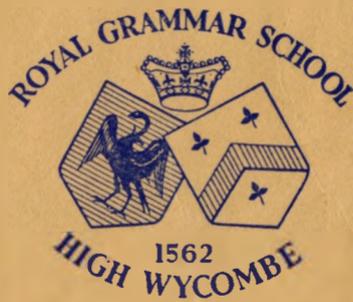


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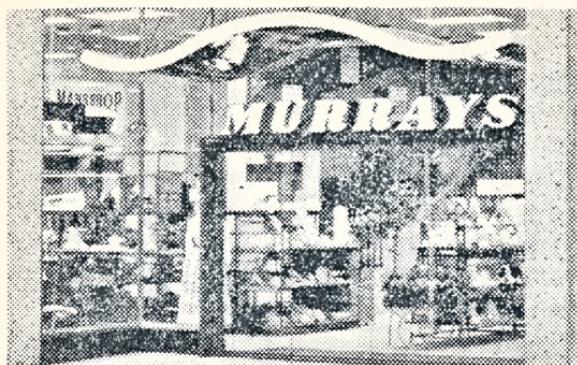
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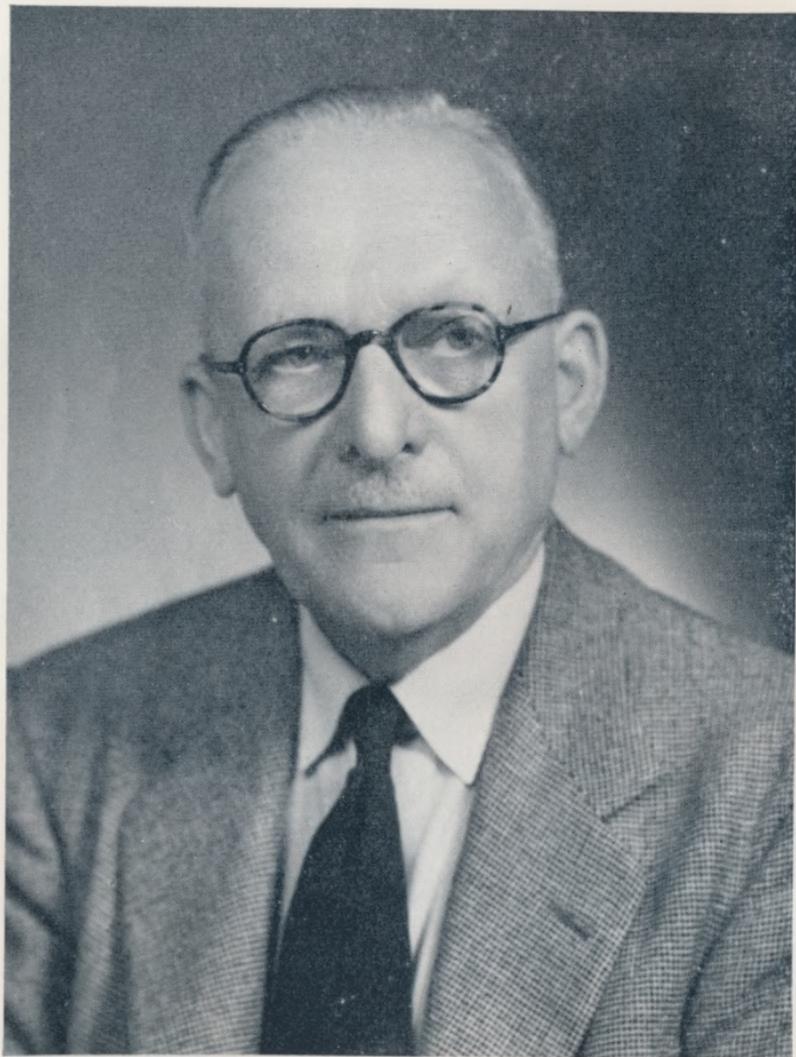
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## EDITORIAL

By the time this magazine is in circulation a start will have been made on the new school buildings—a matter for congratulation. As is well known, the school for some considerable time has been very overcrowded. Apart from physical inconveniences, it has led to oversize classes with their accruing disadvantages. Perhaps the gravest is that masters have less opportunity to deal with each and every boy as an individual. All suffer from this lack of personal stimulus, some, of course, to a greater degree than others; even more specialised sets do not gain as much individual attention as could be desired. We hope that with the erection of new school buildings there is at last some chance of this situation being somewhat remedied. Any necessary increase in expense and the number of staff would be amply rewarded.

At the moment many boys reaching the "O" level standard of the G.C.E. seem to have little or no aptitude or desire to go further; and this in spite of considerable promise shown in perhaps the first two years of school. This failure to respond could obviously be due to many factors. It seems likely that the submersion in an over-large class, or the actual suppression of the individual talent in order to produce a unit capable of efficiently passing examinations could often help to lead to this failure of application. In many cases it is probably a sign of revolt. Smaller classes by encouraging individual talent and initiative might prove the desired stimulus.

Of course, it must be recognised that this apparent apathy in the case of many boys in grammar schools is because they have not been able at some eleven years of age to indicate sufficiently in what direction their talents should really be directed. In such cases it follows that the kind of stimulus mentioned above will not be

effective. But if it could be found out in time where a boy's ability should lead, and if there could be a free and unemotional exchange between grammar schools and secondary modern and technical schools, much less wastage of material would occur. However, as we are here bordering on the fringe of the grammar school and comprehensive school controversy, we feel that we are trespassing outside our province and must come to a full stop.

S.C.W.

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#### FOURTH LEADER

(*With apologies to "The Times"*)

The recent Eisteddfod held at Llangollen could be said, perhaps, to represent the profound change of attitude towards national music, and in particular, to folk music in England. Ever since the encroachment of industry and suburbia into the green fields of our countryside, a rapid decline has been seen in the rustic music sung down the ages by our forbears; at last, however, the natural beauty of our folk music has regained its patron muse, and is now charming the ears and instruments of this modern generation.

The course of this revival has been devious but spectacular, reaching this country just over two years ago from across the Atlantic. Its origin can be traced to the hill country of Kentucky where such music has enjoyed a vigorous and inspired life for many centuries, its strains mainly produced by stringed and percussion instruments. Once its influence had swept through U.S.A. it made a swift journey to England through the medium of records and American vocal artists who were received here with Bacchic abandon. Soon our own vocal artists were enveloped by the revival, and England too succumbed. Although British audiences were at first satisfied with interpretations of American folk ballads, they quickly turned to the prolific pastures of their own country, and clamoured unceasingly to hear them.

It was not long before the youth of Britain discovered that they also could "chew the bay" with the result that countless groups sprang up throughout the country, whose object was to participate more positively in the resuscitation of old English ballads, and consequently their determined efforts were thus heard in every community. Certain innovations were introduced to reconcile folk music to its fresh mantle which included the wash-board, the tea chest, and perhaps the guitar\*, instruments quite alien to the Anglo-Saxon ear.

Undoubtedly, the most enthusiastic exponents of these ballads have been students of schools and universities, for these amateur musicians have given much time to perfecting their styles of playing, and should be commended for their industry and ingenuity. One warning, however, must be voiced: although English folk music

can stand a fairly wide variation of interpretation, one should not forget that it is British, and that it should be interpreted within the trammels of British taste. Once one steps beyond this limit, British folk music will again wither as quickly as it blossomed forth.

\* The gittern was introduced into England in the eleventh century, but its use was confined to the New Norman caste, and was never really accepted by the Saxon serfs.

W.J.S.T-B.

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### A. F. KING

Just as this copy of the Magazine goes to press we have heard with the very deepest regret of the death of Alan King while bathing in Germany. A. F. King was Head Boy until April this year when he left to continue his studies in Germany. Last summer he won a State Scholarship for Classics, and in December he won an Open Exhibition in Classics at Jesus College, Cambridge. He had taken part in many sides of school life, and he was vice-captain of the Cross Country Team and also of Youens House. He had been secretary of the Classical Society and had taken part in archaeological expeditions in Wales with G. D. B. Jones. He edited last September's issue of the *Wycombiensian*.

The Headmaster represented the School at the funeral in Oldenburg. To his family and his friends we extend our profoundest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

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### MR. H. G. BRAND

We announce with regret the death of Mr. H. G. Brand, for 35 years a Master here before his retirement in 1946. Mr. Brand was taken ill with jaundice in July and went into hospital in Nottinghamshire for a major operation, which was successful, but complications a few days later caused his death.

Mr. Brand was widely known to generations of Wycombiensians, who will remember with gratitude the great debt they owe him.

## SCHOOL NOTES

The Dramatic Society presented "Julius Caesar" on 27th, 28th and 29th March. Produced by Mr. Edginton, an unusual touch was given to it by the use of modern dress, recorded sound-effects, and apron-stage.

The annual music competition was held on 31st March. The adjudicator was once again F. Jackson, Esq., of the Royal Academy of Music. An account is given on a later page.

Air Vice-Marshal Corberley inspected the C.C.F. on 5th June. An innovation was the display of platoon-in-attack organised by R.S.M. Tomes.

A trip was arranged on 9th July to the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park, where a number of boys saw "The Taming of the Shrew."

There was a motley gathering at the Prefects' Summer Dance held on Tuesday, 15th July. Music was provided by Teddy Chapman and his orchestra, while Mr. Edginton acted as Master of Ceremonies. The décor was of a nautical nature.

Saturday, 19th July, saw the departure of some 300 boys, masters and relatives to the International Exhibition at Brussels—the most enterprising school-trip yet undertaken.

We should like to offer our congratulations to A. E. W. Maunder and P. W. James, who are both at Jesus College, Cambridge, on the high honour of being awarded by the University the Keller Prize (James in 1957 and Maunder in 1958). This is the Prize which is awarded by Cambridge to the outstanding Third Year Undergraduate in all subjects.

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## STAFF NOTES

We were sorry to say goodbye to five members of the Staff at the end of the Summer Term.

Mr. G. A. Grant retires after forty years' valuable service to the school. The Headmaster's appreciation is given on another page. The school presented him at the last assembly with a gold watch, suitably inscribed. We wish him every happiness in his retirement.

Mr. J. G. Lloyd leaves to become the Head of the History Department, John Willmott Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield, after serving the school for the last seven years. His work with the Rugby teams is particularly appreciated.

Mr. D. A. Adams, who has been with us for a year, is to become the Master in charge of Chemistry, Magdalen College School, Brackley.

Mr. L. E. Lesser is going back to Wesley College, Melbourne, Australia, after a year's stay here. The school has greatly benefited by his experience.

Monsieur L. Wiart departs in order to attend the University of Montpellier. His stay here as French Assistant has been a very popular one.

We wish them every success in the future.

We are glad to welcome four new members to the Staff :

Mr. D. Baker, B.A. (Oxon.), who played Rugby Football for England in 1955, is to teach Geography.

Mr. M. J. Easton, A.T.D. (Southampton), who has come to teach Art. He was himself a pupil at the school from 1943-49.

Mr. D. G. Jones, M.A. (Oxon.), Barrister-at-Law, is to teach History.

Mr. J. D. Pursey, B.A. (Cantab.), who is also an Old Boy, and who was Captain of Football at Jesus College, Cambridge, has come to teach Classics.

We also welcome two Assistants :

Mons. P. L. Dussert, of Grenoble.

Herr. P. Gill, of Neumunster.

They will help the French and German staffs respectively.

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### MR. G. A. GRANT

At the end of the Summer Term, Mr. G. A. Grant completed forty years of service as a member of the school staff, and at the same time retired from the post which he had held here continuously since 1918, when he joined the staff after active service in the World War.

Mr. Grant's work here will be remembered for several things : first, the sound and reliable quality of his teaching, in which he exacted firm discipline, and always placed as much emphasis on the way in which a boy's character developed as on his academic progress ; for the magnificent Hobby Club camps in which masters and boys participated, and which provided delightful holidays for about a hundred members of the school each summer between the wars ; for the keen interest he took in school plays and operas for which he provided most effective sets and on which he worked assiduously throughout his time here ; for his consistent loyalty to the school and his devotion to it ; and for his pleasant relations with all members of the staff, old and young. It is a particular source of satisfaction to Mr. Grant that his work as Master in charge of Art is being taken over by an old boy of the school—one of his own pupils—Mr. M. J. Eaton, who joins us in September.

Mr. Grant carries with him the warmest good wishes from us all for his retirement ; may he and Mrs. Grant long enjoy the leisure that he has so richly earned.

E.R.T.

