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HEADMASTER'S NOTES

Our builders are so much behind schedule that the new school, which was originally to have been completed by May of this year, will not now be finished even in September. Early in the present term it was thought that we might be able to take over sufficient of the new accommodation to meet all our needs for next term. But this possibility has become less and less likely as the term has gone on, and we have had to prepare emergency plans on the assumption that we shall not be able to use the new building at all in September.

At the time of writing (mid-June) it has become all too clear that these emergency plans will have to be operated, but whether only until the autumn half-term or until the end of the autumn term is not yet definite.

This is therefore what will happen.

We shall take over the present Elliott School building in Merton Road for the whole of our new first form entry.

All second forms (present first forms) will be at the Grammar School, along with the forms from Form 3 upward that are normally there.

There will therefore be no first or second forms at the Technical Branch, but all third forms apart from 3 P, A, and N will be based there. Hence the new Engineering Forms in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th year will be based at Garratt Lane. Moreover, the three new Engineering specialist masters will be attached there, since Garratt Lane has the necessary facilities for Engineering Drawing and Mechanics. For workshop purposes, the Engineering Forms will use a suitably equipped room I have managed to get for their sole use at West Hill School.

This arrangement is quite workable and will give all forms what they require. It is however a nuisance from the point of view of organisation: but fortunately only a short-lived nuisance. We shall all be glad to get together at Sutherland Grove at the earliest possible moment.

It will be a profound wrench to part with Mr. Ascher at the end of this term—I can hardly imagine, and I have never known, Wandsworth School without him. He has given so much to the School: a life's service, his great and varied talents, and a rare devotion. I know him to be one of the best and most successful French teachers of his generation and I have always been proud and happy to have him as a colleague. He is remembered with gratitude and affection by many generations of Old Boys, who have realised more and more on looking back how much they owed to him. He has built up a strong department which he can hand over confidently to younger colleagues who have been associated with him in the high standards of work he has maintained for so long.

May he enjoy all the fruits and pleasures of a retirement so richly earned.

I referred in the last Link to the pending departure of Mr. Keyte, who next term takes up responsibility for the Geography Department in Elliott School. I congratulate him on his promotion and Elliott upon their good

fortune in getting him. He has made a conspicuous contribution to the life and work of the School, not only in the broad interpretation of his work as geographer, but also in his tireless and enthusiastic efforts for musical education here, involving so very much voluntary work in his own time.

The School welcomes Mr. S. Thew as Bursar or administrative officer, for the enlarged School, and also Miss M. Chambers as secretarial assistant. They joined us towards the end of the Spring Term and are already in every way identified with Wandsworth School and its interests. We are fortunate in these appointments.

I have also appointed a full-time professional librarian, Miss S. J. Mangan, A.L.A., who may have joined us before these notes appear. She comes to us with an outstanding record from Chelsea Borough Library where she has been the responsible Children's Librarian since 1947.

She will organise and build up the splendid Library in the new building.

In addition to the £1,000 we propose to spend on new library books, we have opportunely had several gifts which I should like here gratefully to acknowledge: notably from Colonel Matthews, Chairman of the Governors; Mr. J. C. L. Rowe, the parent of our pupil; and Mrs. Whiteley of Skeena Hill.

Another valuable gift to the School is a recording of Grillparzer's " King Ottocar ", presented by Dr. Ritschl, director of the Austrian Institute.

The Ponsonby Handwriting Trophy has again been won by the School handwriting team who gained the first five places and the eighth place out of twelve in the final. Congratulations to Jewitt (1st), Baker (2nd), and Willis (3rd) and to Enright, N. Simons, and Conetta.

Congratulations to G. P, Squires, School Fencing Captain, who was awarded a special medal in recognition of his having won the School Foil Championship for three successive years, 1954, 1955, 1956.

Contemporaries and others will be interested to hear that J. Ramell has entered the Church of England Ministry after completing his degree and theological training at Bristol University. We also congratulate him on his marriage.

It will interest all Wandsworthians, including present boys contemplating careers in the Police Force, to hear that an Old Wandsworthian, Chief Inspector F. C. Brown, is Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Training School.

The following boys were appointed probationary Sub-Prefects for this term: R. J. Carr, C. G. Christodoulou, M. J. Cowling, J. T. Davies, C. D. Irving, B. C. Johnston, P. T. Libby, J. A. Lawrence, K. E. Mattafice, P. B. Roberts, J. W. Sharp, B. G. Swaine, A. S. Wilson.

Avete Atque Valete

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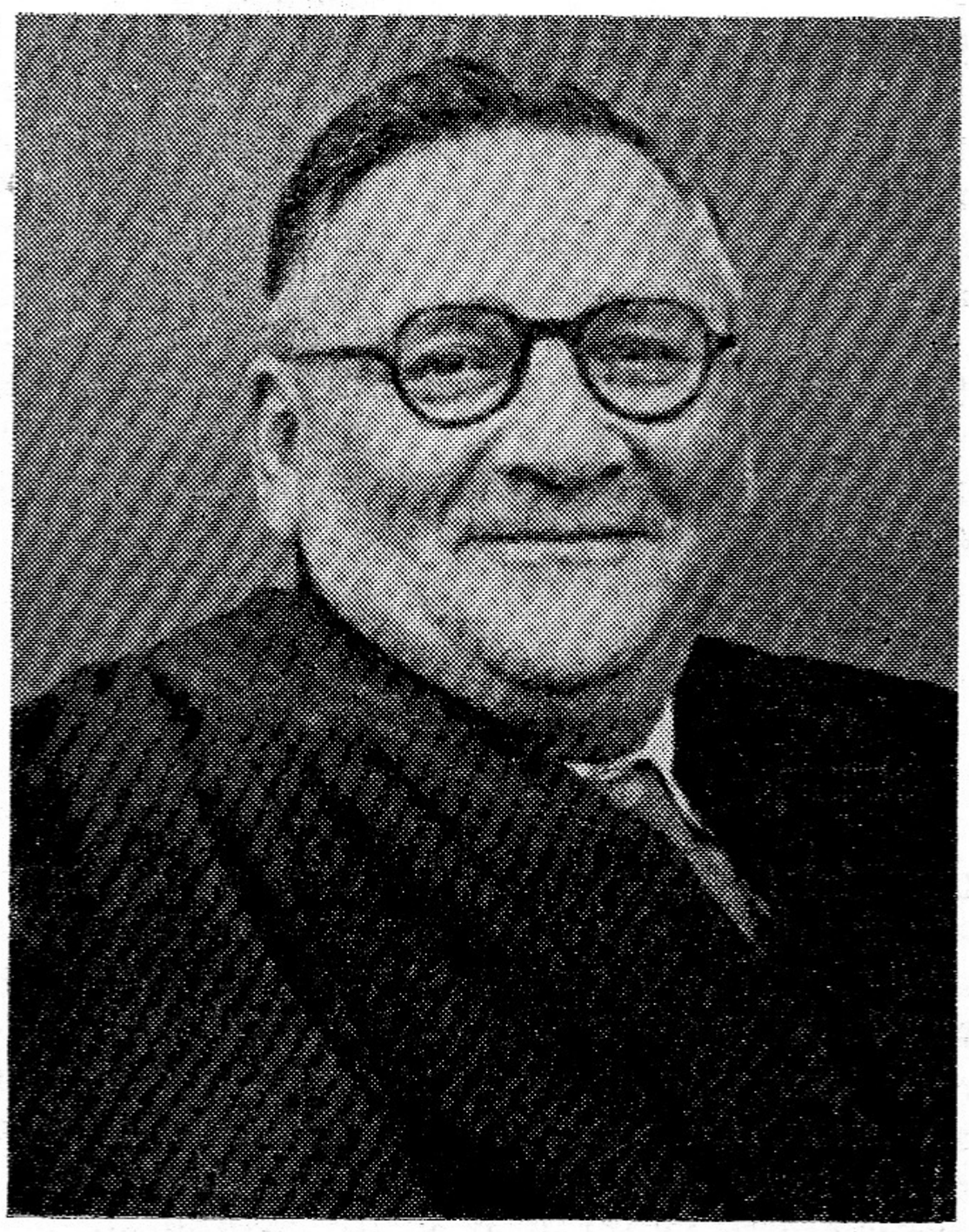
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BOYS WHO HAVE LEFT SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE LINK :

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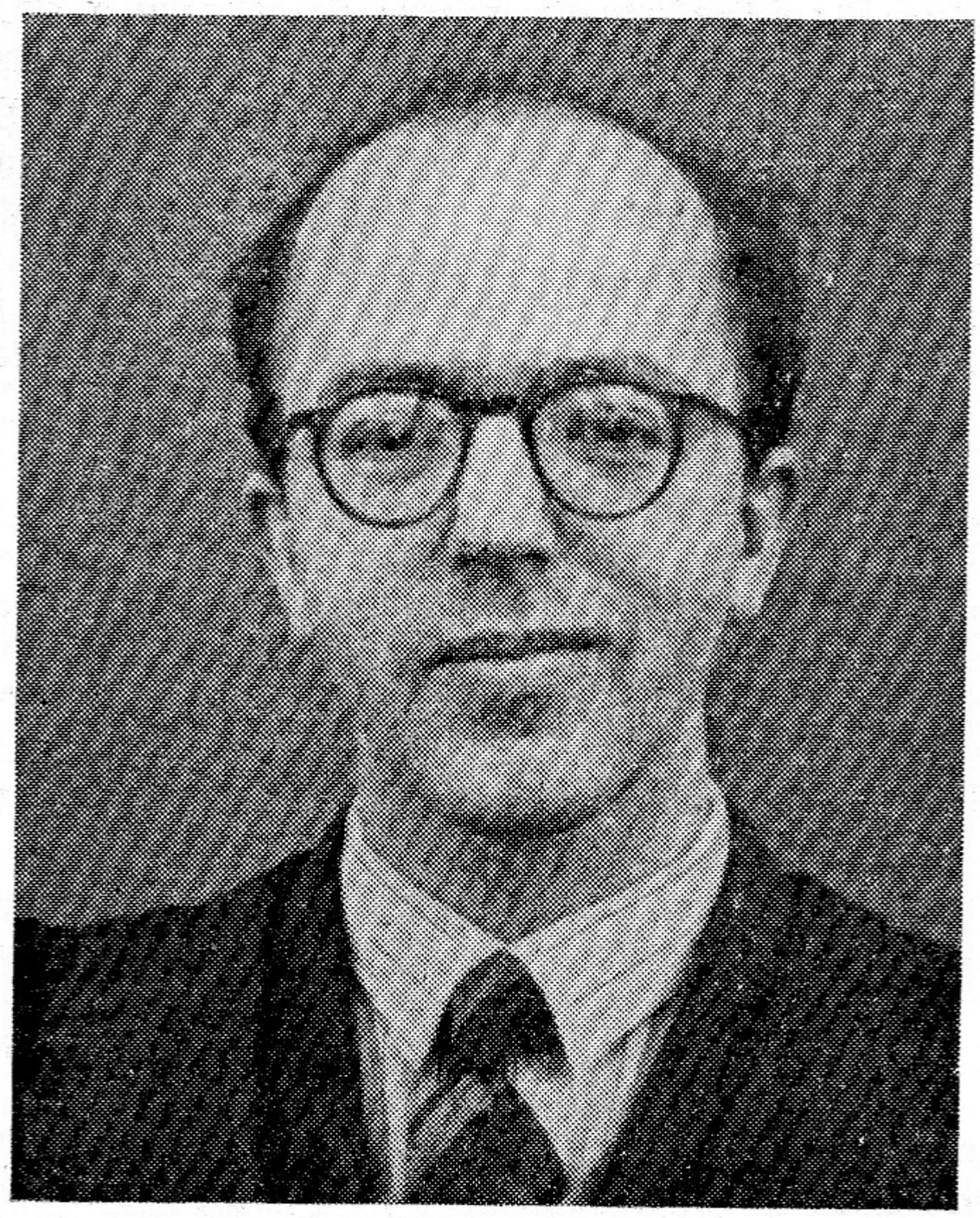
JOSEPH ASCHER, B.A. It is difficult to imagine Wandsworth School without the genial presence of Mr. Ascher. After thirty-seven years on the Staff he has become an institution. Old Wandsworthians inquiring about their old school, usually ask first about him with genuine regard and real appreciation of the grounding he gave them in French.

I can well remember his arrival at the School in the Autumn Term of 1919 after three years at Kendal Grammar School. Conditions in the old



building in Wandsworth High Street were much less pleasant and the work more exacting than is the case in our present premises, and I can recall the mixture of admiration and envy with which I regarded his exuberant enthusiasm and tireless energy. Nor have these diminished with the years, and with his retirement at the end of this stage in the story of Wandsworth School, they will be directed into the work of the Jewish religious community with which he has been actively associated for so long. He will be greatly missed in the classroom, in Pitt House, and in the Common Room. We wish him many happy and successful years in his new and important sphere.

R.F.



JACK KEYTE, B.Sc. We did our best to rejoice with Mr. Keyte at his well-deserved promotion to the post of Senior Geography Master in the new Elliott School, but inevitably our congratulations were overweighted with regret at the loss of a so highly valued and devoted member of the staff. During the thirteen years that he has been with us he has given generously of time and energy, not only in the classroom, but in the training of the school choir and the building up and sustaining of the orchestra. His departure leaves a gap, which will be difficult to fill. We shall miss him sadly from the classroom, from Cromwell C, and from the Common Room, and we wish him every success and happiness in his new sphere.

R.F.

Technical Branch

MR. MAKIN'S NOTES This year we are using the columns of the Link to record our activities. The Pyramid is missing this time, not the Link! That is, the Pyramid as we knew it. I hope it will be possible in future to revive it as an annual review of the work of the Technical Section of the new School, even if its name is altered, as it well may be, as it will have to cover Engineering and Building.

This year has been one of closer integration with the Grammar School, which has been particularly noticeable in Athletics, in which combined teams, under Mr. Clark's eagle eye, have done extremely well, not only on the track but in cross-country running as well. Swimming and Cricket have had to be catered for separately. Mr. S. Smith has trained boys for the various Royal Life Saving Society awards and has met with great success; whilst Mr. Metcalfe, who has just taken over Cricket, ably supported by Armstrong, has built up a cricket team with great possibilities. The House Soccer competition could not be held this year as, owing to the advent of Rugger, one or two Houses could not field representative teams; but Pitt (then Wren) won the Whitlock Shield for Swimming. Cromwell (Gainsborough) are well ahead in Diligence and should again win the Parents Trophy.

It was interesting to receive news of P. Kelly, who was at school from 1950 to 1954. On leaving, he joined the American Army and after serving in Germany was sent to the States, where he is now a designer of Atomic Missiles at Fort Bliss, Texas. He is making the Army his career.

Speech Day was held this year in conjunction with the Exhibition of Work, the ceremony being held in the Infants Hall. It was a very intimate affair, with the hall and platform very full, Lt. Col. Matthews being the principal Speaker and Alderman Whitlock presiding in his place. The Exhibition was as good as ever with an unusual attraction in the form of a Housewives' Quiz, set out and conducted by Mr. Chambers in the Science Room.

The Examination results last year were again good, both in the Oxford and the A.E.B. These and Old Boys' successes are given in detail elsewhere in this issue. It is advisable for every boy to take the G.C.E. examination before leaving school, with Mathematics, English and Science as the basic subjects. These form the key for entry into the Professions and executive positions in the Building and Engineering industries. He should also take two other subjects, probably Technical Drawing and Art (with or without Architectural History) but he may take other subjects in their place, if he wishes.

The Christmas concert was as enjoyable as ever, both to performers and audience; again ice-cream was provided by the Parents Association (Technical Branch). This term will see the disappearance of the Association as a separate entity. It has done well for the School since it was founded seven years ago and I trust that such loyal and hard-working parents as Mrs. Brown (Secretary), Mr. Gooding (President), and Mr. Shire (Treasurer), and many others, whose names lack of space will not permit me to mention, will offer their services to the new School.

There have been a number of Staff changes since September. Messrs. G. Metcalfe, G. P. Radley, D. J. Smith and P. Ajello came in September, the last named leaving at half-term on Mr. Pretty's return. Mr. Pretty went back to industry in December and Mr. J. M. Smith took his place until Mr. J. W. Macnab came at half-term. Mr. E. A. Reffold left at the end of the Spring term to join the Gas Board and Mr. G. W. Hobbs took his place. These gentlemen are no longer strangers to us—indeed they are now very much one of us—and playing their parts in the life of the School.

There have been the usual visits to works' sites, museums, concerts, etc. during the year and outings at home and abroad. Mr. Holmes took a party of 30 boys to Belgium and Holland last summer and is taking a similar number to Luxembourg and Germany this. Messrs. Moss and S. Smith took a party to Switzerland during the Whit holiday. Mr. Metcalfe arranged a day trip to Stonehenge and Salisbury on 7th June for about half the School and has arranged another to Norfolk and the Broads on 20th July. Most of the Seniors visited the Building Exhibition at the County Hall in March. The whole School, Juniors and Seniors in turn, heard recitals given by the London Philharmonic Orchestra at the Granada, Tooting, both of which were excellent. For the first time for several years we have not had a music recital at school.

