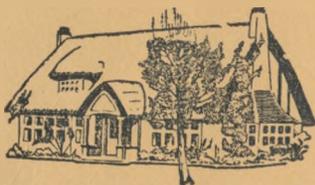


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EDITORIAL

During the past twelve months juvenile delinquency has been the subject for much informed comment. Teddy boys and rock'n'-roll fans have committed acts of hooliganism. In view of this certain cafes and other establishments in High Wycombe have been placed out of bounds to boys of the School. But will this ensure that R.G.S. boys do not indulge in these lower forms of social activity? Most boys—despite “prep” in ever increasing amounts as they move up the School—have a fair amount of spare time. Quite naturally, they seek enjoyment during this time, many of them joining the various Youth Clubs in the town. But, while Youth Clubs are not entirely unsuitable for Grammar School boys, most of them cater mainly for boys who have left school and are working in factories, shops and offices. Grammar School boys, when they eventually leave, generally acquire jobs of a more responsible nature and therefore mix with people of higher social standing. This is not class prejudice, it is a plain fact. Therefore they must be brought up in the way of life which they hope to live. Most of them come from good homes. Many proceed to a university where they live amongst people like themselves.

Nevertheless, there would still seem to be a gap. The School, admittedly does organise and take part in many admirable out-of-school activities, the Dramatic Society and the United Nations Association, for example. But these societies seem to be largely restricted to sixth-form boys, if not by rules, then by custom. There seems to be a real need for school organisations catering for and administered by boys in the fourth and fifth forms. Junior branches of senior school societies do not fulfil this need. These boys have different interests and hobbies. An out-of-school organisation supplying amenities similar to those of a Youth Club is needed. There could be a Table Tennis section, a Hobbies section, a Musical section, and no doubt other interests could also be catered for. Admittedly, boys living a long distance from school could not benefit from it, but the vast majority of boys would.

Besides its cultural values such an organisation might create a greater sense of school spirit among those boys who do not play for school teams. In this way both school and boys would reap the benefits.

SCHOOL NOTES

During the Easter holidays eleven boys from VIM2 and VIM3 attended the Paris Cultural Holiday for English sixth-formers at the Sorbonne.

The House Music Competition was held on Friday, June 7th, and was won by Youens. F. Jackson, Esq., L.R.A.M., acted as judge, and amazed everyone with his dexterity at correcting the performer's errors from memory.

A large party enjoyed this year's School Trip on Thursday, July 18th, which was a visit to the London Docks, including a trip by boat.

During the afternoon of the same day Mr. Hett gave—before the rest of the senior school—an impromptu but very entertaining talk on his journey from Hong Kong to Berlin on the Trans-Siberian railway some thirty years ago.

There were two more lectures towards the end of term: a representative of Toc-H told members of the Sixth Form and the V-Uppers about the organisation and, several days later, R. J. Thirkell, an Old Boy and now an officer of the Colonial Service, told an interested audience of the opportunities open to University men in Africa.

On July 19th an informal evening's entertainment was arranged in co-operation with the High School, and it proved to be a great success. A detailed account of the performance—which included a Welsh comedy acted by four masters as well as a full-scale concert—is to be found on another page.

The Prefects' Dance this term was held on Monday, July 22nd, in the School Hall—which was tastefully decorated by J. Beckford with large black cardboard beer-mugs and quantities of ivy. Teddy Chapman's band provided the music, with the help of a School skiffle-group which "played" while refreshments were being consumed.

The School Cricket Team has had an unusually successful season from the point of view of run-making, thanks largely to the form of A. Harvey, who scored three centuries for the School! Mention must also be made of a century by E. M. Squires, as well as consistently high scoring by J. Briden.

Staff

We congratulate Mr. L. J. Ashford on his election to a Schoolmaster Studentship for this term at Balliol College, Oxford, for research into the history of High Wycombe. We look forward to the appearance of Mr. Ashford's book in due course.

We were sorry to have to say good-bye to five members of the Staff at the end of the Summer Term.

Mr. F. S. Eldridge, after serving the School in many different ways—in his capacities as cricket coach and as manager of the Tuck-shop among other things—is taking up a Senior Modern Languages post at Sudbury School.

Mr. A. Davies joins the English staff at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Barnet, after two years here, during which his help with the Dramatic Society has been particularly appreciated.

Dr. G. Morgan leaves for a Senior Classics post at Raynes Park School after two years' valuable service on the Staff.

Mr. P. D. Brown, who has been with us for a year, is going to teach music in Bristol.

Dr. A. J. Harley, who has also spent a year at the School, is to teach at Huddersfield New College, and M. Lesage returns to France after his year as French assistant.

We wish them all happiness and success in their new appointments.

We welcome six new masters at the beginning of this term:—

Mr. D. A. Adams, B.Sc. (Leicester), comes to teach Chemistry.

Mr. D. W. Broadbridge, B.A. (Oxon.) will teach English.

Mr. A. R. Eames, B.A. (Oxon.), is also to teach Chemistry.

Mr. A. Gaster, M.A., Mus.B. (Cantab.), joins the Music staff.

Mr. P. M. Harvey, B.A. (London), is to teach Modern Languages; and

Mr. L. E. Lesser, B.A. (Melbourne), comes to us to teach Geography and History.

MR. L. W. PINER

After Morning Prayers on Thursday, May 16th, the School, with deep sorrow and regret, heard the announcement by the Headmaster that Mr. L. W. Piner had died during the previous day.

It was fairly generally known that he had been critically ill, first in Windsor Hospital and then for some nine months at a nursing home in Maidenhead.

The funeral service took place on May 18th at Holy Trinity, Windsor, the Garrison Church where he had been for a number of

years Organist and Choirmaster. A large congregation assembled to pay tribute to one who had endeared himself to all.

He joined the Staff of the Royal Grammar School in January, 1948, as Assistant Music Master, but later on the departure of Mr. Bernarr Rainbow, he was promoted to full charge of the Music Department, a post he held until ill-health forced him to relinquish that responsibility and revert to Second Music master.

He quickly became associated with the production of Gilbert and Sullivan operas and threw himself wholeheartedly and efficiently into these outstanding annual events in the life of the School. Apart from helping in the training of chorus and soloists he took his place at the piano, as accompanist, under the baton of Mr. Rainbow.

Later, in "Yeoman of the Guard" and "Pirates of Penzance," his rôle was that of conductor.

In addition he was responsible for entering School Choirs at the annual County Music Festivals in High Wycombe Town Hall, and each year he organised the popular House Music competitions at which he acted as adjudicator or deputy.

No appreciation of his work here could fail to recognise the courageous spirit and the gallant stand he made against deteriorating health which not only handicapped him seriously, but which in the end proved fatal.

By his death the School has lost a devoted and loyal Master, and the Staff a most friendly, sincere and lovable colleague. Long will he be remembered by pupils and all with whom he came in contact.

To his mother and brother, Mr. D. J. Piner, we extend our deepest sympathy.

G.A.G.

SPEECH DAY

After inspecting the guard of honour, which was as usual extremely smart and efficient, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, D.S.O., M.V.O., the principal speaker this year, together with the Headmaster and Mr. Clarke, entered the school and took their seats on the stage. The proceedings were opened by Alderman R. P. Clarke, the Chairman of the Governors, who referred to the changes in the School during the past year, mentioning the fact that several senior masters had left or were about to leave.

The Headmaster then presented his report in which he stated that this year was a high-water mark in the flooding tide of progress

of the School. He compared the tiny trickle of boys doing advanced work twenty years ago with the "mighty flood" this year of 108 boys taking G.C.E. at Advanced Level. Nearly all of these boys, he added, intended to go on to university either this year or next year. During the year the School had gained five State Scholarships and three Open Awards at Cambridge.

He expressed hopes that present difficulties would be eased by the provision of a new laboratory block which should be well on the way to completion by next speech day. The laboratories being used at present were those provided in 1914 when there were only 200 boys in the School and sixth-form work was non-existent. The Ministry of Education inspectors had found that the School had only a quarter of the laboratory space it needed.

The Headmaster added that owing to the overcrowding the School tended gradually to expect lower standards in all sorts of departments. He then spoke of the continuing importance of the Cadet Force even though national service was to come to an end. During his speech he referred to the unprecedented feat of the School cricket captain, Alan Harvey, in scoring three centuries. The vice-captain, E. M. Squires, had also scored a century.

At this point the prize-winners came up on to the stage to receive their prizes from Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher. In addition to the normal prizes there was a special prize of a cricket bat for Alan Harvey.

Sir Henry then spoke of the School's eminent position in the county, saying that, although it was not the oldest school, it was distinguished from the others by its Royal Charter from Elizabeth I. He said that its growth and development in recent years was due to its two most recent headmasters, Mr. Arnison and Mr. Tucker, names respected in the schools of the country. Sir Henry praised the Combined Cadet Force for the guard of honour with which he had been greeted. A vote of thanks was proposed by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Buckingham, and seconded by P. C. Raffety, Esq., J.P.

After tea in the School many guests visited an historical exhibition in the library presented by the Historical Society in conjunction with the Schools Museum Service of the county. Later everyone gathered at the Parish Church for the Commemoration Service which was conducted by the Vicar, the Reverend A. L. Evan Hopkins. The preacher was Canon N. G. Matthews, M.A., who spoke of the social, educational and moral sides of the Christian Faith. An anthem, "Let the Bright Seraphim," from "Samson," by Handel, was sung by the choir.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES 1956/57

Open Scholarship Awards :

- P. A. Chamberlin, Open Scholarship in Modern Languages at Jesus College, Cambridge.
J. H. Speight, Open Exhibition in Mathematics at Jesus College, Cambridge.
M. H. Vaughan-Rees, Open Exhibition in Modern Languages at St. John's College, Cambridge.

State Scholarships Awarded on the Result of the General Certificate of Education, Advanced and Scholarship Level :

- G. A. Cullen for Botany and Zoology, Royal Veterinary College, London.
A. G. Newton for Mathematics, University College, London.
P. M. Slotkin for French and German, Jesus College, Cambridge.
G. N. Taylor for Mathematics, St. Catherine's Society, Oxford.
M. H. Vaughan-Rees for French and German, St. John's College, Cambridge.

Bucks County Major Scholarship :

- D. P. Nash for Mathematics and Physics.

Bucks County Major Exhibitions :

- R. Babb for Classics, Reading University.
J. A. Bedford-James (hon.), R.A.F. Cranwell.
J. C. Briden for Mathematics and Physics, St. Catherine's Society, Oxford.
R. D. S. Clark for Mathematics and Physics, Trinity Hall, Cambridge.
J. A. Cox for French and German, Queen Mary College, London.
B. L. Davies for French and German, St. John's College, Cambridge.
R. J. Dawe for Pharmaceutical Subjects, Nottingham University.
T. W. R. Dean for Chemistry, University College, Leicester.
S. C. Dell for Mathematics and Physics.
J. W. J. Freeth for Mathematics, King's College, London.
D. R. A. Friend for Geography, University College, Leicester.
P. J. B. Hames for Geography and History, University of North Staffs.
J. W. Harding for French and Latin, University College, Leicester.
B. J. Hardy for Mathematics and Physics, Imperial College, London.
A. Harvey for Classics, Jesus College, Cambridge.
F. E. J. Hawkins for History and Geography, Leeds University.
T. J. Hemuss for Music, Durham University.
E. J. Hunt for Medical Subjects, University College Hospital, London.
A. F. King for Classics, Jesus College, Cambridge.
J. M. King for French and Latin.
T. G. D. Klemperer for History, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.
P. S. Matthews for Engineering Subjects, Leeds University.
J. R. Morgans for Engineering Subjects, Swansea University.
P. W. H. North for French and German, Reading University.
R. T. Putnam for History and Geography, Leeds University.
J. D. Richardson for French and German, Leeds University.
P. N. Rogers for Botany and Zoology, University College, Leicester.
J. Smithers for Chemistry, University College, Leicester.
D. S. Sutton for French and German, Downing College, Cambridge.
M. F. Turner for French and German, Leeds University.
J. C. Williams for Mathematics, Queen Mary College, London.
D. C. Willatts (hon.) for Mathematics, R.M.A., Sandhurst.

Dorset County Major Exhibition :

- J. O. Small for Chemistry, University College, Leicester.