## SPEECH DAY

Speech Day took place on Friday, 18th July, and followed the same traditional pattern as in previous years. After Mr. John Hall, the M.P. for the Wycombe Division, who was to present the prizes, had inspected the C.C.F. Guard of Honour, parents and speakers assembled in the Hall for the main function of the afternoon—the speeches and the distribution of prizes.

The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. R. P. Clarke, in a short speech, thanked Mr. Hall and the Governors for their efforts towards the realisation of the school's new Science Block, which, it was hoped, would be completed by the end of the following year. He then asked the Headmaster to present his Annual Report.

The Headmaster welcomed Mr. Hall and Viscount and Lady Curzon. It had been an uneventful year, he continued, except for the tragic death in October of Terry Trayhorn. He paid tribute to Mr. P. C. Raffety, the ex-Chairman of the Governors, on reaching his 80th year, and to Mr. G. A. Grant on his retirement after 40 years at the school. Mr. Tucker then outlined the outstanding successes, both academic and athletic, achieved by Wycombiensians past and present. In the past year only two schools could claim more State Scholarships than us, and credit was due to the Mathematics teachers in ensuring seven of the ten State Scholarships. Entry into the University had proved exceedingly difficult during the past year and was likely to be so during the next three years. He affirmed that as most parents, when in doubt, conformed with his views on the question of a boy at school doing C.C.F. training, it therefore became a voluntary activity ; this coming as an explanation for comments and corespondence made in the local press. He went on to describe the building extensions proposed for the near future. Mr. Tucker was, however, worried on two counts : the first was the lack of responsibility shown by some ex-pupils of the school at University, and the second, the proposal of a major political party to abolish the Grammar Schools, "the finest weapon of democracy," and set up in its place Comprehensive Schools. He concluded by thanking everyone for their support in "somewhat disheartening times."

After having distributed the prizes, Mr. Hall rose to make his speech. He opened his speech with congratulations to the school for its academic successes achieved during the year ; in view of these achievements, he was honoured to have enjoyed the privilege of distributing the prizes.

Mr. Hall then went on to speak (appropriately enough) on education. Education to-day was both expensive and very important ; indeed some £500m. were being spent annually on

education alone. But in spite of new schools going up and new facilities becoming available, there were still dangers, and we were cautioned with two warnings. The first was that education must still teach how to think, not what to think—education must be adapted to the pupil and not *vice versa*. Mr. Hall said that he would be grieved if a school of this calibre were to cease to exist as seemed likely in view of recent educational proposals made by one of the political parties (not his own). His second warning was against over-specialisation in education ; the Sciences seemed to be minimising the importance of the Humanities—balanced education, therefore, must start at school.

The rest of his speech was exclusively devoted to the boys themselves, in which he exhorted them to be loyal to both school and country—after all, Great Britain was still the finest country in the world. A vote of thanks was proposed by Alderman G. H. Baker, after various diversions, and seconded by Councillor E. Webb.

The rest of the proceedings followed the traditional pattern and a Commemoration Service was held in the Parish Church at 6.0 p.m. The service was conducted by the Headmaster, assisted by the Rev. A. J. Skipp, and the preacher was Canon D. J. Amies, Vicar of Marlow.

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## EXAMINATION SUCCESSES 1957-58

### Open Scholarship Awards :

- P. W. Slotkin, Open Scholarship in Modern Languages, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- A. F. King, Open Exhibition in Classics, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- M. Jarman, Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences, Jesus College, Cambridge.

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

- J. C. Briden for Mathematics, St. Catherine's Society, Oxford.
- R. J. Collett for Classics, St. John's College, Cambridge.
- D. M. Cunnold for Mathematics and Physics, St. John's College, Cambridge.
- J. W. J. Freeth for Mathematics, King's College, London.
- B. J. Hardy for Mathematics, Imperial College, London.
- A. F. King for Classics, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- M. Jarman for Mathematics and Nat. Sciences, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- D. P. Nash for Mathematics, King's College, London.
- D. S. Sutton for Modern Languages, Downing College, Cambridge.
- J. C. Williams for Mathematics, Queen Mary College, London.

### Reserve List :

- R. H. S. White for Mathematics.

### Bucks County Major Scholarships :

- S. C. Williams for Classics.
- B. J. Bowers for Nat. Sciences, King's College, London.
- B. L. Davies for Modern Languages, St. John's College, Cambridge.

### **Bucks County Major Exhibitions :**

- P. R. Adby for Nat. Sciences, Leicester University.
- C. W. Anthony for Nat. Sciences, Leeds University.
- A. H. Brown for Modern Languages.
- M. J. Darling for Geography and French.
- C. J. Date for Mathematics.
- R. M. Davies for English and Economics.
- W. A. C. Knowles for Classics.
- P. E. Rear for Modern Subjects, Leeds University.
- R. J. Nuthall for Classics, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- P. Read for Music and Modern Studies, Durham University.
- R. Sayer for Modern Languages, Leeds University.
- B. Tettmar for Nat. Sciences, Imperial College, London.
- O. V. Volkonsky for Russian and French, Christ Church, Oxford.
- J. W. Beckford for Mathematics and Science, Imperial College, London.
- P. Aikens for Nat. Sciences, Birmingham University.
- G. T. Bignell for Modern Languages, Leeds University.
- D. W. Bradfield for Modern Languages, Leeds University.
- D. A. Rance for Music, Durham University.
- I. P. Roe for Modern Subjects, Leicester University.
- E. M. Squires for Geography, King's College, London.
- I. H. Swallow for Mathematics and Physics, Imperial College, London.
- R. T. Tate for Medical subjects, St. Mary's Hospital, London.
- C. T. Ashton for Nat. Sciences, Bristol University.
- H. W. Clark for Botany and Zoology, King's College, London.
- R. Colgrove for Engineering, Leeds University.
- P. J. Dean for Engineering, King's College, London.
- E. C. Franks for Modern Languages, Sidney Sussex, Cambridge.
- D. A. Scott-Kiddie for Nat. Sciences, Queen Mary College, London.
- S. C. Dell for Mathematics and Physics, Jesus College, Cambridge.

### **Middlesex County Exhibitions :**

- G. W. F. Ewins for Economics, London School of Economics.

### **Navy Cadetship, Royal Naval College, Dartmouth :**

- R. W. Thorne.

### **Army Cadetship, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst :**

- I. M. Tomes.

### **SPECIAL PRIZES**

**Headmaster's Prize :** P. J. Dean.

**Governors' Reading Prize :** J. R. Bone.

**Governors' Classics Prize :** R. J. Collett.

**Graefe Cup** for best C.C.F. Cadet : R.S.M. I. M. Tomes.

**Harte Cup** for best R.A.F./C.C.F. Cadet (presented by Wing Commander C. S. W. Harte) : Flight Sergeant C. J. Melsom.

**Giles Keen Memorial Cup** for best Naval Cadet (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Keen) : P.O. A. J. Duggin.

**Art Shield** (presented by A. Hastings, Esq.) : R. I. Rothwell.

**Hope Cup** (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Hope) : L. R. Berryman.

**Westney Prize for Music** (presented by M. W. Westney, Esq.) : P. Read.

**Lance Memorial Prize for Persistent Progress :** 1st Year, P. Booth ; 2nd Year, C. R. Allen.

**Raffety House Cup for School Work :** Disraeli House.

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- 2nd K. R. Marshall

### FORM IIb :

- 1st T. S. Ward
- 2nd D. G. Horley

### FORM IIc :

- 1st P. M. Glass
- 2nd W. Musgrave

### FORM IIId :

- 1st P. B. Farmer
- 2nd A. J. Lennon

### FORM IIIx :

- 1st A. M. Pratt
- 2nd R. A. Clegg
- 3rd A. T. Ludgate
- Special Prize : M. R. Ferguson

### FORM IIIy :

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- 2nd { P. A. German  
M. J. C. Webb

### FORM IIIA :

- 1st L. G. Friend
- 2nd R. B. Clark

### FORM IIIs :

- 1st C. G. Rogers
- 2nd G. C. Butler

### FORM IVx :

- 1st D. R. Walker
- 2nd T. J. Dell
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- 2nd P. G. Davies
- 3rd J. E. Steward

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- 2nd C. A. Fair

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

### FORM IVz :

- 1st I. A. Johnston
- 2nd T. M. Davis

### FORM Vx :

- 1st J. E. Camp
- 2nd B. M. Buckley
- 3rd D. R. Cox

### FORM Vy :

- 1st M. J. Bedford
- 2nd M. G. Welch
- 3rd R. R. Parsons
- Special Prize : M. F. Turner

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- 1st C. E. Swain
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### FORM Vs :

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

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- 1st P. J. Yates
- 2nd D. A. Hamilton-Eddy
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- 3rd R. A. Keeley

### FORM VU SHELL :

- 1st R. G. J. Shelton
- 2nd M. D. Humphries

### NEATNESS PRIZES :

- VU G. S. Wood
- V M. J. Bedford
- IV D. R. Walker
- III A. McGlashan
- II M. J. Baker

### SPEECH PRIZES :

- VI D. M. Slatter
- VU N. H. Lodge
- Vx W. T. Fisher
- V S. N. M. Evans
- IV J. M. Rees
- III R. A. Laskey
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<i>Mathematics</i>	J. R. Barber
<i>Medical Science</i>	S. P. Baxter
<i>Biology</i>	{ M. R. Pattinson
	{ J. S. Simpson
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<i>Drawing</i>	D. H. Nicholls

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<i>Classics</i>	A. F. King
<i>Greek</i>	W. A. C. Knowles
<i>Latin</i>	R. J. Collett
<i>Ancient History</i>	S. C. Williams

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3rd Year	A. H. Brown
<i>German</i>	
2nd Year	P. R. Hillyard
3rd Year	G. Gilbertson
<i>Modern Languages</i>	{ J. J. Portlock
	{ P. M. Slotkin
<i>Spanish</i>	E. C. Franks
<i>English</i>	R. W. Tabner
<i>History</i>	M. G. Swift
<i>Geography</i>	P. F. Dunsterville
<i>Economics</i>	G. W. F. Ewins
<i>Chemistry</i>	
2nd Year	A. M. Fowler
3rd Year	M. Jarman
<i>Physics</i>	
2nd Year	D. P. May
<i>Physics &amp; Mathematics</i>	
3rd Year	D. M. Cunnold
<i>Mathematics &amp; Physics</i>	
2nd Year	{ J. R. Parkins
	{ D. A. King
<i>Biology</i>	
2nd Year	A. M. Fowler
3rd Year	D. W. Hollomon
<i>Engineering</i>	
<i>Drawing</i>	S. W. Dakin

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Level (*Italics indicate distinction in the subject*) :

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matics, Physics, Chemistry), C. T. Ashton (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics), J. W. Beckford (Applied Mathematics, Physics), J. R. Bone (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), B. P. Bowers (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics*, Physics), J. C. Briden (*Pure Mathematics*, Applied Mathematics, Higher Mathematics), H. W. Clark (Botany, Zoology), R. D. S. Clark (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics), R. Colgrove (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics), D. M. Cunnold (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics*, Physics, Chemistry), C. J. Cunningham (Pure and Applied Mathematics), C. F. Davis (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics), J. A. Dawes (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics), C. J. Date (*Pure Mathematics*, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), P. J. Dean (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics), S. C. Dell (*Pure Mathematics*, Applied Mathematics, Physics), G. F. Fizia (Pure and Applied Mathematics), J. W. J. Freeth (*Pure Mathematics*, Applied Mathematics, Higher Mathematics), P. G. P. Galloway (Pure and Applied Mathematics), T. J. Gilder (Pure and Applied Mathematics), P. J. Griffin (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics), A. L. Hardstaff (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), B. J. Hardy (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics*, Physics), G. L. S. Hickey (Zoology), D. W. Hollomon (Physics, Chemistry, Zoology), M. Jarman (*Pure and Applied Mathematics*, Physics, Chemistry), D. W. Jeskins (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics), J. Kotlar (Botany, Zoology), M. E. Ledger (Pure and Applied Mathematics), D. J. Maurice (Pure and Applied Mathematics), C. J. Melsom (Pure and Applied Mathematics), W. D. Muir (Physics, Chemistry), D. P. Nash (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics*, Higher Mathematics), I. Read (*Pure Mathematics*, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), M. J. Richardson (Pure and Applied Mathematics), R. Rolfe (Pure and Applied Mathematics), D. A. Scott-Kiddie (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics), J. O. Small (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), C. J. Smith (Zoology), M. J. Southam (Chemistry), I. H. Swallow (Applied Mathematics, Physics), R. T. Tate (Physics, Chemistry, Zoology), B. Tettmar (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), R. W. Thorne (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), P. A. Watson (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics), R. H. S. White (*Pure Mathematics*, Applied Mathematics, Physics), D. C. Willatts (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics), J. C. Williams (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics*, Physics), M. K. Williams (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics).