The School Band, under Mr. Woodage of the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, and the piano class under Mr. Fox, continue to flourish but the violin class had to be closed due to lack of numbers. I am surprised that out of 360 boys, less than eight wish to learn to play the violin, undoubtedly the most delightful of musical instruments.

EDITORIAL

The end of the Summer Term is marked with regret for the loss of many friends and acquaintances. This year, however, there is special cause for regret as this is the last term of the School in its present form. We must put aside the natural nostalgia occasioned by such a change. We look forward eagerly to the expansion and hope that present standards will be maintained and indeed improved.

We offer our sincere wishes for success to P. L. Eastwood, the Head Boy, who has been accepted for Southampton University to read Mathematics, to I. H. Simons, who has been accepted at Birmingham University, to R. S. Hore, who has been accepted at Imperial College, London, to read Physics, and to all others who are leaving for University or to take up their careers.

We welcome, this term, contributions from the Pyramid, the Building Branch Magazine. We hope that the combination of the two will help to form an even more interesting magazine.

We congratulate J. B. Moore on winning the Middlesex Junior Swimming Championship.

We hope R. S. Hore will enjoy his Canadian tour during the Summer Holidays. It is a very great opportunity for understanding the life in another country. We expect a report from him for the next issue of the magazine.

I would like to thank the committee of the Link for their able and willing help.

We are glad to note that articles in the magazine are now more full, especially the House Notes.

We hope that this magazine will continue to be interesting to you next year in the expanded School.

A. E. PRESTON. U6a, Ma.

ADIEU, J.A., ET MERCI

How to pay tribute to one " si pudique "?
How to express to him our " égard unique "?

For he, whose valedictory pen
Has oft' appraised his fellow men,
Will deprecate with blush sincere
The thought that he be deemed their peer.

One of a team,—yet beloved on his own.
Teacher 'midst teachers,—yet standing alone.
In a place set apart in the memories of those
Who wrestled with Cours Moderne,—Les Petites Choses.

His job was to teach, and he taught with a zest.
He tended the weakest no less than the best.
Teaching—no chore to him,—rather a mission
To which he brought feelings of pride and devotion.

Unorthodox,—volatile,—inspiring of awe.
(Especially that, " You raving lunatic " roar.)
Serious,—humorous,—his facets innumerable.
Stern,—and yet kindly,—and dare one say, lovable?

Lovable? Certainly! There lies the " mot juste ".
For love begets love,—ever more reproduced.
And so shall not this valediction dim,
" He loved the School,—and in return the School loved him ".

And he who worded both our Hymn and Song.
Whose service has been faithful, proud, and long.
And he whose life's-work course is almost run.
May HE hear Ten Thousand Voices ring,—" Well Done ".

OLD BOY.

ANNUAL EISTEDDFOD

Brilliant performances by the boys this year made the annual Eisteddfod one of the most memorable in the history of the School.

A feature of the festival was the very large number of entries and the exceptionally high standard of both individual and group performances.

The boys showed the greatest ability and resource and did much creative work of the highest quality on their own initiative and in their own spare time.

The Eisteddfod included, as hitherto, all aspects of the arts—choral speaking, solo reading, public speaking, drama, solo singing, instrumental music, photography, painting, drawing, models, collections, and hobbies of every kind.

There were, in addition, three open nights when parents and the general public were able to see for themselves the varied activities engaged in and the high standard of excellence reached by the school.

Speech

The heaviest number of entries in the Eisteddfod occurred in the speech section. There were over 90 entries, for example, in the solo reading classes, whilst more than 100 boys took part in the choral speaking. There were, in addition, about 70 boys in the stage teams. The numbers entering for the public speaking were, however, rather fewer than in previous years.

Wandsworth School has always had a great reputation for the quality of its speech choirs, and this year the quality was even higher than in previous years.

The test pieces were taken from Isaiah, chapter 52, " The Little Dancers ", by Laurence Brinyon, and " Lapwing ", by R. E. Warner.

The speech choirs—entirely trained, of course, by the boys themselves—gave widely differing interpretations of the set pieces, the winner being Cromwell House speech choir, trained by Christopher Burnett. The winning choir gave a sensitive, balanced and evocative performance.

A close second came Morley House speech choir, trained by Albert Preston.

The standard of all the speech choirs demonstrated once again the traditional skill of the School in this most interesting and distinctive type of presentation.

The solo reading section was divided into three classes—senior, intermediate and junior.

The passages set were as follows: (1) Senior—" Of studies," Francis Bacon; " The journey of the Magi," T. S. Eliot; " Hamlet," act 3 scene 1, Shakespeare. (2) Intermediate—" Sir Roger at church," John Addison; " The Listeners," Walter de la Mare; " The Merchant of Venice," act 4, scene 1, Shakespeare. (3) Junior—Samuel 11, chapter 1; " The Lake Isle of Innisfree," W. B. Yeats; " The Moon is up," Alfred Noyes.

A keen struggle took place for the first place in the senior class. P. N. Cassidy, who, as a result of a fine effort, was placed first, was very closely followed by A. E. Preston and J. W. Sharp (bracketed second), and J. P. Fox.

The solo reading in the senior class was outstandingly good and the adjudicators reported most favourably on the strength of the field of candidates.

G. W. Willis and J. A. Bull were worthy winners in the intermediate and junior classes respectively.

In the public speaking section of the Eisteddfod a close contest was won jointly by A. E. Preston, who spoke eloquently on " Capital Punishment," and R. Williamson, whose subject was " Abraham Lincoln looks at 1956 ". Others who spoke well were R. S. Hore and J. P. Fox.

Drama

A large audience of parents and friends attended the adjudication of the inter-house drama competition.

The adjudicators were Mrs. Lane, head of the English department of Mayfield Secondary School, Mrs. H. R. King and Mr. C. Fisher. Mr. H. Raymond King, headmaster of Wandsworth School, was in the chair.

Mrs. Lane, in her final adjudication, commented on the astonishingly high level of performance achieved by the boys in all four productions.

She placed Cromwell House first for its performance of scenes from " Hamlet ". The production was marked by a sensitive interpretation by actor-producer John Sharp, who made a notable Hamlet, and was ably backed up by his cast. This was altogether an exciting and moving performance.

Gibbon House, performing the heath scenes from " King Lear," and Morley House in the hilariously funny recruiting scene from " Henry IV," Part 2, shared second place, and Pitt House in a scene from " Saint Joan," came fourth.

Literary Section

An excellent feature of this section was the large number of entries and the wide range of ages of the entrants, varying from pupils in Form I to pupils in Form VI.

There was a tendency to concentrate on the story-telling subjects, though there were far more poems than usual.

Of the winning senior entries the story by R. Baker and the poem by J. Francis both had great merit.

Some of the junior section poems, especially that by B. V. Sandford, were not without quality.

Several of the attempts at writing a speech showed thought and good arrangement of the matter.

On the whole, this section was a vast improvement on last year's showing.

Hobbies' Exhibition

Entries for the hobbies section of the Eisteddfod covered a wide field and included photography, collections, and model-making. These entries were available for inspection at the hobbies' exhibition and parents' open night.

The models and other craft work on exhibition showed much painstaking

care and skill. B. W. Jones earned the largest number of points for his house in this section. Noticeable, too, was the originality of D. C. Lloyd's home-made sweets and J. Ashby's fine model.

The judges reported that they were interested not only in the skill and care in execution, but also gave credit for good taste, originality and other signs of lively interest and enterprise.

In various rooms throughout the School a number of experiments and displays took place. The advanced chemistry laboratory housed the catalytic oxidation of ammonia to nitric acid, the flotation of ores, a colloidal solution of sulphur under the ultramicroscope, elementary silicon produced in the chemistry department, and experiments on surface tension and various crystals.

The Fourth Form electricity exhibition included electro-magnetic swing, and a crane taking up nails by electro-magnet.

In another room the train-minded directed miniature locomotives perilously around a schoolboy's dream of tangled tracks, to the evident delight of many fathers.

A most impressive gymnastic display was given in the hall by a team of first formers whose enthusiasm matched their skill. The seniors who followed performed even more spectacularly.

After the gymnastic display the Fencing Club presented a vivid history of fencing through the ages, in which the uses of foil, sabre and epee were graphically illustrated.

Eisteddfod Concert

The traditional Eisteddfod concert concluded the 1956 festival. In this concert the successful competitors in the speech, drama and music sections performed before a large audience.

An outstanding event in the evening's entertainment was the performance by the School Choir. This was an opportunity for the audience to see a large number of the School's musicians (about 100 of them) singing with such obvious enjoyment the large-scale Coronation anthem "The King shall rejoice," by Handel.

The choir, which is now rehearsing regularly throughout the year, is developing a splendid balance between parts and a warm, full-blooded tone. The attack is crisp and they are becoming more responsive with each succeeding concert.

POINTS

	Cromwell Fourth	*Gibbon* Second	*Morley* First	*Pitt* Third
Music	11	24	33	32
Literary Composition ...	11	17	34	38
Speech	31	15	40	14
Drama	40	25	25	10
Art	12	38	22	28
Hobbies	18	27	34	21
Total	123	146	188	143

DETAILED RESULTS

(Figures are points scored)

MUSIC

Cello.—Elementary: D. A. Hyde, 2. Advanced: G. Willis, 4 (g).

Violin.—Elementary: M. Mason, 4; G. Freeman (m), 3; M. Laugharne (m), 2; C. M. Hutson (g), 1.

Violin.—Intermediate: I. A. Cobb (p), 4; K. Gerry (m), 3; C. G. Christodoulou (p), 1. Advanced: B. C. Johnson (m), 4; G. R. Williams (g), 3; A. E. Preston (m), 2.

Miscellaneous.—K. Gerry (m), 4; R. Wilson (m), 2.5; P. Florence (g), 2.5; R. Thorpe (m), 1.

Piano.—Elementary: P. Cassidy (p), 4; K. A. White (p), 3; D. H. Ball (p), 2; J. A. Bull (c), 1. Intermediate: G. Willis (g), 4; G. M. Willson (p), 3; J. Palmer (p), 2; L. A. Cooke (p), 1. Advanced: E. C. Demetriou (p), 4; J. W. Sharp (c), 3; P. Townson (m), 2.

Singing.—Broken voices: B. C. Johnston (m), 4; J. W. Sharp (c), 3; G. Willis (g), 2; K. Gerry (m), 1. Unbroken voices: I. Cobb (p), 4; J. A. Bull (c), 3; M. T. Henderson (g), 2; B. V. Sandford (p), 1.

LITERARY COMPOSITION

Speech.—Senior: G. Willis (g), 3; J. Carr (m), 3; P. G. Libby (m), 2; J. A. Lawrence (m), 1; A. S. Wilson (m), 1.

Poem.—Senior: J. Francis (g), 4; R. Williamson (m), 3; R. Lloyd (m), 2; M. R. M. Smith (c), 2; R. H. Halfin (p), 1; R. L. Polley (m), 1.

Story.—Senior: R. Baker (c), 4; J. Tarkowski (p), 3; B. C. Johnston (m), 2; K. A. Meads (p), 1.

Diary.—Senior: R. Worrall (p), 3.

Poem.—Junior: B. V. Sandford (p), 3; P. Moss (p), 2; J. Pocock (m), 2; K. Nebbett (c), 1; G. Ryan (m), 1.

Essay.—Junior: R. Hancock (p), 3; B. Shailer (m), 1.

Story.—Junior: M. J. Norman (p), 4; L. J. Cooke (p), 3; M. Redmond (g), 3; M. Regan (m), 2; P. A. Lewis (p), 2; R. Alder (m), 1; P. G. Jackaman (g), 1.

Choral Speaking.—Cromwell, 20; Morley, 15; Pitt, 10; Gibbon, 5.

Solo Reading.—Senior: P. N. Cassidy (p), 4; A. E. Preston (m), 3; J. W. Sharp (c), 3; J. P. Fox (g), 2. Intermediate: G. W. Willis (g), 4; N. C. Bishop (c), 3; P. W. Oliver (p), 2; P. L. Silverman (m), 2. Junior: J. A. Bull (c), 4; D. J. Morrison (c), 3; A. J. Laws (m), 2; P. Davis (c), 1.

Public Speaking.—A. E. Preston (m), 8; R. Williamson (m), 8; R. S. Hore (m), 6; J. P. Fox (g), 6.

DRAMA

Cromwell: scenes from "Hamlet," producer J. W. Sharp, 40.

Gibbon: scenes from "King Lear," producer J. P. Fox, 25.

Morley: scenes from "Henry IV," part 2, producers R. S. Hore and G. W. C. Wort, 25.

Pitt: scene from "St. Joan," producers R. P. Middleton and B. R. Harding, 10.

ART

Junior.—Painting: M. Maule (g), 4; F. Shaub (m), 3; P. Davis (c), 2; R. C. D. Simmons (m), 4, K. H. Taylor (m), 1; F. R. Spooner (g), 1; R. W. Buckland (c), 1; R. A. Young (p), 4; P. Friedlander (g), 3; C. J. Hutson (g), 2; P. D. Florence (g), 2; B. W. Jenkins (c), 1; D. Parker (c), 1; R. H. Jones (m), 3; P. D. Florence (g), 2.

Intermediate.—Painting: (Form III): B. A. Jarvis (m), 4; L. Woodcock (g), 3. Drawing: B. Nelson (p), 4; B. A. Jarvis (m), 3; R. Newman (c), 2. Lino cut: E. Dunmill (p), 3.

Intermediate.—Painting: (Form IV): A. Fadhli (m), 3; M. Burton (c), 1. Drawing: M. P. Sanders (p), 3; G. Legezynski (m), 2; M. J. Mason (g), 2; I. Thirlwall (m), 1; T. Grantham (p), 1.

Senior.—Painting: J. R. Tickner (p), 4; G. R. Williams (g), 4; V. Ronald (c), 3; G. P. Douel (g), 3; S. F. F. Tyson (g), 3; H. Potter (p), 2; R. Moody (p), 2. Drawing: G. R. Williams (g), 4; R. Moody (p), 3; D. McDonnell (g), 3.

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Junior.—Landscape: M. Coysh (m), 4; V. G. Carrell (m), 3. Portrait: M. Coysh (m), 4; A. L. Poore (p), 3; V. G. Carrell (m), 2.

Senior.—Landscape: M. W. Lawrence (g), 4; R. S. Hore (m), 5; A. Bari (c), 1. Interior: M. W. Lawrence (g), 4. Portrait: R. S. Hore (m), 4; B. Owen (p), 2.

HOBBIES

Stamps.—Senior: H. J. Russell (m), 4; R. Williamson (m), 3. Junior: P. J. Strangeman (g), 4; M. A. Burriss (c), 3; R. C. Pearson (m), 3; A. Jarvis (m), 3; C. M. Fogg (g), 2; F. A. Mayhew (g), 2; D. B. Bird (m), 2; G. L. Jones (m), 1. Novices: R. C. Sheward (p), 4; A. J. Laws (m), 3.

Collections.—Junior: M. Symes (g), 3; D. Harman (m), 3; A. Howard (g), 2; T. Khan (c), 2; R. Pritchard (p), 2; K. Gerry (m), 2; G. Clarke (c), 1; J. F. Atack (c), 1; R. H. Jones (m), 1; M. B. Smith (m), 1; T. J. Cooke (c), 1. Senior: B. Evans (m), 1.

Models.—Senior—Historical: R. Baker (c), 4. Geographical: C. Green (c), 4. Aeroplanes: Flying: B. A. Coatsworth (p), 4; B. W. Jones (p), 3. Non-flying: K. S. Kreuchen (g), 4; B. W. Jones (p), 3; D. Birkenshaw (g), 2; J. Tudgay (m), 1. Miscellaneous: E. Crouchman (p), 3. R. C. Bone (g), 2; J. D. Carr (m), 1. Ships: Non-sailing: B. W. Jones (p), 4; J. Hunt (c), 3.

Models.—Junior—Historical: J. Ashby (c), 4; B. D. Nelson (p), 3; R. A. Peacock (c), 2; D. M. Beer (g), 1. Geographical: W. G. Scott (c), 4. Scientific: J. C. Dobbie (g), 4. Aeroplanes: Flying: R. Lansdell (m), 4; J. E. Pinnock (p), 3; J. B. Dawkins (g), 2; P. N. Etgart (c), 1. Non-flying: D. Nichols (m), 4; J. Slough (g), 3; K. T. Veal (m), 2; B. F. Mann (g), 1. Boats and Ships, Non-sailing: R. D. Ayshford (c), 4; A. W. Hyland (m), 3; M. Ginn (g), 2; G. N. Willson (p), 1. Sailing boats: B. F. Mann (g), 4; A. Bastick (g), 3; B. V. Sandford (p), 2. Miscellaneous: D. C. Lloyd (g), 4; M. Coysh (m), 3; R. Knight (m), 2; A. R. Seneviratne (c), 1; R. A. Young (p), 2; K. Moore (p), 2; J. H. Arkill (p), 2; G. W. Cooper (g), 2; D. Bedward (c), 2.

