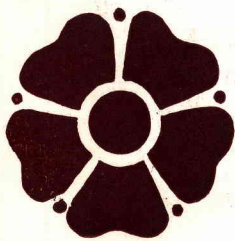


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Comment

We are all in some ways victims, spectators and architects of change. This school is no exception and has witnessed changes within its own structure during the past years. The clock tower, the trees which lined the drives, these are gone; and there are also innovations, not least being the putting green on the front lawn. But these changes did not simply occur. They were stimulated, opposed and finally carried through. Always there were three divisions of opinion. The radicals, arguing logically, formed the group for change. Then there were the conservatives, whom sentiment prompted to oppose change. And, thirdly, there were those that watched, like the school, and said nothing.

Now change is an ideal state because it stimulates opposition, and this develops originality of thought. Arguments are needed to gain a victory, and the more determined one's feelings, the stronger will be the effort to succeed, and the more original and effective will be the arguments proposed.

Most of such will to change comes from the young, who are always learning, constantly absorbing new facts and new opinions. They argue and hear others argue before agreeing on one opinion and believing it true. Their minds are the most conditioned to change and hence they accept it readily. When they leave school or university, however, their opinions tend to become fixed. They do not have the same opportunity to observe views conflicting with their own and hence tend to believe their opinions right without question. They become conservative and sentimental, and oppose change on principle. Thus with the clock tower, where a fund was suggested to preserve a monument whose existence was in few ways supportable by logical argument. Nevertheless, the conservatives serve a useful purpose: they stimulate originality of thought in the young, who are forced to argue in support of their desire for change.

The ability to change does not, therefore, last long in many cases. It begins at school and often ends early in life. But,

without some personal effort, you may find yourself accepting, without feeling or interest, what occurs around you. Originality must be self-cultivated and the best way to water its seeds is to write, for every word you write represents a thought that exists in your mind alone. To write is to express originality. To possess originality and adaptability is to appreciate all the different aspects of life. C.R.S.

School Notes

At the end of last term we were sorry to lose Dr. C. G. Hadley who has been Head of the Modern Language Department for the past five years, and we should like to congratulate him most heartily on his appointment to the Headmastership of a new Grammar School which is being founded in Hertfordshire. Dr. Hadley is the first member of this school to be appointed Headmaster of a Grammar School since Mr. T. P. Spencer left to become a Headmaster in August 1930. Dr. Hadley did outstanding work in this school during the five years he was here and his Headmastership is likely to be equally successful.

We also said goodbye last term to Mr. G. M. Hankinson who has been Head of the Chemistry Department for almost nine years. Mr. Hankinson has become a senior Lecturer in Chemistry at the Mount Pleasant Teachers' Training College, Liverpool. We should like to thank Mr. Hankinson also for his outstanding services to the school and wish him every success in his new post.

We welcome three new masters to the staff this term:

Mr. P. J. Richardson as Head of the Physics Department. Mr. Richardson was educated at Wellingborough Grammar School and Wadham College, Oxford, and has had five years' experience as Physics master at Bristol Grammar School.

Mr. J. Howgego takes Dr. Hadley's place as Head of the Modern Language Department. Mr. Howgego was educated at Manchester Grammar School and Queens' College, Cambridge, and taught at Birkenhead School before becoming Head of the Modern Language Department at King's School, Chester, for the last five years. There, he was also Dr. Hadley's successor.

Mr. J. K. Andrews takes over the Headship of the Chemistry Department from Mr. Hankinson. Mr. Andrews was educated at St. Joseph's College, London, and London University, and has been for the last three years Head of the Chemistry Department at Henley-on-Thames Grammar School.

Last term saw the most ambitious musical effort which the school has ever undertaken, the joint Concert given in conjunction with the High School at the Floral Hall on 24th March. This was a highly successful occasion and there was a capacity audience of about 800. The two major works were "Hiawatha's

Wedding Feast" by Coleridge-Taylor and Cantata No. 80, "A Stronghold Sure", by J. S. Bach. The combined chorus totalled 240 and the orchestra, with a little outside help, totalled 80 between the two schools. A full account of this Concert appears in this issue. Mr. Wilson is much to be congratulated on the success of the venture.

The annual Rugby Match against the Old Boys was held on March 17th and the school won 3-0. The first XV also put up an excellent performance against the very strong Southport R.U.F.C. team on April 13th and lost an interesting match by 16 points to 3 points.

At their meeting on 28th April the parents of the boys of this school elected the Reverend D. B. Garland as their representative on the Governing Body. This meeting was followed by a Careers Convention at which the following kindly came to give advice:

Mr. H. Glassbrook, Apprentice Supervisor, Leyland Motors Ltd., Electrical, Mechanical and Production Engineering.

Mr. C. Marsden, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, Architecture, Building and Surveying, Wigan and District Mining and Technical College. Careers in Civil Engineering, Architecture, Building and Surveying.

Mr. E. R. McLean, Personnel Manager, Vatric Control Equipment Ltd., who is an old boy of the school. Commercial and Management careers in Industry.

Mr. W. Watson, Youth Employment Officer, Southport. Careers in the Civil Service.

We congratulate A. J. Reid on gaining the Charles Robinson Open Scholarship in Modern Languages to Manchester University and also a Hall Exhibition at Needham Hall, Manchester. We also congratulate J. R. Wright on gaining a Hulme Hall Open Exhibition at Manchester University.

M. Rimmer of L6Ma was awarded a scholarship of value £20 by the Educational Interchange Council towards the expense of staying for a term in Germany to study the language. He is spending this term in Ambergfeld, Hannover. The following boys are also abroad this term:

D. Suffolk (Germany), D. P. Charters, W. Dargue and M. Hodgson (France).

The collection this term was in aid of The Royal London Society for the Blind and raised £20.

We should like to thank Mrs. Sawyer for the gift of £5 to the Music Department.

The meeting of the parents of boys in the lower Vth forms was held on 13th May.

The annual school swimming gala was held on 8th May and the competition was the keenest for many years. Three records were broken.

Salvete

B. R. Appleby, R. J. Baker, S. L. Bentley, F. J. Elliott, P. L. Hargreaves, R. Mantin, A. J. Paterson.

Valete

KIPPAX, J. B., 1956-64—Leech's. U6MSch. (G.C.E. A4, O5).
Secretary of Senior Art Society 1963-64, Librarian 1963-64.
ROTHWELL, A. E., 1956-64—Woodham's. U6ScSch. (G.C.E. A.5, O4). Senior School Prefect 1963-64. House Captain 1963. Award of Merit R.L.S.S. 1963.
JONES, M. K., 1957-64—Leech's. U6MSch. (G.C.E. A4, O5). Junior School Prefect 1963-64, Secretary of Europa 1963-64, Secretary of Jazz Club 1963-64, Secretary of Economics Society, Secretary of Christian Union 1963-64.
UTTLEY, J. R. 1957-64—Evans'. U6ScSch. (G.C.E. A5, O4). Senior School Prefect 1963-64, House Almoner 1963-64, Secretary of Christian Union 1963-64.
BAKER, W. H., 1958-64—Woodham's. L6ScY. (G.C.E. O3). Award of Merit R.L.S.S. 1963.
BLUNDELL, F., 1958-64—Gear's. L6ScY. (G.C.E. O3).
BOLTON, C. H., 1958-64—Evans'. L6Mb. (G.C.E. O3). U14 Cricket colours 1960-61.
FOSTER, R. A., 1959-64—Spencer's. U5B.
REID, A. J., 1959-64—Woodham's. U6MSch. (G.C.E. A3, O5). House Secretary 1962-3-4, Junior School Prefect 1963-64. Charles Robinson Open Scholarship in Modern Languages to Manchester University 1964.
MICHALAK, B. Z., 1960-64—Edwards'. U5B.
WILLIAMS, J. S., 1960-64—Spencer's. L5B.
LEAN, M. J., 1961-64—Rogers'. L5X. U14 XV.
ATKINSON, I. K., 1961-64—Woodham's. 4A. U14 XV Colours 1963-64.
LEVER, J. H., 1961-64—Woodham's. 4Y.

Important Dates

Summer Term ends 15th July
Autumn Term begins 8th September
Half Term 28th, 29th, 30th October
Autumn Term ends 22nd December

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House Reports

EDWARDS'

Housemaster: Mr. A. J. Norris

Captain: R. C. Copson

Vice-Captain: R. Stubington

Secretary: J. W. Mathison

Almoner: D. Beverley

The house continues to make satisfactory progress in most fields but performances could be improved with increased efforts and better attendances on the part of some boys who definitely have the ability if only they will use it.

The rugby teams met with varied success, both the junior and intermediate teams winning two of their three matches, but the seniors being unable to manage even one win. There is little doubt that but for injury the juniors would have reached the final while the performances of the seniors would have been bettered with full teams.

The badminton team (captain Mathison) met with undreamed-of success in winning two of their matches before going down to the winners of the competition. Success was largely due to the excellent play of juniors Harkness and Hepworth and both are good prospects for the future. The basketball team, led by Stubington, was not so fortunate and lost in the first round of the knock-out competition.

Matthew is to be congratulated on coming equal first in the cross-country competition but it is a pity that the other members of the team, while trying extremely hard, were unable to match his performance.

Lifesaving was not as well supported as it could have been, but there are hopes of far more success next year. Rigby and the other members of the swimming team were successful to the extent that they gained two first and ten second places in the gala.

As usual, the junior chess team came up to all expectations, winning five of their seven matches. Their final position was second and it is hoped that this success will be repeated next year.

It is pleasing to be able to report that the amount given to the charity collections has increased, and that the junior boys are still able to maintain a high standard of school work. The house can be justifiably proud of the juniors and, if the seniors continue in their efforts to match their successes, there is no reason why Edwards' should not be the holders of the Jubilee Cup this year or the next.

EVANS'

Housemaster: Mr. J. W. Lord

Captain: J. N. Rostron

Secretary: J. F. Sell

Almoner: J. M. Davis

It has been a great pity to see what might have been a good year's record spoilt by one or two failures. Last term the junior rugby team emulated their elders by not winning any of their matches; the intermediate team, however, won two of their matches and saved the house from complete disgrace on the rugby field.

Off the field things went much better. The senior chess team under the captaincy of Pickard retained the chess cup; the juniors did not fare so well, for they lost all their matches. Pickard also captained the cross-country teams and his hard work was rewarded with good results: the junior team was placed first and the senior team third, giving us an overall position of second. But the greatest success has been in the water, where the house carried off three of the four cups: the Lancashire cup for lifesaving, the Bradburne cup for the points gained in the gala and the Ross cup for the overall points. Great credit for these achievements must go to Ascroft who has worked very hard training the various teams. As for the other activities this term, the athletics team under the guidance of Pickard and Hicks has had only two practices so far. The senior cricket team has played one match against Leech's which was lost by almost 150 runs; it is to be hoped they can do better in forthcoming matches. The junior team, however, looks as if it might do very well under the coaching of Davis, who also supervised this term's charity collection. Academically, the juniors have not done so well, and it is to be hoped their performance will improve in the coming term. Greater success has attended senior members of the house, and we must congratulate D. P. Fellows, J. D. Pickard, J. F. Sell and J. R. Uttley on being admitted to various colleges at Oxford and Cambridge.

J.F.S.

GREAR'S

Housemaster: Mr. H. Evans

Captain: R. J. Lindsay

Secretary: M. G. Pearson

Almoner: M. D. Robinson

This year, the house has met with moderate success both academically and on the games field. Of the three terms in the school year, the Summer Term offers the most opportunities for members of the house to excel at work and sport.

However, in the previous two terms, members of the house performed admirably on most occasions. The senior rugby team

enforced a triple play-off for a place in the final, but was then beaten by a strong team from Roger's. The junior and intermediate teams did not do as well as was expected, but the intermediate team reached the final of the seven-a-side competition, which was unfortunately cancelled owing to the state of the school field. The house cross-country team ran well in the competition and was well placed, thanks to the house cross-country Captain, Wall, who finished first equal in the senior event.

In the last house report, I mentioned that Armitage was having difficulty in recruiting members of the house for the choir competition. Those who did make an effort sang very well and as a result the house was placed second in the competition.

Last term, the juniors maintained their usual high position in the Honours list but they must not relax and rest on their laurels. Hard work will always be rewarded in the end.

At the time of writing, the senior cricket team has lost the first cricket match, although the side contains many useful players. Let us hope this is only a passing phase. The junior team has a good chance of at least reaching the final. The efforts of Fitton gained for us the Ingham Cup for swimming qualifications, but in the Swimming Gala, we had very few finalists.

It would appear that there are very many capable athletes in the House. Although the sports are held later on in the term, the athletics qualifications competition is already under way. Much effort is needed for success; the talent is there. If the high standard of work is maintained and we are successful in games, the house will have had a good year. M.G.P.

LEECH'S

Housemaster: Mr. C. F. Flemming

Captain: P. K. Thompson

Vice-Captain: D. A. Turner

Secretary: S. H. Sharples

Almoner: H. E. Rurlander

Since the Autumn Term the House has had mixed fortunes—some of our reverses have been partly owing to injuries—but in general the House has been quite successful.

The standard of swimming and life saving, thanks to the great efforts of Bond and Wilson, has been higher than in recent years. The House gained second place in the competition for the life saving cup and fourth place in the gala. With the majority of the swimming team available for the future, the prospects of success are promising.

Regretfully, however, the Junior Chess team under the leadership of Haynes did not meet with any great success—mainly because the team proved inconsistent.

The House came third overall in the Cross Country event, with Bond and Eckersley running extremely well for the Senior team. Faraday, for the Junior team, also gave an extremely good performance. Thanks must go to Ball for the practices he arranged and for his efforts in this event.