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(only those boys are recorded who have passed in three subjects or more)

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## C.C.F. NOTES

### ARMY SECTION

The main activities of the term, Shooting and Annual Camp, are described elsewhere. In addition there was the usual activity in preparing for Annual Inspection and the Guard of Honour and Band display for Speech Day.

The Annual Inspection was carried out by Air Vice-Marshal E. J. Corbally, C.B.E., accompanied by a full complement of Staff Officers. The normal training included platoon exercise prepared and directed by Cadet R.S.M. I. M. Tomes. The smoke screen was so effective as to impede traffic on the main road and the noise of battle realistic enough to disturb the slumbers of those in perambulators in the Taylor-Woodrow Housing Estate.

The Inspecting Officer was very complimentary in his remarks and revived a custom of the past by asking for a half-holiday, to the delight of all concerned.

It is with pleasure I have to record that Cadet R.S.M. I. M. Tomes and C.S.M. Ledger have both been accepted for Sandhurst. Both have put a great deal into the C.C.F. and it is a fitting reward that as a result of their hard work they get out of it an opportunity of which many cadets from more famous schools might well be very envious.

It is with regret that I have to record the departure of Capt. J. G. Lloyd, who has worked tirelessly for the C.C.F. and will long be remembered for the opportunities he has given to those interested in Shooting.

I am pleased to welcome Captain D. W. Broadbridge to the Army Section and his enthusiasm for everything from Administration to Rock Climbing has had a stimulating effect on all. R.P.

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### SHOOTING

The standard of shooting has improved considerably this year and the prestige of the school in this sphere has risen accordingly.

In the .22 competition for the Class "B" Cup in the "Country Life" Competition the school was placed 22nd amongst an entry of 45 schools, an improvement of ten places over the previous performance.

In the .303 competition organised by the Salisbury Plain District, the School VIII was again runner-up in the Application, and in the Falling Plate competition the Second IV, consisting of M. J. Green, B. A. Barratt, C. J. Gee and J. R. King, lost in the final by the narrowest of margins.

In the Ashburton at Bisley the school was placed 67th out of 97—a very welcome improvement on the performances of the last two years. B. A. Barratt, with a 64 out of 70, was top scorer, closely followed by D. A. Nicholls and C. J. Melsom, the captain. The team average was  $59\frac{1}{2}$  per member. M. R. Pattinson shot creditably in the Spencer Mellish with 46 out of 50 and put the seal on a very satisfactory performance by the team as a whole.

D. H. Nicholls has shown splendid improvement throughout the season and accomplished a fine performance in winning the 1,000 yards event of the High Wycombe and District Rifle Club at his first attempt.

M. R. Pattinson shot well in the County Championships and was runner-up in the Junior event at both .22 and .303.

Colours were awarded to C. J. Melsom (Captain), B. A. Barratt, C. J. Gee, M. J. Green, D. H. Nicholls, R. W. Paine and M. R. Pattinson.

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## ARMY CAMP, TRAWSFYNYDD

This year's Army camp was a departure from the usual into the unknown. In the past, it has been the custom to lodge large parties of cadets with Regular units so that they might watch the Army at work and be shown some of its latest weapons and equipment. The cadets' part in this was mainly a passive one. Soon, however, the Army will be too small to be able to cope with the thousands of cadets who have hitherto, annually, called upon its services. Consequently, a new idea is being introduced to Cadet Forces. They are being encouraged to set up their own camps and to carry out their training with the minimum of assistance from the Regular Army. 48 cadets from the School's contingent spent a week in North Wales exploring the possibilities of this new scheme.

With the help of a detachment from 23rd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, a tented camp was erected in the Practical Training Area near Trawsfynydd, 10 miles north of Dolgelley. The site was on a hillside overlooking the valley of the Afon Gain, a small stream that was soon to show itself as a fair sized river when the rains came. The greater part of the work of setting up the camp was carried out by an advance party of 10 cadets. They very quickly learnt from the Gunners how to erect ridge tents and marquées. The whole camp, apart from one marquée, was, in fact, erected within twenty-four hours of the advance party reaching the site.

The main body arrived on the 24th of July, about three hours behind torrential rain that swept down from the hills at the back of the camp and threatened to reduce some parts of it to a quagmire. This gave the first indication of the way in which the party was to react to extremely trying conditions. It seemed, throughout the camp, that the greater the obstacle, the higher the cadets' spirits and the more they were determined to carry on. The rain hardly ceased for four days. One entire morning was spent, in the face of a small gale, lifting ridge tents bodily and carrying them to firmer, drier ground slightly higher up the hillside. This morning was not wasted. The operation in itself was a valuable one. It demanded team-work and discipline. The result was that it was carried out with the minimum effort in the shortest possible time.

The main exercise consisted in groups of four boys bivouacing up to five miles away from the camp for the space of twenty-four hours and carrying out certain practical map-reading exercises as well as looking after themselves. From start to finish of this exercise the rain and wind scarcely stopped. The weather, in fact, as someone bitterly pointed out, needed only snow to make it somewhat worse. Bivouac sites had been selected some two days before. The approaches to them were often waterlogged. Each area was remote. Attempts to maintain radio contact between groups and with the base camp failed. The cadets were completely on their own. Few of them could have spent a worse night than that one. Two groups had to turn out in the evening to dig, heave and drive out a Champ. scout car from the Gunners' unit that had wedged itself into a bank and stuck fast in the mud. This, again, was not meant to be part of the training programme. It took more than an hour to move the vehicle back on to the road, but at no time did anyone grumble or think the whole endeavour anything but the greatest fun. Without a doubt spirits were helped by the sight of an officer liberally plastered from head to foot with mud!

By Wednesday the weather was beginning to show signs of breaking up a little and on Thursday a walk by the whole party up Snowdon was uninterrupted by rain.

Friday morning's activities proved to be the most interesting. R.S.M. Tomes and C.S.M. White rigged up a number of "tasks" in or near the camp. The cadets were split into groups of five and each group tried a different task in turn. One consisted in passing a "wounded man" on a stretcher across the Afon Gain using only a tree on one bank, a stake in the other and some lengths of rope. Another needed the group to pass over an "electrified fence" (in reality, a Welsh wall) using two spars, a tree and a rope as aids. The members of each group took it in turns to be leader.

Camp was struck on Saturday morning, reveille being at the unprecedented hour of 5 a.m.

This brief outline gives only a rough picture of the camp as a whole. The main point of interest lies in the difference between it and previous camps. In this one cadets were called upon to play a most active part from the moment they arrived in Trawsfynydd to the moment they left it. There were no Army demonstrations to watch, unless it were of the Gunner sergeant chasing his men the morning after they had introduced a sheep into his tent. The nearest town was a long five miles away, the nearest cinema, ten. There were no warm, dry barrack rooms to return to at night, no beds to sleep in, no shops, no television. Despite all this, the camp was highly successful, the cadets seeming to have enjoyed themselves far more than if they had been living in the comparative luxury of a proper Army unit.

The reasons for this are not difficult to discover. There is more satisfaction to be gained from climbing a mountain than from watching a television screen, more sense of achievement from living through arduous conditions than from visiting a cinema. Life at the camp was a test of character. It presented obstacles that had to be overcome rather than walked round. It tested cheerfulness. When morale could easily have been low, it was often at its highest. It was a test of initiative and, for the N.C.Os., an opportunity to accept responsibility and discover what is meant by the term "leadership." It is refreshing to be able to report that when these tests presented themselves none of the 48 cadets was found wanting.

But, above all, the camp was an adventure. "We climb mountains because they are there," Sir Edmund Hillary is reported to have said. That is the sort of spirit to which a camp of this nature appeals. It is no small matter for someone to find out that he is tougher than he thought he was.

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## R.A.F. SECTION

In the Proficiency and Advanced Training examinations which were held in March and which were mentioned in the last issue of the magazine, 15 cadets gained Proficiency and 5 cadets passed the Advanced Training Examination. A further 20 cadets have recently taken the July examinations. At the time of the Annual Inspection the strength of the Section was 128 cadets, of whom 48 cadets had successfully taken the Proficiency Examination and, of these, 28 had also gained Advanced Training.

The Easter camp, held at R.A.F., Linton-on-Ouse, in April, was very successful. Flying times amounted to an average of 70 minutes per cadet. A most enjoyable, though rather exhausting,

"escape and evasion" exercise took place between midnight and 3 a.m. The speed with which some cadets were able to find their way across strange countryside at night, and at the same time to avoid being seen and caught, was, in some cases, quite remarkable. A strenuous but extremely pleasant afternoon was also spent walking over the Yorkshire moors near Rievaulx Abbey. An extended sea trip off the Yorkshire coast in an R.A.F. air/sea rescue launch and an interesting visit to the City of York, with its Minster and old city walls and gates and also its remarkable Railway Museum, were further items which all combined to make this one of our most interesting and instructive camps.

A party of 25 cadets is now at R.A.F. Summer Camp at R.A.F., Colerne, in Wiltshire. There, they hope to have some extended flying in Hastings aircraft of Transport Command.

Two cadets have been selected to attend a gliding course to be held at R.A.F., Kenley, in Surrey, from 5th to the 14th September.

Congratulations and good wishes for the future are offered to Sgt. D. E. R. Deacon, who has been offered and has accepted a 12-year commission in the Flying Branch of the Royal Air Force.

E.M.

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## R.N. SECTION

Training this Summer Term has been concerned mainly with preparations for the Annual General Inspection, and as a result little time has been spent at Bourne End. This is most unfortunate, for boatwork is one of the most important aspects of our training apart from being very enjoyable. It is certainly the one which distinguishes the R.N. Section from the Army and R.A.F. Sections.

However, the Inspection was satisfactory and the initiative shown by the L/Sea and P.O.'s in preparation and on the day was most pleasing.

During the Easter holidays six cadets with Lt. D. T. Nightingale spent an instructive and enjoyable week aboard H.M.S. *Redpole*. The visit coincided with Portsmouth Navy Days, which was a most interesting event and provided opportunities for the boys to visit many ships and see demonstrations of equipment. A day at sea was spent in H.M.S. *Fleetwood*, when all had a chance to take the wheel and try their hand at practical navigation.

Annual training this year is at H.M.S. *Collingwood* during the last week of August, an unfortunate time, for a great number of cadets will be away on holiday, and as a result we shall not be able to take the usual number.

The Royal Navy organise a variety of courses for cadets during school holidays and this summer some 30 of our boys are attending either Commando, Quarter-Master, Air Arm or P.T. courses.

These are of great value and normally very well run.

Lieut. J. B. Benson has made a model river estuary and harbour for instructional purposes. On it there are 11 buoys, 2 shore beacons and 1 lighthouse, all showing lights of the correct colour and at the right intervals. An electric motor drives a specially constructed rotary switch which ensures accurate and continuous operation. The making of this model entailed a great deal of work, both theoretical and practical, and I would like to record my appreciation of this contribution to the Section.

L/Sea. D. P. May has been selected for a berth on H.M.S. *Carron*, who is escorting the "Tall Ships" on the Brest to Lisbon race. H.M.S. *Carron* then sails on to Gibraltar and Las Palmas before returning the Plymouth.

The Hope Cup for the best Naval Cadet has been awarded this year to P.O. A. J. Duggin.

Cadet P.O. M. J. Green is leaving school this year. He has been Senior P.O. since 1956 and we shall miss him. D.T.N.

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### THE BRUSSELS TRIP

(As reported elsewhere in this issue, a very large party of boys with some of their parents together with thirteen masters paid a visit to the Brussels Exhibition during the week-end following Speech Day. The trip was under the general supervision of Mr. G. B. G. Chapman and Mr. D. C. F. Edginton. We publish below an extract from the Report to the Headmaster made by Mr. Chapman.)

I should like to say at the outset how splendidly the boys behaved throughout. We, members of the staff, interfered with the freedom of the boys as little as possible and only as necessary to ensure their safety and the maintenance of the timetable. If this involved any risk it was fully justified by events; it obviously increased the holiday spirit and therefore added to everyone's enjoyment. I think our relations with the boys were extremely happy.

