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HEADMASTER'S NOTES

On 16th February, 1962, *The Times* prominently carried a notice that the Queen had approved the appointment of Mr. L. K. O'Brien to the court of Directors of the Bank of England. We are proud of this distinction that has fallen to an Old Wandsworthian who is also a Governor of the School. The appointment runs for four years from March 1st and from that date the familiar signature will cease to appear on new currency notes.

The School also congratulates another Old Wandsworthian, Sir Lawrence Menzies, upon the knighthood conferred in the New Year's Honours List. Sir Lawrence, who was at the School 1918-23, has served as secretary of the Export Credits Guarantee Department and is adviser to the Bank of England.

The Rev. Dr. A. R. Winnett, the Old Wandsworthian who dedicated the War Memorial Pavilion when it was opened by Tom Voyce in 1960, has recently been appointed Honorary Canon of Guildford Cathedral.

W. J. Cotterell (1925-32), now Principal of the College of Further Education, Kidderminster, expects in the near future to pay us a visit.

The whole school and especially the Building Department were profoundly shocked to hear of the death of Mr. Dormon during the Christmas vacation. A teacher of his distinction and experience in the field of Building Studies is rarely found in a secondary school. We were most fortunate to take him over from the Brixton School of Building in 1947 and to retain his services until his untimely illness and death. We extend our deep sympathy to Mrs. Dormon and her two daughters.

We welcome Mr. Pugh Evans who joined us in January as Geography master in the place of Mr. Eaton, and Mr. J. V. Coen who came to supplement the staff half way through the Spring term.

We are indeed sorry to lose Mr. Hanson this Easter. He has served the School well in many fields and deserved his promotion to the Deputy headship of Highbury Quadrant Primary School. Mr. J. C. Jones is moving to a school nearer his home in Reading and Mr. Grylls is returning to the north country.

Next term we shall have Mr. D. J. P. Lee to replace Mr. Hanson, and Mr. S. C. Munson for Woodwork.

The W. H. Rhodes Canada Trust offers scholarship tours of Canada to 16 boys from London Grammar and comprehensive schools each year. In spite of keener competition in recent years, Wandsworth boys continue to receive awards most years, and we congratulate Daniel Nathanson, deputy Head boy, on being selected for the 1962 Tour.

Particular distinction falls to the French Department this year in the winning of L.C.C. Modern Language and Travel Scholarships by three most worthy pupils: R. C. Dirs, A. R. Knight, R. C. Pearson, all of whom are to be warmly congratulated.

The Executive Report of the London Schools A.A. for last year records a tribute to Mr. R. F. Clark, Chairman, for suggesting and carrying through the innovation by which the London Teams got together prior to the S.A.A. Championships for lunch at Wandsworth School, and for briefing, kitting-up, and training at the Wimbledon Track. Competitors felt that this did much to create a real London team spirit.

One of our newer sports is Hockey which finds its first mention in these notes. The School Hockey team played well to win 10—1 (against Elliott) in their first match of the season.

The School Basketball Team earned the distinction of beating Sutton who have been Surrey champions for the last three years, winning a fast and fierce match by 51—34 points.

On Tuesday, 16th January, the Rev. David Bubbers, Vicar of St. Michael's, Southfields, addressed the inaugural meeting of the Christian Union, which has continued its weekly meetings this term.

Most of the large number of boys who spent a fortnight during the Autumn term 1961 at the Rural Centre at Marchant's Hill, did extremely well, according to a letter I received from Mr. J. L. Mattock, the Warden.

Congratulations also to R. F. Lee (4Ep, Ca) who last term won an L.C.C. bursary that took him to a course at the Outward Bound School.

I wish to acknowledge the gift from Mr. Walter Clarke, O.B.E., Governor of the School, of a splendid set of architectural plates of the Grecian and Roman Orders and Ornament. We are also indebted to Mr. Maurice Pearson, L.D.S., R.F.P.S., of 12, Augustus Road, for a table tennis top and other equipment.

On two occasions this term, routine had been broken for certain groups of boys by performances in the Grand Hall. The first was a dramatic sequence, "The Prisoners," by a group representing the movement called "Tomorrow's Audience." The second was a 'Cello recital and demonstration, mainly for younger boys, by David Ffrancon Thomas.

On February 14th Mr. Burgess and the Semi-Chorus gave a Recital of Choral and Organ Music in the Danish Church, Regent's Park. I am pleased and proud to have a tape-recording of the whole notable performance.

The School and its parents owe much to the enterprise of Mr. Aubrey and other members of the Staff for another annual Careers Convention on March 2nd. This is a worth-while task of considerable magnitude and is well supported by both parents and boys, as indeed it should be. Actually, of course, it is a public manifestation of the still vaster amount of work that is continuously called for from those responsible at school for vocational guidance and actual help with careers, in general co-operation with the Youth Employment Service and its Advisory Officers.

I have received a very warm letter of thanks from the Lady Almoner of the Victoria Hospital for Children, S.W.3, for a box of wooden toys constructed by boys of 5 Kappa. Such social service is deservedly appreciated and I am glad that we have boys who are prepared to give their skill and time to it. The beautifully constructed, and brightly coloured toys must have given great happiness to a number of necessitous children at Christmas time.

The following boys from the Fifth and Sixth Forms have been awarded the Bronze Cross of the Royal Life Saving Society, gained under the tuition of Mr. S. Smith: M. J. Carroll, R. G. Cobb, I. Mc.D. Donno, D. C. Edwards, J. M. Flynn, M. Fountain, T. A. Johnson, P. E. Pearce, L. G. Quilter, A. D. Sieradzki, P. C. Sprigings.

The Fencing Club showed its appreciation of the gift of electrical fencing apparatus by the Parents' Association by giving a display for parents' benefit on February 8th and showing some excellent coloured films of their activities.

Honourable mention to Mrs. Bloss who this term retired from the Kitchen Staff after 14 years' service.

Congratulations to R. F. Alder who was this term appointed a Second Prefect of the School. His place as House Captain of Morley has been taken by R. C. Pearson. The following have been appointed School Sub-Prefects:—

Cromwell House: S. Dean, W. H. Burford, J. Elson.
Morley House: T. L. Smith, K. E. Towers, G. M. Woodcock.
Pitt House: A. R. Lafta.

OBITUARY: MR. E. G. DORMON

The sudden passing of Mr. Ernest George Dormon came as a distressing shock to all those whom he knew, particularly to his colleagues at Wandsworth School.

I first met "Ernie" Dormon in 1924, when, on opposing sides in the final of the West London Schools Football Championship, we played on the Fulham F.C. ground, Craven Cottage. Our paths did not cross again until 1943, when I was appointed to Brixton School of Building. It was Mr. Dormon who took me to lunch and guided my initiation into the Technical School, where I later discovered he had, until that time, spent most of his working life, since I had last seen him in 1924.