The Autumn Term saw the eclipse of the Senior Rugby team. The arm injury sustained by Thompson was a great handicap to the team. Unfortunately we were not able to repeat our successes of the last two years. The Intermediate team, under the leadership of Colvin, was extremely disappointing. The team appeared to be too apathetic when the match was going against them—a fault that must be remedied before next season. The Junior team played extremely well and had little difficulty in winning the Junior Rugby Shield. The team undoubtedly owes its inspiration to Cumbley who made an excellent captain.

The almoner, Rurlander, has held collections this term, the response to which was reasonably good.

In summary, the year has been quite a good one in the sporting sense. Academically the standard has been fair. Congratulations must be offered to Hunt on winning an Oxford Scholarship. Next term should see a substantial improvement in both spheres, but only if all members of the House make the effort to improve. S.H.S.

MASON'S

“Optimum Faciemus”

Housemaster: Mr. P. G. Longhurst

House Captain: S. B. Fletcher

Vice-Captain: D. Pessell

Almoner and Secretary: A. L. Calland

Although it is exceedingly difficult to be consistently outstanding in inter-house competitions, Mason's house managed it with such a high degree of success as to have won the Jubilee Cup for three consecutive years—a feat without parallel in the history of the school. At the end of last year, however, we were unfortunate to lose an unusually high proportion of our more senior members with the result that this year successes have not been quite as forthcoming as in previous years.

We would like to congratulate Fletcher and Pessell on being awarded full rugby colours, and Kelly, Cuzner, Richards and Sandiford their half colours.

As a result of excellent teamwork the senior house rugby team, which included 8 players in the Upper Vth and only 2 players in the school 1st team, won the Senior house final for the second year running, beating Spencer's in a very hard-fought final by three points to nil. This was our fourth consecutive appearance in the final. The intermediate team reached the final

also but were narrowly beaten. The junior team, a very young side but one showing potential, was unlucky in just missing a final place.

The house swimming team did not do quite as well as in recent years, mainly owing to the loss of several recognised swimmers, but all who took part, even the less experienced swimmers, did very well—especially as our two best swimmers were ill for the Gala. Sandiford is to be congratulated on his captaincy of the team.

The cricket matches are being held this term, and it is hoped the senior team captained by Calland will do well. So far the team has beaten Woodham's and lost to Evans'.

Mason's have had an impressive, indeed almost formidable, record in the Athletic Sports of the past few years, winning 4 out of 5 trophies for the past 4 years, and it is hoped this year to continue this run of success. With its solid basis of school athletes the team should do well.

Finally, we should like to thank Mr. Longhurst for his enthusiasm and leadership during the past year, and we hope the house will reward his efforts by winning the Jubilee Cup for the fourth year running. A.L.C.

ROGERS'

Housemaster: Mr. J. Clough

Captain: W. G. Day

Vice-Captain: B. M. Thompson

Secretary: R. Dickinson

Almoner: W. Basson

In the Lent term Rogers' had little real success as a house, and it is obvious that the present attitude of reliance on a few individuals must be replaced by a greater effort from everyone if above average results are to be achieved this term.

In the Senior and Junior Rugby competitions last term the teams played well to reach the semi-finals, but were eliminated at this stage by Mason's (after a play-off) and Leech's respectively. In the seven-a-side competition the Juniors reached the final, and like the Senior team stood a good chance of success. However, the weather in the last few days unfortunately prevented either competition from being played off.

For the first time Rogers' won the House Basketball competition in which height proved a distinct advantage. Our thanks must go to Burgess for the work he put in both before and during this competition, and also to the other team members who supported him so ably.

Despite the fact that we had no experienced runners in the cross-country competition, everyone tried hard, and the Juniors in particular did very well — Crimmins gaining a very good first place, and Turner in 2A, coming sixth, an excellent performance for one so young.

The House swimming team were moderately successful this year, coming fifth both in the Swimming Qualifications competition and in the Swimming Gala. Congratulations must go to the twelve finalists, and especially to the first year relay team, who gained a close victory. Sach not only worked hard to organise the team, but also swam very well himself against strong opposition.

In the Junior Elocution competition, Whittaker achieved a very good joint first place, and Day I. T. was a member of the successful team in the Junior Debating Competition.

A few more Academic points were achieved last term, but there is still room for considerable improvement. Similarly in the House Charity Collections a certain apathy has been noted, especially amongst many intermediate members of the House—something which is only to be deplored considering the worthiness of the causes.

Congratulations must go to Whitehead on being promoted to Senior Prefect, and to Fiske and Robinson-Todd on being made Junior Prefects. Finally, thanks are due to the House Officials for the work they have put in this year, and especially to Day who has, throughout the year, been a hard-working and exceedingly energetic captain, ready to try anything, and to help out where necessary.

SPENCER'S

Housemaster: Mr. J. Hodnett

Captain: P. Molineux

Vice-Captains: E. Sinclair, R. Halsall

Secretary: S. Petty

Almoner: C. Wilson

The year started very successfully with the House reaching the final of the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Rugby competitions. The intermediate team, under the captaincy of Ogden, played well and gained a decisive win. Unfortunately, the Junior and Senior teams could not repeat this excellent performance, although the Seniors captained by R. Halsall were rather unlucky to lose by one penalty goal in a very hard fought game.

In the chess competitions the Junior team captained by Le Roi came first and the Seniors 3rd. Thanks must go to Tinger

who not only captained the Senior team but arranged all Junior and Senior matches.

The House Choir was not as successful, reaching only 5th position. However, this result does not truly reflect the efforts of Campion-Smith and some other senior boys.

Moore led the House Badminton team to victory and enabled us to retain the cup for the third consecutive year. Similarly in the cross-country, the captain, Broughton, ran an excellent race to finish 4th equal with Foster and give us an overall lead in this event by seven points. We have now held the cup for four years.

In the academic sphere we have been 3rd in both the previous terms, slightly lower than former years. It is hoped that the junior boys will make all efforts to put us back at the top of the honours list.

The only events held so far this term have been the swimming and life-saving. In the swimming qualifications we reached third position, owing to an influx of good swimmers in the first year. Amid some controversy and despite the efforts of Marshall we attained only fifth position in the life-saving. Although this is one place higher than last year it is still not as good as it could be.

However, we more than made up for this by reaching second place in the Swimming Gala, in which Petty, the captain, lowered his own 50 yards breaststroke record to 31.3 seconds, and Cantor and Billington swam very well to put us only four points behind Evans', the winners.

There are still the Junior and Senior cricket matches to come, and the Athletics sports. Training is essential in this latter event if we are to succeed. Finally we should like to thank Mr. Hodnett and Molineux for their help and encouragement throughout the year, and wish all boys taking external examinations every success in the future.

WOODHAM'S

Housemaster: Mr. R. Abram

Captain: R. N. Carver

Secretary: J. C. Russel

Almoner: B. A. Kirkham

Our first duty must be to congratulate Carver on his appointment as House Captain, following the departure of Rothwell.

During the autumn term the senior members of the House acquitted themselves quite well in winning two of their rugby

matches. This measure of success was not, however, emulated by the junior and intermediate teams, who could muster only one win between them from the six matches played. The junior team can look forward to considerable success in the future. Although a very small side, they produced some attractive rugby and throughout the series endeavoured to play to the best of their ability. The same cannot be said of the intermediate team, who, despite prevailing by a considerable margin in their last game, displayed a lack of fight in the first two and failed to rally round their hard-working captain, Collins.

The House Basketball team under the leadership of Carver emphasised their superiority over Edwards' and can consider themselves unfortunate to have been denied a place in the final, following a closely fought tie with Leech's. The evanescent hopes of success held by the cross-country team were rudely crushed on the day of the race. However, the prospects for the team next year appear favourable and with serious training the trophy for this might well become Woodham's.

We thank Hatfield, whose energetic organisation of life-saving and swimming has yielded so few results, and Whitehead our solitary bronze medallion winner, for their efforts to maintain the honour of the House. Mention must also be made of Blackburn, Whitehead, Gore and Ingham in the Swimming Gala. Lack of support from other members of the House, however, rendered their achievements insufficient to warrant the return of a swimming trophy.

On the non-sporting side of school life the record of Woodham's continues to be largely indifferent. Our position in the Honours' List has slipped lamentably, and once again the juniors must be reminded to put much more effort into their academic work. The attitude (of many members) towards House affairs was only too evident during the Choir competition.

Under the captaincy of Dawe, the House Chess teams showed a marked improvement from their lowly position of only a year ago. The senior team finished in fourth position and the juniors third. These were very creditable performances, especially when one considers the youth of both teams and the consequent promise for the future.

A very much improved charity collection has been realised during this school year, doubtless due to the energies of our Almoner, Kirkham.

Success in the cricket and athletics will only have been attained if every member of the House has given of his best. There is no lack of enthusiasm on the part of the House officials, but without the support of every member the Jubilee Cup will continue to elude us.

J.C.R.

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Sport RUGBY 1st XV

Played 27 Won 18 Drew 2 Lost 7

Despite a rather uncertain start, the team improved beyond all recognition and finished the season with an excellent record. This has been the second best season in the school's history and one which can be remembered for the high standard of exciting rugby which was attained.

Much of this success was due to Fletcher who not only captained the team intelligently but also served as a tireless example for his forwards. Once he had gained the confidence in his threequarters which, at the beginning of the season, was justifiably missing, he used their skill and pace to great advantage.

The team's defence was, on the whole, sound at all times. Full-back Rostron always tackled firmly and gained ground with his accurate touch-kicks, though at times he was rather slow off the mark. He was competently aided in defence by the back-row which unfortunately had to be changed during the season because of injuries to Pessell and Halsall R. who had both been playing extremely well. Sinclair's enthusiasm and energetic covering could always be relied upon, whilst Kelly's remarkable power in the tackle often troubled the opposing fly-half. Pessell's injury allowed Carver to move back into the pack where he began to play with far more drive and confidence in his defensive role.

Though the pack was considerably lighter than that of last year, the forwards played with far more spirit and were faster in defence. As always, possession from the loose played a large part in the team's success and, in this aspect of the game, Moore, Thomas and Fletcher were outstanding. Despite his inexperience, Alexander packed well in the tight and usually managed to get the better of his opposing prop. Halsall M. also played well whether at prop or wing forward. Ample possession was secured in the tight scrums due to the hooking of Thompson B. who always worked hard but possession from the line-outs was generally rare. The presence of an exceptionally tall forward might have helped in this respect, although an occasional jump by one of the existing forwards might have yielded some results. Despite this weakness, however, the pack was usually faster if not bigger than their opponents and so gave the backs a fair share of the ball.

With several seasoned players in the line, the threequarters promised much yet this potential was only completely fulfilled during the Lent term. Forshaw and Porter, at half-back, always spurred the line into smooth action and, when the occasion demanded, both proved themselves capable of making the vital

break. They can indeed look forward to an exceptionally good season next year if they continue to improve as in the last two years.

In the centre, Lindsay proved to be the spearhead of the attack, scoring 91 points during the season. He has the speed, control and ability to beat his centre and, should he curb his often over-anxious spirits, he will mature into a most capable player. He was ably supported in the centre by Davidson who gained confidence as the season progressed and gave excellent service to his wingmen Day and Whitehead. Once Day realised that he was faster than most opponents and he began to play with a more determined effort, he developed into a potential match-winning force. His speed and size were valuable contributions to the threequarter-line, though his inability to change direction quickly was evident at times. His goal-kicking, too, left much to be desired. Whitehead, on the right wing, was the most improved player in the team. His determination and power, when coupled with his more confident handling, became a great asset to the team and enabled him to score some valuable points.

As several members of this year's team intend to stay at school, the 1st XV can look forward to another outstanding season next year. Finally, the team would like to thank Mr. Abram, Mr. Davies and Mr. Gale for their valuable help and coaching, without which such a fine season might never have been possible.

1st FIFTEEN RESULTS

v. Arnold G.S.	Won	11	—	6
v. Lancaster R.G.S.	Drew	3	—	3
v. Birkenhead S.	Lost	12	—	3
v. Cowley G.S.	Lost	13	—	5
v. Manchester G.S.	Won	13	—	12
v. Blackpool G.S.	Lost	3	—	0
v. Hutton G.S.	Won	5	—	0
v. Chethams H.S.	Won	36	—	3
v. King Edward VII, Lytham	Lost	8	—	6
v. Ormskirk G.S.	Won	9	—	3
v. Calday G.S.	Won	9	—	8
v. Upholland G.S.	Won	6	—	5
v. Kirkham G.S.	Won	18	—	3
v. Preston G.S.	Lost	3	—	0
v. Chethams G.S.	Won	6	—	5
v. Leyland Motors	Won	12	—	0
v. Balshaws G.S.	Drew	0	—	0
v. Ormskirk G.S.	Won	15	—	3
v. Leyland Motors	Won	15	—	10
v. St. Mary's, Crosby	Lost	6	—	0
v. Wallasey G.S.	Won	14	—	0
v. Bolton S.	Won	35	—	0
v. Upholland G.S.	Won	9	—	3
v. Cowley G.S.	Won	11	—	8
v. Old Boys' XV	Won	3	—	0
v. Calday G.S.	Won	21	—	0
v. Southport R.U.F.C.	Lost	16	—	3

P.K.T.

2nd XV

Won 6 Lost 10 Drawn 2

On the whole this was a very pleasing season with the team showing determination on all occasions. A few matches in particular produced good intelligent rugby, a fair share of which was supplied by our own team.

The backs, while never failing to produce a good effort, were a little inexperienced and lacking in skill and speed and consequently more work fell on the forwards who invariably rose to the occasion admirably under the leadership of Fairclough.

Smith-Crallan led the team most satisfactorily, and his own enthusiasm laid the basis of the good team spirit which prevailed throughout the season.

R.H.

UNDER 15 XV

This team met with rather mixed fortunes during the season, and in terms of matches won and lost it did not do very well. However, if one takes into consideration the strength of the team in relation to those of previous years, they did as well as could have been expected of them.