The party left High Wycombe in high spirits, as you saw. The train was comfortable and there was plenty of room to spread ourselves. It was a waste of time to advise boys to conserve energy for later on! To many this journey will be memorable for its good-natured fun, and for the railway spotters and enthusiasts it had a special interest as the train wound round London from Kensington to Clapham Junction. (At one point I noticed a board with the instruction "all trains wait here for detailed orders"). We reached Dover on time and handed back the train to the owners in as good condition as we took it over; we left nothing and no one behind, and no one had done anything to spoil the trip.

From this point onwards we seemed to go forwards by sheer weight of numbers; the magic number 382 (that was our number)

opened the gates of the Customs, railways and even as I shall mention later of the Brussels Exhibition. I carried several hundreds of important-looking pieces of paper which were to be handed in at various points, but I came home with the lot. The Belgian railway officials expressed their horror in a characteristic manner. We took a Belgian boat from Dover to Ostend. The boat, *La Reine Astrid*, was already overladen when we arrived and not more than half of the boys could find anywhere to sit. To our astonishment, two more train-loads of passengers came on board after us and the boat was dangerously and shamefully overcrowded. Fortunately it was a warm and perfectly calm night and we were still not tired out. We wedged ourselves where we could and some of the boys managed to get some sleep by stretching themselves out in odd corners. It is pointless now to dwell upon the possibilities if there had been rough or stormy weather.

We went straight through the Customs at Ostend and on to the train for Brussels, where enough space was reserved for us. The party was quieter by now, of course, but I do not think many wanted to sleep and miss what was going on.

At Brussels we were met by Mr. Edwards, B.R. representative, and an interpreter who stayed with us for the rest of the day (though there is little need for an interpreter as American, if not English, is spoken, as you know, everywhere). There were six coaches to take us to the Exhibition—about half an hour's fast drive. Now came the first hitch, but not a very serious one. The coaches would only carry us if filled to capacity—plus. The first three, however, left before they were full and nobody knows how it happened. About thirty of us were left stranded, but after some exciting and voluble argument (meaningless to me) another coach was produced for us.

At the Exhibition gates I think we began to feel a little weary when we discovered that there was an hour to wait before we could get in—and nothing to do but sit on the hard ground. Good news soon came; the number 382 worked again and "they" agreed to open the gates for us at 9.30 or half an hour before the official opening time. In continental style 9.30 became 9.40, but it was a welcome achievement. The "gatemen" were asked not to let our party out and I discovered later how well they did their job. Mr. Runswick had to take a boy to the Paris train and he told me that it took him a quarter of an hour in voluble French before he could get out of the Exhibition. I sympathised with him and agreed about the universality of meddling bureaucracy without telling him the truth!

The boys were now free till lunch, which was taken at the Planetarium in two parties of approximately 200. Lunch was adequate and a useful rest when we could sort ourselves out. We met again at the Planetarium at 5 p.m. for final orders and to collect

the packed tea ; this was a substantial and welcome meal. By now many of the boys were tired and it would have been ideal if we could have departed then. Our final rally was at the main entrance at 8.45 p.m., and I noticed that a lot of boys had rested since tea.

The weather throughout the day was in our favour. There were a few showers which kept the dust down and cooled the air. In the bright sunny intervals we had samples of the dust and stuffiness that a hot day would have brought to our discomfort.

By coach back to Brussels and on to our special train—there is nothing to say about this. On the train most of the boys slept in positions which took some sorting out—heads at right angles to shoulders, upside down, etc., etc.

Soon after we were on our way to Ostend Mr. Bur came to tell me that he had searched the train and that six of his party were not aboard although he had checked them on the platform at Brussels. We searched again and had more or less resigned ourselves to the worst when we saw a dim light in a coach at the end which had not seemed to be on the train. There were six bodies in it, all asleep.

At Ostend it was quite impossible to wake some of the boys up and we had to carry them out of the train and along the platform. Some older boys (Vu) were also in this category. At least one little boy did not wake up again till he reached High Wycombe. There was a lot of utter exhaustion now and it was difficult not to be very sorry for the smaller boys. Yet they are not a bit sorry for themselves now and they would not have missed their experience for all the tea in China.

We came home by the same ship but under very different conditions. It was not overcrowded and every boy could find a comfortable chair. It was inclined to be windy and cold on the journey and the ship moved a little. I only saw one boy actually sick and most had taken " pills."

The Purser had a conscience, I think, about the disgraceful conditions of the previous night. Anyway, he welcomed me like a long lost brother. I took advantage of this to get from him a large space of sheltered first class deck for casualties. I removed about sixty bodies to this during the trip.

There was a lot of real distress on this part of the journey and I felt it my duty to give out at school expense a lot of sweet drinks. A little boy who eventually woke up, I believe, in High Wycombe walked in his sleep and made three journeys to the ship's rails before I wedged him in a fortress of chairs.

The moral to be drawn here is (a) don't take sleep-walkers, (b) do take glucose tablets—they are better and cheaper than Belgian Squash.

We got home, as you know, on time at 8.50 a.m., and no one would have missed the trip.

The Exhibition itself was very interesting and there was no need for anyone to spend any money (except, of course, an occasional 2fr.). To many of the boys the journey was the major thrill. We old 'uns would perhaps have preferred an air lift, but that would scarcely have satisfied the majority.

British Railways did a very fine job. The organisation was first class and they KEPT TO IT.

G.B.G.C.

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## THE SCHOOL PLAY

Schoolboys are not professional actors. To criticise a school production according to the standards of the Old Vic is, therefore, both foolhardy and wrong. It is unfortunate that this needs to be said, but destructive criticism has so little to recommend it, especially when it is applied to amateurs.

The production of "Julius Caesar" presented by Mr. D. C. F. Edginton in the School Hall on three consecutive evenings last March was not without its faults. Of these the chief were concerned with diction and enunciation. Too often an actor's words were delivered too fast, or slurred, or uttered in such a way that end consonants were unsounded, or even spoken so quietly that they were lost before they reached the centre rows. But these are errors that can hardly be cured in the space of time that it takes to produce a play. Would-be actors on the school stage must realise that above everything else it is essential that a play be heard by all its audience, and easily heard, too.

Yet, despite some muffled speeches, the play was a success. Indeed, it was noteworthy, and this for three reasons. Firstly, it was presented in modern dress so that "Rome might be any State, Caesar any Dictator, Brutus any Idealist." And so they seemed. Secondly, background music was used, most effectively, to heighten the emotional content of certain passages of the play. This particular experiment was fraught with danger, as was demonstrated on the Opening Night, but proved, by the Saturday, well worth the making. Thirdly, no play of this sort had been presented in the school for nine years. This meant, in effect, that none of the actors had had experience of a Shakespeare production in the school, although some had played in Gilbert and Sullivan operas in years past. There was no tradition of Shakespearean acting upon which the players could draw. In view of this, Mr. Edginton is to be congratulated upon the result he achieved, for the acting was certainly not without merit.

Uppard's Portia takes pride of place in this respect. He portrayed the part with tenderness, sincerity and a lack of sentimentality that was remarkable.

Slatter, as Mark Antony, also achieved considerable dramatic heights, especially when, by his funeral oration, he moved the crowd to insurrection. In different mood he gave us, too, an Antony privately mourning the murder of his best friend, and a political general ruthlessly gathering the reins of power to his hands. His interpretation of the part was everything that it demanded.

Green, as Brutus quarrelling with Cassius on the eve of Philippi, seemed to catch exactly the ambivalent personality of that stoical, soldierly, idealistic, scholarly Roman.

And Cassius, himself, passionate, headstrong, pragmatical, struck at the audience with the venom of his hatred as he was later to strike at Caesar with a deadlier weapon. If Camp brought to this part some slight emotional excess, yet he erred on the right side and showed well the mainspring of the conspirator's plot ineluctably unwinding.

As for Caesar, played by Parkinson, though his part was small compared with these others, yet he managed his short time on-stage to instil into the play that "spirit of Caesarism" upon which it depends.

Even so, the play might have miscarried had the supporting cast proved ineffective. Happily it did not. The bitter, envious, witty Casca, his fellow conspirators, Artemidorus, Calpurnia, Lepidus, the tag-rag crowd of tractable plebeians, these and all the rest brought to the stage "a story that might happen anywhere, at any time."

D.W.B.

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## HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION, 1958

"Down in the forest something stirred," as the old song has it, but up in the Hall on March 31st last more than "something" stirred. For the Hall was packed to the doors for the annual House Music Competition, adjudicated this year, as last, by Mr. Frederic Jackson, a professor at the Royal Academy of Music and a noted choir trainer.

Mr. Jackson, in spite of his advice that one budding pianist should amputate his right leg, showed himself a humane man in his general comments and a just, if also merciful, critic.

His critical faculties must have been sharply tested by the musical miscellany heard from the stage, each house offering a wide variety of vocal and instrumental ensembles.

Common to each house, however, was a four-part choir singing the "Easter Carol" as a set piece, and another piece of its own choice. Noble work had been done by choir conductors, some more experienced than others, in getting their singers up to scratch for the occasion, and the student of baton styles was able to add one

or two interesting specimens to his collection—in particular the piston working both horizontally and vertically, and the willowy reed swaying gracefully in the no-wind.

Youens won this section, closely followed only three marks behind by Arnison.

Each house then offered a pianist, one of whom prompted Mr. Jackson's aforementioned surgical recommendation. P. G. Uppard, of Fraser, came out well on top here with a highly praised performance of Glinka's "The Lark," followed by P. Read, of Youens, and T. E. Swain, of Arnison, both two marks behind.

Then came the real miscellany. E. G. Mann sang pleasantly for Arnison and R. M. Cass and J. F. Pryce, of Disraeli, discoursed "Greensleeves" reasonably sweetly for Disraeli.

The two "pièces de resistance," however, were the orchestral items submitted by Youens and Fraser. Orthodox combinations, as seen in big symphony orchestras, were at a discount, but Professor Jackson expressed his pleasure at the actual result and did not disguise his surprise at the remarkable blend, the fruit of hard practice, that these interesting orchestras produced. Consequently, top marks in this "free for all" section were won by the two bands, Youens just leading Fraser.

Totting up the marks resulted in final placings exactly the same as those last year. Youens retained the shield once more, closely followed by Fraser. Arnison was third and Disraeli brought up the rear.

After the Headmaster had paid tribute to both adjudicator and adjudicated, Professor Jackson brought the musical part of the proceedings to a close with a scintillating performance (from memory) of the first movement of a Beethoven piano sonata, eliciting from the Headmaster, warmly seconded by everybody in the Hall, the hope that Professor Jackson could be persuaded to visit the school again to give a recital on his own account, and not merely to hear other people.

A.G.

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## THE DAGGER OF THE DALAI LAMA

Crimson-tinted streaks could be seen in the dusky mauve sky when Chinton pushed his chair back from the desk at which he had been writing, and rose to his feet with a series of gestures signifying mental and physical fatigue.

He was an orientalist, and was puzzling out an ancient Tibetan script. The whole thing had been distasteful to him; he had felt no enthusiasm, and his entire output after seven hours' work was comparatively infinitesimal.

Chinton was one of the loneliest men living. He lived in two rooms at the top of a drab, Victorian villa, which stood in a quiet

street of an aspect so grey and pathetic that it was hard to believe so eminent a character carried out his work there. One of the rooms was absolutely bare of any luxuries, and contained only a camp-bed, a chair and a few other necessary articles. The other room was fitted with books and manuscripts of every Eastern topic imaginable. Ornaments and weapons were hung lavishly around it, and one would have felt some uneasiness at the prospect of being shut up in a room whose atmosphere was so purely oriental.

He had, however, on account of his personal solitude, become a slave to the opium habit. During the day he took it in the form of pills; at night he indulged in laudanum, sitting up until the grey of the morning broke in upon his fantasies. The golden-brown drug seemed to sparkle and coruscate in the lamplight. The subtle charm of the liquid stole through his brain, and Chinton yielded himself up to the dreams which it induced.

His eyes were fixed on the old Tibetan script. He began to meditate upon its history, upon what the writer meant to convey to all his readers. A phantasmagoria of a myriad hieroglyphics began to float, and finally to crystallise, except for one sign which undulated incessantly before him, as though trying to convey an urgent message to him.

Suddenly, Chinton leapt from his chair, for he had recognised the sign—the monogram of the Dalai Lama. He looked around the room in a contented dream, and saw once more the sign of the Dalai Lama. This time it was inscribed on the blade of a curiously-made dagger. He examined it carefully and it seemed to reveal some strange charms to his eyes. It made him dizzy, but he became aware of a sense of sudden satisfaction. The amethyst-studded hilt dazzled him, and was leading him into a state of unusual unrest, filling him with a strange desire to write.