Mr. Dormon gained a scholarship to the Brixton School of Building and after completing the Junior Technical School course, he started as a Bricklayer and later was promoted to Clerk of the Works with Messrs. Crouch and Co., Builders. He spent most of his evenings back at Brixton School of Building studying, until he qualified in Building Construction and became a "silver medallist" in the City and Guilds of London Examination, 1933. He gained a Higher National Certificate in Building with distinction in 1936, when he was elected as a Member of the Royal Sanitary Institute. Also, he was appointed to the staff of the School of Building in the "Brickwork Shop."

He became head of the Building Department at Wandsworth School in 1947 and in that position his qualities as a craftsman and draughtsman were given full scope in his teaching. His students at the end of their training had the "stamp" of the draughtsman. It was Mr. Dormon's knowledge of the building industry and the esteem it held for him, which provided the opportunity for the "placing" of many of his students. During the past fifteen years there are many Old Boys of the School, who owe the success in their careers, not only to the latter, but also to the training they received in Mr. Dormon's classroom.

Apart from his activities in vocational guidance, Mr. Dormon was a very active member of the School staff. He was Tutor-set master of Cromwell "H" and in this capacity he took a great interest in the welfare of his boys. He became Chairman of the Staff Common Room

in 1959-1960, which office he filled with a quiet dignity and wit. He was also a member of the School Choir and he took a great interest in the social activities of the Parents' Association, particularly the "Technical Branch" Association which joined the main school in 1956. Mr. Dormon was always present at social functions and on many occasions he acted as M.C.

Mr. Dormon was a kindly, modest man, of great ability in his chosen career. He loved his home and his family and his affection and knowledge were dedicated to the School. His loss to us is a very grievous one and we shall miss him very much.

H.S.S.

WANTED — A MISSING LINK

If any Old Wandsworthian among our readers has still a copy of *The Link* for Spring, 1926, may we appeal to him to donate it to the School?

We have recently been considering having all the issues of the 45 years of the magazine's history bound in volume form, but we find that the School's files have no copy of the Spring, 1926, issue.

EDITORIAL



Unlike the previous two Editors, I am a scientist. I don't mean, by this, that I am any good at it, but that Science is what I study here. Because of this, I hope that you will not judge my first Editorial too harshly. For one of my literary skill even to rival the beautifully constructed passages that have appeared here before is a goal almost beyond hope.

I don't want to suggest, however, that I and the other members of U6Sc are a load of illiterate morons. Those of you who have read *The Link* before will remember that we scientists have always been ready to concentrate upon solving important moral questions. E. Slater, now departed, wrestled long and earnestly with the problem, "Is πr^2 immoral?" (Eric never reached a decision, but my own view is that it is a matter for one's own conscience.)

Politics interest us, and, after sometimes heated discussion with members of Staff certain embryo chemists have been heard to mutter "Communist!" (or "Fascist!"). My personal interest in this field is the idea of the Herrenfolk. As a biologist I question the existence of a master race. However, evidence of the existence of an *inferior* people has presented itself to me, notably in the form of members of Three Millimicron.

I am disturbed by the popular misconception that sixth formers in general, and the U6Sc. in particular, never do any work. This has arisen, no doubt, because of a general unwillingness to talk shop when relaxing (although some sources have unkindly alleged it is because of a general inability to talk shop at any time). I must refute this most emphatically. Such restraint is exercised because we don't wish to bore the uninitiated with reams of technical chat, and is only one manifestation of the impeccably good manners for which the science students at Wandsworth are justly renowned.

D. T. SNELL, U6Sc, Pc.

Will readers please note that the above was written in a trance proceeding along Sauchiehall Street and should be touched only with a long de-wiring stick. In addition, we would like to state that any approach to coherence or veracity is purely coincidental and should be reported to the nearest bakery.

BARTHOLOMEW FAIR

Christmas Production, 1961



The zest and originality of the School's dramatic productions have been highly and widely praised by actors and critics and in the National Press. Over the past few years Mr. Roy Waters has established a distinctive style, almost now a tradition, characterized by clear, forceful movement, gesture and pose. This style is so assured that one is hardly ever conscious of watching a play acted by boys, or demanding special and lowered standard of judgement.

In some ways Ben Jonson's *Bartholomew Fair* is not especially suited to the style since its language is hard to follow and it seems to lack any clear central ideas which can give a direction to movement or gesture, as the absurdities of the bureaucrats gave direction to the movement and gesture of the production of *The Bath Hause* last year. If anything dominates the play it is the fair itself and it was the atmosphere of the fair which inspired the production, an atmosphere brilliantly suggested by Mr. Jeff Hoare's set and Mr. John Gibbs' music. The revolving stage, built specially for the play, was the focal point, and around it Mr. Waters grouped the large cast in continuous movement. Occasionally the movement was drawn to a climax, for a song, a brawl, or the puppet performance; but for most of the time there was a constant flow of characters across the stage, crystallising into one or another group with each shift of plot and dialogue. The central characters, as last year, were turned into precise caricatures, and among them R. C. Dirs, as the fey and foolish Bartholemew Cokes, was outstanding. But there were a large number of vivid and accurate performances: N. Hillyard as the hypocritical puritan; R. D. Ward as the testy old governor; B. M. Ayres and P. R. Goddard as the cutpurse and the pig woman; A. Shearman and K. J. C. Stratford as squabbling stall holders. Stratford's performance in the puppet scene was one of the most notable climaxes in the play. All these were actors who spoke and, as with the other name parts, created very vivid personalities; but the members of the crowd, passing behind the revolve or coming up to take part in a game or a quarrel, were equally vivid. Hence the excitement with which the fair came to life.

This excitement is the quality that makes Mr. Water's productions so notable. The experience of taking part in them must be an intense and exhilarating one. The experience of watching them is immensely enjoyable. It is also moving.

M.A.

Cast

Visitors to the Fair

JUSTICE ADAM OVERDO (guardian to Grace) ..... R. F. Alder
MRS. OVERDO (his wife, sister to Bartholomew) ..... M. C. Hudson
BARTHOLOMEW COKES (betrothed to Grace) ..... R. D. Dirs
HUMPHREY WASPE (his governor) ..... R. D. Ward
GRACE WELLBORN (ward to Overdo) ..... G. R. Jennings
JOHN LITTLEWIT (a solicitor) ..... G. A. Clarke
WIN LITTLEWIT (his wife) ..... D. Jackson
DAME PURECRAFT (her mother, a widow) ..... D. A. Bateman
ZEAL-OF-THE-LAND BUSY (a puritan, suitor to Purecraft)...N. Hillyard
NED WINWIFE (another suitor to Purecraft) ..... P. Kennedy
TOM QUARLOUS (friend to Winwife) ..... A. R. Knight

Stall holders, etc., at the Fair

LANTERN LEATHERHEAD (a pedlar and puppet man)...K. J. C. Stratford
JOAN TRASH (a ginger-bread woman) ..... A. Shearman
URSULA (a pig woman) ..... D. R. Goddard
MOONCALF (tapster to Ursula) ..... P. D. Boorman
NIGHTINGALE (a ballad singer) ..... D. T. Snell
EZEKIEL EDGWORTH (a cut-purse) ..... B. M. Ayres
DANIEL KNOCKEM (a horse dealer) ..... F. J. Shaub
CAPTAIN WHIT (a procurer) ..... D. P. Grant
TROUBLEALL (formerly a Justice's Clerk, now mad) ... R. T. Comely

Officers of the Law

BRISTLE ..... R. Locker
HAGGIS ..... A. T. Shrewsbury
TWO CONSTABLES ..... C. J. Seaber, A. D. Sieradzki
FIVE SMALL BOYS ..... K. M. Owen, with E. C. W. Isaac, T. C. T. Smith, K. E. Spray and N. R. Stark

Members of the Crowd: W. H. Burford, G. A. Cramp, A. Dobbie, A. R. W. Dodd, C. F. Hewlett, B. M. Hopkins, J. J. Jewkes, M. C. K. Kane, R. D. Kiralfy, R. W. Knight, R. R. Knightley, J. A. Lally, F. G. D. Meades, M. J. Milan, M. J. Nicholls, P. E. Pearce, C. J. Smith, R. Webber, C. M. Williams, R. A. Worthy, J. E. Yeomans.