FORM VISIT TO ST. PANCRAS TOWN HALL FOR C.E.W.C. CONFERENCE

We were greeted by the voices of hundreds of excited children, from many different schools, when we arrived at St. Pancras Town Hall on Thursday, March 8th, for a C.E.W.C. Conference. On the right side of the hall, there was an exhibition on Spain, which contained many photographs and two large paintings, one of a bullfighter in action, the other of Spanish dancers.

The conference started fifteen minutes late. After the announcements, which told us what was going to take place, during the day, there were two films, " Iberian Peninsula " and " Spanish Children ".

The first told about the people of Spain, the population being twenty-eight million; the crops they grow, which are wheat, oats, and oranges; the way they farm; and mostly about the olives, which provide Spain's major export. It ended by showing, on a map of Spain, the parts where coal, iron ore, copper, and lead are to be found, and most important of all, where the world's greatest supply of mercury is.

The second film, " Spanish Children ", was not as interesting as the first. It told about a man and a boy, who were going to a town for supplies. The little boy bought some castanets for his sister's birthday, and got some water from a nice old-fashioned well. The most interesting part of this film was the sister dancing with her new castanets for her family. These films were followed by a twenty minute break.

At eleven-fifteen, " Speaker's Forum " which consisted of Senora Maranon-Burns, Mr. Brian Harris, Senor Guy Bueno and Mr. Terence Lawson, who was the chairman, began.

Each person spoke for about twenty-five minutes. They told us some very interesting things. I think the most amazing thing, which Senora Maranon-Burns said, was that the average family in Spain contains from four to five children. This aroused a lot of murmurs in the audience. Another thing, which aroused interest, was when the Senora said that children do not get their presents at Christmas, but on January 6th. There was then a one and a quarter hour break for lunch.

On returning from lunch, we were greeted by some Spanish songs sung by Miss Victoria Kingsley. She was wearing a beautiful Spanish dress.

Next followed some Spanish dances from pupils of Elsa Brunelleschi. The audience enjoyed not only the dances, but also the wonderful costumes, which the dancers wore. Nearly everybody laughed when a very small child came out and danced with the rest.

Next, different schools asked the panel questions. Wandsworth's question was "What do the Spaniards feel about Gibraltar; and are Moroccans happy to be ruled by Spain?".

"The Tables Turned" was very interesting. The panel asked some children, who came from different schools, questions, the answers of which had been said sometime during the conference.

On the whole, the conference went very well and was very interesting indeed, and I am sure that the form hopes to have the chance to go to another one.

R. C. WILLIAMSON. P.c., 4 alpha.

"LYING IN BED" Most people in the world of to-day use up vast amounts of energy at work in one day alone. Therefore, it is natural that they should appreciate a refreshing sleep that night. Many of them breathe sighs of relief when they are in bed, and often do not fall asleep as they intended for a considerable time. While they lie awake, people of a less active nature, like those who work in an office, enjoy thinking of themselves as being more active than they are by imagining some of the things they would like to do in real life, only dare not. They lie awake, dreaming up fantastic and unlikely adventures, and imagining themselves robbing the world's richest banks single handed, leaving the entire police force baffled with the false clues which the imaginary self-made villian had set for them. When they finally do fall off to sleep, they have even more fantastic adventures, because everything encountered in the course of the day, which is now gone, is jumbled up in their mind.

It must be admitted that some people derive very great pleasure from lying in bed, for it is often the only time when they do not work. Some like Winter better than Summer for this likable pastime, while others like Summer because the long, light evenings allow them to read in bed. This is a bad habit, as they often read longer than they intended to, and thus strain their eyes.

There are also a few other bad habits like this. It is deplorable, for instance, to eat bread or cake in bed, for crumbs amongst the bedclothes make a very unhappy night's sleep. Likewise, it is also deplorable to eat citrus fruits such as oranges, for one gets pips and orange peel on the bedside table, and very unpleasant sticky fingers to go to bed with. If cheese is eaten at bedtime, it gives one nightmares. You might say that an apple or carrot at bedtime is good for your teeth, but toothpaste is more economical, and it certainly does not lie on your chest as hard foods are supposed to do. A nice warm cup of tea at night-time is often appreciated in Winter, but how often does this spill all over the sheets, causing considerable distress and worry all because of a minor accident?

If one must have some warm liquid at night-time in bed, it is advisable to have some form of nightcap drink, so that one can wake up earlier the following morning.

As lying in bed is appreciated by almost everyone, it is best to lie comfortably, and therefore if the correct rules of lying in bed are followed, one is almost certain of having a good night's sleep.

R. A. PEACOCK. C.d., 3pi.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Since it is now some ten years since I left the Sixth Form at Wandsworth, it seems perhaps a suitable moment to write to you, both to

give you news of an old boy who still remembers the school with affection, and also in the hope that perhaps this might be read by one of my contemporaries.

I was prompted above all to write because I am at the moment on holiday at Penarth, a town I had not revisited since the school journey in my last year at Wandsworth. Those carefree days, sunbathing on the beach and splashing in the sea, have acquired a particularly sunny halo in my mind with the passing of the years. Naturally, it has changed a little since those days. The river Ely still runs by the town, of course, and the island is still there, but the boys do not fish for tiddlers any more. The atom station has stopped that, and there are no trees on the island, where the big new ferro—concrete casino has been built.

Some of the old houses are still left round the square, but they seem out of place, and don't give the feeling of rest and quiet which I seem to remember from my last visit—even though I was then in a group of uninhibited Wandsworthians!

Bathing is possible, but only after passing through a thing they call "Aunty's Aunty" (the Anti-Atomic Immunizer) which gives protection for half an hour. The water is always warm, because of the radio-active sand, but the waves have no life in them, and although the water is salty, it seems stale, like salty distilled water.

The worst thing is having to stay indoors after sundown. There is a huge tower where the market place used to be ten years ago, and this radiates some sort of anti-atomic ray during the daylight, but apparently our master brains cannot—or will not—provide similar protection in darkness. There are a number of lead covered passageways, lit by lamps which work by direct contact with the night air through holes in the lead. It is safe to walk straight through these passages, but one cannot stand still in them.

One curious thing is that sand above the water line is always safe. This part is enclosed by a fence, not to keep people out, but to keep them in, particularly the children, who can stay there for a short time without harm, except after dark.

The Casino is very good, but most of the people there are from the Atom Station. They have far more money than we have, so we feel out-of-place. In any case I have firmly decided not to go there again, because the other evening I lost two pounds on the first table, while some long-haired scientist with a "system" won fifty. When I remember the fuss over MacMillan's premium bonds, I wonder what we should have thought in those days of State Casinos like this one.

But I am rambling on too long, and I shall miss the artificial sun hour if I don't stop. Thank-you, Sir, for the hospitality of your columns—it is always a pleasure to find again some small contact with the old days. When I think that we used to complain then . . . .

I am, Yours, sincerely,

Ralph Müller.

PENARTH. *July*, 1966

SPRING IN A LONDON GARDEN

Spring, I think, is the best season of the year. Although I live in London and do not see anything like the beauty of Spring as in the country, it is a great joy, and a welcome change from the dreary Winter.

The first signs of Spring I noticed in our garden were the yellow crocuses, followed by the mauve, and then blue scillas shot through the earth surprisingly quickly. These are very dainty little flowers, but unfortunately the starlings like to peck at them. This is just wanton destruction because they only leave them on the ground and do not eat them. I have noticed that spring flowers are mostly cup or bell-shaped and look too fragile to withstand the cold winds. Yellow seems to be nature's favourite colour at this time of the year, closely followed by blue. There are the daffodils, forsythia, grape hyacinths and bluebells. These all grow well in our London

garden, and when I look out of my bedroom window, I can see too, the various colours of the trees in the park. There are the fresh green tints of the new leaves, and the wonderful colours of the hawthorn, cherry and copper beech.

Tucked away among the branches of the lilac tree in the far corner of the garden are two birds' nests—one a blue tit's and the other a blackbird's. They are perfectly made, and look very sturdy. In the blackbird's nest this Spring were two eggs, of a pale green colour, flecked with brown. There should have been more, but I think a cat must have disturbed the bird and that she abandoned those eggs, and laid some more in another nest. Spring is a very interesting time for ornithologists. They are keen to hear the first cuckoo and to spot the return from migration of many other birds.

I remember the day early in April, when I saw a butterfly for the first time this year. It looked like a red admiral, and was very slow because it had just emerged from its chrysalis. Bees too were just making their appearance, and ants were scuttling about under every stone.

In fact everything showed signs of renewed activity. The B.B.C. gave its first cricket broadcast, and I felt at last that Spring really was here again.

DAVID LLOYD. Gd, 2 omega.

THE ART OF IDLING

With the worries of this modern age suspended on thin threads of urgent thought, there are few people who can think of nothing, do nothing, omit the world, this earth, people from their thoughts. The art of idling is rapidly vanishing from the present-day scene. The reason for my being able to define it so easily is that it is one of my natural talents: in fact it is my strongest subject. I, like most people, am tensed during the week and take all Saturday to regain my lost strength. So many people fill their leisure time by taking the radio to bits to find that it has an earth in spite of what the man next door said, or laying down a path in the garden and then changing their minds, after all is said and done, as to the direction it should have been laid in.

Why can they not employ their time like me, and idle? Sunny days are welcomed visitors, for then I reach my peak in the art of idling. I pull my old battered deck-chair through the vines of every shade and length which cover the garden shed.

In spite of a tendency on the part of the chair to fail to support me, I set it on the lowest point in the very centre of the garden. I litter the surrounding grass with books, food and drink. The books are there just in case I feel I cannot take the strain of supporting my knees; if that is the case, I pile them to the required height, and sink into paradise. In readiness I remove my shoes, glance around making sure everything is in reach, and throw the shoes to the end of the garden. If the front door bell rings, I lift a heavy evelid, see the shoes in the distance, weigh up the circumstances, and return to comfort and dreams.

Just as my mind is wandering into strange lanes, I become aware that the warming rays of the sun are no longer falling upon my face and I have to stir, much to my annoyance, and move the chair to a more directly illuminated position.

My dreams are shattered by the cry of "Tea", the word no boy can resist. My stomach yearning for nourishment, I can no longer abide in the deck-chair, and leap from it, my thoughts of idling quickly dissolving.

MICHAEL JAMES HALSEY. 3 Pi, Cd.

MY ATTEMPTS AT PAINTING

Sitting in a bath may seem to you a funny place to have brainwaves, but that's where I seem to have all mine. For instance, the other night I was sitting in my bath, broodily staring at my big toe which protruded from the water, and trying to think of something to do that evening, other than watching television. Suddenly I thought of it. Painting—that was a subject

which aroused a lot of interest these days, what with pictures being sold for thousands of pounds, and Irishmen stealing them in broad daylight.

To be an artist, I thought, you have to dress in traditional fashion, so I put on an old shirt, whose sleeves were getting shorter each time that I needed a piece of rag to clean my bicycle, and an old pair of slacks, the seat of which was slightly tattered owing to my dog getting over-excited. Dressed in these clothes, I now began to think of equipment. My younger brother had a set of paints. Admittedly, they were cheap ones, but that should not worry a true artist. I found the paints easily, but the brush seemed to have been lost in his toy cupboard. Ploughing through all the odds and ends, I was seriously beginning to think of plucking a few hairs from the cat, when I suddenly found it, rammed down the barrel of his cap-gun. After shooting a few dozen imaginary Indians, I got it out. Then I tore the middle page out of one of my school books, and was ready to start, using the kitchen table as an easel.

Half-an-hour later, the floor around me was littered with paper, and my exercise book was beginning to look full up, despite the fact that I had written only three pages. "It's not that I can't paint", I kept telling myself. "It's the paints. They're not good enough. Or may be it's the brush? Perhaps a distemper brush would be better . . . No, the bristles would be too hard . . . ". By now there was just a much paint on me as there was on the paper. Finally, my brother came in, looked at me solemnly, said "Very nice", and took his paints away, just as my picture of an aeroplane was beginning to look like a very good impression of a flying fish.

Back in my bath once more, scrubbing furiously at the paint, I told myself that if ever I had another brilliant idea in the bath, I should ram my big toe hard up the spout of the tap until I had forgotten about everything except getting it down again.

G. CHARLES. 5Alpha, Pd.

THE FOUR COUNTRIES TOUR

During the Easter holidays about fifty boys from the School toured Belgium and Luxembourg, with excursions to France and Germany. To some of us it was our first experience of the Continent and one we shall always remember.

After the short sea journey from Dover to Ostend the night was spent at Blankenberge and next day went on to Han-sur-Lesse, where the local grottoes were visited. This was enjoyed by all especially at the end when we emerged by boat from the caves. Next day we entered Luxembourg and stayed near Echternach on the Luxembourg—German border.

Four days were spent here, visiting Trier in Germany where we saw the Roman bath and amphitheatre and afterwards did our shopping. We made a tour round the City of Luxembourg and a visit to Thionville in France was also enjoyed. Finally, there was a trip around Luxembourg's "Little Switzerland", which proved most enjoyable for we had a short walk through a deep wooded valley, with steep cliffs rising on both sides, to Beaufort Castle. Here we saw the dungeons and torture chamber and a seventy foot tower from which prisoners were dropped after torture. A drive round the surrounding country and a trip to the famous spa of Mondorf les Bains ended the day.

After the four days we returned to Blankenberge visiting Brussels where we saw Le Grand Place with its marvellous gilt covered houses. Finally, we left Ostend for London all very happy and satisfied with an excellent tour, thanks to the fine organisation by Mr. Elms, Mr. George and Mr. Gibson.

C. GREEN. 5Alpha, Ca.

MY HOBBY

My favourite hobby is philately. I like it because it is very interesting and helps you in geography. The first Great Britain stamp to be issued was the 1840 penny black which was a Queen Victoria Issue. The penny blacks and some of the twopenny blues, penny browns and penny reds were imperforated, and in the Post Offices in

the reign of Queen Victoria, the imperforated stamps had to be cut with a pair of scissors. If you get an imperforated stamp which has not had the edges cut off you would get a full price for it as catalogued in Stanley Gibbons Catalogues. Most Great Britain Victorian stamps have a letter in each corner, but some of them have a letter in the middle of both of the vertical sides. Some of the Victorian stamps have plate numbers on each vertical side, and you cannot see it unless you look through a magnifying glass.

There were only four Edward VIII stamps issued. They were the half-penny, penny, threehalfpenny and a twopenny. This was because he only reigned for a few months.

The latest British stamps are the Queen Elizabeth II two shillings and sixpence, five shillings, ten shillings and pound.

The rarest and most valuable stamp in the world is the British Guiana 1856 one cent.

P. J. STRANGEMAN. Ga, 1 theta.

WHAT THEY SAY—
—WISDOM FROM THE RECENT EXAMINATION

"There was no transport in 1750."

"The main part of England was ruled by M.P's., whereas the boroughs were ruled by J.P's."

"The poor suffered from such inventions as the Spinning Jenny and the Shuttlecock."

"Gin-drinking was common in the 18th century. New industrial machinery was completely destroyed in what were called the Gordon riots."

"The Methodist priests taught the workers to revolt against the rich and to smash the infernal machines."

"Thomas Malthus in his Essay said that it would be useless to educate and feed the poor because the country would run short of food."

"The Reform Act was put forward . . . Its main point was that people had to pay rent for their houses."

"Many new industrial workhouses were making the towns bigger."

"The result of our Poor Law Policy was to show other nations that we were merciful and would look after colonies in the same way."

"Its relations with this country have been very good except for one or two uprisings which were easily suppressed by the British."

"George III was a sincere Christian, dull, stupid and obstinate. He ruled England by bribery and corruption."

"After the Boston tea party the port was put under Marshall law."

"The Northern States of America were against Britain over the Trent Bridge affair."

"After the War of Independence the Americans had a Civil War and a lot of Southerners crossed the border into Canada."

"The British Government passed the North America Act with Canada saying that if Canada was overrun she would go to her aid."

"Russia is nearly twice the size it was in 1815."

"After the Crimean War Turkey gave Cyprus to Britain for her help in the War."

"The Black Sea was declared neutral so long as they kept the Christian faith."

"One cause of the first world war was the murder of the Czar and his wife in Serbia by some nationalist movement."

"It was Napoleon who was responsible for the removal of Louis XIV; he was executed and the French Revolution started, and to this day the French government changes every two months."