Army Cadetship, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst :

D. C. Willatts.

Headmaster's Prize : E. M. Squires.

Governors' Reading Prize : J. C. Briden.

Governors' Classics Prize (presented by R. P. Clarke, Esq., C.B.E., M.A., B.C.L.) :
A. F. King.

Graefe Cup for best C.C.F. Cadet : R.S.M. D. W. Bradfield.

Harte Cup for best R.A.F./C.C.F. Cadet (presented by Wing Commander C. S. W. Harte) : Cadet F/Sgt. P. Aikens.

Giles Keen Memorial Cup for best Naval Cadet (presented by Mr. and Mrs. A. Keen) : Cadet L/Sea. H. W. Clark.

Art Shield (presented by A. Hastings, Esq.) : S. A. Leader.

Hope Cup (presented by Mr. and Mrs. W. Hope) : R. W. James.

Marti Prize for French (presented by Mrs. A. Marti) : P. M. Slotkin.

Goodchild Prize for Mathematics (presented by C. J. Goodchild, Esq.) : J. H. Speight.

Thorne Prize for English (presented by Mrs. G. Bayley) : P. E. Rear.

Westney Prize for Music (presented by M. W. Westney, Esq.) : D. A. Rance.

Lance Memorial Prize for Persistent Progress : 1st Year—B. T. Hine ; 2nd Year—R. R. Trick.

Raffety House Cup for School Work : Youens.

Special Cricketing Prize : A. Harvey.

FORM PRIZES

FORM II A :

1st, S. R. Snodin
2nd, A. D. Lawson

FORM II B :

1st, R. A. Laskey
2nd { P. C. Drayton
 J. R. W. Whitwham

FORM II C :

1st, J. D. Harris
2nd, J. F. Shackell

FORM II D :

1st, A. M. Pratt
2nd, M. R. Ferguson

FORM III X :

1st, C. L. Dupond
2nd, R. N. Broadley
3rd, T. J. Dell

FORM III Y :

1st, R. J. Puddephatt
2nd, R. M. Layton
3rd, J. E. Steward

FORM III A :

1st, G. R. J. Dorsett
2nd, G. W. Stossler

FORM III S :

1st, R. H. Coward
2nd, R. G. Beavis

FORM IV X :

1st, B. N. Buckley
2nd, R. W. Hammett
3rd, C. H. Farmer

FORM IV Y :

1st, J. P. Carter
2nd, R. R. Parsons
3rd, G. W. Boireau

FORM IV A :

1st, C. Swain
2nd, R. A. O. Stockwell

FORM IV S :

1st, D. M. Elvey
2nd, J. C. Bowman

Form Prizes—continued

FORM IV SHELL :

- 1st, D. J. Garnett
2nd, R. J. Coppock

FORM Vx :

- 1st, R. P. H. Green
2nd, C. D. Waller
3rd, P. J. Wilson

FORM VA :

- 1st, P. J. Yates
2nd, A. R. Watters

FORM Vs :

- 1st, J. E. Burnell
2nd, R. J. Lawrance

FORM V SHELL :

- 1st, A. J. Riley
2nd, R. H. P. Lynch

FORM VUA :

- 1st, A. J. Kennedy
2nd, J. R. Garland

FORM VUS :

- 1st, D. J. Craft
2nd, M. D. Coward

FORM VU SHELL :

- 1st, D. J. M. Rendall
2nd, D. W. Cox

NEATNESS PRIZES :

- VU D. W. Cox
V G. S. Wood
IV M. G. Smith
III D. R. Walker
II C. F. Pass

SPEECH PRIZES :

- VI P. J. Griffin
VI J. N. Kitching
VU } D. M. Slatter
VX }
V J. E. Burnell
IV S. N. M. Evans
III J. M. Rees
II S. Merrington

HANDICRAFT PRIZE :

- D. W. Cox

MUSIC PRIZE :

- P. Read

FORM VI—1ST YEAR :

- Latin* P. J. Muller
Greek E. W. Burrows
French P. R. Hillyard
German P. R. Hillyard
English P. F. Dunsterville
History R. W. Tabner
Geography M. G. Swift
Economics R. W. Tabner
Chemistry A. M. Fowler
Physics J. R. Parkins
Mathematics J. R. Parkins
Zoology J. C. Holdbrook
Botany A. M. Fowler

FORM VI—2ND and 3RD YEAR :

- Classics* R. Babb
Greek W. A. C. Knowles
Latin A. Harvey
Ancient History S. C. Williams
French
2nd Year G. Gilbertson
3rd Year D. S. Sutton
German
2nd Year A. H. Brown
3rd Year B. L. Davies
Modern Languages M. H. Vaughan-Rees
P. Chamberlin
T. W. Brown
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Spanish
English & History J. N. Kitching
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Physics
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3rd Year J. W. Beckford
Physics & Mathematics D. M. Cunnold
Botany D. W. Hollomon
Zoology H. W. Clark
Pure Mathematics
2nd Year C. J. Date
Applied Mathematics
2nd Year R. H. S. White
Mathematics
3rd Year J. C. Williams

THE ASCENT OF F.6

Somehow one always seems to associate the Dramatic Societies of anywhere with amusing comedies, farces and indifferent Shakespeare—pieces selected for their entertainment value, without any further point than to give the audience its money's worth so that it can go home satisfied. It was with some surprise, then, that I heard that the School Society was going to put on "The Ascent of F.6," which, after all, is hardly calculated to "satisfy" anybody. By this I do not wish to imply that the play is not good, but rather that it is specifically designed to disturb, containing as it does many of the symptoms of the "sickness of mankind in the twentieth century." It examines as many of these as it can in the few hours of its duration, so that the audience is sent away thinking furiously, moved to examine not only its own integrity, but also that of the society in which it moves.

This aim makes the action involved, for a constant crossing and recrossing of the themes gives the characters status as individuals only on the surface; in fact they are at once symbolised promptings in the mind of the leading character, Michael Ransom, and an abbreviated cross-section of society.

The divisions are three in number. Firstly, we have the thinkers, who are shown as members of an Expedition, and whose function is to show all the various motives at work in Ransom's mind. These are the men who do a thing because they are urged to find out the meaning of their own lives, who are selfish because introverts. Secondly, we are shown the people who use the thinkers and idealists, for their own ends. Lastly come those who watch all that goes on but who are not equipped mentally to take an active part.

The thinkers' function then is to show Ransom's character as fully as possible. Ransom himself is the driving force behind everything in the play, as his type is in society. John Keeling, looking magnificently at home with a pipe, had all the necessary quiet strength. He bound the Expedition together. Shawcross, always as his name implies quick to anger and nervous because of his sense of inferiority, was ably put over by John Small; David Gunn, the one who leads his own life outside the bounds of the moral code, always trying to escape, was played enthusiastically by Martin Green; Edward Lamp and Doctor Williams, the former completely wrapped up in botany, the latter unimaginative, full of common sense and a wish for a calm, unruffled existence, were well played by Patrick Prescott and David Slatter, who used all their ability to give the Expedition unity in itself while being hopelessly divided in its members' thoughts. The difficult ambiguity involved was handled very well by the producer.

The second group contains the Users. Thomas Klemperer as Lord Stagmantle showed an interpretation of heartiness, of crudeness, at work in the Auden/Isherwood society, where such lack of feeling accompanied by so much influence can only cause a return to the Dark Ages. General Dellaby-Couch and Lady Isabel are, like him, the sort of people who can be found on influential committees when bad luck gets control. Sir James Ransom, admired by the society which he uses for his own ends, is the hypocritical secretary, knowing exactly where he is going. David Ashby, John Burnell and Jack Kotlar made an excellent contrast to the Expedition.

The frustrated spineless twitchings of the third group occur throughout the play. Peter Holtorp and William Fisher as Mr. and Mrs. A. had exactly the right monotony of voice and stiffness of movement. They showed well that although the people for whom the sacrifice is nominally made have little to recommend them, there is not only a basic wholesomeness, but also the faintest perception that there may be something more in life. It is this perception that prevents them from ever being satisfied. Ian Tomes as the Announcer shared in this careful study.

John Camp as Mrs. Ransom had a very difficult task, although the fact that he was the wrong sex is immaterial for once in this play. It was his job to show that, like Volumnia, she was not only Ransom's prop, but also the cause of his downfall. This he did well.

Michael Turner as the Abbot gave a most impressive performance, and Brian Tetmar, Roger Davies, Timothy Thirlway, Roger Leach, Denzil Walker and Simon Tomes completed the cast as chorus and acolytes.

The production of such a play, so complex in structure, marks a very definite step forward in the history of the Dramatic Society. Mr. Alan Davies must be congratulated not only on the departure from an accepted tradition, but also on its success. Let us hope that next year will bring something as unusual and diverting, and if possible that the Society may try something equally ambitious, even if it involves co-operation with the High School.

R. J. HANDSCOMBE.

THE SCHOOL TRIP, 1957

Slowly, silently, almost lazily, the Thames rolls on its winding course to meet and be lost in the North Sea, conscious, it seems, that it is one of the great rivers of the world, not because of its size, nor because of its great beauty, but because it is at once the gateway to the world's largest centre of population and one of the main arteries of international trade and commerce. Now, however, there are

intruders upon the magic water—350 riotous schoolboys, determined to seek out the historical, architectural, and scientific wonders to be seen on either bank. Thames seems offended at this intrusion, gurgles reproachfully, and slaps against the bows of the M/V's *Royalty* and *Viscount*, in which ancient, but by no means decrepit, vessels the boys are conveyed, and is for punishment chastised by the whirling screws. The sun beats down from between the scurrying clouds, and we settle down to enjoy what promises to be a most interesting trip.

The journey by rail from High Wycombe had been remarkably free from those misfortunes which are usually encountered on school trips. No one had been lost, and all our movements have been made smoothly and without delay, though not without amusing incidents. On the journey from High Wycombe to Paddington the train brakes were violently applied and the driver was seen to dismount from his engine, to walk round it as if executing a detailed inspection, to kick the offending machine, and, finally, to carry on at a reduced speed. Various theories have been expounded as to the cause, but, none of them being very convincing, it remains a mystery. Again on the tube from Paddington to Charing Cross, a member of the staff, perhaps desiring to win another feather for his cap, and, no doubt, foreseeing the unwieldiness of so large a body of boys in the confined space of Central London, extended the handle of his umbrella into the next carriage, and set cunningly and methodically about strangling everyone within reach. Nevertheless, we arrived safe and fairly sound at Charing Cross, and proceeded on foot by means of Hungerford Foot Bridge to Festival Hall Pier, where we boarded our launches and began to sail downstream on the first lap of our journey.

Approximately one and a half miles, one rain-shower, and one hundred and fifty bottles of mineral water. Later, having left behind the Royal Festival Hall, Shell-Mex House with its famous clock, Cleopatra's Needle, Waterloo Bridge, Somerset House, Captain Scott's old ship *Discovery*, now a training vessel for the Sea Scouts, Blackfriars Road and Railway Bridges, St. Paul's, Southwark Bridge, the Monument, and the Upper Pool, we arrived at the Tower of London, where we disembarked for one and a half hours, presumably to explore the ancient fortress. Many of us, however, who, perhaps, had visited the Tower too often in the past, found more interest at the waterfront, watching the powerful tugs chugging up-river with their strings of laden lighters, or the cranes unloading cargoes of every conceivable nature—grain, beer, oil, machinery, wood, and even glass—with unbelievable speed and efficiency.

Soon, however, it was time to be off again, and, having struggled to the launches with damp clothes and opaque glasses from the efforts of a nearby steam pile-driver with a grudge against humanity, we took our seats and sailed four miles down the river to Greenwich.

Here the first thing that caught our attention was the *Cutty Sark*, now resplendent in bright colours and new rigging, which was opened to the public in June of this year as a lasting monument to the age of sail. While on this vessel two of the senior boys noticed that they kept knocking their heads rather painfully on various projections and doorways, and eventually came to the conclusion that the sailors of that age must have been midgets. To test this theory they hurried off to the crew's quarters and took up reclining positions on two of the bunks, much to the alarm of an elderly and obviously short-sighted lady who happened to enter at the time, and who seemed certain that she had intruded into the night-watchmen's quarters. The bunks were discovered to be about five feet eight inches long, which would suggest either that their sailors were small in stature or extremely uncomfortable.

