER  
Lake Eyrie is DYING,  
Not to mention DDT  
and all those CHLORINATED HYDROCARBONS,  
our oxygen/carbon dioxide balance is  
completely loused up,  
and that's not ALL  
(I said),  
3000 deaths due to smallpox in India  
in the first three MONTHS of '67,  
The current outbreak of RABIES  
is the worst in 300 years,  
The RAT population has multiplied  
six times over in less than 50 years,  
And that's just the START  
(I said),  
just THINK,  
can you IMAGINE,  
our foreign policy is CRUMBLING,  
nuclear PROLIFERATION,  
race riots, student riots,  
EVERYWHERE,



EVERYWHERE,  
the U.S., Germany, France, England,  
Tokyo, the Phillipines, India,  
EVERYWHERE,  
and WARS,  
talk about WARS!  
the ISRAEL confrontation,  
Nigeria, Viet Nam, Honduras,  
Infiltration, Insurrection, Anarchy,  
Starvation, Pestilence, EVERYWHERE,  
and YOU,  
you think . . .  
HA!"

"Finished?"

"wh . . . uh?"

"Quite finished?"

"Well, I . . . please, NO!"

(PHUT)

A. J. L. Budd, U6S

### THE HAND ON THE STONE

Last night, I learned a little piece of history of our school from someone who could say, "I was there."

Very soon, K.G.V School will be in its fiftieth year, so what better time to hear something of its history?

With my mother and father, I was visiting a friend of the family, once the local policeman in one of the villages which now make up Southport. Often he has entertained us with stories of his adventures in the days when the village "bobby" was someone to be reckoned with. From him, I have learned of the feuds which were carried on between rival villages. They were very real then but now they are just a legend to those of us who have heard of them. His stories are often funny, sometimes sad but never unkind or uninteresting.

"Did you know," he began last night, "that I helped to lay the foundation stone that your school is built around? It's on very boggy land, you know, and one of the workmen told me afterwards, that they had had to spread wagon loads of scrap-iron, old tram lines, bedsteads, iron railings and anything to give the ground a bit of substance. And when they got back to start work, the whole lot had gone! Sank under its own weight!"

"I'm not surprised," I said, "you should just see how cockeyed some of the things are now."

"I'll bet they are," our friend said, "but I hope our stone is still plumb straight! I'll never forget the day we laid it. It seemed to be miles from anywhere." He took another puff at his pipe, and I waited for him to blow fifty years away and drift back in memory to that day.

"There wasn't any great ceremony and no crowds watching. Lord Derby and a few councillors in bowler hats, a police sergeant and myself on duty. We stood there, just a handful of us in the middle of miles and miles of bleak fields, that's how it was.

"Lord Derby stepped forward, patted the stone down gently and said a few words over it, then they all went home. Nobody noticed me turn back and give the stone a little pat myself and say my own few words of blessing over it.

"And so, I've always been proud to say that Lord Derby and I layed that stone. That's history, Frank," he said, "not the sort you read in books but real history, and I was there."

He took another long draw on his pipe and then said, "I hoped then, that my son would go there and I could tell him about it. But he never did, nor did my grandson, so now I'm telling you. There's an awful lot more than old tram lines and bricks and mortar that went into the making of your school, but it's what comes out that really matters."

F. Gorse, 3M

### INHERITANCE, (U.S.) AMERICA

America, your grand tradition is turning mouldy at the edges  
Your new deal has come in the last, the very last

analysis to mean no more  
Than the scraps of ballot sheets soaked in blood.

The liberal minds you were so proud of  
are blown open in the gutters.

Your constitution is peppered with the bigots sneers  
And your people's general apathy is breeding

the maggots for your own grave.  
America, your blood-splattered Memphis motel walls

are mute tombstones to your quickening death.  
Your history of good guys in jeans and bad guys in leathers  
Can no longer be seen in terms

of purely black and red  
Even when transferred to those in hoods

and those in leathers  
For the bad now always seem to win

while the good remain the dead.

R. M. Jones, U6B

## A TOUR OF THE ISLAND

or

### How to Succeed in Getting Stranded Without Really Trying

Driving through the sultry French countryside we turned a bend and saw a large crooked signpost saying: "L'île de Noirmoutiers 20 kilometres", and having nothing better to do we decided to go there. The road was quite a pleasant one, with man-made dykes on either side. These dykes, kept for irrigation and fish, were infested with herons which looked arrogantly around if one went near them. Along the sides of the dykes were some ingenious crab-like contraptions which scooped down in the water and usually came up with a net load of fish. One would see women riding up and milking the cows in the fields. I remember an old woman of about 87 dressed in ragged black, ride up on an obsolete bike, put a little stool down and milk the cows; then she picked up the wooden bucket, flashed us a smile with her huge red gums and rode away swinging her bucket and singing a song as if she was five years old.