PRODUCTION PERSONNEL

Producer: Roy Waters
Stage Manager: Keith Newson
Designer: Jeff Hoare
Business Manager: Mr. J. E. Austin

Musical Director:
John Gibbs, Esq (piano), with Alan Harpley (clarinet and saxophone) and M. P. Mitchell (trombone)

Stage Team:
W. H. Burford, G. A. Cramp, B. M. Hopkins, J. J. Jewkes, M. C. K. Kane, R. R. Knightley, M. J. Milan, C. R. Smith, R. Webber

Lighting: C. M. Fogg and C. L. Boyes
Prompters: P. James and P. C. P. Lewis

Sound: Mr. A. M. Lincé
Curtain: D. A. Nicholls
Small Properties: P. D. Leverick
Call Boy: C. R. Hudson

Construction and Properties:
Messrs. R. Bailey, J. R. Cheetham, Jeff Hoare, K. N. Newson, Mrs. Newson, P. Hardy, members of Four Alpha and others

Make-up:
Messrs. J. E. Austin, T. E. C. Baker, G. M. Evans, D. A. G. Grugeon, H. Hamilton-Sneath, A. Howe, R. E. Mansfield, K. N. Newson, N. F. Roberts, A. J. Smetham.
Puppets by David Robinson, Esq.

SPEECH DAY, 1961

" Wandsworth School is in the forefront of educational advance, and a pace-setter to the nation in the trend towards a longer school life," said the Headmaster in his report on Speech Day on the evening of Thursday, 2nd November.

He reported that 70% of all boys in the School stayed on beyond the statutory school leaving age—twice the national average. The sixth form was four times as large as in the past, before the School became comprehensive, and results at Advanced Level G.C.E. were better. Indeed, the School's achievements were fast discrediting the belief that there was a limited " pool of ability."

But apart from these academic achievements, the School's cultural life was thriving also. The inspectors who had visited the School in the Summer had drawn particular attention to its music and drama.

J. A. Lally, Head Prefect, also spoke enthusiastically of the vigour and variety of all the School's cultural activities, and D. P. Nathanson, Second Prefect, gave details of the eighteen sports now played at the School.

Lt.-Col. G. L. Matthews, Chairman of the Governors, took the chair throughout the evening's proceedings, and introduced the distinguished Old Wandsworthian, Mr. L. K. O'Brien, chief cashier of the Bank of England, guest of honour on this occasion. As an old boy, he spoke feelingly of the extent of the School's progress in the last few years. He then presented the many prizes, cups and trophies (details of the Prize List were published in last term's *Link*), while the Mayor of Wandsworth, Councillor L. Dally, came forward to present the Mayoral Certificates of Good Citizenship for 1960-1961.

Sir Hugh Linstead, O.B.E., M.P., then proposed the vote of thanks to Mr. O'Brien.

At intervals throughout the evening the audience were once more delighted by the contributions of the School Choir, under Mr. Russell Burgess. M.A.



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IN THE " GREEN ROOM "

D. P. Grant and M. C. Hudson make last minute adjustments.

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

For several years now, staff have believed that many parts of the curriculum can be taught outside the classroom. I think that certain visits arranged recently for the Economics Sixth, to firms typifying modern commerce and industry, have proved this. We have not only learnt what is in text books, but far more. Each visit has provided us with a wealth of knowledge that we could never have received at school, however good the text books or the teacher. This extra knowledge " brings alive " all the text book theories, which previously we were only able to read. It demonstrates exactly how economic principles are

used in modern industry, how the problems are met, and the solutions used.

In our studies of Economics we need to study, in great detail, the structure of British industry and commerce, as well as the international connections of these two broad categories.

We have been able to visit many firms, including: Cadbury's at Bournville; The Read Paper Group at Ashford; Vauxhall's at Luton; The Atomic Energy Authority, Harwell; Lloyds; The London Commodity Exchange; and Insurance Companies in London and Dorking. This short list will give an idea of the comprehensive course we have to cover. From each visit, without exception, we have benefited greatly. Not only do we learn the strictly academic principles, but also gain first-hand knowledge and experience of firms which might be our future employers, and indeed become aware of opportunities of employment hitherto unknown to us.

In addition, we become more aware of the social problems encountered, and how some of the larger firms attempt to promote staff relations, and better working conditions. We also experience the social conditions of workers, the advantages and disadvantages of various methods of production to the workers. This makes us conscious of the human factor in modern industry, with so much complex automation.

There are other educational trips arranged by the School which, in their own way, are very good for what they attempt to do. For instance, we have the " Week in Industry." This is an annual venture, going to various parts of the country to study industry and geographical features. In the two years I have participated in this trip, it has been very interesting as a general study. But once a boy reaches his second year in the sixth form, and is studying a subject at advanced level, he needs more than a general view of an industry or topic. We, unlike the " Week in Industry," go out with the object of getting detailed and specialised knowledge. Since we were all in the upper sixth, and already had a good basic knowledge of Economics, we were not given the normal little talk in layman's language, and we were able to meet personnel of the manager and executive status, who were not only able to give specialised views, but also balanced ones, as they were fully aware of forces outside their own particular spheres of interest. With a large party of varying age and education this would not be possible. We were continually treated as adults with a basic knowledge of Economics, and our hosts continually brought this out by questions and personal discussion. On several occasions there were so many managers entertaining us, that each boy was able to talk to them individually.

We should like to see this experiment turned into a tradition of the School. Boys in the sixth form, specialising in an advanced level subject, should be able to go out into modern industry and commerce, to experience their text book theories and to learn the many things that just are not in any books. This is needed, I feel, far more on the Arts side. After all, the scientists can make miniature " bangs " in the laboratories, so why should not those of us who study people go out and see those people at work?

B. H. COLEMAN, U6Ec, Ca.

CANADA, 1961

The W. H. Rhodes Education Trust Tour

We sailed on the evening tide of August 2nd, from Liverpool, aboard the Cunard Liner R.M.S. *Corinthia*. Once aboard, we all tried to get to know each other, since none of us had met outside our individual city groups, these being London, Birmingham, Manchester, Bradford and Glasgow. However, we soon made new friends amongst the other members of the party during the 7-day journey across the Atlantic, spending our time playing games, dancing, visiting the cinema, preparing our ship's concert, or just relaxing in the lounges. Thus in spite of bouts of sea-sickness, which some members had unfortunately to endure, the ship's life was fine.