After leaving the *Cutty Sark* some of us made our way to the National Maritime Museum, others traversed the subway to the Isle of Dogs, and others visited the Royal Naval College. But by 5 o'clock we had all re-assembled, and were ready to make the return journey to Charing Cross. By this time the tide, which had been rising while we were sailing downstream, was high, and the traffic on the river was at its heaviest. There were coasters, motor launches, pleasure craft, police launches, small naval vessels, and, most important of all, the chugging, hammering, noisy tugs, powerful and confident, feeding the ever-hungry mouths of a nation's industries. But now the sun has become obscured and the buildings on the shore and the boats on the water take on a drab and dingy look. Only the river is still majestic, unhurried, conscious, it seems, of its own importance. The scene is so striking that before we make our way back to Charing Cross, we linger to view this river which, though of no great size or beauty, though its waters are brown and muddy, has a character and personality, deeper and more complete than any human being.

R. J. NUTHALL, VIC.

“ A SUMMER DIVERSION ”

On Friday, July 19th, a few of the more musical members of the School, with the addition of a few from the High School and four masters, took part in a “ Summer Diversion ” in the School Hall. The first half of the programme was devoted to music and the second half to a play.

The part played by the orchestra came as a welcome surprise to those who have been used to hearing it rehearse on each Friday evening. This was to a large extent due to the addition to the strings of some very capable violinists from the High School, the part played by a few more experienced members and the little extra

given by all the members. All the pieces were played well, but the two most outstanding pieces were probably "The Herd Girl's Sunday," in which there was some very good flute playing, and the march from "Carmen," which seemed to be the piece most suited to the orchestra.

There were five soloists, two pianists, two singers, and a violinist. David Rance cannot be praised too highly for his polished performance on the piano, especially his rendering of Prokofiev's "Prelude in C." Katherine Phillips also played very well. The two singers acquitted themselves very well. David Nash has a fine baritone voice which could be heard everywhere in the hall. Gillian Nash (no relation, I am told) has a beautiful soprano voice and it was very pleasant to hear her sing the "Jewel Song" in the original French. Thomas Klemperer gave a good rendering of some typical Handel. It is very pleasing to see how much Klemperer has improved during the last year.

The final item in the musical half of the evening was three songs sung by the Glee Club. After a slow start with "Bobby Shaftoe," they settled down very well and gave a good performance of "Little David."

The second half of the programme consisted of a Welsh wayside comedy, "Birds of a Feather," by J. O. Francis, which was jointly produced and played by four members of the Staff. It was exceedingly well acted by all four and it was impossible to pick out anyone as standing above the rest. The play produced much laughter, and it was a change to see two of the masters hitting each other.

This play produced a fitting end to an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The cast in the play was as follows :—

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| Tommy Tinker | | | Dr. G. Morgan |
| Dicky Bach Dwl | | | Mr. A. Davies |
| Bishop of Mid-Wales | Mr. D. C. F. | Edginton | |
| Gamekeeper | | | Mr. M. M. Davies |

G. W. F. EWINS.

SCHOOL HOUSE

In England it appears to be fashionable to complain about the weather whatever it may be, but exams. in a heat wave are not to be desired, and so this charge appears to us to be reasonable. Anyhow we wish all members of the House and the rest of the School (even Uplyme and Tylers Wood) all the best in them in spite of the very real difficulties.

Most of the senior section of the House appear to be leaving for one reason or another, some going to universities, others to become day-boys. Of the prefects only B. Tettmer remains—J. O. Small is going to Leicester University, M. Turner to Leeds University, T. Klemperer is to join the F.A.U. for two years and then go to Cambridge University, and D. C. Willatts joins the Army this Autumn at Sandhurst.

We have no startling defeats of Uplyme or Tylers Wood to announce, but R. C. Jones, J. Dawes and R. Casbeard have done excellent work for School cricket teams. We wish them, especially the younger ones, luck in seasons to come.

In order to overcome the strain of the end-of-the-school-year flood of work, the staff have turned their thoughts to holidays and peace (?). Although this form of escapism may give them temporary relief, we wonder whether they could really exist without the worries, trials and cares of school life.

J. O. SMALL

TYLERS WOOD HOUSE

This term has been a very industrious one for many members of the House. Sixteen boys sat for the G.C.E. examination, eight taking "O" level and eight "A" level; we wish them the best of luck with the results.

Several boys have distinguished themselves in the sporting world during the last term. G. Hickey represented the School in two events at the County Sports, winning the discus. Chandrubeksa also won the high jump at the same meeting, and P. Gates ran in the 880 yards for the juniors. P. Hares has played regularly for the first cricket team and P. Aikens for the first tennis team.

We were very pleased to see three of our old boys during the term. "Felix" Johnstone paid us a short visit during an "afternoon off" from his work with A.E.C. in Southall. R. D. Owen spent an afternoon here during a short leave from R.A.F., Halton, where he is now stationed. P. S. Matthews, who is also doing his National Service in the R.A.F., returned for a short visit when on leave, and we hope to see him again soon. We very much like to see our old boys who are now "men of the world."

Five or six boys will be leaving at the end of this term, thus the House will be seeing some new faces. Speaking for the leavers, I should like to wish the House and all the boys the best of luck for the future and hope it will continue to flourish as it has done in the past.

P. AIKENS.

UPLYME HOUSE

This term we say goodbye to J. Freeth, our head boy, and R. W. Thorne, one of our prefects, who are leaving us, all being well, for London University and Dartmouth respectively. We wish them successful and happy futures.

Seven of our boys sat for G.C.E. exams. at various levels and we wish them every success. In the Middle School G. W. Boireau gained our only prize.

In the C.C.F., R. W. Thorne has attained the rank of Petty Officer, while J. W. T. Freeth has been promoted Staff Sergeant in a miniature range. Thorne also continued to shoot with the School team.

In the sporting sphere, J. A. Dawes gained his 1st XI colours, whilst R. W. Thorne kept wicket for the 2nd XI and gained his colours. R. C. Hackett also played for the 2nd XI, while Freeth continued to do his usual competent job as scorer for the 1st XI. O. V. Volkonsky, an old colour, played with the tennis team. We had two very enjoyable games of "tip-and-run" against School House and have managed to keep our unbeaten record.

Of the old boys, R. H. Jones, a radio officer with P. & O., came to visit us. We also had a visit from B. R. Youens, who after his nasty accident in Germany has gone with his parents to Athens. We must congratulate "Froggy" Waters on his Modern Languages degree, and McCreery on his degree at the London School of Economics. He now works in Kodak's. Harcourt (who also works in Kodak's but never sees McCreery) has been elected to the O.B.'s committee. J. Speight is doing research for Metro-Vickers in Zurich. A. Sallows has gone into accountancy (getting into big money!). Mitchell came back on General Inspection day, but said that it was better in his day!

J. A. DAWES.

C.C.F. NOTES

INSPECTION

The first part of the term was spent in preparing for the Annual Inspection of June 6th, when for the second time in the history of the School the inspection was carried out by an Admiral—Rear Admiral D. E. Holland-Martin, D.S.O., D.S.C.

Much time was spent and trouble taken to ensure that all ceremonial details were correct and the Admiral was "piped aboard" as he entered the Main Drive preparatory to the customary General Salute.

Inspection of Normal Training followed the March Past and a Staff Officer from each Service made detailed investigations of all the various activities which were taking place.

In his report the Inspecting Officer stated : " This was the first inspection of this sort that I have had the pleasure to carry out. I was most favourably impressed with what I saw. I enjoyed being piped on my arrival ; the turn-out and steadiness on parade were commendable ; even more so was the cheerful enthusiasm displayed by all sections."

SHOOTING

Again a full programme of competitions was fired, starting with the " Country Life " Competition on the .22 Miniature Range. The School again entered in the Class using rifles with sights as issued and finished 32nd out of an entry of 53 schools, an improvement of a few places on last year's performance.

The Ashburton at Bisley was disappointing. Practically the same team as last year finished a few places from the bottom, and undoubtedly to finish even half way up the list next year will require a great deal of practice with competition sights and under different conditions of weather by all members of the team.

The School VIII did, however, make a very creditable show at Bulford in the Salisbury Plain District Rifle Meeting on the 1st of June. In the morning, twelve schools were entered for the application event—5 rounds at each of 200 and 300 yards. The following team finished second to Bloxham School, the winners of last year : R. W. Thorne 41, M. R. Pattinson 41, C. Chandrubeksa 40, G. L. S. Hickey 40, M. J. Green 38, C. J. Melsom 38, R. W. Paine 38, J. W. Beckford 28.

In the afternoon 43 teams contested the Falling Plate Competition. Teams of four line up at 300 yards and on the appropriate signal advance to 200 yards and blaze away until one team has knocked down eight twelve-inch square steel plates. The third team was beaten in the second round and then had the pleasure of watching the first team emerge victorious on "C" Range out of twenty-one teams. In the meantime the second team had on "B" Range disposed of two teams in well under the minute before their opponents had knocked down a single plate. In the third round the Bloxham second team was overcome and in the Quarter Finals the team was all the way a plate ahead of the Bloxham first team until the very last second, when the last two Bloxham plates were put down together. The Final was most exciting. Plate by plate, the two teams kept level until each had one plate left. A shout went up as the Bloxham plate went down, but before the cease fire could be ordered the Wycombe plate was flattened, and as the team rose to

shake hands with their victorious opponents I felt all had emerged with great credit and the reputation of the School had been enhanced by their efforts. 1st Team : Thorne (Capt.), Beckford, Chandrubeksa and Hickey. 2nd Team : Melsom (Capt.), Green, Pattinson and I. M. Tomes.

ARMY CAMP

"Attention 'Y' Battalion, attention 'Y' Battalion, the time is now zero five-thirty." Reveille announced on the loudspeaker system on the last day of camp will no doubt bring back to many the memories of a good camp at Windmill Hill this year. Lieut.-Col. R. Pattinson, Captains M. M. Davies, L. T. Hollingworth, J. G. Lloyd, Sgt. C. Harrison and ninety-nine cadets attended the camp this year, run in an admirable manner by the 23rd Field Regt. R.A. All the usual demonstrations and activities were laid on, but the highlight this year was the Artillery Demonstration at Larkhill, where an excellent display of shooting was given and some of the secrets of the Nuclear Rocket were revealed. The contingent was a credit to the School and achieved the distinction of having the "Best Lines" in the Battalion on every day when the inspection was carried out.

Following the camp at Windmill Hill, the Commanding Officer and six cadets attended the Artillery Camp at Larkhill. Cadet Sgt. A. Grainge, together with L/Cpls. C. J. Gee, J. M. Hodder, R. W. Paine, P. J. Thompson and B. L. White made an excellent gun team, putting up a very good performance in the Gun Drill Competition, and on the last day of the camp on the Range fired the 25-pounder guns from the O.P. with the skill of experienced officers. All earned high praise from the red-hatted Instructors of Gunnery, who were amazed at the high standard of efficiency the cadets attained in such a short space of time.

R.P.

R.A.F. SECTION

In April, 30 cadets attended an Easter Camp at R.A.F., Hemswell, in Lincolnshire. There was a great deal of flying and cadets averaged about three hours flying time each. The Summer Camp, which has just ended, was held at R.A.F., Fazakerley, Liverpool, and was attended by 20 cadets. Although flying facilities were more limited, the average flying time for cadets was 60 minutes. In addition to normal training activities, very enjoyable visits were made to Liverpool Cathedral, the docks and the Mersey Tunnel.

Sgt. C. J. Melsom is to be congratulated on being selected to take part in the "Reciprocal Visit" scheme which, in his case,

means a visit of about three weeks duration to many places in Holland. Cadet D. E. R. Deacon is also to be congratulated on the award of a Flying Scholarship. He commenced his flying instruction at West London Aero Club at White Waltham on July 22nd.

A team of cadets is to take part in the Annual A.T.C. Display to be held at White Waltham on August 10th. They are to demonstrate the assembly and launching of the primary glider and have already reached a good standard of performance in their preliminary practices.