At last we reached a rather rocky road with sand on either side. As we went along it we noticed some large boxes, and we didn't realise until we had examined them more closely that there were oysters in them. In this part of France everyone seemed to come down when the tide was out with pokers and prodders endeavouring to get oysters and other shell fish out from the rocks. This place was no exception and people were clambering over the rocks from every side. 'Oystering', as I have called it, can be very tiring for people who want to have a good night's sleep and a rest in the morning as the 'oysterers' begin at about 6-30 a.m., filing along the roads to the beach, talking to one another if the tide is out.

We reached the end of the road and travelled on a muddy causeway with endless mud flats on either side and in the distance we could see the outline of the island. We approached it slowly and saw a big red sign which none of us took any special notice of because it was in French and because people in this part of France took great delight in planting pretty little notices at the front of their houses saying, for example, "Come and buy my jolies fleurs" or "Oeufs for sale", and we thought it was one of these.

We proceeded on our tour around the island paying special attention to the olde worlde windmills which looked as if they were about to fall down and the fields of mimosa (for people who are not florists, a yellow flower). We called into a café and then decided to make our way back as it was getting dark. We journeyed across the island, past

the red notice, turned a corner and went about six inches into a ripple of water, and on further examination we found that the tide had come in, and that we wouldn't be able to get home, unless we fancied motoring through the sea. We turned and looked at the red notice which when translated told the times of the tide and when it was safe to cross. We read further and discovered that the causeway wasn't crossable until half-past six the following morning. "O to be in England" I thought when I realised being a modern Robinson Crusoe isn't as delightful as it seems when one finds oneself on a half-lit island with mosquitoes buzzing around everywhere.

We motored back to an old château and decided to park there. We had something to eat and went back to the car. I discovered my French wasn't working as it should do when I asked for an orange drink and ended up with 'Juz de pamplemousse' (grape fruit juice). We settled down for the night as well as we could with barn owls swooping over us, the château clock chiming every half hour and the occasional Frenchman shuffling past the car, curiously looking in at us.

The time slowly passed and in the morning, filled with energetic French air, we left for home. Crossing the causeway we passed the oysterers tramping along with their pokers.

M. J. Wilding, LVX

## SHORE THOUGHTS

Sitting on a beach watching what I see  
With idle vision, idle thought.

Mingling thoughts of my own  
With thoughts of general disinterest:

The weather is good, hope it lasts;

Something which governs our life

Yet never asks how we govern ours.

We should all like to be masters of our Fate,

Thank you, but we should all like to take

Our own paths,

As long as they are parallel.

We despise your devious ways, 'the weather',

But we are grateful that we can fall back

Upon the excuse that you are forever present.

Thank you, but we should like to run the human race  
In our own destructive way,

So long as we all finish together.

Didn't see those clouds coming, looks like rain;

I'd better move.

S. R. H. Millard, L6M

## THE STORY OF THE DOOR

It was a great place to go for the day. I polished off my portion of cold chicken and asked Stephen to hurry up with his so that we could go exploring.

Mum, Dad, my friend Stephen and I had come for a picnic and a day out in Beckley Manor Woods. We were not actually in the woods but in the valley where the woods lay. Until the end of the last century there had been a manor in existence with large gardens and lands, the whole estate being surrounded by the woods and even stretching out into the valley and on to the moors beyond.

The whole area was secluded by moorlands, way off the beaten track. There was no proper road into the valley, and very few people knew of the estate's existence, marked on the Ordnance Survey map in olde English writing: "Old Beckley Estate". Perfect, I thought.

After Stephen and I had been walking some distance through the lush moorland grass of the valley, we came to a stream which we followed.

We turned right, on my decision, as the water was flowing from left to right, into the valley nearer to the woods I was searching for. I did not bother to tell Steve this as I thought it rather irrelevant. However, I wondered what his thoughts and intentions were, as we moved along on either side of the stream.

After a bit, Steve said he wanted a rest, so I said: "Okay. I'll go on if it's alright by you."

"Yeah, sure," he said and sat down against a grassy mound only to jump up, clutching the seat, pulling a face and saying: "Euulh! It's wet!" I laughed and, turning, I continued my exploration.

Within twenty minutes, quite a long time to be walking in new ground, I staggered to the top of a large hillock with the intention of surveying my surroundings and discovered my goal was at hand. Spanning the width of the valley was an area of trees, an area which appeared to have some considerable depth also. I ran off with new strength, without any hesitation, to the trees and entered their domain some yards to the left of the stream as far as I could tell. The fact that I like trees must have been the reason for my speed in covering the 50 yards from the hillock to the woods.