Arriving at Québec on the 8th, we went for a short tour of this very French city. Our stay only lasted a few hours and, having visited the Plains of Abraham and La Citadelle, we had to return to the ship in order to continue the journey over-night to Montréal. On arrival here we bade farewell to the crew of the *Corinthia*, and set out for breakfast at the Queen's Hotel. Our stay lasted two days, seeing on our first day La Université and Weredale Camp, the summer camp of Weredale House Orphans' Home. The next day after a civic reception, a tour of the City, and a civic luncheon, we visited the famous McGill University. Then, after dinner at the National Film Board, we travelled overnight to Toronto.

At Toronto, we were received by Mayor Nathan Philips in the morning, and in the afternoon we visited the great mass production meat produce firm, Canada Packers Limited, en route to Hamilton. At this town we visited McMaster University, one of the first to have its own nuclear reactor. After lunch we met some of the local students who were to be our hostesses later that evening. The rest of the day was spent at a civic welcome and a tour of the harbour, which houses Canada's major steel manufacturing plant.

The next day being a Sunday, we attended Morning Service at St. Catharine's, a town situated between Hamilton and Niagara. Our next visit was to the Queenston Power Station of the Ontario Hydro Company, this is one of the stations using the water and the facilities of the Niagara region to provide power for industrial Ontario. The rest of the day and the next morning we spent viewing the magnificent spectacle of the Niagara Falls, certainly one of the tour's highlights.

We then left for Toronto again, via the Thobold Mills of the Ontario Paper Company, and this showed us the mechanics of one of Canada's major industries. On our second visit to Toronto, we saw a



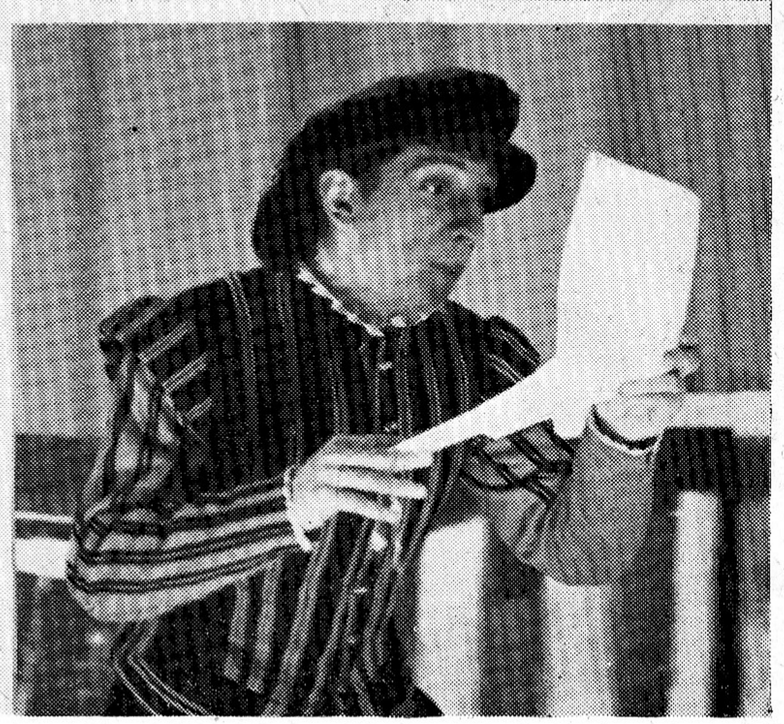


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R. D. Ward, A. R. Knight, B. M. Ayres, R. C. Dirs, D. T. Snell, D. P. Grant, D. Jackson, F. J. Shaub and G. A. Clarke.

Canadian football match, The Royal Canadian Yacht Club, and the huge Canadian Bank of Commerce building, one of the tallest in the Commonwealth. We also visited Toronto University, a historical pioneer farmstead, and the David Dunlop Observatory, with its 74 inch reflector, not forgetting a most enjoyable evening in the homes of Toronto Rotarians.

Travelling overnight, we next visited Sudbury, the world's greatest source of nickel and, in spite of sulphur fumes in the plant works of I.N.C.O., this was a most impressive visit. It was rounded off with a square dance that evening with students and nurses from the neighbourhood. The next destination was a summer camp in the heart of N. Ontario's Temagami forest reserve. Here was spent a very fine four days, swimming, canoeing, hiking and in other forms of strenuous relaxation, and it was with very sad faces that we left this wonderful friendly camp.

The last two days were spent in Ottawa and it was a very busy two days. The first was spent in visiting the Ministry of Agriculture's Experimental Farm, which investigates and researches into all aspects of Canadian farming, and the National Mint. That evening we were privileged to meet Miss Canada who was being entertained in our hotel. The next day was the real day to remember, for having seen the Changing of the Guard, and visited the Parliament buildings, we returned to our hotel to be told that Mr. Diefenbaker wanted to meet our party. We therefore returned to Parliament, this time to the Prime Minister's office. The luncheon that day was our last official engagement and we were joined at this by the acting High Commissioner, the Leader of the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill, and the Deputy Sergeant at Arms.

Later that day we returned to Montréal to embark on R.M.S. *Saxonia* for the return journey to Southampton. As I look back on the great experience of the tour now, I realise how much I owe to Mr. Rhodes, to those in charge of the party and to those who selected me, both at School and County Hall.

JOHN A. LALLY, U6Ec, Ma.

SKIING IN NORTHERN ITALY

This February we met together for the third Wandsworth School Ski Journey. Previous ski parties had visited Germany and Austria. This year we decided to visit Süd Tyrol, Northern Italy.

The party of 36 Wandsworth boys met on Victoria Station at 2 p.m. Here they met Mr. Jonathan of Archway School, Highgate, and his party, the two parties were going to combine for the journey.

The boat train left promptly and in a short while we were crossing the Channel in the S.S. *Maid of Orleans* bound for Calais. At Calais the train for Vienna was waiting. The party had a complete coach of couchettes reserved and most of us removed shoes and ties and, wrapped in a blanket, prepared to sleep our way through Northern France, Switzerland and Austria.

Lunch was eaten on Innsbruck Station and the final leg of the journey was by train through the famous Brenner Pass to Colle Isarco, the first stop over the frontier.

We settled into the very comfortable Hotel Leopoldoh, but discovered that our party made up only half the total number of guests, the remainder being German, Austrian and Dutch.

In the morning we were fitted for our skis and met our very fit-looking, bronze instructors. We divided into groups according to ability and the serious skiing began. Each group became very wrapped up in its own progress and our instructors insisted that their own groups were doing the best.

After two days Herr Grobner, the hotel owner, asked if we would rather be on our own and opened another hotel for us. We were now independent and could eat and organise ourselves without interfering with the running of a large hotel.