Examination successes gained by cadets of the Section during the present year have been most gratifying. In March, 17 cadets gained the Proficiency Certificate and eight cadets were successful in the Advanced Training examination. These excellent results reflect the splendid work carried out by N.C.O.'s during the year. Many of these N.C.O.'s will be leaving at the end of the School year. They have contributed in a major degree to the successful running of the Section, and sincere good wishes are expressed for the success of their future careers.

E.M.

R.N. SECTION

This report is being written on the eve of departure for our annual Summer Camp which is being held at H.M.S. *Thunderer*, the R.N. Engineering College at Plymouth. If we are looked after as well as the last time we were there in 1954, we shall have a most instructive and enjoyable week.

It was the Navy's turn this year to provide the inspecting officer for our Annual General Inspection in the person of Rear Admiral D. E. Holland-Martin, Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel (Officers). No official report has yet been received, but I think he was pleased with what we showed him.

A great deal of work in out-of-school hours was done by many members of the Section in getting our new acquisition, the room at the end of the Scout Hut, into ship-shape condition. It has been fitted out for use as an instruction room and store for blocks, tackles, cordage and the like, and will be a very valuable asset to the Section.

Many hours of hard labour have also been spent by a few boys during the Easter holidays preparing our whaler for the season. The boat was scraped and painted, and now looks very smart indeed. and we have had some good sailing in her during the term. We hope to make use of her every Thursday during the Christmas term given good conditions.

Cadet P.O. Thorne is leaving school this term to go to Dartmouth. Our congratulations and the best of luck.

Cadet L.S. Babb also leaves this term to go to Reading University. He has done very good and useful work in the background as our writer. His place is being taken by R. Saunders who, if he does as well as Babb, will be a great asset to us.

Cadets Thorne and Hardy have been rated P.O. since the last report, and ten boys have passed their Leading Seaman exam.

Congratulations to H. Clark for winning the Keen Cup for the best Naval Cadet.

Our numbers are now steady at about 80 cadets, the new intake balancing those leaving. Now that the numbers in the Section are at last stabilized we can look forward to an improved standard. Previously the Section has grown each year, so that we had too many Ordinary Seamen and too few Leading Seamen and Petty Officers.

D.T.N.

THE SIGNALS PLATOON COMMANDEERS AN R.A.F. STATION

(Twenty-four-hour Competition)

On June 15th, four members of the Signals Platoon left school in a Bedford van to take part in a weekend exercise. The object of the exercise was to maintain wireless communication between various schools throughout the country for twenty-four hours continuously and to keep a record of the contacts made and wireless conditions; the competition was to be judged on these records or operations reports. There were to be two stations from this school, one camping out and the other bivouacking at school. The campers' equipment filled the van, reaching the roof in the middle and left little room for the members of the team.

Our proposed destination was somewhere near Chipping Norton, in the Cotswolds, where we hoped to find a suitable site and a willing farmer. We went by way of Oxford and Woodstock, where we bought our food, and whilst travelling between Woodstock and Chipping Norton we suffered our only accident, a puncture, which rather delayed us. Near Chipping Norton we passed a dis-used R.A.F. station which seemed to be a reasonable place to pitch camp and erect our masts. The farmer, a Mr. Smith, who owned the land surrounding the aerodrome, was not easily found. It took an hour to find him because we relied on the direction of the local inhabitants, but when we did find him he was very willing to allow us to pitch our camp.

The station was a wartime construction which had been partially destroyed after the war. No building was left intact, but the control tower was still safe to use. The tower had a pole on top which we used as a mast. We pitched our tents beneath the control tower and had our first meal, which had previously been prepared and only needed heating. Our kitchen was a corner of the pit of the old boiler house, whose walls had been levelled to the ground. The meal was eaten sitting around on any comfortable stool, be it an accumulator, wireless or telephone box, in a fashion which is often depicted in pictures of the Australian outback. After this welcome meal we erected two 36-foot masts and aërials and then settled down to operate. Our plan of operating was to work for one hour and then have a break of three hours. We were to use one tent for operating and the other for sleeping. At about 2.40 p.m. we contacted the people back at school and received a message that "B" was on his way. This was a mystery and became even more so when the local policeman told us that a chap on a motor-cycle was looking for us. He arrived at about 5 p.m. and turned out to be a friend of Watson's and was experienced in operating wireless sets.

Later in the evening we moved our headquarters into the control tower. Here it was easy to arrange our aerial system suited for the peculiar conditions of operating wireless by night. In the room we used there was some glass in the windows and it was fairly draught-proof. Using one tent to sleep in, we used this room for the rest of the exercise. Our meals were cooked over a primus and eaten whenever possible.

The next morning was very cool, especially when walking around the airfield at 5 a.m., but later it became very hot and the temperature rose into the eighties (at school it was 86°F.). After eating all we could at hand we began to collect all the equipment which was not being used. One of the masts was taken down and the tents were struck. Everything was laid out behind the van ready for packing in. At three we finished and then carried the rest of the equipment to the van and stowed it away. At a quarter to four we left the station and went into the town, where we picked up the wheel which had the puncture and we finally arrived back at school a little after six.

The final phase was to put the operations reports made during the exercise into a presentable form for the adjudicators and to extract the relevant conclusions from them. After about three weeks we were told that we had won the competition and had been awarded a cup. There were 14 stations taking part in the competitions and many more who joined us during the day. So successful was this competition that another was organised and this account was written in the early hours of the morning during the second one.

D. C. WILLATTS

HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION 1957

The House Music Competition is valuable in that it gives an opportunity for boys whose main interests do not necessarily lie with music to take part in a musical event. In joining the House choirs, many seniors were willing to try to help their House win the competition.

The competition, this year, was full of interest and will be remembered for several solo performances. A new feature was the awarding of five points to each House member who had attained a certain standard in instrumental playing. This resulted in a fairer picture being obtained of the total musical ability of a House. When these points were added up, it was found that Youens House, the holders of the shield, had a lead of 20 points over their nearest rivals, Fraser and Arnison.

We were particularly fortunate in having Professor Frederick Jackson, of the Royal Academy of Music, to act as adjudicator of the competition, and in his final remarks he showed himself to have a ready wit as well as being a brilliant musician.

The competition commenced with the solo performers and the choir of Youens House. Throughout the year the School has come to expect fine performances by D. Rance, and he did full justice to the Prelude in C by Prokofiev. F. Riley (Treble) was not quite so successful in the song "Fairest Isle," by Purcell. The choir did well in their song, "Chillingham," by Charles Wood. It was a difficult song for a house choir, but it was sung fairly accurately and with expression. Disraeli's efforts were not quite so fruitful. Prof. Jackson, however, complimented Cox, the pianist, for his playing in the Quartet. He played well also in his solo. The members of the House choir were not very certain of their parts in the song by Morley which they sang and it would, perhaps, have been better to choose a song less difficult than this. Fraser House, which followed Disraeli, gained high marks for their items. Both D. P. Nash and J. A. Dawes performed well in their solos, the latter playing two Trumpet Tunes by Purcell, and the former, in The Cobbler's Song, showing himself to have a very promising bass-baritone voice. The song "Come, Sleep," by Wood, was well sung by the Fraser choir—the strong under-parts being very welcome. The competition concluded with the solos and the choir of Arnison House. T. Klemperer played a movement from a Handel violin sonata with his usual ability, and Barwell played a Chopin Prelude with feeling for the distinctive mood of the piece. Their song, "Never weather-beaten sail," by Campian, was sung accurately but in a rather dull manner.

In his final remarks, Prof. Jackson surprised the audience by his ability to play the pieces from memory and demonstrating the

correct way to play them. He then announced the results of the competition. Youens House had won, but only on account of the lead already gained by them before he afternoon ; Fraser was a close second, Arnison was third, and Disraeli fourth. The Music Competition is a House competition in which no ability in playing games is necessary and it also enables everyone in the School who is so inclined to take part in a musical event and at the same time to help his house.

P. READ

SPEECH COMPETITION 1957

This year the School added a new competition to its already long list, but this time it was one which had no house rivalry to spur on the competitors. There was, however, the spur of a prize on Speech Day for the fortunate winners. The best reading came from the second forms and the sixth forms ; the middle school readers in general seemed a little indistinct. The reading was judged by Mrs. D. Mallet, sister of Mrs. R. P. Clarke, wife of the Chairman of the Governors. The more senior members of the staff will, no doubt, remember Mrs. Mallet as Medea in Euripides' play of the same name performed by the School some years ago. The School extends its thanks to Mrs. Mallet and Mrs. Clarke for their accurate assessing of the quality of the reading.

THE FALL OF THE SWASTIKA

" For Russia we need, at the most, six weeks." These words, spoken by Adolf Hitler just before the German attack on Russia on June 22nd, 1941, sealed the fate of the German Air Force. Its foundations had been undermined, however, when, in 1938, Hitler had ordered the Air Force to be strengthened to a degree which the R.L.M. (German Air Ministry) found to be impossible, but, instead of refusing point-blank to carry out Hitler's orders, they tried to meet them numerically, at least. In order to do this they built small twin-engined bombers, such as the Ju 88 and Do 17.

The result was that, when war with England came in 1939, the existing German bombers had insufficient range to cover the whole of the British Isles. This, coupled with the fact that they carried only a small bomb-load and had inadequate defensive armament, should have made the R.L.M. change over to the four-engined, well-armed heavy bombers which the Allies used so successfully over Germany later in the war. In fact, the only aircraft of this type ever put into production was the He 177, and even this was taken out of production again after it had been found that the wings tended to break off under strain.

Hitler's impossible bomber programme was partly responsible for the suicide of General Udet, chief of the R.L.M.'s Technical

Department, who found he could not cope with the task set him. He also found that he could not stand up to the intrigues and jealousy of General Milch, who wanted to gain control of the Technical Department himself. This is an illustration of the continual bickerings and petty jealousies in all departments of the R.L.M., which impeded any real teamwork among the high officers. Often, indeed, one general would give orders which his personal enemy would do his best to cancel.

In spite of these drawbacks, however, the R.L.M. ordered in 1940 a cessation of work on all aircraft projects which would not bear fruit within 18 months, since by then (they said) the war would be won. It soon became evident that this would not happen, and work on these "long-term" projects was begun again, but the delay caused by the "1940 stoppage" had serious consequences for the aircraft industry.

The attack on Russia mentioned before was at first a great success, largely owing to surprise, but when winter came, and the Russians began to hold their ground, the German troops and airmen, who were ill-equipped for the cold, suffered terrible hardships. The Soviet Air Force was so immense that by sheer weight of numbers, later on, they broke the back of the German Air Force. Many a fighter lay smoking in the snow when it could have been defending a German town against Allied bombers.

Nevertheless, there flew in 1941 an aircraft which could at least have given Germany a breathing-space and allowed her to catch up with her lost industrial production. This was the Me 262. Designed by Professor Willi Messerschmitt, it was a twin-engined, jet-propelled fighter, with a top speed of over 500 m.p.h. If it had been put into production at once it might have saved the seemingly hopeless situation, for an aircraft with such a high speed would be practically immune from attacks by Allied fighters. The Me 262 was demonstrated to Hitler, who was enthusiastic about it, but acclaimed it as a BOMBER! He was obsessed with a crazy idea of hitting back at Britain, and on being told that the aircraft could, theoretically, carry 2,000 lbs. of bombs, ordered it to be produced solely as a bomber. Needless to say, with two bombs slung underneath the fuselage, and the additional weight of release mechanism and bomb-sight, the Me 262 was now so heavy that it came within the speed range of piston-engined fighters, and had little success until, in the final months of the war, its qualities were at last recognised, and it was produced as a fighter, but by then it was too late.

With so many faults in the organisation and policy of the R.L.M., it was only due to the bravery of the pilots at the Front that Germany held out so long. If the R.L.M. had been properly organised and had made the right decisions at the right times, the history of the Second World War might have been very different.

G. WALKER, Vx.

CALLOP PIE

First, catch your Callop. The Callop is a wily animal, and should be approached with stealth and camphor. Entice it cunningly with a bait of well-chosen and thoughtfully-collected herbs. Then pounce cruelly, with the speed of a hawk, and wring the unfortunate victim's neck, using the same action as that reserved for unoiled nuts and bolts.

Now you must skin the Callop. Cut the very tip of its monstrous tail, and with meticulous care peel off its rich pelt, in the same manner as you would peel dirty socks from off your feet after a long hike.

