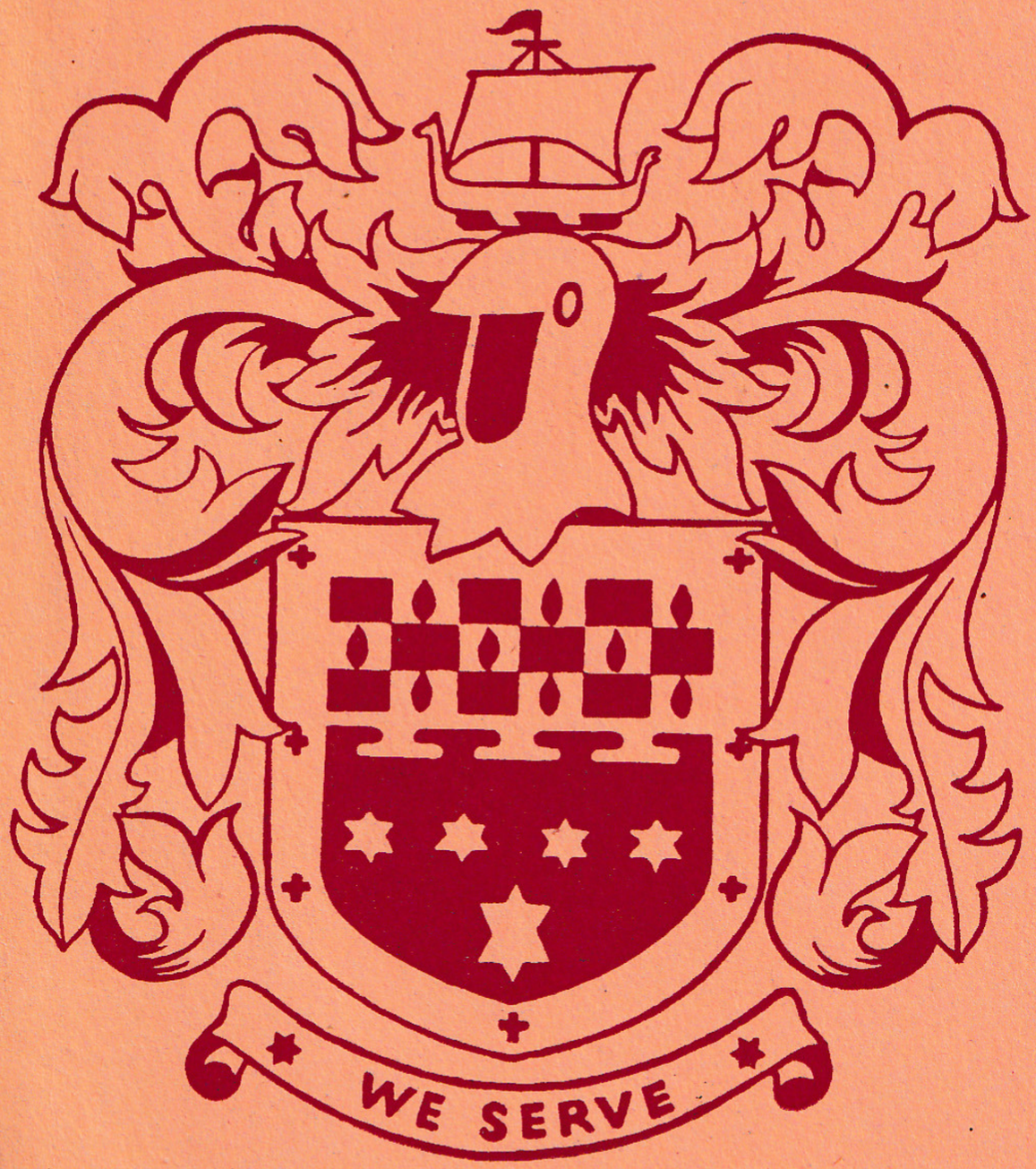
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CLOSING DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUMMER ISSUE: THURSDAY, 5th JUNE.

This is the last date on which contributions will be accepted for consideration—NOT the date on which nine contributions out of ten are to be handed in. **The majority of contributions should be in at least ten days before the closing date.**

HEADMASTER'S NOTES

Against the shadow cast over the nation by the death of His Majesty King George VI, the abstract and chronicle of the events of this term seem trifles of but little account. "The King is dead: Long live the Queen." May those now at school see in the fullness of time the rich fulfilment of the promise of this new reign, and live through a second Elizabethan Age in days more spacious still!

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On the first evening of the School Play, Monday, 10th December, we had the enormous pleasure of seeing Mr. Scott and Mr. Tyson, on behalf of the Parents Association, hand over to Mr. J. W. Bowen, Chairman of the London County Council, the new Stage Proscenium as a Festival Year Commemoration Gift to the School.

Our pleasure was enhanced when Mr. Bowen, on behalf of the L.C.C., announced that the new Stage Curtains had been provided without charge to the School.

The Stage Lighting installation which, though incomplete, was used for the first time, has now been finished. In present financial stringencies, we cannot expect the Authority to bear the cost of this amenity and must undertake it ourselves.

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It has been one of my aspirations in recent years, as has been indicated in these notes, that an Old Wandsworthian should gain the award of a Rotary Foundation Fellowship. I am now in the happy position to say that Clive Lawler Wilson, who left us in 1947 with a Scholarship to the Imperial College of Science, has achieved this high ambition and now holds a Fellowship worth up to £1,000 which

will enable him to spend a year in the School of Business Administration at Harvard University. He was nominated by the Rotary Club of Wandsworth, and was selected from the Greater London area, as the candidate for District 13 of Rotary International, to go forward for final adjudication at Chicago, the headquarters of the movement. We wish him well now that he has got his foot on the ladder that leads to real eminence.

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Perhaps the highlight of the Rugger Season was the match against Swansea Grammar School, played on the School field on the morning of the England—Wales Rugby International Match, which the players of both school teams attended in the afternoon. The Swansea boys were delighted with their reception and had the satisfaction both of beating the School by three points to nil, and of seeing Wales gain a brilliant but hard-fought victory over England.

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On March 4th, Roberts, Head Prefect, and Morris, Second Prefect, were invited to lunch by the Rotary Club of Wandsworth, and gave an account of their experiences as "travelling scholars," Roberts to Canada, under the W. H. Rhodes' Trust scheme, and Morris to Sweden, with a travel grant from the Rotary Club.

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The series of Careers Talks and Discussions that was inaugurated last year has been introduced again this term for the benefit of the Fourth Forms. All the main types of career suited to grammar school boys will be covered. Apart from first hand information by a man at the "top of the tree" about the particular career a boy may have in mind, it is a useful part of a boy's education to learn more about how the world's work is done in a wide variety of fields.

It was a remarkable experience to attend the Royal Festival Hall for the Schools' Concert on the evening of 8th January, and to realise the high standard in music that the London Schools achieve. Congratulations to Edgar and Gugan upon gaining their places in the Schools Symphony Orchestra.

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I should also record a delightful concert given to the Lower Forms in the School Hall last term by Margaret Howe and Colin and Sheila Sauer.

The Christmas Concert was a notable triumph for the School Choir and Orchestra and the masters responsible for their work.

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We were thrilled and thankful to hear of the dramatic escape of Gordon Roy Holland, who baled out of the Vickers Valiant aircraft that crashed in flames on Saturday, January 12th.

Holland, who left us in 1937, is a Test Observer, and is engaged in testing instruments on experimental flights with prototype aircraft.

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Congratulations to G. K. Alexander upon passing the final examination of the Royal Institute of Chartered Accountants, and upon his appointment to a post in Northern Rhodesia to take charge of a branch office of his firm.

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On 14th November last, we had the opportunity to be hosts to the member schools of the area C.E.W.C. group. The meeting took the form of an International Brains Trust with speakers representing Russia, South Africa, U.S.A., and Switzerland, and aroused so much interest that groups stayed on for over an hour after the meeting, seeking further information from the speakers.

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Since the appearance of the last issue A. E. Trebble has been made Full Prefect and R. D. Cardwell a Sub-Prefect.

AVETE ATQUE VALETE

New boys since last issue of "Link."

Appleyard, N.
Bales, W. P. K.
Charsley, B. A. W.
Evans, F. J.
Foley, J. C.
Johnson, L. A.
Liggitt, R. A.
Mroz, J.
Twaite, D. L.
Watkins, A.

Boys left since last issue of "Link."

Hammond, E. C.
Holt, V. A.
Smith, W. S.
Szturma, J.
Tyson, S. J. J.