The forwards played well together but lacked speed in the loose. Thompson as hooker was outstanding, and he also tackled courageously, there should be a good future for him in School rugby. He was ably supported in the front row by Allardice and Marley, both of whom played with great determination and also with intelligence. Miley proved to be a very useful wing forward who covered back successfully to prevent a number of tries being scored against the team. Abram improved greatly as the season progressed and showed keenness to a marked degree, but his line-out work was his weak department. Haslam, the team vice-captain, got through a tremendous amount of work, and he led the team on a number of occasions after Tabron was injured.

The full back was Tabron who was very safe and became a reliable touch finder. He had not played in this position before the beginning of the season and he is to be congratulated on his improvement and determination to succeed. After his injury late in the year, Downes played in his place. Downes tackled well but his positional play was suspect at times. Among the threequarters Littlewood was by far the most dangerous and he scored a number of tries almost by himself, but he was not given anything like enough passes because movements tended to break down in mid-field. Booth and Collins on occasions made some useful breaks, but they need to learn to take a pass

at speed—too often they handicapped themselves by receiving passes while stationary. Pearson played both in the backs and as a wing forward and at both showed ability, particularly as a touch kicker. MacDonald at stand off half was most useful: he learnt to take passes well and on many occasions made useful breaks on his own. His major fault is that he finds difficulty in giving passes of any real length. Bilton tried hard during the season, and towards the end was playing sensibly when he had learnt that he was not expected to score single handed by himself every time he had the ball. Ogden played his best always, and Ostick would have been a valuable member of the side but was quickly injured at the start of the season. Johnson, Walsh, Harris, Moxon, Forber, Fozard, Rimmer, Lockyer and Broughton also played for the team.

Tabron performed his task of team captain successfully, and at all times showed his team a fine example both while winning and losing.

Colours were awarded to—

Tabron, Haslam, Collins, Allardice, Thompson, Booth, Abram, Marley, Miley, Pearson, McDonald, Downes.

UNDER 14 XV

This year the U14 XV had a successful season. They were an enthusiastic and lively group and, in general, a pleasant team with which to work. To enthusiasm and a good measure of games ability was added an above-average quantity of brawn: an important prerequisite for success in this age-group. It is always difficult to inculcate the ability and willingness to tackle opponents correctly and effectively, but this year a fine example was set by Cunliffe, Keeley and Walton. Walton, the captain, was undoubtedly the outstanding player of the team. He showed considerable promise as a scrum-half, but his weakness was a tendency to attempt to do too much himself. Throughout the season the standard of goal-kicking left much to be desired and most tries remained unconverted.

The scrum, after a shaky start, settled down under Abram's leadership to become quite a powerful force, and at least the equal of their opponents in the set-scrum and the line-out. The most promising forwards were Abram, Cunliffe, Gilchrist, Rimmer and Sixsmith. The loose scrummaging was less satisfactory, however, with a tendency for some of the scrum to act as extra three-quarters rather than getting their heads down and feet over the ball for a quick heel.

The three-quarters were more unpredictable, despite good individual performances, and often failed to combine well, through

dropped passes or faulty positioning. Their defensive play improved considerably during the season, but their offensive movements frequently lacked penetration. As no obvious candidate for the stand-off position appeared, Rogers was moved out of the scrums to fill the gap. Although rather slow off the mark, his handling, passing and kicking were generally good. In the centre, both Atkinson and Livesey were very fast and scored some fine tries, but they did not combine too well and their passing was erratic. In addition, Livesey was, on occasion, reluctant to tackle. Towards the end of the season Atkinson was injured for the second time and his place was ably filled by Cumbley. Box and Keeley on the wings both tackled well and, with a little encouragement, ran hard, but would perhaps have benefited from a more aggressive outlook.

At full-back, Smith-Crallan was a competent player who tackled hard, but who had a somewhat frightening tendency, on occasions, to over-estimate his touch-finding ability!

In conclusion, it must be emphasised that the team spirit and enthusiasm were the most pleasing features of the season and this augurs well for the future.

U14 XV RESULTS

Sept 28 (A)—v.	John Rigby School	Lost	6 — 30
	(H)—v. Birkenhead School	Won	24 — 9
Oct. 5 (H)—v.	Cowley G. School	Lost	3 — 21
Oct. 16 (H)—v.	Blackpool G. School	Won	16 — 5
Oct. 19 (A)—v.	Hutton G. School	Won	23 — 6
Nov. 9 (H)—v.	Ormskirk G. School	Drew	6 — 6
Nov. 16 (H)—v.	Calday Grange G. School	Won	17 — 0
Nov. 29 (A)—v.	Kirkham G. School	Lost	9 — 10
Dec. 4 (H)—v.	King Edward VII School, Lytham	Won	30 — 0
	(A)—v. Preston G. School	Drew	3 — 3
Feb. 1 (A)—v.	Ormskirk G. School	Won	9 — 6
Feb. 5 (H)—v.	Stonyhurst College	Won	9 — 5
Feb. 8 (H)—v.	St. Mary's College	Lost	0 — 3
Feb. 19 (H)—v.	Wallasey G. School	Won	17 — 5
Mar. 14 (A)—v.	Cowley G. School	Lost	0 — 9
	Points against	118	
	Points for	172	

CROSS-COUNTRY

Captain: T. W. Wall

Vice-Captain: J. C. Russel

Secretary: J. D. Pickard

Under 16 Captain: G. L. Hall

This year, there has been the beginning of a renaissance in cross-country running. Team-members' keenness has produced some very good results; and, although successes were harder to

find in the Spring term, when opposition was first-rate, much useful experience over country was gained. Our teams have been greatly handicapped of recent years by the lack of a true cross-country course over which to train; and runners are now beginning to realise that journeys must be made to inaccessible wildernesses such as the dunes at Ainsdale, if results are to continue to improve.

Wall's experience and ability have been invaluable to the team. At his best, he is an outstanding runner, especially over country. He has a relaxed style, liking to come from behind: one remembers especially his victories over the tough courses at Blackburn and Birkenhead, and his long run-in just ahead of pursuit after the testing sand at Lytham. Russel has been troubled from time to time by injury, but he is keen, has a good economical style, and is perhaps the best school runner over our road course. Matthew has had a very good season: he was extremely fit and dependable, and steadily improved through the season until, in the Northern Schools' Championships, he was the best-placed of our runners. The highly promising Hall has done very well in the Open team, though eligible for the Under 16's, and should be a stalwart in the years to come. The consistent Eckersley and the fast-improving Rimmer have always served the team well; whilst Pickard has been an efficient secretary and a game runner. School half-colours were awarded to Wall, Russel and Matthew.

Of the Under 16 team apart from Hall, Marley and Foster turned in some excellent results; but they, like most of this team, lacked consistency. Marley, who will still be under sixteen next year, could be an outstanding runner if he trains hard and often. Gaskell, Kenyon, Johnson and Howard have all had their moments; and there should be some healthy competition for Senior team places next season.

Despite the book-title "The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner", cross-country is just as much a team sport as an individual one. Strength in depth is essential. One example was in the first match v. Merchant Taylors', when Broughton, Hall-sall, and Rimmer, coming in ninth equal, clinched a hitherto even match in our favour. Only Wall is definitely leaving this summer; and, if training is pursued conscientiously from early September, the team could do very well indeed next year. A good sign for the future was the success of very young runners such as Butterworth (3X) and Turner (2A) in the Junior House Cross-country, which was won in good style by Crimmins. It is hoped to arrange one or two fixtures next season for an Under 14 team.

RESULTS

Open :

- v. Bolton School (H) Lost
- v. Hutton G.S. (A) Lost 29 — 57
(Wall and Hall equal 3rd).
- v. Q.E.G.S., Blackburn (H) Won 33 — 45
(Wall, Russel, Hall, Matthew equal 1st).
- v. Manchester G.S. (H) Lost 29 — 53
Wall and Russel equal 3rd).
- v. Q.E.G.S., Blackburn, a n d
Clitheroe G.S. (A) Won 55-56-60
(Wall 1st).
- v. Merchant Taylors' (H) Won 27 — 30
(Russel 2nd, Wall 3rd. Russel's time of 24 min. 17 secs.
was the best by a school runner over our course this
season).
- v. Birkenhead School (A) Lost 21 — 42
(Wall 1st).
- v. Hutton G.S. (H) Won 39 — 43
(Wall and Russel equal 3rd).
- v. Merchant Taylors' (A) Lost 36 — 44
(Wall 3rd).
- v. K.E. VII School, Lytham ... (A) Lost 32 — 46
(Wall 1st).
- v. Birkenhead School (H) Lost 17 — 47
(Matthew 4th).
- v. Stonyhurst and Clitheroe G.S. (A) Lost

Northern Schools' Championships—50th out of 84 teams.
(Matthew 133rd, Wall 138th, Eckersley 290th, Russel
293rd, Rimmer 294th. Out of 500).

Under 16 :

- v. Bolton School (H) Won
- v. Manchester G.S. (H) Lost 32 — 50
(Hall 1st).
- v. Q.E.G.S., Blackburn, a n d
Clitheroe G.S. (A) Lost
- v. Merchant Taylors' (H) Won 24 — 33
(Marley 1st).
- v. Birkenhead School (A) Lost 17 — 44
(Marley 4th).
- v. Merchant Taylors' (A) Won 31 — 50
(Foster 2nd, Johnson 3rd, Gaskell 4th).
- v. K.E. VII School, Lytham ... (A) Lost 32 — 46
(Foster 2nd).
- v. Birkenhead School (H) Lost 15 — 54

Northern Schools' Under 16 Championships: Gaskell
308th, Kenyon 362nd, Howard 438th. Out of 576 runners.

BADMINTON

The school senior side was captained by R. Moore, who played first couple with Eckersall. Ellis and Forshaw developed into a reliable second couple and appear to be very well balanced. The indisposition of P. Thompson gave Howard his chance and he proved competent when playing with either Kay or Newton, who both played well when called upon. A. Thompson came into the team in the latter part of the season and should prove a reliable player in the future.

The junior team (U.16), captained by Saunders and Moss, did not have a very successful season. One fixture had to be discontinued but a new one has been arranged for next season.

House badminton matches continue to consist of three games. Grear's and Spencer's again reached the final and again Spencer's won, this time by 3-0. They beat Mason's, Edwards' and Leech's; whilst Grear's beat Evans', Roger's and Woodham's.

Support for general play was fairly well maintained among juniors on Monday and Friday lunch-times, but support by seniors on Wednesday evening disappointed and was discontinued during the Easter term. Careful consideration must be given to this because competent House teams and successful School teams can be maintained only if players are keen enough to practise regularly and will take advantage of the opportunities provided by the school to do so.

The teams were chosen from:

Seniors: Moore (capt.), Eckersall, Ellis, Forshaw, Kay, Day, Howard, Thompson, Newton.

Juniors: Saunders, Moss, Howard, Newton, Hepworth, A. Thompson, Bamber, Dargue, Harkness.

Half-colours were awarded to Ellis and Forshaw, and re-awarded to Eckersall and Moore.

Junior Results :

v. Crosby S.S.	(A)	Lost	5 — 4
v. Crosby S.S.	(H)	Won	5 — 4
v. Crosby S.S.	(H)	Lost	5 — 4
v. Crosby S.S.	(A)	Lost	5 — 4

Senior Results :

v. Waterloo G.S.	(H)	Won	7 — 2
v. Hutton G.S.	(H)	Lost	7 — 2
v. Birkenhead S.	(A)	Won	5 — 4
v. Masters	(H)	Won	8 — 1
v. Wallasey G.S.	(H)	Won	9 — 0
v. Waterloo G.S.	(A)	Won	8 — 1
v. Blackburn G.S.	(H)	Lost	5 — 4

v. Waterloo G.S.	(A)	Won	6 — 3
v. Blackburn G.S.	(A)	Lost	5 — 4
v. Hutton G.S.	(A)	Lost	8 — 1
v. Wallasey G.S.	(A)	Won	6 — 3
v. Merchant Taylors' S.	(H)	Won	9 — 0
v. Merchant Taylors' S.	(A)	Won	8 — 1
v. Old Boys	(H)	Won	5 — 4

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS 1964

The first match of the season, versus King Edward VII S. Lytham and Lancaster R.G.S., was held at Lytham under difficult conditions. The 330 yard track was foreign to most of our competitors and a heavy fall of rain just before the start made the ground very soggy underfoot. Although the team was not up to full strength, there were some excellent individual performances for the first match and the school came second in both age groups. Much better weather graced the six-sided match at Blackburn and the team showed great spirit and determination in repeating their performance of last year by coming 1st equal, this time with Bolton School.

As an encouragement to athletics lower down the school, it was decided to arrange some under 14 and under 13 fixtures and although most schools seem unable to field teams in this age group one match was arranged against John Rigby School. The under 14 match was particularly close—the team only losing by 3 points in the end; but the under 13 team found itself outclassed in nearly every event. It is hoped, however, to have more matches in this age group in future years for the competitors of these age groups seem particularly desirous of competition.

The last match to date was a triangular match held at home against Hutton G.S. and Wallasey G.S. In this match was emphasised what had been suspected after the match at Lytham—that the team has no strength in depth. In the senior age group the school won eight of the thirteen events and yet Hutton G.S. managed to get first place by 9 points. In the under sixteen age group, too, traces of this were found and it is hoped that the disparity does not increase as they become seniors.

For the rest of the term we are looking forward to the Lancashire Schools' championships in which eight boys have been entered and it is hoped to repeat last year's performance of five boys being placed in their finals.

W.G.D.

