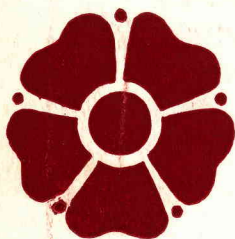


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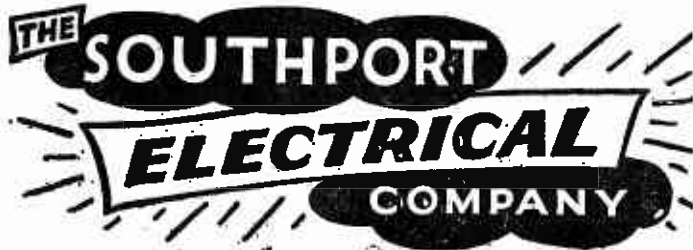


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The above committee believes that the traditional school magazine has no future. Whilst accepting the fact that it is necessary to print a number of official school items we no longer intend to act as unofficial Hansard. Henceforth we shall print more articles and fewer reports. We also intend to reject any work submitted which is written in banal, pedestrian terms or "jolly-hockey-stick" style (a style characteristic of most House and Society Reports). We are able to do this because, with a resurgence of interest in the magazine, we have submitted two and three times as much material as we can deal with. We can now afford to be selective.

The committee wish to acknowledge receipts of other schools' magazines, and to thank D. A. Stuart and members of 4A and TRx for their help in the production of this edition of the Red Rose.

Editorial

Between sun-bathing and whatever else we do during the summer term (exams perhaps?) we may reflect on what really is a very satisfactory school life—and become complacent . . .

For K.G.V. has experienced all the fashions which, to some extent or other have been "with it"; the last being the David Frost cult.

The games department has been "revolutionised"—we now have the choice of swimming, cricket, tennis, hockey, golf and, of all things horse riding. There is, too, in the offing a sailing club and, of course, top people's clock putting.

But this wide choice together with the psychological freedom of such things as the satire craze—the constant sneer, seems to have encouraged us to be satisfied with a mental status quo.

Our complacency is well shown, I think, by the common attitude among modernists that scientists are "illiterate"; an ungrammatical assertion made while few modernists write for this magazine and leave much of the representation of the school to their more conscientious opposites. Perhaps we, the modernists, could improve!
J.B.E.

School Notes

The Annual School Concert took place on Friday, March 29th, and included a performance of Fauré's Requiem for Choir and Orchestra. Mr. Wilson is much to be congratulated on producing such an excellent Concert after being with us for only one term. The standard of previous years was fully maintained.

We congratulate G.M.S. Whittaker on winning an Open Scholarship in History at Keble College last March.

Once again a representative of this school has been awarded one of the 14 prizes in the European Schools' Day Essay Competition. Pupils in schools all over Great Britain entered for this competition and we congratulate S. B. Fletcher on winning a prize which will consist of a holiday in Holland at the expense of the Dutch Government.

The Annual Rugby match against the Old Boys was held on April 2nd and the school won an excellent game by 11 points to 9.

The first XV are also to be congratulated on their excellent performance against the Southport R.U.F.C. on April 25th when they narrowly lost a very exciting match by 9 points to 8.

The collection this term was on behalf of The Central Council for the Care of Cripples and realised the sum of £21 2s. 7d.

On May 8th the Parents' Annual General Meeting was held at which Rev. W. F. Cox was once again elected Parents' Representative on the Governing Body. This meeting was followed by a Careers Convention at which the following very kindly came along to give advice:

MR. K. BALL, Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering, Liverpool University. Careers in Mechanical Engineering.

MR. N. F. CLIFT, Works Personnel Officer, J. Bibby & Sons, Liverpool. Technical Careers in the Chemical Industry.

MR. L. G. ROWLANDS, Education and Training Officer, Central Electricity Generating Board, Manchester. Careers in Electrical Engineering.

MR. D. F. SUTTON, Production Manager, James Halstead Ltd., an old boy of the school. Management and other non-technical careers in Industry.

MR. J. B. WRIGHT, Youth Employment Officer, Southport. Careers in the Civil Service.

Senior members of the school had had an opportunity earlier on of interviewing these representatives.

On May 16th a meeting was held for the parents of boys in the Lower Vths.

The annual school Swimming Gala was held on May 18th. Six school records were broken and the standard shown by the boys was higher than for many years.

It is pleasant to report an increasing interest in expeditions during the past months. The Local History Society and the Geographical Society continues to enjoy enthusiastic support on their summer term excursions. The most recent innovation is the establishment of the Rambling Club. This is the work of a Group in the Lower Sixth Science forms who deserve every encouragement and are to be congratulated on the splendid manner in which they organised their first trip to the Bowland Forest area.

Important Dates

Summer Term ends.....	18th July
Autumn Term begins	3rd September
Half Term	30th October, 31st October, 1st November
Autumn Term ends	20th December

Valete

WHITTAKER, G. M. S., 1955-63—Edwards'. U6MSch. (G.C.E. A4, O5), Senior School Prefect 1962-63, House Almoner 1961-62. Open (Gomm) Scholarship in Modern History at Keble College, Oxford, 1963.

BENNISON, D. H., 1956-63—Leech's. U6MSch. (G.C.E. A4, O4), Junior School Prefect 1962-63, House Almoner 1962-63, Vice-Chairman of Debating Society 1962-63, Chairman of Europa 1961-62, Senior Librarian, Open Exhibition in Modern Languages at Keble College, Oxford, 1963.

MILLWARD, M. A. E., 1956-63—Leech's. U6ScSch.A. (G.C.E. A3, O5), Senior School Prefect 1962-63, Secretary to the Scientific Society 1962-63, Scout Troop Patrol Leader 1961-62, Bronze Medallion, R.L.S.S. 1959.

CASSELL, A. M., 1957-63—Spencer's. L6Sp. (G.C.E. O2).

CASSELSON, R. V., 1957-63—Woodham's. L6Mb. (G.C.E. O4).

WATSON, P. H., 1957-63—Rogers'. L6SeX. (G.C.E. O5).

DUNCAN, J. R., 1958-63—Woodham's. L6Mb. (G.C.E. O6), Half Colours Badminton, 1962-63, Under 14 Cricket Colours 1960-61.

GILL, J. T. M., 1958-63—Rogers'. L6Sp. (G.C.E. O2).

STOTT, M. A., 1958-63—Edward's. L6ScY (G.C.E. O5).

PUGH, T. I., 1959-63—Woodham's. L6ScY. (G.C.E. O5), Bronze Cross R.L.S.S. 1962.

BOOTH, I., 1960-63—Spencer's. U6MSch. (G.C.E. A4, O6), Senior School Prefect 1961-62, School Vice-Captain 1962-63, House Captain 1962-63, Cross-country Captain 1962-63, Chairman of Europa 1962-63.

EATON, W. G., 1960-63—Rogers'. 4B.

GANDER, P. S., 1960-63—Mason's. L5X.

THOBORN, K., 1960-63—Rogers'. 4A.

PAGE, C. J. J., 1961-63—Spencer's. L5B. House and School Cross-country Team 1962-63.

STEPHENS, C. E. J., 1962-63—Edwards'. L5Y.

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House Reports

EDWARDS'

Housemaster: Mr. Norris

The house certainly seems to be emerging fast from the murky depths of failure, in which it has remained for some time.

However, this new look is due almost entirely to the effects of the Juniors and they, indeed, put (or should put) the seniors to shame.

I have heard tell that shoals of Edwards' Juniors could sometimes be seen trying desperately to break through the net to victory, and this they in fact did when they won the swimming qualifications.

We can also boast our increased number of Beach-combers. This year particularly has shown a considerable increase in the interest shown on the part of the Edwardians ("Teds?") in life-saving, although we did not do very well in the qualifications.

The juniors really showed their capabilities last term on the Rugby field, when they won the junior Rugby and the "Seven-a-side."

Again Edwards may one day be able to look back with pride, to the years 1962-63, satisfied at the "Botvinniks" they may have produced. Yes, indeed, we are now in proud possession of the Junior Chess Cup.

Now that we are at long last high and dry on the road to success, due not only to such hard workers as Jessop and Miley, but also very much to Mr. Norris. It is of great importance that we should not now stray off it, into the quicksand of apathy.

EVANS'

Housemaster : J. W. Lord

Captain : A. K. Canter

Secretary : J. F. Sell

Almoner : P. K. Fellows

Rather belated congratulations to J. Roston and J. R. Uttley on their appointment as Junior school prefects. Also to D. Hunter for being appointed lifesaving captain. We were sorry to lose Silverton, one of the joint house captains, at the end of last term, and wish him every success in the future.

The house did not achieve any distinction on the rugby field last term but the lack of success was compensated somewhat by the keen team spirit shown in all games. It was very much the same story in the cross-country, although Halsall, our best runner was unfortunate to be put out of the race by injury before he had even reached the school gate. Off the fields, the house has had more success, retaining the choir cup and winning the Senior chess and lifesaving cups. The charity collections have

also been very good, each being well above average.

This term the house fared moderately well in the Senior cricket, beating Spencers and losing to Mason's and Leech's.

The Juniors who are being coached by Davis and Uttley have still to play; and if they keep up their present form their chances of success are high. The athletics qualifications are being managed very ably by Halsall and at the time of writing we are doing very well.

GREAR'S HOUSE

Housemaster: Mr. H. Evans

Captain: A. S. Wright

Almoner: M. S. Armitage

Secretary: M. D. Robinson

In the previous terms that I have written these reports I have asked for an improvement in the position of the Juniors in the Honours list, and have congratulated the members of the House for the excellent results on the sports field.

However, this year there has been a complete reverse. In heading the Honours list for the last two terms we have done better than for several years, and it is hoped that the good work will be continued this term. With this position in other years, we would have felt fairly confident of winning the Jubilee Cup, but unfortunately we have not been doing as well as usual in sport. This is not the fault of the various captains who, without exception, have lead their teams very well. However, their efforts would seem to have been partially in vain if the performances of the remainder of the House are considered.

Probably the worst showing was in the Swimming Gala. In the finals we had the large number of two representatives, Downes and Fitton. This was very disappointing, especially as according to the Qualifications list, in which we came second, we had many more swimmers, but not enough people bothered to turn up for the heats.

This lack of interest is also evident in the attendances at the athletics practices held so far, when often only the people in charge have turned up. However, we hope for better turn outs after the examinations.

Our best chance of honours in sport this term would seem to be in cricket, for besides providing the captains for three of the school teams, we have several other people in school teams and thus we should do well in both Junior and Senior teams. The latter have made a good start by winning their first match.

It is hard to sum up without thinking of what might have been if in sports the rest of the House had shown as much enthusiasm as A. S. Wright, who had done a "grand job" as House captain this year, but even so if we do well in cricket and athletics this term we will have had a good year.

LEECH'S

Housemaster: Mr. Flemming

Captain: M. D. Carr

Secretary: L. B. Davies

Although we have enjoyed success in certain fields this year we seem to have lost a little of our previous zest and determination.

Our talented juniors promise a brighter future, however. The Junior Rugby XV played some attractive football but were narrowly beaten in the final of their competition. We hope that the Junior Cricket XI, under Abram's captaincy, will also achieve success for they have displayed much skill during practices. The Junior Chess team won two of its matches and came 5th in the competition.

The Seniors have also had their moments of glory. The Rugby XV played courageously in all their games, under Salt's leadership, although they were unfortunately beaten in the final by a strong Mason's side. Led for the third year by Henry, the swimming team gained its usual high placing in the Gala when it finished in 3rd place. This year we also have a strong Cricket XI which, captained by Carr, has already won its way into the final, mainly because of our contingency of capable batsmen.

The Intermediate Rugby team fared quite well and, if all its members had followed the example of their captain Ball, it would have done even better. This section of the house has participated in few sporting activities this year and so has had ample time to concentrate on the academic side of school life. In this most important sphere we are able to offer our special congratulations to two of our members as Bennison has been awarded an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Keble College, Oxford and Millward has gained a place at St. John's College, Cambridge. We thank Ruhrlander too for his successful effort as almoner this term and moreover the members of the House for their usual display of generosity. P.K.T.

MASON'S

Housemaster: Mr. P. G. Longhurst

House Captain: S. B. Fletcher

House Secretary: R. M. Williamson

Never yet has one house succeeded in winning the Jubilee Cup for three years on the run, but this year, having won the cup for the last two years, we are going all out to achieve the "hat-trick". Since the last report, we have been doing well in all the inter-house competitions.

We came third in the inter-house Choral competition the highest we have ever been. We won the Senior Rugby beating Leech's in the final by nine points to nil, lost the final of the

Intermediate competition to Grear's, and our Junior team played well but failed to reach the final. We "swept the board" in the seven-a-side competition, winning both the Senior and Intermediate finals.

In three competitions we came third; Badminton, Chess and overall in the cross-country.

Through the efforts of Gall, we managed to come second in the qualifications cup for swimming, these efforts including getting one boy to swim a length who could not do so when he started it; indeed, Mason's boys must be good swimmers since we won the Swimming Gala itself, plus the cup for overall excellence, both for the second year running and also had many successes in the life-saving examinations.

Although we did not do too well in the termly form positions, our overall position at the end of the Lent term was third, and we hope that Mason's boys have worked extra hard in the Summer term to improve this position.