"At first teachers were paid by results . . . ."

(With acknowledgments to members of the Fourth Form.)

Technical Branch

ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING AND EXHIBITION OF WORK

This combined function was held at the School in Garratt Lane on the 26th March. The chair was taken by Ald. E. Whitlock, and Lieut.-Col. G. L. M. Matthews, O.B.E., T.D., presented the prizes.

Mr. H. Raymond King, the head of the combined schools, spoke of the opportunities in education afforded by the new comprehensive school in Sutherland Grove for boys of every type and gave details of its recruitment.

Mr. J. Makin, the master-in-charge, prefaced his report by stressing the importance of technical education, a type of education which had for too long been comparatively neglected. He spoke of successes in the G.C.E. and A.E.B. examinations respectively and the equally important training of the less academic boys. He gave details of the types of employment of leavers and commented on recent old boys' successes. He spoke about out-of-school activities, school journeys and the parents' association, and concluded with a well-merited tribute to the staff for their efforts during a year which had seen many changes.

Lieut.-Col. G. L. Matthews then presented the prizes, trophies and certificates. In his address, he spoke of the tremendous changes which had occurred during his lifetime. He remembered seeing Col. Cody and his primitive biplane; nowadays, planes were flying at over 1,000 miles per hour. He had seen the advent of radio, television and the atomic bomb; soon, instead of coal there would be atomic power. But, he said, all these required the skilled craftsman: society would continue to progress and they must accept the challenge of the future.

Mrs. E. K. Goodrich, L.C.C., J.P., in proposing the vote of thanks to Lieut.-Col. Matthews, said it would be a big change going into the new building in September, but it would provide wonderful opportunities for the boys concerned, and she was quite sure that Lieut.-Col. Matthews as chairman of the governing body would skilfully direct its future.

Prize List

School captain's prize, presented by the chairman of the governors: D. F. Mellish.

Vice-captain's prize, presented by the School: M. S. Pell.

Public examinations—Oxford G.C.E.: A. Lendon, B. Pearce, D. F. Playle.

Prizes for merit—5th, D. F. Playle; 5ga, R. McDonough; 5th, S. Haines; 5tb, M. W. Gray; 4th, P. Kersey, B. Wright; 4a, R. F. Chivers; 4, L. Hargrave; 4c, A. Sutton; 3th, P. A. Duggan; 3a, P. A. Wagstaff; 3b, R. F. Boswell.

Prizes for diligence—Gainsborough House—set A. A. Lendon; set B, B. R. McDonough; set C, C. B. Butler.

Scott House—set A, M. Barker; set B, B. Pearce; set C, D. Patterson.

Smeaton House—set A, G. E. Thomas; set B, L. A. Tarrant; set C, D. Giles.

Wren House—set A, D. A. Kersey; set B, M. O'Hara; set C, J. A. Weston.

General subjects—English, D. F. Playle; history, R. R. Hailstone; geography, R. Masters; mathematics, B. Pearce; physics, D. Jenkins; history of ach., P. E. Stone; art, J. Morgan.

Technical subjects—building construction, D. F. Playle; practical geometry, A. Lendon; surveying, E. Vallas; brickwork, B. Elliott and S.

Dewson; plumbing, J. Humphries; painting and decorating, J. C. English and M. D. Berry; carpentry and joinery, J. L. Parr and J. B. Chantler.

Sportsman's prize: H. Lydiate and M. Flynn.

Oxford Local G.C.E. Certificates.—M. T. Barker, A. G. Beetlestone, D. G. Birchall, A. D. Butcher, D. W. Foster, M. J. Flynn, D. W. Giles, R. R. Hailstone, D. Jenkins, W. H. Langan, A. J. Lendon, J. H. Lucas, P. R. Marke, R. E. Masters, D. F. Mellish, J. P. M. Morgan, W. I. Newnham, E. E. Parish, T. L. Parr, M. J. Pell, J. R. Pheysey, D. F. Playle, J. M. Rogers, A. F. W. Shettle, P. H. Stone, E. Vallas, C. Whittaker.

Winners of House Trophies.—Diligence (parents' shield), Gainsborough. Athletics (school cup), Scott. Boxing ("Croft" shield), Scott. Cricket ("Chalk" cup), Scott—Wren. Cross-country ("Matthews" shield), Scott. Football, Smeaton. Swimming ("Whitlock" shield), Wren.

Colours' Certificates.—Athletics (full colours), H. G. Lydiate. Half-colours, D. F. Mellish, M. Nash, M. Barry, C. R. Payne. Cricket (full colours), A. D. Butcher, S. J. Cooper, M. Flynn. Half-colours, C. R. Payne, J. Pheysey. Football (full colours), M. Flynn, R. Dobson, J. Pheysey, D. Leggett, W. Salmon, M. Berry, E. R. Carr. Half-colours, B. Ayling, R. Gould, A. Smith, E. F. Newnham. Swimming (half-colours), M. D. Palmer, P. A. Duggan, B. M. Cullum.

Recent Old Boys Successes

Architecture prize, final course Brixton S.O.B., W. J. Clouter.

Final examination R.I.B.A., R. H. Crawford.

Intermediate examination R.I.B.A., B. V. Field.

Royal Institution Chartered Surveyors.—First examination (building), D. E. Watts. Graduate examination (inter.), Inst. of Instruct. Eng., E. C. P. Chalk. National certificate for building, N. Andrews and H. W. Skeemer. City and Guilds of London.—Intermediate structural Eng. examination, J. B. Fitzgerald.

City and Guilds Examinations

Final examination, first class, G. E. Edmundson and D. Creasey (plumbing).

Final, second class, D. E. Davey, J. C. Gardiner, E. W. Westley (plumbing); P. J. Simmonds and T. M. Philpot (brickwork).

Intermediate, first class, T. S. Wise (brickwork); L. A. Argent, J. M. Dunning, R. C. Hill and T. D. Griffiths (plumbing).

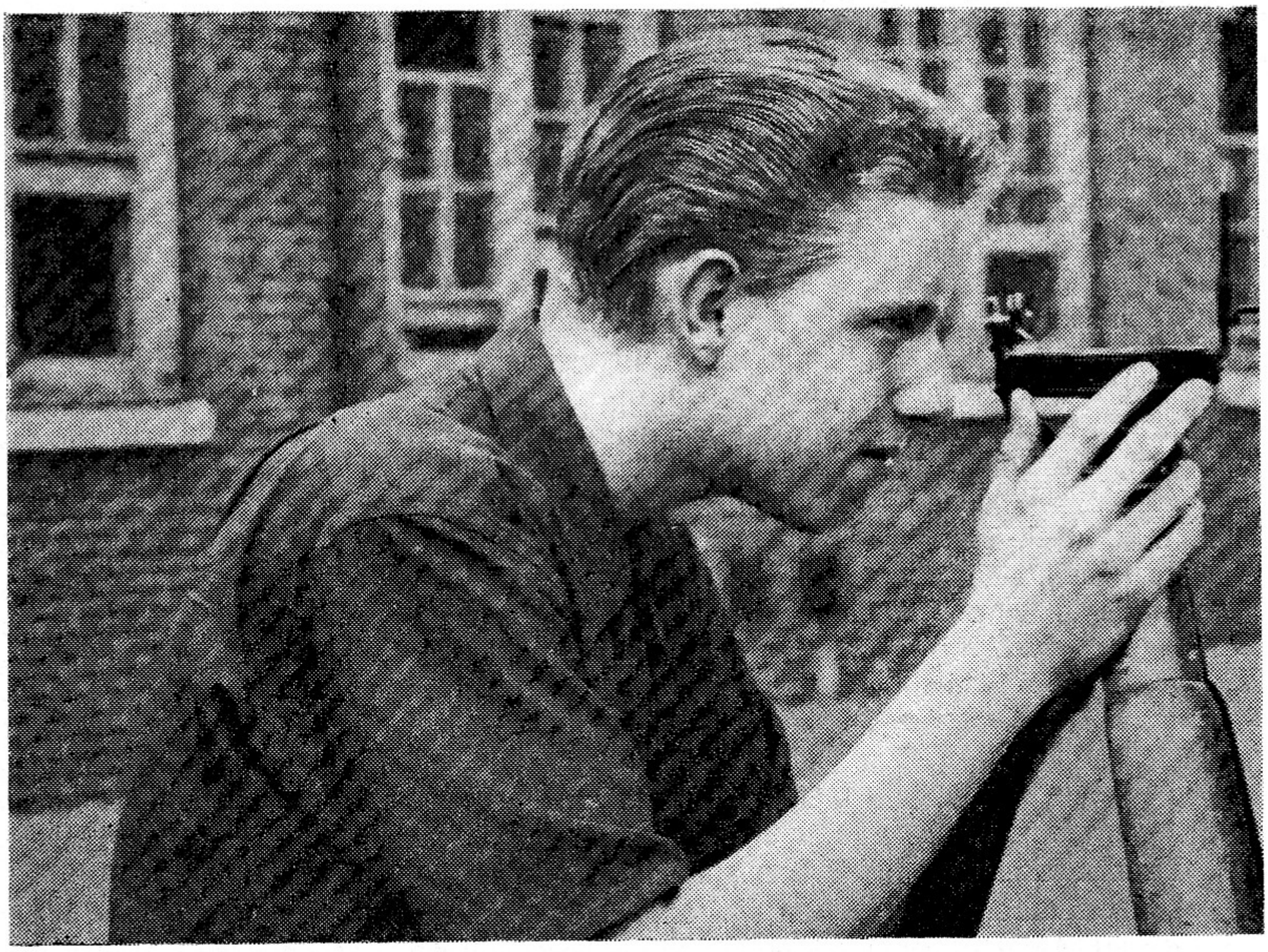
Intermediate, second class, E. R. Benest, B. E. Collard, R. E. Collingridge, A. V. Fennemore, W. C. Upjohn (plumbing); R. W. Sallis and Ford (carpentry); R. W. Lardner (painting and dec.); G. L. Charlesworth and A. D. Wright (brickwork).

National Joint Apprenticeship Board, prize for painting and dec., R. H. Gleig.

Bronze medallion and cross (February, 1955). Birchall, Bowling, Barker, Giles, Newnham, Jenkins, Wareham and Wynne (medallion only). (March, 1956)—Briault (medallion only), Waterman, Philpot, Hanham, Davies, Chivers, Dale and Hargrave.

Award of merit: D. W. Giles, W. Newnham.

The exhibition attracted many visitors who saw not only examples of work made during the School year but boys at work in the various workshops. The scientific wonders in the laboratory were viewed by many with interested doubt, whilst the housewives' quiz in the science room gave many mothers food for thought. The technical drawings were up to their usual high standard: as were the paintings, lino-prints and drawings in the art room. The models in the geography room produced much favourable comment, as did the colour film taken during the summer vacation of the School journey to Belgium and Holland.



Practical Surveying — Taking a reading

Technical Branch

EXHIBITION

The Annual Exhibition of work at the Technical Branch was held, probably for the last time in the Garratt Lane building on March 26th. The occasion was the more impressive and generally made more attractive by the presence of the School Governors, local dignitaries and many parents, friends and old scholars who attended.

The Exhibition itself was in keeping with the high standard set in previous years, and the welcome addition of new ideas from the recently-appointed staff, seen in their respective departments, added generally to the display as a whole.

As usual the workshops were very attractive and the work of a very high standard of craftsmanship. Studio I had many coloured examples of building draughtsmanship and several parents seemed to be truly impressed by the standard of attainment of their offspring. Studios II and III were also similarly interesting.

The Geography Room was particularly colourful, as in addition to many maps and diagrams giving information on World Trade and other geographical development, there were a number of models showing living conditions in Greenland and North America (Red Indian settlements). There was also a section devoted to food production and industrial derivatives from agriculture.

The Physics laboratory and Mechanics room were full of interesting models. This department of the Exhibition was very well attended. Indeed both parents and boys seemed to be captivated by the spirit of enquiry generated by the examples on show. There were examples of magnetism, kaleidoscopic reflection (as used by a T.V. camera), hot water systems for modern houses; and the weight machine which recorded avoirdupois in terms of school ink, was a perennial favourite.

Exhibits of lino-cuts, life drawings and some very colourful compositions made the art room most gay and inviting; and in the History room a colour film of last summer's School journey to Belgium had many showings. The high standard of the colour was most noticeable and reflects the care displayed by the photographer in production.

There were many examples of the work of both boys and Staff which derive from social activities conducted after lessons are over. These voluntary duties, as in past years, point to the time value of school training. Included among this section of the Exhibition were the Athletic Trophies, the Aero Models and the work of the Fishing, Cycling, Travel and Stamp Clubs.

H.S.S.

Technical Branch

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT—1955

Do you remember those few days towards the end of the Christmas Term, when the School was buzzing with excitement, when at odd times you heard the tinkling of piano keys, the blaring of trumpets, the fluted notes of recorders, and observed the chaos of rehearsals? Many boys and masters were having a busy time preparing for the Christmas Concert. Time seemed to have wings, and suddenly the great day had arrived.

The show contained the three elements necessary to ensure its success—music, comedy, and mystery. Music was provided firstly by the choir, whose energy and enthusiasm more than compensated for one or two voices being slightly off-key. We had the good fortune to command the services of many talented instrumentalists. How are we to judge who had the greatest merit? Obviously by the amount of noise produced, and I think no one will deny that the School brass band made the most noise! One gentleman of the staff muttered something about cacophony after their performance, but there is only one word to describe them, they were TREMENDOUS!

Comedy was provided in the form of sketches and plays (the band was not meant to be funny). It would be difficult to say which was more hilarious, "Sauce in Sigma" or "High Art in the Attic," but we must mention Newnham, who played a prominent part in both; he certainly made us laugh, although I did hear somebody say, "He can't help it, poor chap."

The final element in the show—Mystery! You say you were not very mystified by the "Wizard"? Well, at least he tried. And I think we were all mystified by Thatcher's tricks. Perhaps the biggest mystery of all was, how did all that ice-cream disappear so quickly? It seemed that a few seconds after its arrival it had vanished into the darkness of strange unknown regions.

After two hours of non-stop entertainment the concert finally came to an end. I think it can truthfully be said to have been a success, and all who took part are to be heartily congratulated.

THE PROGRAMME

"The First Nowel": Choir. (Members of choir: Benneyworth, Burford, Easton, Hinson, Kane, Skinner, Thompson, Walker (Ii); Love, Mason, Seagers, Snare (Is); W. Williams (3TH); M. Morris (2i).)

"The Refund" (Produced by Messrs. Moss and Reffold). Principal, K. Robins; Wasserkopf, A. Wade; Servant, K. Waters; Mathematics Master, G. Dyball; Physics Master, R. Cass; History Master, P. Edbrook; Geography Master, M. Howe. (N.B.—Wasserkopf means Hydracephalus.)

Piano Duets: W. Newnham and C. Briault. "Heart and Soul," and "Chopsticks."

Conjuring and Magic: L. Thatcher (5TH).

Band: Trumpet duet, P. Clark and M. Parrott; Quartet, Clark, Parrott, R. Chivers and J. Tilley; Septet, The same four with J. Cahill, J. Lake and R. Williams.

Sketch: "The Wizard" (Produced by Mr. Radley and Form Ii). Wizard, D. Skinner; A Gent, M. Kane. Supporting cast: D. Bird, D. Hope, M. Taylor.

Accordian Solo: "Unchained Melody": R. Philpot (5TB).

Carol: "Hark, the Herald Angels sing": Choir.

Carol: "Silent Night": Choir.

Play: "Sauce in Sigma" (Produced by Mr. Makin). Science Master, W. Newnham (S.Bc); Pupils—(all in Is)—Dodge, A. Mason; Dunce, D. Edwards; Green, R. Rothschild; Jinks, R. Seagers; Roffey (Prof), M. Gardiner; McScragg, B. Clarke; Wilde, D. Goddard; Nurse Twitch, D. DelaHaye; Mrs. Swash (school cleaner), R. Boswell; Cramp (school joiner), A. Grubb; Smirk (old boy), C. Davey. (The action takes place in the Science room during the second period).

Conjuring and Magic: D. Solly and A. Pirouet.

Recorder Duets: "London's Burning" and "All through the night," D. Bird and D. Hope. Solos: "Hanover," D. Bird; and "Good King Wenceslaus," D. Hope.

Sketch: "Oh, for a Cuppa!" A. Evans, P. Kersey, B. Wright.

Piano solo: "Marche Militaire," R. Seagers (Is).