RESULTS

Thursday, May 7th, at Lytham—

	Open	Under 16
Lancaster R.G.S.	80	78
K.G. V	71	45
K.E. VII S., Lytham	45	43

Thursday, May 21st, at Home—

	Under 14	Under 13
John Rigby S.	58	54
K.G. V	54	40

Thursday, May 14th, at Witton Park, Blackburn—

Open		Under 16		Overall	
1. Hulme G.S. ... 59½	1 Bolton S. 67	1 K.G. V	}	122	Bolton S.
2 K.G. V 58	2 K.G. V 64	3 Hulme G.S. 59			
3 Bolton S. 55	4 Q.E.G.S. 45	4 Q.E.G.S. 88			
4 Q.E.G.S. 43	5 Burnley G.S. ... 40½	5 Burnley G.S. ... 55½			
5 Burnley G.S. ... 40½	6 Clitheroe G.S. ... 15	6 Clitheroe G.S. ... 50			

Thursday, May 28th, at Home—

	Open	Under 16
Hutton G.S.	108	88
K.G. V	99	84½
Wallasey G.S.	75	80½

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The Royal Air Force

CHESS CLUB

Captain of Chess: J. D. Pickard

Secretary: I. Davidson

This season has been one of the most successful the club has ever had, as can be seen by the results. In the Sunday Times National Schools Competition we reached the zonal semi-finals where, however, we were knocked out—but only by the narrowest of margins. In the Wright Shield we conducted ourselves quite respectably and succeeded in repeating last year's feat of coming third out of eighteen schools. We even managed to lose to the invincible Liverpool Institute by only one point, an achievement in itself. Unfortunately, rather overconfident as a result of our previous successes, we took on Wallasey in the sixth round with an air of complacency—with disastrous consequences, crashing $6\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ and thus putting paid to our hopes of obtaining a higher place. The second team, while only having a small number of fixtures, played quite well.

All the members of the 1st team have very good records; but special mention should be made of Pickard, who is one of the most successful 1st boards we have ever had. He has also undertaken the difficult task of captaincy more than ably and instilled into the other members of the team a quiet confidence which has been invaluable. Half-colours have been awarded to Davidson, I. and Tinger and re-awarded to Pickard, Sell and Dawe. Boys who played regularly for the 1st team are as follows:

Pickard, Sell, Dawe, Tinger, Davidson, I., Davidson, M., Tinsley, Hepworth.

Members of the second team:

Robinson, Gilchrist, Rapaport, Barnett, Hatfield, Thompson, Pursall.

Interest in Chess in the School is best exemplified by the keen way in which the House Championships were fought; Evans' and Grear's shared the Rimmer Cup after a hard tussle and Spencer's just emerging victorious over Edward's in the juniors.

RESULTS

Wright Shield:

Round	Versus		Result
1	Merchant Taylors School	(H) Won	$5\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$
2	Liverpool Institute High School	(A) Lost	3 — 4
3	Cardinal Godfrey School	(A) Won	$4\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$
4	Ormskirk G.S.	(H) Won	$5\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$
5	Calday Grange G.S.	(A) Won	4 — 3
6	Wallasey G.S.	(H) Lost	$\frac{1}{2} - 6\frac{1}{2}$
7	Wade Deacon G.S.	(A) Drew	$3\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$

Sunday Times:

Round	Versus		Result
1	Preston G.S.	(H) Won	$4\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$
2	Liverpool Institute 2nd Team	(H) Won	4 — 2
3	Morecambe G.S.	(H) Won	4 — 3
	Zonal Semi-final Burnley G.S. ...	(A) Lost	$2\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$

Friendly:

v.	Southport Chess Club	(H) Lost	$4\frac{1}{2} - 8\frac{1}{2}$
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2nd Team:

v.	Liverpool Institute	(A) Lost	2 — 5
v.	Wallasey G.S.	(H) Won	5 — 0

I.D.

FENCING CLUB

Contrary to popular belief, the Fencing Club is still in existence and has a membership of nine. Meetings have not been well-attended this term owing to other activities occurring on Friday evening, but next term we shall begin to prepare ourselves for matches with other schools.

Last term a team comprising Laws, Everett, Mathison and Kissick took part in the North West schoolboy foil championship with more success than last year.

We are looking forward to welcoming several new members next term.

Finally, we would be grateful if anyone who has any equipment which they are willing to part with would contact any member of the Fencing Club.

P.S.E.

Society Reports

THORNLEY SOCIETY

President: The Headmaster

Chairman: T. P. Whitehead

Secretary: R. Q. Laws

The Easter meet this year was held at Glen Brittle on the Isle of Skye from the 30th of March to the 3rd of April. All members of the society took part, the Headmaster and Mr. Bolton providing the transport. The Black Cuillins were to put the school party to a hard test of skill and endurance: the Scottish roads were to put the cars to a hard test of endurance also.

Four members were held up for two hours owing to a broken exhaust pipe and did not do any climbing on the first day. The remaining two members climbed up to the main Cuillin ridge.

On the next day, the party, having walked up Coire Lagan, ascended to the Sgurr Sgumain—Sgurr Alasdair ridge via the North Ridge route. Sgurr Alasdair and Sgurr Mhic Choinnich were then climbed.

On the following day, under very sunny conditions, Window Buttress on Sgurr Dearg was climbed and then the party traversed the ridge via Sgurr na Banachdich and Sgurr na Gobhar. The Inaccessible Pinnacle on the former peak was climbed. That evening two members went swimming and are now of the opinion that the water in Loch Brittle is super-cooled.

On the next and last day, after a relatively early start, the party walked round to Loch Coruisk, which is said to be one of the finest lochs in Skye. Here the party split up, the older members setting out to "do the Dubhs". Sgurr Dubh Beag, Sgurr Dubh Mor, and Sgurr Dubh Na Da Bheinn were climbed. These peaks, which are climbed almost entirely on rock, provided a hard test in route-finding and climbing skill. Two members then went on to climb the Dubh-Thearlaich Gap. The other half of the party returned to Glen Brittle via Bealach a Gharbh-choire, a route which, though not quite as spectacular as the Dubh route, was very enjoyable.

The meet broke up on the following day, Friday, no climbing being done on that day.

It is hoped to hold a meet for beginners during the Autumn term.

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

President: Mr. Steane

Chairman: S. B. Fletcher

Secretary: W. G. Day

During the Autumn Term we were fortunate to be able to have two films to show our members — one on the history of powered flight and the other on Coventry Cathedral, both these meetings attracting audiences of over 100. Equally popular were the talks given by Messrs. Steane and Trayhern especially the latter's description of pirates in the Caribbean. As usual, however, the highlight of the year was the trips organised during the summer term. The first of these, to Chester, was blessed with fine weather, and after a slide show organised by the curator of the Grosvenor Museum, the party were left to their own devices for the rest of the day—devices which varied from walking round the medieval walls, to boating on the river, to haunting a fairground which stood within one hundred yards of the coach.

On May 30th the second trip took place, the first stop being the village of Styal just south of Manchester. Styal is the only example of its kind in England, being an industrial revolution village which has been taken over in its entirety by the National Trust; of particular interest were the reminiscences of Mr. Henshall, who used to work in the mill there. After exhortations from the Hon. Sec. not to hunt deer, the party disembarked at Lyme Park to eat before seeing the hall. No deer were immediately visible, but a pleasant diversion arose when a number of sheep pursued the chairman in order, no doubt, to get at his carrot butties. From Lyme Park Hall the coach proceeded to Bramall Old Hall, a fine Elizabethan house set in a large park, where three members of the party, for some unaccountable reason, jumped into the river.

Each of the trips was made even more interesting by the provision of questionnaires—the person with the most correct answers receiving a cash prize. At the time of writing there is one more trip to go—to Shrewsbury, and it is hoped that this will prove as pleasant as the others.

At the end of this term we are unfortunate to lose Mr. Steane and Mr. Trayhern, both of whom have entered into Local History Society activities with great enthusiasm—this is reflected in the amount of support the society gets from all years in the school. The committee and members of the society would like to extend to both these masters their grateful thanks and best wishes in their new posts.

W.G.D.

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COLLOQUIUM REPORT

A Colloquium is, by definition, a place where people meet to converse together—and indeed this is the purpose of the school Colloquium, a society consisting of the more senior members of the school where, after a brief talk by an invited speaker, there is general discussion among the members on that topic. Great care was taken to provide both a wide range of interesting, if controversial, subjects, and speakers well qualified on their own particular topic; but, though questions were usually forthcoming from the members and though all meetings were fully attended, general debate seemed strained and was rarely spontaneous.

The first talk of the year was given by Mr. Beaman, a Conservative Trade Unionist, who has had first hand experience of industrial relations. He gave a clear and impartial picture of the Labour situation in Britain today, pointing out that even in this country there are wide discrepancies in industrial wages, but at the same time he was careful to outline the managerial point of view. After his introductory talk, Mr. Beaman was kept occupied by a brisk flow of questions, most of which were about the present need for, and purpose of, Trade Unions.

For the next meeting the society invited Mr. Fox, secretary of Winwick Hospital, Warrington, to speak on the National Health Service. After giving a brief history of the Service, Mr. Fox spoke on hospital administration today—the merits and faults of the present system. He pointed out how overcrowded hospitals are and how, in his view, administration could be streamlined to lead to greater efficiency.

In the Spring Term, Mr. Goldwater, prospective Labour candidate for Southport, addressed the society. He covered in detail most aspects of Labour party policy. Although he confessed he didn't have any special knowledge of comprehensive schools, the seriousness and topicality of the subject led him into heated arguments with one or two of the staff present.

"History is Bunk", so Henry Ford said: it was, not unnaturally, Mr. Steane who had the task of disproving this assertion in the first meeting of the Summer Term on May 4th. I think all present were impressed by his lively and interesting talk. During the ensuing debate there was a lengthy discussion, only ended by lack of time, on the similarity between scientific and historical method, with Mr. Steane answering all without hesitation. It is seldom we have been privileged to hear such a clear and incisive speech.

At the annual dinner, the last meeting of the school year, it is hoped to have the Rev. G. A. Maland to speak on "The Nuclear Deterrent". It is hoped there will again be a good attendance.

S.B.F.

C.E.W.C. AND LITERARY SOCIETY

One purpose of any society in a school is to increase the pupils' knowledge of subjects which they might not otherwise get to know. In this context, the C.E.W.C. and Literary Society tries not only to develop an understanding of the world in which we live, but also to create enjoyment of the arts. It is unfortunate that a society with these aims should get its main support from the 'Modern' side of the school. Admittedly, the modernist is in great need of education about the world of the arts, but one would think that the Science side would find this of even greater importance. Judging from the attendance, however, one concludes that scientists shy from coming to most of the meetings. This is perhaps because they think of the C.E.W.C. as a closed society, an opinion which I have heard expressed on several occasions; but the fact is that this is completely untrue.

This year, topics have ranged from a discussion on Malaysia to a talk on Modern Art. This means to say that the society has a unique role, as the range of subjects which can be discussed is infinite. Sitting in the Upper Staff Room, people have made comments over their cups of tea which, whilst they may not directly affect the course of the world, serve to make us conscious of the rest of humanity. Mr. Parsons stimulated great interest in the plight of the populations in under-developed countries. Some people will think that this subject has already received enough attention, but when it is realised that over two-thirds of the world's population is starving and that countries with a standard of living as high as ours are in a very small minority, it will be seen that something has to be done to help. It is only by continually presenting these facts that the problem will begin to be solved.

When Mr. Wilson came to talk to us on Modern Art, he performed another very useful function. Few members of the school had up to this moment expressed any knowledge or understanding of modern art. Most people looked on it as some form of fraud. Why should a few splashes of paint on a canvas mean anything? Now people can see the evolutionary process of art during the last century, and the way in which these 'daubs' form patterns, often of a most complicated nature. Modern art has developed from the stage where it was just a rather poor joke to the position in which it is a highly complex subject. It is as well that people in this school should keep abreast of the new ideas.

A talk on the problems and successes of multi-racial education in Swaziland, given by Mr. Roseveare, proved most interesting. A small school has been set up in the Trust territory to give education to people of all races. A very small but select

band of people stayed behind, and in a discussion with Mr. Rosevere many interesting facts emerged about life in South Africa.

From this small selection of events it can be seen that the C.E.W.C. has a very useful purpose. It is to be hoped that, as the sixth form continues to increase in size, the attendance at C.E.W.C. meetings will grow too: for not only does the society perform the more mundane task of helping to give boys a better general education, but also it strives to create in them a greater understanding of the world around them.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Joint-Chairmen: W. G. Day and S. B. Fletcher
Secretary: J. B. Emslie

As will have been seen from the correspondence in last term's magazine, support for the Debating Society has declined in recent years. The standard of the debates has remained constant, however, and this year three in particular have stood out. The first of these was a prefectorial brains-trust held in the autumn term in which two modernists, Messrs. Fletcher and Thompson combined rather well with two scientists, Messrs. Davis and Jackson, to produce a variety of answers which engendered all the emotions from horror to hilarity in their audience.

Another combination of scientists and modernists produced an excellent debate on the veracity of flying saucers. Supporting their existence, Mr. Winters spoke of his own experiences in Roe Lane one dark evening. For the opposition, Mr. Fellows demonstrated the impracticability of the motion by taping a saucer to the ceiling and though it was exhorted to the contrary when the tape was cut, the saucer crashed to the earth. Seconding the opposition, Mr. Dufton seemed to have a personal grudge against Mr. Winters and was alternately cheered and barracked by the audience. The motion was defeated amid scenes of some disorder as Mr. Winters protested his story was true.

The final debate of the year was the Masters' Debate which, as usual, attracted the largest attendance of the year. The debate took place on Friday, the 13th of March, and the motion was "That this House is Superstitious". It was proposed by Mr. T. B. L. Davies and seconded by the Hon. Sec. J. B. Emslie who stood in at the last minute for Mr. Berry who was unfortunately ill. Mr. Davies disclosed the world-shattering facts that he eats prunes for breakfast and that one of the chairmen of the society, the one with glasses, was particularly superstitious about his bootlaces whilst playing rugby. For the opposition, Mr. Wilson drew a neat analogy between the Egyptian scarabs and their associations with dung, and the modern-day Beatles. Mr. Steane, seconding the motion, was

obviously well-versed in such debates and from Mr. Wilson's speech drew the rallying cry "Muck not Luck!" This carried the day, and the motion was defeated by the slender margin of four votes.