It was one of those woods in which you, I am sure, always want to find yourself once during a lifetime. It was completely overgrown with bushes: rhododendrons, hydrangeas, holly bushes, stunted trees, the lot. As I said nearly everyone, I imagine, would like to go in such a wood, but it is not such a joy-ride once inside. I was getting soaked, to put it mildly.

I then decided to climb a tree. Choosing a large holly tree, I was able to reach its lower branches. Obsessed, I climbed to the very top and, swinging precariously, I reviewed my surroundings. I was several hundred yards into the wood, I discovered, and I could see little else but trees. The wood really appeared to have the dimensions of a forest. I saw, however, evidence of a small clearing with trees overhanging it. It occurred to me that there must be a small body of water there.

There was, and, on the other side, a small building, the dimensions of which were that of a large hut. I cannot remember just how I worked my way round to the other side past the areas of mud and thick foliage, but I did get round the pond to the building. There was evidence of windows that had been walled up, and a very heavy door, with traces of peeling paint.

On discovering the door to be immovable, I decided to go back to the car, rather agog with excitement. I had plans. . . .

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I had been told off somewhat for getting back to the car so late as dad wanted to set off for home early. My clothes were a mess as well.

On the way home, I traced the route on the map with a pencil, and I was getting more worried all the time. Still, even though it was a long way, I should still be able to manage it, I thought.

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I knew Steve would be out all day as he had told me so himself. Pity—still, I think I preferred to be by myself on my mission and I did not own a bike either.

I called for him early so as to catch him before he went out. He was up but not yet dressed. I persuaded him to lend me his bike for the day, although I would not tell him why apart from saying it was very important.

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I found my way into the valley of Beckley Manor Woods a bit after half past one, and ate the sandwiches I had prepared myself. Apart from telling Mum I would be gone for the day, I had kept my intentions secret.

After setting off towards the woods with coal hammer in one hand and crowbar in the other, I wondered what was so intriguing about the building to bring me here—maybe it was the locked door.

Again, with ease, I got to the other side of the lake, and, pausing for a moment, set to work on the door. I bashed it with the jemmy, then tried to prise it open, but both operations failed. I dropped the jemmy and turned round to pick up the hammer, which I had put behind me. The use of the two tools might work, I hoped. I picked it up and turned . . . the door, revealing the blackness beyond, was open and I jumped. It was a terrifying feeling to come across something like that when you are in dark, lonesome woods. Anyhow, braving the darkness, I stepped in cautiously. My foot bumped into something—a small wooden box rotten with age. It was almost as if it had been placed there on purpose for me to be startled by. I felt a sinister presence and a chill ran down my spine, I thought and laughed to myself a half-hearted laugh.

I picked up the box and the rotten side fell away. It was then that I discovered that the box had a metal lining. I tried to open the lid but the rusty hinges resisted and suddenly it came away in my hand. I dropped the lid and looked inside the box. The base was rusty but something urged me to pull it out. I pressed on one corner with the hammer and the opposite corner came up. I then pulled the bottom out, to find it was a false bottom. Underneath it were some metal discs, some held together by verdigris. They were golden discs, sovereigns. I held one up to the light. 'No doubt about it,' I thought, and immediately returned the lid, rammed it on the box, picked up my tools and set off home, not bothering about the rest of the room.

Then things went wrong. 'I don't remember this area of mud there,' I thought. 'I'm sure those bushes weren't there,' and, 'I don't think I came this way, I had better turn round and start again. Now which way did I come?' I was cut off in a triangle, thick impenetrable bush on one side, and the pond and mud on the other two.

I like trees and consider myself good at climbing them. I climbed a small one now, the jemmy stuffed down my jacket, the hammer in my pocket and the box under my arm. I intended to try and climb from this tree to another.

I was on a branch, well over the pond, trying to reach the branch of a sycamore when suddenly the box seemed to leap from my grasp. I tried to catch the precious box but it fell into the water and sank like a stone. The first thing I thought of was 'Why hadn't I put the sovereigns in my pocket', but now. . . .

Next day I was brooding by myself at the loss of the sovereigns. I had told no one of my adventure. Just then

Dad came into the room and said, "You know that Beckley Woods we went to last week? I heard today about a young man who had a hut in the woods and he is supposed to have saved a large sum of money and kept it there. Anyway, in 1899 his father got killed in the Boer War and so he killed himself by walking through a door over which he had deliberately left a rock balanced and he is supposed to still haunt the place even now."

"What a novel way of killing oneself," I said meekly, turning white. "I don't suppose he haunts many people nowadays." And I made a silent vow never to go there again.

P. Bird, 3S

## THE END

As I stare into the distance,  
I see the jet-black silhouette of the pit head,  
Looming in the open country,  
Above all rooftops,  
Above all trees.  
Men have ascended and descended,  
Hundreds of times.  
Yet suddenly it all stops.  
All locomotion stops,  
All has ended .  
It has been shut down  
After many years of labour, toil and sweat,  
It has been shut down.  
Not to be re-opened.  
The disheartened men stroll away,  
Their lives, hopes and dreams shattered,  
They sense the end . . . their end.