THE DEATH OF THE KING

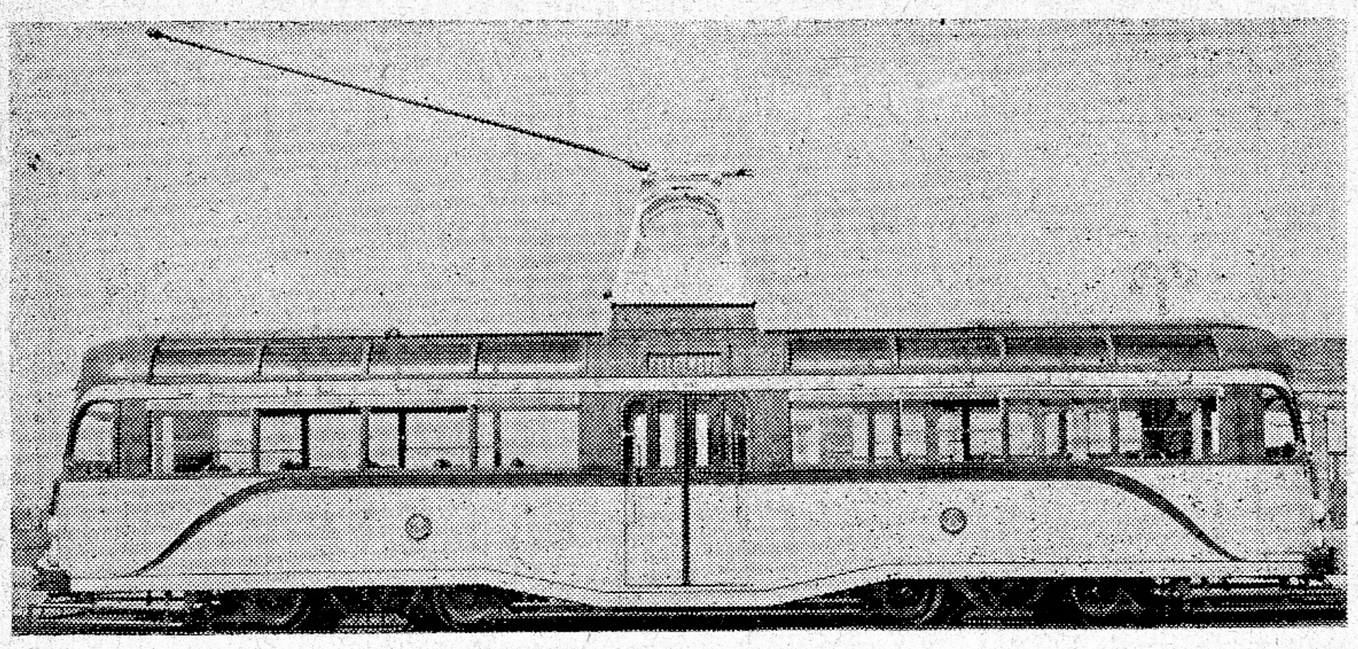
The death of King George VI occurred suddenly in the early morning of the 6th February. The affection and respect in which he was held were immediately manifested in the spontaneous expression of grief, not only among the peoples of His Majesty's dominions but also among peoples far removed from contact, geographical or cultural, with the British throne.

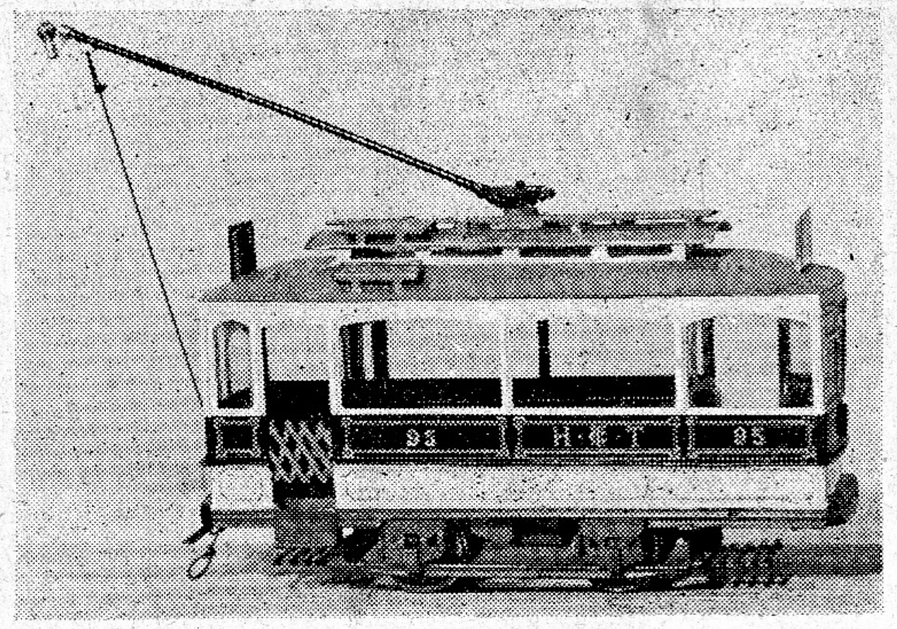
George VI died comparatively young, worn down with the ill-health which, with other disadvantages, grievous to be borne by one on whom public life is thrust by destiny, he had manfully combatted since his early youth. Neither was he helped by the historical circumstances at the time of his accession.

His ultimate triumph, as a man and as a monarch, is a heartening demonstration of the victory which character, allied to a long-developed sense of duty, can gain over adversity.

The King was enormously sustained in his public labours by the devotion of his wife and by the affection of his children, advantages not always enjoyed by his predecessors.

Upon his elder daughter devolves now the burden of the greatest throne in the world. Aided she will be by the support and affection of her subjects in her many realms, and by the memory of a great example.





Old and New in Blackpool

WHY ABOLISH THE TRAM IN LONDON ?

The fact that many London trams are noisy and uncomfortable has led people to welcome their replacement by buses. But it is a mistake to think that trams are obsolete. Naturally, a forty-year-old tram cannot compete with a modern bus, but the latest trams, now running in Blackpool and in many Continental countries, fitted with "rubber-insert" wheels, are far superior to any bus for silence, speed and comfort. Efforts to introduce such trams to London have not been successful — their very existence gets hardly a mention in the press.

Given modern equipment, the tramway is unrivalled in its capacity to handle heavy traffic, as experience of Continental towns, which rely on trams, and where queues are unknown, will show. It is more reliable in fog, frost and snow. Moreover, trams are able to operate more economically and at lower fares than buses. The Edinburgh tramways made a small profit last year with a maximum fare of threepence for nine miles.

Modern trams are in use in Blackpool, Leeds, Sheffield, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Liverpool and Sunderland. Twenty-five more have been ordered by Blackpool, which already has many fine streamlined tramcars, both single and double-deckers. The truck and controller of one of these cars, together with a model of a complete car, were on show at the South Bank Exhibition. Leeds, which has many miles of reserved tracks, including a new route opened in 1949, has two single-deck cars on order. Glasgow has 1,200 trams, 100 of which are luxurious double-deckers built during 1949-50, and 133 miles of double-track tramways, including extensions opened in 1949.

There are also tramways at Dundee, Birmingham, Grimsby, Mumbles (Swansea) and Llandudno. The last is a narrow-gauge line on which open-top cars still run.

The large cities of Switzerland and Northern Italy, such as Zurich and Milan, also have hundreds of modern cars, providing fast, silent and comfortable travel. In Melbourne, Australia, a main bus route through the city centre is being converted for trams.

In the face of this evidence in favour of the modern luxury tramcar, why be so wasteful as to scrap the whole of London's tramways?

B. C. Homewood (2a, Ga)

HOW TO BE A HUMAN CALCULATING MACHINE

In the tedium of multiplying and dividing numbers in what they probably consider to be too frequent Mathematics lessons, many boys have yearned for the powers of the calculating genius and have, in some cases, asked for advice concerning methods they could adopt in order to become calculating prodigies. Beyond informing them that Mr. Lewinneck has a good slide rule and that logarithmic tables may be bought for a few pence, I have been unable to offer any really valuable advice previously, except, perhaps, that they should try to be better at arithmetic than I.

Boys seriously contemplating the possibility of becoming calculating freaks, as well as other kinds of freaks, should find it easier now than ever before. It is well-known that no boy is now expected to master his multiplication tables until his last year in school, and thus anyone who cannot prevent himself learning a few facts in the junior part of the school is admirably equipped to start immediate training to become a calculator at least equal to the famed Jedediah Buxton.