As the days went by it was obvious that most of the party were learning the basic skills of skiing and having learnt to stop and turn we could enjoy quite long runs. But it was not until we went up 3,000 ft. by chair lift that most of us realised what a joy skiing could really be. Here we saw many experienced skiers flashing down the mountain slopes and returning by the chair lift. We had to keep to the higher mountain slopes but still found this most enjoyable.

As well as skiing the party also experienced the continental way of life. No more sausage, egg and chips for us. The continental breakfast came as a shock to some, as did the various types of pasta which appeared from time to time. Most of the party sampled the wines and beers of the area and gained a little from the café night life of a small mountain town.

The final day saw the party taking part in a Slalom and Down Hill race organised by the Ski School. That evening we met our instructors for the last time and prizes were awarded to deserving cases.

Next day we packed and, with many local friends waving goodbye, we set out for Innsbruck and home. Our return journey was marred by an accident on the line which stopped our train from getting through. We missed our boat and had to catch a later one. We felt very sorry for our parents who waited so patiently on Victoria Station.

However, late as it was, we arrived at Victoria and broke up taking away many unforgettable memories—friendly people, good food, sympathetic instructors and, above all, enjoyable skiing with a hope of more to come.

CONTEMPORARY QUOTATIONS, No. 30:

"It is surprising Lafta ever got to Swansea: I had to tell him where Wales was."—Mr. Aubrey.

HOUSE NOTES

CROMWELL

There is only one piece of news for these notes. We record with sincere regret the death of Mr. Dormon during the Christmas holiday: a great loss to his set and the House, as well as to the School.

We now look forward to a new Spring, but nothing has happened yet which would interest anyone reading these notes, nothing at all. There are no leaves on the trees. *Almost* nothing: I forgot that the yearly drudge of House rivalry puts up its latest pretence of activity. Somewhere from the husk of the winter term, " reps." are quickening, running to their posts: the slow wheels of the Eisteddfod begin to turn. But not everything has died. Brian Sawyer is organizing the House's musical entry and we realise that the sound of the new organ has been filling the school all through the winter, but the Eisteddfod gives new impetus to the unfreezing of the year. Elsewhere Adrian McInnes lays plans for the improvement of Speech in Cromwell House at the expense of all competitors. This year Daniel Nathanson will explore the potentialities of the apparently thriving, but intangible world of the Literary Composition. As Art representative, Shahid Aziz will receive empty promises too. Elsewhere (somewhere in the technical block, I suspect) John Nievergelt will be waiting for those boys who arrive at half-past-eight with wings of aeroplanes, etc., etc., sticking out from under their coats. Stephen Mehlman will produce Capek's " The Insect Play " for the inter-house Drama. There are glimmers of life in other quarters: the writer of the House Notes is still searching for the authoritative spelling of Eyestedford and Barry Coleman will appear in all sorts of unpredictable places to exhort the team to exhort the house to renewed effort.

Let there be a springtime effort this year, a real effort.

N. HILLYARD, U6A, Cc.

GIBBON

" I admit that I am not confident, but I am not afraid." This quotation from our eminent Prime Minister sums up quite well my feelings on writing my first House Notes and on looking forward to the coming Inter-House competitions.

However, Gibbon is the Cock House at the moment and if all Gibbonites give their full support and co-operation to the organisers of the various activities, thre is no reason why we should not retain " Joey." So far Gibbon has won the Cross-Country under the captaincy of Elliott and we are doing fairly well in Diligence. However, we are not yet leading in the latter, so let us make an all-out effort to win the next award so that we may have a chance of gaining the trophy. Our Fives Captain is very confident of winning the Fives trophy.

At the moment the most important matter is the Eisteddfod, but when this is being read it will all be over and the results should be known. I hope that apathy will not prevail after our revival last year, when we just missed winning, and that we shall regain the trophy which was once regarded as permanent Gibbon property. The following are the officers voted for the Eisteddfod organisation:

Gymnastics—K. R. Blake.
Drama—D. Bateman and R. Dirs.
Music—K. Stratford.
Literary Composition—R. Poppelsdorff.
Hobbies and Art—E. Charleton.
Speech—V. C. Hykel.
Co-Ordinator—D. C. Lloyd.

Finally, I must say that, if the true spirit of Gibbon prevails and all Gibbonites do their best, I shall have only compliments to write in my second House Notes.

P. J. FOGG, L6Sc, Gb.

MORLEY

At the beginning of this term we said goodbye to J. G. Moore, our Vice-Captain and Captain of Swimming. We were very sorry to lose him, but wish him the best of luck in his new job. He has a very worthy successor as Swimming Captain in R. Herbert, Mg.

A little later in the term, R. F. Alder, the House Captain, was promoted to deputy Head Boy, a great honour, and one well-deserved. R. C. Pearson was promoted to House Captain in his place, and F. J. Shaub and P. C. Hart were appointed joint Vice-Captains.

At the first house-meeting of the term, of January 11th, the following Eisteddfod representatives were democratically elected:

Art—I. S. Jenner, U6G, Mf.
Hobbies—R. C. D. Simons, U6A, Md, and G. J. Thorne, L6G, Me.
Literary Composition—R. C. Pearson, U6A, Mb.
Music—J. A. Lally, U6Ec, Ma.
Speech—B. J. A. Schol, U6A, Mb.
Drama—D. P. Grant, L6Sc, Ma.
Gymnastics—R. Sturman, 4Th, Ma.
Athletics—P. Beard, L6G, Me.
General Co-ordinator—R. F. Alder, U6Ec, Md.

It is too late to exhort you to support these officials, although at the time of writing the Eisteddfod still looms on the horizon, and there is still a lot of work to do to ensure another success. I hope, by the time you read this, you will all have worked hard enough to achieve this.

Another thing some of you should struggle to achieve is a decent diligence total. In the first award this term, only three Morley sets managed to reach an average of 4 or more, and three were below three points, a really shameful result. We came last, of course, far behind our nearest rival. It is just not good enough; nobody should get a negative total, and those people who get less than their set average must try to do better.

Next term we have the House and School sports. I trust none of us has forgotten the disgusting result of last year's effort, and we are all determined not to let it happen again. Even a full entry in all the events would be a great improvement, and we might even try to win something this time.

After all these do's, a few don't's. Don't come into assembly wearing or carrying overcoats or scarves; don't forget your hymn book; don't chatter during assembly; don't lean on the front rail, or the back wall; and don't go out over the backs of the seats afterwards, just keep in your own row: you will get to your lessons soon enough.

Finally, remember that next term is the summer term, and we shall need a cricket and a swimming team.

R. C. PEARSON, U6A, Mb.

PITT

Up to the time of writing, there has been little social activity in the House, mainly because of the Eisteddfod to come. The result will, of course, be too late for inclusion in this term's issue, but a full list of points will be in the next *Link*. Whatever the result, I hope that you, personally, feel satisfied with the effort that you made. The Eisteddfod representatives who were elected at the House assembly are:—

House Play—P. Kennedy, L6G, Pj.
Solo Reading—B. Farrow, L6A, Pc.
Literay Composition—P. Hodges, L6A, Pc.
Speech Choir—D. T. Snell, U6Sc, Pc.
Hobbies—M. Hamp, U6Sc, Pa.
House Co-ordinator—P. Hodges, L6, Pc.