The next process is to bastinado the corpse. This involves hanging it up by its neck and thoroughly beating its six hard feet with a rough rolling-pin. (If possible, use a silver-plated rolling-pin, but if this is not available a brass substitute will suffice). Lest the reader be curious, I hasten to assure him that this beating is very necessary to produce that tender lusciousness on the hooves of the Callop, which is so gastronomically famous.

Now slice the brutish body carefully, taking especial note that each slice be no more than $5\frac{1}{2}$ ft. thick, nor less than $1/10$ in. thin. Each of these succulent hunks should suffice for one portion. Prick them all over with a parsley fork, and braise well for at least an hour, or until a rich red gravy is obtained.

Now assiduously boil each portion separately in this sumptuous sauce, until the whole delicious dish attains that delightful purple hue which is the hallmark of a well-cooked Callop.

Serve piping hot with well-washed Worcester sauce, with walnuts added to taste, and you will have a meal which should gladden the heart of even the most insiduously particular gourmet.

B. J. HARDY.

ONCE UPON A TIME . . .

. . . a long time ago, I. R. Daft, of Form —, strolled into the library. He looked round the shelves and found an interesting volume (number 3474).

He took it to the librarian on duty at the desk. "Can I 'ave this 'ere out?" To which the kindly librarian replied, "Yes, just sign the card, and give it to me."

This done, our friend, I. R. Daft, took the book home, read it, put it somewhere, and forgot it . . .

Two weeks later, and probably thirteen days after I. R. Daft finished the book, it was overdue. The name of I. R. Daft was entered in the overdue book, and the fine assessed. *Tempus fugit.*

At the end of the Summer Term a notice appeared in the library :

" ALL BOOKS TO BE RETURNED BY NEXT WEEK."

The librarians set to work to check four thousand books. Only three thousand eight hundred were there. Thanks to I. R. Daft and his hundred and ninety-nine friends, two hundred books were missing. A librarian set to find I. R. Daft.

" Has anyone seen I. R. Daft? Where is he?" There are various answers to this question.

- (1) " Yes."
- (2) " He's gone to C.C.F. camp."
- (3) " He's on holiday."
- (4) " He's not at school because of the bus strike." (He should have cycled.)
- (5) " He's left."
- (6) " No."

If, and when, I. R. Daft, is found, the by now weary librarian will say, " When are you going to return book No. 3474, which you borrowed six months ago?"

Here is a selection of the answers which I received to the above question this morning :—

- (1) " I returned it last week."
" Why didn't you put the card in it?"
" I didn't know you 'ad to."

This is an obvious lie, but what can be done about it?

- (2) " I never had it out."
" Then why is your name on the card?"
" Someone else must have written it."
" Who?"
" Dunno."

No comment.

- (3) " Tomorrow."
" It's always 'tomorrow.'"
- (4) (A rare confession) " I've lost it."

Is it too much to hope that this year people will return books promptly? It would save a lot of trouble, and allow more people to read them.

B. P. BOWERS.

FRASER HOUSE

The past School year has been a very prosperous one for Fraser House. After a rather poor start with the House Rugby Competition an increasing effort has been made all round and this has produced good results. The first House competition of the new year was the

Boxing. This competition can be won, as it has been proved these last few years, by sheer weight of entries. The senior school rallied well, but this cannot be said for the juniors. However, those who did enter fought well and we gained second place in a fine finish. During the finals of the boxing T. J. Gilder and A. Lawrence were presented with the senior and junior boxing cups respectively.

Cross-country, in which we succeeded in gaining our first victory, was the next competition. We congratulate P. J. Dean on winning and setting up a new course record.

The Music Competition was held with a slight change in the rules, points being given to boys who had reached the required standard. On the day of the competition we started with a deficit of twenty points, but although we scored the most points during the afternoon, by our superior soloist and choir, we could not gain sufficient points to win, but were placed second.

Sports Day produced its usual fierce competition, the result being decided by the final relay. The seniors ran well to win every track event and were supported by some very good running by the Lower School. The afternoon was very enjoyable and we achieved a very good victory. I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating P. J. Dean, who was the "Victor Ludorum" for the second year running.

The cricket competition is not being played this year, which is a great pity. At the beginning of the term the prospects for the House side were rather doubtful, but during the season the House has gained four colours—P. J. Blokland, P. Kennard, T. J. Gilder and J. A. Dawes.

This year has been a very successful one for Fraser and I hope that the House will strive to achieve even greater victories next year. This can only be attained by every member pulling his weight.

T. J. GILDER.

ARNISON HOUSE

House activity since the last issue of this magazine has been confined to Athletics and Music, in neither of which has Arnison gained any great success, and Cross-country, in which we won the senior race but were last overall.

Barwell and Klemperer put in much hard work towards the Music competition, and Klemperer distinguished himself in the competition itself. The House only managed to secure third place, but even this was an improvement over recent years, and we hope that the rise in standard which was apparent will continue, and that the House Music Shield will return to Arnison in the near future.

The absence of entries amongst the seniors for the Athletic Sports accounts to some extent for the disappointing result. The Colts and Juniors supported rather better, for Kern won the Under-15 Cup and several other good performances were recorded. There is certainly great promise for the future.

Slatter finished second in the senior Cross-country race, and good team work enabled our first eight runners to finish in the first twenty. The Colts and Juniors were in this case less enthusiastic and even less successful.

This term we have to say farewell to our senior housemaster, Mr. F. S. Eldridge, who has served Arnison so well for the last six years. In a school in which the division of houses is purely arbitrary, the infusion of house spirit into the members is quite a formidable task, and we certainly owe a great deal to Mr. Eldridge's challenging methods. We wish him the best in his new appointment.

E. M. SQUIRES.

DISRAELI HOUSE

Since the last House report Disraeli has not quite lived up to earlier expectations, although it performed very creditably in two of the three remaining competitions, viz. Athletics, Music and Cross-country. The performance in the Athletics was most heartening, considering the fact that the House possessed no really outstanding athletes, and conveys a true reflection of the spirit that is prevailing in the House at the moment. For this many thanks and congratulations are due to Gilbertson, who was in charge of Athletics, and we only lost by the narrowest of margins. If only two more people had entered and reached standards, the House would have won the competition. May this rest on the consciences of those who took no part! Much hard work was put into the Music competition by Ewins, but sheer honest effort was not sufficient to compete successfully against the talent evident in other Houses. The Cross-country left bright hopes for future years, since it was mainly through the energy of the Juniors that Disraeli was enabled to come second in the overall total. A very good effort!

This meant that Fraser and Disraeli were dead level in the number of wins in the various competitions, with only the cricket remaining. That was how it was to stay, however, both Houses stoutly maintaining their own supremacy in that field.

Another School year has ended and Disraeli has had great success, particularly in the earlier part of the year. To those who are leaving the House offers its thanks and best wishes for the future. Thanks are due also to all who have done so much work during the past year—they will know who they are—and to Mr. Hollingworth and Mr. Nicholas for taking such a keen interest in House affairs. Finally, I wish the House all the best for next year.

A. HARVEY.

YOUENS HOUSE

Since the last publication of this magazine we have lost our House Captain, M. J. Richardson. We wish him the very best of luck at his new Co-Ed. school!

We have won the Music competition, a success due a great deal, I think, to our leading musician, D. A. Rance. We also won the House Shooting competition, together with the Raffety House Cup for School Work. I should like to thank all members of the House who contributed so well to these successes. But in all fairness I should point out that we failed to achieve any success in the School Sports. This was owing to lack of support on the part of a number of members of the House, and it only serves to show that favourable results cannot be obtained unless wholehearted support is given by everyone.

I do not intend to cajole House members into doing anything they find distasteful, but no matter how small the contribution, it soon builds up to produce the required maximum.

At the end of this term in the School year, we shall be losing many of the old familiar faces, and wherever they may go and whatever they may do, I, on behalf of the House, should like to wish them all the very best and every success on their entry into the terrifying "outside world."
G. L. S. HICKEY.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The highlight of the year was the exhibition held in the library during Speech Day week. This comprised exhibits mainly of local interest lent most kindly by the Aylesbury Museum. There was shown some very fine pottery, mainly Roman from the Romano-British farm at Hambleden, but also some of the Neolithic period discovered at Whiteleaf. The large selection of flints, also from Whiteleaf, the interesting cases of Egyptian and Roman remains, as well as the model of a bodger's lathe, were amongst the other numerous and interesting exhibits.

To add to the interest a competition was arranged, in which boys were invited to identify ten exhibits. Prizes were offered for the best entries from the sixth form and from the rest of the School. The winners turned out to be J. C. Holdbrook and S. Merrington. Thus, in spite of the constant necessity of having to tell people not to touch things, the exhibition proved to be a great success.

The only expedition to report is the visit to St. Albans and Hatfield House by a party of Society members on the last Tuesday of term. On arriving at St. Albans at 10.30 everyone dispersed into different groups, some going to visit the Cathedral, but most going

to visit Verulamium. Here, besides visiting the usual round of things—walls, hypocaust, the theatre, and the Museum, we were able to inspect some remarkable excavations which are being carried out at the present moment. We were able to see an interesting mosaic here besides a well-preserved hypocaust discovered only the previous week. Unfortunately we were able to spend all too little time at St. Albans, and by 1.30 p.m. we had to be off again. The tour round Hatfield House proved to be a great success, after which people wandered for a short time around the grounds, the elder gentlemen in the party enjoying a cup of tea in the impressive hall of the old palace of 1497. Again, unfortunately, we had to leave all too soon, returning by just after a quarter past five: altogether a most successful day.

T. KLEMPERER.

THE CAMERA CLUB

We, as a club, have reached the end of our first year. It has not been as successful as it could have been, but with something new the slower course is often the better one. We have received a lot of help from some of the members of the staff, for which we are extremely grateful. We have to thank especially Dr. Harley for his help with lectures and general assistance in running the club. We shall miss him in the coming year.

For the next year the outlook is bright; the mistakes have all been found and they can be corrected. We shall try to embrace all degrees of interest in this hobby by working out a balanced programme of talks and competitions. We have had an offer of assistance from the High Wycombe Camera Club, who said they will willingly help with lectures during the coming year. We shall also go back to the original policy of running classes for beginners as we did at first.

A. L. H. HARDSTAFF.

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Since the last edition of this magazine the Society's work has been rather curtailed, because most of its members come from the second and third year Sixth, for whom the Summer Term is rather an important one. However, it was possible once again to hold a Latin Reading competition which seems to have developed into a permanent annual fixture. It was again a great success although the senior competition was an almost foregone conclusion. But it was most heartening to see an upset of form amongst the Juniors, which, it is hoped, may be a bright sign for the future of the Society. Next term, however, will see a renewal of activities for which new members are always very welcome.

A. HARVEY

STAMP SOCIETY

During the Summer Term the Society has been dormant, the members preferring to stay outside in the sunshine rather than come into the Main School building for meetings. I hope that any boys who are thinking of joining the Society will not be discouraged by this, as it is the same each year. Unlike most school societies, the Stamp Society flourishes during the winter months.

Three years after having been reformed, the Society is flourishing, and, with full co-operation from all its members, young or old, and it should continue to do so. Any member who has any ideas for trips, competitions, etc., should not hesitate to pass them on to the Secretary. They will be very welcome.

The Chairman will probably call a General Meeting at the beginning of the Autumn Term, primarily for the purpose of electing new officers. All members should attend this meeting so as to be able to voice their opinion on any matter which may be raised.

P. J. GRIFFIN.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

The activities of the Society have by no means slackened off during this term. In fact, we have been enrolling new members even at this late stage of the School year. I would like to remind members that the new period of membership begins in September and lasts one year. Our activities this term included visits to two firms and our usual film sessions.

The first visit was to Vickers-Armstrong Ltd. in Weybridge. Here we saw the production line of the famous Vickers Valiant bombers. Other things of special interest were the wind tunnels, the testing of under-carriages on a special ramp, and finally a so-called "mock up" of the Vickers Vanguard. This "mock up" is a full-scale wooden model of the new luxurious airliner which Vickers-Armstrong are building. The second visit was to Tickfords Ltd., of Newport Pagnell. Here the boys saw bodies of Lagonda saloons being built. We were very fortunate in that our visit enabled us to see the new plant that Tickfords have recently installed there.