Jedediah, born in 1707, was the son of a schoolmaster but never learned to write. (This alone should endear him to all Wandsworthians). He was illiterate and never became anything more than a farm labourer. Despite his remarkable skill with numbers he was considered to be a stupid fellow.

Examples of Jedediah's calculating dexterity are given in Ball's "Mathematical Recreations and Essays." Here are a few:—

In eleven minutes, he worked out mentally the number of acres in a field 351 yards long and 261 yards wide.

In fifteen minutes he found the number of cubic yards of earth to remove in order to make a pond 426 feet long, 263 feet wide, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep.

He also calculated, entirely mentally, the number of grains of corn needed to fill a cube whose volume is 202,680,000,360 cubic miles.

He was unable to explain his methods, but the evidence seems to suggest that they were very crude, and his success was due only to a remarkable memory, increased in power by practice. Numbers had always fascinated him. He used to calculate the number of minutes in any period of time he heard mentioned, the number of words in the Sunday sermon, the number of syllables in the sentences people used.

In view of the need for calculators in a scientific age, we could do with more Jedediahs—preferably of a brighter type. This country has spent very large sums on the development of electronic brains which can solve fifty simultaneous equations in fifty unknowns in a few seconds. Wandsworth School has had nothing to do with this although it has achieved fame in many other fields. Can it produce the first HUMAN electronic calculator? Boys wishing to begin serious training may apply to me for suitable practice material.

G.G.

BOOK REVIEW

"Sixty Days to Live," by Denis Wheatley (Hutchinson).

This book deals with the end of the world, a comet, a flood, and an ice age. The suspense is overwhelming and compels one to read to the end. The author has a most amazing imagination and writes as if he were indeed one of the survivors of the catastrophe. I quote a passage dealing with the coming of a huge tidal wave towards an ark:

> "A mighty wind, caused by the air displaced by the oncoming terror, moaned through the trees, its note increasing to a scream. Trees were snapped off short or torn up by the roots and carried high into the air. From a dull, sullen murmur, the voice of the waters leaped in a moment to a thunderous roar. The whole earth shook, winced and writhed, and tormented nature screamed aloud in a hundred tongues as, tumbling over each other, the six humans fell into the ark, and Sam, who was last in, slammed its door."

Many other such exciting moments await the reader in this book, written by a prince of thriller writers.

G. DODGE (4a, Gc).

THE SCHOOL PLAY, 1951

THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE This comedy, originally written for the American actor, Richard Mansfield, made Shaw's reputation in the U.S.A. It is, however, hardly one of his best. The second act tends to drag, as the situations are artificial and give Shaw little opportunity of using his particular brand of humour. Still, General Burgoyne's arrival in the third act does much to redeem the situation.

Fortunately, we had B. Tyson to fill this part. He gave a most polished display of character acting, which deservedly won for him the Semmens' Prize for Drama.

The author makes great demands on his principal men, who both have to change character completely during the play. R. Arnold, as Dick Dudgeon, managed his part very well indeed, though his chubby, benevolent face inevitably belied the ne'er-do-well he was supposed to be at the start. N. F. Roberts was admirable as the parson, but not quite explosive enough as the man of war into which he has to transform himself.

A. K. Salmon, in the highly emotional part of Judith, was most effective: voice and movement were alike convincing — he is clearly a valuable discovery. T. R. Wright, as the embittered widow, was effective, if a shade too charitable to the character.

Among the minor parts, Challice's urbane lawyer, Gale's corrupt and raffish sergeant, and Livingstone's heavy-handed major were excellent. Maclean, though consistent, rather caricatured his part. Wood, as Essie, looked and sounded convincing, but moved rather clumsily. The other parts were in the hands of Messrs. Bonner, Wharton, Gosden, Elsey, Tonks, Rick and Trebble.

The production, in the usual capable hands of Messrs. Benyon and Bacchus, ran smoothly throughout, and the incidental music was well chosen.

Mr. Hall was stage manager, and was assisted by a hard-working team from 4A, namely, Batty, Bloss, Cook, King, Sawyer, Turner and Wrench.

Tyson's programme cover also deserves an honourable mention.

It is pleasant to report that the production was financially one of the most successful of recent years: the profits are going to provide additional dimmers for the new stage lighting.

J.D.S.

TRAINING FOR COMPETITIVE SWIMMING

A competitive swimmer should have one aim: to improve on his best performance. This can only be achieved by hard training.

Training does not mean merely swimming a few lengths of the pool at odd times. One must swim regularly not less than three times a week. In the winter, long swims of a thousand yards and over are recommended. Distances should be swum as races. No benefit will be derived from slow swims. The swimmer should try to remedy faults of style that may have developed and he should count the number of strokes he takes for each length: this will help him to judge his races later on. He should never neglect turns and starts, especially turns, as a race may well be won or lost on these alone.

At the commencement of the summer season there are still some weeks before racing starts. Here begins summer training. This should take the form of, say, a dozen lengths to loosen up, then six fast lengths, legs only, using a cork float, then six fast lengths' swimming, followed by some starts and turns, say a dozen of each. To finish, swim a hundred yards, followed by another hundred as fast as possible. It is a good thing to swim four lengths of a different stroke in the middle of a training session, to break the monotony.

As the season progresses, add a few lengths to each of the different parts of the training scheme. But remember that the hardest part of a swimmer's racing season comes in September and the first two weeks of October.

A. R. CURME.

OUR "WEEK IN INDUSTRY" TOURS

The new notice which recently appeared has aroused much interest in the Upper School. It is concerned with the Week in Industry, and has caused conversation to be flavoured with reminiscences of past expeditions. Many still remember, with unholy glee, the indignity which was suffered last year by respected members of the staff who, with the rest of us, had to cross, barefoot, the River Tees above High Force waterfall, at great danger to person and clothing. (Most of the lost shoes and socks were later recovered.) But we all appreciate the work which the staff put into the organisation of these visits, and greatly benefit from the experience of seeing Britain's industrial areas.

SWANSEA The field of our expedition at the end of the 1950 Summer Term was South Wales, in and around Swansea. We travelled there in a motor-coach, the eight-hour ride taking us through the Chilterns and the Brecon Beacons. We stopped for lunch at Gloucester, and took the opportunity of seeing its fine cathedral.

At Swansea we lived in Trafalgar House, to the intermittent rattle of the Mumbles railway, and we were able to bathe often in Swansea Bay.

The day after our arrival we toured the Swansea Civic Centre and saw the very striking Brangwyn Panels.

One of our most interesting visits was that to the docks and oil jetties: so interesting, in fact, that a number of boys got up at five a.m. one day for a return visit.

Observation of the steel, tinplate, spelter and sheet works revealed some of the lamentably primitive methods still employed in South Wales.

The day excursion into the Gower Peninsula, including the heavy rain, was enjoyed by all of us.

DURHAM Last year's was, perhaps, the most interesting of the school's annual expeditions. The party stayed in Durham Castle, now part of the University, and the ancient stone staircases and corridors provided a romantic background to the trip. Activities were varied, ranging from a visit to a Tyneside dockyard to perilous canoe expeditions on the Wear.

The places visited were so far apart that we used a coach every day, so, in addition to touring the industries, we had excellent views of the countryside.

The most adventurous of the organised outings was the walking tour of Teesdale, which necessitated the fording of the Tees.

Photographs of the visit, which will be exhibited during the Eisteddfod, show clearly the scope of the expedition: steel, coal, glass, marine-engineering, rope, chemicals, oil, and the rebuilding of the formerly depressed areas, were all reviewed in informative and enjoyable trips.

THIS YEAR we visit Lancashire, and the occasion is most eagerly awaited.

D.I.L., J.R.C.

THE C.E.W.C. CHRISTMAS CONFERENCE

During the Christmas Holidays several members of the School attended the annual Christmas Conference at Westminster organised by the Council for Education in World Citizenship. The main topic of the Conference was "Human Rights," and lectures were given on various aspects of this main theme by many distinguished speakers, amongst whom Dr. Bronowski and Mr. Frank Owen gave particularly entertaining, and at the same time, educational talks. At the end of each session a period of time was allotted for questions, during which long queues of boys and girls stretched on either side of the platform, all eager to take up the speakers on their own points or to raise new ones.

The 2,500 boys and girls attending divided into discussion groups and each group produced a report on the topic it had chosen to discuss. These reports were read on the last afternoon and a cross-section of the opinions of the people at the Conference was thus obtained.

The last speaker was Dr. Gilbert Murray, who rounded off the Conference by giving us much paternal advice.