He mixed himself some more of the drug, after which he found the hieroglyphics easy to read, and he followed a long night of work. On his left hand stood the decanter and the glass; on his right hand there gradually accumulated a pile of closely-written manuscript. Before him, the amethysts of the dagger gained a purple hue in the lamplight, and appeared to make weird patterns in the gloom beyond the writer's hand.

The grey light of the morning stole through the cracks and crannies of the shutters, and found Chinton still writing. Just after noon, he finished his first day's work, and after changing his suit, he went to visit his friend Lorimer, the critic.

At three o'clock, Chinton was shown into the critic's private room, and placed his work on the table. "I think I may take you into my confidence," he began. "I am sure, Mr. Lorimer, you will have this work published, and therefore I see no reason why you should be kept in ignorance as to its real history. I may tell you

that this work is being dictated to me by a wonderfully-wrought dagger, which possesses peculiar charms. I feel the influence of a God. It is strange, very fascinating influence, and I believe the end will come to-night."

When Chinton had left, the critic started to look over his work. After reading some of the manuscript, Mr. Lorimer went very pale. He read it again, to make sure it was not make-believe. The translation went as follows: ". . . I, the magnanimous ruler of Tibet, the great Dalai Lama, the humble servant of the greatest, the omnipotent Buddha, place my future spirit at the service of the Dagger of the Dalai Lama, which is to kill all the beasts and birds and men of this world who dare to lay so much as one hair upon the Dagger of the Dalai Lama, for it is the sacred treasure of all my heirs and of all my ancestors who ever dwelt in this world . . ."

He looked out of the window: it was already dusk and the sky looked ominous and forbidding. He ran across the wet road to a stationary taxi beneath a flickering gas-lamp. The car sped silently through the dingy back streets and stopped at last in the shadow of Chinton's flat. The bright glare of his reading lamp could still be seen, and Mr. Lorimer hurried up the narrow stairs with a faint hope. He wrenched at the handle of the locked door and burst it open. All the windows were securely barred, but Chinton was quite dead. His arms were crossed over the final page of his work, and his head was bowed upon it. In his back the Dagger of the Dalai Lama threw quivering purple-tinted patterns over the quiet oriental room.

D. R. WALKER, IVx.

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## A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

After I left home and came to London my mother wrote and suggested that if I needed any money I should use a code word in my letters so that my father wouldn't know. She said it would have to be a word I wouldn't use normally. She had thought very hard about it and decided on "opium." I would have suggested something else myself. But I couldn't do anything about it because there was no way of getting in touch with my mother without my father knowing.

Everything went smoothly until I had an explosion with the ancient gas stove (in which I had a part share) and had to pay to have it mended. So I wrote home and said there was a man at my boarding house who smoked opium.

My mother sent me five pounds and my father wrote to say he didn't like the sound of the place where I was living. Was I sure of my facts?

I wrote back to reassure him and said I wasn't certain ; it was just that the man himself told me he smoked opium, but, of course, you couldn't believe everything people told you.

My mother sent me another pound and my father wrote a long letter about the evils of drug taking. Was I on guard ?

I wrote yes, I was on guard. I knew all about the evils of drug taking.

I didn't hear anything for a day or two and supposed they were both thinking things over from their respective points of view. Then I had a letter from each by the same post. My mother enclosed ten shillings and said she realised I had decided I should make it too obvious by always talking about opium, and she thought "drug" was much better. But was I all right and not being blackmailed or something, because she knew what London was like. If I was all right would I write something about gondolas. My father said what did I mean about knowing all about the evils of drug taking ? He didn't like the idea of my knowing this man and where did he get his opium ?

I wrote back to say I had *read* about the evils of drug taking and I had no idea where the man got his opium, but I thought it might be from Venice because he talked a lot about gondolas.

Then I had a letter from mother saying she couldn't remember if she'd told me to say gondolas if I was being blackmailed or if I wasn't. She enclosed one pound to make sure, but would I write straight away to say I was all right and talk about gondolas and locusts. My father wrote to say he liked the sound of things less and less, and insisted that I move. He was sure I wouldn't have enough money and enclosed ten pounds. But he didn't want my mother to know, so would I say something about an earthquake to let him know I had received it all right.

I wrote back and said I wasn't going to move because whether the man took opium or not it couldn't affect me, and I thought I might go to Venice to see some gondolas next year for my holiday, but I couldn't be certain because of the locusts, and in any case there might be an earthquake.

I had a telegram this morning from my father saying they were both coming up to see me and were bringing Uncle George, who is a doctor, and Cousin Edwin, who is a barrister.

They arrive to-morrow.

C. J. DATE, VI.

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## CYCLING IN SWITZERLAND

The cycling tour which we made last summer linked the centres of Davos, St. Moritz and Pontresina, and Lugano in S.E. Switzerland. Reservations were made in February, after much planning, at several Swiss and Italian hostels, including three nights at each of the above

towns ; reservations were also made on trains to Chur, on the Upper Rhine, the starting and finishing point of the tour.

We left London on the 27th July and arrived in Cologne the next day after a pleasant journey through Belgium. From London to Cologne and back we used special Student Trains charging very reasonable fares. Outside the impressive cathedral we met, as pre-arranged, Wolfgang Wagner, who spent Easter Term 1957 at school



WHEN IN ROME . . .

and with whom we were good friends. We spent an interesting day in Cologne and left late at night for Basle and Chur, arriving in Chur (1,950 ft.) the next afternoon after a journey under a blue sky alongside the Black Forest and across Northern Switzerland. After depositing our luggage at the hostel—a typical Swiss chalet, having good cooking facilities—we went for a short ride and had our first taste of cycling in Switzerland with a rise of 3,000 ft. in 10 miles over cobblestones. The descent to Chur was, needless to say, made at speed, and after a self-prepared meal we had a good night's sleep on straw.

The next day we continued up a pretty valley to Davos (5,000 ft.), where we found the hostel on the banks of the lovely lake of Davos. The hostel had first-class facilities and meals were provided for

those who arrived on time—we did not. A party of 70 Swiss children had invaded the hostel and we were glad we had booked our places early. It was the evening of the first of August, the Swiss National Festival, and we watched a Firework Display in the grounds of the Casino.

On our first whole day in Davos, we left early to climb the 9 300-ft. Weissfluh, from the summit of which we had a breathtaking view of the Davos valley and the high mountains on the Austro-Swiss frontier. The next day we climbed to a tiny village and thence continued to the summit of the Strela Pass (7,650 ft.). The thirty-minute return journey only cost us the equivalent of two shillings, as there were week-end reductions—unlike Eng and—and we were both under sixteen—not just for the occasion. From the summit we saw the Weissfluh towering above us and felt quite proud of our previous efforts.

We had to leave Davos the next morning and cycled down a gravel-surfaced road through a narrow gorge to Tiefenkastral (2,800 ft.), where we prepared a meal. In order not to exceed our 15/- per day, we had to buy our raw materials and cook our own meals. We then started climbing the Julier Pass, which we had to cross to reach St. Moritz; not having expected to reach the summit that day, we hoped to find overnight accommodation in a ditch or barn. However, we reached the summit of the pass (7,500 ft.) after five hours' cycling from Tiefenkastral along the well-surfaced road. We then descended to St. Moritz (6,030 ft.) and nearby Pontresina (5,915 ft.), where we were able to spend an extra night at the hostel.

The hostel was a spacious chalet with good cooking facilities and we made many friends. During our stay there, we walked to an Alpine Hut (7,800 ft.) from where we saw the magnificent Bernina Group (13,000 ft.) and its mighty glaciers which passed near the hut; cycled to Tirano in Italy over the Bernina Pass (this included a drop and then a rise of 6,000 ft. in 20 miles) and climbed the 10,715-ft. Piz Languard with two German boys.

The day we left Pontresina, we arrived at our destination, the summit of the Maloja Pass, at midday, and as we did not fancy spending the afternoon in the hostel there, we cancelled our bookings and continued down into Italy through pine forests, walnut plantations and vineyards to Bellano hostel, on Lake Como, where we had reserved places for the next night. We were able to stay there another night.

As we crossed the pass in one day instead of two, we decided to hitch-hike to Milan, 60 miles away. We left Bellano early and arrived three hours later, visiting the massive cathedral and La Scala Opera-house before returning to Bellano after four hours in the city. We crossed the beautiful lake the next morning, and after a bathe

in the warm water, continued to Lugano (990 ft.), in Switzerland, 20 miles away. The country was very pretty, the mountains were covered with vineyards and woods, and there were many waterfalls. Lugano hostel was an old mansion which had apparently been restored but needed another restoration badly ; there were beds for 120. After two days in and around Lugano, we cycled 20 miles with some American cyclists and then continued up a long, charming valley to Mesocco (2,520 ft.). The hostel there was poor : there were no cooking facilities and no meals provided. There was little or no lighting in some of the rooms and the water supply consisted of a fountain some 20 yards from the hostel. We warmed our thick soup on our own Primus until it ran out of paraffin and were quite depressed as the next day we had to cross a steep and lonely pass, the San Bernardino, climbing 4,200 ft. in 12 miles—we expected to take about three hours. Meanwhile, a real mountain storm was raging and the gravel-surfaced road was changing to a muddy stream.

The next morning we left the hostel at 9 o'clock and were informed by a German couple in Mesocco that there had been an avalanche further up the pass during the storm and that the road was completely blocked. A policeman confirmed this in French but suggested that we might be able to carry our bicycles over the blockage. Inspired by this news we pressed on up the muddy road, finding cycling very difficult. The mud lay between one and six inches deep and proved an excellent lubricant for our chains and derailleur gears. After about two hours we arrived at the scene of the accident, which presented a picture of complete chaos. There were massive boulders and pine trees all over the road and several cars were waiting for the bull-dozers to clear a way. Some workmen helped us with our heavily-laden cycles over the 75 yards of boulders. After ten minutes we had to stop to mend the only puncture of our tour in pouring rain and a cold driving wind. We moved on until after seven hours' slogging we arrived at the Hospice at the summit. Then we had to cycle another 50 miles back to Chur, and although most of the journey was downhill, the gradient, curves and slippery gravel made it impossible to travel fast. As we were so cold and the rain had stopped, we put on long trousers over our shorts and donned all the shirts and pullovers we had with us. We arrived in Chur at 10 o'clock—hostel closing time—too late to prepare a meal and so we went to bed hungry and exhausted.

We got up bright and early the next morning (4.45) to catch the train to Cologne, and arrived home three days later. A tiring return journey and an unavoidable 20-hour wait in Cologne station, with no money and little food, in no way detracted from a wonderful holiday.

D. A. KING, J. A. SACAR (VIs).

## MAL DE RENE

Day and dark are come and gone,  
And come and gone for ever,  
Like zebra-crossings stretching  
Into space.

Hope, despair, and joy and torment  
Surge and crash and surge again,  
Like paper breakers at the  
Stock Exchange.

Yet, in this whispering vale  
Mellow breezes sing a soft  
Soprano, gentle as a  
Lover's kiss . . .

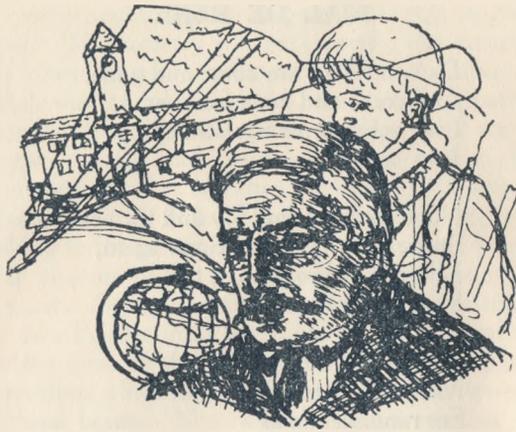
. . . How much of life is loved  
In retrospect ?  
How much of joy is mere  
Nostalgia ?  
How many long-lost sunsets  
Make a dream  
Of happiness ?

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Waning day.  
And all the world must  
Wait.  
And every heart  
And hope  
And head  
Is lifted up  
Yet bowed in awe.

The angry sun  
Has lost his grasp.  
Another day  
Has slipped away,  
And, late in church,  
Darkness blue  
Brooding,  
Stealthily  
Crept in.

H. G. MARCHAND, VI.M.



### LOOKING BACK TO 1890 (*Circa*)

School was different in 1890 and the question—or was it?—can have only one answer—it was.

Schooling was compulsory, but not yet free, and if the fee of 2d. a week—one-third of what we pay for a Mars Bar or a packet of Smith's Crisps—seems trivial to us, it was not so to a father whose weekly wage was not more than £1 a week, and who had two or three children of school age.