Our film shows, as always, have drawn large audiences. Unfortunately we have had no scientific lectures from our members during this term. I am sure that lectures of this sort would be very well supported, so please do not let modesty stop anyone from coming forward. Apart from this point, the Society's functions have been most satisfactory, and I have every hope that they will continue to be so in the future.

D. A. SCOTT-KIDDIE.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

As is usual in the Summer Term, very little has happened, as most people are working for the exams. We had a few meetings at the beginning of the term, and one at the end.

At this time we lose many of our senior members, and it is left to the next generation to carry on. Those of us who are leaving can look back to the many meetings we have seen. Attendance has sometimes been poor, sometimes good, but the meetings have always been worthwhile. We hope and pray that next term may see some "new blood" in the Society, and that in years to come the Christian Fellowship may rank among the largest of the School societies.

"All things are possible . . . through faith in Jesus Christ."

B. P. BOWERS.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Owing to the examinations the work of the Society has suffered. A very successful outing to Regent's Park Zoo was arranged in conjunction with the High School. Everyone seemed to enjoy it ("it" being either the company or the Zoo).

It is hoped that the Society's activities will increase under the direction of a new secretary.

J. N. KEELING.

JAZZ CLUB

This term we have been very active. Our now familiar weekly record sessions have continued to draw a good audience. Programmes have included a collection of trombone jazz of all styles selected by J. N. Keeling, and a representation of the work of that great impressario of jazz—Norman Granz. Instrumental recitals have been few, though near the end of term a concert involving three bands, namely the R.G.S. Skiffle Group, a large mainstream unit and a modern quartet, attracted a gathering of about eighty enthusiasts. This concert, despite a technical hitch at the beginning, was a great success. During weekends at the end of term, there have been private recording dates in the "Studio" at Uplyme which have produced many interesting ideas. We hope that last year's enthusiasm will continue in the future.

D. P. NASH.

SPORTS DAY

A fine clear day and a close fight between Fraser and Disraeli were the main features of this year's Sports Day. There were some very good performances from P. Dean in the Open and Kerr in the Colts' events.

Again this year we had the two extremes: boys, in their enthusiasm, entering for far too much and among the spectators, others well capable of the standard required but lacking the will to enter or seemingly the interest to contribute to their House.

Fraser won by four points from Disraeli, but not until the relays was the result finally decided. For their victory Fraser can thank a gallant team, with its strong nucleus of established athletes from the Senior School. For their close approach to victory Disraeli must congratulate an enthusiastic team led by a House Master and Athletics Captain, who were often to be seen on the field after school training relay teams, advising competitors and in many ways instilling the enthusiasm that carried them so near to success.

The School extends its thanks to Mr. MacA. Bexon for pro-siding and to the Mayor and Mayoress for presenting the prizes and showing such an active interest.

FINAL RESULT

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|----|
| Fraser | ... | ... | 163 | Arnison | ... | ... | 94 |
| Disraeli | ... | ... | 159 | Youens | ... | ... | 74 |

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Under 12—Rothwell (F), 5 pts.

Junior—Priestley (D), 11 pts.

Colts—Kern (A), 21 pts.

Open—Dean (F), 15½ pts.

RECORDS

Discus—Sagar (D), 127 ft. 1 in.

Shot—Hickey (Y), 38 ft. 7½ ins.

CRICKET CLUB 1957

Captain : A. Harvey.

Vice-Captain : E. M. Squires.

Colours : A. Harvey, E. M. Squires, J. C. Briden, R. C. Jones, P. Blokland, T. J. Gilder, J. R. Bone, J. R. Dawes, P. Kennard.

The following have also played for the 1st XI : Hares, P., McCue, I., Collett, J., Bond, D., Punton, Waller, Babb, R.

This 1957 School XI has been one of the most successful sides that the School has produced. Experience, combined with youthful enthusiasm and, when needed, grim determination have taken the team through the season without defeat. Averages and records can

be misleading, but a side that can go through a full school season and end up with a win or the better of a draw has more than proved itself.

A. Harvey has captained the XI with quiet competence and has obtained the best from his team. His own outstanding performances with the bat and in the field have done much to encourage his team. He has scored 894 runs with an average of 55.9, and has scored three centuries this year. He has been asked to Captain the Bucks Young Amateurs in all their Inter-County matches and has also been invited to play for the English Grammar School XI *v* Welsh Grammar Schools at Swansea on August 7th and 8th.

In all classes of cricket the successful side is the one that fields well. This year the fielding has again been first class. Ground fielding, no easy matter on the home outfield after a dry spring, catching and throwing have been a delight to watch. A school side should field well; the days when the ground gets farther away each year, when joints creak at the least effort and when muscles do not respond so readily to demands are still far away. In any case, all cricketers spend more time in the field than in any other branch of the game, so that the effort put into fielding is well worth while.

The opening bats, Harvey and Briden, have again given the School a good number of large opening stands. Both are free-hitting batsmen, willing to punish the bad ball. Harvey's driving and cutting have been a delight to watch. Briden scores freely all round the wicket, but it is to be hoped that he will improve his hook shot. Kennard, at No. 3, has done a fine job in this important position; he is also willing to push the score along. Gilder's batting and wicket-keeping have improved steadily throughout the season, but his rate of scoring is sometimes much slower than it should be. Squires has been an ideal No. 5. His powerful hitting at an important time in many a match has changed the game. His hundred against Emanuel was the best example of this. Bone and Dawes have swung the bat with great gusto, often with considerable success. The last three batsmen have more than justified themselves. They were required to bat only a few times in the season, twice when the side was in difficulties. In the first match of the season Jones and Blokland added 50 for the last wicket, and at Barnet Jones and Bond, in an 8th-wicket stand of over 40, doubled the score and made the win possible.

The bowling, while not really penetrative, has been reasonably accurate and at times hostile. The Captain has usually had enough runs behind him to enable him to make full use of his slow bowlers and, if necessary, "buy" his wickets. Briden's 8 for 34 *v* W/Cdr. Edward's XI was the outstanding performance of the season. Squires and Blokland have proved a steady pair of opening bowlers. Jones has improved as the season has progressed.

This year we are losing Mr. Eldridge, who has done so much for the Under 14 XI. His keenness with the youngsters has done much to prepare them for the 1st XI. We thank him most sincerely for his work and hope that we will see him on the School field in the future.

The Club wish to thank Mr. Hills and Mr. Runswick for umpiring throughout the season, Mr. Beeson for preparing the wickets that have made centuries possible, Freeth for scoring in all matches, and the ladies who have helped with teas and lunches.

F. E. Hawkins, who captained the side in 1956, although unable to play much cricket at Leeds owing to the pressure of work, did play a few games for the University and has been asked to keep wicket for Bucks *v* Norfolk in August.

Quite a few of the XI are leaving this term. To them we wish good luck and many happy years of cricket. We hope to see them playing for the Old Boys in the future and hope that one or two of them will make the grade in county cricket.

H.W.J.

FIRST XI AVERAGES

Batting

| | <i>Runs</i> | <i>Innings</i> | <i>Times not out</i> | <i>Highest score</i> | <i>Average</i> |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| A. Harvey | 894 | 22 | 6 | 103* | 55.87 |
| J. C. Briden | 569 | 22 | 2 | 71 | 28.45 |
| T. J. Gilder | 303 | 18 | 7 | 56* | 27.55 |
| E. M. Squires | 392 | 20 | 5 | 100 | 26.23 |
| D. Kennard | 456 | 21 | 3 | 53* | 25.33 |
| J. R. Bone | 238 | 17 | 2 | 63* | 15.87 |
| J. A. Dawes | 116 | 10 | 2 | 34 | 14.5 |

Bowling

| | <i>Overs</i> | <i>Maidens</i> | <i>Runs</i> | <i>Wickets</i> | <i>Average</i> |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| J. A. Dawes | 35 | 8 | 126 | 12 | 10.5 |
| J. C. Briden | 257.2 | 55 | 639 | 55 | 11.61 |
| E. M. Squires | 235.5 | 93 | 430 | 37 | 11.62 |
| P. J. Blokland | 242.3 | 72 | 531 | 37 | 14.4 |

Catches

Gilder 12; Harvey 10; Briden, Bone 9; Squires, Kennard 7; Jones 6; Dawes, McCue 5; Blokland, Punter 2; Hares 1.

Stumpings: Gilder 12.

Played 27, Won 13, Drawn 10

FIRST XI RESULTS

- May 8—v Bishopshalt School. Match drawn.
R.G.S. 95 for 9 dec. (Blokland 31 not out).
Bishopshalt 81 for 4 (Briden 3 for 29).
- .. 11—v Wycombe C.C. "A" XI. R.G.S. won by 72 runs.
R.G.S. 159 (Harvey 91 not out).
Wycombe C.C. "A" XI 87 (Squires 5 for 19, Blokland 4 for 44).
- .. 15—v R.A.F. High Wycombe. R.G.S. won by 80 runs.
R.G.S. 183 for 1 dec. (Harvey 102 not out, Kennard 46 not out).
R.A.F. High Wycombe 103 (Squires 4 for 35).
- .. 22—v Windsor C.S. Match drawn.
R.G.S. 132 for 3 dec. (Briden 64, Harvey 32).
Windsor C.S. 106 for 8.
- .. 25—v Royal Masonic School. Match drawn.
R.G.S. 178 for 3 dec. (Harvey 101, Briden 51).
Royal Masonic 170 for 8 (Squires 3 for 50, Blokland 4 for 47).
- .. 29—v Newlands Park T.C. R.G.S. won by 122 runs.
R.G.S. 211 (Harvey 52, Bone 47, Kennard 36, Dawes 27).
Newlands Park T.C. 89 (Dawes 4 for 20, Blokland 5 for 33).
- June 1—v Emanuel. R.G.S. won by 56 runs.
R.G.S. 220 (Squires 100, Briden 52, Kennard 41).
Emanuel 164 (Blokland 3 for 32).
- .. 5—v City of Oxford. R.G.S. won by 10 wkts.
City of Oxford 105 (Squires 4 for 32, Briden 3 for 41).
R.G.S. 107 for 0 (Harvey 54 not out, Briden 45 not out).
- .. 12—v Trinity School. Match drawn.
R.G.S. 168 for 7 dec. (Briden 40, Harvey 34, Squires 34, Gilder 28 not out).
Trinity School 154 for 7 (Briden 3 for 28).
- .. 19—v Sir William Borlase's School. Match drawn.
R.G.S. 170 for 6 dec. (Squires 58 not out, Harvey 52).
Borlase 77 for 6.
- .. 22—v Watford G.S. Match drawn.
R.G.S. 202 for 8 dec. (Bone 63 not out, Dawes 34, Gilder 28).
Watford 126 for 4.
- .. 26—v R.A.F. Halton. R.G.S. won by 6 wkts.
Halton 130 for 8 dec. (Briden 6 for 52).
R.G.S. 134 for 4 (Kennard 53 not out, Harvey 47).
- .. 29—v St. Benedicts. R.G.S. won by 45 runs.
R.G.S. 145 for 7 dec. (Squires 44).
St. Benedicts 100 (Dawes 3 for 19).
- July 3—v J.S.S.C. Latimer. R.G.S. won by 76 runs.
R.G.S. 156 for 7 dec. (Kennard 52, Gilder 32 not out, Dawes 28 not out).
J.S.S.C. Latimer 80 (Dawes 3 for 18).
- .. 6—v St. Bartholomew's, Newbury. Match drawn.
R.G.S. 181 for 3 dec. (Harvey 103 not out, Briden 34).
Newbury 102 for 6.
- .. 11—v Bolton School. Match drawn.
R.G.S. 156 (Kennard 49, Briden 31, Gilder 29).
Bolton 32 for 0.
- .. 13—v R.G.S. Old Boys. R.G.S. won by 2 wkts.
R.G.S. Old Boys 153 (Briden 5 for 63).
R.G.S. 154 for 8 (Harvey 69 not out, Kennard 38).