S. M. Manning, 3B

## AN OCCURRENCE AT OWL CREEK BRIDGE

A composite poem by members of Form 4B after  
reading the above-titled story by Ambrose Bierce  
and seeing the film version of it.

### I

A man; not tall; thirty-five;  
Features good; straight nose; firm mouth;  
His eyes are grey and large.  
You can tell this is a gentleman.  
No vulgar assassin.  
But military code includes all men,  
And this man will be hanged.

D. Rowell

### II

The Civil War in America,  
Union blue, Confederate grey.  
All's fair in love and war.  
He had had the warning and must be hanged.  
Peyton Farquhar must be hanged.  
The rope hung loose around his neck,  
Hands tied, feet unbound.  
With an order and a movement his life will end.  
He will listen for the order and the movement to be made.  
Minutes drift by like the river below,  
Plenty of time, time to think.  
Of his wife and children,  
His vain attempt  
To blow the Owl Creek bridge.

P. Highton

### III

Peyton's eyes panned along the plank to the man  
Whose moving would end life for him  
Standing there, tall, military and correct.  
He closed his eyes while his thoughts went home,  
His life went past; but a noise stabbed  
Knife sharp into his thoughts. On and on  
It tolled, counting his life's seconds away.  
He awaited each stroke impatiently, and,  
He knew not why, apprehensively. His whole  
Head throbbed, and his heart beat fast,  
His ears hurt as though pierced. He felt

He would go mad in his agony.  
How could a ticking watch do this to a man?

M. Timbrell

### IV

Suddenly it seemed, the order came.  
The movement was made.  
The way down was a long long way.  
A life's journey to sudden death.  
But down, too far down he went—  
The rope had snapped.  
Peyton Farquhar struck the water like a cannon shot.  
Like a ton of lead he plummeted down.  
Thought was command and his hands were free.  
He slewed to the surface with a roar and a gasp.  
All round he saw the beauty of life,  
The single vein on the single leaf could be seen  
By the eye which viewed insects in their majesty.  
He observed the dew on the spider's web.  
Then a bullet fizzed into the water,  
He began to swim fast, faster than ever.  
He felt free like the water in the stream,  
Like the trees in the forest on the bank,  
Like the gliding fish beneath him.

R. H. J. Waring

### V

The rope, twisted and splayed away  
it's fronds like a pond weed come loose from the bank.  
He felt pain in his neck, his brain was on fire.  
He forced down the water with quick downward strokes.  
'I must rise higher before it's too late.'  
He broke through the surface to meet his attackers.  
He gulped down some air which was gone in a flash.  
White light blinded him before he could splash,  
A bang! and a bullet cleaved through the water.  
Military incense rose from a murdering gun.  
Quickly he made for the shore.

G. Harris

### VI

Peyton Farquhar was running, running,  
Through the forest of his freedom.  
He was almost dead, his heart was bursting;  
His neck was hurting, his pulse was racing.  
Stumbling, weaving round every tree,  
He must push on, all the way.  
Peyton Farquhar kept on his path,



Grapeshot hailed and hunted him down.  
 It seemed that every cannoneer  
 Was giving Farquhar a last farewell.  
 Peyton Farquhar keeps on racing  
 To meet his wife who is bound to be waiting.  
 He hopes he will find her;  
 But where in the forest, where in the dream?

P. Stoba

## VII

His house, like a mirage, suddenly is there.  
 The gates, the tree, the path; he sees his wife.  
 She is beautiful, more beautiful than ever,  
 Dreamlike beauty.  
 Her eyes shimmer like raindrops on grass,  
 In the white summer moonlight.  
 She glides forward, goddess-like, with greeting  
 Arms—an endless while and then they meet.  
 He feels her soft hands close about his neck.  
 Suddenly, abrasively, a tightness and a jerk—  
 The rope is taut. Peyton Farquhar is dead.  
 Swinging halfway between water and space;  
 His neck broken. His tongue stuck  
 Out between his purple lips.

D. Atkins

## A GIRL'S ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH

When Gale Evans was young, her parents took her to church for the first time. She liked it very much and wanted to go every Sunday. Gale's parents were glad that she liked it, and very pleased that they did not have to drag their daughter to church. The vicar was pleased also. He said that he had never seen anyone as good as Gale in church. She was a pretty girl. Her silky blonde pony-tail contrasted with the fair complexion and blue eyes. Her nose was small and a bit upturned at the end. Being greatly spoilt by her parents, Gale always wore the best clothes. As Gale became older she attended many church activities as well as being in the Sunday school, the adjoining primary school, and the church brownies. She was very polite and had no bad habits. Although Gale was not a sweet little girl any more, people still talked to her as if she was one. This was one thing that she disliked when the neighbours stopped in the street, and talked to her in little girl talk. The vicar seemed to do this also she noticed one Sunday as if he was trying to keep her wrapped up in church for ever.