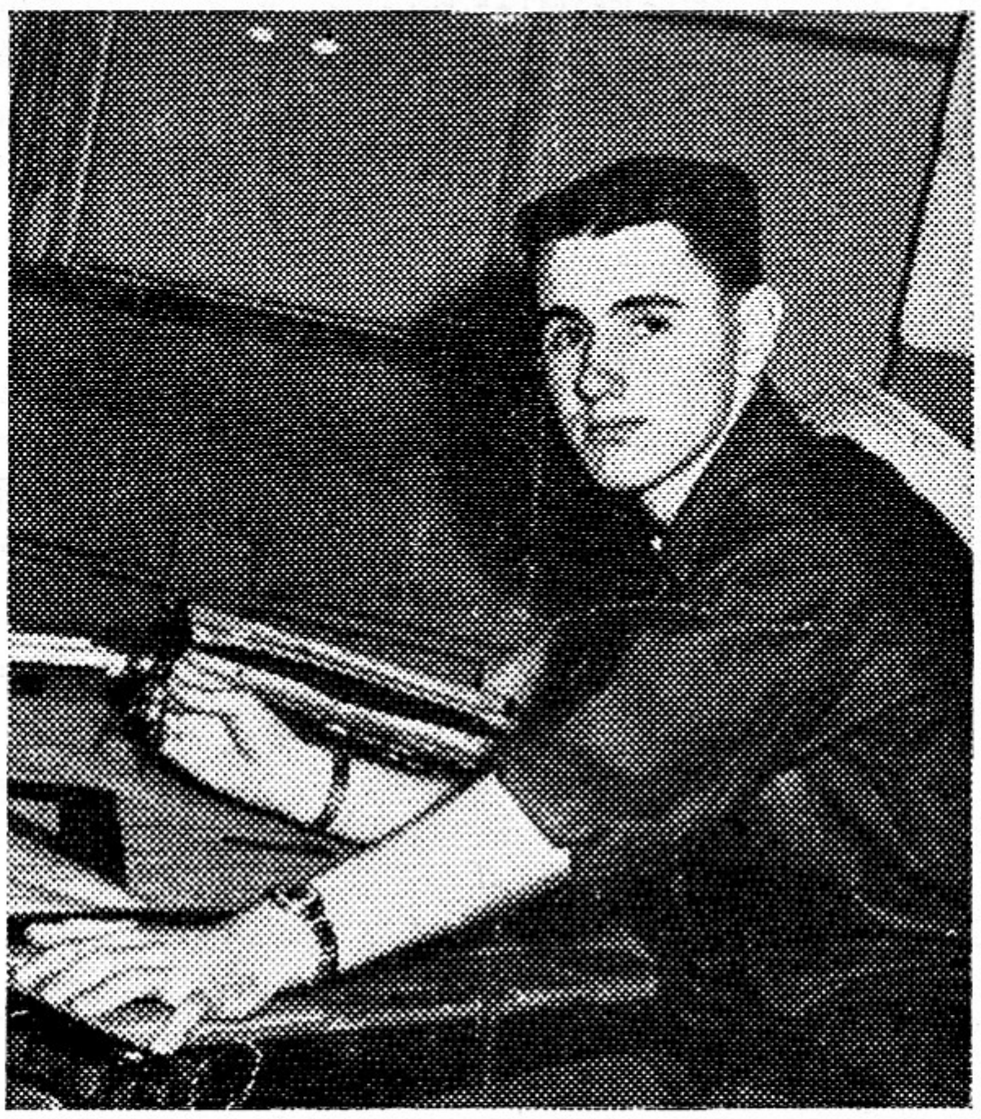
Accordian solo: "Adieu," Philpot (5TB).

Play: "High Art in the Attic" (Produced by Mr. Dormon). Mr. Rusher, W. Newnham; Mr. Potts, C. Davey; Mrs. Williams, P. Kersey; Mrs. Potts, J. Nolan; Mr. Spooner, L. Thatcher; Dumphy, R. Scott (4E).

Carol: "O come, all ye Faithful," Choir.

G.R.

Technical Branch



PRIVATE P. KELLY

The above photograph which appeared recently in the American press shows Private P. Kelly, R.A., of the U.S. Army at his drawing board at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Kelly, who was by birth a citizen of the U.S.A., left school two years ago, joined the U.S. Army and after training in Germany was sent to Fort Bliss to do work on guided missiles.

The newspaper report states that he is a modest young man with a decided British accent, who makes complicated and minute drawings, who likes football but who finds baseball as dull as they find cricket.

I received a letter to-day which stated that he had recently gone over the border into Mexico and had seen his first bull-fight, in which 4 bulls had been killed and one matador seriously injured. Much more interesting however, although it appeared somewhat casually towards the end of the letter, was the information that he had won the First Prize in the Army Road

Safety poster competition, which had brought him to the notice of certain No. 1 Generals, who were taking great interest in him and his work.

Kelly was a quiet, normal boy at school, who had the common sense to work steadily and take the G.C.E. before leaving. The training he received at school plus the Oxford Certificate testifying to his ability, will undoubtedly stand him a good stead in his choosen career. The possession of a G.C.E. Certificate is of even greater importance in civilian life.

J.M.

Technical Branch

SCHOOL JOURNEY TO SWITZERLAND WHITSUN 1956

Party Leader : G. V. Moss.
Assistant : S. Smith.

The party of 26 was made up of boys from the first to the sixth forms.

The journey to Switzerland was made by coach, through France in easy stages, stopping for the night at Rheims and Besançon outwards and Remiremont and St. Quentin on the return journey. In Switzerland the party stayed at Aeschi, a mountain village in the Bernese Oberland and visits were made to Lucerne, via the Brunig Pass, Kandersteg and the Blue Lake and Lauterbrunnen, Grindelwald and the First on the Bernese Oberland tour.

Much could be written of what was seen and experienced but space will not permit, but some indication of the boys' reactions will be found in the following essay by a member of the party.

G. V. Moss.

Amidst great excitement we boarded the coach that was to take us to our destination. After travelling for 3 hours 20 minutes, we arrived at Dover at 9.50 a.m. Going through the customs was boring and we hung about for an hour and a half.

We had a pleasant trip across the Channel on the S.S. Hollidale, and to my surprise no one was sick; we arrived at Calais at a quarter to one. This first view of France was depressing, as Calais is a slum town and its houses in decay, but the French countryside was beautiful and compared favourably with our own.

Arriving at St. Quentin, where we stopped for an hour, at 5.40 p.m., we found the town a pleasant but very expensive one. Our next stop was at Rheims, where we spent the night. I was quite ready for bed. The next day we were up early and had a long journey, travelling 200 miles. When we arrived at Besançon we learned we were only 30 miles from the border, and I was very excited and found it difficult to sleep. In the morning I was still eager to be on our way, and I couldn't eat—which was just as well, as the continental breakfast only consists of coffee and rolls.

After reaching the Swiss border within a hour, we were in the capital of Berne—a really lovely place and so clean. This was the one place I would have liked to live in. They still had trams which added to the quaintness, and, unlike London, no smoke or grime. I felt that Aeschi couldn't possibly be as lovely as Berne, but I was wrong, for, with its pleasant houses, its green fields and its awe-inspiring mountains it made a very picturesque scene. We spent six very happy days in Switzerland, visiting various places of interest such as the walk through the woods to lake Thun—a really enormous lake; a trip to the Blue Lake at Luzern where we went out on a boat. The Lake was really blue, and swarming with fish. It was a thrill too, to go up the mountains in a chain lift, to see the house below getting so small, and actually be among the clouds and to see the snow at the peaks of mountains. We also went up and behind a waterfall, and as the water cascaded down, we were drenched with spray. It was fun looking at the various souvenir shops, and at Interlaken they were very reasonable; but alas, I had already bought mine elsewhere.

I was amazed that so many Swiss folk spoke fluent English, so it wasn't difficult to be understood. We even played a game of football with some children on one of the playgrounds at Aeschi.

It was with great sadness that on Monday morning we had to leave this very interesting and beautiful country. Once again we found ourselves in France, at a place called Remiremont. Next day we were in Rheims, where we visited the famous wine cellars. We learned that they held over 8,000,000 bottles, and every one had to be turned each day. I managed to get hold of an old cork which I shall keep as a souvenir. Our last stay in France was at St. Quentin, and we made the most of our time left, wandering around the town. On Wednesday we breakfasted early, so that we would arrive in plenty of time, and found that we were going across the Channel on the same boat that we had previously crossed in. But this time we found the crossing much colder. After going through the customs, we were speeding once more towards home, and during those last few hours I looked back with happy thoughts of the most wonderful and interesting trip that I have ever had, and with gratitude to the planning of my wonderful holiday abroad and memories I shall always have of Switzerland.

ANTHONY CLAPP. I Nu.

Technical Branch

BELGIUM PARTY, 1955

On August 23rd, a party of twenty-two boys in the charge of Mr. Holmes and Mr. Makin, left Victoria Station at 10 a.m. to start an eight day Continental holiday in Belgium.

The boat crossing was very good, and we arrived on time at Ostend. After passing fairly quickly through the Customs, we boarded the waiting coach which took us to our hotel, which was close to and facing the sea.

Although some of the evenings were chilly, the weather on the whole was good, so the boys were able to make full use of the lovely flat beach for football and cricket, and to enjoy bathing.

A full-day coach trip was made into France, where we saw many cemeteries, beautifully looked after, of British, and Colonial troops who gave their lives in the 1914-18 and 1939-45 wars, and also memorials erected in memory of them.

At Ypres we saw the beautiful building (The Cloth Hall), a replica, still unfinished, of that destroyed during the first World War, and also the wonderful Menin Gate, which bears the names of 55,000 soldiers who have no known grave and were killed in and around Ypres in World War I.

We visited Mount Cassel, a high point which dominates miles in every direction of flat country. A large chateau on top was used as army headquarters in both World Wars. A feature of this place is its quaint, steep, winding, cobbled streets.

During our journey we paused for a while in front of a white-painted, shuttered house in Poperinghe—" Talbot House ", the birthplace of Toc H., founded by the Rev. " Tubby " Clayton, in World War I.

We stopped for some time at Dunkirk which was the scene of the great evacuation of British and Allied troops in 1940. Quite a lot of the town has been rebuilt, but great areas of bombed and devastated spaces remain.

As Bruges was visited during daytime last year, and some of the boys had been with that party, it was decided to go this year at night, to see the town floodlit. The visit was greatly enjoyed, but it was the opinion of some that the lighting was inadequate to do full justice to the many beautiful buildings.

A very enjoyable day was spent going to the island of Walcheren in Holland by coach, and the ferry boat, which seems to hold an incredible amount of coaches, cars, and waggonloads of hay etc. On this occasion we were taken to see the two memorials erected on the beaches where the British Marine Commandos landed to liberate this island from the Germans. These men are held in great reverence by the Dutch people.

A visit was made to the miniature island of Walcheren, a delightful place, built and laid out to scale. Many pictures were taken of this lovely spot. The market town of Middelburg was visited and the boys soon got

busy souvenier hunting. On the return to Belgium we stopped at the town of Sluis, and visited a windmill that had been restored and was grinding corn.

A trip was made to Zeebrugge where we were taken on the coach to the end of the Mole. The epic feat of the blocking of Zeebrugge and the blowing up of part of the Mole was told to the boys by the coach-driver. The remains of one of the block-ships sunk during the 1914-18 war are still to be seen in the harbour at low tide. The 1914-18, 1939-45 War Museum was visited.

Blankenberghe is about $3\frac{1}{2}$ kilometres (easy walking distance) from Wenduine. It is an attractive resort and shops are filled with things to interest and tempt the pocket. On the Sunday afternoon there was a big fancy dress and flower procession. It was interesting and lovely to look at. Some of the decorated cars were covered in flowers, in some cases with thousands of lovely begonias, a glorious colourful picture. We were very fortunate to have with us a very fine photographer and cameraman in the person of Mr. Makin, who took some excellent coloured still pictures and a coloured film of parts of our holiday. This has been shown to many people at the School and has been greatly appreciated.

Our hotel was good and comfortable. The management and staff were nice people and very helpful. The boys soon got used to the continental breakfast, of rolls, butter and coffee. The food was good and plentiful. The time to return came all to soon. We had a good trip home and although we arrived late at Victoria, I am sure I can say quite sincerely that a good time was had by all.

F.S.H.

HOUSE NOTES

CROMWELL

Once more we come to the end of a scholastic year. Cromwell can look back with much pride on some splendid achievements both on the sporting and cultural side, but we are not satisfied. The same grumble has to be made as has been made many times in the past that not everybody has been pulling his weight. Cromwell in the past year has been a House with great promise which has never been fulfilled.

Diligence has always been a sore point in the House Notes, and Cromwell B must as usual be congratulated. You have always been asked to pull your socks up and increase the average. Cromwell D from being almost bottom, raised itself to top position. If Cromwell D can do it, why cannot the other sets?

The same must be said of the House in connection with the Eisteddfod. Only a few years ago it was almost a tradition of Cromwell to win. But what happened this year? We finished last!!! The only people to be blamed are you, yourselves. The organisers worked hard enough but got no support. As you see from the results in the report of the Eisteddfod we were extremely weak in the Music, Literary Composition and Art sections. For the last two sections there can be no excuse for the poor results. The number of Cromwell entries for the Literary Composition was disgraceful. How can we be expected to win if the response is so bad? The same applies to the Hobbies section. The number of entries should not have been so few! The whole point of the Eisteddfod is for all to pull their weight as a team, not to rely on a few.

We did, however, win the Drama section, and heartiest congratulations must be given to J. Sharp and his cast on an excellent production of "Hamlet". In summing up, the judges agreed that as well as Sharp's enjoyable performance of the name part, C. M. Burnett portrayed Polonius with equal merit, and J. Bull was also given special mention. Burnett must also be congratulated for training the Speech Choir to first place. The other organisers, J. B. Smith and C. Newson, must be thanked for their efforts. It was not their fault Cromwell finished last. What a pity they did not get the backing they deserved.

We can, however, be proud of our showing in the inter-House athletics this term, when Cromwell was just pipped on the post for first place. Only when the relays were decided did we know how narrowly we had lost. Congratulations to the athletes and captain D. Liggitt for a fine show.

Once more congratulations can be expressed to our cricket teams and at the time of writing we are in a strong position to retain the trophy. Our Juniors have won both their matches and if rain had not interfered with play in our match with Gibbon, the Seniors would also have a one hundred per cent. record. Our thanks must be offered to Senior captain J. B. Smith and Junior captain D. L. Simpson for their fine leadership.

Continuing on a happy note, N. Bishop and R. Baker must be congratulated on getting into the final of the School fencing championship and gaining 3rd and 5th places respectively.

Our Rugby Fives team, of J. W. F. Boreham and H. I. Butnick finished in second position in the inter-House championship, and both have also got to the semi-final of the Individual Competition. Unfortunately the repainting of the courts has delayed the play-off to see who represents Cromwell in the final.

Unfortunately our chess team did not fare so well and finished in 4th position.

In conclusion, on behalf of the House, I would like to offer best wishes to many of our seniors who are leaving this term, and wish them the best of luck for their future career.

H. I. BUTNICK. U6a, Cd.

GIBBON Since the last issue of the Link our final Eisteddfod in the present building has been contested, and we can congratulate members on gaining a good second place. A very pleasing number of competitors pulled their weight, and to N. Smith must go our thanks for his distinguished efforts as co-ordinator. The musical department, under the expert guidance of G. Willis, served the House most commendably; Willis himself secured 1st place both in advanced 'cello and intermediate piano sections, as well as a 3rd in broken-voice singing. P. Florence displayed a near professional excellence on the guitar, while M. Mason and G. Williams (now no longer with us) must be congratulated for gaining 1st place in elementary and 2nd in advanced violin respectively. "It will be noticed", observes our music organiser, "that even without choirs this year Gibbon produced quite a strong band of musicians, who came in an excellent third". Many Gibbon boys also contributed to the magnificent choir which performed at the concert.

Gibbon fared reasonably well in Literary Composition, never one of the most popular sections in any year, and J. Francis was commended on his exceptional poem which gained a first. Particularly praiseworthy items were the short stories of P. Jackaman and M. Redmond. The results of the Hobbies, Art and Photography sections are given elsewhere in this issue, and Gibbon House appreciates all the various efforts in these categories, although space does not permit individual mention here. We were not too lucky in Speech this year, but G. Willis receives great credit for gaining 1st place in intermediate Solo Reading with a finely balanced performance, and J. P. Fox for 3rd place in Public Speaking, with a novel kind of entry, and for 4th place in senior Solo Reading. P. Eastwood's Speech Choir was unfortunate in taking fourth place, considering the amount of concentration employed by all taking part to offer a single and clear-cut approach to their items.

The House Play "King Lear", produced by J. P. Fox and M. Douel and aided by a vast and enthusiastic stage team, was a great experience for all concerned, performers and audience alike. We tied for second place with Morley, in spite of last minute hitches and the fact that J. P. Fox who played the title role was suffering from an attack of 'flu. Miss Lane from Mayfield School, our guest adjudicator for this year, said that she and her colleagues were particularly impressed by the special effects and noises off, while the

atmospheric touch created by selections from "The Planet Suite" by Gustav Holst served to enhance the proceedings, even if longer than necessary. The greatest acclaim went to P. L. Eastwood for his noble and moving interpretation of the luckless Gloucester. N. Smith offered a more than convincing imitation of a raving lunatic, slipping with ease into Edgar's moments of princely sanity, while G. Douel's quiet dignity and R. Smith's worldly innocence helped towards the histrionic effect. We are indebted to M. Douel who took charge of the technical side, and P. G. Lewis our industrious stage manager.