- July 17—v Abingdon. Match drawn.
Abingdon 134 for 5 dec.
R.G.S. 37 for 0.
- .. 19—v Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet. R.G.S. won by 43 runs.
R.G.S. 81 (Jones 23).
Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, 30 (Blokland 4 for 6, Briden 4 for 23).
- .. 20—v Wycombe C.C. "A" XI. R.G.S. won by 7 wkts.
Wycombe C.C. "A" XI 100 for 11 (Blokland 6 for 18).
R.G.S. 102 for 4 (Briden 51).
- .. 22—v H. W. Johnson's XI. R.G.S. won by 30 runs.
R.G.S. 180 for 7 dec. (Briden 71, Gilder 55).
H. W. Johnson's XI 150 (Briden 4 for 45, Squires 3 for 21).
- .. 24—v Wing Commander Edwards' XI. R.G.S. won by 26 runs.
R.G.S. 90 (Briden 47).
Wing Commander Edwards' XI 64 (Briden 8 for 33).
- .. 25—v Bucks Young Amateurs "A" XI. Match drawn.
R.G.S. 200 for 4 dec. (Gilder 56 not out, Harvey 49, Kennard 40,
Bone 26 not out).
Bucks Young Amateurs 128 for 7.

SECOND XI

The 2nd XI this season have had a pretty full fixture list and no game had to be scratched or abandoned because of rain or state of the wicket. This must be a record.

In all, 13 games were played, of which we won 6, lost 2 and drew 5.

R. Babb captained the side very ably indeed and got the best out of a team who thoroughly enjoyed their cricket ; on one occasion even two hours' steady rain failed to drive them from the field.

During the season we lost four players to the 1st XI. J. Dawes went first after some useful bowling and enthusiastic hitting. Later in the season I. McCue and R. Collett were also promoted. Last to leave us was D. Bond, who had bowled excellently for the Seconds, taking 17 wickets for an average of 4.5.

R. Babb scored the most runs for the side, followed in order by C. Simpson and D. Cunnold. K. Muller scored the highest number of runs in one innings with a total of 53 against Watford. Invariably we always looked to R. Tate for entertainment with the bat and it was always a great disappointment to the team if he failed to score a six.

R. Tate was also the most successful bowler, apart from Bond, and during the season took 37 wickets for an average of 8.2. He was well supported by K. Miller, who took 24 wickets for an average of 7.3. B. White proved a useful change bowler and on his own admission said that he always bowled a better ball when his run-up went wrong !

R. Thorne kept wicket particularly well and had 8 catches and 4 stumpings to his credit.

In conclusion I wish to thank P. Prescott for umpiring so cheerfully and well. It takes a great deal of will-power to remain unmoved when six feet of Tate and ten other fieldsmen appeal viciously for an l.b.w. Many thanks also to C. Russell, who scored for the team most of the season. We wish him luck and accuracy next year, when he hopes to score for the 1st XI.

D.T.N.

SECOND XI AVERAGES

Batting

| | <i>Innings</i> | <i>Runs</i> | <i>Times not out</i> | <i>Highest Score</i> | <i>Average</i> |
|----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Bond | 6 | 87 | 1 | 38 | 17.4 |
| Knowles | 7 | 88 | 0 | 42 | 12.57 |
| Cunnold | 12 | 131 | 1 | 28 | 11.99 |
| Babb | 13 | 139 | 1 | 35 | 11.58 |
| Tate | 12 | 102 | 3 | 24 | 11.33 |

Bowling

| | <i>Overs</i> | <i>Maidens</i> | <i>Runs</i> | <i>Wickets</i> | <i>Average</i> |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bond | 60.5 | 28 | 76 | 17 | 4.48 |
| Miller | 75 | 22 | 175 | 24 | 7.29 |
| Tate | 136.4 | 40 | 325 | 37 | 8.78 |

COLTS' XI

Played 7, Won 3, Lost 4, Drawn 0

The fact that only three games were won does not reflect due credit on the team. The cricket played was of a very entertaining nature, resulting frequently in a close finish. Although prone to collapse alarmingly, the batting on the whole was quite sound, with Waller and Panton in particular scoring runs by orthodox means and Nash obtaining the same result by less orthodox methods. The bowling was more reliable, with Currell taking the bulk of the wickets, ably backed up by Dawes, Dronfield, Simpson and Stockwell.

Currell led the team well and did a lot of useful work off the field.

Thanks to Edwards for undertaking the rather boring job of scoring.

Colts' Colours were awarded to Punton and Waller.

JUNIOR COLTS

Played 7, Won 4, Lost 3

Any criticism that one may make of this year's team must take into account the low average age of the boys. The majority of those who have played this year will be eligible again next year for the Under 14 team, and they should then do much better.

That said, one must admit that the standard of play has been low. The team has had to rely far too much on the performances of one or two individuals, while several boys retained their places in the side not for any positive performances on their part, but because nobody better could be found.

The batting suffered from a lack of confidence, an unwillingness to play attacking strokes and an inability to score from bad balls. Boys at this age must realise that the way to make progress is to try to apply the lessons of the nets in matches. There is nothing more discouraging than to see those lessons repeatedly ignored. The boy who is to become a really good batsman learns now at this age that there are certain basic principles of batting to which he must conform.

The bowling has been steady, without being very hostile. One or two of this year's bowlers will, however, do well next year.

With two or three notable exceptions the fielding lacked bite. However, here there was generally a steady improvement, though most of our opponents quickly discovered that there was always a run if the ball went towards square leg.

Team chosen from : Bowler (captain), Casbeard, Macready, Clark, Davies, J. M., Perfect, Bedford, D., Barlow, Janes, Fowler, Whitby, Collins, Cockerham. F.S.E.

1st XI AGAINST MR. H. W. JOHNSON'S XI

Among many entertaining games to watch this season from the comfort of the new pavilion was the one against Mr. Johnson's XI on July 22nd. The pitch, after a long spell of wet weather, was puddingy and the outfield slow : the visitors were a formidable batting side but short of bowlers. Harvey chose to bat, and had settled down with Briden, when a rather lordly square cut at F. Walcott's lively bowling had him caught at the wicket. Kennard was beautifully stumped by F. E. Hawkins, but Gilder and Briden, batting with confidence, put on 91 for the third wicket : Gilder scored his first fifty and Briden made 71, included some splendid lofted drives. The middle batsmen added a few runs, the most astonishing being two full-blooded drives for four over the slips' heads by Dawes. Figures can be untruthful, but Messrs. Night-

ingale and Bridges emerged with the best bowling analysis. Harvey declared in plenty of time to give his opponents a chance.

Five wickets fell quickly to good bowling by Squires and Blokland for only 25 runs : the pitch seemed to make one or two balls come through low. Hawkins obligingly ran out his partner Walcott, a fearsome hitter who had opened his innings with a lusty six which crashed into the fence, and that off the fast bowling. But Hawkins redeemed this by a very quick partnership of 69 with H. D. Howard, whose batting was eminently sound and confident. Gilder had the satisfaction of stumping both these batsmen off Briden's bowling, as well as Mr. Bridges later in the innings. Mr. Johnson, alone of the masters playing, did much with the bat, and when he was 22 not out the match came to a queer ending. A last wicket stand had taken the score from 116 to 149, when in the last but one over Harvey surprised everyone except perhaps his modest self by dropping a catch : he then went on to bowl what looked like being the last over before close of play, and after five exceedingly provocative balls caught and bowled the valiant Peter Williams with his sixth. One or two other catches had been missed, but the ground fielding and throwing were excellent. One should have mentioned also John Woodward's wonderful throwing from the outfield.

C.M.H.

MOTHERS v 2D

It was a fine afternoon when Allen (vice-captain) and Dutton walked out to face the opening overs. Allen was first to face some good overarm bowling by Miss Maureen, who bowled Dutton for a single run in her second over. The score was then 4 for 1. Brandes was also out for a single. Meanwhile Allen had been scoring steadily. Hall and Allen then made a stand to carry the score past fifty. At last Allen was bowled by Mrs. Brandes, bowling underarm. He had made 38 runs. After this wicket the form suffered a heavy fall of wickets and runs came more slowly. The team was finally out for 96 runs.

The Headmaster's team opened with Mrs. Bettinson and Mr. Haworth, who faced first, scoring 10 runs, including two boundaries, before he retired. Mrs. Bettinson was bowled for 1 run. Mrs. Fieldsend was caught for a duck by Cass. Then the score stayed for a long time at 13 for 4, until Mrs. Ferguson was bowled for one run by Hall. Fieldsend and Webb were two boys who had been chosen to play for the Headmaster's team. Fieldsend was bowled first ball by Phillips, making the score 13 for 5. Then Webb and Mrs. Davies made a stubborn resistance, but after a while Mrs. Davies was out for a duck. At the end of the game the Mothers' score was 23 for 7. As they were not all out the match ended as a draw.

M. J. WEBB and R. A. J. B. PHILLIPS, IId.

LAWN TENNIS CLUB 1957

Played 11, Won 7, Lost 4

This has been one of our most successful seasons for many years, and because of the improved standard of play the team will visit Wimbledon on July 29th to compete in the Public Schools Youll Cup competition. We play Seaford in the first round and hopes are high, but St. Paul's, former winners, are waiting for us in the next round should we get through to them!

For the most part the team was composed of "old-stagers," but Woodcraft, a newcomer to the School, won his place most deservedly and will be a great asset to the Tennis VI in years to come.

The first pair, Barwell (Captain) and Clark, have played some very decisive tennis, but suffer from the R.G.S. disease—double faultitis. Rear and Aikens have played well together, and the above pairs should acquit themselves creditably at Wimbledon.

The third pair, Woodcraft and Franks, in the Staff and Old Boys' match showed they have some excellent tennis in them, and we expect great things from them next year.

Tennis colours for Summer 1957 have been awarded to :
Aikens, Woodcraft, Franks.

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M.M.D.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner, as usual, was held in the School Hall, immediately after the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, March 18th, 1957.

The chair was occupied by the Headmaster (Mr. E. R. Tucker), President of the Old Wycombiensians Club. He was supported at the top table by Mr. G. W. Arnison, Mr. H. G. Brand (after an absence of a few years owing to illness), the Rev. A. M. Berry, by Governors of the School, and senior Old Boys.

At one time, owing to there being no Guest of Honour, petrol rationing, cup semi-final and other attractions, it was feared that the attendance would be rather low. Many O.B.'s had written that, because of National Service or approaching "Budget" marriages, they would not be able to be present. Complaints had been received from undergraduates that mid-March was not a suitable time and suggesting a later date. One hundred and seventy O.B.'s, however, turned up and thoroughly enjoyed themselves till close on midnight. There was only one toast, "The School and Club,"

proposed by the Rev. A. J. Skipp (1929-37). In reply the Headmaster gave a brief summary of the many and varied school activities, its needs and ambitions. He was supported by R. W. Bartlett (1900-07). The speeches, which were very well received, were interesting, witty and short, leaving plenty of time for the other purposes of the occasion : recollections, yarns, gossip and scandal.

Annual General Meeting

Over fifty O.B.'s attended the Annual General Meeting held in the Art Room of the Royal Grammar School at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 16th, 1957. The President of the Club (Mr. E. R. Tucker) was in the chair.

In his report on the opening of the Memorial Pavilion the President stated that, in spite of possibly the worst and wettest Saturday of the summer, over 400 O.B.'s turned up to make it a great occasion. Several attempts without success had been made to obtain the final amount of money due to the builders. No further appeal for funds would be made and any deficit would be met. The Governors had been assured that the money needed to tidy up the surroundings would be forthcoming from the County Authorities and the final result would be a pavilion really worthy of the R.G.S.

On the recommendation of the Committee an investigation into the financial soundness of the Club had been made by S. E. Hands and A. E. Frankton-Hole, the Honorary Auditor, who read the results of their findings to those present. This revealed that for a considerable time the Club had been running at a loss every year of anything from £20 to £30. It was calculated that by 1956, without allowing for any grants, the Club may have made, the excess of expenditure over ordinary income was £215.

Many qualified O.B. accountants expressed their views in the discussion that followed and it was unanimously resolved that the annual subscription be raised to 7/6, life membership to £5 5s. 0d. and that a *voluntary* inflation levy of £2 2s. 0d. by present Life Members would be very much appreciated.

The Committee was asked to consider other ways of raising money, such as the sale of O.B. ties and blazers, an annual dance, etc. It was confirmed that the Club should contribute £100 towards the Memorial Pavilion.