Gale saw something else that annoyed her. This was that her parents would take her on occasional Sundays and then send her off to church on her own the next week. She noticed

that they never seemed to go themselves. One day Gale's mother sent her to church after forcing her away from some painting that she was doing at home. Gale hated her mother for this and disobeyed her. She went to see a boy called John Blythe that she had met at school. John was medium size and slightly skinny looking. His oily black hair fell ungroomed down the back of his neck. Thick black eyebrows shaded the 'shifty' looking inset eyes. His lips were thick and his right ear had a small hole in it where he had been pecked by a hen which had taken a disliking to him. His clothes were only fit for burning as they were dirty, well-worn, and torn. Despite his uncouth appearance, Gale liked him. He walked around with a gang and smoked like a chimney.

Gradually Gale forgot about church and scorned it. John had managed to put the idea into her head that going to church was wrong. She believed this and every Sunday when her parents thought that she was going to church, she was really going to see John.

By sheer misfortune a neighbour saw John and Gale and told her parents. After Gale's mother and father had found out about John Blythe, they were furious and they had a long and very thoughtful talk with her about not going to church and also about John. In this talk, they told her that she must go to church and she should not see this boy John again. This she utterly refused to do and said that she loved him and did not want to go to church instead of seeing him. Gale also said to them that she had met this boy at church and he was very gentle and kind, and if they met him she was sure that they would like him. She said that she would bring him round and then they could see for themselves what he was like. Her parents debated whether to let her do this but finally they agreed, on one condition. This was that Gale should go to church again. This Gale refused to do, saying that John did not go to church anymore and that it was boring. She said that nobody cared if she went or not and going to church did absolutely no good to anyone who went. She went on to say that it only filled one's mind with a lot of gibberish and complete nonsense about a mythical character called God.

Gale's parents were appalled to hear this and made her tell them who had told her all this. The knowledge that it was John Blythe telling their daughter those things, set them right against him. Gale knew this and she kicked herself for opening her mouth too often.

Gale's parents then refused to hear another word about that heathen boy, John Blythe. They made her go to church again and under no circumstances was she ever again to see John. Gale dared not disobey her parents' word and did not see John again. She went to church as they told her and grew to like it again.

All went well after that until John came to church and met Gale three years later. They decided to do nothing about it and see what happened. Nothing did happen for two months but then John asked Gale if she would like to go to a dance which was being held at a club near their homes. Foolishly, the Evans' allowed Gale to go. She did not arrive home until four o'clock the next morning. Her parents asked her what she had been doing, and why she was so late. She said that John and she had gone to the party and had had some drinks, later going to a night club and getting drunk. On hearing this her parents were horrified and started arguing with her again.

This time Gale said she would not stop seeing John and that she would leave home if they would not let her see him. Her father told her to get out if that was the way she felt. So the next day Gale left her parents to live with John.

About six months later, Gale returned home. She explained that John had found another girl and left her. He told her that he had never liked her much right from the start. In a broken form, Gale apologised to her parents and although she did not admit it, she was very pleased that John had gone and that she was with her parents again.

J. INCE, J. HURST, K. ALLARDICE, J. BEAUMONT,  
P. BENEDYK, all of 4.S.

#### **A Poem for: JAY ANDEL, missed by a certain two.**

Eyes recede into their own shadows  
Minds, half open only at dawn  
begin to close around the dreams you dream  
When the night is wet and you are not quite alone.  
To hear the voice which wakens you,  
With tea and love for breakfast,  
even if the tea has sugar kisses  
and the love is buttered with toast crumbs,  
helps.  
And to hear from across the sun-red houses  
the new birds sing amorning  
Then this is more than worth the time  
it takes the night before,  
when you are tired from travelling.  
The window creaks a new day in  
As cars remain silent.  
Their silence is our chorus formed  
to honour the togetherness experienced  
when you're so very lonely  
(and no-one can hear you cry)  
Then even a new day brings hope.

R. M JONES, U.6.B.

## **THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN**

— a report by 4.S.

The relationship between parents and their children is generally bad. A survey was conducted by 4.S to find out about these relationships. Questions were asked about the freedom of children, whether their parents discussed sex, their moral standards, the parents interest and understanding of their children's affairs, religion and whether children are ever forced to go to church and, finally about discipline in their homes. All that is written from now on is based on the survey.