This term our senior cricketers have won two of their matches, against Spencer's and Evan's, and lost narrowly to Grear's, these being the only results at the time of writing. Also, Fletcher is holding frequent athletic practices, and we hope that he will lead us to winning both the qualification and the Athletics sports for the fourth year running.

Our thanks should go to Mr. Longhurst and to Fletcher whose leadership has done a great deal towards achieving our successes so far this year, and I hope that Mason's will go on to become the first house to "complete the hat-trick."

ROGERS'

Housemaster: Mr. Clough

Captain: J. Dickinson

Almoner: I. G. Higginbotham

Vice Captain: K. W. Robinson

Secretary: G. W. Tolley

The motto of this house suggests success is the result of perseverance. This year has seen much perseverance being rewarded with a modicum of success.

The Senior Rugby team was well rewarded in that it defeated Grear's and Edwards' in two of the three matches and

lost to the competition-winners, Mason's. Day, non-playing captain in two games, and Thompson, the vice captain helped to keep the team in trim and able to adapt themselves to individual Rugby skill. Albrecht Zeh, a visitor from Germany, was one such individual: his unorthodox style was cause of glee (when he scored) and amusement (when he infringed rules which were to him unknown) on frequent occasions. The Junior and Intermediate teams (Captains: Sixsmith, Rogers; Alexander) both enjoyed limited success

Also in the Autumn Term, Rogers competed, and were placed second to Evans (for the second time in three years) in the House Choir Competition. Higginbotham's musical expertise, with aid from Tolley, was responsible for this success. The Basketball Team (Captain: Corbett) was unsuccessful in an enjoyable first round match with Grear's.

Newton showed himself to be the most promising junior player in the Badminton team (Captain: Hanlon) and Forshaw played as well as is expected of a school-team player. In all the Winter games Rogers' was well represented in School Teams.

Dickinson's supervision and a willing band of swimmers won the fourth place in the life-saving competition and second in the qualifications cup. Only fifth place was to be ours in the Gala.

Cricket and athletics now take up the time of the captains Burgess and Day (assisted by Basson) respectively and at the time of writing the sun of success has started to shine on us, although it is by no means yet at its hottest.

Higginbotham has concluded his term of office as almoner by leading the House to the top of the House Charity Collections yet again. Thanks are due to all those who helped to fulfil his aim of one shilling per head, which was exactly the sum raised in the Summer Term.

Academically, the House is stirring in its slumber and must awake before the achievements of previous years are attained again.

Thank-you Rogers', for your generosity, thank-you for your sporting achievements; but please, let us see the letter "R" higher on the academic lists.

SPENCER'S

Housemaster: Mr. Hodnett

Captain: P. D. Belcher

Vice Captain: P. K. Thomas

Secretary: W. M. Simpson

Almoner: I. H. Campion-Smith

There were two outstanding victories for Spencer's in the Lent term when the house came first in the School cross-country competition, in both Senior and Junior races, and first in the Badminton competition. The respective teams, and their captains, are to be congratulated on excellent performances. It is hoped that these successes may be repeated in future years.

The Intermediate and Junior Rugby teams, excellently captained by Heritage and Walton, did not achieve outstanding results, but their efforts were a great credit to the house. This was especially so of the Junior team, who, having suffered a heavy defeat in their first match, were able to win the other two matches of the three. The Intermediate team did not do quite so well, but managed to win one match: better tackling would have been most beneficial.

The house was extremely sorry to lose its enthusiastic captain, Booth, at the end of last term. He is, at present teaching English in France, and will go up to Oxford University next October. We congratulate, and wish him every success in his future career. We are sure his successor, Belcher, will prove equally worthy of the position of House Captain, and we must give him every support.

This term has seen much less in the way of outstanding achievements. We gained fourth position in the School Swimming Gala, largely because of the enthusiasm and persuasive powers of Petty, the captain. It is somewhat puzzling that several boys, who were quite able to represent the house in the Gala, were, at first unwilling to do so. It is, indeed, to be hoped that this attitude of apparent apathy will not continue to exist in future years, in any activity in the house!

The house Senior Cricket team, unfortunately, although containing several good batsmen and bowlers, did not manage to excell, possibly because of poor co-ordination of the efforts of individual team members.

It is good to be able to note that the house seems to be showing satisfactory enthusiasm for athletic activities, and a grand total of six Spencer's boys represented the school in a recent match.

Finally the charity collection held last term was excellently supported, but this term the house seems to have lost its newly-adopted generosity! We gained a higher position, relative to the other houses, as regards the total donated than we really de-

served to, because of the generosity of a few boys, which covered up the apathy of the others. Next time, let's all give till it really hurts.

WOODHAM'S

Housemaster: Mr. Abram

Captain: B. W. Hargreaves

Secretary: A. J. Reid

Almoner: J. Townley-Smith

After ending the last school year disastrously, the house has improved its sporting record considerably—surprisingly, it seems, to everyone except Mr. Abram—who knew we could do it with a little give as well as take. Even the seniors showed that they were capable of displaying enthusiasm—during the senior Rugby competition—when the team, urged on by the gentle voice of Hargreaves, if not terribly successful, showed the spirit of the game by fighting on and on.

In the Senior House Basketball Competition, the house team were obviously underrated — for they gained a tie in the final, thus enabling the house to hold the cup for six months. It seems that few members of the house have any interest in swimming for only Rothwell and Whitehead have achieved any real success. The house chess-teams too, have been lacking in support, although the juniors did achieve moderate success. I hope this is not a pointer to the house's intellectual standing: for during the past two terms, the house's academic standard has been steadily falling. I know this is not due to lack of intelligence—merely lack of effort!

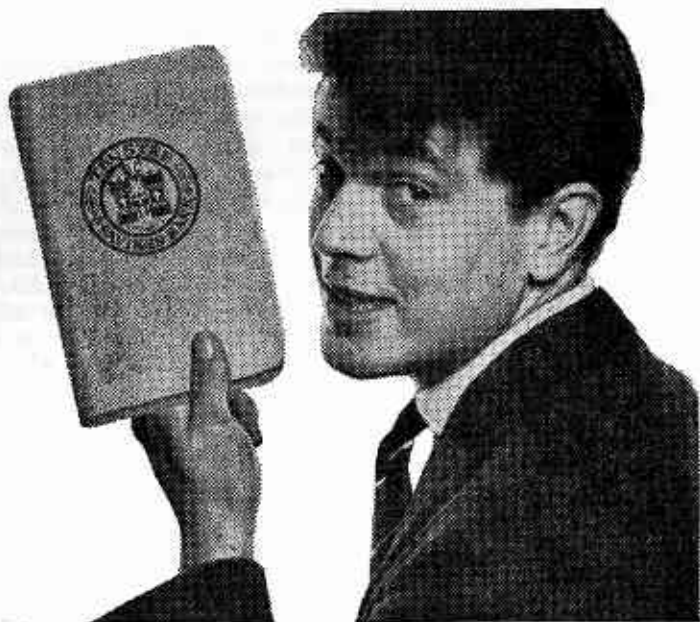
During the Lent term, the Junior and Intermediate House Rugby competitions were held. The Juniors, a promising side of great potential failed by a matter of a few points to reach the final: they won two of their three games. The Intermediates, on the other hand failed to achieve any success at all. The teams selected by Hargreaves might well have succeeded, if more than a dozen boys had turned out and if those few had played the game, rather than merely waiting for the end. Those boys responsible for this display should be well rewarded in knowing they disgraced the house.

The story of the cross-country competition has a rather happier ending—the house finished second in the overall placings.

I should like to salute the hard work done by the House Captain, Hargreaves, and Townley-Smith, the Almoner and Carver who is now cricket captain.

The cricket season is upon us and its results may throw some light on the future fate of Woodham's. We are on the way to winning the Jubilee Cup — but some more hard work is necessary.

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Sport

1st XV

With more than half of the previous year's 1st XV still in School we looked forward to a very successful season. The first few games showed how wrong we were. The pack which was the biggest for many years obtained a fair amount of possession from scrums and lines-out but was very weak in other aspects of the game. The backs were lacking in penetration, owing to Wright's loss of confidence more than to lack of ability. Fortunately the side did not lose heart completely and in the game against Manchester G.S. we saw signs of a real revival. Instead of the close play we had seen in the earlier games the ball was moved freely amongst backs and forwards and some excellent tries were scored. In the succeeding games the forwards maintained their improvement but the backs fell back to their previous mediocre standard. As a result of this it was decided to experiment for the game against Belfast High School. Forshaw and Porter, two young and inexperienced players, were brought in at scrum half and centre and other positional changes were made. This brought about an immediate change of fortune. For the rest of the season, curtailed though it was by bad weather the side played some excellent rugby. Forshaw proved to be the outstanding player in the backs and seemed to inspire the others to play well above their previous standard. Wright now playing on the wing, seemed far happier and scored some excellent tries. Lindsay played consistently well throughout the season and his partnership with Forshaw shows great promise. Rostron, after a very shaky start, improved as the season progressed and should do well next season. Every forward played well at times but the only consistent ones were Hargreaves, Salt and Fletcher. Carver and Halsall will do well as they gain experience. Hargreaves worked tirelessly as captain of the side and one was pleased to see his efforts rewarded in the later games. In all, a mixed season but one is left with the feeling that the second half of the season would have been a good one had the weather not interfered.

Next year's side can be a good one provided they do not start the season with an exaggerated opinion of their abilities.

1st XV	.....	P.19	W.7	D.1	L.11
A V.	Arnold School	.....	L	22-0	
H V.	Lancaster R.G.S.	.....	L	22-11	
A V.	Upholland G.S.	.....	L	26-0	
A V.	Cowley School	.....	L	28-5	
H V.	Wigan G.S.	.....	W	9-0	
H V.	Manchester G.S.	.....	W	29-11	
H V.	Blackpool G.S.	.....	L	6-0	

A V. Hutton G.S.	L	13-0
H V. Birkenhead School	L	22-0
H V. King Edward VII School	W	22-13
H V. Ormskirk G.S.	W	18-10
H V. Calday Grange G.S.	D	3-3
A V. Preston G.S.	L	6-3
H V. Belfast High School	W	18-0
A V. Kirkham G.S.	L	12-3
H V. Waterloo Schools	Cancelled	
A V. Ormskirk G.S.	, ,	
H V. Chethams Hospital School	, ,	
A V. Wigan G.S.	, ,	
A V. Wallasey G.S.	, ,	
A V. Bolton School	, ,	
A V. Chethams Hospital School	, ,	
A V. Barlow G.S.	, ,	
H V. Upholland G.S.	, ,	
H V. Cowley School	L	9-3
A V. Calday Grange	W	21-9
A V. Old Boy's XV	W	11-9
A V. Southport R.U.F.C. 1st XV ..	L	9-8

QUARTER FINALS 7-A-SIDE COMP.

UNDER 15 XV

Although the unusual weather played havoc with the fixture list, the team enjoyed a successful season. The main strength was in the forwards. They were a very heavy and powerful combination; among them Alexander was outstanding. He has the intelligence to make great use of his height and strength, and he also led the forwards with vigour. His determination was infectious and helped to develop a workmanlike understanding among the team. Ball worked tirelessly and was particularly good in defence. Taylor assisted these two in some excellent short passing movements and on many occasions played very well indeed. Oldroyd at hooker was playing in a School team for the first time and improved considerably as the season progressed—he was at his best when really roused. Jones worked effectively, especially in the set scrum. Windham is an excellent thrustful player who, given more intelligent use of his considerable abilities, will be a very good player in Senior School rugby. Heritage showed great keenness and always did his best, as did Ellis and Thompson.

Among the backs Richards at scrum half was outstanding. Although he was the side's top scorer of tries this was not achieved at the expense of ball distribution. He is keen to learn and uses the ball intelligently and is fearless. He must, however, develop in touch kicking which is not strong. The stand off position proved difficult to fill adequately and many boys were tried, but none were really happy there. Smith with his neat side step and clever use of the dummy pass was most dangerous, and he made some very good breaks which were not always

backed up sufficiently. Blackburn always tried hard as did Saunders and was very useful in attack but defensively all the backs were suspect, particularly in their slowness to cover mistakes—and high kicking was seen too often. Littlewood, with his tremendous speed, should have been a match winner but too often he was either given his pass too late or he himself ran into touch. His handling of the ball needs more care which if done would make him really useful. Laws at full back was efficient and safe but is still a little too slow off the mark. The Thomson twins came into the team late but have considerable promise. Brankin, Moss and Haslam also played occasionally—the first named being potentially a very good player.

The team was captained by Ball who with his quiet enthusiasm helped considerably to instil a very good spirit into the team.

BADMINTON REPORT

The school team suffered an early setback when P. D. Moore, a stalwart for the past two seasons, left. Nevertheless the school developed into a good all-round team, this probably being the reason for its moderate success, in winning six matches and losing two.

Mr. Lord's efforts on behalf of the U.16 team were rewarded by one new fixture, with Bolton G.S., making a total of six fixtures in all. The high standard of the juniors was shown by two of the side being capable of service in the senior team.

This past season also saw the introduction of a new House badminton competition, there being juniors (Lr. Fifth and below) as well as seniors, taking part, each match consisting of three games, one junior, one senior and one mixed. This idea of Mr. Lord's proved very successful in showing the overall strength of a house. Spencer's won the deciding mixed game in the house final against Grear's; the match score being 2-1.