Teaching centred chiefly on the so-called “three R's,” reading, writing and arithmetic, and every boy had to pass in these three subjects at an annual government examination before moving to a higher standard. The highest standard was the seventh, and this could be reached by a bright boy by the time he was 13. Then, having received all the education the school could give him, he left to face the work-a-day world in some job or another.

Of course, there were other subjects : geography, confined to knowing the chief physical features of a country, the names and positions of the chief towns, and their chief industries, if any. The why and the wherefore of the location of these was never mentioned. English history consisted of learning the names and dates of kings and queens, and having some knowledge of battles and picturesque

events that had occurred at home or abroad. No doubt a rough concept of morality was given us by emphasis on the heroism or villainy of the principal characters. In a church school, perhaps more direct instruction in morality was given by the learning of the church catechism and certain parts of the New and Old Testaments, and by commentary on Bible stories. English—it was never given that name—meant learning a certain amount of simple poetry and acquiring the ability to recognise a noun from a verb, an adjective from an adverb, and to parse a sentence. Written work was done on a slate, the cleaning of which was rarely, if ever, hygienic.

Discipline was strict. A bright boy who finished a task before the time allotted for it was supposed to spend the remainder of that time by sitting up straight with arms folded. Talking to one another in class was an offence, and if persisted in was punished by detention, but much more likely by one or two strokes of the cane.

Was school life dull? It might seem so, but most of us were happy. We had our times, not only of pleasure, but of elation. Those who suffered most from the system were the dullards and the boys who learnt easier from direct contact with Mother Nature than from books. Perhaps their escape lay in "logging," the local name for playing truant. Logging was both a crime and a sin, and in the school of my early days the offender was punished by having to drag a log of wood some foot square and about five inches deep, attached to his leg by a chain, up and down the school room for a longer or shorter period. This barbarity was later withdrawn, and brighter teaching and a more varied and more interesting curriculum helped to dissolve the charm of playing hookey. Looking back, this punishment never seemed to fit the crime: it rarely acted as a deterrent and only inspired sympathy for the victim.

We always felt one up when we could steal the log and hide it for a time, or sneak the Headmaster's cane. This was usually done by one of the older boys when the cane had been inadvertently left within easy reach. The usual method was to stuff it down behind the collar between the shirt and waistcoat to the trouser leg. This always meant a few awkward minutes when it had to be smuggled out of school, but the ceremonial sacrifice of the cane in the nearby river was a good reward. The following morning was always an anxious one. Enquiries were made about the missing cane, and there was always the chance that some ex-pupil who was now a longshoreman or a ferryman would recognise and rescue the cane, and bring it back and present it to the Headmaster with his compliments and good wishes. It had been done.

Perhaps we were also fortunate in our surroundings, for nearby there were Celtic barrows and earthworks, Roman remains, the ruins of a castle built for shore defence by Henry VIII, a cannon ball from

a Cromwellian cannon still lodged in the wall of the Guild Hall. There was also a smoking cliff—no longer burning—and a treeless area with fossilised trees, and a river which had changed its bed over the centuries. These roused our curiosity and interest, and fired our imagination.

Some of us must have learnt something or were stimulated to continue our education after we had left school : among my immediate school fellows, one later joined the staff of a scientific journal, two became solicitors and one entered the Church and became a canon of one of our English cathedrals. If there is any moral in this story, it is that application is necessary, as well as learning.

ANON.

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I SAY, BRAITHWAITE, I'VE FOUND A POT!

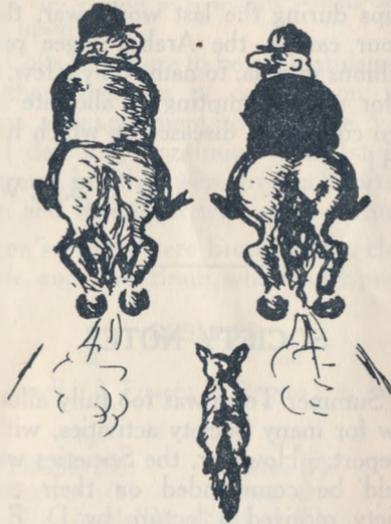


## FIRST THINGS FIRST

*"For lust of knowing what should not be known."*

—JAMES ELROY FLECKER.

The news of the Ruritanian launching of a rocket containing a live rodent has caused consternation and dismay throughout the civilised world. Demonstrations were held outside the Ruritanian Embassies in Moscow and Washington, while the communist block as a whole expressed its disgust at this act of depraved cruelty in the United Nations. A motion tabled by Russia in the Security Council condemning Ruritania on these grounds was defeated only because America used the veto for the 88th time.



FANSHAW—WE'RE BEING FOLLOWED

Although for political reasons the British Government also supported Ruritania, private feeling in this country was of a very different nature. Protest rallies were held by various well-intentioned organisations throughout the country, while Parliament saw some of the most impassioned speeches from members on both sides of the House since the Suez crisis. Public indignation at this outrage was well expressed by a certain gentleman writing recently

in the *Daily Telegraph*. It is a pity that his name cannot be printed here, for the courage and sense of moral obligation towards his fellow men, which he has displayed in writing this fervent letter, deserve our gratitude. He points out "that every year many thousands of rodents are sacrificed in laboratories in this country in connection with cancer research." He ends his letter by saying that "it is high time that all nations put an end to this utterly callous modern exploitation of animals, which is carried on in the name of 'scientific research'." He sums up this latest Ruritanian abomination, and their like, by the word "atrocities."

We are perhaps, witnessing in this spontaneous outburst of indignation a sure sign that in general mankind's moral sensitiveness, which he has displayed with ever-increasing assurance in the last four decades, is coming to maturity. The old and false values are vanishing; new and real ones are taking their place. The present world crises are reduced to insignificance, while even the atrocities (how dare we use this word of such trivialities?) committed in foreign concentration camps during the last world war, the misery in the Russian slave-labour camps, the Arab refugee problem, and the malnutrition of millions in Asia, to name only a few, are put in a true perspective. As for man attempting to alleviate his wretched lot by endeavouring to cure those diseases by which he is afflicted—he stands condemned!

S. C. WILLIAMS, VIC.

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## SOCIETY NOTES

As usual, the Summer Term was too fully allotted to examination work to allow for many Society activities, with the result that there is little to report. However, the Societies which did manage to function should be commended on their enthusiasm. The Aeronautical Society received a lecture by D. E. R. Deacon on "Learning to Fly," and held a "League Competition" in which J. Cawson secured first place, and M. R. Emmett second. Professor Cormack kindly came over from Reading University to speak to the Classical Society on "Roman Cooking." The Dramatic Society organised an expedition, led by Mr. D. C. F. Edginton, to Regent's Park, where "The Taming of the Shrew" was being presented; in addition, Terence Rattigan's play, "French without Tears" was read in the company of some senior members of Piper's Corner School. The Modern Language Society, too, has assured the editors that it held several play-readings in concert with the High School. Lastly, the Science Society ventured to the Wiggins Teape Research Organisation, near Beaconsfield, to inspect the plant there.

## SPORTS DAY

For this day the weather was neutral, not warm enough to encourage lethargy yet not rough enough to spoil the chances of those hoping to break records.

It was a day of individual performances rather than House competition, for it was already evident to any boy following current form that Disraeli had a large enough lead and a sufficient reserve of talent not to be worried by Fraser, its nearest rival.

Barkas won the 220 yds., breaking a record that had lasted for several years. Later Muller broke the Discus record with Sagar and Hickey very close behind him, and finally Dean deservedly broke the Mile record, leaving the school a standard in this event that our future runners will find difficult to better.

In addition there was T. Gilder's nonchalant Shot Putt equalling the school record, and Deacon's gallant pole vault which established this new event in the school at a height which others will not find easy to improve upon.

The Senior Colts group are to be congratulated on their number of entries and their keenness in competition. As a result, this group, which was an experiment to give the 5 "Uppers" more competition, will definitely continue. The 1st Year groups were sacrificed for this end, but they were given a Sports Day of their own later in the term and entered it with great enthusiasm.

The afternoon's events were brought to a close by the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. Brain, who kindly presented the prizes.

### RESULTS

100 Yards	1st	2nd	3rd
	1, Disraeli ; 2, Fraser ; 3, Youens ; 4, Arnison.		
100 Yards	1st	2nd	3rd
Junior Colts ...	Priestley (D)	Lawrence (F)	Fewtrell (F)
Colts ...	Smith, G. (Y)	Cunnold (D)	Layton (Y)
Senior Colts ...	M. G. Smith (D)	Smith, J. (F)	Kern (A)
Open ...	Barkas (Y)	Hollomon (F)	D. King (Y)
220 Yards			
Junior Colts ...	Priestley (D)	Fewtrell (F)	Ford (Y)
Colts ...	Perfect (D)	Cullen (A)	Cunnold (D)
Senior Colts ...	M. G. Smith (D)	Smith, J. O. (F)	Kern (A)
Open ...	Barkas (Y)	Hollomon (F)	R. Quirke (D)
440 Yards			
Colts ...	Perfect (D)	Cunnold (D)	Cullen (A)
Senior Colts ...	Smith, M. G. (D)	Currell (F)	Fountain (A)
Open ...	Hollomon (F)	R. Quirke (D)	Hussey (D)
880 Yards			
Junior Colts ...	Priestley (D)	Culley (Y)	Searle (Y)

<b>1 Mile</b> (Open) ...	Dean (F)	Slatter (A)	Cox (D)
<b>Javelin</b> (Open) ...	Sagar (D)	Brinn (D)	Muller (Y)
<b>Discus</b> (Open) ...	Muller (Y)	Sagar (D)	Hickey (Y)
<b>Pole Vault</b> (Open)	Deaccon (A)	R. Quirke (D)	Comer (F)
<b>Shot</b> (Sen. Colts)	Kern (A)	Gillett (A)	Ralley (A)
<b>Long Jump</b> (Senior Colts)	Smith, J. O. (F)	Fountain (A)	Smith, M. G. (D)

### Relays

Junior Colts ...	Fraser	Disraeli	Arnison
Colts ...	Arnison	Disraeli	Youens
Senior Colts ...	Fraser	Arnison	Disraeli
Open ...	Youens	Fraser	Disraeli

### Individual Champions

Junior Colts ...	Priestley (D)	Senior Colts ...	Smith, M. G. (D)
Colts ...	Cunnold (D)	Open ...	Hollomon (F)

## ATHLETICS

In the short time available between Sports Day and examinations three matches were arranged.

The first, against Slough and Borlase Grammar Schools, was entered with confidence, a confidence which was soon to be badly shaken when we were soundly beaten by Slough, Borlase coming third. The most notable performances were Dean's 440 yds. and Muller's shot putt of over 40 ft.

The next was a mixed match at various ages against several London schools and it emphasised our weakness at most field events, particularly the high jump and javelin. Luckily our runners were in fine form. Yates in the younger group won a well-judged mile in a time over ten seconds better than his previous best. An excellent example of the result of conscientious training.

Our final match against Arborfield Army Apprentices School was a very pleasant meeting, admirably organised. The meal afterwards softened the pain of defeat and a little dancing while waiting for the masters to finish their more leisurely meal restored the team to their normal high spirits. The school lost all seven field events but won all six track events, so the margin of defeat was not large.

It is a sobering thought that in this age of highly competitive sport a school which breaks five school records on its Sports Day can still lose all its matches.

Congratulations to Dean, Hollomon, Barkas and Slatter, who spend three days in Durham in the summer holidays representing Bucks in the All England Sports.

Half-colours awarded to P. Dean, A. Barkas, D. Slatter, B. Hollomon.

## ROWING CLUB

There has been an improvement in the standard of rowing this year, mainly due to Mr. J. Dormer, of Marlow R.C., to whom we are most grateful. He has given us some very valuable coaching.

An under-17 crew was entered for Wallingford Regatta in the hope of retaining the Glyn Challenge Cup, which we won in 1957. They reached the semi-finals, but were defeated by the eventual winners—Reading Blue Coat School. The crew was as follows : B. Quirke (Bow), R. Quirke, P. Holtorp, D. J. M. Rendell (Stroke), B. I. Sandeman-Craik (Cox).

We were outclassed in Marlow Regatta, being beaten in the first heat by Reading Blue Coat School and Tonbridge School.

Many thanks to Mr. D. C. F. Edginton for managing our affairs most admirably.

S. A. LEADER.

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## CRICKET CLUB 1958

*Captain* : T. J. GILDER

*Vice-Captain* : P. J. BLOKLAND

*1st XI Colours* : T. J. Gilder, P. J. Blokland, R. C. Jones, J. R. Bone, J. A. Dawes, C. Waller, D. H. Bond, K. R. Miller.