### **1. Survey on Freedom**

The freedom of a youth is, usually, very limited. The child's view of freedom is being able to get out where he or she likes, and to have no set times to be in the house at night. In other words, this means that children want their own way to a certain extent, and do not like parents watching over them all the time. Many parents do not care about their children, depending on how they themselves were brought up. If your parents were 'mothered' and questioned every time they went out, then the odds are that they would let their children have as much freedom as they liked. On the other hand, some parents were left to do as they pleased when they were children, and know what happened to themselves, and all the trouble they got into. Afterwards their parents would punish them, and it would really be the parents' fault. Now that these children have grown up and have children themselves, they will want to stop their own children from going the same way that they did.

The question of going around with gangs also comes up in most homes. If the son has some friends who cause trouble in the town, then he himself will follow them in the belief that he is 'big.' In fact, he is just a small follower on. The parents know this, but the boy obviously does not. He thinks that his parents are 'square,' which is the usual word in use, and disregards them to go with his friends. The more that the parents try to tell their son that going around with a gang is wrong, the more the son will ignore his parents.

In later years, this type of boy is the type who will go for a flat in the town and leave his parents. When he is much older, he may remember what his parents tried to do for him, and that they were right in stopping him from having the wrong freedom. In other words, the type of freedom has to be adjusted according to circumstances.

## **2. Survey on Sex and Moral Standards**

Most parents avoid discussing the subject of sex in front of their children because it embarrasses them. A recent survey shows 99% of people's parents avoid talking about sex completely — except when the child has gone. Most parents will agree that this is astonishing, but it is true.

It seems that they were brought up in a different world where anything about sex was hush-hush. They think that children will be taught about sex in biology when they are old enough to understand. If parents are asked by their children about sex they do not answer directly and they hesitate. This makes the children think that sex is rude or dirty. Instead the parents should answer the question quickly and truthfully. Sex is a natural thing and it should not be avoided by anyone.

Numerous parents set high moral standards for themselves and their children. They teach their children at an early age about what is right and what is wrong. There are only a few parents who do not care about their children's behaviour and the children are allowed to do what they like. Thus the children will probably steal things. Luckily there are not many parents like that and on the whole, most families have high moral standards.

## **3. Survey on Interests and Understanding**

Firstly, on the point of interest, it seems that most parents have a healthy and good interest in their children's affairs. Sometimes, of course, this can become a bad habit if the child or parent pries too far into the other's affairs.

The cause of some 'broken homes' could be that the parents had not taken any interest in the child's affairs, and adopted the 'careless' attitude towards their children. Parents also take an interest in their children's friends and the clothes they wear. If the children's parents did not take a careful look at their child's friends, then the child might become involved with a very bad kind of person.

Secondly, we come to the point about understanding. Here there is, to most families, a big gap between the parent and child. To overcome this gap would take a lot of time. But the main points of misunderstanding which could be overcome without too much effort, are the ones dealt with now. The main problem is the point of the changing times, the older people do not seem to realise it as they should. They seem to be still living in mid-thirties or just after. If the child says he does not get enough pocket-money, most parents or grandparents would retaliate with 'I used to get a penny a week when I was your age.'

To sum up on both points. A good and healthy interest in their children from the parents is alright, but it can become too much of a good thing. Another difference between parents and children when it comes to understanding one another, is that the parents are living in a past era, and the children in a new one.

## **4. Survey on Religion and Church**

Church today is losing its appeal. 88% of the youths interviewed in a recent survey are not forced to go to church. 75% of these do not go to church and only 25% go to church of their own free will. However only 20% of the boys interviewed are forced to go to church, which shows that most parents are giving their children more freedom of choice.

The number of children, who are christened and who are then confirmed is rapidly decreasing, which is another sign that parents are letting their children choose for themselves when they were old enough to do so. However there are still a lot of people who force their children into a religion which they do not like. There is no point in forcing a child to pray to GOD when he does not believe in Him.

## **5. Survey on Discipline**

From reports collected from 4.S it was found that most of the parents of the children interviewed did not have control over their children. It was worked out to be about two in every three children that did not obey their parents.

The parents begin to lose control over their children when they reach their 'teens. This is usually caused by parents letting children think they are grown-ups. This leads to children cheeking their parents and when the children are told to do something by their parents they just take it as a joke.

After, the children start smoking and swearing and generally mixing with rough crowds.

The only way to stop this is not to treat children as adults, until they are of that age.

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## FINAL THOUGHTS

The silver-haired old man, sat still in the morning sun, gazing at the morning news, perhaps letting out a grunt or two in argument with some topic of the day. This morning, he had done all the usual things; he had walked round the block before breakfast; skipped through the morning mail; had breakfast; and was now reading the newspaper. Suddenly he stopped reading, and cast his mind over the past couple of days, and thought about all the trouble that had been caused, just because he had a small pain near his heart. Rubbish, he thought, there's nothing wrong with me. Yet, there it still was, the awful memory of that piercing stab and it was near to his heart . . . very near. Still, he thought, I'm 74, one could expect these things at 74; couldn't one?