The C. E. W. C. Conference this year also marked the inauguration of the new "Gift Coupon Scheme," whereby aid can be given to underdeveloped areas by the purchase of Gift Coupons, which can be sent to any country as a sort of international currency. The recipient (usually some kind of educational institution) can then in turn purchase equipment with them.

During the four days of the Conference £84 was raised and sent to Mysore State Adult Educational Council. The scheme was introduced into this School on March 3rd.

Besides helping to promote international understanding by educating some of the world's future citizens, the C.E.W.C. Conference of 1952 thus helped to lay a more substantial stone in the foundation of world peace.

C.B.G.

HOUSE NOTES

CROMWELL The House has taken its first step towards regaining the Cock House Trophy by winning the Rugger Shield. Although we are still awaiting an opportunity to play our match with Pitt, the Shield is ours. This success is particularly pleasing as we have been trying unsuccessfully to win this competition ever since the War. Our Seniors, with half the School First XV in their ranks, are doing no more than is expected of them, while the Juniors have risen to the occasion in grand style.

Our heartiest congratulations to Elsam on representing, not only Surrey, but the combined counties of Surrey and Kent, and to Morris, who was chosen for Surrey Public Schools, but was unfortunately prevented by injury from playing. To him goes our sympathy too.

In the Fives competition, with Harvey in our team, we must be conceded an outstanding chance. In the one match so far played we have beaten Pitt.

Cross-country practices have not been as well attended as we would have liked, but the "discovery" of Dunn and Edgar is greatly encouraging.

We look forward to the Eisteddfod with confidence. Challice leads in the music section, Barber in speech, and Livingstone in drama. The response in this last section has been very good. We have succeeded, without excessive difficulty, in casting an extract from "Julius Caesar" requiring twenty-two actors. We anticipate a keen struggle with Gibbon, who are producing an excerpt from "Pygmalion." Shakespeare versus Shaw !

Our record in Diligence is sad. This indeed is one field in which Cromwell seems to have forgotten that to be first is ours by natural right. We are, however, thankful for the small mercy that in the last award we had moved from fourth to third place. Are we to look for steady improvement in the future?

Congratulations to D. G. Fenton on the *completion* of his telescope!

D.G.M.

GIBBON If anyone were to read all the Gibbon House Notes for the past five or six years he would find they begin either, "Unfortunately Gibbon . . ." or, "Gibbon has not yet rallied . . .", or words to that effect.

Why is it that Gibbon has been doing so badly in practically every competition? We have plenty of talent, no less, in fact, than other Houses. Why, then, should they beat us? The answer is lack of enthusiasm. We have been last so often that our morale is low; nobody is willing to take the first leap into the breach; nobody is willing to try to get up to stop the slump. But stop! perhaps it would be truer to say that nobody *was* willing. This year the Senior boys of the House are making an all out effort to pull Gibbon out of the mire and put us on firm ground.

A Gibbon Eisteddfod Committee was formed, consisting of the supervisors of the various sections of the Eisteddfod and a representative from each of the four sets of the House. The object of the Committee was to make sure that as many boys as possible entered for the Eisteddfod competitions and to try to arouse more enthusiasm in the House. The gusto with which this Committee set about its work had an early reward.

A proposal adopted at one meeting of the Committee was that the House should have its own shield. Plans for the design of the shield were well under way at the time of going to press.

Nevertheless, the work of the Senior boys will be useless if enthusiasm is lacking in the rest of the House. Every boy must pull his weight. Then, and only then, will Gibbon be Cock House.

"O pride! more noble may thy heart assume,
O Gibbon! gazing on thy growing work."

—(Hayley)

A.G.Y.

MORLEY In spite of, or more probably, because of the things said in these Notes last term about Morley's efforts in the Diligence Competition, the House as a whole seems to have taken offence and appears determined to continue at a merely average level, instead of aspiring to the heights we know Morley can reach. Once again Morley B must be singled out as a set which could contribute more towards retaining the Mayfield Cup, although the other sets are not entirely blameless and could try a little harder.

In other spheres Morley has done and is doing much better. We came second in the Rugby Competition. This success was mainly due to fine play by our Juniors, who were unbeaten, and to a fine win by our Seniors in their last match. Here, at least, our exhortations in the previous edition appear to have had some effect.

Although, at the time of writing, Morley's position in the Table-Tennis Competition is uncertain, we are at least assured of a draw. The team has played and won two of its three matches, beating Cromwell by nine games to seven (points for 300; against 275) and Gibbon by ten games to six (points for 322; against 275). We now have to beat Pitt to win the Competition.

Very little can be said about the Eisteddfod, as this takes place after the magazine has gone to press. Although there seems little chance of our winning the Fives Competition we should do fairly well. So far we have only played Gibbon, losing by a small margin.

We end by asking everyone to make a special effort in the forthcoming Athletics and Cross-Country Competitions. You can all help in Athletics, where every point may be vital, by completing your standards in time.

Finally, we wish our Cricket Teams every success in the approaching season and call upon everyone to help make Morley the proud possessors of "Joey," the emblem of Cock House.

J.W.B., A. S.

PITT By the time these notes are in print two events will have been decided, the Eisteddfod and the Cross-Country Run. Let us hope that we have gained a high place in the Eisteddfod and regained the Cross-Country Shield.

We still have not regained supremacy over Morley House in Diligence. There has been a comparative decline lately in some sets and if we are to regain this Shield, which we have held for so long in the past, every boy must make a greater effort in the future, and not leave it to the few boys who continually gain a high diligence award.

As expected, Cromwell won the Rugby Shield. In the matches, which have been played since the last issue of "The Link," our Juniors lost to Cromwell, but our Seniors have not yet played Cromwell because of bad weather. We should like to congratulate Glayzer on being selected as reserve for the Surrey County XV.

In other sporting activities this term we were soundly beaten by Cromwell in the Inter-House Fives Competition. In the Table-tennis Competition we lost to Gibbon and drew with Cromwell. Our team is captained by Bonner, who, at the time of going to press, had a hundred per cent. record in School matches.

In the annual School play we were privileged to provide three of the cast. Roberts, as one of the leading characters, played his part admirably.

The coming term brings with it Athletics and Cricket. We hope that we shall retain the Cricket Shield which we won last year. We can also win the Athletics Shield if every member of the House pulls his weight in the Standards, for a House can be second or even third on Sports Day and yet still win the Shield through success in the standards.

Only if every member of the House, from the First to the Sixth Form, shows a personal interest will the House regain its rightful place — at the top.

R.J.B., D.T.G.



THE ART CLUB

The Art Club is a courtesy title for those individualists who make twice-weekly visits to the art room to work at whatever amuses and appeals to them. Except on those rare occasions when a small group get together on a job, the Club cannot rightly be so-called at all.

We first started regular meetings a year before the war, when members came after school hours to finish work begun in class and to develop their own ideas. The regulars soon produced much original work, and those forms which were deprived of the more interesting kinds of work by their time-tables, found an opportunity to fit it in after school hours.

We were forced to suspend our activities during the war, although there was a revival in the summer months when we were housed in Little Firs, Woking. The use of a garage and a potting-shed of sorts made it convenient and pleasant to stay later in the summer evenings and to get on with the messier jobs, such as printing and clay modelling. Since our return the art room has been well filled after school, especially during the winter term and the weeks preceding the Eisteddfod, when we are full to capacity.

Many boys do not seem to realise that there are no conditions attached to joining the club, and that everyone is welcome to come and go as he pleases.

We have our faithful regulars, notably those whose work tips the scale in their house's favour in the Eisteddfod competitions, or who do well in the art exams., but many are migrants. Some call in out of curiosity and return regularly throughout their whole school life; others vanish

after a single session. All are welcome, however, and it is hoped that nobody will be too shy to turn up one day to see whether there is anything to suit them. Whether you are good at art or not is unimportant, as the whole idea of this extra, unrestricted work is to give everyone a chance to find out whether they like it or not.

It may be of interest to note here that our numbers are very often augmented considerably when detention finishes. Mr. Tribe's remark when he visited us late one evening bears this out. "You seem," he said, "to have collected all the criminals here." This need not worry the more law-abiding, for the sheep and goats seem happy enough together — the sheep of course have the advantage of being able to get much more done. It is an interesting fact that so many of the more anti-social among us take a great interest in this most individual of subjects — art.

The older boys, with a few notable exceptions, are very busy with their exams, and with other school activities, and do not come as often as we would like to see them — it would be pleasant to think that this short notice might remind them of this opportunity.