The thanks of the society are extended to all those gentlemen who spoke and particularly Mr. Fellows, Mr. Emslie and the effervescent Mr. Armitage, who always found some way to enliven debates, even importing Bacchanalians from the High School on one notable occasion.

LIBRARY REPORT

Senior Librarians: M. S. Armitage, D. Aspinwall, W. G. Day, S. B. Fletcher

Junior Librarians: Fellows, Moore, Thompson, Horwich, Gritten, Goldsmith, Rurlander, Dickinson, Emslie, Heyes, Kerse, Lawrence, Mathison, Pessell, Sharples, Stubington, Sugden, Turner, Everett

A total of 225 new volumes have been added to the library during the year and we are grateful to the following boys and old boys for gifts of books:

A. J. Reid, H. J. M. Royden, D. A. Stuart, P. K. Thomas. Books have also been received from Messrs. G. F. Dixon, P. Foster, G. Marshall, C. G. Parsons and J. E. Trayhern, and the South Australian Fellowship of Australian Writers.

During the summer term some of the old magazine covers have been discarded, and have been replaced with a rather more elegant style of holder with perspex fronts. We hope eventually to replace all the covers in this way and take other steps to brighten up the Library. W.G.D.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

President: The Headmaster

Chairman: P. Jackson **Secretary:** P. Molineux
Committee: M. Maloney, P. Whitehead, A. Calland, R. Laws

The meetings this year have proved that the members of the Scientific Society enjoy spectacular demonstrations rather more than theoretical lectures. The two outstanding meetings were held at the beginning of the Autumn Term. In one of these, some exciting demonstrations were given by courtesy of British Oxygen; and in the other Dr. Ward of Manchester University showed some of the remarkable properties of elastic liquids. Both of these attracted audiences of over 100.

The meetings then settled to a more comfortable average attendance of about 60 over the whole year. Several lectures had the Atom as a theme and included: "Nuclear Propulsion" by Dr. Locke of U.K.A.E.A., "Exciting Atoms" by Dr. Main, "Atomic Energy and the Chemist" by Mr. Heslop of Manchester University, and a description of the new Risley Reactor by Mr. H. Bridge, an old boy of the school.

Other meetings included a lecture on Optical Masers, one on Colour Television by a lecturer kindly provided by the B.B.C., and Winters gave two interesting talks on Flying Saucers and Science Fiction. More informal meetings included a Brains Trust and two film shows.

We were sorry to lose Mr. Hankinson at the end of Spring term as he has taken charge of the society for several years. Mr. Richardson has kindly agreed to take his place.

On the whole this has been a successful year for the Scientific Society and it is hoped that the Open Day exhibition will provide a fitting climax to the activities.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

President: Mr. Bolton **Chairman:** M. K. A. Maloney
Vice-Chairman: M. Armitage **Secretary:** P. H. Jackson
Committee Members: P. L. Dufton, P. Molineux, A. M. Winters

This year has not been an outstanding one for the society as far as attendances are concerned. The average attendance was in the region of twenty in spite of our efforts to improve on this.

Six lectures were held in all, on the topics: Training American Astronauts, The Pic Du Midi Observatory, Comets, Radio Astronomy, Real and Phantom Moons, and Stars in the Making. I feel special mention should be made of the fourth lecture—"Radio Astronomy"—given by an old boy, Dr. C. H. Slater, who now works at Jodrell Bank. He brought along to the lecture several ingenious demonstrations (which amused, incidentally, more than just the junior boys) to illustrate diffraction of electromagnetic waves.

On the practical side, the society (chiefly the officials) have done some useful work on meteor watching and to a lesser extent on observing artificial satellites. We have also been fortunate in observing with good definition in all but the extreme case, the planets Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune; but we met with little success when we tried to photograph the moon—our methods must be refined a little for better results.

This year we have attempted to stimulate interest in the more junior boys by inviting them to the observatory, but persistent bad conditions and difficulty of communication made co-ordination difficult and the plan did not materialise as far as desired.

We hope that the coming year will be more successful for the society and we urge YOU PERSONALLY to attend just one meeting. I am sure you will be interested.

We appreciate the interest Mr. Bolton has shown throughout his years in office and we thank Mr. Richardson for kindly offering to take over the presidency. P.H.J.

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SAILING CLUB

President: Mr. Abram **Commodore:** J. Rischmiller
Vice-Commodores: K. J. Whitehead, J. Crook, J. Ball
Treasurer: C. J. Wilson **Secretary:** D. Morgan

The beginning of the season saw the completion of the school Heron by Vice-Commodore Whitehead and the Treasurer. Our grateful thanks must also go to Mr. Long for his invaluable assistance and the use of his workshop.

Whilst the sailing on Wednesday afternoons is of course very popular, we find that the attendances on Monday evenings are falling off. We hope these will improve now the better weather is here. The weather has been varied and indeed on the first day several members accidentally tested their buoyancy apparatus. One found his was not adequate, especially with a screw through it.

The selection of boats available is very varied and thanks are given to the following members for the use of their boats:—

The Commodore — Enterprise
 Vice-Commodore Crook — Graduate
 N. Kissick — Heron
 C. Uttley — Heron
 D. Taylor — Y.W.G.P.H.

It is hoped that the helming of the President will continue with the progress it has so far shown. D.M.

RAMBLING CLUB

Chairman: P. Molineux
Secretary: R. C. Copson **Treasurer:** T. P. Whitehead
Committee: Mr. J. Hodnett, R. G. Laws, P. Jackson,
 I. Mathison, A. L. Calland

Since the last report we have enjoyed three rambles: two in the Peak District of Derbyshire and one in The Forest of Bowland. Owing to the popularity of the districts, these expeditions have been well supported with an average number of thirty-five.

More ambitious plans have been made for the near future, including expeditions to the Lake District and North Wales. These can be undertaken at a moderate cost providing they are well supported.

We would like to emphasise that these expeditions are open to the whole school, and that the parties are split into groups according to age. It is hoped that there will be more support from the Junior school on future meets.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks to Mr. Hodnett and Mr. Parsons for their help in the organisation of the rambles.

SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP REPORT

With the coming of the Summer term, the troop can widen its activities. The long evenings give ample opportunity for wide games and other out-of-door pursuits. The troop begins to prepare for Summer camp, which this year is to be held in the Pennant Valley, near Criccieth, North Wales.

The Troop has had a very good year. The Parents' Association Committee has set the Troop on its feet financially, and it now remains for the scouts themselves to prove their worth. It is often said that youth today has neither ambition nor ability. Such statements may well be true: the patrol leaders must now play their part, for it is the leadership which matters. Leadership is, we know, a gift, but it is not one which is achieved by suppression, and our patrol leaders must realise that understanding and partnership will play a large part in their lives.

At the Local Association Athletic Sports the Troop was most successful, and all competitors are to be congratulated. We were runners-up in the Senior Scout Competition and were third in the Junior Scout Competition. A large number of team and individual certificates was won.

We are grateful to all who supported us during Bob-a-job week. We raised over £70 which was the highest amount in the Southport Local Association. C. D. Hunt and H. E. Rurlander won the Individual Bob-a-job competition, and the Senior Patrol won the Patrol Prize.

We look forward to our first annual Scout Service on July 12th, at which the preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Warrington.

Badgework this year has been most satisfactory. A large number of useful proficiency badges have been obtained, and these people are to be congratulated, as well as all those who have gained their second and first class badges.

Finally, a general comment and an appeal. The interest and fun of real scouting is no less today than it ever was, but we must realise that scouting must compete with many other things today. Scouting is voluntary, and the boys who join the movement do so because they think scouting has something to offer. There is little fun or value in meeting in school week after week to play childish games. Boys know this is not scouting and soon leave it alone. Scouting must be competitive to both

scouters and scouts. There is little attraction in meeting once a week "because it's scouts tonight". Scouting for boys can hardly change, but the men in scouting must adapt themselves to our changing world. The School Troop, with a total membership of 56, needs more scouters, and I would ask Old Boys or parents to consider whether they could lend a hand occasionally.

"A Scout's Duty is to be useful and help others."

EUROPA

One meeting has been held this term when Mr. Parsons gave a talk on General de Gaulle and his policies. This was followed by a lively discussion.

Next term we hope that M. Berbiers, who is one of the French oral examiners, will talk to us. We also hope the boys who have spent this term in either France or Germany will lead a discussion in another meeting.

P.S.E.

FILM SOCIETY

President: Mr. J. E. Trayhern

Chairman: J. M. Davis

This last year has seen the Film Society firmly established as one of the School's major societies. It was organised into two sections, Junior and Senior, both of which were run with a great deal of success.

The Junior society showed six films (there would have been more but for the jinxed Jerry Lewis film) and all to capacity audiences. The committee were pleased to see the enthusiasm with which the films were received, and will bear in mind the relative popularity of the films when selecting next year's programme.

The success of the senior society was reflected in the queues outside the lecture theatre for the showing of "Psycho". This was undoubtedly the most popular of the four films shown to senior members, although "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof", starring Elizabeth Taylor, caused a considerable amount of interest amongst senior boys. The most important thing was that the members were not disappointed. We received compliments all round from members of the audience that watched "Psycho".

This year the society has been showing in the lecture theatre and we have found that there is a vast improvement in the quality of the sound produced.

I would like to thank Mr. Trayhern for all the hard work he has put into the society during the last two years. The film

society will miss him next year, but we wish him the best of luck, and hope he can stimulate interest for a Film Society at his new post. I would also like to thank Halsall for his fine work as projectionist. Finally I would like to thank my committee for all the work they have done before and after every meeting. Next year's chairman will be fortunate indeed to get support such as I have had.

I hope the school will support the society next year as it has in the last two years. J.M.D.

JAZZ CLUB

Chairman: J. Davies **Vice-Chairman/Hon. Sec.:** W. G. Day

The meetings of the Jazz Club have been held at their usual irregular intervals, so irregular indeed that only the committee have known about them at times. The unfortunate trend shown in recent years towards the bastard style of Rhythm and Blues continued this year when Jones and Reid produced a selection of records which took up every dinnertime for a week in the autumn term, drawing attendances well over the 50 mark. Those attempts to provide music more in keeping with the name of the club unfortunately did not attract many people, although it was found that those who did attend were fairly knowledgeable about the subject. W.G.D.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Chairman: D. P. Fellows

Secretary: C. J. Heyes

Treasurer: D. Aspinwall

At the present time photography seems to be an increasingly popular hobby. It is unfortunate that the school society seems to be losing ground. The basic trouble is that there is too large a gap between the age groups interested in this pastime at K.G.V. There is between the sixth form and the first and second years a large vacuum in the middle school. If the society is to survive for the next few years it is essential that more support should be given by the boys in the fourth and fifth forms, for the members of the lower school will not come into a position of responsibility for several years yet.

The society is in a fairly strong financial position at the present moment and the membership, though it is disappointingly low at 20, is quite keen. Providing that some people from the middle forms help to run it for the next few years the society can look forward to a much brighter future.

D. P. FELLOWS.

THE CHRISTIAN UNION

President: Mr. D. S. Allen

Chairman: P. F. B. Fiske

The committee is pleased to be able to announce that the increase in attendance shown at the beginning of the year has been maintained. We would, however, be even more pleased, if the Christians in the school would take a greater interest in the Christian Union. Nevertheless, our thanks are due to all those who have attended the meetings as regularly as possible.

During the past year we have attempted to introduce more variety into the type of meetings held. In the autumn term, the first speaker was Mr. G. F. Topping, who was a former captain of the school. This meeting was followed by a very successful "Masters' Brains Trust", which proved both informative and entertaining. The highlight of this term was the showing of a 'Fact and Faith' film—at which the High School Christian Union was also present.

The aims of the Christian Union have been twofold, firstly to provide an opportunity for Christian fellowship, and secondly to provide a programme of meetings which would attract all boys.

Next year's chairman will be M. Rooke, and the new committee would be glad of the full support of all the Christians in the school. We are sure that there will be an attractive programme arranged—of interest to all boys, whatever their particular beliefs. P.F.B.F.

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He knew it was the end, but found
It was not worthy of his tears.

He remembered things he'd done before,
And wondered if it was all worthwhile;
His wife and kids, yes, children four,
And this foul war he thought so vile.

He lay face down in a puddle of blood.
Face downwards on the Battlefield of Death;
The clotting blood was black with the mud:
He gasped and spluttered out of breath.

He'd never thought of death this way:
He'd hoped, like many, he would die in bed;
He'd hoped never to become a German's prey;
A soldier's death he'd learned to dread.

He coughed his last cough;
His lungs gave in;
He slouched away in death;
He slid out and black set in.

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APATHY

When solitude was my friend
And all reality at an end,
My thoughts cast to hazy shores
A sight which must have made many a soldier pause—
Pause with inner conflict,
Only to be consumed by 'heroic' martial strategic.

Strategic was his use,
And now he forms a jungle of white-crossed disuse;
'In memoriam, a war to end wars', it says—
But has man changed his ways?
'Fallen in the defence of Liberty and Freedom,'
Words believed by only blind and mad men—
Ways of courage are too dangerous for a hypocritical race.

(Rat-)race means prejudice and squalid achievement,
Good of man is not our society's bent,
Bent on today we see no morrow,
Time will hasten the consummation of all in sorrow.
For two in three inner warmth is forbidden,
But what care we? Pain and poverty are hidden,
Lives are enriched—but initiative reveals inequality.

Inequality envelops our very essence;
Can this veneer of happiness prove sense?
Haze enshrouds my mind again;
Can this be the very end of men?
Did those men die in vain?
If so, God save their souls, and us the same.