The School XI this season has more than fulfilled the hopes expressed in the last issue of the magazine. The older members have done good solid work throughout the season and this work has been ably supported by the younger members who have improved steadily throughout the season.

T. J. Gilder has been an admirable captain. His work on and off the field has done much to encourage even the faintest-hearted cricketer. Young members of the XI are naturally overwhelmed when they play for the first time for the School, but the majority have gained confidence as the season has progressed and have realised that the " powers behind the scenes " know their real potentialities.

No boy has been nominated for the English Grammar Schools XI this year, but three or four youngsters are quite capable of reaching that high standard before they leave if they continue to develop in the way that they are at the moment and can obtain that quiet confidence in themselves and their coaches. By reaching the standard required for representative cricket, either County or International standard, boys are able to repay the School for all or the many hours of free time given up for them. Perhaps the most disheartening thing for any coach in any game or activity is to see youngsters with little or no ability striving to improve, when at the same time others with great potentialities making no real effort to get to the top, either through stupidity (not to be confused with lack of confidence) or sheer laziness.

The batting this season has been extremely steady. Gilder, Bone, Jones, Dawes and Blokland have all contributed in turn, the experience of past seasons helping a great deal. All of the youngsters have had their moments of triumph. Bond, especially, has batted well, and Miller's 50 gainst hostile bowling on a helpful wicket was one of the best of the season. The "Colours" awarded after these efforts were well deserved.

The bowling has been stronger than of late. Both Blokland and Bone moved the new ball ; Bond, in spite of his injury, bowled steadily, and Waller, in his first bowling season, showed excellent promise. Various leg-spinners were tried with varying length and success. Even the Captain convinced himself that he could spin a ball and proved his point by taking one wicket in the last match.

The fielding improved steadily, but there is still room for a class cover-point. Running between wickets caused more heart failures than any other department of the game, especially when Bond and Simpson came together. In one game they ran three runs side by side without scoring a single and caused the umpires a deal of trouble in deciding what really had happened.

With eight of the XI returning next season the School can look forward to another good season.

The Club wishes to thank all concerned for generous help given so willingly by members of the Staff and boys in all departments of the game.

H.W.J.

### FIRST XI AVERAGES

(Qualification 75 runs)

#### Batting

	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Times not out</i>	<i>Highest score</i>	<i>Average</i>
T. J. Gilder ... ..	512	22	1	72	24.7
D. H. Bond ... ..	360	22	3	56*	18.9
J. R. Bone ... ..	393	22	1	62	18.7
P. J. Blokland ... ..	117	15	7	24	14.5
Simpson, J. ... ..	120	13	4	26	13.3
C. D. Waller ... ..	181	18	1	42	10.6
K. R. Miller ... ..	105	10	0	51	10.5
J. A. Dawes ... ..	168	19	1	35	9.3
Punton, V. ... ..	104	12	0	41	8.6
R. C. Jones ... ..	100	20	2	16	5.8

\* Denotes Not Out

#### Bowling

(Qualification 15 wkts.)

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
J. Dawes ... ..	57	13	160	17	9.4
C. Waller ... ..	190.5	33	528	55	9.6
D. Bond ... ..	98.2	25	236	22	10.8
P. Blokland ... ..	188	54	425	38	11.2
J. Bone ... ..	222	58	507	38	13.3

### Catches

T. Gilder, R. Jones 15 ; P. Blokland 9 ; D. Bond 8 ; J. Bone, Riley, A. 7 ; K. Miller 6 ; J. Dawes, C. Waller, McCue, I. 4 ; Simpson, J. 3 ; Fountain, A., Currell, J., Collett, R., Holdship, C. C ; Punton, V., Puddephatt, K. 1.

**Stumpings :** T. Gilder 11, K. Miller 3.

Played 24, Won 9, Lost 5, Drawn 8, Abandoned 2.

Colours were awarded to : C. D. Waller, D. H. Bond, K. R. Miller.

### FIRST XI RESULTS

- May 3—v Sir William Borlase School, at home. R.G.S. won by 6 wkts.  
Sir William Borlase 62 (J. Dawes 5 for 11).  
R.G.S. 66 for 4 wkts.
- „ 10—v Wycombe "A" XI, at home. R.G.S. won by 90 runs.  
R.G.S. 139 (Punton 41, Fountain 38).  
Wycombe "A" XI 49 (J. Bone 6 for 17).
- „ 17—v Bishopshalt, away. R.G.S. won by 67 runs.  
R.G.S. 127 for 4 wkts. (D. Bond 45 not out, T. Gilder 41).  
Bishopshalt 60 (C. Waller 8 for 29).
- „ 17—v Amersham G.S., at home. R.G.S. won by 25 runs.  
R.G.S. 86.  
Amersham G.S. 57 (C. Waller 5 for 27).
- „ 21—v Windsor County G.S., at home. R.G.S. won by 10 runs.  
R.G.S. 87.  
Windsor County G.S. 77 (P. Blokland 5 for 16).
- „ 28—v Newlands Park T.C., at home. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 131.  
Newlands Park T.C. 112 for 9 wkts.
- „ 31—v Emmanuel School, away. R.G.S. lost by 5 wkts.  
R.G.S. 99.  
Emmanuel School 100 for 5 wkts.
- June 4—v R.A.F., High Wycombe, at home. R.G.S. lost by 3 wkts.  
R.G.S. 129.  
R.A.F., High Wycombe 133 for 7 wkts.
- „ 7—v Trinity School, Croydon, away. R.G.S. won by 5 wkts.  
Trinity School 55 (D. Bond 4 for 20, C. Waller 4 for 14).  
R.G.S. 57 for 5 wkts.
- „ 11—v Leighton Park School, at home. Match drawn.  
Leighton Park 99 (C. Waller 6 for 48).  
R.G.S. 85 for 9 wkts. (C. Waller 42).
- „ 14—v Royal Masonic School, at home. R.G.S. lost by 4 wkts.  
R.G.S. 102.  
Royal Masonic School 104 for 6 wkts.
- „ 18—v R.A.F., Halton, at home. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 146 for 7 wkts. (J. Bone 53).  
R.A.F., Halton 93 for 7 wkts. (J. Dawes 3 for 4).
- „ 21—v Watford G.S., at home. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 133 for 5 dec. (T. Gilder 62 not out).  
Watford G.S. 90 for 6 wkts.
- „ 25—v R.A.F., Medmenham, at home. Match abandoned, rain.  
R.G.S. 96 for 6 wkts. dec. (J. Bone 62).  
R.A.F., Medmenham 31 for 1 wkt.

- July 5—v St. Bartholomew's School, Newbury, away. Match drawn.  
St. Bartholomew's, Newbury, 135 for 8 wkts. dec.  
R.G.S. 93 for 7 wkts.
- „ 8—v R.A.F., High Wycombe, away. R.G.S. lost by 98 runs.  
R.A.F., 206 for 9 wkts. dec.  
R.G.S. 108 (T. J. Gilder 54).
- „ 12—v Old Boys XI, at home. R.G.S. lost by 65 runs.  
Old Boys XI 153.  
R.G.S. 88.
- „ 16—v Abingdon G.S., at home. Match abandoned, rain.  
Abingdon 28 for 1 wkt.
- „ 17—v Queen Elizabeth's G.S., Barnet, at home. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 151 for 9 wkts. dec.  
Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet 99 for 8 wkts. (C. Waller 4 for 22).
- „ 19—v Wycombe "A" XI, at home. R.G.S. won by 72 runs.  
R.G.S. 164 for 7 wkts. dec. (D. Bond 50, T. Gilder 46).  
Wycombe "A" XI, 92 (J. Bone 4 for 39).
- „ 21—v R.G.S., Worcester, at home. R.G.S. won by 83 runs.  
R.G.S. 164 for 9 wkts. dec. (T. Gilder 55).  
R.G.S., Worcester, 81 (P. Blokland 6 for 21).
- „ 22—v W/Cdr. Edward's XI, at home. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 102 for 9 wkts. dec.  
W/Cdr. Edward's XI 87 for 9 wkts. (J. Bone 4 for 27).
- „ 23—v Mr. Johnson's XI, at home. Match drawn.  
Mr. Johnson's XI 161 for 9 wkts. dec.  
R.G.S. 140 for 7 wkts. (K. Miller 51).
- „ 24—v Bucks Colts XI, at home. R.G.S. won by 6 wkts.  
Bucks Colts XI 156 for 7 wkts. ec. (C. Waller 3 for 19).  
R.G.S. 157 for 4 wkts. (T. Gilder 72, D. Bond 56 not out).

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## SECOND XI

The 2nd XI are noted for the enjoyment that they get out of cricket. Most of the eleven do not take the game over seriously, but nevertheless they try to reach a good standard.

This season, however, efforts at improving play did not bear much fruit, for out of ten completed games, seven were lost, two drawn and from one only they emerged victorious.

Although the team looked good on paper and in the nets they seemed to have little confidence in themselves and lacked determination. Most of the team were capable of scoring runs, but as may be seen from the analysis, rarely managed to.

It is difficult to see where the blame lay, for R. J. Collett captained the team with confidence and was backed up by a keen side. Perhaps all one can say is that "it was just one of those things."

Looking on the brighter side, we saw two very good innings by K. R. Miller with a total of 60 not out, and A. J. Riley, who scored 58. R. J. Collett, V. W. Punton, W. A. Knowles, G. L. Hickey and J. L. Currell all showed their potential during the season by some good scores.

J. L. Currell and B. L. White were the mainstays of the bowling and were well supported by I. W. McCue's "tweakers" and J. F. Janes' leg-breaks.

Altogether not a successful season, but an enjoyable one.

T. M. Davis scored for the team during the season and was remarkably accurate and neat.

### SECOND XI AVERAGES

Played 12, Won 1, Lost 7, Drawn 2, Abandoned 2

					<b>Batting</b>			
					<i>Runs</i>	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Highest score</i>	<i>Average</i>
Miller	...	...	...	...	102	6	60*	20.4
Riley	...	...	...	...	79	4	58	19.8
Punton	...	...	...	...	33	3	28	16.5
Hickey	...	...	...	...	82	9	23*	11.7
Collett	...	...	...	...	80	8	31	10.0
Knowles	...	...	...	...	81	10	25	9.0
Puddephatt	...	...	...	...	43	6	16*	8.6
Currell	...	...	...	...	57	8	22	8.1

\* Denotes Not Out

					<b>Bowling</b>			
					<i>Overs</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
McCue	...	...	...	...	28	32	8	4.0
Hickey	...	...	...	...	28	56	8	7.0
Currell	...	...	...	...	92	159	16	10.0
White	...	...	...	...	88	177	17	10.4
Janes	...	...	...	...	37	76	5	15.2

The following boys have been awarded 2nd XI Colours : Riley, A. J., Punton, V. M., Hickey, G. L., Puddephatt, K. R., Fountain, A. W.

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### COLTS CRICKET XI

Played 8, Won 3, Lost 4, Drawn 1, Scratched 1

The season started well with two victories in the first two games, due mainly to the bowling strength of the team. Unfortunately, the batting did not reach the standard set by the bowlers at any time during the season, so that the captain, Stockwell, never had enough runs to "play with." However, the team gave the appearance of enjoying their cricket in spite of not winning every time.

Stockwell proved to be an efficient captain, both on the field, where he remained calm through all crises, and off the field. Of the bowlers, Perfect, Stratford, Dronfield and Williams did the bulk of the work, all bowling extremely well. Halfway through the season, Holdship was promoted to the School 1st XI, where he deservedly won his 2nd XI Colours.

Downing very kindly undertook the onerous job of scoring when he himself was not playing. M.B.

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### THE UNDER 14 XI

Won 5, Lost 2, Drawn 1

The Under 14 XI was one of fair promise and much enthusiasm. The captain, D. S. H. Bedford, led them very well and was the most consistently accurate of our bowlers. M. D. H. Priestley was the only batsman to score regularly, and as he gradually corrects his methods should become a good cricketer. The fielding was alert, but here too correct methods, that is *efficient* methods, are needed by any boy who means seriously to get into a good team. L. Macready's quick accurate throws to the top of the stumps were worth a lot to the side. I should like to commend those boys who came faithfully and regularly to the nets, even though they never got a place in the side : their turn may come later. B. M. Rolfe earned our thanks by scoring for us. C.M.H.