New boys especially should remember that the room is theirs to use, and if they have half an idea they should lose no time in coming to try it out. Even if they have no ideas whatever, it may be possible to supply them with one or two — so they are urged to come along on Monday or Tuesday evenings and make themselves at home.

A.H., P.C.

THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

This Society has just been formed with the leadership and help of Messrs. Hall, Keyte and Mercer. We are deeply indebted to D. G. Fenton, who has allowed us to use his six-inch telescope, which he made himself.

The first meeting was held on February 8th, but up to the time of writing there has been no observation of the planets through the large telescope because of unfavourable weather. There has, however, been some very useful work with star charts and some study of the constellations, their names, and how to recognise them. On the one evening when the sky was clear, we were able to see Jupiter, but only through a small refractor, as the sky clouded over before we could use the large telescope.

It is hoped that in the near future the Society will be able to build a nine-inch telescope of its own.

By the time this is printed, many of you will have seen the six-inch telescope on show in the Eisteddfod. Meanwhile we hope for more favourable weather in the next few months.

A.J.S., R.D.K.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The School continues to be moderately successful. We have a Junior team capable of competing on level terms with any school team in the country. That is a bold claim, but it is not unjustified. However, since we are dependent on our Juniors for five-eighths of our Senior team, the greatest successes have not been obtained.

HIGHGATE HARRIERS INTER-SCHOOLS RACE (Under 18), December 8th.

The School was fourteenth out of twenty-four competing. Sage (Tech. Branch) was forty-third and Pettican fiftieth. Dunn, who was sixty-seventh, and Edgar (seventy-sixth), ran very well in their first race in such a large field.

CAMBRIDGE HARRIERS INTER-SCHOOLS RACE — January 19th.

The School was second. Pettican was sixth, Sage was seventh, Arnold twelfth and Patterson thirteenth. Patterson's performance was, perhaps, the most meritorious of the day.

RANELAGH HARRIERS INTER-SCHOOLS RACE — February 10th.

The School was tenth out of twenty-one competing. Arnold ran very well to be thirty-fifth, as did Sage to be forty-third. Maclean was second and Dunn eighty-seventh.

SOUTH LONDON GRAMMAR SCHOOLS RACE — February 27th.

Six schools took part in the Senior and Junior races. In the Senior race we were fourth. Maclean was second, Dunn, improving considerably, was twelfth, Edgar twenty-fifth and Arnold twenty-eighth.

The Junior race was a real triumph for the School. The "packing" of the team was exemplary. Pettican was sixth, Sage eighth, Patterson ninth, Cobb tenth, Chapell eleventh and Mitchell twelfth, to complete the scoring six. In addition Davison was fourteenth and O'Connor seventeenth. Such "steam-roller packing" could hardly but provide the School with an easy victory.

In the combined result we were second to St. Olave's.

D.G.M.

FIVES

After a shaky start, due mainly to bad weather, the Fives Club has settled down to a fairly prosperous season. The rain washed out many away fixtures as some schools have open-air courts. To date the team have won five and lost one out of six matches played.

Once again we are indebted to Mr. Culverwell, whose hard work has been the main factor contributing to the success of the Fives Club.

The 1951-1952 Fives Championship attracted a large entry of 32 boys, although, regrettably, not as large as last year. After two exciting semi-final matches in which Chaplin beat Bellerby, and Harvey beat Cardwell, the final was played off between Harvey and Chaplin. It was won by Harvey after a rather disappointing match, due to Chaplin's arm not functioning properly. The score was 15—0, 15—12.

The House Competition has been started, and up to the time of writing, two matches have been played, in which Gibbon beat Morley and Cromwell beat Pitt.

Officers of the Club are: Captain, Harvey; Vice-Captain, Chaplin; Hon. Secretary, Cardwell. Other members who played for the School are Bellerby, Bourton and Liggitt.

G.L.H.

RECORD CLUB

Since the last issue of "The Link" a Record Club has been formed. The first meeting was held on February 14th, when the election of officers took place and, to ensure the comfort of everybody attending recitals, the following rules were adopted:—

1. Every boy must have a seat.
2. Absolute silence must be observed during the playing of every record.
3. Boys may enter or leave the room only at intervals between records.

Officers elected were:—President, A. B. Shine; Vice-President, C. D. Goh; Publicity Agent, K. G. Easey.

The first recital was given by Mr. Gibson and was enjoyed by the large audience. It was pointed out at this meeting that any member is entitled to give a recital. A number of boys volunteered to do so and the future of the Club seems therefore assured.

A.B.S., K.G.E.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Captain: T. G. MORRIS.
Vice-Captain: T. G. BOURTON.
Hon. Sec.: D. I. LIVINGSTONE.

The 1st XV has had a most triumphant season and Wandsworth School has once again become a name to be respected, perhaps even feared, by Rugger schools in the surrounding districts. We have attempted to make amends for several seasons of indifferent play and mediocre results, and since the last issue of "The Link" with the following results and our record in mind, the 1st XV believes that it can claim to have succeeded:—

v. St. Olaves (A)	won	6—0
v Brockley (A)	won	5—3
v. Raynes Park (H)	won	12—5
v. Selhurst (A)	won	8—0
v. Raines Foundation (H)	won	25—0
v. Purley (H)	won	16—3

Played 16, won 14, lost 2, points for 262, against 46.

Yes, we have even beaten Purley. Since the War this school has always fielded a redoubtable team and this year has proved no exception — Wandsworth was the first school to conquer Purley this season. At the same time an earlier defeat on their ground was avenged and we found that revenge was sweet indeed.

A welcome addition to our fixture list was the match against Swansea Grammar School, although it was at their hands that our second defeat was suffered. In a most exhilarating and exciting game, the issue was in doubt until the final whistle, for, although Swansea were the better side and usually on the attack, they only won by 3 points to nil. Every member of our team fought back splendidly and our spoiling tactics were most successful. The forwards gave a magnificent display, easily their best of the season, and a try might well have ensued from one of their spirited rushes.

We are proud to record the selection of R. J. Elsam for Surrey and for the South of the Thames G.S. — a worthy representative whose work in the line-outs attracted the attention of the England captain, "Nim" Hall. However, we would hasten to add that our success has not been based upon individual stars but on excellent team-work. The solo dashes of forwards and backs alike prove that individuality and initiative have not been sacrificed, but our superiority in combined movements has been the mainspring of our victories.

Throughout the season the forwards and the backs have played extremely well under all sorts of conditions. Always ready to seize the slightest opportunity of scoring, we have also managed to prevent, so far, any school from reaching double figures. The covering in defence is as sound and as vigorous as the essential backing-up in attack. The following boys have appeared regularly in the 1st XV.

J. G. BOURTON. Possesses all the qualities of a fine scrum-half; an excellent service from the scrum, abundance of courage when facing the opposing wing-forwards, and when falling on the ball, an instinctive knowledge when to open up the game and when to use the touch line; can always be relied upon to "have a go" from a five yards scrum; has been a tower of strength this season.

J. G. MORRIS. Captain now for the second year; he has led his team with great skill and ability. In the earlier part of the season when the grounds were firm and the ball dry his bursts through the centre were in the highest traditions of Welsh rugby; an expert in the punt ahead, which he used with discretion. Must be congratulated for organising the attractive Swansea fixture. Much of the success of this year's team can be attributed to the captain's leadership and intimate knowledge of the game.

W. J. ELLIOTT has proved a sound full-back and after being selected for the 1st XV in the fourth match of the season, he has retained his place. He is also an excellent reserve place-kicker.

D. K. PAYNE in his first season in the 1st XV has made tremendous improvement since last September. His fine bursts at wing threequarter have resulted in many tries and his crash-tackling has been most effective.

—. GINGELL, a capable reserve full-back and wing three-quarter who has only just failed to gain a regular place.

J. W. TILLEY. An exceptional "discovery" who has been converted from a hooker into a dashing wing threequarter. His cross-kicking and determined running has often threatened the line of the opposition.

T. C. STEAR. A most efficient stand-off who is capable both of setting his three-quarters in action and of solo efforts. His fame, however, is based upon his magnificent place-kicking, for he has obtained 100 points this season.

G. L. HARVEY. A solid front-row support who, although not always conspicuous, is very conscientious and excels at supporting both forwards and backs.

D. RICHARDSON. A very fine hooker who has obtained more than his share of the ball in the set scrums. He is always in the fore in the forward rushes.

J. ST. C. CHAFEN. A versatile forward who plays equally well at wing or prop forward. Always reliable, he has given some excellent displays in the loose.