It had been hoped to extend even further arrangements for house badminton by having three distinct pairs from each house. However, this plan will have to be deferred because of the rather disappointing support given to badminton, particularly in the Lower Fifts, who are expected to stay until 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. It is hoped that starting in September there will be renewed enthusiasm and support for badminton, both from the point of view of the House Competition and of ensuring a succession of competent players in the School teams.

The teams were chosen from:

Seniors: Wright (Capt.), P. Moore, R. Moore, Chisnall, Thompson, Duncan, Eckersall, Kay.

Juniors: Ellis, Foreshaw, Burns, Saunders, Calland, Porter, Williams, Newton, Moss.

Results :

Sen :

v. Waterloo G.S.	(H)	Won	7-2
v. Hutton G.S.	(A)	Won	5-4
v. Merchant Taylors	(A)	Lost	5-4
v. Waterloo G.S.	(A)	Won	5-4
v. Merchant Taylors	(A)	Won	6-3
v. Merchant Taylors	(A)	Won	6-3
v. Hutton G.S.	(H)	Lost	5-4
v. Wallasey G.S.	(H)	Won	6-3
v. Old Boys	(H)	Won	5-4

Jun :

v. Crosby S.S.	(H)	Won	5-4
v. Crosby S.S.	(A)	Lost	5-4
v. Crosby S.S.	(H)	Won	5-4
v. Bolton G.S.	(A)	Lost	7-2
v. Crosby S.S.	(H)	Lost	6-3
v. Hawkshead St.	(A)	Lost	6-3

INTER SCHOOLS ATHLETICS, 1963

Whereas last season it was a case of the U.16 team doing well and being let down in the final tally by the senior team, this year the positions have been reversed. But this is no doubt because the senior team is now in its second year and few replacements were necessary, whilst under the new A.A.A. laws our U.16 team is, to a large extent, U.15.

The first of the matches, May 9th was held at Lancaster: a triangular match v. Lancaster R.G.S. and K.E. VII, Lytham. And an exciting duel developed with Lancaster only showing their superiority in the final events. Considering the condition of the track possibly the worst the members of the team will ever have to run on, several very creditable performances were put up.

The following Thursday, May 16th we entertained Hutton G.S. to a home match and were very unfortunate to lose by only a point overall, once again the decisive event coming very near the end. Equally unfortunate was the match against Wallasey G.S. on the 23rd May, always an extremely pleasant fixture, when the margin was five points.

The last match before the magazine went to press was held at Witton Park, Blackburn, a six-sided event, where the team's inherent weakness was revealed—there are few good second string athletes. Early in the meeting it became clear that a close finish must ensue between ourselves and Lancaster R.G.S. We wished to gain revenge for the earlier defeat whilst they wished to emphasise their superiority. With everything depending upon the junior relay Brankin ran an excellent anchor to win the race and bring the whole team level on points with Lancaster. With 10 firsts out of 25 events this showed that our school can hold its own where there is only one athlete per

event. But as such meetings are in the minority on the calendar it is essential that boys who are close to school team standard should go out and train.

PREFECTS v. PEDANTS

After the prefects had won the toss the ball was kicked off with moral fibre and a much vaunted spectacle had started. Unfortunately neither side seemed to have a powerful enough attack to score. Indeed many periods of boredom were only relieved by one of the history masters (the willowy one) who had his own home-made rattle—a national milk tin and a few beans (Ed. actually peas)—which he shook vigorously from time to time.

The pedants' lack of success in scoring was not for want of effort. Their left-wing combination of Youth and Vigour made many raids but close marking by the youngsters added a few more grey hairs to some. In fact the masonic centre forward, one suspects, has been looking a little bald ever since, or is it the way the light shines?

The prefects, on the other hand, owe much of their failure to the pedants' pet spider whose many long arms and legs managed to keep nearly everything out. Eventually, however, a boot, who shall remain nameless, drove the ball, i.e. it rebounded the necessary distance off his foot, past the outstretched arms of the pedants' Goalie.

After this the game degenerated somewhat and at the end several players had to be carried off the field helpless . . . with laughter.

ANONYMOUS (for his own sake).

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Societies

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Chairman: D. A. Stuart

Vice-Chairman: T. M. Banks

Secretary: A. F. Blower

During the last school year, the society has had five meetings. The first was the society's annual film show and attracted a large audience which saw, among other films, a visual description of the Moscow Planetarium.

The second meeting showed two film strips, borrowed from the British Astronomical Association entitled "The Moon" and "The Stellar Universe".

Talks have included Mr. D. G. E. Martin of the Chadwick, Physics Laboratory on 'The History of Telescopes' and Mr. Clarke of the Jeremiah Horrocks and Wilfred Hall Observatories, Preston, on 'Current Lunar Research'. The latter was undoubtedly one of the most interesting lectures yet delivered to the society.

During recent months, the school telescope has, unfortunately, been falling into disrepair, and it is hoped that the members of the society will be able to carry out some urgent repairs during the last few weeks of this term. A.F.B.

THE BEE CLUB

Chairman: L. Hanlon

Vice-Chairman: R. Ellis

This year we have more members than we have had for many years but, because of the hard winter, no bees at all. And at the time of writing there have been two meetings at which the essential elements of bee-keeping have been passed on to about a dozen first-year boys who it is hoped will see years of successful bee-keeping whilst they are at the school.

The L.B.K.A. (the Lancashire Bee-keepers Association) has asked us if they might hold a meeting at K.G.V. during this season and no doubt we will have the pleasure of their company one Saturday in June or July. We might even have some bees to show them because the Headmaster has intimated that he is to give up bee-keeping and as soon as transport can be arranged for his National Hives to be brought to school from his home, we shall re-enter the honey market. We are deeply indebted because our swarm which froze to death had been with us since 1955 (when it was picked up from a Hampton Road garden) and it was sad to see three empty W.B.C. hives standing deserted with no activity around them in the earliest days of sunshine this year.

We hope that our new stock will prove a happy one to deal with and will not treat too badly any of the new members

who will no doubt join us next year in this cultural as well as interesting and exciting hobby of bee keeping.

CHESS CLUB

Captain: M. B Emanuel

Secretary: J. D. Pickard

The Chess Club has enjoyed a very successful season and the club membership has for the first time exceeded one hundred.

The standard of Chess has risen considerably, especially amongst the more junior members of the School team. This is almost entirely due to Mr. Thurlow's seemingly inexhaustible energies when applied to playing chess.

Although the Chess team cannot boast of any outstandingly brilliant players, it has shown itself to be a very well balanced side by coming third in the Wright Shield Chess Competition, our best position for three years.

The first team was chosen from Sell, Emanuel, Pickard, Dawe, Tinger, Davidson, I., Colclough and Cohen. Sell, Emanuel, Pickard and Dawe have been awarded half-colours. The Junior team continues to be very successful. It had a 100 per cent win against Cowley Grammar School. Later in the season, however, its members got overconfident and barely scraped a win against Meols Cop School. The team consisted of Davidson M., Hepworth, Rapaport, Barnett, Crimmins, Jackson and Newman.

Hepworth and both the Davidsons are to be congratulated on their fine records.

Evans won the Senior House Chess Competition again. The Chess Club has presented the school with a cup to be awarded to the winning house in the Junior House Chess Competition—won this year by Edwards.

CHESS RESULTS 1962-63

First Team — Wright Shield.

v Wallasey Grammar School	(A)	Lost	2-5
v De la Salle School	(H)	Won	4-3
v Liverpool College	(H)	Won	4½-2½
v St. Edward's College	(H)	Won	5-2
v Liverpool Institute	(A)	Lost	0-7
v Wigan Grammar School	(H)	Won	6-1
v Cowley Grammar School	(H)	Won	4-3

"Sunday Times" Tournament:

v Liverpool Collegiate	(A)	Lost	2½-4½
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Friendly Matches

v Cowley Grammar School	(H)	Lost	2½-3½
v Southport Chess Club	(A)	Lost	6½-8½

Second Team

v Cowley Grammar School	(H)	Won	4-0
v St. Edward's College	(H)	Won	3-2
v Meols Cop School	(A)	Won	4-3
v Liverpool Institute	(A)	Lost	2½-4½

C.E.W.C. AND LITERARY SOCIETY

This society for the Sixth Form has, as usual, enjoyed an interesting and educative year. Membership was very encouraging, and the number of Lower Sixth Formers and scientists who attended took a large part in the activities of the Group.

Stuart Fletcher of the Upper Sixth had spent part of his summer holiday in the south of Italy. He delivered a spirited appeal on behalf of the poverty-stricken there, and told us of the work of Danilo Dolci, of whom we were to hear much more in the columns of the Observer in later months. Fletcher's contact with the Cassa-per-il-Mezzogiorno (A Governmentally directed fund for the south) and his knowledge of its operations provoked interesting discussion.

Professor Newall, who is Senior Lecturer of the British-American Society, defended the U.S.A.'s policies towards Britain in an address to the whole of the Sixth Form. He claimed that there was no senior partner in the alliance of the two countries and admitted that the U.S. sifted British technological experience to pair it with the capital wealth of the U.S. He said it was more valuable to talk to a Briton who had personal experience of the situation than to read a million books by Americans with the same experience. Americans were too excitable and this quality had made his country so passionately fond of freedom. "Formosa must want a Communist way of life before America will allow it to become Communist and allow Chinese Communists into the United Nations Organisation." He conceded that the U.S. was not entirely democratically free because of the treatment of the Blacks as inferior to the Whites. He tried to defend this by quoting Ghana, Spain and France as being in a similar position with dictators—Nkrumah, Franco and De Gaulle. In typical American style, he spoke of Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Aden and Suez (until 1956), as being Anglo-American possessions, and indeed, stepping-stones to the East. He had forgot that they all flew the Union Jack.

Langhorne, Aspinwall, Carver, Fellows, Hanlon and Reid gave a symposium of views on their experiences in France and Germany during their stay in 1962. This was a combined meeting with Europa and those who had spent two months abroad the year before compared with these, their respective views of the Continent. Apart from Fellows' calling De Gaulle mad, nothing startling evolved from the hour's discussion.

Mr. Thurlow, to support the literary side of the Society, gave us a lecture on his studies into James Joyce's work. Having, after the style of Joyce and as a Southerner, addressed us as "The Cloth-Eared Whackers Club and Literary Society" he proceeded to explain the personality behind the famous tomes,

"Finnegans Wake", "Dubliners", "Portrait of the Artist As A Young Man" and "Ulysses".

Joyce believed in coincidences, and because the philosophy of 18th Century Vico (i.e. that history repeats itself) is the background to "Finnegans Wake". The book is a circle the "last" word of which is "the". The first words of the book continue where the last word left off, it is never finished. He relies on an association of ideas and every word has a surrounding aura of personality. He makes up on occasions, his own words. The Phoenix, according to Joyce "reburns." Onomatopoeia is all-important and Joyce talks of "the Hanging Garments of Marylebone." Mr. Thurlow said that whereas the whole range of D. H. Lawrence's books added something to the medium of literature, each individual tone by Joyce added something of its own.

Mr. Parsons addressed the biggest attendance of the year in the library, on the subject of "Fair Shares For All." He summarised with his own comments, the views of Professor Titmuss of the London School of Economics, which were expounded in his book, "National Income and Distribution." He stressed that international inequality was far too great, as those at the Christmas C.E.W.C. Conference saw, and even in countries like Great Britain there were socially suppressed classes—dockers, unskilled labourers, for example, as well as the unemployed. He pressed for stricter use of taxation fiscal policies to cut out inequality. He was ashamed to see salmon rivers and shooting moors bought out of expense account incomes whilst others lived in squalor. Despite a claim in 1956 by the Royal Commission on Taxation that "incomes and wealth have tended to equalise since the last war," there is still no such tendency existent, and statistics quoted from Professor Titmuss' book proved this. The top 20 per cent. on the income scale have lost 8 per cent. of their income since the war and the bottom 80 per cent. have shared this.

L.H.

COLLOQUIUM

One always expects that the Colloquium, as it is restricted to the more senior members of the school, will not only have a good selection of speakers but also a high standard of frank and open discussions among the members. Although this year there have undoubtedly been speakers of the highest order, speaking on a wide variety of subjects of an interesting and informative nature, it is somewhat disappointing to report that debate generally has not been of the expected standard.

The first talk of the year was given by Dr. Hall on the subject of Drugs and Artificial Food Additives. The main theme of the Doctor's talk was the testing and marketing of drugs in general, but of Thalidomide in particular. The topicality and

seriousness of the subject in addition to the doctor's lucid mode of expressions resulted in a talk which had a great impact on all present.

At a time when one hears so much of shamateurism (i.e. the practise of receiving monetary rewards for winning in sporting events whilst still retaining amateur status) it is refreshing to hear a talk so delivered as to clearly show the advantages and the disadvantages of both professionalism and amateurism. This is what Mr. Newcomb, manager of Southport Football Club achieved. Although Mr. Newcomb, who spoke as frankly as could be reasonably expected from the manager of a professional club, propounded many arguments in favour of professionalism. At the end of the meeting, however, there was still a strong element in favour of the spirit of the amateur game.

For the next meeting the Society invited Mr. Watson, chief planning officer at Skelmersdale, to speak on the planning and building of new towns. Mr. Watson, who in an illustrated lecture with slides taken at the town of Cumbernauld showed how a new town develops from a spot on a drawing board to a complete township, was able to evoke a lively discussion and made this meeting, by means of his humour and quick wit to which the members were quick to respond, the most informal of the year.