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### LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Played 11, Won 10, Lost 1

*Captain* : H. W. CLARK

*Vice-Captain* : E. C. FRANKS

This has been the most successful playing season in the history of the club. It has taken many years to get together a Tennis Six of this standard and we should do quite well in the Youll Cup Public Schools L.T.A. tournament at Wimbledon.

Our first pair, Clark and Woodcraft, showed that they are capable of a very high standard indeed, while Franks, Volkonsky, Wilson and Smith (G. F.) ably aided them. There has been no real weakness, which, of course, has resulted in such a record of success.

Colours have been awarded to Wilson and Smith.

# OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB

## Annual General Meeting

Some thing like 30 O.B.'s of the possible hundreds attended the Annual General Meeting, held in the School Library at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 22nd, 1958. The President of the Club, Mr. E. R. Tucker, was in the chair.

In discussing points arising from the last A.G.M., N. H. Theed produced a suggested design for a proposed new tie for members of the Club. The price would be substantially more than that now charged—from 9/6d. to possibly 17/6d. After suggestions had been made, it was decided that the Committee should persevere with the idea.

J. P. Lord said that there was a possibility of having a dance at the School either in the early Summer or in the Autumn. The President promised his full co-operation with the necessary accommodation and facilities.

It was resolved not to take up the suggestion that the Club should supply O.B. blazers.

To obtain a higher rate of interest, the Secretary was asked to transfer £200 from the Trustee Savings Bank to a joint Stock Bank, and to buy from the current account a £50 Premium Bond for luck.

Appeals, and this is one of such appeals, were to be made regularly to the £3-3-0 life members for the voluntary levy of £2-2-0 suggested at the 1947 A.G.M.—another appeal is to 5/- Banker's Orders ; they should now be for 7/6d.

The President stated that the Memorial Pavilion had been completed and paid for, the total cost being £5,225.

Mr. Tucker referred to the inability of Mr. Arnison to be present, owing to an unfortunate fall down stairs ; he was recovering.

The various officials of the Committee were all re-elected and for 1958-59 will be :

*President* : E. R. Tucker, Esq.

*Chairman* : J. R. Prior, Esq.

*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. 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), Messrs. R. W. Bartlett (1900-07), A. Harcourt (1943-51), J. Hyde (1945-51), G. C. Rayner (1937-41), N. H. Theed (1912-19).

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer* : P. L. Jones, Esq.

*Assistant Hon. Secretary and Treasurer* : M. M. Davies, Esq.

*Hon. Auditor* : A. E. Franklin Hole, Esq.

The accounts showed that for the year ending 31st December, 1957, 114 had paid annual subscriptions and 17 had become Life Members.

The excess of Expenditure over Income for the year was £12 17s. 0d., which must be added to the estimated excess of £119 12s. 10d. for the years up to 31st December, 1956.

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## The Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner was held as usual in the School Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 22nd, 1958, immediately after the Annual General Meeting.

The chair was occupied by the Headmaster (Mr. E. R. Tucker), President of the Old Wycombiensians' Club. He was supported at the top of the table by Mr. H. G. Brand, the Rev. A. M. Berry, members of the Governing Body and senior Old Boys.

A record number of well over two hundred O.B.'s was present.

In proposing the toast of the "Guest of Honour," who was the Secretary of the Club, Mr. P. L. Jones, Mr. Tucker drew attention to his length of service at the R.G.S. (1916-1958), his good points and his weaknesses. He read a telegram of good wishes from Mr. G. W. Arnison, who, owing to a recent fall, was unable to be present.

In replying, the "Guest of Honour" gave a short account of his teaching experience both as Head and Assistant Master. He explained that any characteristics he may have developed were the result of the combined efforts of Governors, Head Masters, Staff, pupils, Old Boys, and even of caretakers.

E. L. Webb (1920-25), the latest O.B. to join the other five O.B.'s as Governors of the School, proposed the toast, "The School and the Club." He explained the various ways in which the Governors looked after the welfare of the School, guided often by the advice of the Headmaster as to the state of the buildings and class-rooms.

In replying for the School, Mr. S. Morgan gave an account of the activities of the School during the year, the record number of State Scholarships won, and other satisfying results both in examinations and on the playing-fields. He also mentioned the new Science block to be built very shortly, and that the number of boys would most likely reach 950 with a staff of over 50.

Replying for "The Club," Mr. G. E. Green (1940-46) stated that the membership of the Club could not be said to be satisfactory. Seeing that the A.G.M. was held on the same evening and immediately before the Dinner, attendance of O.B.'s at the meeting, with

possible help, advice and criticism was disappointing.

After the formal part of the Re-union was over, the majority stayed until midnight discussing as usual the peculiarities of weird members of the staff and the secret exploits (while at school) of still more weird former school-mates.

### **Births**

BANHAM, M. J. (1943-52). On May 11th, 1958, at Ibadan, Nigeria, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Banham, a son.

HAMLETT, T. (1941-46). On May 8th, 1957, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Hamlett, a son.

McQUEEN, B. (1938-43). On March 8th, 1958, at Princes Risborough to Mr. and Mrs. McQueen, a daughter, sister for Kathryn and Stuart.

STONE, R. N. (1938-42). On February 15th, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Stone, a son, brother for Susan Jane.

LITCHFIELD, A. (1942-47). On April 2nd, 1958, at Aberdeen, to Mr. and Mrs. Litchfield, a daughter, sister for Nigel.

### **Deaths**

B. D. BATCHELOR (1950-54), aged 21 years, died in May, 1958, while on a routine flight in a single-seater Venom jet fighter.

He crashed at Sharjah, in the Persian Gulf. Batchelor, a sincere and sound scholar, always keen on flying, was awarded a scholarship as a member of the School Air Training Corps, did part of his training in Canada and received the Scroll of Honour for being the best cadet on his course. He returned to the Middle East and was delighted to find another O.B. in the same squadron, F/Lieut. D. W. Tanner (1940-46). Batchelor was thoroughly happy in the R.A.F. and took an active part in the Venom rocket attacks on the Yemen rebels. In his last letter, dated 12th March, 1958, to the Old Wycombiensians' Club, he said he hoped to return to England in October to proceed to the Central Flying School at Little Rissington on a flying instructor's course. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Batchelor, of Maidenhead. The School and Club wish to tender their deep sympathy to his parents and to his only sister.

A. W. HANDS (1906-08). On July 24th, 1957, at High Wycombe War Memorial Hospital, aged 65 years.

When he left school, Hands was apprenticed as a Chemist, obtained his qualifying degree and became manager to O. J. Barley, High Wycombe. He joined the R.A.M.C. in August, 1914, served mainly in the Middle East until demobbed in 1919.

He joined W. H. Hands and Sons Ltd. as director in 1932 and was President of the High Wycombe Furniture Manufacturers

Association from 1945 to 1949, and Chairman of the Oxford Advisory Committee of the Southern Region Board of Industry. He leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter.

J. C. T. SPRIGGS (1915-20). On April 7th, 1958, at his home, Allerdale Hotel, Torquay, aged 52 years.

Ever since he left the R.G.S., Spriggs devoted nearly all his time to motor engineering. Quiet, hard-working and very competent, he became the Managing Chief Mechanic of several large garages both in High Wycombe and other towns.

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### Old Boys' Notes and News

F. S. BERRY (1908-15). When Sands County Primary School broke up for the Easter holiday, their Headmaster for 23 years, F. S. Berry, retired. Berry began his career as a student-teacher at Spring Gardens School in 1915. Demobbed in 1919 after serving with the Somerset Light Infantry in France, he went as assistant to Priory Road School before taking over at Sands. He was a founder of High Wycombe Schools Football Association in 1930 and had been connected with the organisation of the Bucks Schools' Camp since 1935. He had also been Chairman of High Wycombe Schools Music Association. Both he and Mrs. Berry intend to continue with their social work and life of the district.

M. A. BIRD (1944-51), although he regretted he could not attend the dinner, promised to visit the School, when he returned to England on April 18th, 1958. He did not keep his promise!

B. P. BOWERS (1950-57) on leaving school started at King's College, London (Engineering), but owing to too long an illness had to leave. He was not well enough to come to the Re-union, but is out of hospital and hopes to restart in October next.

J. M. CANTY (1944-45) is now working on the Sagil Estate in the State of Johore. He moves about a great deal, but his address in Malacca will always find him. He and his family are due home early in 1957.

D. E. DAVIS (1946-51) at last has found time to write to his old school. After two years on his father's farm, he enjoyed his two years with the R.A. Field Regiment in the Suez Canal Zone. His search for TIM ABDULLAH (1946-54), also in Egypt, only led him to several Abdullahs, who did not at all look like his former friend. The only O.B. he met, when he first walked into the Regimental N.A.A.F.I., was COLIN DOIG. On returning he was beginning to enjoy his Saturday rugby games with the O.W.'s, when he slipped a disc, which was removed, and he has not yet been

able to restart. In the meantime, however, although he gives no further particulars, he has been married and is the proud father of a little boy. Davis lives at "The Laurels," Bryants Bottom, Great Missenden.

L. GLENN-HILL (1948-53), articled to Messrs. Parker, Son and Nickson, High Wycombe, has passed his final law examinations, and is now with Messrs. Dill Smith, Beaconsfield.

Writing from 135 Lakeshore Road, Humber Bay, Toronto 14, Ontario, L. J. GIGGS (1938-42) states that he is moving around so much in the large continent that the only way to get in touch with him is through his home address in Uxbridge. It is hoped he will keep his promise to write more of himself and his doings shortly.

S. A. GOULBORN (1928-36), because he is "out of sympathy" with some aspects of Labour Party policy, has decided to resign from the Labour Party. Goulborn was for a time Chairman of the Wycombe Constituency Labour Party, and at the time of his resignation was Secretary of the High Wycombe Western Ward. He has become an Independent member in the Borough Council.

E. HALL (1944-53) has gained his wings and commission in the R.A.F. He passed out from the flying training school at Work-sop and is now a Pilot Officer in the General Duties (Flying) Branch.

R. A. HUTCHINSON (1928-33) is with the R.A.F. at White Waltham.

THE REV. G. W. McAVAN (1929-37), who has been Warden at St. Andrew's School in Mauritius for 18 years, hopes to come home in June for the second time!

T. REDRUP (1946-51), known as "Tiny Tony," the five-footer with the six-footer's stride, has again made quite a name for himself. At the Bucks A.A.A. Championships he not only retained his three-mile title, but took the mile championship from the former holder of the County record. At the same meeting, B. HALL, in the 3,000 metres steeplechase, strolled to the tape 50 yards ahead of his nearest rival. Running in the Southern Counties Championship, Redrup won the 3 miles "B" race in 13 mins. 5 secs. and earned an invitation to run in the A.A.A. six miles championship at Chiswick, the race which will help selectors to pick England's six-mile team for the Empire Games at Cardiff. Also R. BUZZARD (1941-48) in the County Championships won the 220 yards.

D. L. SMETHURST (1949-55) is with the R.A.F. in Cyprus in a camp, fortunately, he says, in a very isolated part of the island. So far he has met three O.B.'s—CHANDLER, a corporal also in Cyprus, SYD. SALES and PETER MATTHEWS. Smethurst has six months left to complete his National Service.

R. N. STONE (1938-42) has a long journey of 15 to 16 miles from his home in Chalfont St. Peter to the G.E.C. Research Labora-

tories, Wembley, where he is a Physicist. He knows of no one from the R.G.S. working there.

R. TERRY (1945-49) has been elected President of Leicester University Students Union. He hopes to take his finals in English this year. He has developed his talent as an amateur dramatist and has grown a red beard to look the part of Petruchio in "The Taming of the Shrew."

P. J. WOODS (1949-54) is still with De Havilands at Hatfield and is awaiting the result of the Higher National Certificate.

H. E. M. YOUENS (1940-45) has been ordained deacon by the Bishop of Worcester. After serving with the Royal Engineers, Youens spent several years with Maple and Co. Ltd., London. He was trained at Ripon Hall, Oxford, and will serve in the parish of St. Stephen's, Worcestershire.

P. CARTER (1942-46) has been awarded an M.A. degree in Russian Language and Literature at London University. He had already a first class degree in English Language and Literature. He began learning Russian during his National Service with the Intelligence Corps.

N. W. PERFECT (1946-50) gave his first and successful one-man public recital in Victoria Street Methodist Chapel. His accompanist was Harold Mead and his recital included operatic and oratorio arias, lieder and Scottish songs.

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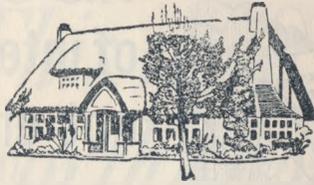
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