J. K. Prior was elected Chairman of the Committee for the next two years ; Mr. M. M. Davies Assistant Hon. Sec. and Treasurer instead of Mr. H. W. Johnson, who asked to be relieved of his duties, and A. M. Harcourt was chosen to join the Committee in place of J. Read, who was going on military service.

Officers for 1957

President : E. R. Tucker, Esq.

Chairman : J. K. Prior (1934-40).

Vice-Presidents : Messrs. G. W. Arnison, W. J. Bartle, the Rev. A. M. Berry, Messrs. H. G. Brand, P. C. Raffety, Col. L. L. C. Reynolds.

Committee : Messrs. R. W. Bartlett (1900-07), A. M. Harcourt (1943-51), G. Hyde (1948-51), G. C. Rayner (1937-44), N. H. Theed (1912-18), L. B. Barnes (1924-30), G. E. Green (1940-46), S. E. Hands (1915-20), J. P. Lord (1934-38), the Rev. A. J. Skipp (1929-37).

OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB

Births

M. A. BIRD (1944-51). On April 2nd, 1957, at Kaduna, North Nigeria, to Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bird, a son.

J. K. CHURCH (1940-45). On May 22nd, 1957, at Melton Mowbray, to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Church, a daughter.

B. GLENISTER (1931-37). On July 6th, 1957, at Hughenden, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Glenister, a third son.

G. W. ROGERS (1938-42). On March 22nd, 1957, at the Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rogers, a second daughter.

E. V. PEDDLE (1944-48). On January 31st, 1957, to Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Peddle, the gift of a bouncing baby boy.

Marriages

BINDER—GRIFFITHS. On March 2nd, 1957, at Hughenden Parish Church, W. E. Binder (1942-48) to Miss Sheila M. Griffiths.

CUSSELL—SMITH. On May 4th, 1957, at St. Augustine's, High Wycombe, A. G. Cussell (1944-48) to Miss Pauline M. Smith.

DAVIS—PAUL. On June 29th, 1957, at Great Hampden, D. Wren Davis (1937-42) to Miss J. A. B. Paul.

STEVENS—IVES. On May 10th, 1957, at the Parish Church, High Wycombe, J. R. Stevens (1945-50) to Miss M. A. Ives.

WYNANDS—WEBSTER. On May 4th, 1957, at St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough, R. H. Wynands (1944-50) to Miss S. D. Webster.

Death

A. M. HART (1921-26). On July 7th, 1957, at High Wycombe War Memorial Hospital, Albert Morrill (Bill) Hart, aged 50.

On leaving School Hart was employed by Barclays Bank. After working with Barclays at Reading and Newbury, he returned to High Wycombe and had been manager at the Green Street Branch

since 1953. He was Treasurer of the High Wycombe Bowls Club and a member of Eton Lodge and Wycombiensian Lodge of Freemasons. Hart, at one time, was an active member of Wycombe's Chess Club. He leaves a wife, formerly Miss Enid Matthews, sister of M. A. Matthews, and two sons. The elder son, R. J. M., left in 1954, to join a firm of chartered accountants, while the younger, B. H., is still at the R.G.S. The School and Club offer their sincere sympathy to his family.

OLD BOYS' NOTES AND NEWS

Mr. Arnison noticed that at the election of the Mayor, Councillor H. W. Fry, the R.G.S. was well represented, and also at the banquet in the evening.

Councillor R. F. V. Britnell (1915-24) proposed and Councillor G. H. Hunt (1923-30) seconded the election of the new Mayor; Councillor S. A. Goulborn (1928-36) proposed and Councillor E. L. Webb (1920-25) seconded the vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor.

At the banquet "The Borough" was proposed by Mr. E. R. Tucker, the Headmaster, in the absence of Mr. John Hall, M.P., and Alderman Clarke, Chairman of the Governors, responded. Councillor S. A. Goulborn proposed the toast of the ex-Mayor and Mayoress. "Our Officials" was proposed by Councillor R. F. V. Britnell, and "The Visitors" by Alderman G. H. Baker (1906-12). G. H. Baker was appointed Deputy Mayor.

It would appear that the R.G.S. is recognised as a source of eloquence in the Borough.

B. D. BATCHELOR (1950-54) finished his course at No. 233 Operational Unit in Wales nine and a half months after returning from Canada. He is now at Aden. While in the Middle East, his squadron, No. 8, naturally the best in the R.A.F., has been in Iraq, Cyprus and Aden, their operational base. Batchelor was in Cyprus for four months, but unfortunately was not experienced enough to take an active part with the Venom squadron in the operations against Egypt in November. He then returned to Aden and was kept busy by the Yemeni forces who crossed the border. Batchelor was experienced enough, however, to take a very active part with his Venom on the rocket raids on the headquarters in Oman.

His Flight Commander is also an O.B., Flight-Lieutenant O. W. TANNER (1940-46), who is a life member of the O.W. Club. Winter in Aden is glorious, but when Batchelor wrote in March humidity was rising rapidly and flying very uncomfortable owing to the intense heat in the cockpit—lying on the beach with a long cool drink is the order of the day. His tour ends in July, 1958, and he is looking forward to another O.B. reunion.

M. A. BIRD (1944-51) promptly wrote to confirm the importance of the old V Sc-ians Club as reported in our last issue. About a third of the original members have taken up careers in the scientific field. Their team spirit was such that at any time a few 'phone calls would result in a meeting within 48 hours; the "divers meeting places" were mainly a variety of bars in the Red Lion! With a view to his old age, Bird and his wife are filming most of their travels in Nigeria, which is not too good a place for a young child, and so they are considering going to Canada in a couple of years or so.

D. J. BLOXHAM (1950-56) soon found that he was not suited for a banking career. He joined the costing department of Lines Brothers, Ltd., makers of Tri-Ang Toys and Pedigree Prams. The job of costing is interesting and entails constant contact with the works. Bloxham visits every department and shop during the week to handle new toys as well as recosting old ones. He thinks the job interesting and worthwhile. He finds more scope in London for his very strong interest in Jazz! He wishes the School good results in examinations.

J. M. CANTY (1944-45) is due for his next leave in 1959. In the meantime, he, his wife and two-year-old son would be delighted to entertain any O.B. for a few days at their home. He is sure that some from the R.G.S. during their army service must come to Malaya and so why not visit him at the Segamat Estate, Segamat, Johore, Malaya? If he stays in Malaya, Canty intends to send his son as a boarder to the R.G.S.

H. S. GROOM (1900-08) went to Chalfont St. Giles straight from College in 1911 and returned in 1955 after 44 years teaching. He has now completed 25 years as Clerk of the Parish Council and for 27 years he has been Chairman of the local branch of the British Legion; no wonder he believes he knows everybody who lives in Chalfont St. Giles.

F. HALLASEY (1913-19) promptly sent 10 dollars as his contribution to the voluntary levy of the Old Wycombiensians' Club. He had to cancel his flight to the Old Country because he was moving to a new office. He enclosed a photograph of a palatial mansion in perfect surroundings. It had been one of Jackson's largest residence homes. His new address is: Professional Building, 714 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan.

C. S. W. HARTE (1926-31), who as W/Cdr. in the R.A.F. was stationed at Bicester, has been posted to the Air Ministry for duty in the department of the Air Member for Supply and Organisation.

J. E. KIMBER (1920-25), writing from Liverpool, says that business is quite flourishing and they will be busy throughout the season now that shipping companies are on summer schedules.

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D. V. KYLE (1917-23) has not visited the R.G.S. for over thirty years ; he could not get to the Annual Reunion. He states that Mrs. (Jimmy) Hurn and her daughter Margaret now live at Purley and are both very well. Margaret works in Kyle's offices at Kingswood. While working in the garden a man and a little boy cycling by turned out to be Mr. ("Mowe") G. Evans and son. "Mowe" is in the Patents Office, lives in Croydon, has four children and two grandchildren. Kyle's family consists of Peter (20), Patricia (just leaving school to go to secretarial college), Elizabeth (13), and Richard (10½) ; the late headmaster of Richard's prep. school was Mr. Peachell, son of a former headmaster of the R.G.S.

P. A. S. LANGSTON (1945-52), if not the first man, was certainly the first O.B. to go through the sound barrier backwards. As a member of the crew of the Handley-Page Victor, Langston was in his test flight observer's seat facing the tail of the plane. He was captain of the Imperial College Gliding Club. He was interviewed after the event on B.B.C. Television.

RONALD C. ROSE (1902-09) has received the M.B.E. as director of the Historic Buildings Bureau of the Ministry of Works. He joined the Ministry in 1924 and has been a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors for more than 40 years.

G. SHERLOCK (1947-54), after leaving to take his B.A. degree at Leeds University, is leaving to take up a two-year appointment at McGill University, Montreal, as a research student in glacial land-form. He will spend part of his time at the Meteorological Station at Lake Knobb, in Labrador.

T. C. TARRANT (1943-51) has obtained a post as assistant Master in Mathematics at the Royal Liberty School, Romford.

D. J. WATSON (1903-09) read a favourable criticism of an orchestral concert conducted by a Lance Collingwood, aged 70, who seldom conducts now because he has a full-time job on the musical side of E.V.M.S. Ltd., and he wondered whether he was the Lance Collingwood who was at the R.G.S. when Watson entered in 1903. It was the same person.

L. A. COLLINGWOOD, a Westminster Abbey choirboy, was sent to the school by Sir Frederick Bridge, the Abbey organist and a brother-in-law of Mr. G. J. Peachell, then headmaster of the school. Collingwood made a name for himself as a composer and conductor very early in his life and was made organist of Exeter College, Oxford, in 1908.

N. W. CUTLER (1946-48) was married on May 25th, 1957, to Miss Pamela Dean. He is still working hard at his Insurance Examination.

A. D. RUSSELL (1943-48) is an energetic secretary of the successful Wye Valley Cricket Club. He also finds time for a round of golf between working. He was married to Miss Dorothy A. Grey in 1954.

J. T. G. SLADE (1943-51) has now been appointed as an official interpreter for the West German Forestry Commission, after resigning his post as Director of Recreational Studies at a Displaced Persons' Camp in Central Europe, in which capacity he made an appearance on B.B.C. Television last year.

A. C. F. LEADBITTER (1939-44), who has been in the engineering department of the G.P.O. specialising in radio interference ever since he left the R.A.F., is very satisfied with the salary and prospects as Senior Engineer at Belling Lee Ltd., Enfield.

N. H. THEED (1912-19) has been appointed one of the Foundation Governors of the School. He takes the place of G. H. BROCKLEHURST, Esq., J.P., who has resigned. The other O.B.'s on the Governing Board are G. H. BAKER, R. W. BARTLETT, D. J. HANN and J. W. K. TAYLOR.

A traction engine trundled out of the grounds of the Little Abbey Hotel, Great Missenden, on Saturday, June 29th, 1927. Before it marched a man waving a red flag. Perched on the engine were newly-married Mr. and Mrs. David Wren-Davis. Davis, a member of the National Traction Engine Club, owned the engine "King George V." The man waving the red flag was W. H. TIMMS (1905-11).

G. H. BAKER (1906-12) is the new Deputy Chairman of the High Wycombe Magistrates, and H. T. TURNBULL (1919-25) Deputy Chairman of the Juvenile Court Panel.



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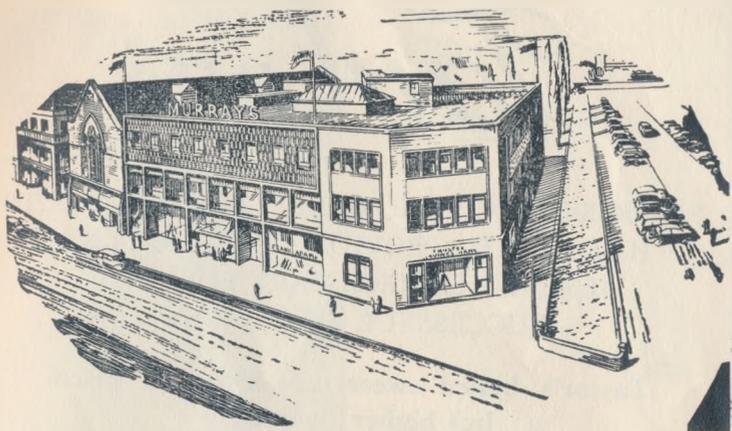


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