R. J. ELSAM. An expert in the line-outs, where he assists the backs by giving a clean, fast pass back to the scrum-half, so combining forwards and backs. Also relieves pressure with his occasional breakaways.

D. T. GLAYZER. Another discovery whose speed enables him to harass the opposing backs and to lead lightning foot-rushes. Although slightly built he and Elsam form a strong second-row pair.

J. QUESTED. A good open side wing forward whose spoiling tactics have often exasperated the opposing stand-off. Excellent at tacking the ball on at his feet during forward rushes.

J. M. BARBAR. A hefty newcomer who, after a series of illnesses, is just beginning to use his weight and height to the best advantage and is an admirable foil to Elsam in the line-outs.

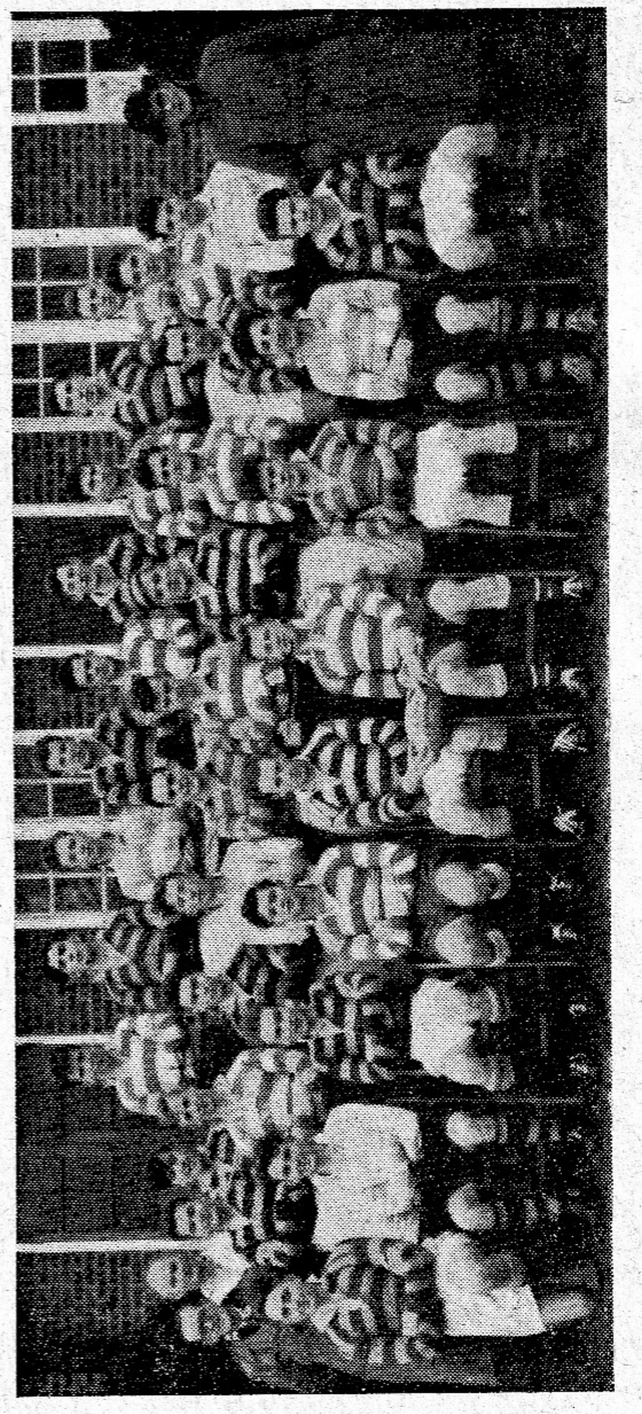
D. I. LIVINGSTONE. A most intelligent player at either lock-forward or front-row support, who, although he is the smallest forward, always gives a good account of himself.

J. A. TOTHAM. An inspiring leader of the pack whose "never say die" spirit combined with a hefty hand-off has often left a trail of would-be tacklers in his wake.

Finally, we would like to thank the Headmaster, our 16th man, for supporting us at most of our fixtures. In fact the team has become accustomed to looking for him on the touch line and we feel neglected if he, for some reason, is not there. More boys might well have followed the Headmaster's example, but we must say that sometimes a good crowd has turned up, against Bec and Swansea especially

J.G.M., J.G.B.

THE MATCH WITH SWANSEA



Back Row: *, Barber, *, Quested, *, Glayzer, *, Elsam.
Middle: *, Mr. Aubrey, Szyjkowski, Harvey, *, Richardson, *, Stear, *, Payne, *, Hardingham.
Front: Totham, *, Chafen, *, Morris (Capt.), *, Bourton, *, Tilley.
(* indicates member of Swansea Team)

Mr. Clode has received a letter from Swansea Grammar School; the following is an extract:

Dear Mr. Clode,—Would you be kind enough to convey to Mr. King and to your colleagues our most grateful thanks for the wonderful hospitality we enjoyed in London. We are especially grateful to you personally, to Mr. Aubrey, and to your Rugger captain, for all your kindness.

We look forward to a return game: you can be sure that we shall field our strongest side when you visit us, as our illusions about the inevitable superiority of Welsh schoolboy Rugby received rather a jolt in London. Your side would extend most of our best here in Wales.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) E. G. JEWELL.

COLTS

SACKMAN (Hon. Sec.) In the first game of the season he did not reveal his true colours at full-back, so he was switched to the forwards, where he fully redeemed himself with honours. He is a fast, heavy mover (11st. 7lbs.), but he must control a rather dangerous hand-off which often appears.

GOODERS. Front row support left. Another player who was not happy at the position in which he first started, wing three-quarter. He also was switched to the forwards. He is very tall and therefore very useful in getting the ball back through line-outs. A fast runner and a good handler of the ball.

SOMERVILLE. Front row, right. Through lack of hookers, one had to be trained; he has thoroughly fulfilled his new task.

SALWAY. Second row, binder. Throughout the season has played well and always been thoroughly reliable.

BEDALE. Second row binder. A newcomer to school Rugby. He has been consistent, useful in line-outs and quick in loose forward play.

BERGSON. Wing forward. A vicious player, who rarely fails to get his man. A hard player to tackle, with a good burst of speed, and a demoralising tackle.

KUCZEWSKI. Third row lock. A newcomer to the game, he knew nothing about it till half-way through the first term. His main asset is a fearless tackle. At the moment he is inclined to grow panicky in loose forward play. He will develop into a useful player.

THOMPSON. Of late has been playing at wing forward extremely well. A strong runner who, often by a quick dash into the open, sets a three-quarter movement going.

PRANGNELL. Scrum half. A clever, thoughtful player with a good kick, which often cuts through the opposing defence. In the last match he played at fly-half and displayed good understanding with the scrum-half and three-quarters.

SZYJKOWSKI. Has once again shown fine form this season, has been deservedly chosen for Surrey. He is a very fast runner with a devastating hand-off.

PATTERSON. Centre three-quarter. Very speedy and good at playing on the ball with his feet. Has been hindered this season by lack of weight and size, and through lack of practice, as he also runs for the School cross-country team.

GALE. Has been consistently reliable throughout the season. Very difficult to stop when going full steam ahead for the line, as he is not heavy but very slippery and fast.

DAVISON. Would have done better with more practice. He is also a runner. Is very fast but must develop a hand-off more, and also a better body swerve.

GENEUX. Played only a few times fairly well. He could develop with a greater experience.

BARRET. Has played only once this season. A trifle erratic and is inclined to panic under pressure, but he tries hard and should improve rapidly.

HERBERT (Vice -Captain and stand-off). A very thrustful, fast-moving player, quick to see an opening. Has a powerful hand-off which he uses with effect on opposing

wing forwards. Feeds his three-quarters well and his well-placed kicks are useful both in defence and attack. His enthusiasm for the game and good leadership, in the absence of the captain, have been an inspiration to the side.

RICHARDS (Scrum-half). Started on the wing, where his speed made up for his lack of weight. Has now settled down to his new position and gives a very useful service to the backs. With his undoubted keenness and quickness he should with further experience develop into a very competent player.

GRANFIELD (Captain and wing forward). A strong, experienced fo ward who is a constant menace to the opposing team. Has a natural flair for the game and his good positioning makes up for his lack of speed. Very useful in the line-out especially near the opponents' line. Has a powerful kick and uses it well in touch-finding, drop-kicking and place-kicking.

JUNIORS

Captain: J. B. SMITH. *Vice-Captain*: —. EARL.
Hon. Secretary: C. EASTMAN.