Once again Gibbon carries away the Fives Cup, having overwhelmingly defeated all opposition from the other houses. The team of P. Eastwood (captain) and B. G. Norton proved themselves once again to be endowed with crack prowess as worthy supporters of the House. Gibbon's Chess team was also triumphant, due to the expert tactics of G. Douel and his team, P. Eastwood, A. D. McNeil and V. Wasserman, gaining two wins and a draw, and consequently the cup.

Very much of the credit for our successes on the athletic field this year must go to the dogged determination of our captain, D. Cross, whose job it was to lick a team into shape against great opposition from the vicious British weather. Although we came in third, and sports day was marred by a heavy and continuous fall of rain, the House put up a very brave show. Our leading competitors were P. Friedlander (Under 14—2nd Hurdles, 3rd Long Jump and 100 yards), B. Eadie (Under 14—2nd 220 yards), P. Constantine (Under 15—1st 100 yards, 3rd 220 yards), A. Bonner (Under 15—1st 440 yards, 2nd 220 yards), D. B. Cross (Over 16—1st 220 yards, 2nd 100 yards, 1st Long Jump), M. Stemp (Over 16—2nd 440 yards, 4th 100 yards), S. Abercrombie (1st 880 yards, Shapcott Cup, 2nd Pole Vault, Javelin team). Our Shot team (Under 14—B. Eadie, 3rd, Gibbs, 2nd), High Jump team (Under 16—J. W. Smithers, R. Wall), and Under 15 Relay team all came in first.

On the Cricket field we have not been so lucky. Because rain stopped play our 1st XI match against Cromwell was drawn, leaving our score at 25 for 2, of which M. Stemp scored 10 runs. We also drew with Pitt, scoring 93 for 9 (Pitt declared at 97 for 9); our best batsmen were P. Eastwood (captain) who scored 32, and M. Stemp 31. The Juniors, ably captained by W. Fuller, lost to Cromwell and Pitt.

We would like to congratulate K. S. Kreuchen for gaining 2nd place in the Individual Foil Championship—this is a crowning achievement to several years of expert fencing for House and School.

It is now time to say good-bye to all the senior boys in Gibbon House, who have left or are leaving, to start life outside the School. We congratulate P. L. Eastwood for his provisional acceptance to Southampton University, B. G. Norton for Northampton Engineering College, J. P. Fox for the R.A.F. and J. C. Vallé-Jones for the Chelsea Polytechnic. To those Gibbon prefects who are leaving school for the last time, M. Douel to serve Her Majesty, B. Swaine who still hopes to function for the Old Boys Rugby Team, D. Cross who is moving from London, and all other boys who will not be returning next year, we wish all the best of luck in their careers and future studies. We hope all members of Gibbon House will enjoy an invigorating summer holiday.

J. P. Fox. U6a, Gd.

MORLEY This term we are pleased to say that our hopes expressed in the last number of the Link have been, for the most part, realised.

The House left no doubt as to the result of the Eisteddfod, since Morley obtained three first places, two second and one third. This success was due to no small extent to the untiring efforts of the co-ordinator, G. P. Squires, and the House organisers. We congratulate everyone concerned.

After winning the Cross Country Shield, Morley continued its run of successes by winning the Athletics Shield. We should like especially to

offer our praises to R. Evans, our able Athletics Captain. His leadership and example in the hard training done by the team was undoubtedly the deciding factor in our success.

In spite of a few individual efforts our Cricket Team, although it is under the able captaincy of K. Mattafice, who has just been awarded his First Eleven Colours, has not had the success we could have wished.

Morley Chess Team did not do as well as was expected and only came second.

Our hopes for winning the Swimming Shield are very high, and we have great faith in our Swimming Captain, P. G. Libby. In this field also we must congratulate J. G. Moore of 1 omega, on his success in the Middlesex Championships.

Unfortunately we cannot look with such pleasure on the state of affairs in Diligence, which is execrable. The House is maintaining its place at the bottom of the scale with great success! We suggest that the boys themselves take some interest in raising our present low level of Diligence.

R. S. Hore is to be congratulated on being chosen for the W. H. Rhodes tour of Canada. Morley House is proud of this signal honour shown to their Captain.

As a result of these activities Morley House has a good chance of retaining "Joey" this year. This will give us a good start in the larger House next year.

Finally we wish success to all those who are leaving Morley House this term, either at their University or in their chosen career.

R. S. HORE. U6sc.
A. E. PRESTON. U6a.

PITT At the end of this term Mr. Ascher is retiring from the School. He has been associated with Pitt House since he joined the staff of the School in 1919, and he has been our House Master for the past ten years. It is impossible in a few words to convey the debt and appreciation which we owe to him. Suffice it to say that Mr. Ascher will be greatly missed in many activities of School and House life and we extend to him our best and sincerest wishes for a happy retirement from Wandsworth School and all success in his new post.

Many senior members of the House will be leaving at the end of term, among them J. R. Tickner, R. Worrall and R. P. Middleton who will be shortly serving in Her Majesty Forces, I. H. Simons who has provisional admission to study Law at Birmingham University and R. H. Halfin who will be studying to become a chartered accountant.

Congratulations to R. J. Carr and to C. Christodoulou on becoming probationary sub-prefects at the beginning of term.

We were third House in the Eisteddfod competition at the end of the Easter Term, despite the high hopes of the House for retaining the Shield. Nevertheless the co-ordinator J. R. Tickner, and the other organisers—in particular R. P. Middleton who produced the House play at a very high standard which has been unknown for Pitt for many years—are to be congratulated for their enthusiastic work in this direction. A special mention must be made of P. N. Cassidy who came first in the Senior section of the Solo Reading.

Our achievement on Sports Day were unfortunately limited and seemed to correspond to the weather for the occasion. J. McClure, the captain, G. L. Wilson, R. W. Hancock, P. Lewis and T. Grantham are heartily congratulated on gaining first positions in the Wandsworth District Sports, and have been selected to represent Wandsworth in the London Championships.

The Senior Cricket team, captained by R. Eeles, have drawn their matches against Gibbon and Morley, and the Junior team, led by P. L. Lewis, won both their matches against the same Houses. We are at the moment only one point behind Cromwell, who are in the first place.

The diligence awards continue to be most pleasing and we are well in the running for winning the Shield.

Finally we wish every success to all members of the House who are leaving the School this term and trust that we may all return from the Summer vacation determined to be the first House to win "Joey" in our new environment.

I. H. SIMONS. U6a, Pc.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

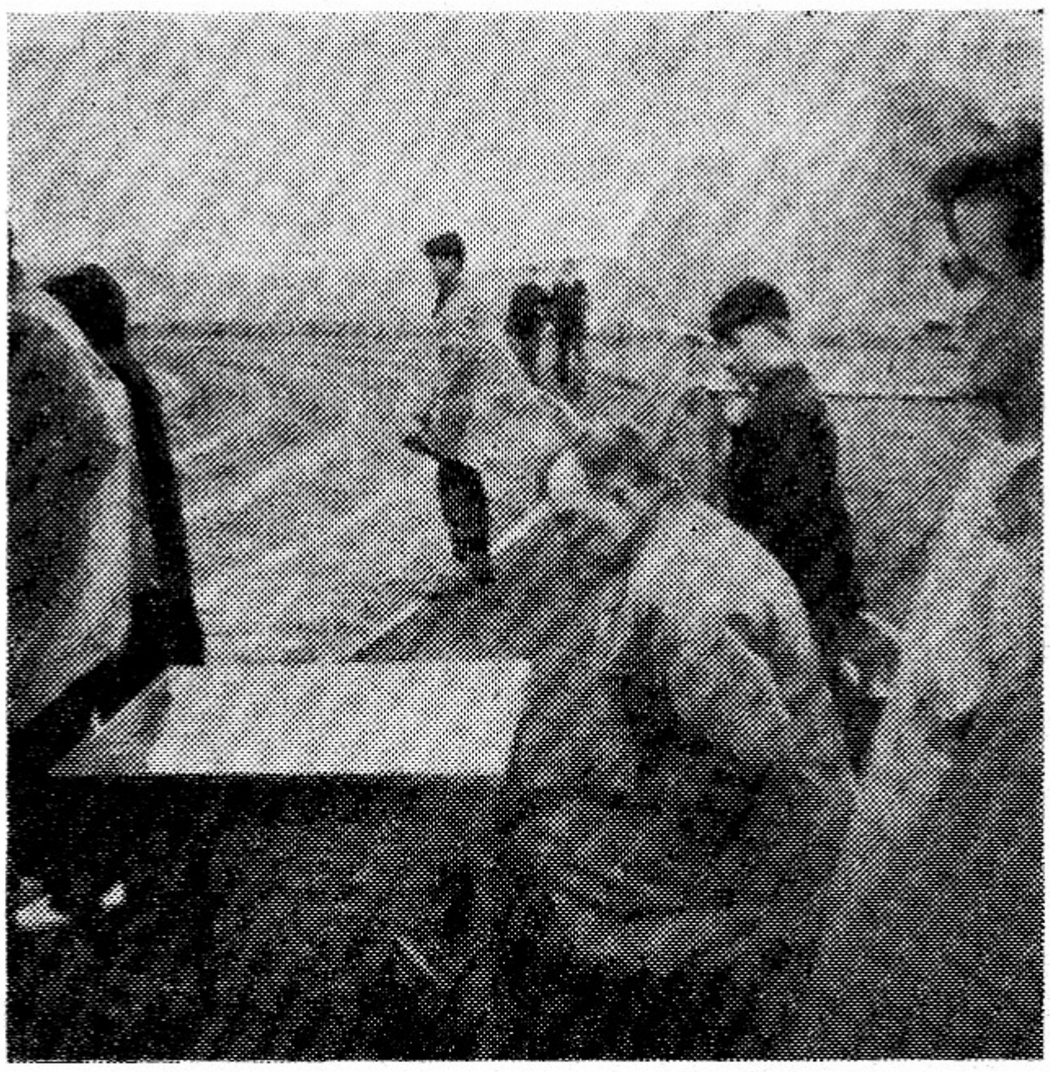
ATHLETICS

School Sports Day

The weather for this year's Sports Day was not at all encouraging either for competitor or spectator, since it rained continuously throughout the meeting.

However, undaunted, the competitors put up a very good show, and were encouraged by their loyal and enthusiastic supporters.

As time went on conditions became progressively more difficult, and it was decided that the five relays should be postponed until Friday, 4th May. During the afternoon Cromwell and Morley were battling for first place, although under such conditions it was difficult to say which was the better team, and at the close of the meeting Cromwell were leading Morley with Pitt and Gibbon in third and fourth places.



Typical Wandsworth weather

This year two new events were included in the programme—Hop, Step and Jump and the Pole Vault. The Senior Hop, Step and Jump was won by C. M. Newson (C) at 35 ft. 5 ins. and the Junior by M. W. Dodd (C) at 31 ft. 9 ins. The Pole Vault by D. J. Liggitt (C) with a remarkable vault of 8 ft. 9 ins., which is very promising for future competitions. The reason for the introduction of these new events is that they are included in the South London and Wandsworth District Sports.

Several records were broken, for example, R. G. Twyman (C) the under 12½ High Jump with an extremely good jump of 4 ft. 6 ins. In the same age group Morley's relay team won in a time of 1 min. 4.6 secs.

Under 15: D. R. Hancock (P) and J. A. Phillips (P) tied for first place in the Hurdles with a time of 13.3 secs, and the 440 yards was won by A. A. Bonner (G) in 57.4 secs.

The under 16 440 yards was won by G. L. Wilson (P) in 57.8 and P. A. Duggan (M) won the 880 yards in 2 min. 16 secs.

Other performances worthy of mention are:— In the under 12½ group K. P. Nebbett (C), who ran the 75 yards in 10.1 secs. and A. C. Knight (M), who won the Long Jump with a jump of 14 ft. 6 ins., this for a boy who is still under 12½ sounds very promising for the future.

Under 14: R. Knight (M) won the Discus with a throw of 78 ft. and M. Howe (M) the 220 yards in 28.7 secs.

Under 15: The Discus was won by T. H. Grantham at 92 ft. 4 ins., and P. A. Constantine came first in the 100 yards in a time of 11.6 secs.

Early on the morning of Friday 4th, all the boys in the House Relay Teams assembled at Wimbledon Park to complete the events that would give the final result of Sports Day. The weather was quite unlike that of the preceding Thursday. It was quite warm with a slight breeze, the ideal day for a sports meeting.

In the under 12½ relay Cromwell were most unfortunate not to win, for when not more than 15 yards from the finishing post K. P. Nebbett fell with an attack of cramp and Morley went home to win. Morley also won the under 14 and under 16 races, the under 15 by Gibbon and the Senior by Cromwell.

Morley finally emerged as the winners beating Cromwell by 6 points with Gibbon 6 behind in third place—20 ahead of Pitt.

South London G. S.

This year the School did extremely well to finish 4th in the South London Grammar Schools' Sports Meeting, which was held at White City on the afternoon of Monday, 14th May.

The outstanding performance of the afternoon was that of the Junior Relay Team which won in a record time for the meeting. Successes in the Junior Section were:— D. Brennan, who was 2nd in the Weight; M. J. Norman 2nd in the Long Jump, and M. Howe, who ran in both the 100 yards and 220 yards coming 4th and 3rd respectively.

Intermediate Section: G. L. Wilson 1st in the 220 yards; A. A. Bonner 2nd in the 440 yards; M. Nash 2nd in the High Jump; T. Grantham 3rd in the Hurdles and B. P. Evans 3rd in the Weight.

The Senior, although the weakest section of the team, did quite well. P. Duggan and R. W. Hancock were 2nd in the Mile Team Race; G. W. C. Wort 2nd in the High Jump and D. J. Liggitt 2nd in the Pole Vault.

Several other boys were unfortunate not to get placed, but must be congratulated on a very good standard of performance.

In the individual sections, the Juniors were 2nd; the Intermediates 4th; and the Seniors 5th.

Wandsworth District Sports

On Friday, the 1st June, the Wandsworth Schools Athletics Association held their annual meeting at Tooting Bec Track. The School again distinguished itself by winning both Junior and Intermediate Sections as it has done for the last 8 years.

Individual Results in the Junior Section:—

Under 13: A. C. Knight 6th in the 100 yards; S. E. Gibbs 1st in the 220 yards; M. R. Kyte and M. D. Nunn were unfortunate not to qualify for the finals of the Hurdles.

Under 14: M. Howe 1st in the 100 yards; B. A. Eadie 4th in the 220 yards; R. Mitchell 2nd in the 440 yards, and in the Hurdles K. P. Mills was 5th and D. G. Francis 6th.

Under 15: P. A. Constantine 1st in the 100 yards; P. A. Lewis 1st in the 220 yards; A. A. Bonner 1st in the 440 yards, in the 880 yards P. Veale was 3rd, and T. H. Grantham was 1st and J. F. West 5th in the Hurdles.

In the field events, A. Staig was 4th and R. C. Newman 5th in the High Jump; M. W. Dodd was 2nd in the Long Jump; J. Bullingham was 4th in the Hop, Step and Jump; in the Javelin P. Rees was 2nd; R. Knight was 1st in the Discus; D. Brennan was 3rd in the Weight, and in the Pole Vault H. Lee was 1st and P. M. Gillingham 2nd.

The Relay Team was also 1st; the team consisted of D. Brennan, T. H. Grantham, P. A. Constantine and M. Howe.

Results in the Intermediate Section:—

Under 16: T. Morris 4th in the 100 yards, and M. G. Bartley 5th; D. Frost 3rd in the 220 yards; G. L. Wilson 1st in the 440 yards; R. W. Hancock 1st in the 880 yards, and G. S. Piddington 4th in the Hurdles.

Under 17: D. Cross 1st in the 100 yards; E. Demetriou 3rd in the 220 yards; J. McClure 1st in the 440 yards; A. Claydon 2nd in 880 yards; M. Stemp 2nd in the Hurdles, and in the Mile P. A. Duggan was 1st, and S. Abercrombie 2nd.

In the field events, G. W. C. Wort was 1st and M. Nash 2nd, in the High Jump; A. S. Thrower 3rd in the Long Jump; in the Hop, Step and Jump R. W. Eeles was 2nd and R. B. Lloyd 3rd; S. Abercrombie was 2nd in the Javelin; D. Birkenshaw was 2nd and D. G. Hogg 4th in the Discus; B. P. Evans and J. D. Carr were 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Weight, and in the Pole Vault A. Barrett was 1st and D. J. Liggitt 2nd. The Relay Team, which consisted of D. J. Liggitt, M. Stemp, E. Demetriou and D. Cross, came 1st.