He had three dogs, Bonnie, his favourite, sauntered over to him and, in one brisk leap, had his front paws on the old man's chair. The newspaper had dropped on his lips, and was heaving up and down with the old man's breath. The dog watched the steady beat of this for some minutes when, suddenly it stopped, the paper ceased to move. Almost immediately, the dog whimpered and slumped to the floor.

He knew what had happened, he knew the old man was dead. After all, one could expect these things at 74, couldn't one?

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## 'CHRIST WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM STEEL WORKS'

Praise be to America,  
praise be to materialism,  
and the self-interest cyclotron  
spraying forth paranoia.  
Praise be to America  
and her vacuum-packed product;  
a transistorised world with a split  
and peeling —

appealing —

personality.

Praise be to America,  
and her big-mouthed autos,  
driving down a one-lane freeway  
to napalm fields and mushroom trees.

D. J. SIDDALL.

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## INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Stamping on Covenant Forms & Sundry Expenses.....	35	Covenant Subscriptions .....	295
Travelling Expenses .....	21	Donations .....	296
Audit & Accountancy Charges .....	7	Proceeds from Efforts .....	140
Mortgage Interest Paid .....	12	Income Tax refunded during the year .....	179
Building Society Charges .....	8	Bank Interest received .....	64
Depreciation on Equipment .....	12	Building Society Interest received .....	—
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR .....	879		
	<u>£974</u>		<u>£974</u>

## BALANCE SHEET

as at 31st March 1968

ACCUMULATED FUND		HOUSE AT SEDBERGH, YORKS (at cost) .....	2418
Balance as at 1st April 1967 .....	1662	EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FOR THE HOUSE.....	47
ADD Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year... 879		Less Depreciation .....	12
	<u>2541</u>	CASH AT BANK .....	482
MORTGAGE OUTSTANDING ON HOUSE AT SEDBERGH		DEPOSIT WITH BUILDING SOCIETY .....	50
YORKS .....	461	CASH IN HAND .....	24
CREDITORS .....	7		
	<u>£3009</u>		<u>£3009</u>

We consider the above account is correctly drawn up in accordance with the books and with information and explanations given to us.

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21st May 1968

The Trustees are most grateful for continued financial support, particularly from donations of seven year covenants, as the hostel at Long Rigg is entering a period of considerable expenditure.

## 'A PHYSICIST'S LAMENT'

In response to overwhelming demand, two renowned lyricists have graciously consented to publish in full the words of this famous ballad, snatches of which have occasionally been heard issuing from the A.E.L. (To the tune of 'I Can Hear the Grass Grow')

See the fringes all in line . . .  
Are they equally spaced?  
Can't imagine that they are—  
Call someone to come and see.  
Is it just a figment of my tortured imagination,  
Or is the Red Shift introducing further complications?

(Chorus)  
I can hear the phase change,  
I can hear the phase change,  
I see lines in the ultra-violet . . .

Searching for a balance point,  
Have I got my polarities crossed?  
If I don't get zero deflection  
Then I know that all is lost.  
Is this thermocouple reading Absolute Zero  
Or have I stumbled on Negative Resistance?  
Kelvin only knows.

(Chorus)  
Meter bridges fill the air . . .  
My mind is attuned to a resonant frequency—  
If you don't know what that means,  
Then I know that you're not my kind,  
Clicking of the Geiger-counters  
Disturbs my sensitive flame,  
If this practical doesn't work,  
Then I'll know who's to blame . . .

(Chorus)  
I'm trapped between two standing waves . . .  
Angular momentum is conserved ?  
With respect to electron spin,  
Then there's relativistic mass change,  
But where does THAT come in?  
Fitzgerald-Lorentz contraction  
Takes place before my eyes,  
Is it 'cause of time-dilation  
That I won't finish this on time?

(Chorus)  
I'm undergoing mass-transformation . . .  
A.J.L.B., J.M.D.