Adolescence and juvenile delinquency were very thoroughly dealt with at the fourth meeting of the year by Dr. Chapman, a senior lecturer in Sociology at Liverpool University. Although the Doctor did not put forward any new theories on the causes of delinquency, his views which were very much on the side of the youth of today led him into heated arguments with one or two of the staff present.

The next topic for discussion was the purpose of General Studies in Schools. After Mr. Lowe had gone into the history and development of General Studies and the different ways of achieving a general education, a very lively discussion followed, perhaps because the subject was close to the experience of the members. Indeed, after an obiter dictum by one member about the purpose of education a discussion ensued which was only ended because of lack of time.

The last gathering of the Colloquium is the annual dinner when it is hoped to have Mr. C. J. Coleman, prospective Liberal candidate for Southport, as guest speaker. S.B.F., A.K.C.

THE CHRISTIAN UNION

Co-Presidents: Mr. D. S. Allen and Mr. R. W. Bell

Chairman: D. J. Pomery

Since our last report in the "Red Rose" our members have increased, which is in no small way due to the co-operation between Mr. Allen, Mr. Bell and the rest of the committee who

would like to thank their co-presidents for their hard work and keen support over the last academic year.

We have held four meetings each term at 4 p.m. and a Bible Study each Wednesday lunch time at which attendances have been fairly encouraging.

The Bible studies have covered in detail three of St. Paul's Epistles—I Thessalonians, Galatians and Philipians.

The Autumn Term began with a talk by Rev. J. V. Roberts, M.A., late curate of Christ Church, which spurred us on into a recruiting campaign. Useful talks were also given by Mr. Allen and Mr. Bell. An extra meeting was held which took the form of a quiz against the High School—Being good hosts and gentlemen we let the girls win by a small margin.

A talk by the Rev. Charles Brookes (pastor of the Elim Church) on the subject "Christians Awake" proved very stimulating to those present. Messrs. Allen and Bell again addressed us in the Lent Term. Mr. Berry gave an interesting talk on Albert Schweitzer and a very lively discussion followed. Lent Term ended with a talk by the Rev. Michael J. Wilcock, B.A. (present curate of Christ Church) on the subject "A Journey of a Thousand Miles."

So far this term Mr. A. McIntyre, B.Sc. (Headmaster of Christ Church School) has addressed us on his work in Approved Schools and how the Christian can act and witness in such circumstances; Two representatives of Jehovah's witnesses discussed their beliefs with us.

Our last meeting will take the form of a "Curates Combat", at which various curates will be answering questions submitted by members of the school. D.P. and J.M.

(Letters concerning the C.U. appear later in the magazine).

DEBATING SOCIETY

Please don't think this is an attempt at Satire—Debating Society meetings have been rather amusing this year; at least, more people have been coming.

No-one came to the first debate; the motion has conveniently been forgotten.

The "first" debate was held on October 12th: Messrs. Stuart and Robinson said "This house believes the British are fonder of animals than of themselves." The audience consisted largely of 3 x in dentention (thanks to A.K.C.) and rejected the motion in support of Messrs. Emmanuel and Williamson.

"This house believes that the British Railways are on the wrong track" — when we had finished laughing at the 'joke' (patent, A.K.C.) we met on October 19th and supported the motion in favour of Messrs. Hunter and Silverton against Messrs. Sell and Burgess.

On November 8th, very little happened; the motion, incidentally, was that "This house believes that the Welfare State is out of date". Mr. Hanlon kept interrupting and the motion was carried (we think!).

Doctor Hadley (I think it was) said he could not understand the motion which was presented on November 15th, "This house believes that the meaning of "freedom depends upon the language in which it is defined"; judging from the speeches, neither did society members — Mr. Silverton was speaking, and the motion was carried.

On November 23rd, the motion that "This house has faith in spirits" — well, to cut a long story short, we got a lot of bottles . . .

On November 30th, Whittaker and Gubbins of 3Y were successful in the Junior Elocution Contest.

The 13th, 14th and 15th of December saw the annual production of the play, this year, "When we are Married" by J. B. Priestley.—Enough has already been said about the play, but to quote last term's "gossip column", "cigars on the school were greatly appreciated."

On January 25th, the motion that "This house regrets B.B.C. policy towards satire as shown in 'T.W.T.W.T.W.'" was decisively defeated—conclusion?—we're all doing a grand job!!

ECONOMICS SOCIETY

Despite the loss of its chairman, the increasing difficulty of obtaining suitable speakers, and disappointing attendances, the Economics Society has succeeded in holding three meetings this year.

Our first lecture was by Mr. Neale on "The Management of the National Debt." He gave details of the importance of the interest rate, methods of debt reduction and difficulties of managing the debt.

Mr. Grundy, general manager of Tesco (North) spoke on "Present Trends in Resale Distribution." He explained the increasing importance of the supermarket as a means of resale distribution, its relative advantages and future prospects.

Messrs. Eccles and Bailey from "Sun Life" spoke about Life Allowance. Mr. Bailey (the one who actually spoke) gave a brief outline of the history of life assurance and his talk was followed by a lively discussion between Mr. Bailey and the Socialist element in the society. J.H.

EUROPA

President: Dr. Hadley

Chairman: A. J. Reid

Secretary: M. K. Jones

As may well have been noticed by members of the "modern" sixth forms, this year has seen a change in the name and policy of this society. Previously limited to matters concerning France, Europa has widened its scope considerably. It is hoped that by this expansion, the society will be able to enlighten a larger, more interested circle of sixth formers in various matters concerned with Europe.

It was at the invitation of Europa that Doctor Brandl, German Vice-Consul in Liverpool, came to lecture to sixth-formers on the German interests and Viewpoint in the Common Market. After the lecture Dr. Brandl came to the Upper Staff Room, where, at a meeting of Europa, Staff and sixth formers were waiting to put more varied questions covering Germany and German policy to him. Dr. Brandl revealed his diplomatic skill in providing evasive answers to those questions we deemed most important.

Doctor Hadley, as always, was willing to lecture at a second meeting when he revealed that Simenon wrote about sex as well as Maigret—but then, which author does not? It is, perhaps, significant to add that Dr. Hadley's lectures never fail to attract large audiences.

The third meeting in the Lent Term was held jointly with the C.E.W.C. when Mr. Allen delivered an interesting lecture on Flanbert—over tea and biscuits.
A.J.R.

FILM SOCIETY

President: Mr. Trayhern

Chairman: R. B. Henry

The film society, within a year of its foundation, has proved itself to be the most popular society in the school. The committee were forced to close the society's membership at two hundred and fifty members.

Despite the inadequacies of the projector, nineteen films were shown in the year to large audiences. The most popular films were "The Colditz Story" and "The Marx Brothers Go West," although technically these films were not the best. The film with the most impact was "Let my People Go" which was a plea for the end of racial segregation in South Africa. On the lighter side, the funniest film, and incidentally the oldest, was Charlie Chaplin's "Easy Street."

A discussion was held after each meeting.

Before Christmas the "Senior Film Society" was formed with a membership of seventy-five and had three meetings.

Next year the society hopes to retain its membership and to show more films to the senior society. The eventual aim of the society is to make its own film, using members of the school for the cast. This will require a great deal of money as film and equipment is very expensive.

The committee would like to thank Mr. Trayhern for his support in the initial stages of the society's formation and for his hard work throughout the year. Also our best wishes to our chairman, Roger Henry, without whom there would not have been a film society.
J.M.D.

FILMS SHOWN DURING THE YEAR

Shorts:

Let my people go
Easy Street
The Adventurer
Drawings that walk and talk
Romance of Transportation
Begone Dull Care
Rythmetic

Pozer (Attention)
Dropping of the Bomb at
Hiroshima
The World is Rich
Japanese Fishermen
Egg cracker suite
Three Mouseketeers

Junior Features:

Kind Hearts and Coronets
The Colditz Story

The Marx brothers Go West
Fourteen Hours

Senior Features:

On the Waterfront
All Quiet on the Western Front

Terminus

JAZZ CLUB

President: Mr. B. A. Norman

Chairman: R. B. Henry

Meetings have covered a wide range of the field—from "poetry to jazz" by the chairman to crowd-pulling "pop records" of the late Buddy Holly presented by M. K. Jones. After the audience of over 100 for the latter meeting, the club relapsed into its usual comfortable audience of about 20 regulars who make up for any lack of numbers by their obvious appreciation of the music played.
W.G.D.

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman: S. B. Fletcher

Secretary: P. K. Fellows

Treasurer: J. Townley-Smith

The year's activities may be divided into three distinct groups. Lectures delivered after school during the Autumn and Lent terms, the Archaeological dig which lasts for a fortnight, composed of one week in the Easter holidays, and one week in the summer holidays, and the three expeditions which take place on Saturdays during the summer term.

In the delivery of its lectures this year the society has been greatly indebted to Mr. Trayhern and members of the film society,

who on two occasions have screened films on such diversified subjects as life in Elizabethan times, the development of the house, and the history of pottery.

Other lectures included an illustrated talk by Mr. Bell on "The hidden world of the waterways," a lively dissertation on "Smugglers and smuggling in eighteenth century Lancashire" by Mr. Steane, and of more local interest the histories of the growth of Ainsdale and Churchtown delivered by L. Hanlon and P.K. Thomas. Apart from these we had one other talk, by Father J. E. Bamber who recounted his research into the validity of a skull and other articles as catholic relics. He showed how by the use of X-ray photography and modern forensic science coupled with some very detailed research he had proved the skull and relics to be those of Father Miles Gerrard who was hanged, drawn and quartered in 1590. His talk was illustrated by some excellent, if somewhat gruesome photographs of the actual relics.

During the Easter vacation work was continued on the site of Lathom in the middle of Ormskirk golf course where the society has been unearthing the remains of a 16th-17th century moated farm house. After the weeks work was completed during which a system of water conduits was uncovered, it was decided to abandon the site since further excavation was impossible without encroaching upon the greens of the golf club. It is hoped to commence work on a new site at Halsall this summer.

The highlight of the society's work throughout the year for many members is undoubtedly the expeditions and so far this year they have not been disappointed. The first expedition on the 11th May took a party of over fifty to Skipton Castle and Fountains Abbey, this probably being the longest trip the society has undertaken to date, and, despite the morbid interest shown by the more Senior members in stone coffins and the sanitary arrangements of the Abbey, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The second expedition on May 25th visited Valle Crucis Abbey, the Llangollen canal and Chirk Castle. The walk along the canal provided an interesting change to more normal routes and a keen interest was shown in the two tunnels en route, some members of the party going to the length of negotiating the longer of the two some three times.

There remains one expedition this term which will be to Chatsworth House and Haddon Hall on July 6th, whilst an open day it is hoped to provide another exhibition to match the excellent ones which have been staged in other years. Finally the society would like to express its thanks to Mr. Steane for all the hard work and time he has put into its activities.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Chairman: R. M. Williamson

Secretary: I. Campion-Smith

Treasurer: L. B. Davies

This year has not been a very successful one for the society. Our membership has decreased considerably since last year, although this term a number of junior boys have shown a good deal of interest. The attendance at meetings has been very poor, with never more than 20 present. In the autumn term enquiries were made about films on photography, but this revealed that a surprisingly low number were available. This resulted in the mainstay of the meetings being some filmstrips donated by Kodak Ltd., as the newly formed Film Society has taken over the showing of short comedy and general interest films. The membership fee of the Film Society may also have discouraged those who would otherwise have joined the Photographic Society, and it may be worthwhile for the two to consider combining to make films in the future.

On a brighter note, it is hoped to include for the first time in the competition at the end of this term a competitive colour section.
I.C.S.

RAMBLING CLUB

The first expedition of the Rambling Club, started at Dunsop Bridge and finished, for some at least, at the Tillotson Arms, Chipping.

Due to leave the Ribble bus station at eight a.m. we considered ourselves lucky to be off by 8.30 (M. K. A. Maloney does not wish it to be generally known that his need for beauty sleep caused us to be half an hour late).

Finally, after a brief encounter with a bus which wanted to go the other way, we arrived at Dunsop Bridge. On arrival we split up into three groups, each group to be led by experienced walkers.

The first group, the seniors, travelled along the main road for about two and a half miles. They then turned off and followed a dotted line, believed to be the boundary line, across the fells. In places where the dotted line was rather indistinct it was necessary to take a compass bearing—which could have posed a problem. The main mishap which befell this group was Fitton, but he restricted himself to catching a grouse and pot-holing. This group walked fifteen miles.

The second group followed the same road as group one for about two miles before turning down a river valley and across

the fells. Messrs. Parsons and Hodnett went with this group. This group covered about twelve miles.

The third group got off to a good start by raising the wrath of a farmer with a shotgun, and continued their success by being lost while within sight of Dunsop Bridge. Several attempts to lose the younger Stewart were unsuccessful. This group covered ten miles.

As the shops were shut on returning to Chipping the groups' leaders were persuaded reluctantly to get some lemonade from the Tillotson Arms, where half of one group were found.

Finally at about 6.15 the merry hikers rolled into the coach, and a rather merry trip home ensued. Several famous songs were sung, six enemy coaches were blown up, and many girls seemed rather surprised to see a coach load of strangers frantically waving at them.