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THE THIRD FLOOR

I ran on to the platform and saw, to my dismay, the 5-35 train slowly pulling out of the station. I knew I would miss it as soon as I set out from the small country farm about half an hour before. I walked, breathless, up to the porter and asked when the next train was due. '7-25' he replied in his gruff voice—"they are not very frequent to Manchester round these parts." Two hours! and the worst of it was that I had just felt three drops of rain. Turning my eyes to the small waiting room I found, not with much surprise, that it was almost full of people. I didn't really fancy waiting for two solid hours amongst a crowd of noisy people, so, hoping that it wouldn't rain, I set off along the road away from the station. My idea was to visit the old museum situated about a quarter of a mile from the station. I was about halfway there when my worst fear was realised—it began to rain! It came down in torrents so, pulling my coat collar over my head, I ran towards the next street. After about five minutes, I arrived at the small museum. Having visited this place many times during my holiday, I was now acquainted with every room. I entered and looked around.

Strange, everything seemed different—oh! of course, they must have altered the place. But no! everywhere was silent, the glass cases which I looked into were empty and when I lifted my eyes up I found that the ceiling was thick with cobwebs. I turned to my right and faced the stairs which led up to the first floor (there were three floors in all) and slowly ascended them. Reaching the landing, I put my head round the first

door and found once again that the room was empty. The main reason why I was so puzzled was that I had been in only the other day. Why then should I find the place almost empty now?

I gazed up the next flight of stairs and decided to go right to the top of the building. The second landing was reached and then I came to the part which I dreaded most of all. Ever since I first started visiting this old place, I always feared this last flight of stairs and top floor. Don't ask me why, I couldn't tell you, but even though the place was usually full of tourists and visitors I had never ventured up these stairs.

Now, the stairs rose up before me, seeming to go higher and higher into the gathering darkness, and all around me was a musty odour giving me the feeling of entering a place that had stood derelict for years.

Plucking up courage, I slowly stepped on to the gloomy stairs. I could hear the rain lashing against the many windows and the wind howling ominously outside. Finally, I was enveloped in complete darkness on the landing. Cautiously I moved forward, but when I made another step a cold chill ran down my spine—I was stepping into empty air! Looking ahead, all I could see was empty space, it was as if I was standing before the entire universe. Then suddenly a terrifying thought came into my head—what was behind me—the dark landing or . . . just more space?

Slowly, I turned round . . .

A. E. RAMSDEN, L.V.B.

CROSSWORDS

One's first experience of crosswords is usually to be found in the children's section of a newspaper or in a weekly comic. It is recognisable by the large space taken up for a comparatively few answers—seldom more than twenty are required. The sight of one of these crosswords has one of two effects on the reader—either he proceeds to turn over, or he settles down to the labour of mind. The solver of such crosswords often becomes extremely adept at reading upside down and hence if he is a true crossword-fiend will begin to look round for something a little more testing.

The most obvious way to turn is to the daily newspapers. These fall into three categories: there are the conventional black-and-white crosswords which can be of the "quick" variety, or are

king-size; and there is the all-white crossword, where the only indication that a word has ended is a slightly thicker line. To the beginner the so-called "quick" crossword is perhaps the best place to start. It is helpful to know, of course, that certain compilers have little fads of their own, for example that the first two answers across in the "Daily Telegraph" quick crossword always make a phrase. The only trouble with these small crosswords is that the clues are nearly always of one word, and hence as soon as one discovers that great aid to crossword solvers, "Roget's Thesaurus", one is inundated with possible answers, and there is a tendency to give up in disgust.

There is a natural progression to the larger black and whites at this stage. Nearly every daily newspaper contains crosswords but some are infinitely more difficult than others. Right at the bottom are the tabloids, the "Sketch" and the "Mirror", in which the crosswords are designed to be filled in by the majority of readers, following the papers' overall policy of instant popularity. Half a rung up the ladder comes the "Daily Express"; this, another newspaper striving for quick increases in readership, also panders to the masses with its crossword, the clues in which tend to be simple anagrams and clues where the answer is to be found in the clue itself—"A choice to be made from delectable variety": "elect". Appreciably harder is the "Daily Mail" king crossword. Although the same styles of clues are utilised, they tend to require a little more thought; even so there is a tendency for anagrams to be repeated on consecutive days—a most annoying habit.

Possibly the most difficult black-and-white crossword is to be found in the "Daily Telegraph". A useful hint to crossword addicts is to get hold of a book of the crosswords of one's chosen newspaper and systematically work through them, filling in the answers from the back. In this way one gets to know the way the compiler thinks and this is a great help with the more difficult clues.

"The Guardian", on the other hand, has an all-white crossword and at first this is psychologically more difficult because of the absence of blanks. In actual fact, it is more difficult too, and peace and quiet are recommended. To be at school at 8-30 a.m. before the madding crowd rush in is generally accepted to be a good time to start this crossword, and indeed one member of staff is reported to finish it every day—so far no boy has finished on even one day.

A word must be said about the Sunday newspapers. These have usually more difficult problems to be solved, the idea being that it takes all week. "Crossword" in the "Sunday Times" and

"Everyman" in the "Observer" are difficult black-and-white. But decidedly the most difficult crossword being published regularly in this country is the Mephisto all-white crossword in the Sunday Times colour supplement. This is so devilishly difficult that the compiler explains his answers each week and that often does not make one any the wiser!

The road in front of a crossword solver is long and arduous but the feeling of satisfaction when one completes the puzzle cannot be matched.

W. G. DAY, Mod. Schol.

DIVERSION

A bus was unusually crowded one mornng. A passenger sitting next to the gangway suddenly buried his head in his arms. The man next to him asked "Are you sick? Can I do anything for you?"

"No" replied the other. "I just don't like to see old ladies standing."

American: "This road isn't very big, is it? Why, we have roads four times as big as that in America. I could walk across there with my eyes shut."

Englishman: "One man tried it."

American: "Did he get across?"

Englishman: "Yes, a marble one."

Fire Chief: "Now, why do you wish to become a fireman?"
Recruit: "I asked my last boss for a rise. He said 'Go to blazes,' and here I am."

Mother (teaching her son arithmetic): "Now, take the Smith family. There's mother, father, and the baby. How many does that make?"

Bright son: "Two, and one to carry."

B. HODDES, A. SWEENEY (3Y).

RESCUE

The sun beat down mercilessly on the small boat. In it two men lay prostrate, their sunburnt skin peering through the tattered grey uniforms. They seemed dead; there seemed to be not the slightest flicker of the vital force in either of the desiccated bodies. Then a finger moved and the action spread to the whole hand as it felt for a good grip. A wheezing cough permeated the burning, still air. Slowly, very slowly, another hand came into action and was brought round following a near circular path until it had gained a hold near to the first. There was a pause.

The reviving man sucked a deep breath into his dehydrated lungs. As the air rushed between his teeth it produced an almost inaudible whistle. Muscles and tendons tightened as the befuddled brain impatiently sent down messages for the arms to take the strain. Slowly the emaciated body moved towards the side of the boat at the straining of the arms.

A grizzled face peered over the side into the deep, blue, cool and inviting water. With a glassy stare the man raised his eyes to the horizon and scanned it. After looking despairingly up at the sun through eyes narrowed to slits, the man slowly and painfully clawed at the side until the base of his rib cage lay painfully pressed by his weight against the side of the boat. Just one more heave and . . . "Land!"

Unknown to him, his companion had raised himself into a position from which he could see the horizon. It was what he had seen there that caused him to cry out. Not very far away a conical island pushed its way upwards from the glassy sea.

When the first man heard the cry he involuntarily pushed himself upwards. He lost his balance and fell sideways out of the boat. One of his hands caught in a rowlock and the fingers snapped. The jagged edges of the bones cut through the flesh and, as the hand disappeared below the waterline, blood followed. Not far off, the dorsal fins of the hungry sharks moved in.

The second man, on hearing the crack of the fingers, looked round to find himself alone in the boat. His face became contorted. He screamed, and let himself fall back into the bottom of the boat. Tears streamed down his cheeks from his bloodshot eyes. Then, slowly, he gathered himself together as he realised how foolish he was to break down when rescue was in sight. The hot sun quickly dried his tears and his sudden outburst of emotion seemed to have revitalised him to a certain extent. Although he had not eaten for seven days and the last of the fresh water had run out the previous day, he heaved himself onto one of the seats, picked up the oars, pushed them into the water and started to row. It was the thought of the jungle-covered rock that urged him on.

He manoeuvred the boat round until it faced in the right direction and then began the pain-filled job of rowing to the island. His arms felt weak and the oars felt heavy. Despite this he drove himself on. Soon he lost all contact with reality and, in a trance, he rowed like an automaton. A slight breeze sprang up, although he didn't notice it. It did, however, cool him slightly and lessened the pain that wracked his body, temporarily alienated from his brain.

He was shaken out of his trance by the collision of the boat with a projecting piece of coral, part of the huge ring that surrounded the island and which was punctuated here and there by clear channels. Fortunately his weakness meant that the force of the collision was insufficient to hole the boat. He pushed it out again and rowed towards the nearest channel. A few more minutes rowing and he was at the shore. Fatigue finally invaded his mind from his already tired body. However, he still forced himself up against the side of the boat. He reached a position of unstable equilibrium and let gravity do the rest. Cooling water sprayed over his dry body, bringing relief.

He crawled onto his knees and then unsteadily rose to his feet. He stumbled forward onto the sand and lay there. From out of the trees a few yards inland, three dark-skinned natives moved forward cautiously. They realised the man's predicament and then approached him confidently. Two of them took hold of his arms and heaved him to his feet. His sand-caked lips moved but the words refused to come. He smiled. As the natives helped him into the shade of the trees, his dragging feet caught on a partially buried rock. It was uprooted from the sand and showed itself, but not to him, to be a bleached, human skull.

A. M. WINTERS (U.6.Sc.A.)

YOU WILL FIND PETROLEUM WHEN THE FRUIT TREES BLOOM

or

"OIL BE WITH YOU IN APPLE BLOSSOM TIME"

Once upon a time when men were men and women were not, there was a certain young man who was a member of the local police force. His name was Peter I. Night. He did not let anyone know what the "I" stood for—a sort of private I, really. In the police force he was not very popular and everybody used to push him around. Even the sergeant took it out of him. He always used to make him do night work. For this he was not given the correct rate of pay, or, as the police put it, "he was not paid the right copper night rate."

One day he decided to resign from the force and seek employment elsewhere. It came to pass that, when he was reading the newspaper, a short time after, he found an article which said:

“THERE IS OIL TO BE FOUND IN TEXAS”

(Yes! in that part of the country they produce talking newspapers). So he decided to tell his wife that he was going to Texas to look for oil. She was in the bathroom looking for an aspirin when he broke the news to her. She took it as any real understanding wife would, in half a glass of water.

He quickly packed his suitcase and caught the next plane from the airport. He shouldn't have done that, because that plane went to the Costa Brava. (He would have liked to stay there but the costa living was too high).

Eventually, however, he arrived in Texas where he bought a house. After three years he had still not struck oil even though the wife had sent him lots of “Get well soon” cards. With the last of the money he had brought with him he bought two large drills and their accessories. He set these up on his land and started drilling for oil. Though this was a boring job he persevered and eventually did strike oil and became a Texas millionaire. (Well, well, well!—Ed.).

He called his wife over to live with him in Texas. She was a golf addict and spent a lot on clothes, always wearing two pairs of trousers while playing in case she got a hole in one. Then suddenly one day his wife was shot in the lounge. Actually it was suicide as she had not been feeling very well for the last few days and the doctor said she needed more iron in her blood. She must have thought that this was the way to get it.

Because of this sudden shock Peter became ill, so he called his doctor over, (queer name for a doctor, isn't it?). When the doctor saw Peter he told him not to worry about his bad health and leave everything to him. The next day there came through the post a notice from Peter's lawyer, telling him that Peter owed a lot of money to a man with whom Peter had had a misunderstanding. Peter once again called his doctor as this had made him more ill. Once again the doctor told Peter not to worry and to leave everything to him.

A day later Peter received a letter from his dentist which said simply “Long time, no fee.” At this, Peter called the doctor to come round to his house as he wanted to make his will. The doctor told Peter that all along he had been telling Peter to leave everything to him.

G. A. WILLIAMS, L.V.Y.



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THE INDIFFERENT WIND

Faces, which neither gaped nor looked,
Sending no message to the clogged brain,
Watching, waiting, often despairing,
For the indifferent wind to blow them
Along this vast, sultry plain,
With its thirsts and toils and labours and mirages.
 With a fixed, forced grin
On their salt-chafed, sun-dried, colourless lips,
 They hauled their worthless hulks,
 Containers of fettered, frustrated lives,
To the deep, oft-seen, impassable canyon,
 Which had to be skirted.
Or, when the wind of chance was strong,
 To the blissful mountain high
 With its supreme capabilities,
 Its profound human creations—
 They tarried there a minute long,
Not suspecting this brief, unprecedented, heavenly moment
 Could be for ever enjoyed.
 The heights were left,
 They came down to the plain,
Trudging along, with no respite, hope or love,
 Till the final, immutable scene,
The faintly shimmering moon on the black fathomless sea.

C. BOOTHMAN, U.6.Mod.

A LESSON

The sun's rays beat down into Mr. Fay's drawing room, and glistened on the globules of perspiration on his forehead. He was seated at his bureau industriously making out his accounts. And then he stopped. He was tired and needed a respite, and, after laying his pen on a holder, he made his way slowly towards the open French windows. Here a gentle breeze played around him making him contented for a while until he suddenly remembered his unfortunate six-year-old son, Jimmy. He was at that moment chasing a variety of birds round the lawn and tasting samples of soil at the same time.