We congratulate the following boys who have been chosen to represent South London Grammar Schools against North London Grammar Schools later in the season: M. G. Nash, G. W. C. Wort, G. L. Wilson, A. A. Bonner, B. P. Evans, T. H. Grantham, M. Howe, M. J. Norman, D. Brennan, R. G. Twyman; and the Senior and Junior Relay Teams. Also P. A. Constantine, P. A. Lewis, A. A. Bonner, M. W. Dodd, T. H. Grantham, R. Knight, P. Rees, H. Lee, P. M. Gillingham, D. Cross, G. L. Wilson, R. W. Hancock, P. A. Duggan, G. W. C. Wort, M. G. Nash, A. S. Thrower, R. W. Eeles, D. Birkenshaw, S. Abercrombie, B. P. Evans, A. Barratt, D. J. Liggitt, who have been selected to represent Wandsworth in the London Championships.

G. W. C. WORT. L6sc.

Technical Branch

AERO MODELLING CLUB

President : Mr. Holmes.
Secretary : P. Cattani.

The Club was formed in response to the request of some keen aero modellers, by Mr. Holmes in November 1955. The Club has only four members: D. Bale, A. Simmons, B. Hanham and P. Cattani. This may not seem very many members, but Mr. Holmes is only taking in one or two members a term.

Each member pays a subscription of 3d. a week which meets half the expenses.

We hope that the Club will continue at the New School in January, and that there will be better apparatus and better conditions than we have here. So if there are any keen modellers who would like to join please get in touch with Mr. Holmes.

P. CATTANI.

Technical Branch

ART AND DECORATIVE METALWORK CLUB

Master in charge : Mr. Holmes.

This activity takes place on Tuesdays from 4—5 p.m. and Fridays from 4—6 p.m. The type of work done is chiefly hammered sheet brass and copper work. A good show was arranged on the occasion of the School open day last March. The display included tools and materials used to produce the finished brass and copper jobs on view. Two of the Club members were engaged in demonstrating methods used to produce the finished articles. A small subscription is paid weekly by Club members. The membership is small and must remain so as the nature of the work and time factor makes it impossible for Mr. Holmes to look after a larger number.

RALPH SMITHERS, *(Treasurer)*.

CHESS CLUB The School Chess team has now completed all the fixtures for this season. Altogether we played 16 games of which we won 5, drew 2 and lost 6.

In the Inter-House competition Gibbon achieved an unexpected victory with Morley in second place.

Finally congratulations to R. S. Hore and P. L. Eastwood on their awards of full colours and to G. P. Douel, R. A. Edwell and J. W. Boreham on their awards of half colours.

R. A. EDWELL.

Technical Branch

CHESS CLUB *President :* Mr. A. H. P. Pettitt. *Secretary :* M. K. Butler.
Treasurer : D. A. F. Morris.

I am pleased to say that the Club has had a very successful year. Its thirty-odd members, mostly Juniors, have played at each Club meeting, most of them observing the Club rules especially the one relating to silence. As all Chess enthusiasts know, silence is invaluable as an aid to concentration and to the solving and developing of many intricate problems that present themselves in this highly intellectual game!

Towards the end of March our Junior team played the Battersea County School Juniors, and though I regret to say we suffered a minor defeat, all played a good game and finished with an enjoyable tea, provided by our challengers. However, we hope to play them a return match in the near future and have a much better result. The competition has not yet finished so I am unable to give you the result as this note has to go to the Editor for the Magazine beforehand.

M. K. BUTLER.

COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION IN WORLD CITIZENSHIP

The South-West London Group of C.E.W.C. held a debate at the School on Monday, March 19th, when over sixty students from affiliated schools attended. The motion was "This House has no confidence in Her Majesty's Government"—it was defeated. C. M. Burnett and A. E. Preston were two of the main speakers and I. H. Simons was in the chair.

A repeat of the successful meeting of "International Records" held at the School a year ago; this time the venue was Kings College School, Wimbledon.

It is worthy of note to record that a recent meeting of the London District Council of C.E.W.C. the S.W. London Group appears, from the various group reports, to be the most successful group as regards attendance and meetings.

I. H. SIMONS. U6a, Pc.

CRICKET The general standard of cricket throughout the School this season has risen in comparison with 1955 and this has been reflected in the play of the four teams regularly engaged in inter-school cricket.

The 1st XI, with seven of last year's players available, has become a very serviceable team. J. B. Smith, in his second year as Captain, has led the team brilliantly and made the most of the resources at his disposal. The bowling especially has been formidable and few opposing teams have faced it with confidence. Unfortunately, however, the batting, although it has shown itself strong on occasions, particularly on hard wickets, has been uneven; whilst the fielding, with several notable exceptions, has been comparatively undistinguished.

A much younger side than usual, the 2nd XI has developed well. As with the 1st XI, the bowling is much stronger than the batting, which has been patchy. The team has yet fully to appreciate the importance of first-rate fielding.

Much of the most attractive cricket in the School has been seen in the Colts XI and Junior XI matches. Their play has been enthusiastic, skilful and thoroughly enjoyable to watch. Many promising all-round players seem likely to emerge from these teams.

There is no doubt that the standard of play in the School teams this season has been greatly influenced by the fact that a number of the most promising players regularly attended the Gover Indoor Cricket School at East Hill during the Winter and Spring terms. I should like to see this facility extended during the coming session.

Finally, I should like to thank all members of the Staff who have helped in any way during the season. We owe a debt of gratitude particularly to those who have assisted in coaching and have responded so willingly to the many demands on them to travel with the teams and umpire the matches.

R. J. THOM, *Master in charge of Cricket.*

Office Bearers—1956 : Captain of Cricket, J. B. Smith; Vice-Captain. J. W. F. Boreham; Secretary, C. M. Newson.

Cricket Colours : J. B. Smith, Amir Ali Agha, P. J. Burton, R. W. Eeles, K. E. Mattafice, C. M. Newson, D. A. Spooner.

Half Colours : J. W. F. Boreham, P. L. Eastwood.

FIRST XI

Captain : J. B. Smith. *Vice-Captain :* J. W. F. Boreham.

We are fortunate in having seven of last year's players to form the nucleus of the 1st XI this season.

There has been a great deal of attractive cricket in the matches to date, including several close and exciting finishes and some excellent individual performances.

There was an exciting victory over Henry Thornton's for example, when Burton and Spooner bowled the opposition out for 60 runs to enable us to win by the narrow margin of 6 runs.

Again, there was the exciting finish at Windsor, when we were narrowly defeated by two wickets, although six Windsor wickets fell for nine runs just previously!

In the match against Strand, memorable for a fine half-century by K. Mattafice, we just failed to force a victory and had to be content with a draw, despite some excellent bowling by Burton.

And, again, in the match against Spencer's, when we were beaten by the clock, within four runs of victory, with six wickets in hand and Amir Ali 41 not out.

Results to date :—

v. Windsor G. S. (away): Wandsworth 43 (Agha 21); Windsor 44 for 8 (Spooner 5 for 14, Burton 2 for 9).

v. Mitcham G. S. (home): Wandsworth 58 (Agha 31); Mitcham 59 for 4.

v. Henry Thornton G. S.: Wandsworth 66 (Spooner 18, Cox 12 n.o.); Henry Thornton 60 (Burton 5 for 20, Spooner 4 for 20).

v. Sir Walter St. John's G. S.: " Sinjun's " 146 for 8 dec. (Agha 5 for 47); Wandsworth 74 for 9 (Spooner 38, Eeles 25).

v. Strand G. S.: Wandsworth 127 (Mattafice 50, Eastwood 24); Strand 85 for 7 (Burton 4 for 20).

v. Spencer C. C.: Spencer's 120 for 4 dec.; Wandsworth 117 for 4 (Eeles 42, Agha 41 n.o.).

v. Sutton C. G. S.: Sutton 42 (Smith 7 for 14); Wandsworth 37 (Eeles 18).

Although at times rather too prone to unaccountable collapse, our batting has, on hard wickets at least, been good. In fact, I suspect there is more talent in the team than has yet been revealed.

We have a number of capable batsmen in the team—K. Mattafice and R. Eeles, our opening batsmen, both of whom have played several good innings; Amir Ali Agha, the outstanding batsman, and, indeed, the outstanding all rounder in the team, D. Spooner, who is improving rapidly; and P. Coppock, a young player from last year's Colt's XI, who will certainly make his mark in School Cricket.

We are fortunate in having a heavy battery of bowlers. P. Burton, who has bowled this season with great fire and aggression is the most improved of our regular bowlers. He and Spooner make a fine, attacking pair of opening bowlers. Amir Ali, too, has bowled his leg-breaks with admirable judgment and skill.

C. Newson has kept wicket consistently well. In some of our matches I have wished that certain other members of our team would keep an equally high standard. Games are won by good fielding as the example of Amir Ali and P. Eastwood has proved.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Thom for all he has done for cricket throughout the School and for once again acting as Master in charge of the 1st XI.

J. B. SMITH. U6a, Cd.

SECOND XI

Captain (till June) : P. L. Eastwood. *Vice-Captain :* R. P. Middleton.

Captain (from June) : R. P. Middleton.

Few of last year's side were available and the team has usually included six of last year's Colts. For so young a side the results have not been discouraging. Team spirit and enthusiasm have been high and the prospects for next year are excellent.

Our bowling has been a feature of the games to date with Miller as the most consistent performer. J. Davies has bowled fast and accurately and, on occasion, with great hostility. K. Hudson also has bowled well when not needed for the First XI.

P. Eastwood started the season as captain but was promoted to the First XI after several good performances with both the bat and the ball—his best was 5 wickets for 30 runs against Windsor. R. Middleton took over in June.

The batting has been uneven and the scores disappointing in view of the many promising batsmen in the side. There has been a general tendency to surrender wickets through bad strokes instead of making the opposing bowlers work for success. R. Edwell and A. Oldall have settled down as a sound opening pair. Middleton (31 not out against Strand and a good innings against Windsor and Sutton) and P. Foulds have been the outstanding middle batsman. The best score to date is 108 for 8 (declared) against Strand, when most of the side showed ability to score runs and make strokes on a good wicket. M. Rickman has shown considerable promise and A. Stewart, J. Palmer and G. Miller have given useful support.

The inconsistency of the batting and dropped catches have been the main cause of the four defeats to date, although against Sutton and Henry Thornton we were below strength. The ground fielding has been adequate, with Edwell and Oldall outstanding. Middleton has handled the side well and his wicket-keeping has been a conspicuous feature.

Second XI badges have been re-awarded to K. Hudson, J. T. Davies, R. A. Edwell, P. W. Foulds; and awarded to R. P. Middleton, P. R. Coppock, A. Oldall, B. A. Cox.

The following boys have represented the Second XI: P. L. Eastwood, R. P. Middleton, J. T. Davies, P. W. Foulds, G. P. Libby, R. A. Edwell, A. Oldall, K. Hudson, J. Palmer, G. Miller, M. Rickman, B. Cox, P. Scott, A. Bari, J. Tickner, B. Johnston, J. Bussien, J. Francis, A. Stewart, B. Barlow.

We should like to thank Mr. Thew very much for the active interest he has shown as the member of Staff in charge of the 2nd XI.

P. L. EASTWOOD. U6sc.

R. P. MIDDLETON. L6ec.

Results to date :—

Scores :—

v. Windsor: Wandsworth 73 (Middleton 17 n.o., Edwell 13, Eastwood 10); Windsor 63 (Eastwood 5 for 30).

v. Mitcham: Wandsworth 40; Mitcham 41 for 6 (Miller 3 for 5).

v. Henry Thornton: Wandsworth 31; Henry Thornton 38 for 3.

v. Walter St. Johns: Wandsworth 51 (Edwell 10, Miller 10); Walter St. Johns 54.

v. Strand: Wandsworth 108 for 8 dec. (Middleton 31 n.o., Foulds 28, Oldall 14, Edwell 10); Strand 92 (Hudson 4 for 23, Davies 3 for 20, Foulds 2 for 5).

v. Sutton: Wandsworth 48 (Middleton 19); Sutton 50 for 2.

COLTS XI

Captain : D. L. G. Simpson. *Vice-Captain :* D. T. Wingfield.

The Colts are becoming a useful team. There is a good spirit amongst them and a fair ability.

In the first match against Mitcham they forced a draw with a good innings by M. Dodd and 5 for 18 by P. Rees. Next week they beat the Juniors, thanks to a seventh wicket stand by Wingfield and Rees. Henry Thornton School won rather luckily by 4 runs, for if Simpson had known how close we were, he might have hit them off.

The match against Sir Walter St. John's was won easily by 6 wickets, with L. Congdon scoring a good 20 not out and getting 3 wickets for 3 runs, and Simpson 4 for 5. Against the Elliott School, who made 93, the Colts replied with 80 for 6, W. Fuller making 19, and Simpson and Wingfield batting together well when stumps were drawn. Rather poor bowling lost this match. There are six more to play.

Simpson is a good team captain and becoming more confident as batsman and bowler. He is well backed up by Wingfield, vice-captain. Dodd, Congdon and A. Jales have batted well, and Rees, Congdon and T. Elson are useful bowlers, though sometimes erratic. There are no passengers in the team, and several useful reserves. The fielding and general appearance on the field are smart.

The following have played: D. Simpson (Captain), D. Wingfield (Vice-Captain), M. Dodd, L. Congdon, A. Jales, T. Elson, P. Rees, W. Fuller, K. Robins, P. Lewis, I. Thirlwall (wicket-keeper), D. Hyde, J. Hewitt, J. Atack, K. Markham.

A. R. HAGGARD, *Master in charge of Colts XI.*

Results to date :—

Scores :—

v. Mitcham G. S.: Mitcham 60 (Rees 5 for 18); Wandsworth 36 (Dodd 17).

v. Wandsworth Juniors: Juniors 55 (Prestedge 13, Elson 5 for 14); Colts 57 for 8 wickets (Wingfield 13, Eadie 3 for 14).

v. Henry Thornton G. S.: Wandsworth 45 (Simpson 12); Henry Thornton 49 (Congdon 3 for 2, Rees 3 for 5).

v. Sir Walter St. John's: Sir Walter St. John's 27 (Simpson 4 for 5, Congdon 3 for 3); Wandsworth 28 for 4 wickets (Congdon 20 n.o.).

v. Elliott School: Elliott 93 (Wingfield 4 for 20, Rees 3 for 28); Wandsworth 80 for 6 wickets (Fuller 19, Dodd 12, Simpson 13 n.o.).

JUNIOR XI

Captain : J. Cousins. *Vice-Captain :* P. Coppock.

The Juniors this year have shown outstanding talent, and have won most of their games. J. Cousins has proved a knowledgeable Captain, and the team have backed him very well. The side is, indeed, very keen and most co-operative.

Cousins is the outstanding batsman, and his innings against Mitcham and the Elliott were excellent; he is far more aggressive than he used to be. B. Eadie bids fair to rival him; his style is awkward, but he hits the ball hard. M. Ginn, though he has to correct one or two faults, looks like developing into a really stylish player; he has been dogged by injuries. B. Brind, M. Burriss and M. Haley also look like real batting prospects, though Haley must learn to score off pitched-up bowling. The rest of the team, though less sound, are by no means rabbits; it is quite exceptional to have a Junior side such as this, which bats right down the order.

B. Burge is certainly the most promising bowler; his batting is somewhat rustic, though often effective. Eadie is fast, but rather erratic. G. Dawber shows promise but must settle down to one style; his throwing in the field has earned several wickets. Ginn and Cousins show promise as slower bowlers.

M. Prestedge is probably the most promising wicket-keeper we have had for some years. Catches have mostly been held, but the ground fielding could do with some improvement.

The team owes a great deal to the encouragment and help of Mr. Burgess especially in the supervision of weekly practice.

J. D. SOLOMON, *Master in charge of Junior XI.*

Results to date :—

Scores :—

v. Mitcham G. S.: Mitcham 67 (Eadie 4 for 19, Cousins 2 for 1); Wandsworth 68 for 7 wickets (Cousins 28, Eadie 26 n.o.).
v. Henry Thornton G. S.: Wandsworth 42; Henry Thornton 38 (Burge 4 for 11).
v. Sir Walter St. John's: Wandsworth 69 (Eadie 20, Burge 18, Brind 12); Sir Walter St. John's 39 (Eadie 5 for 12, Dawber 2 for 1, Burge 2 for 16).
v. Wandsworth Colts: Juniors 55 (Prestedge 13); Colts 57 for 8 (Eadie 3 for 14).
v. Elliott School: Elliot 64 (Burge 4 for 14), Eadie 3 for 16, Cousins 2 for 5); Wandsworth 68 for 3 (Cousins 33, Burris 15 n.o.).
v. Sutton G. S.: Wandsworth 45 (Eadie 22); Sutton 51 (Cousins 7 for 12, Burge 3 for 9).