THE THORNLEY SOCIETY

President: The Headmaster

Chairman: A. F. Blower

Secretary: K. W. Robinson

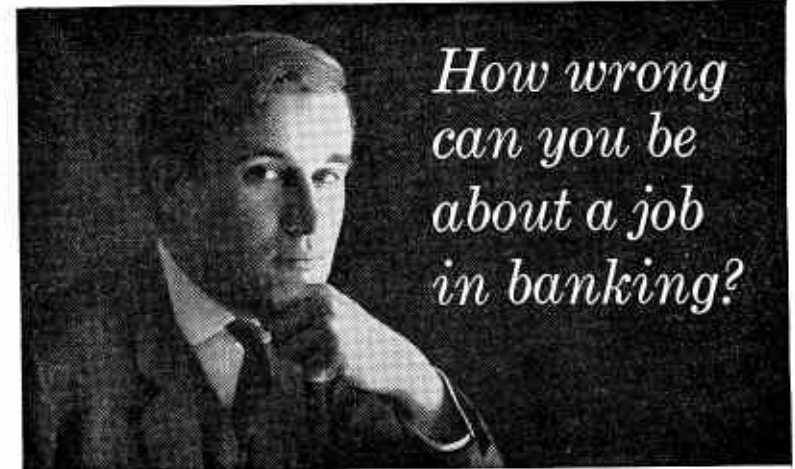
All the activities of the Society during the past year have been based at the Robertson Lamb Hut in the Langdale Valley.

The first climbing meet of the year was held during the Christmas vacation. This meet was organised by the Old Georgians Climbing Club and they were kind enough to invite the senior members of the Society to participate in the meet with them.

The first day of the meet Pavey Ark, Pike O' Stickle and Harrison Stickle were climbed. On the second day the party set out to climb Pike O' Blisco and the Crinkle Crag but after the first peak most of the party retired because of the extreme weather. When the remainder of the party were halfway across the Crag weather conditions deteriorated and the climb was finished in a blizzard.

The next meet was held during the Easter vacation to which a number of novices were invited. The weather once more was rather poor and very little climbing was done owing to the wet rock. But climbs were completed on Gimmer Raven and Scout Crag in the Langdale Valley and also on Great Gable. A small party set out to walk to Coniston in torrential rain and much to the surprise of the President they were seen again!

It is intended that the 14 Peaks will be attempted once more during July.
K.W.R.



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Most of the music performed at a school concert must of necessity be of the so-called "classical" variety. This fact alone puts off many would-be musicians. They seem to think that all serious music is very dull, and would probably prefer to perform "pop" music. Let me assure then that, even though they might not enjoy listening to Beethoven and Brahms, they will derive great satisfaction from performing any classical work.

A case in point here is the Faure "Requiem", performed at this year's concert. Many members of the choir did not like this work very much: a large number found it boring. However, when it came to the actual performance, it was obvious that everyone was very glad they had persevered, and all contributed to produce a fine performance.

Not all the music performed is classical, however. This year the choir, accompanied by guitars, sang a Russian round, "Toomba", and two negro spirituals, "Crucifixion" and "Jericho". These items were sung with great enthusiasm, and were obviously greatly enjoyed by everybody.

Singing in the choir is the branch of music which should be open to nearly everyone. However, to play in the school orchestra is a much more rewarding experience, and, I would say, a much more enjoyable one too. This, though, does entail the learning of some musical instrument. However, at this school this should present no problem, there being ample opportunities to do so, especially in the fields of brass and strings where teachers come regularly. If an instrumentalist becomes very good, there are a great many opportunities for him to extend his scope; he may succeed in becoming a member of the Lancashire County Youth orchestra, or even of the National Youth orchestra. Even if he remains a moderate player, though, any instrumentalist will derive great enjoyment in sharing the making of music with others.

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This term several hundred volumes, mainly fiction, have been withdrawn from the shelves, to be replaced by new editions or alternatives. With some increase in our allowance we hope to expand the library more rapidly in future.

We are always glad to receive offers of books and, though not all can be accepted, we should like to see more boys bringing books they no longer need. We are grateful to the following for gifts during the past year: T. W. Mathison and D. C. Turner; Messrs. R. W. Bell, C. G. Parsons, C. E. Box and P. Holland.

The Librarians.

CRUISING DOWN THE . . .

GRAND UNION CANAL MOSTLY

At Easter two parties of K.G.V. boys travelled 360 miles from Nottingham to Oxford and back. We were complimented several times on the way we behaved and handled the boat. We did have one keen radio listener, whose only means of communication in the populated areas was to shout "Liver—pool" in a foghorn voice.

Waterways holidays always provide the unexpected; they reveal latent capabilities of ordinary schoolboys; they encourage the development of initiative. Our trip was such; most boys learnt how to live together in a space of 42 feet by 7 feet; how to manipulate locks, and how to use their own initiative. One or two, however, proved their inability to live co-operatively with others.

The school party set off from Long Eaton, on the River Trent, and made their way to Banbury, via Wolverhampton, Birmingham and Warwick. It was the original intention of this party to end their journey at Oxford, but an unfortunate mishap in a lock prevented this. The weather was cold and we had heavy rain on two days, which confined most of us below deck. But the name of Hatton or Wolverhampton still evokes memories of the 21 locks which were negotiated in rapid succession.

To quote from one of the crew's log: "The tasks associated with running a boat, such as cleaning the decks, cooking, steering, etc., become, not chores, but quite pleasant jobs, when everybody helps, which is quite often. Apart from the fact that I had never been on the canals before, it was also my first effort at sleeping in a sleeping-bag—a task I found caused no hardship. Nor was cooking different, and at no time was I hungry.

I. R. Eckersley, U.5, Tr. S.



The Scouts, under the care of Mr. Abram, joined the boat at Banbury, where the school party, Mr. Abram again in command, departed for home. With better weather, and a sheltered landscape, all looked set for a pleasant week. We cruised down to Oxford, and then returned to Banbury. From there we made our way to Leicester, visiting the Cathedral at Coventry en route. Apart from one day's rain, the second party's weather was good especially the last complete day.

To quote from another log: "We then entered what is perhaps the most beautiful part of the river — around Zouch, Normanton, and beyond; Journey's end was reached for the night at Keyworth, just inside the Nottinghamshire boundary with Leicestershire.

That evening we talked about the trip, and considered what we had achieved. This was the result:

We have travelled 132 miles through the loveliest parts of England; had navigated 110 locks; had traversed five counties and sailed through $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles of tunnel. And we had seen the most modern cathedral in the world.

Most of all, however, since all of us except Mr. Bell were new to this kind of life, the trip had opened a new interesting door for us"

H. E. Rurlander, U.6, M.A.

COMPETITION RESULTS

The first correct answer to our Christmas Maths problem set by Mr. Bell came from M. Alexander (L.5A). Correct answers were also received from Beverley, Dawe, Jackson, Pinnington (L.6.Sc.A), and Green (U.6Sc.B).

An Essay competition set by Mr. Parsons after geographical expeditions to Malham and Ingleborough, was won by Hatfield (U.V.Tr.Sc.) and Aspinwall (L.5B). These essays were to have been printed in the magazine but because of lack of space they have unavoidably been held over.

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Music

**"IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE, PLAY ON, ETC.,
But Shakespeare and the Count didn't have our problem. Which music?"**

THE POPS

by R. Dickinson (L.6 M.A.)

Much criticism has been levelled at teenagers for supposedly 'wasting money' by buying pop records in their millions and paying exorbitant amounts to see their favourites perform. But the very fact that this type of music has become so immensely popular throughout the civilised world suggests to me that these critics are unaware of the basic attractions which pop music has to offer. Whereas jazz appears to many to be a mere collection of sounds and classical music merely repetitious, and boring, pop music combines the inventiveness of jazz with the melodic beauty of the classics to produce a sound which is both original and pleasing.

The popularity of this type of sound to some extent stems from this possession of qualities and also partially from the basic response which it evokes in the listener. Jiving and Twisting, the two main dances for this music, are natural movements which are a result of the brain coming under the influence of the rhythm, or beat, which underlies the tune sung or played by the leader; and as dancing is intended to be a form of relaxation and entertainment, much more enjoyment and benefit can be gained from this section of it, than from the other, more sophisticated dances where a great deal of concentration, skill and energy is absolutely necessary. The pop music in itself, therefore, could be said to be a stimulus to relaxation, insofar as people can remove themselves, with its aid, from the bonds of civilisation, and allow the subconscious to take control.

So we can see the two main, and undoubtedly valid, reasons for the justification of the widespread popularity and influence of pop music, and we must now turn to examine and in some cases, justify, the rise to fame of certain artists. Perhaps the first name which springs to mind in connection with this topic is Elvis Presley, and I would say from remarks and articles concerning him which I have noted, that he has two big assets—a reasonably good voice for this type of singing, and a great sex appeal. Both of these are possessed, to some extent, by every really popular artist, and can account for the success of people like Cliff Richard, Billy Fury or Frank Ifield. On the other hand, however, the trend today is towards an increasing number of individualists — people who are easily recognisable by their singing and who explore some new area of music. Thus we

can account for artists like Roy Orbison (who lacks all sex appeal, and must therefore compensate by producing a much more appealing sound) Del Shannon and groups which have newly emerged, like the Beatles or Gerry and the Pacemakers. These latter are typical of the modern choice and their popularity, stems from their ability to convey to an audience the excitement and stimulation which the songs provoke in themselves.

Many of the critics of pop music, have prophesied its imminent end, but as long as this medium is occasionally stimulated by new innovations (such as the Mersey Beat or Country and Western) it will continue to appeal merely by virtue of its ability to satisfy.

JAZZ

D. Pessel (L.6 M.A.)

Jazz is a way of playing music more than it is composed music. A long time before the birth of Louis Armstrong in 1900, people in New Orleans gathered together on street corners and, using a weird assortment of 'instruments' ranging from comb and paper to washboards, began to play music.

Rhythms were largely African and players would often beat out many different rhythms at the same time. But all these rhythms would be interwoven and they made people get up and dance. These rhythms are one of the greatest attractions of Jazz, for they tend to arouse more primitive instincts causing us to tap our feet or move our head in time and thus jazz becomes more than just a music to listen to.

The early primitive bands developed into the New Orleans marching bands. These bands were more popular than orchestras as they produced a louder, livelier and more steadily rhythmical music. Soon their music became dancing music and its syncopated 1-2-3-4 became a part of jazz.

Jazz, then, is a form of music which was and still is being built up from a series of new musical ideas, e.g. syncopation and improvisation. In 1914 came the world's first blues' tune to be written; the world - famous St. Louis Blues by W. C. Handy. Blues were made up by negroes working in the fields to relieve the monotony and express their emotions. And here, perhaps, is one of the greatest differences between jazz and 'pop' music. When a composer sits down to write a 'pop' tune it must be a catchy number with words that especially appeal to young people and because he has to limit his composition so much, it becomes artificial and has no depth of feeling. But Jazz, when not circumscribed by a Pop market always has this great depth of feeling.

In the early 1900's emerged a new style of piano playing called 'ragtime,' which involved playing a piece of music in a very lively syncopated manner. Syncopation is when the rhythmic accent falls on a beat that would usually be weak. In 'ragtime' syncopation ran right through the piece and this idea was carried over into jazz. Jelly Roll Morton was an expert ragtime and blues pianist and it was from him that Fats Waller got much of his inspiration.

One of the most important elements of jazz is improvisation or composing as one plays. Usually in 'pop' music and "classical" music there is usually only one set way of playing a tune which of course leaves little scope for personal emotion. In jazz there is plenty of scope for personal interpretation and so the very maximum amount of human feeling can be put into the tune.

Jazz, perhaps above all, is a happy music because of its continuous syncopation. In bands such as Louis Armstrong's there are usually two rhythms beating of which one remains steady while the other dodges the accent and plays around. The reason why jazz musicians such as Louis Armstrong, Bix Beiderbecke and Benny Goodman have risen to fame is that from very early in their lives they were devoted to jazz.

The years before World War II saw the emergence of swing orchestras of which the most famous today are probably those of Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman and Count Basie. Swing music was jazz which was written and arranged.

New forms of jazz are still being introduced; Boogie-Woogie, a sort of mixture of ragtime - blues piano playing, and in 1945 a young trumpet player called Dizzy Gillespie began to play a more off - beat than ever kind of jazz called 'Bebop' notable for its clashing chords.

But perhaps most important of all is that jazz is fun. Improvisation provides space for any amount of talent and causes a music which is primarily human and which is not composed for commercial enterprise.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

by C. S. Kerse (L.6, M.A.)

In our society too often things are condemned without thought or hesitation. People, with little experience of the subject condemn modern Art as rubbish. So it is with music. People will not on many occasions try to consider 'classical' music as worthy of their listening. They say it is "square", dull, lifeless, above them, has no beat. Too often this is a second-hand opinion or

at the most an opinion based on little knowledge of the subject. Classical music is so varied as to appeal to the majority of people if they will give it a chance. You will often hear people say "Oh, I like the '1812'." For these people classical music is the "1812" and goes no further. These people are as bad as those who would not give a piece of music a chance. Why has this situation developed? Mainly, I think, because classical music is not played on television, radio, record and tape as much as other music is. Many pieces are in themselves too long to play on the majority of programmes on radio and television.

People will not spare the time to listen beyond the two and a half minute track.