Mr. Fay heard his wife call out, and seconds later saw her dash out onto the lawn, pick Jimmy up gently, and then walk back to the house with him, trying to wipe his mouth as he said goodbye to the birds. He had been mentally unbalanced since he was two years old, and had been placed in a mental home from which he received brief stays at home from time to time. At these times his parents found him very trying and heart-breaking.

Mr. Fay sighed, and walked over to a filing cabinet where he sped through the arranged papers with experienced dexterity. He stopped, startled at the presence of a revolver at the back of the drawer. He was astounded, wondering where it had come from, and then realised that it was his old army revolver which he had placed there many years ago, and which had remained untouched since then. He wiped the dust off it and fingered it tenderly, memories pleasant and unpleasant flooding back to him. It had been useful to him, and still could be. His married life had been utter misery and disappointment to him and his wife, because of their son's condition. He would be better off dead than spending most of his life in a mental home. Yes, it was the only thing. There was no ammunition handy, so he would go out that morning and buy some.

His wife called out again in despair, and after dropping the revolver into the open drawer, he made his way quickly towards the dining-room. As he entered he saw his wife seated in a chair, crying pitifully. He turned to his son who said, "Daddy, can you come and play with me, it's getting very dark, and look at the time." The powerful sun of early morning was still shining through the windows.

Later, Mr. Fay was busily cleaning out his bedroom drawers. He had not yet been to town. He heard the door click behind him, and his son entered holding a revolver in his hand, a smile of triumph on his face. "I have got a gun, and I can use it" he said. "Now Jimmy, come on, give me the gun, don't be foolish," he said, frightened. In the heat of the moment he had forgotten that the gun was empty. Jimmy pulled the trigger, and Mr. Fay's face screwed up in expected agony when the imaginary bullet seared into his body. He clutched at his stomach, thinking that would be the place it would enter. And when nothing happened he looked up at his son who was looking down the barrel in amazement.

Tears came to Mr. Fay's eyes. No, he could not kill his son now. After almost experiencing himself what he would have done to Jimmy, he realised what a brute he was to even consider it.

He had learnt a good but very cruel lesson.

D. BOOTHMAN, 4A.

UNDER VICTORY COURT

The unfinished manuscript of "A Play for Voices" (four of them)
(With acknowledgements to Dylan Thomas)

1st voice : It is dawn in King Street, illuminating, milk delivering, letter-box-banging, alarm-clocking, bright, shimmering dawn.
And as Mr. Pugh, the milkman, heaves three crates of milk

into the front garden of number 100, board residence, no vacancies, a stone-throwing-Samson's reach from the green filthy sea, he makes a personal remark about the parentage of the proprietor, and calls down a curse on the heads of his milk-swilling guests. And, having laid down his heavy load, he goes lumbering back to

2nd voice: his two-tone, clacking, humming, bottle-rattling, electric, drinka-pinta-milka float. He pauses, looks up at the skies, and mutters

Mr. Pugh: ———— queer weather!

2nd voice: between his nicotine-stained teeth. And off he whines in his float.

1st voice: Meanwhile, at her jovial garishly-painted house of board residence at number 350 Coronation Street, Mrs. Edwards sees off her workmen-lodgers, as they embark on the lorry which is to take them to work.

Mrs. Edwards: Goodbye Tom! Goodbye Dick!! Goodbye Harry!!!

1st voice: And she waves till the lorry is a green speck on the horizon, and the lorry sees her as a peroxide speck on the horizon. Then she returns to her gaudy house where she

2nd voice: sets about the housework, until the men, without whom life for her would be one long step-washing, potato-peeling, and tea-brewing, drudge, return in the evenings at the end of another day Under Victory Court.

R. B. JACKSON, L.V.Y.

COAST

I stood upon the age-old cliff,
That crumbled, white, to the waves,
So undermined by swirling currents;
And from my perch I saw the long black stretches of evil mud,
With brackish water in their channels,
Laced with green primeval algae,
And shellfish in their burrows.
Then further out along that varied coast,
The yellow miles of glistening sand,
And weird cries of wading birds;
That shattered the whispering silence with their strange symphony,
And, wheeling, fled down the wind.
Further, grim black rocks stood alike statues to the coast—
The coast, an age-long barrier to the sea.

S. A. BALDWIN, Tr.X.

I'M A TOWER

With my bag across my weary back I stand on the quay,
I turn, and in their eyes I see only hate for me,
A lone tower not looked up at, nor admired, nor lofty,
But frowned upon,
My hopes of finding sympathy and respect
Now completely gone.

I approach the city, it's just as bad,
Oh! I wish I was back home!
My family's gone and I'm so sad,
And all I do is roam.
Another day only brings me grief anew,
Oh! Can't you see!
Your heart would be broken too,
If you were black—like me.

S. R. H. MILLARD, Tr X.

THE SUPERMARKET

"Eric Taylor, this is the last time I come to this 'ere supermarket with you! Just look at us! Shiverin' with the cold, an' all on account o' this daft idea of yours. An' look at poor little Alfie. Fancy ever gettin' a car without an 'eater. You're blue with cold, ain't you, sweetie?"

"Yeah, ma," replied 'poor little Alfie,' sucking a twopenny gobstopper and obviously enjoying every minute of it.

Mrs. Taylor's remarks were well-founded. They had all got up at the crack of dawn, "just to be in good time," as her husband had said. They had, in fact, been in very good time, and had arrived a full forty minutes before opening time.

However, at last the fluorescent lights flickered reluctantly into life, the endless aisles became full of scurrying staff who hurriedly arranged tins and tried generally to look as important as they could, and the plate-glass doors of Harvey's Supermarket swung smoothly open.

The change had been so rapid and complete that the Taylors stood amazed. A sharp splintering noise woke them from their stupor as Alfie's gobstopper dropped to the floor and shattered into multicoloured fragments. He uttered an awed and subdued "Cor!" which was obviously not occasioned by the loss of his gobstopper.

Running over to a long line of trollies, he quickly pulled one out and, placing one foot on the shelf designed to take the customers' shopping baskets, he propelled himself down the main aisle at a fantastic speed, to the imminent peril of all people within a radius of ten yards. He would most certainly have run straight into the egg stand had his progress not been halted by what had been an extremely attractive display of jams and honey. Indeed, if the aforementioned provisions had not been packed in the "new, unbreakable, kleeer-seel, see-thru, kleeer-vu containers," dear little Alfie would have come to a very sticky end.

We will omit the remarks made by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, the sectional sub-assistant, the senior sectional supervisor, the floor manager and the chief display adviser (amongst others). They all run along rather the same lines and, although highly colourful, they might become rather boring after the first few pages.

Nevertheless, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were allowed to remain in the supermarket on condition that Alfie was kept under close surveillance. This was difficult. Under Mr. Taylor's constant advice to "buy in bulk for heconomy," Mrs. Taylor was becoming more and more irritated and confused. She did not notice that Alfie was wandering away. Actually, what had caught his attention was a larger sign advertising free gifts above a display of Krispie Krunchie Krakkles. He failed to notice, underneath the glaring red letters, the small print which stated that for only eight giant K.K.K. packet-tops one could receive a voucher for one small packet of K.K.K. cereal.

Connecting the word "free" with the tempting show of goods, he immediately took a packet. He soon found similar "free" offers all over the supermarket, and soon his arms were full of such "gifts". Luckily, there were very few customers in the supermarket, and so his actions were unobserved. Alfie then calmly toddled out of the supermarket under the very eyes of a young trainee who was standing by the door, and who was so busy thinking about Everton's chances in the league that he hardly noticed him. The Taylors' car was parked outside, and Alfie, after placing his contraband on the bonnet of the car behind, opened the boot of his parents' vehicle, and nonchalantly dumped his collection inside.

Only some of the provisions found their way back to the supermarket. The ending is rather a painful one.

A. J. BUDD, 3Y.

THE SENTRY

Outside, there was a cold wind; you could tell that because of the loose shutter in the corner. It has been loose for years. That was the trouble, thought the sentry to himself, there was no comfort. He was bored. The room was bare; a one-bar heater, a bunk-bed, a table and two chairs were the only contents except for a chest of drawers.

He drained a cup of coffee and ate a stale biscuit. The coffee tasted strange, not much worse than usual of course, but different.

He walked to the door, and as he stepped out he heard the rustling of paper and leaves across the floor. The same things that had happened a thousand times before.

He heard the clanging sound of his feet on the balcony, and walked over to the rail. It was night. He saw the same things he had seen every night for years, the dark fields and the lights over there in the west, far beneath. The iron curtain wall also stretched beneath him, illuminated by the spotlight on the tower.

As he viewed this scene he felt a sudden drowsiness, he staggered to the rail and his mind went back to the coffee, he grabbed at the rail and missed. As he fell, he vaguely saw a figure silhouetted in the spotlight.

The loose shutter rattled.

E. BOWMAN, 4A.

3 B

The spaceman said to his skipper
"The tubes have burnt right out,
Our gravity's gone, the radio's bust,
And the cook has just baled out."
The skipper looked up from the radar,
With a toss of his curly head.

He looked at his crew,
Now only two,
And he very gently said . . .
"Keep Mars on your left and the Sun on your right,
And try to miss the moon.
Close both your eyes and hold on tight,
For we'll hit the earth quite soon."

S. BENTLEY.

There was a young man named Herbert
Who was very fond of sherbet—
Until one night the sherbet
Got up and said "Herbert".

J. PAYNE.

The professor of geology had placed some specimens of rocks on his desk, and was going to describe them to his students.

While his back was turned for a moment, one of his students placed a piece of very stale bread among the rocks.

The professor went through the specimens, saying, as he picked up each:

"This is a piece of sandstone"; "this is a piece of granite" . . .
And so on.

Eventually, he came to the piece of bread, and, holding it up, he said: "And this, gentlemen, is a piece of confounded impudence!"

D. NORRIS.

The whole world is full of life,
Filled sometimes with joy, and sometimes strife.
The sunny day changes quickly to night,
Dark and dreary, without light.
The shining stars twinkle in the skies,
Like a monstrous face with thousands of eyes.

And on and on the world spins round,
Like a gyroscope, without any sound,
The weeks stretch to months and then to years,
Often filled with anger and many fears.
From heaven God looks down below,
To see what each new day will bestow.

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**"CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS"
The Easter Waterways Cruise, 1964**

"I could swear" became a very widely - used expression on a certain boat at Easter, when seventeen boys and three masters, namely Mr. Bell, Mr. Rothwell and Mr. Parsons, took three canal cruisers from Gailey. The cruise was planned to go south from Gailey to the River Severn and Worcester, then north back to Gailey. This was a long trip and the weather was cold, although everyone enjoyed it; that is, everyone except one person who claimed that the cruise was merely "an extra responsibility".

The first day passed without any humorous incidents and the party retired to bed about midnight, but not before one foolhardy boy had tasted canal water.



G. Errington
Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal—near Kidderminster.

We rose at the unearthly hour of five o'clock to find Captain C.G.P. supposedly overhauling the engine. On closer inspection it was realised that he was merely checking the dipstick and zealously wiping the engine with tissues from his abundant stock. The motors of all three boats were skilfully started by the hand of Captain Bell, and the fleet proceeded towards Kidderminster with the cries of "Quite frankly, Sach . . . and "Because,

(A),.....
(B),.....
and (C),....."

echoing over the canal. Unfortunately, as we approached Kidderminster, it began to rain, so out came what was known as the "Harold Wilson" suit. This was a bright yellow outfit worn by captain C.G.P. on such occasions as warranted it, and which, he assured us, was made of the same material as the raincoat belonging to Mr. Wilson, the eminent Socialist leader.

Between Kidderminster and Stourport, we were held up several times while we unwedged tree-trunks from locks. In Stourport, a boat, not belonging to our party, was caught in a lock and could only be freed by the combined efforts of all twenty of us. We could now make little further progress, as the River Locks were padlocked. This meant "breasting-up" for the night in Stourport Basin, a huge artificial lake. This manoeuvre left Captain Bell with a throat complaint after having directed Captain C.G.P. to the correct mooring.

At eight o'clock next day, with a little of the "cross my palm with silver" technique, the River Locks were opened for us. However, our progress down the Severn was hampered by Captain C.G.P.'s steering. For as we were not all able to negotiate the lock at once, Captain Rothwell was left behind. Captain C.G.P. decided to come along a British Waterways wharf. Unfortunately he left it too late and hit the wharf at an angle of sixty degrees, sending Sach, and the stew he was preparing, down the draining board into the sink. (Sach was a good cook; Captain C.G.P. was the chef.)

When we left the Severn at Worcester, we turned our attention to Captain Rothwell's boat, for as he entered the Barge Locks, one of his crew, the sturdy Bilton, was using a boathook. (This was an unforgivable sin on Captain Rothwell's boat, but the epitome of boating technique on Captain C.G.P.'s boat). Anyhow, the boat-hook stuck in the side of the lock and pulled him off the boat: Bilton made a vain leap for the side, but slid down the boathook like a monkey and disappeared into the water.

In Worcester we had a very interesting visit to the Cathedral, thanks to Captain Bell's acquaintance with the Head Verger. As we left the city, we went through the smallest lock on the canal. Known as the gauge lock, it is placed here so that one may know if one can pass through all the others. That night we moored near Hanbury and took on water from a seemingly public water point. A slight fracas ensued but all was finally settled and we got our water.

We now began the steep ascent to Birmingham. The canal takes a route parallel to the well-known Lickey Incline, and we encountered thirty-six locks in two miles. Despite the weather, there were fairly good views and the birdlife on the summit reservoirs was most interesting. While passing through the two-mile Wast Hill tunnel, Captain Bell's boat encountered a navigational

hazard in the form of a floating telegraph pole. In pitch darkness it was extricated from the bows, but disappeared before it could be towed out. Along came Captain C.G.P. fifteen minutes later: his crew immediately jumped to action stations, each member gallantly brandishing his boat-hook. Captain Rothwell was warned of the occurrence by flashing red lights and a piercing headlight beam. He assumed it was a boat travelling in the opposite direction, but the stentorian voice of Captain C.G.P. did manage to rise above the general commotion. The crash, which had seemed so inevitable, did not happen.