In Diligence, the outlook is very promising. Pitt has come first in every Diligence award, so far. Special congratulations should go to Pitt A, and Mr. Lewinnek, who have been leading set so often this year.

Next term come the G.C.E. examinations. I would like to offer best wishes to all members of Pitt House who are sitting examinations at any level.

It is a pity that sporting success does not go hand in hand with scholastic success, but Pitt is doing very well in the most important field of activitiy—school work.

D. T. SNELL, U6Sc, Pc.

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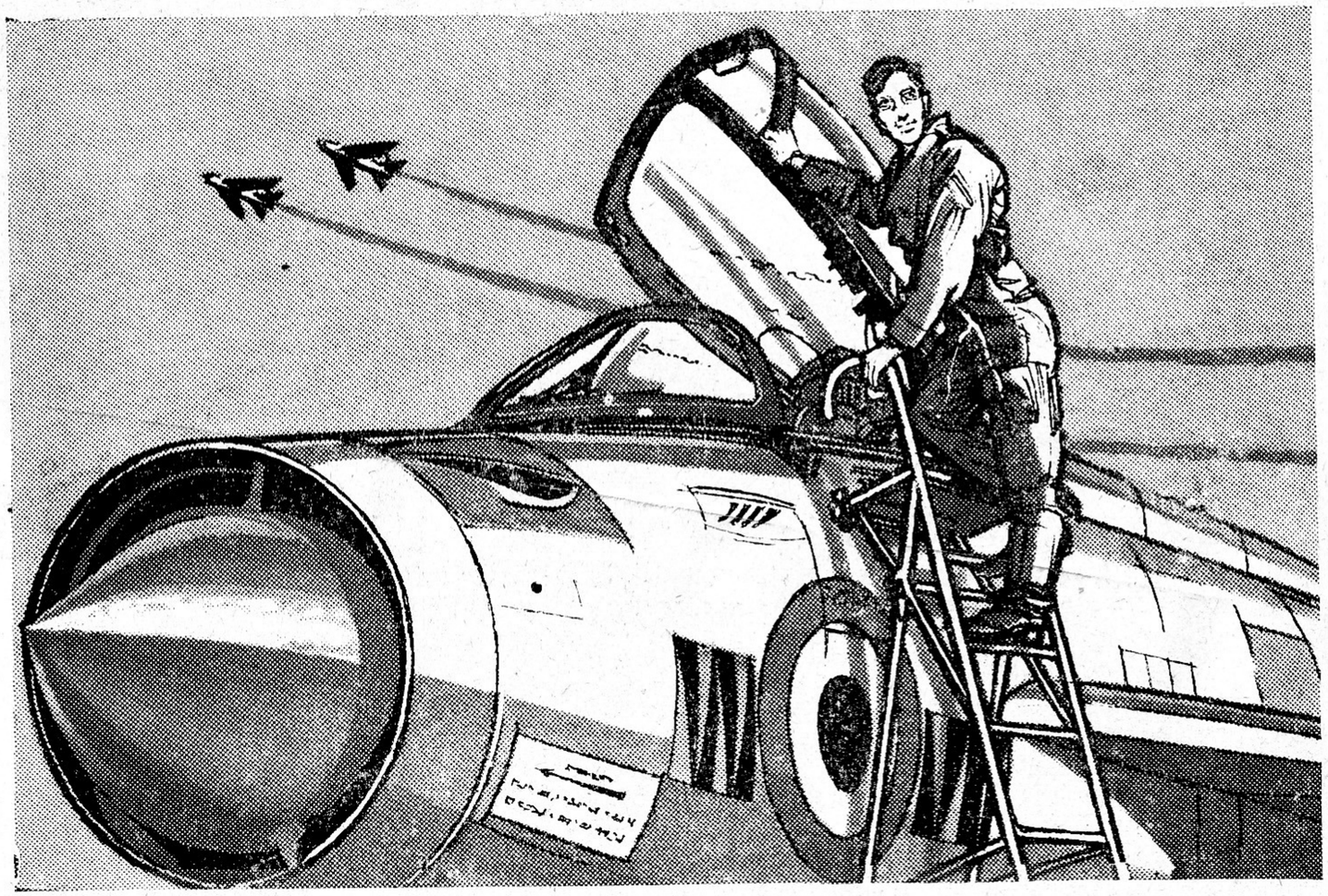
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EPSILON'S FABLES

THE TWIST

Once upon a time there was a little square stool. It had not always been a little square stool; at one time it had been a real, hep, straight-backed chair. This was how the stool would tell the story of his downfall:

"It was me or him. The saw approached me. So I turned to one side, twisting my legs to and fro. Then I swayed my back sideways. The saw dug in his blade, and started swinging. There we were for ten minutes, the saw digging like crazy, and me twisting like billyo. Then I swung round so that my back faced him, keeping my feet on the ground floor. It was a fatal mistake. His blade bit into my back. Saw-dust trickled over my seat. Then my back fell off. So I became a little square stool."

Moral: Even the best twisters may end up as squares.

F. A. BONE, 3Ep, Ce.

WALLEY BEE

Once upon a time there was a kangaroo named Walley Bee. He was a very agile kangaroo and could jump 100 feet in one pace; he could even jump across a whole valley in a few strides. But Walley was very careless and did not worry if he knocked down his neighbours' wheat fields or fences or even his neighbours themselves.

After a while Walley's neighbours decided that it was about time they had a talk to him about his irresponsibility.

Walley, after being told off and threatened by his neighbours, decided to be careful from then on. He looked before he jumped over a valley or a fence; and after doing this for a few days decided that it was quite the best thing to do in future.

One day Walley went up into the mountain. While he was hopping along, he came across a gaping hole in the ground and, doing as his neighbours had told him, he looked over the edge to see what was there before he jumped. But the sight of the great space of nothing below made him giddy and he fell headlong into the deep hole and was killed.

Moral: Leap before you look.

K. R. CATCHPOLE, 3Ep, Gj.

THREE BEARS

Once upon a time there were three bears, and in the evening they all used to watch Noddy on the "telly." One evening one bear said, "I am going to chop wood for the old man down the road." Now this was very unusual, for this particular bear didn't like work and it was well known he would rather sit by the "telly" and watch Noddy than chop wood. The smarter of the other two bears deduced that his companion must have a good reason for going to chop wood for the old man. So he decided to go with him. The third bear did not want to stay and watch Noddy alone, so he went too. When the bears got to the old man's place they started chopping wood. Soon all the wood was chopped and the old man said, "Here is the reward I told your friend I would give you if you came and chopped wood for me." And he gave the three bears 6d. Two of the bears were delighted about this unexpected reward. But the one who didn't like work was not at all pleased. For he had been hoping to get the 6d. to himself and buy six 1d. gumsnakes. Because the others had interfered he only got two 1d. gumsnakes.

Moral: Many hands make less gumsnakes.