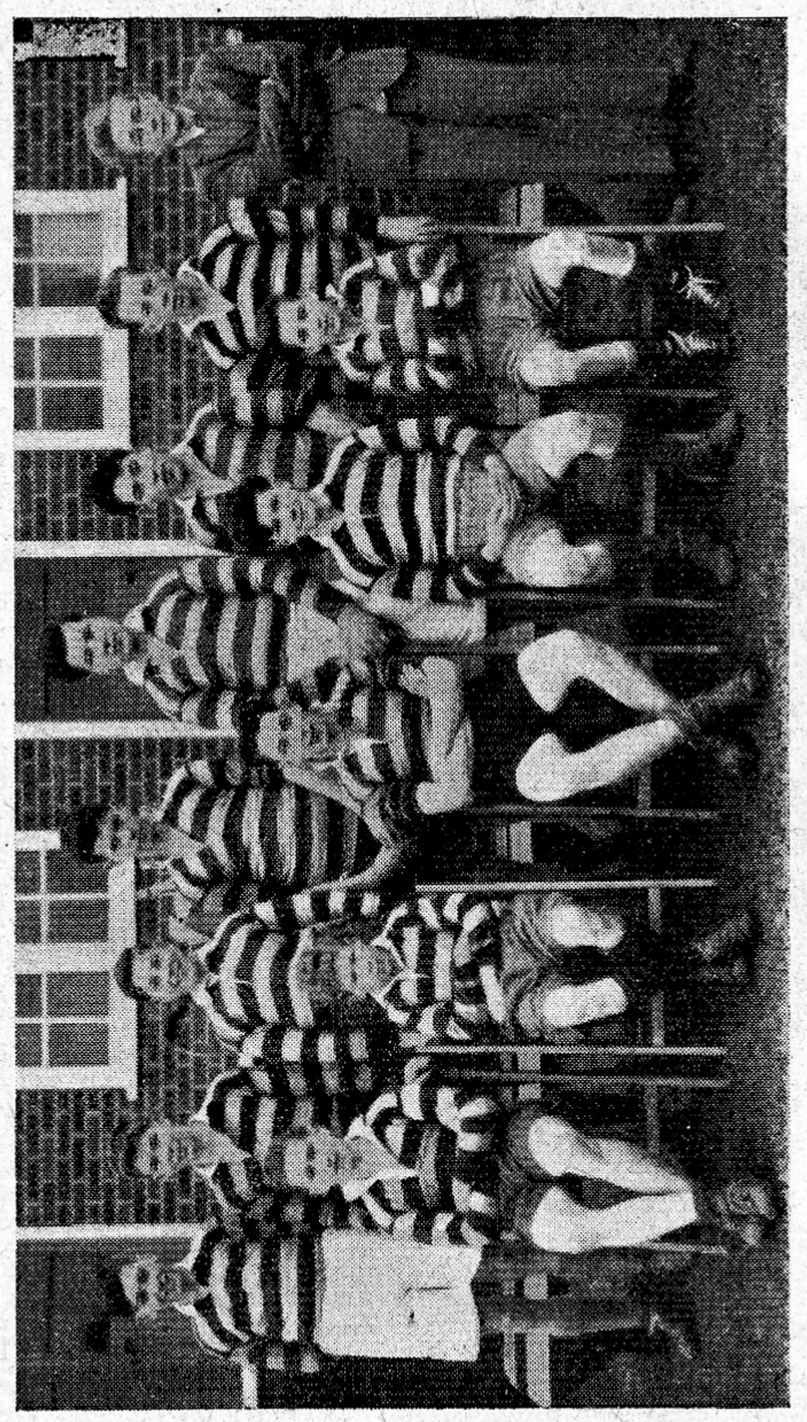
The Juniors had a very successful season, winning ten of their eleven played matches. Nine matches were cancelled. Two matches have been played since Christmas though five matches have been cancelled.

Their strongest opposition this season was from our old rivals the Bec team, whom the Juniors beat 9—0 at home. They wished to follow this up on their next match with them but unfortunately it was cancelled.

Smith heads the scoring with 73 points. Next comes Tickner with 53, then Earl and then McKitterick.

The Juniors pack has been as heavy as any that they have met, and has always given as good as it got.

The following boys have played for the Juniors:—Smith, Tickner, Earl, McKitterick, Squires, Perry, Gardner, Stuart, Pie.ce, Butler, Lightfoot, Wegener, Gritt, Triggs, Burr, Wallis, Roper, Morrell, Lane, Worrall, Nebbitt, Woysberg, Williams, Leelike.



THE JUNIOR XV

Back Row: Stuart, Leelike, Pierce, McKitterick, Tickner, Earle, Perry, Eastman.
Front: Gardner, Burr, Smith (Capt.), Worrall, Roper.

Summary of results:—

Tottenham County (home)	won	12—0
Mitcham (away)	won	21—6
Purley (away)	won	19—9
Tiffins (away)	won	24—0
Bec (home)	won	9—0
Eastcote Lane (away)	won	35—0
Surbiton (away)	won	14—3
Brockley (away)	lost	0—9
Raynes Park (home)	won	9—0
Chiswick (away)	won	13—6
Purley (home)	won	21—3

STAMP CLUB

Recently a new Stamp Club was formed, with Mr. Burnett-Rae as Chairman. Up to the time of writing these notes there have been four meetings. At the first meeting the Committee, which consists of the officers, decided that each member of the Club should pay a nominal subscription at each meeting, the funds to be used to buy catalogues and a monthly magazine, to be placed at the disposal of club members. At each meeting there will either be a paper on philately read by one of the members, a small auction, or a quiz.

The Stamp Club will meet each Monday during the term at four o'clock in the Geography Room.

The officers of the club are:—President, R. D. Cardwell; Hon. Treasurer, C. D. Goh; Hon. Secretary, G. B. Hughes.

R.D.C., G.B.H.

TABLE TENNIS

In agreeing that the Inter-house Table-Tennis Competition should count in deciding which House should get "Joey," the Games Committee have given our youngest sport a secure position in the life of the School. This is no small achievement when we remember that it was only 18 months ago that permission to play the game at all was given. The enthusiasm with which the club is regularly supported has, no doubt, surprised those who were, at first, sceptical about its success.

Although the Inter-house competition is not finished as we go to press, it seems almost certain that Morley will win it. The individual tournament provided many surprises, three members of the School team being beaten in early rounds by "unknowns." Glayzer, a useful discovery, will meet Stear, the leading member of the School team, in the final.

Four results of inter-school matches are available as we compile these notes.

Sutton: lost 9—7.—Bonner and Rick won two games, and Livingstone and Stear one. Bonner and Livingstone won their doubles game.

Whitgift Middle: won 7—3.—Bonner, Livingstone and Stear won all their games and Rick won one.

Eliot: won 7—1. — Stear, Rick, Livingstone, Bonner, Shine and Twort all won their games.

Old Wandsworthians: lost 7—3.—Bonner and Glayzer were the only successful players, winning a singles game each and a doubles together.

Officers of the club are:—Captain, Livingstone; Vice-Captain, Shine; Hon. Secretary, Bonner.

WOODWORK

Since the beginning of the last Autumn Term, a group consisting largely of boys from the Fourth Form and an occasional member of the Fifth, have been meeting regularly in the School Workshop, after school hours on Wednesday afternoons, to continue their woodworking activities.

Strictly speaking, this is not a Woodwork Club but affords an opportunity for extra time in the workshop. It has been limited to the forms mentioned so that the number attending will not be unmanageable.

Although it has not been insisted upon, most boys have wisely opted to spend this additional time on the individual jobs of work on which they are engaged in their all too brief time-table sessions. This is particularly advisable where a more ambitious kind of project has been begun, and does not preclude work of other types. It is perhaps unnecessary to add that there is no lack of industry.

Any boy in the forms concerned wishing to take advantage of this time, should understand that he is expected to help put away tools and tidy the room after the session.

H.C.H.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Letters for this section of the magazine are invited especially from old boys and distant friends of the School. However, anyone who has anything of interest to say is welcome to say it here — controversial and provocative themes are not excluded.—Editor.)

MORE MEMORIES OF OLD TIMES

Sir,—As an Old Boy I was pleased as always to receive my copy of the School Magazine, which for us is still "The Link" even if its size has been reduced.

I was especially interested in the letter appearing in the December issue over the name of another Old Boy (E. R. Lister). I also remember what were probably those same lockers he mentions in the Hall, when I entered the School in 1914, and the ground-floor level of lockerdom. His reference to senior boys making use of the backs of the juniors in order to get to their lockers quickly leads me to wonder if "Bung-the-Barrel," which was a very popular game in the playground in my time during the morning and midday breaks, is still played.