G. Errington

The cook of the 'Heron' at work.

The National Trust bought the so-called "unprofitable" southern section of the Stratford Canal and, with voluntary labour, it has now been restored to full use. We were disappointed not to be able to reach Stratford-on-Avon by waterway, because of the work still in progress. However, we took the train from Hatton and spent an afternoon in Stratford. We moored that evening near Knowle, after Captain C.G.P.'s boat had been steered (in)capably by Sach and Watkinson through very difficult conditions.

On Thursday morning it began to snow, but this was not the worst of our troubles. Captain Rothwell's boat refused to start and the batteries had to be changed. We moved off and

the snow stopped before we passed through Knowle Locks, our last broad ones. There followed the final miles of the Grand Union Canal into Birmingham. Gone now were green fields and open spaces. The canal descended by a tortuous route between factories and gasworks. The water was of a thick greenish-black nature, and rather offensive-looking. Captain C.G.P. found a white horse, which was duly fed from the ducks' bag. We carried on through the stygian gloom and finally came to Farmer's Bridge Junction where four canals meet in an elongated X-type junction. Captain Rothwell and Captain C.G.P. managed to turn the extreme bend, but the length of Captain Bell's boat necessitated a four point turn in the arms of the junction.

Birmingham was quickly left behind and as we passed through the Curdworth Locks, the water became clean again. We now passed through Cannock Chase, and finally moored at Fazeley in darkness. A drawbridge had provided some difficulty but no mishaps resulted.

Friday was our longest day; in fact, two boats travelled until 1 a.m. on Saturday morning. The day started badly, for Captain Rothwell's boat would not start and this time it was not battery trouble. (It was rumoured at the time that his crew were addicted to diesel fuel, but little notice was taken of this). Captain Bell's boat departed, leaving Captain Rothwell to telephone the boatyard for assistance, and Captain C.G.P. vigorously scrubbing the decks. The engine was fixed and after a short time the pair of boats moved off. Not very long afterwards, however, Captain Rothwell's boat ran out of fuel; perhaps the crew **had** become addicted to the diesel oil! Captain C.G.P.'s boat bravely came to the rescue by towing, but this proved a harder task than it seemed: both boats, because of the high wind, spent much of the morning on the mud, aground. Sach and Bilton had been scouring the countryside for a telephone, and found one towards midday, whereupon they telephoned the boatyard yet again, and Captain Rothwell's tank was filled. With good luck, they took the right turnings at junctions and set off in pursuit of Captain Bell and his crew.

The "Heron" was the longest boat of the three, and its length of 53 feet made steering a difficult task in the strong cross-wind. But the crew managed, and even at the awkward Haywood Junction nothing unfortunate happened. After this, Roberts took over the controls. Little need be said about this, except that he continually tried to create new canals by his steering. Towards 7-30 p.m. Captain Bell's boat reached the desired mooring, two miles from Gailey.

But what of captains Rothwell and C.G.P.? Determined to find captain Bell and "Heron", they cruised on into the night. To their credit, they managed to sail by night, which is a difficult

task on a narrow, restricted waterway. It seems to have been so dark that Captain C.G.P. did not recognise Captain Rothwell, and enquired of the latter if he "knew these parts." Finally the two boats stopped, four miles behind Captain Bell. Captain C.G.P. immediately decided to locate Captain Bell, and set off along the towpath to do so. He succeeded in doing this, despite the condition, and in some places, non-existence, of the towpath. Finding all aboard asleep, he left a note, asking for help, and returned. Meanwhile, Captain Rothwell and the two crews awaited his return, consuming vast quantities of coffee. His note was found next morning by Mitchell, who seriously thought that pigeon-post had been employed.

Captain Bell delayed his departure until the other boats were in sight and then left for Gailey. By 10-30 a.m. all the boats were back to base and the seemingly impossible (to some) had been accomplished. After packing and tidying up, we boarded the coach for Southport.

We had covered 186 miles, 197 locks, and passed through five miles of tunnel. We had seen England from a new angle, and most important, we had done something out of the ordinary run of life. We would like to thank Messrs. Bell, Parsons and Rothwell for a most enjoyable, if somewhat exhausting, trip.

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<i>Praeludium</i>	<i>Jarnefeldt</i>
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<i>Ritual Fire Dance</i>	<i>M. de Falla</i>
<i>Cantata No. 80. "Ein Feste Burg."</i>	<i>J. S. Bach</i>

At the end of last term, months of hectic rehearsal culminated in an excellent concert, by far the most ambitious the School has ever attempted. It would be exceedingly difficult for a joint concert of this nature and magnitude (there were over 260 people in the choir and almost a hundred musicians in the orchestra) to be technically perfect; therefore I think that one should in all fairness keep a sense of proportion about what mistakes there were, and say that this concert proved exciting and stimulating for both the audience and those participating. It must be said, however, that a sense of timing and co-ordination was not always evident throughout the choir, though only once—in the middle of "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast"—was this noticeable to any degree. In fact, of the choir and orchestra the choir was the weaker, but fortunately the large numbers produced, for the most part, a sound that was compatible with the choir's size.

Thanks are due to the members of both schools' madrigal groups and to other accomplished singers.

A definite advantage of holding a joint concert was undoubtedly that we obtained a far more balanced orchestra than either school could produce alone. The two purely orchestral items were praiseworthy attempts and, although the opening "Praeludium" lacked assertiveness, probably because of a slight weakness in the woodwind section, the necessary strength was there; and, especially in the "Hiawatha", strings and wind were well combined, giving the power which is necessary to support this imaginative work.

The first half was completed with an extremely good account of the "Ritual Fire Dance." If the orchestra did not quite communicate all of the latent energy present in this work, it certainly played with a spirit of enthusiasm and gave a particularly athletic performance. The effect was convincing.

The whole of the second half was occupied by the "Cantata". In this very long and weighty work, many weeks of hard work were rewarded by some thrilling singing and playing. Apart

from a few weak spots in one or two of the individual choral sections and in the general orchestra support, the achievement for a schools' concert was considerable. The intonation, balance and attack of the whole choir was outstanding. All available powers were exerted to the utmost and considerable staying power of performance was shown.

The organisation and special arrangements involved in a concert of this sort, with the available material and resources, have to be experienced to be believed. The thanks, not only of those who participated but of those who were in any way connected with either school, were due in no small measure to Miss Kelly and Mr. Wilson for their training and help, to Mr. Wilson for his far sighted and energetic planning, to Sawyer for his help as Rehearsal Accompanist and to those tutors and visitors whose assistance made this concert possible.

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PREFECTS' REPORT

It has been said that nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the critic's business. Thus unashamedly without talent, brains or character the authors set out to present a picture, if somewhat exaggerated and distorted, of that fine body of men—the School Prefects.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Roger Moore's aunt's cat which at the age of 60 and with 2 crutches, 2 roller skates and innumerable stitches, unhappily passed on. May it now find the peace it has sought for so long.

Let us make mention of two brethren whom we were unfortunate to lose during the year: Mr. Rothwell, who was the only prefect to manage to be consistently late, didn't bother turning up at all one morning and has never been seen since. So if anybody has seen a tall, fair-haired prefect riding a broken-down blue motor bike . . . Mr. Uttley, after gaining a well deserved place at Oxford, decided to curtail his School career to blow soap bubbles at Bibby's in Liverpool.

Right at the beginning of the year the P.R. (Prefects' Room) divided itself into two, the Mods and Rockers: no, not what you thought, but Modernists and the Race of Clever Knowledgeable Electrical Research Scientists. One of the Mods, Mr. Lindsay, whose Scottish ancestry was the cause for much amusement during the year, seemed more than anxious to prove what a Scot hides under his kilt: he was never without an ally in his fellow-countryman Mr. Sinclair, a dour Scot, whose miserliness has been legendary ever since he said he was content to let the rest of the world go buy. He is now engaged in inventing a non-skid coin which won't slip through his fingers. His associate Mr. Davis achieved fame by stating of a fellow prefect whose somewhat unusual proportions were never allowed to go unnoticed that though we all come from the same mould some are mouldier than others. Their associate in the back corridor, Mr. B. Thompson, only once emerged from behind his hair to speak, but unfortunately a master happened to be standing behind him.

Rumours that a wedding was nigh were recently squashed when Mr. Kirkham, who spends the first two periods of every morning combing his bouffant, said that the ring he gave his girl friend was in fact only a birthday present. Mr. Pessell seems to be in similar difficulties to Mr. Kirkham but puts up an alarmingly effective smoke-screen whenever questioned.

Of the P.R.'s two German scholars, Mr. Carver, fled the country to Germany after his recent performances in the 1st XI

and Mr. Goldsmith became interested in French culture to such an extent that he even tried to take up dancing at Bally Hall, Oxford, without success it must be confessed.

In his effort to join the family business at Liverpool University the P.R.'s egoist, Mr. Rostron (who was always me-deep in conversation) quietened down considerably before the exams—as did Mr. Copson, who confessed to having the greatest difficulty in trying to dye his eyebrows to match his peroxide blonde hair. His friend Mr. Calland, our mountaineer, after a considerable let-down during a climb, ended up with a broken ankle, but was able to put his club-foot to good use on the putting green in the summer against Mr. Whitehead, who persistently states that, despite the fact he lives in Tartleton, he is not a farmer—yet his smock and pitch fork lead one to different conclusions.

Of the P.R.'s athletes we must make mention of two. First Mr. Petty, the javelin thrower, (or so it is rumoured) has turned professional and is now earning a spear-mint, enjoying the sweet taste of success. Then Mr. Day, who is thought to be prone to everything from athletes' foot to heart break, has amongst many other achievements, recovered from a broken leg in 8 days, dropped the ball in a rugby match when 3 yards from the try line and 25 yards clear of anyone else, and worn tortoise shell rimmed spectacles which, though everybody else is convinced they have no effect, he claims diminish the glare of the light—that, perhaps, of his own brilliance.

Mr. Stubington, the person most people thought a fly-by-night, did in fact manage to obtain a place at Cranwell.

Mr. Jackson, one of the clique of Rockers, has proved the saying of Horace Walpole that in all science error precedes truth—at least it is only after many untoward experiments with much costly error that he has discovered glass is allergic to hard-hit cricket and golf balls.

Mr. P. K. Thompson was perhaps "l'enfant terrible du groupe" and spent most of the year trying to convince everyone else that there was no need to work for the exams. His attitude changed suddenly and completely at the beginning of June. He and his friend Mr. Pessell adopted an attitude of one out all out for French lessons, and consequently seemed to spend most of the relevant periods in the P.R. much to the annoyance of Mr. Pickard who in their presence found it more difficult to concentrate on beating himself at chess.

One of the highlights of the year was the prefects' dinner at the Prince of Wales Hotel where, when most people seemed

to be in high spirits, one prefect never quite recovered from the shock of the discovery that the cheese board is not quite what its name would suggest.

Finally, but by no means least, we turn to the person who, for obvious reasons, does not like to be recognised as leader of the group. Appropriately known as Flekkers, he has had his plate well and truly heaped full of troubles—along with other such delicacies this year. Despite his adhesion to Whitehead's organism advice, his 6 apples a day did not help to reduce the osteopath's fee, though they did keep the doctor away. He was last seen sleeping off a heavy meal.

So with the usual last and stealthy step, as is appropriate to such a place of learning, we depart from the Hive of Industry for yet another year, leaving the school, like the inmates of the P.R., completely ignorant—and therefore having wasted much valuable space in the Red Rose. S.B.F., P.K.T.

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Old Boys' Section

- L. A. E. ASHWORTH (Ev. 49-56) has gained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Liverpool University.
- J. V. BOOTHMAN (Ed. 47-54) has been appointed as lecturer in Law at the Liverpool College of Commerce.
- B. A. DAVIES (L. 47-53) has been awarded the shield for the best officer on the course at the Special Duties Officers' School, Eastney, during the passing-out parade.
- W. E. FORGHAM (Ed. 37-44) has been appointed secretary of two hospitals and three clinics at Grimsby.
- G. H. GRIFFITH (W. 38-43) has been appointed electric traction engineer, British Railways, Liverpool.
- Dr. J. P. LAWSON (G. 42-49) has become a fellow of the Faculty of Radiology. He has now gone to the United States to take a one-year junior fellowship in paediatric radiology at Cincinnati Hospital, Ohio.
- J. H. LAYCOCK (L. 43-49) has taken up a position with Morrisons Travel Agents Ltd. For the past 10 years he has been working in Manchester with the British and Commonwealth Group, which includes the Union Castle and Clan Line shipping companies together with British United Airways.
- D. H. RIMMER (Ev. 48-55) was made Deacon by the Lord Bishop of Warrington in the parish church of Holy Trinity, Formby, on Trinity Sunday, to serve at Liverpool Parish Church.
- Dr. I. M. ROSS (S. 39-45) is to become affiliated with the U.S. moonshot programme. He is taking up a new post as managing director of the System Studies Centre of Bellcomm. Inc. at Washington, D.C.
- D. SALMON (W. 51-58) who emigrated to Canada last year, is a quantity surveyor with an old established Canadian firm of constructional engineers.

- E. STEPHENS (Ed. 53-60) was recently the winner of the University of Leicester reading competition, which is held each year prior to the Easter vacation.
- Rev. F. THEWLIS (R. 29-37) will shortly take over the position of superintendent of the Bradford Mission.
- B. W. TRUEMAN (S. 41-46) has been elected to the Board of Examiners of the London College of Music.
- N. K. WARING (W. 52-57) has returned to his former position as assistant manager at the A.B.C. Cinema after holding a similar position at the Princess Cinema, Blackpool.