## OLD BOYS' NEWS

- C. B. BALL (1931-36), who has lived in Toronto for many years, has been awarded a Centennial Medal in recognition of service to Canada for his work in amateur sport.
- A. F. BLOWER (Ed. 1956-63) having completed his degree course, is now working as Civil Engineer on the M62 Lancashire/Yorkshire motorway.
- N. R. CROMPTON (R. 1948-55) has been appointed assistant administrative manager for the London region of the Eagle Star Insurance Group.
- J. M. C. DAVIDSON (W. 1943-51) has joined the Schools' Council Modern Languages Project (Russian) at the University of York.
- P. DICKINSON (Ev. 1953-60) and D. A. THOMAS (G. 1955-62) were among the first batch of students to be awarded honours degrees by the new council for National Academic Awards in 1967. Dickinson is now working on research development for an electrical firm in Manchester. Thomas is now at Liverpool University studying for a Ph.D. degree.
- D. J. FARRANT (Ed. 1948-55) is now an English master at Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh.
- R. H. FOSTER (W. 1943-49) is now Branch Manager at Newcastle-upon-Tyne of the Astley Industrial Trust Ltd., Industrial Bankers.
- W. B. JENNETT (R. 1940-44) has been appointed Professor of Neuro-Surgery at Glasgow University.
- B. A. JESSOP (Ed. 1956-63) has been appointed Head of the Chemistry Department, Deyes Lane School, Maghull.
- W. T. KEELEY (Ev. 1951-58) has been appointed Commissioning Chemist at West Burton Power Station.
- C. G. KNOWLES (Ev. 1950-57) has been appointed Public Relations Controller, John Player and Sons, Nottingham, February 1968.
- L. M. MANSFIELD (R. 1950-57) is an applications engineer with Spirax Sarco Ltd. of Long Eaton. Since 1966 he has been a member of the Long Eaton U.D.C. and a Governor of one of the local Secondary Schools.
- C. P. MARTIN (M. 1954-61) has been awarded his Ph.D. in Textile Chemistry at Manchester University and has taken up an appointment with Morlands Ltd. of Glastonbury.
- D. N. MAX (Ev. 1948-55) has been elected a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Solicitors in the City of London.
- A. J. H. MERCER (Ed. 1954-61) is now doing post Doctoral Research in Chemistry at the University Chemical Laboratory, Cambridge.

- P. D. MOORE (Ed. 1958-65) is President of the Union at St. Peter's College, Saltley, 1967-68.
- D. M. PARKER (L. 1956-61) has gained his M.Sc. degree in Mechanical Engineering at Newcastle-upon-Tyne and is now employed at the Gas Engineering Research Station.
- C. A. PLATT (S. 1944-51) has been appointed North Eastern area manager for the United Molasses Co. Ltd.
- B. J. RIMMER (W. 1948-54) who was previously with Southport Police Force, is now with Sulzer Bros. (Marine Engines) London as an interpreter.
- H. V. ROBERTS (W. 1941-48) who now lives at Chorley, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Lancaster.
- M. F. L. RUSSELL (W. 1949-56) has been appointed Head of the Physics Department at Poundswick High School, Manchester.
- R. J. SHARROCK (R. 1949-56) is now undergoing six months Industrial training at Dounreay Experimental Reactor Establishment, Thurso, in preparation for graduate membership of the Royal Institute of Chemistry.
- H. N. SUGDEN (M. 1967-64) has completed a course at the college of Librarianship in Wales and has taken up a post as Professor's Assistant with the Library Board of Western Australia, Perth.
- D. E. SUTTON (Ev. 1947-53) is an Associate Partner in a firm of Architects and Planning Consultants, Kirkcaldy, Fife.
- K. H. TAYLOR (S. 1956-60) obtained a CI.II, Div. 1, degree in Mechanical Engineering at Salford University in 1967.
- B. W. THOMAS (G. 1952-58) is now a dairy husbandry advisor with the National Agricultural Advisory Service in Montgomeryshire.
- B. M. THOMPSON (R. 1957-64) who graduated from the University of Manchester with first class Honours in Chemical Engineering last June, is now employed as a Chemical Engineer at I.C.I. (Pharmaceutical Division) in Macclesfield, Cheshire.
- A. L. VAUGHAN-WILLIAMS (W. 1962-67) is now studying History at the University College of Rhodesia, Salisbury on a Fairbridge Scholarship.
- D. C. WAREING (W. 1945-50) has been appointed Life Underwriter for Abbey Life Assurance Co. Liverpool.
- F. B. WILKINSON (R. 1957-63) has obtained his degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery in Leeds, and is now in dental practice in the same town.
- A. M. WINTERS (S. 1958-64) has now taken up an appointment as Information Officer with Unilever Research Laboratories, Isleworth.

**We regret to record the death of the Reverend D. G. Edgar (M. 1946-51) in February, 1968.**



## VALETE

DAVIES, Peter J. U6ScSch. L. 1961-68 (G.C.E. A5, O5).  
Senior Prefect 1967-68. Leader of the Orchestra 1965-67.  
Open Exhibition in Natural Science to Christ's College,  
Cambridge 1967.

DRELINCOURT, Barry. U6ScSch. Ev. 1961-68. (G.C.E. A3,  
O4) Junior Prefect 1967-68. House Almoner 1967.

SETTLE, Brian. L6Sp. W. 1962-68 (G.C.E. O1)

SMITH, Martyn. L6W. S. 1962-68 (G.C.E. O5)

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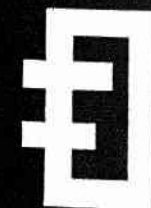
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