P. HERD, 3Ep, Cc.

FRYATT'S FABLE

Twice upon a time (well, it goes something like that) there was a man who had a head shaped like an egg, and who lived in a town called

Lagoon. This lollop was always lounging on a couch and never went to work, so his only income was the dole.

But one day his wife sent him out to work, and he got a job sitting on a wall counting sheep.

One day he was counting sheep and it was a warm summer's day so he fell asleep. After about an hour a strong wind blew him off the wall, onto the cobbled courtyard below. This was very unfortunate because the cobbled courtyard was very hard and it broke his egg-head, and he died.

So, then his wife had no regular income at all, not even the dole money she used to get when her husband was alive.

Moral: It's better to have a live lollop in Lagoon than a dead egg-head somewhere else.

R. FRYATT, 3Ep, Gg.

THE BLACK CAT

I was on the floor, staring;
Flish, crack, the rain pounced on the window:
Two globules united,
Small rivers zigged down;
I looked into infinity and hesitated;
Flames jigged in the old fire-place.
The alley echoed to the bouncing rain,
As though to welcome the unwanted visitor.
I imagined a black cat,
Putting paw after paw into the wet sludge;
My thoughts were shattered in a second,
A knife-like draught slid round my body.
Fresh rainy air filled my room now,
I got up and walked to the window,
My tired eyes gazed out of smeared glass;
The rain had stopped,
And now everything was dripping.

P. WINGATE, 5Nu, Gg.

GOD'S FACE

In the clouds I can
See God's face.
The rays from the sun
Are his long burnished hair;
The moon is like his halo,
Shining from afar.
Rivers remind me of his
Tears flowing along.

TONY BULL, 3Rho, Mi.

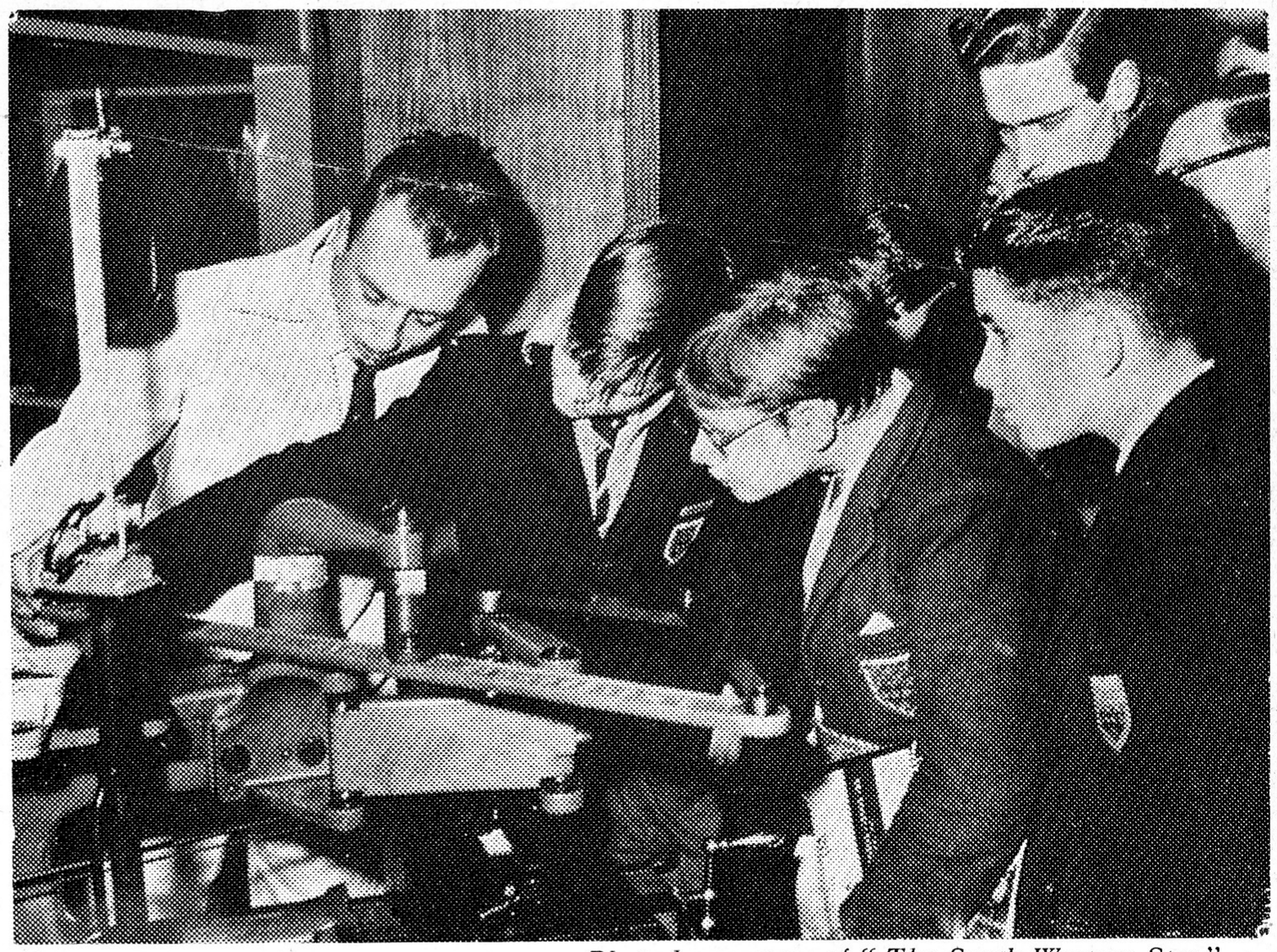


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J. Ravenell tries his hand at the stand of Starkie Gardner, Ltd.

Full report in our July issue.

SWARTHWOND'S SOCHOL SNOG

From Our Special Correspondents

For some time it has been thought that the Swarthwond School Song, composed by the venerable and legendary Mr. Crashe (pronounced, and felt, as " crasher "), and sung on all ceremonial and public bar occasions, is out of touch with the sentiments of the School's up-and-coming scareaways. The competition organised by the *Kiln* to find a suitable new school hymn was disappointing in its result. None of the entries was up to the standard demanded by Mr. Noswen, who was mysteriously prejudiced in favour of his own latin verse beginning:

Floreat Swarthwondia
Ubi hypochondria
Prevalentis est.

Many of the entries were unsuitable for use outside a Rugby coach; others require for their full effect an orchestra of kettle-drums, alarm clocks and police whistles—to drown the words—but we reproduce now two of the entries for your consideration.

The first has the advantage of being written for use with the existing music; here are the first two verses:

Father, if our footsteps wander
From the straight and narrow path,
Let there be no vengeful prefect
Near to vent on us his wrath:
For we only err when thinking
We will get no punishment;
After more than four detentions
Comes the moment to relent.

Give us every chance to sneak in
To our set rooms during lunch,
For the monitor's weak and helpless:
We can quell him with a punch.
Homework is a dreadful nuisance
We will dodge it many times,
But, to do that to some masters
Means we get five hundred lines.