Tables used to be laid in the Hall for us to eat our sandwiches at lunch-time; a few superior types used to go to a nearby restaurant (West's by name, I think). Opposite the School was a small shop run, I think, by a Mr. and Mrs. Bloss, and where I remember one could get hot drinks in winter of claret like colour, and very good large "crunchy" biscuts for a halfpenny or penny each — I forget now — they were kept in glass jars, and one had merely to dip one's hand in according to the state of one's pocket and appetite. In my time the Girls did not come into our building for lessons — though I do remember that on certain afternoons some of us might linger a little in passing through the Hall, for behind screens put across it but with gaps at each end, a dapper Gym. Mistress used to conduct her classes.

Your correspondent's reference to lockers recalls to me a rather formidable gentleman named Mr. Bonnet (most likely "old" Bonnet or "Bonny" to us) whose duties included the distribution, etc., of books, and also the ringing of the School bell. Our normal entrance into the School was through a passage leading into the Hall from the High Street (Wandsworth). If one arrived a bit late and found the doors shut the only thing to do was to nip round by what was the Masters' Entrance, and hope that Bonnet hadn't rung the Second Bell, after which all hope of getting past Bonnet and being in one's place in the Hall before Dr. Waite's arrival was forlorn.

I remember to this day being late one morning and a Fourth Former (whose name I haven't forgotten but will not give!) arriving late by bicycle, and promptly letting down his front tyre! As a 2C boy I was a little shocked, but I know I did admire his swift determination to avoid if possible the penalties for being late. Speaking of Gym., in the Hall by our time we had a Swedish box, and I remember a tall and handsome Gym. Master — a Mr. George Hare — who took us also for Maths and Handwriting. Speaking of Staff brings back to memory all those grand gentlemen who were our Masters — and I think it is later in life one realises how fine they were — for now I'm

afraid most I knew have "passed on." I could go on writing of them, but much as I should like to, I must not trespass further on your space.

Yours, etc.,

A. P. FIRTH.

c/o Barclays Bank,
Alexandria, Egypt.
29th February, 1952.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NOTES

In this issue of "The Link" I shall be dealing mainly with our programme for the Summer Term, but before doing so I must comment on some items of interest from our winter fixtures.

The Whist Drive and Dance on November 24th in collaboration with the Old Boys was an outstanding success, one of the best evenings we have had recently, and which has encouraged us to plan another for March 22nd.

On December 10th a pleasant ceremony preceded the first night of the School Play, when the Proscenium provided from the funds of your Association was formally handed over by the Secretary on your behalf to the School and the L.C.C. Mr. Bowen, Chairman of the L.C.C., expressed his appreciation of the initiative shown by the Association and I am pleased to announce that the L.C.C. on their part have provided the Stage Curtains. The great improvement in the stage was apparent to all who witnessed the Annual Play. It will be recalled that we decided to assist the Fencing Club by providing a Bursary to its most promising member, at Bertrand's Fencing Club. Parents will be interested to know that the first candidate to be recommended is G. E. Tonks. We shall follow his progress with keen interest.

The Summer Term arrangements commence with the Annual General Meeting on Friday, May 16th at 8 o'clock, when a review of the Association's progress and activities and the election of a new Parents' Council will be dealt with. Ballot papers are enclosed with the Terminal letter and all members are reminded that they are eligible for election to the Council. The Business Meeting will be again followed by a pleasant informal Social Evening with refreshments provided at a small charge. I trust that we shall welcome a large and interested audience to this our annual "stock taking," when your suggestions, comments or criticisms will be welcomed and dealt with. Please reserve this date.

The date of the Annual Summer Fete is fixed for Saturday, July 5th, and again it will be in amalgamation with the Skeena Hill Allotment Association. All who attended last year's Fete will have lively memories of a very enjoyable day. This year we aim to do even better. Will all parents endeavour to give us their full support for this day and for the Whist Drive and Dance in the evening. We want to make this day a really first-class effort in aid of our Memorial Fund.

Saturday, July 12th, is the date fixed for our popular Parents v. Boys Cricket Match. Will all fathers make a note of this event and help us to field a good team to meet the boys, who always give us a good sporting game.

Last year I regret we had difficulty in raising a full team so see to it fathers this year, and let me have your names in good time. Practice will be arranged at the nets on Wednesday evenings prior to the match. A word on support. The foregoing is our full programme for the coming term, your active co-operation is all we need to make these and other events a success. All events are regularly advertised in the Terminal letter and you will receive advice in good time prior to each event through your boys. Please make sure that you always receive *your* copy, and come along. We can assure you a hearty welcome on all occasions. Your new Council, as soon as elected, will be planning our activities for the Autumn Term. I look forward confidently to your co-operation in keeping our Association "live" in every sense.

H. J. SCOTT.

THE OLD WANDSWORTHIANS ASSOCIATION

The Annual Dinner held at the Ardington Rooms on 25th January proved to be a successful and pleasant evening. Our guests included His Worship the Mayor of Wandsworth, Hugh Linstead, Esq., M.P., Colonel Mathews, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Messrs. Fenn, Ascher, Elmes and Benyon of the School Staff, Mr. Roberts, the Head Prefect, and Mr. Scott, Secretary to the Parents' Council. Mr. H. Raymond King once again graced the Presidential Chair with the wit and capability which we have grown to expect from him as a matter of course. Apart from being one of the most successful dinners of post-war years and truly representative of all ages of Old Wandswo thians, the evening was notable for the high standard of speeches. It is certain that other speakers will not cavil at the thought that the most amusing and elevating speech came from the Rev. Canon Waddington, one of our most honoured Old Boys, who proposed the toast of "The School." Just previous to the dinner Canon Waddington had been honoured by being commanded by our late King George VI to preach at Sandringham and afterwards to lunch with the Royal Family. The evening was completed by a general mixing of the assembled company and with the reminiscencing which accompanies such gatherings.

The strength of the Association continues to increase and our Treasurer reports a near record membership. We have opposed the School in Fives, Chess and Table Tennis matches, but only at Table Tennis have we claimed superiority. The Table Tennis and Darts championships are in the semi-final stages and we hope to announce the winners of the "Frank Hunt" and "Norman" Cups in the next issue of "The Link." Moves are afoot to revive the "Samuel Samuel" Tennis Cup Competition this summer and those interested should contact our Secretary. The Rugger Club is maintaining its good form and to date the three fifteens total 40 wins, 8 draws and only 13 losses, with 627 points scored against 301.

Our next major event is the Summer Fete, to be held at the School on 5th July, when we once again combine with the Skeena Hill and Parents' Associations to raise funds for the Blind and for the Old Wandsworthians Memorial Fund.

R.F.W.F.

THE ANNUAL EISTEDDFOD

The arrangements for this year's Eisteddfod are as follows:

THURSDAY, 3rd APRIL, 7 p.m.—9 p.m.

INTER-HOUSE DRAMATIC COMPETITION.

(Adjudicators: Mrs. H. Raymond King, Mr. C. Fisher and Mr. D. Perry.)

CROMWELL: "Julius Cæsar," Act III, Sc. 1 and 2. (W. Shakespeare).

GIBBON: Scenes from "Pygmalion" (Bernard Shaw).

MORLEY: "The Old Bull" (B. Gilbert).

PITT: Extracts from "The Bishop's Candlestick" (Victor Hugo).

FRIDAY, 4th APRIL, 6.30 p.m.—9.30 p.m.

EISTEDDFOD EXHIBITION AND PARENTS' EVENING.

Art Room: Exhibition of Art, Models, Collections and Photography.

Jun. Chemistry Laboratory: Science Exhibition (Chemistry).

Sen. Chemistry Laboratory: Model Railways.

Jun. Physics Laboratory: Science Exhibition (Physics).

Sen. Physics Laboratory: School Journey Exhibition.

Library: Simultaneous Chess Competition (Dr. J. D. Solomon).

School Hall: Wandsworth School Players' Exhibition.

If the weather is favourable the Fenton Telescope (six-inch reflector) will be in operation out-of-doors during the evening.

School Hall, 7.30 p.m.:

Gymnastic Display under the direction of Mr. K. Coate-Bond.

Fencing Display under the direction of Mr. R. Levy.

Tutors will be available for consultation with parents during the evening.

MONDAY, 7th APRIL, 7.30 p.m.—9 p.m.

FESTIVAL CONCERT

The results and a full report of the Eisteddfod will be published in the next issue of the magazine.