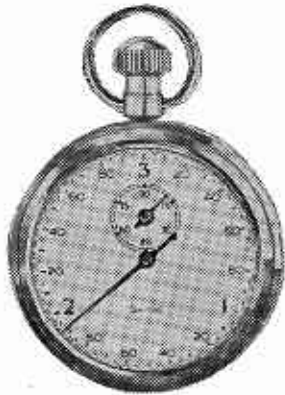
I do not condemn popular music, folk music or jazz. Many of them are good and I enjoy them. Everyone has their own tastes and mine is for the classics. I like the cacophonous brassy "1812", the exciting "William Tell" and "Light Cavalry" overtures, the tranquil "Unfinished Symphony" by Schubert, the vivacious rhythmic music of Stravinsky, the passionate music of Wagner, the melodious music of Brahms. Classical music is too varied to be dismissed in an instant. The old masters, Beethoven, Mozart, and Bach, will never be forgotten.

New music by Britten and Hindemith is exciting in its tonal colours, harmonies, and rhythms. Never say classical music has no beat. Many pieces of modern music have rhythms never to be emulated by any "pop" star or music writer.

Classical music produces wide varieties of styles, sounds, tones, produced by different combinations of instruments. There is music to fit the occasion or the mood, solemn or cheeful. All I hope is that I have interested you enough that you might experiment in this vast field, ready to be reaped. Do not be perturbed if you do not find something you like at first. Keep trying and listening carefully and I am certain that you will find that you like one aspect of classical music, whether it is Weber or Webern, Bach or Britten.

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THIS STARVING WORLD

The question before this year's C.E.W.C. Christmas Conference was the problem posed by the "Third Horseman of the Apocalypse,"—the world-wide problem of Hunger. The contingent of eight from K.G.V. heard some hard scientific facts belted home to them and some humane reasoning put to them by eight phlegmatic but interesting speakers.

After an opening address by Mr. Sam Ntiro in which a very general "We've got to do something about it" attitude was taken, Miss Phyllis Deane of Cambridge University gave us the "Problem and its Ramifications in Economics." She showed us how to measure poverty by comparing Super-Americans with West African farmers. The combined harvester is similarly proportional to the hoe. The rich are getting richer and the poor poorer and this must be evened out, she claimed justifiably. "Abu's" cartoon showing a starving Oriental woman and her child watching a man-made satellite and saying "It's somebody's astronaut—food doesn't travel so fast," summed up the economist's viewpoint as Miss Deane saw it. We must appropriate money to the most needy ends first.

Mr. George Thompson (M.P. for Dundee West) discussed the ramifications of the problem in politics. He quoted Hastings Banda, who preferred "Poverty to Slavery" and went on to interestingly press the claim for "trade not aid." He also thought that Britain's entry into the E.E.C. would not help any British idea to aid underdeveloped countries—former colonies of herself and France in many cases. He respected sovereign rights and thought aid should be given without any selfish motives to align the aided countries with the giver.

Mr. Sinclair gave us cold facts about "More from existing sources." Applications of chemicals can perform miracles on the figures for production from a certain area of land.

Mr. John Anderson, agricultural expert, showed us the way to make "more from new sources." He impressed upon us that Hunger always had been, and still is man's greatest problem—he quoted a script 4,000 years old and related how Europe itself had starved twenty-seven times.

Mr. Guy Hunter's topic was "The Answer and its Consequences for the Individual." "Challenge produces the highest virtues" he quietly told us, "and there is no absence of the challenge to Nature." He praised the Voluntary Services Overseas' arrangements and hoped that we would go and help men living in conditions worse than animals (such as those in Tierra del Fuego) through V.S.O. Sir Andrew Cohen was hissed for some and applauded for others of his views. He is a former Governor of Uganda and questions which attacked his personal actions

there, were unfortunately avoided. He impressed, like so many other speakers, the need for "less showy aid."

Mr. Edward Du Cann, the Economic Under-Secretary to the Treasury, gave a list of the tasks of Governments to solve the problem. The Sense of Duty to narrow the gap between standards of living in underdeveloped and prosperous countries, he insisted, must be a factor. The poorer countries must make an effort to help the richer to help them. Aid must not be motivated by political aims and not earmarked for specific enterprises in the poorer countries. Lastly, there must be international co-operation.

Mr. Robert Birley, just resigning from the post of Headmaster of Eton, and Vice-Chairman of V.S.O. and about to take up a post at a South African University, told us to read "The Great Hunger" by Cecil Woodham-Smith. I advise all Sixth-Formers at K.G.V. to do the same: Hunger must be conquered.

Education, or indoctrination, of basic human rights must be given to the underdeveloped countries. Multilateral (not bi-lateral only like G.B. to Commonwealth) aid, must be given. These two points were stressed by the speakers, all of whom desired world governments. If this comes about, then Africa, like (say) the North-East in Britain today, could become an area "scheduled for re-development."

Lawrence Hanlon, U.6, M.A.

BIG BILL

"It sure is hot." Never had he known it to be so unbearably hot. It was one of those blistering Southern summers which dry up all life in Nature and Man alike. The rough cobbles were like hot cinders beneath his feet as he trod on unwieldy path along the dust dry street. This heat had begun to affect him; sparkling sweat had formed on his gnarled forehead and was trickling down his snub nose like blood. The skin of his throat felt flakey as he rolled a dry rasp of a tongue round it.

The street was deserted but there before him was a tavern, a working-men's hang-out. Inside, it was blissfully cool in the welcome shade. The smoke hung low, but the beer was cold and men were quenching thirsts with obvious merriment. The ale slid

effortlessly down parched throats to satisfy rough tastes. It was no use. He would go in.

Blank faces stared at him and then returned to their drinks. He moved towards the bar with a measured pace. It was as though he held a gun — the air was so tense with breathless suspense. He opened his dry lips to speak.

"Sorry, sir, we can't serve you," the barman told him apologetically. The others weren't so polite. A barrage of crude abuse struck his ears; he was used to it. What could he do? He bowed his head in silent submission, his face twisted in obvious agony, turned without a word, and walked sadly out of the bar to more coarse accompaniment. The sensation he felt was not one of anger; no, he was too accustomed to abuse to be angry; in any case there was nothing he could do about it. Desperation was there in full measure but it was more a feeling of bewilderment, of powerless frustration. It was the humiliation of a rejected lover, the silent surprise of a beaten dog. Why did these men, his fellow countrymen, refuse to accept the proven fact of his liberation? Had Lincoln fought in vain? What was left for a powerless American Negro in a white-dominated society?

All that stuff about racial equality they had taught him at college was a lie. He was just a "damn nigger", his ancestors had been held in bondage by the physical chains of slavery, now he bore the chains of social stigma. He had just experienced the effects of racial discrimination on a raw, personal level; and all the time his head was echoing with that song he'd learnt as a half - baked negro kid:

"They said if you white, you all right,

If you brown stick aroun'

But as you black

Mmm, mm, brother, get back, get back, get back."

Big Bill was right.

J. HUNT, U.6, M.A.

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SURVEY OF THE SIXTH FORM, 1963

"... the majority of the sixth form are sensible, responsible people."

This sentence appeared in the June, 1961 edition of the Red Rose following the survey carried out in that year. Unfortunately, nobody could have said the same thing about the Sixth Form after this year's Survey. The fact that there has been a noticeable change within two years justifies a new and closer look at the habits of the K.G.V. Sixth.

Perhaps not surprisingly the present Sixth Form is an incredibly affluent society. Two years ago the boy in the U6 spent 9s. 8d. per week. Now he spends on average 12s. 9d. (The figures for the L6 however, have remained more or less the same 8s. 2d. compared with today's 8s. 0d.). The 'scientist' spends about a shilling more than the 'modernist'. This is perhaps explained by the fact that the modernist does more work than the scientist (L6 science 10 hours at home per week: L6 modern 11 hours). But there seems to be an anomaly in the fact that the boy in the scholarship form, whilst spending less than the boy in the U6 (10s. 8d. per week instead of 12s. 9d.) also does less work (11½ hours compared with 14½). He certainly doesn't spend more time with his girl friend.

The percentage of boys admitting to having a regular girl friend (r.g.f.) is as follows: L6M. 63 per cent; U6M. 50 per cent; L6S. 18 per cent; U6S. 56 per cent and U6Sch. 36 per cent. This shows that the scholarship forms prefer to keep their money and do without their girl friend — but, as they also do less work than most, we can't discover **how** they pass their time.

The amount of work done at home has slightly increased since our last survey. The U6 still do about 14½ hours but the L6 have increased their time to 10½ hours compared with 9½ hours previously.

This increase in working hours has not been achieved at the expense of the r.g.f. The L6 two years ago were content with only 27 per cent of their number having an r.g.f. Now 40 per cent of them possess girl friends. In the U6 the percentage has jumped enormously from 39 per cent to 53 per cent. The chief cause for this all round increase has been the activity of the modernists. Last Survey the scientists (32 per cent of them) had more regular girl friends than the modernists (a mere 21 per cent). Now the situation has been reversed with the scientists achieving a total of 37 per cent (still 5 per cent more than before) and the modernists 57 per cent (an inexplicable increase of 36 per cent).

There are other factors, of course, which contribute to the above results—particularly to the amounts of money spent. The U6Sch. boy who spends less than his U6 counterpart also smokes

less. Only 9 per cent of them smoke compared with 39 per cent in U6. Overall the actual amount of tobacco smoked has probably remained constant over the two years but who actually smokes it has not. The U6 percentage of boys smoking has increased from 30 per cent to 40 per cent, but the L6 percentage has fallen from 27 per cent to 9 per cent. The biggest increase has been in U6M. (47 per cent compared with 38 per cent). Easily the most popular brand smoked was Player's Gold Leaf.

Time spent in idle gossip in coffee bars has remained fairly constant at about an hour per week but the scientist spends more time there than the modernist (1¼ hrs. compared with ¾ hrs.) but, on the other hand, there are fewer hardened drinkers on the science side. On average the modernist drinks 2¼ pints per week; the scientist a mere 1½ pints. Moreover, the modernist more habitually breaks the law by drinking in a pub under age. (In L6M, 21 per cent drink publically under age compared with only 5 per cent on the science side). The scientist seems to have a fairly well developed conscience in this respect too as one answer to the 'how much do you drink' question from U6Sch, reads, "I am regrettably not yet of age." The modernist doesn't seem to worry.

Scientists tend to be more 'pop fan' minded than their colleagues—40 per cent buy pop records compared with modernist 26 per cent. Favourite artist? By a short feeler, The Beatles from Buddy Holly. But, somewhat inconsistently, the modernists watch more I.T.V. (5½ hrs. per week compared with 3½ hrs.). Over all, time spent watching I.T.V. has increased from 3¾ hrs. to 4¼ hrs.—which is not consistent with the national average which has fallen. B.B.C. viewing has also increased all round from 3 hrs. to nearly 4 hrs. Only L6S. had a favourite programme ('Z Cars') although throughout the Sixth Harry Worth and Bentine's 'It's a Square World' were steadily popular.

In passing, we wonder what the boy in U6MB, who works for three hours per week, watches 'tele' for 20 hours, drinks 9 pints per week, smokes and doesn't read (apart from the Sunday Express), is doing in the Sixth Form?

The most popular daily paper is the Express; the most popular Sunday paper is the Sunday Express. Figures are revealing:

	L6m	L6S	U6M	U6S	U6Sch.
Guardian	31	10	16	26	36
Express	16	45	29	49	36
Mail	21	40	38	30	36
Telegraph	31	10	21	16	18

Readership of the Guardian has slightly increased, of the Mail has fallen heavily and the rest remained fairly constant. Nobody read the Worker—perhaps because of the difficulty of obtaining

it in Southport. At three different newsagents I was told "Sorry, we don't like to keep that sort of paper," and was looked at as though I should be reported to the police. Boys who read a 'serious' newspaper also tend to read a popular paper as well. Unfortunately the popular paper readers don't bother to look at a 'serious' paper.

Figures for the Sunday papers were:

	L6M	L6S	U6M	U6S	U6Sc.
Observer	21	0	26	16	27
Times	32	16	32	49	36
Express	42	61	37	58	45
People	10	18	21	14	27
News of the World	0	13	26	14	0
Telegraph	26	5	1	5	9

The most disturbing fact here is that no-one in L6S. reads the 'Observer'. Readership of the papers remains constant apart from the increased readership of the N.O.W. in U6M—but as this form is so busy being men (?) (or so their answers suggest) this factor is neither surprising nor important.

Novel reading has increased. Figures for novels read per term are: (figures in brackets are for two years ago): L6M. 3½ (1½); L6S. 1 (¾); U6M. 2½ (1½); U6S. 1 (¾); U6Sch. 1½ (1). Remembering that the modernist reads a number of novels in the course of his studies the survey shows that the scientist is not as narrow minded and subject conscious as he is said to be. However, one L6M boy claims to read 10 to 15 novels per month. We wonder if he recalls what his last dozen or so were about!

The most popular author throughout the Sixth was George Orwell (we didn't count Ian Fleming) with Aldous Huxley and John Steinbeck runners up. This compares with Steinbeck, Wells and D.H.L. two years ago.

T.W.3 and Private Eye are more appreciated by the Scientist than by the Modernist who regards both as either "headline hunting commercialism" or "tousy"; but the modernist's, whilst rejecting the above, spend more time watching the less serious T.V. programmes.