Technical Branch

CRICKET This season, so far, we have played four matches, winning two, losing one and drawing the other. We lost our first game with Southfields by 17 runs but easily won the return fixture by 7 wickets and 58 runs, thanks largely to Carter and Salmon. The third game, with Chartesey, was spoiled by rain, but the draw was in our favour. The last game with Dunraven we won, but only just, due to over confidence on our part.

Team analysis:— Salmon—Fine all-rounder. Carter—Steady fast bowler and hard hitter. Hurcombe—Spin-bowler. Dale—Average all-rounder. Squires—Spin-bowler. Pheysey—Sound opening bat and fine fielder. Shearwood—Other opener—extremely reliable batsman. Barratt—Medium bowler Hancock—Steady medium bowler. Chivers—Wicket-keeper. Has shown good form. Briault—Reserve wicket-keeper—has only played once but has good form. O'Hara—Good reliable batsman.

B. ARMSTRONG, *(Captain).*

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Since the time of writing last term's notes two meetings of the Debating Society have been held. The first of these took place on Monday, 27th February, when the motion was that "In the opinion of this Society, modern man cannot live by science alone". This was proposed by R. Williamson and opposed by Mr. L. A. Fenn. This debate proved to be a very stimulating one, the motion being carried by eleven votes to four with eleven abstentions, so impressive were the conflicting arguments put forward.

The final meeting of this School year was held on Monday, March 12th. The motion on this occasion was that "This House has no faith in Her Majesty's Opposition", proposed by B. R. Harding and P. J. Drain and opposed by C. D. Irving and P. G. Libby. After an extremely lively debate the motion was defeated by eight votes to four with four abstentions.

On Monday, May 26th, Mr. R. Acland enlightened the Fifth and Sixth forms on "The Art of Public Speaking" in a talk, which was itself a model of how to interest and convince an audience. We are greatly indebted to him for the many hints he gave to our budding speakers for improving their effectiveness in debate. This year the Debating Society has had quite a successful run as an important school activity during the winter months, and I hope that it will continue to flourish on an expanded basis after the enlargement of the School in September.

R. CARR, Honorary Secretary. L6a, Pd.

I should like to add the Society's thanks to R. Carr for his zealous support, particularly in helping to persuade members to make opening speeches and in diligently keeping the minutes in a most efficient manner.

W. E. PAYNE.

THE FENCING CLUB

As usual, fencing has not continued either in organized games or in the club during the Summer Term. However, fencing activities have not ceased completely. Near the beginning of term the final of the School Individual Foil Competition was fought. The final was rather dull, owing to the fencers being out of practice. G. Squires won the competition for the second time with K. Kreuchen second and N. Bishop third.

The Club has already had a very exciting match with Lycée Français, the juniors winning by 11 bouts to 5, and the seniors narrowly losing on hits. Besides a return match with the Lycée we also have matches with King's College, St. Paul's School and West Square School later in the term.

Next year fencing will expand tremendously. It will be part of the organized games of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th forms. New courses have been planned and a very large fixture list is being made out.

R. BAKER, Honorary Secretary.

Technical Branch

FISHING CLUB

President : Mr. Gee.
Secretary : R. Massey.

During the last season the Club has had several outings to different fishing spots, and has had fairly good catches. Our first visit of the season was to Teddington Gravel Pits where a mixed bag of fish weighing over seven pounds was caught. They included roach, bream, perch, dace and small chub.

Another visit of note was to a reservoir from which a good pike of 12 pounds was taken, along with some good perch, using gudgeon livebait.

During the Easter holidays a visit was paid to Brighton where we indulged in some seafishing resulting in a bag of fourteen flounders and some ling.

The President had a fair measure of success seafishing in Cornwall. He caught some fine sea-bream, pollock and bass in the deep pools in the rocks, and turbot off the beach.

S. Hannay caught a lot of fish at Kingston, including a small pike; T. Allan landed a five pound pike in Barnes reservoir using live bait; S.

Harrison a two and a half pound tench at Runnymede; K. Oram a three pound carp at Bridgnorth, Shropshire; while B. Hudson from the Uxbridge Canal, and E. Hubsch from the River Mole had useful bags to report.

FIVES CLUB *Captain:* P. L. Eastwood. *Vice-Captain:* J. W. F. Boreham.
Secretary : J. W. F. Boreham.

After a good season, the School Fives team managed to finish third in The Marchant Cup Competition. This was the same position as last last year, but a very commendable one owing to the inexperience of the newcomers to the team. The team was P. L. Eastwood J. W. F. Boreham, R. Edwell, H. I. Butnick, with R. Hore as first reserve.

The trial pairing of Eastwood and Butnick turned out very well and they were beaten only once. The newcomers to the team played very well indeed. Butnick's powerful left hand service proved well nigh untakeable on many courts, and Edwell's positional play has been excellent.

There is only one School result that has to be reported and that was an away match at Hackney Downs School when we were between 97—135. R. Hore played in the absence of Boreham, who was ill.

In the School Individual Championship the four seeded players reached the semi-finals. The holder Eastwood reached the final beating Edwell (15—5, 15—5) and now waits to meet the winner of the other semi-final match between Butnick and Boreham which has unfortunately been delayed due to the courts being redecorated.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Mr. Tremayne and wish the best of luck to the future fives teams of Wandsworth School and hope that they will regain the Marchant Cup.

P. L. Eastwood.
H. I. Butnick.

THE INTER-SIXTH SOCIETY NOTES

The Inter-Sixth Society has held two meetings since the last number of the Link. These were a Concert and a lecture.

The Concert was held at Battersea Grammar School and consisted of musical items and readings by the members themselves. Our School was well represented with B. Johnston, G. Williams and J. Sharp in music and A. Preston reading. The attendance was gratifyingly large and we hope that such a successful event will be provided next year.

The lecture was on Extra-Sensory Perception and was given by Dr. S. G. Soal who is well known for his experiments in this field. The illuminating speech given by Dr. Soal led to an interesting discussion, under the able chairmanship of Miss Miles, the headmistress of Mayfield School where the meeting was held.

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on 16th July, at Wandsworth School. To provide a background to this we have arranged a varied and interesting programme.

We must thank all the Headmasters and Headmistresses of the member schools for their willing assistance which they continue to give the Society. Mr. King especially must be thanked for the willing help he has given us.

Mr. Thom also deserves our gratitude for the untiring efforts which he puts into the Society.

R. S. Hore is to be congratulated on the able way in which he has taken care of the finances of the Society and it is largely due to him that these finances are in the healthy state that they are.

We are grateful, too, for the support given us by the Old Boys' and Parents' Association—especially the latter upon whom we have relied to a large extent for our refreshments. The Sixth Form of the School have also supported these functions well and we hope that they will continue to do so next year.

This term marks the end of our position as host School and the end of my tenure of the post of Secretary. We can, I think, look back with satisfaction on our record.

A. E. Preston. U6a, Ma.

LITERARY AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

It was decided to hold only two meetings this term as the G.C.E. will soon be starting. The two meetings this term were both interesting and valuable. Professor Orlin Corey, on the initiative of Mr. Waters, addressed the Society and answered questions on the "Theatre in America". At the other meeting Mr. Evans led a discussion on "Othello" which was especially interesting for those of us who had recently attended the Burton-Neville interpretations of "Othello" at the Old Vic.

The Sixth form went to the Old Vic on Thursday, 19th April, to see the unusual production by Tyrone Guthrie of "Troilus and Cressida".

Finally our thanks to Mr. Thom and other members of the staff who have given freely of their time, and enthusiasm, to the great benefit of the Society's members.

I. H. SIMONS. U6a, Pc.

RAILWAY CLUB

A small party of members of the Railway Club met on Saturday, April 28th, at Clapham Junction. We left at 8.45 a.m. on the "Kensington Flyer", so called because its maximum speed is about 15 m.p.h. We arrived at Addison Road (Olympia) and set out on foot for High Street, Kensington, where we boarded the Inner-Circle for Paddington. There was a wait of half an hour at Paddington so the boys went off to explore. Mr. Bacchus went to the main booking office and asked for a single to Drayton Green Halt. The booking clerk, after consulting the Railway Map and everyone in the building, managed to produce a ticket. We found the train and jumped aboard and after a minute or more the Guard waved his flag and we slowly puffed out of the station. At Ealing Broadway we changed to a push-and-pull (a carriage that is pushed one way and pulled the other) and puffed on to Drayton Green where we left the train.

After consulting Mr. Bacchus's guide we walked to Castle Bar Park where after a wait of half an hour, during which time R. Williamson took our photograph, we jumped aboard the same push-and-pull and travelled back to Ealing Broadway. After a wait of five minutes we boarded another train and headed for Acton main line. On this part of the journey Mr. Bacchus spotted an engine named "Sir Felix Pole", and after consulting numerous books came to the conclusion that it had been recently renamed from "Wardour Castle" in memory of the late General Manager of the G.W.R.

At Acton main line we set out on foot once more and when someone told Mr. Bacchus the time, we fairly "stepped on the gas". We caught the train at Acton Central but broke our journey at South Acton to have a ride on the single underground carriage that runs from Acton South to Acton Town. After the ride we were just buying our tickets when our next train pulled into the station. Everyone pelted over the footbridge and tumbled aboard just before the train started. We arrived at Richmond where we changed to Southern Electric and went back to Clapham Junction or disembarked en route at Putney. We had enjoyed a full but interesting morning.

D. HYDE. Mb, 4Pi.

Technical Branch

STAMP CLUB

President : Mr. Young.
Secretary : R. F. Chivers.

We have more than a hundred members this year, and half of them are First formers. Fortunately they cannot all turn up together. Chief interest has been in Nigeria and Gold Coast Queens but lately some Senior members have been looking for Great Britain line-engraved.

Great Britain, current Queens to 1/6 have taken some finding, and so have the 27 stamps to 1/- of George VI.

COMPETITION, 3RD MARCH.

D. Snare (I.S.) won the only prize awarded for Great Britain, George

VI. to 1/-. He also won second prize for Great Britain, Queen Elizabeth, the first having gone to G. White (3E).

In the Commonwealth class M. Morgan, 3E, took first place with his Trinidad and Tobago set, followed by G. White (3E) and P. Royer (I.S.) with Kenya sets; while F. Love (I.S.) was fourth with Nigeria Queens to 10/-. R. Chivers (5TH) won a first prize for a thematic set (Sports), followed by M. Morgan (3E) who, as usual, showed a managerie of animals.

K. Oram (4.O) was awarded a Consolation prize in the Foreign class.

A word of thanks to Mr. Makin and Mr. Gee for being such excellent judges and giving up their spare time to judge the Competition. I think everybody, including the losers, was satisfied with the result.

R. F. CHIVERS.

Technical Branch

SWIMMING The School representatives gave a good account of themselves in the Wandsworth Schools' Gala, winning the Intermediate trophy.

The life-saving section continues to flourish and the following boys have gained the Bronze Medallion and the Bronze Cross of the Royal Life-Saving Society:—

C. Briault, R. Chivers, F. Dale, J. Davies, B. Hanham, L. Hargrave, R. Philpot, R. Waterman.

This year for the first time two boys attempted the examination for the "award of merit" of the Royal Life-Saving Society and W. I. Newnham and D. Giles are to be congratulated on their success in this very difficult test.

Congratulations also to C. Briault and E. M. Cullum on being chosen for the Wandsworth District Senior Team.

S.S.

Technical Branch

TABLE TENNIS The Table Tennis Club has continued to lead a vigorous life throughout the last few months. Officially the Club meets on Tuesday nights for Junior members under the supervision of Mr. Crawford and on Thursday nights for Senior members when Mr. Dormon is responsible. Unofficially the Club meets every dinner time and every evening when bats and nets are borrowed from Mr. Dormon and returned (usually) the next day. The membership fee is 6d. per term which entitles the member to the use of table, bat and net. As keenness develops boys often purchase their own bats the latest acquisition being a Snapjap (I think), a normal bat covered with approximately half an inch of sponge on either side.

If this innovation contributes even in a small measure to reducing the volume of sound which usually proceeds from the hall during meetings of the Table Tennis Club, then I say, "all power to the Snapjap!".

E.G.D.

Technical Branch

THE TRAVEL CLUB This Club is a new venture and was formed in September by Mr. Moss. Its aims are to make visits of educational value and promote interest in the way things are made.

At the meetings held in School, a film show was given by Ovaltine Products; Mr. Makin gave talks and showed three sets of slides (coloured), on Austria and Switzerland; also, two films were shown one on "A School Journey to Switzerland", and a coloured film on "Bavaria".

The programme out of School included visits to the United States Air-force Schools at Bushey Park, in conjunction with the Field Club; The Royal Mint, Louis Newmarks Ltd. watch and instruments factory, and Philips Electrics, Mitcham Works, to see production of television and radio valves and the assembly of sets.

Altogether, the meetings and visits were very well attended, and the whole programme has been most successful.

G. V. Moss.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

Hon. Secretary It is regretted that we must begin these notes by recording yet another change in our Honorary Secretaryship. Reg Finch has been obliged, through increasing commitments, to relinquish the office, and at our recent A.G.M. Stan Harrison was elected as his successor. Whilst thanking Reg for his past services (and he only handed over as he did not wish to do less than justice to the job), we express the pious hope that Stanley may settle down to a lengthy tenure. It is remarkable that, whereas the Association enjoyed an unbroken period of some 20 years from Stan Fairey as Secretary, since his elevation we have had four different secretaries within 6 years. Such instability in this office cannot be good for the Association. Our new Hon. Secretary may be contacted as follows:—S. Harrison, 21, Twilley Street, Wandsworth, S.W.18.

Memorial Fund Although the acquisition of the Girdwood Road site has been agreed in principle by the Memorial Committee, certain legal problems have arisen to protract definite action at the moment. To proceed with the scheme without resolving these would be fraught with danger and quite contrary to the " counsel's opinion " that has been obtained. Further developments are awaited in due course.

Rugby Club The Old Boys rounded off a moderate season with a most ambitious and noteworthy Easter Tour in East Anglia, where several Fen-land towns were painted Maroon, White and Gold and brewery output resources were strained to the limit. Report has it that some rugby matches were contested, but these appear to have been purely incidental.

Mr. J. A. Ascher The retirement of Mr. Ascher at the end of this Term is the first of a Master in recent years of which the Association has had prior knowledge. We would, therefore, take this opportunity of remarking the enduring and affectionate memories which Old Wandsworthians all over the world retain of this wonderful teacher—those who left the School 30 and 40 years ago no less than the most recent Old Boys.

We would thank him for his devoted service over the years to the School (and to us!), and we would wish him to be assured that he takes with him into his well-earned retirement the sincere good wishes of the Old Wandsworthians Association for good health and many years of enjoyable leisure and pleasure to come.

D.C.F.

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION In the last issue of this magazine reference was made to the approaching Annual General Meeting of the Parents' Association, and it was suggested that we might do well to give some thought to our organisation and what we are aiming for. The meeting has been held and we can now reflect. An association that has an A.G.M. quite formal and uneventful is sometimes so perfect that no member wishes to complain or even offer a new idea in the form of a motion; on the other hand it is sometimes the association itself which somehow fails to inspire enthusiasm into its members and this results in an annual meeting without event. It is sincerely hoped that the fact that there were only about 100 members at our A.G.M. will not be accepted as evidence that we are not fulfilling a useful purpose in the life of the School. It is well to recall that our Chairman commented on the 23 years of the Association's existence, and one cannot help but feel that any parents'

association that has existed for 23 years is certainly not without merit. It must have been of considerable service to its school, or else it would have ceased to exist long before. But there should be no doubt in our minds that the present and the future also have use for the Association, and the future status of the Association is entirely dependant on the support it receives from its members.

All members should have received a copy of the Annual Report, and whilst not wishing to reiterate the facts as set out therein, attention is directed to the donation of £100 that has been made to the School "Help Fund". Only the voluntary subscriptions and generous donations of the parents allow the Parents' Council to make such gifts as these to the School in the name of the Parents' Association.

At the time of writing the new Council has not met, but in the very near future we shall be considering our programme for the winter months to come. In recent years we have tried several kinds of "intellectual parlour games", and also several serious evenings, but new ideas will be welcomed from our members. If you have any suggestion for a meeting, just write to the Secretary of the Parents' Association, care of the School, and the Parents' Council will be happy to consider it.

Finally to both new and old members it cannot be stressed too strongly that the Association exists solely as an organisation to foster co-operation between the School and the parents of the boys who attend. It is complementary to the School and the educational system. All that the Association does for the School helps ALL the boys, and the Association can best help ALL the boys when ALL the parents give support to the Association: this means not only financially, but by attendance at meetings.

E. G. GREEN.

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