Two years ago the most popular hobby in the Sixth Form was 'sport'. The same is true this time but the percentage has increased from 12 to 30 per cent. The hobby 'girls' has also increased its popularity from 5 to 26 per cent. There is only one authentic bird watcher (i.e., ornithologist) in the whole Sixth Form. Similarly only one boy claimed that his favourite hobby was "Witnessing for Christ, Our Saviour and Maker."

And how does this Sixth Form intend to spend the rest of its life? Eleven per cent of the Sixth still wish to teach but on

the modern side administration (16½) and law (16 per cent) were the most favoured careers—the latter despite the fact that the modernists are the habitual law-breakers in pubs. On the science side, engineering, particularly chemical, is easily most popular (42 per cent compared with a previous 6 per cent). One surprising thing was that half the scholarship forms had no idea what they wished to do. Many other careers were mentioned. One modernist is anxious to become a farm hand, for example. Then, too, there are would-be flyers and even a missionary or two.

The last question we asked was "What improvements would you like to see in the Red Rose?". We shall say more about this in later issues but at the moment we will content ourselves with one or two superficial observations.

IN MEMORY

of all those bright Sixth Formers
whose answer to the question on
how to improve the magazine was

Burn It!

We mourn their wit and
their intelligence.

Apart from personal attacks on members of the committee, printable comments divided themselves into two categories—the satisfied and the dissatisfied. There were pleas for less censorship but before this can be answered we must know what has in the past been censored. There was an outcry for 'pin-ups'. This came from L6S, the form without the girl friends, and whilst we cannot help them in this direction, we certainly sympathise. And there was a general clamour for a drop in price. But as we know, from the magazines we receive from other schools that the average price for a forty page magazine is 2/-, we think that K.G.V., receiving nearly twice as much material for half the price, don't know when they are on to a good thing.

From the first results of our survey, then, we can draw a number of general conclusions about the present Sixth Form. Over the past two years the Sixth have become increasingly affluent, drink more, spend more time with girl friends, buy more records, watch more T.V. and (in the U6) smoke more. Surprisingly, they also do a little more work. The scientists tend to be more widely read than expected and the modernists as

'criminal' as we always thought. L6M appear to be intellectual intense and girl conscious: U6S well-balanced, except with regard to pop records (they buy more than any other form) and lacking in originality: L6S seem to be suffering from a lack of feminine attention and find outlets in 'Z Cars', the Sunday Express and pin-ups; whilst U6M are desparately trying to convince us all that they are at last fully grown men—the fact that they have to tell us suggests that they are less mature than the number of cigarettes and pints of beer intimate. The only form that didn't give itself away was U6Sch.—we still can't discover how they spend their time.

(The committee would like to thank A. Stuart, J. Dickinson, A. Blower and others for their help with this Survey).

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PREFECTS LETTER

Dear Sir,

The keyword for describing the "Reign of Stew" has been, I am afraid, "Mystery." It all started with the rather inauspicious appearance of a lower sixth former in the P.R. How the terrible mistake was made, no-one seems to know. Responsibility for the presence of this enigma was denied by all those in the higher quarters of the school . . . (a reference, of course, to U.5B). The prefects had to make a decision. Suffice it to say that soon after the beginning of the Autumn term the gentleman walked out of the prefect's room and was never seen again.

Who could have forecast that this sort of terrible drama was to be repeated over and over again during the year? The ebullient Mr. Silverton, for instance, has been forced to leave the country and has sought refuge in the great Canadian Prairies.

Mr. Booth and Mr. Whittaker have held their last seance in the History Stockroom and whilst Mr. Booth is engaged in counting cars on the Preston By-pass, Mr. Whittaker is doing nothing (as usual).

Perennially the G.C.E. examinations bring out the finer qualities in the school prefects. Mr. Tolley, for instance, seems at last to have stirred from his stupor (which set in at Christmas and reached its peak during the Trial Examinations!). We wish him success in the Beetle Drives that he is organising this Summer.

A different species of Beetle plagues the mind of Mr. Thompson. Each morning he arrives at school tired and haggard from playing all his imaginary instruments the previous evening. Mr. Thompson has asked this correspondent to point out that there is definitely no other prefect with a square head.

Hubbard has said: "All noise is waste," although this does not say much for Mr. Thompson, Mr. McCallum — in the true tradition of his fellow countrymen — gives nothing away. He passes in and out of the P.R. without even pausing awhile to read Mr. Black's newspapers. Mr. Black is now busily engaged in practising for the A-level Crossword Practical Examination. He assures us that he has not in fact been camping out at the Monument Telephone Booths. The bulky sleeping - bag—like object he keeps in his locker is really only a Valentine Card.

Mr. Stuart, that inveterate star of the Sports Field, is now engaged in a grim struggle for supremacy on the front Lawn. His somewhat unfair tactics include the use of certain Russian Vocabulary of a rather dubious nature. Several times he has lost golf balls in his hair but he has found that a helping hand (generally that of Mr. Pessell) soon removes any foreign bodies.

Mr. Pessell (the well known pacifist) is trying very hard to avoid matrimony. He should not seek advice from Mr. Tolley in this connection who listens to all such tribulations with an all

too understanding ear. The same could not be said of Mr. Hargreaves who has certain fixed ideas about such matters. It must be admitted, however, that some of the comments made by the captain of the first fifteen have been exceptionally choice.

Mr. Williamson's nightmares, derived from attempting to conduct his house choir, are in contrast to the dreams of Mr. Blower and Mr. Robinson. The former thinks of how wonderful it would be if it rained G.C.E. certificates while the latter, an eminent ham (of the radio variety of course) is looking forward to taking up residence at the Battersea Dog's Home.

Since the electricity board so generously bestowed their favours on him, Mr. Dickinson is to be found wandering up and down the back corridor, a wireless aerial rising significantly above his head. We have tried to explain to him that late duty is not an ambiguous term to cover late-coming prefects but he is still unconvinced. This seems to have especially confused Mr. Gall.

Mr. Davies, the school jockey, and Mr. Wright, both have one very important aim, that is, to pass a mathematics examination. Many significant items of behaviour could be related about these two . . . especially in regard to their blushing capabilities.

Mr. Thomas, at the time of going to press, is still (unlike his motor - cycle) just in one piece, but he is badly in need of a course of lessons on how to stay on his machine when the latter is in motion.

Then of course there is Mr. Gall. Mr. Gall belongs to the species of the lesser spotted Prefects. His witty remarks, however, are very much appreciated by those other prefects whose only existential justification is the possession of that peculiar abstraction: 'm-f'. But, you may ask what does 'm-f' mean? You may well ask. This correspondent would like to suggest: 'Mythical Fallacy'. A solution to the problem would be to investigate what quality beginning with the letters 'm' and 'f' that Mr. Pessell, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Rees and Mr. Gall have in common. Could it possibly be 'moral fibre'? No, impossible!

Mr. Rees that staunch Welsh Nationalist, when not at the swimming pool or being rude to Mr. Canter is busy attending the heartless massacres taking place in the Biology laboratory. Mr. Fletcher (the sole prefect who will not confiscate prohibited goods unless same are edible) is, as the school must know by now, the man responsible for the shortage of buns in the dining-room. He has recently informed Mr. Stuart that he is not available for any dinner - time duty because he eats his sandwiches on first sitting, takes school dinner on second sitting, and goes home for dinner on third sitting. Apart from this he cannot patrol the fields at 4-30 because he must hurry home for his tea.

This distinguishes him from Socialist Mr. Salt who has no need of Lexicons and Greco - Roman mythology. Give Mr. Salt

the tools and he'll finish the job. If it has been said of Mr. Salt that his only summer recreation is teaching the First-year's how not to play cricket then it is the duty of this correspondent to publicly announce that this story is quite substantially . . . correct.

Less practical in nature are the two philosophers Mr. Belcher and Mr. Henry who spend their mathematics lessons trying to psychoanalyse each other. Assuredly each has an equally formidable and, might we say, unenviable task. Mr. Henry is really more interested in pure philosophy . . . that is why he wants to take a general degree in Science at University. Mr. Belcher wants to be a Psychologist . . . that is why he studies mathematics and hopes to take up medicine.

Mr. Day, the only prefect to arrive at school before dawn, is still recovering from the shock of not winning the European Essay competition but is looking forward to winning it next year. So it is by pure chance that Mr. Carr and Mr. Canter are the last prefects to come within the range of this purely impartial observer. Both have doubtful resistance to the temptations of La Dolce Vita, but Mr. Canter and Mr. Carr have other things in common. They are quite sound intellectuals . . . unassuming . . . very active members of the school . . . why, you only have to ask Mr. Canter and he will tell you so himself!

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Letters to the Editor

THE SCHOOL CHRISTIAN UNION

Dear Sir,

I have always thought that the function of the Christian Union in this School should be to convert the heathen masses.

However, the Society has not only failed miserably in this respect but it has also failed to attract all but a small minority of the Christians in the School. It is obvious that the Society has become a "Mothers' Union" for the more pious Christians in our midst. The image of a member of the Christian Union is set by its present senior members, who appear for the most part to have very High Church "I am holier than thou" tendencies.

Efforts have been made, admittedly, to attract the common plebs but these have been to no lasting avail. Indeed some members are quite satisfied with their present state of blissfulness, and to them the idea of an invasion by the unclean heathens is very disturbing.

By no means all the brethren possess pious views but these same individuals do not stand out and create any impression on the observer. All the typical heathen sees is the sort of Christian who thinks modern music is rubbish and secretly suspect it to be sacrilegious. This person is opposed to dancing (immoral), smoking, drinking, etc., on religious grounds alone. The very extremism of his views make them unacceptable to most Christians, let alone atheists.

Next year, we will be losing some of the "old wood" from the Christian Union and one can only hope that new leaders will make some effort to raise the society from its present state of snobbish lethargy.

If this is not achieved, I suggest that the Christian Union is closed, since at the moment it only serves as a deterrent to conversion

Yours faithfully,

John R. Wright.

THE C.U. WRITES:

Dear Sir,

Before defending the Christian Union from a very vigorous attack by J. R. Wright, I would like to state our aims, both of which we regard with equal importance. Firstly, we seek to, as our critic so crudely puts it, "convert the heathen masses", then, having converted them, our second aim is to provide Christian fellowship for them and other Christians in the School. From my report, it can be seen that we have attempted to find ways of fulfilling the first, and encouraged our members to do

so at four of our 4 p.m. meetings. It of course helps us a lot to do this when Christians in the school jeer at us and declare that we are a group of "holier than thou" people. Christ said "First cast the beam out of your own eye and then you shall see clearly to cast out the mote that is in your brothers eye." Now we admit our faults, but, are not these people outside who are Christians neglecting their beams? Nothing constructive has been suggested to me by Mr. Wright. His criticism is purely destructive. He has told me that the Christian Union is judged by two people — One who never comes and one who is by no means a senior member; the other 28 members count for naught!

If a boy claims he is a Christian, surely, it is his duty to support the Christian Union—to correct any wrong image presented by two members. When he claims to be a Christian, he is hardly standing up for his faith when he stands outside, never attends a meeting, and then writes a criticism. If any Christians feel that we have this attitude of "Holier than thou" may I say we don't. If you think about it, it is those outside who have this attitude—they don't need to have fellowship with others, they can grow on their own—they know it all!

If you don't feel the Christian Union is doing its job, then come in, make suggestions, help the society to do its job —It is there for your benefit as well as ours, but don't take the attitude of the Pharisee—I thank thee that I am not as the Christian Union are. We are ready to act on your suggestions, but do come first! Judge us on our meetings and not on what you think!

It is nice to know what we think of modern music etc. and why we think it; ask us next time and see what we have to say.

The Christian Union when the present committee took office consisted of 6 members—the committee. Now we are 30 strong—No effect on the school? just five times the size now that it was then, and we do provide Christian fellowship—two aims, fulfilled to a reasonable extent. But our effect would be greater if we did not have these dead weight Christians who just criticised. Has Mr. Wright ever prayed for the Christian Union or attempted to be constructive? I wonder.

Yours faithfully,

D. J. Pomery.

'A bit of the "old wood".'

THE SCIENTIST AND THE ILLITERATE

Sir,

When C. P. Snow wrote his monograph on "The Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution" one hopes that he was not aware of the immediate stream of unmitigated twaddle which would flow on to the poor unsuspecting public. And a prime example of such "unmitigated twaddle" and general fustianism was let loose on the readers of this magazine last term. Mr. Winters' letter, if 'letter' is not too high praise for his lunatic scribblings, I hope, is to be the last of such "defences" for the scientist. As a modernist I am quite prepared to accept the literacy of the scientists despite what such an eminent authority as Sir Geoffery Crowther might say, and it is only occasionally that I had my doubts. After reading Mr. Winters' letter one such occasion arose.

A minor point is his construction, which, it appears, is taken straight from a primary school reader.

"They were Plato and his pupil Aristotle. Chronologically the next scientist writer was Leonado da Vinci. Not only was he one of the greatest scientists, but was also a great painter."

But this is not really the backbone of my argument with Mr. Winters, what I object to is his presentation of facts in a distorted manner. And it is interesting to consider his article in some detail: his comment on Leonado da Vinci may be seen above—notice that da Vinci's painting is subordinate to his science.

His comments on Newton and Darwin may be dealt with together for they are both equally specious: "Sir Isaac Newton, though he never wrote anything but scientific literature, did so with a style that rivalled any author of his day." Has Mr. Winters read any of the writings of Addison or Pope, both Newton's contemporaries? It would appear not. Of Darwin it is written "Who can deny that his "Origin of the Species" is equal on literary merit to Gibben's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" (though, of course, considerably shorter)?" One can only assume that the comment in parenthesis is destined as a sop to those who might object.

But at this stage Mr. Winters starts getting confused. I am tempted to think he is on my side all along: "Benjamin Franklin . . . was a scientist. But was best known as one of America's earlier and greatest newspaper editors." Perhaps as Ben Franklin is best known for his games with a kite, a key, and a thunderstorm, Mr. Winters wishes to dissociate himself from such a patent amateur. This same trait of deprecating his own standpoint is seen with Tom Paine author of "The Rights of Man", "was also known as an inventor" . . . Only "also known"?

Next comes an extremely well documented potted biography of "Herbert George Wells" whom everybody else, note, is quite content to call H. G. Wells. I, too, have read "The Oxford Companion to English Literature". Spare us the bibliography, please, especially as it is totally irrelevant. Science fiction of the standard of 'War of the Worlds' is hardly a valid contribution towards science, but once again perhaps Mr. Winters has his peculiar ideas.

For his last in this tediously long list of examples, Mr. W. turns to Aldous Huxley—one is immediately stirred from one's lethargy (induced by the article)—A. H. a scientist? But no! Again, or perhaps for the first time, Mr. W. is forced to admit the truth—"Although not a scientist himself." It would appear that if one is the grandson of a scientist and the brother of another, then one is oneself a member of that brethren. Did somebody murmur "cods wallop"?

In a sudden switch from defending the scientist Mr. W. self-righteously declares that the modernists are incorrectly using the word 'illiterate' and that it "shows a poor grasp of the English language on the part of the modernists." Seldom have I come across a more blatant example of a very dirty kettle intimating that the pot is black. A prime example of his own total inadequacy to comprehend the subtle nuances of the English language is evident from his description of H.G. (I'm sorry, Herbert George) Wells as a "classic" writer.

If Mr. Winters, or for that matter any member of the school, wishes to enter the lists on behalf of the poor, misunderstood scientist, let him take care that, in his endeavour to prove scientists literate, he does not record such an obvious indigestion of facts coupled with a tendency to exaggerate, which together cast severe doubts on the writer's own literacy—as Mr. W's effort does on Mr. W.

Yours faithfully,

W. G. DAY (U6M).

The hope expressed in the previous letter that last term's epistle would be "the last of such defences of the scientist" goes unfulfilled.

"TAKE YOUR PICK" or "ANOTHER SWING"

by A. M. Winters

Sir,

There is a conflict of ideals between the scientists and the modernists that has always been present but has only recently been exposed, to the mutual benefit of both sides, the modernists being shown that they are not the only thinking members of the

community and the scientists being encouraged to emerge from their modernist-imposed exile in illiteracy and show the relevance of their culture. This relevance and that of the modernists can best be judged by their effects on everyday-life.

As politicians, the modernists have given us taxes which are, of course, very necessary but tend to be disliked. They have decreased the prestige of Britain in the minds of foreigners. In international politics they have cooled the "cold war" so much that everybody, or almost, is in a cold sweat in expectation of imminent disintegration. As economists they have given us financial insecurity as a nation and have given Employment Exchange officials a hectic time. As advertising men they have submitted us to inundation by "adverts" that prey on our inner most emotions and motives.

The scientists have given us artificial fibres for our clothes; paints and varnishes; soaps and disinfectants to keep us clean; pigments to make our lives bright and inks to print our newspapers and books. Also road-building and constructional materials, metals to build motor cars to run on the roads and to build aircraft, ships and trains to take us from place to place and fuels to run these methods of travel. Electricity to run some of the trains, heat and light our houses, offices, factories and other buildings, to cook some of our foods and to keep other foods fresh. Fertilisers to help the growth of our foods, pesticides to kill insect enemies, drugs to make and keep us healthy and plastics for numerous purposes. In fact our whole civilisation has been completely changed by scientific advancement in the last fifty or so years.

The two cultures are incompatible and it is for the reader, the person whom the struggle of the cultures affects to choose which of the cultures to adopt. I will draw no conclusions as I might conceivably influence the reader. I will, however, finish by saying that if I had a choice between confusion and comfort I would be sorely tempted to ignore the former and choose the latter.

FLUORIDE

The following is the substance of a much longer letter from Hanlon.

Sir,

A. K. Canter, your feature writer on Fluoridation, it seems, is not acquainted with the Ministry of Health Publications on Fluoride. He, like so many other supporters of fluoride, implies that a reduction in dental complaints has been proved by the M.O.H. This is not true. All the fluoride report claims is that there has been proved a "fifty to sixty per cent reduction in dental caries in the milk teeth of children under five," but also that

"children might expect to have half their teeth decayed, missing or filled by the time they are twenty - five whether the water is fluoridated or not."

Canter, in criticising those who cannot accept that animals react the same as human beings and are useful in the testing of pharmaceutical products, forgets thalidomide. With this distressing experiment still echoing in our thoughts, it is disturbing to hear Canter and Mr. Enoch Powell making pleas for rat poison to be added to Britain's water supplies. Mr. Powell's statement: that "No-one of any weight or authority is against it;" ignores the great number of world famous scientific dissenters—including professors and Nobel Prize winners.

The most important thing for the public to note is that fluoride which is found in natural food products and in naturally fluoridated water is calcium fluoride and not sodium fluoride, which is the one to be added to Southport water if we cannot avoid it. This is listed in the British Pharmacopeia as a **cumulative** poison. This means that the amount of fluoride which each person can safely take depends entirely on his individual make-up. The conditions on which, we the citizens of Southport, accept fluoride should ensure that sufferers from chronic liver complaints (medical objectors), eccentrics (who can be both moral and democratic objectors) should have the capability to opt out of fluoridation (or if necessary) without the added expense of supplying each individual with the sodium nitrate Canter would give them.

Yours sincerely,

L. HANLON.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHYSICISTS

by S. K. Runcorn

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Professor S. K. Runcorn (Gear's 1933-41).

Professor Runcorn entered school in September, 1933 and had a distinguished school career culminating in his being awarded the Higher School Certificate, with distinctions in Pure Mathematics and Physics. He entered Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, with a State Bursary and eventually graduated. He returned later to his old college as Fellow. He became a Lecturer in Physics in Manchester University and, after a period in the Geo-Physics Department in Cambridge, he was appointed in 1955 as Professor of Physics of the University of Durham. He has lectured in several countries on Geo-Physics on which he is now an authority.

Whilst at school, he will be remembered as Captain of the school and of his House and also for his Captaincy of Swimming and Life-Saving. He held the highest award of the Royal Life Saving Society, viz. the Diploma (Gold Medal) and, during his years as Captain he began the preparation for the Darnell Trophy and also swimming fixtures with other schools. He has always taken a keen interest in the school's progress and looks forward to students of Physics entering Durham University from this school.

The progress of physical science since its first impetus in the 17th century has been most rapid. It is of interest to note that 95 per cent of all the scientists in history are at present living. This is sufficient indication of the large number of people all over the world who have received training in science and are making use of their scientific knowledge in industrial research or in teaching. Many of the great pioneers of physics underwent considerable hardship to work in the field of discovery which they found interesting and even before the war in many countries the number of posts which were open to those aspiring to do scientific research was inadequate. The big change, however, came with the two world wars. In the first a number of scientists, including Professor W. L. Bragg, of X-ray fame, who is now Director of the Royal Institution of London, were set to work to improve the system of sound ranging for the armies in France. With the approach of the second world war it began to be clear that physicists could play a large part in the preparations for defence. Notably the development of radar was greatly assisted by physicists from the universities who were drafted into this work. The success of radar defence in 1940 finally convinced the British and American governments of the importance of the full integration of physicists in the war effort. Physicists, of course, were also employed on other war problems and took a leading part in the production of the atomic bomb.

It soon became evident that the world was going through a period as important as the Industrial Revolution, a period in

which science, particularly physics, was causing major changes in the way of life and outlook in every part of the world. In all advanced countries industries have seen that in order to improve their products it is necessary for them to have research laboratories in which research of quite a fundamental kind is being done for it is a lesson of scientific work that discoveries which are made purely from curiosity sooner or later find an application. Faraday's experiments with magnets and coils have led to all our modern electrical appliances. Rutherford's studies on atomic nuclei early this century led to the atomic bomb and nuclear power. Quite fundamental studies of electrons and solids have led to the transistor and Telstar.

Because of these developments the type of work in scientific departments of universities has altered in the last 10 to 20 years. Prior to that time the number of universities where scientific research was pursued seriously were few. Now the Physics and Chemistry departments of most universities have large research teams pushing back the frontiers of knowledge in one direction or another.

The schoolboy who goes up to university to study physics today is therefore not only taking a course which, if he passes it successfully and becomes a Bachelor of Science, will open to him interesting and well-paid posts in industrial and government service, but he is also, as a member of a Physics Department, entering an organisation which is concerned with exciting research. In his three years as an undergraduate he may not fully appreciate this. However, if he is observant he will see complicated or unusual apparatus in the laboratories in the department; he may, if he is in an active department, see many research students who have already taken their Bachelor's degree. These research students are usually drawn from those who have taken high honours in their undergraduate examinations. Some of them in an active department may come from many different countries, having been attracted by the special field in which the Professor and his chief colleagues are working and about which they may have read in scientific journals. The observant undergraduate may also notice that distinguished foreign scientists may come to speak in the Department and he may get an opportunity of listening to them. These are all ways in which the Physics Departments of universities play a part in the exchange of scientific knowledge.

It seems clear, however, that in future some knowledge of the changes which have been made in the world by scientific research will be required by Managers in industry or Administrators in the Civil Service. Fifty years ago it was said that the study of Modern Greats at Oxford was the chief route by which a man rose to influential posts in the higher Civil

Service and in Politics. A "Modern Greats" course appropriate to the present day should undoubtedly include physical science. It is not, however, a development which our universities have yet been bold enough to undertake. Even so, there are some undergraduates now studying physics courses, possibly along with another subject, who feel that this is the most suitable preparation today for administrative work.

With the expansion of university education in this country there is undoubtedly also going to be in the future a great increase in the number of posts for scientists in the universities and other institutions of higher education. At the moment the opportunities for a teacher of physics to do research in the universities in addition to his lecturing are very good, but they are less good in the other institutions of higher education. However, all these colleges are rapidly increasing the standard of the courses they give and there is very interesting work for a lecturer in them.

The developments in science in the western countries are, of course, being copied in the under-developed countries of the world and the universities of our ex-colonies look particularly to this country for help in filling lecturers' posts in their expanding universities. Many English graduates who have been attracted to spend some years in these universities find the experience a very fascinating one. They feel that they are making a real contribution to the economic and cultural well-being of the under-developed countries.

Finally, the schoolboy going into science training in a university might reflect that he is entering the one truly international activity. Pure science from its beginning has to a very large extent managed to keep itself free from national rivalries. The scientific journals, many of course in English, circulate in science departments and libraries throughout the world. Great scientific enterprises like the International Geophysical Year bring together scientists of all countries in harmonious co-operation. The prospect of participating in this great international enterprise, in however small a measure, is an attractive one.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

- J. R. BASFORD (G. 54-61) has been awarded his golf blue at Oxford University and played in the match against Cambridge at Royal Birkdale in March. After the match he was elected secretary of the Oxford Golf team for next year.
- E. G. BLAND (L. 55-60) is now a clown in Raymer Bros. Circus.
- K. F. BURGESS (S. 36-40) has been appointed an Inspector in the Lancashire County Police.

- M. CLAYTON (G. 47-54) has been appointed area Sales Manager with the Scottish Knitwear firm of Lyle and Scott at Maidenhead.
- J. M. DUTTON (31-37), for many years Sales Manager with Messrs. Turner & Booth, Lord Street, Southport, has been appointed Sales Superintendent with the North Western Electricity Board.
- H. J. FOSTER (S. 42-49) has been on a tour of Canada with the Anti-Assassin Rugby XV from May 15th to 27th. This team is composed entirely of ex. county players.
- P. LISLE (S. 36-41) emigrated to Australia in February to take up a post with the Christian Workers' Association.
- P. E. W. MARSH (R. 48-54) has passed Part II, M.B. Ch.B., Liverpool.
- FLYING OFFICER G. PEARCE (G. 47-55), who is stationed at R.A.F. Honington, Suffolk, recently went on a two week winter survival course in the Bavarian Alps.
- R. RUBINS (L. 47-54), who recently completed a two year appointment in Physics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, has taken up a Physics appointment at Syracuse University, New York.
- COUNCILLOR DR. W. H. SCOTT (G. 33-40) has been appointed Head of the new graduate Department of Management Studies at the Royal College of Advanced Technology, Salford. Dr. Scott has also been appointed Chairman of the Southport Education Committee—the first Old Boy of this school to hold this office.
- P. N. WALKER (S. 53-60) has recently taken up an appointment in Northern Ireland with Rowntrees Ltd.
- R. WILLIAMS (Ed. 52-59) has been appointed English master at Bletchley Grammar School.
- D. WRIGHT (S. 42-47) has been appointed Deputy Borough Treasurer of Hythe, Kent. He was formerly on the staff of Southport Borough Treasurer's.