The second is in an ancient public school tradition, and can again be used with an existing tune:

Jolly skiving weather!
Up in the Prefect's pad:
Sound of innumerable voices
Discussing the merits of trad.
For we'll all twist together:
It's only a passing fad!
For we'll all twist together,
And drive Doctor Monolos mad!

No doubt, however, many of our readers feel they can do better than this, and all such methodical souls are urged to send in their efforts to the nearest refuse disposal works without delay.

THE NIGHT

I hate night, it frightens me.
Dark and dreary, the velvet blackness
is quiet and mysterious:
A ghostly blackness!
Things are happening in that blackness
hanging from the skies.
In the forest full of eyes,
Leaves flutter like ghosts on a clothes line;
Ghostly figures chuckle.
I hear it all:
Hoots and howls,
Witches fighting on their broomsticks,
It makes me feel just one inch tall.
The wind is the ghostliest of all,
It scatters the shadows
on my window.
And shadows of people
creep into my room,
Slipping round my bedroom door,
I just can't understand it all.

R. C. RIDER, 1Tau.

BOATING

Boating is my favourite hobby. Since I joined the Sea Scouts I have been mad on boats. I won £25 on the Premium Bonds and I said I would have a boat. My boat is six feet long and four feet wide. It cost £23 12s. 6d. It is very easy to handle.

I would like to be a hire-boat man. My father made me an anchor for my boat. I am going to call her " Seal." I would like a cabin cruiser and a boat with an outboard engine.

You have to be a very strong swimmer to have a boat in case you fall out. I can swim about one mile. My father carries my boat on the top of his car.

MICHAEL BOYES, 2Ups.

THE PRISONERS * * * * *

On Monday, 15th January the organisation "Tomorrow's Audience," brought a dramatic entertainment on the theme of imprisonment and capital punishment to the School, and many fourth and fifth formers enjoyed a series of excerpts from plays, history and poems suitably dramatised. The following poems record something of the impression left by these scenes.

The Prisoner

The shaft of hazy sunlight
picks
its way across
the floor,
Dapples
on the whitewashed walls,
Shines
the blue-steel bars
of the door.

A burning shower of tears now
falls
that shall not fall
again,
For they
cannot fuse a broken
mind:
heal the split
or the pain.

Of nerves that screamed, and fluttered
like
the movements of
a bird,
With no
one there to hear the
screams
or say that
they have heard.

Yes, the tears will pass and in their
place
comes the numbness of
despair:
Then no longer the saw toothed
edge
Of hope or cloying
cloth of care.

And after that there's nothing that
they
can hold in
store.
Just a
quiet death for the broken
soul.
Glad the heart that beats no more.

F. BROWN, 5Ep, Ch.

This Prison

These four walls,
These four blank walls.
That black iron-fingered door.
These cold flagstones,
And that damned stool.

Squatting round
And prim and low in the corner
(I hate that stool more than anything else).
Placed beside it, the utility table,
On which there stands

A bowl of water,
A piece of yellow soap,
A coarse oblong towel,
Which I must always keep
Neatly folded, and in its proper place.

There is the same smell
Of disinfectant every day
Sweet and sickly, and mixed
With the same smell of sweat, and there is
The same ache in the air every day.

Man-made prison,
Man-made objects,
Man-made atmospheres,
And to make it complete:
Me—a man.

C. PEPPER, 5Ep, Pg.

Prisoner

The sky
the ground
the landscape too
is spinning
around
around
the same
objects once
twice
thrice
around.
The goldfish
in his trap
swims
around
the whole day
through seeking
a non-existent
destination,
the prisoner
of a vicious
circle.

P. VARY, 5Ep, Pg.

The Night-dawn Before the Last

The morning will drag itself up the walls
(long walls with no ending)
in the usual way.
Boots will crunch to a halt
outside the door
No. They will recede again into the distance.
Three times today the air will be disturbed
by the smell of food.
The afternoon will crawl through
as afternoons do,
leaving the night to come
(There's a subject, The Night).
The Night
will pass as nights have passed before;
But then the customary circle
will be broken for me
By a strand
of rope.

K. FISHER, 5Ep, Ge.

A WALK BY A STREAM

I was walking along the banks of my favourite stream. I call it my favourite stream because I presumed I knew and understood it far better than anyone else.

It was by name, Poynton Water, and a tributary of the River Lark, five miles away, but probably ten miles if one followed the course of its meandering. Where I stood the stream and the river made a real river of it, which was brisk in its gradient, and ran from Cheshire down into Lancashire and then, turning, raced for the coast.

The brook (for that is what I called Poynton Water) was two miles from where I lived. To get to it I had to go through a wood which belonged to Sir Stanley Levescourt, who was a rich landowner and, in fact, owned a great deal of Cheshire. I feared going through this wood although I had done it many times. For the wary game-keeper delighted in catching trespassers and so did his great bull mastiff, who was really the strength of the pair. But, so far, I had never been caught: I really never thought I would be.

It was the middle of winter and very cold. There had been a fall of snow some days earlier, and snow lay here and there along the banks like discarded clothing.

But where I was now walking, the river was mild, and dropped into a steep crevice between its banks. Above the brook hung a series of small trees as though they were its protectors.

The colours here were not bright colours, but just dark and black. Even darker were deep pools which had formed in its banks. I could see water rats diving into small caverns at the edge of these pools.

A little further on, past the arch of trees, was the open stream, where now in winter the sharp sunlight would make coloured flashes of water jump and jazz until the late evening; and then, all that would be left of the dazzling mass would be a thin, milky mist.

I could not forget the day when I went fishing for loaches, a type of cuttle-fish, which can be boiled and then eaten, and to which I was rather partial. Armed with a three-pronged fork, into the pebbly water I had gone; trying hard to convince myself how warm it was, when in reality it was bitterly cold. I had walked for a mile, scarcely leaving a stone unturned. I had come out because the cold was too much for me, and any warm thoughts were beginning to form icicles. Anyway, I had a stick full of loaches. I sat on the bank and rubbed my toes ferociously. I then slipped my shoes and socks on which I had carried round my neck. I had scampered home, my feet and legs tingling delightfully from a sudden change in temperature.

In those, my younger days, I did not think of the beauty of the brook and wondered now why I had not done so. How could I not have been stunned by the abundance of fascinating colours, or the beautiful and strangely shaped natural forms which were all about me? How could I have overlooked those interesting long flowing weeds, which moved so rhythmically with every ripple of the stream? In places they were the same width as the stream and looked like the floating spirit of a beautiful tree. If one pulled one of those weeds from its watery home, it immediately became a slimy, dull, tangled mass. But when again restored to its favourite environment it took its majestic shape again.

As I walked, it began to darken. Slowly the sun descended taking with it the last traces of a ruddy glow from the brook. All is quiet except for the gentle brook moving over the stones and round the rocks, and the occasional splish, splash of the water rat leaving or entering its home.

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The white mist is quickly forming over the gentle lapping waters, not noticeable in degrees, but nevertheless forming. And I must say, " Farewell, my brook, farewell."

M. D. A. ERBEN, L6G, Gd.

THE CAPTAIN'S VOYAGE

Working a ship up-river, son,
There's rules that we chaps are taught;
Thus the can buoy lies to starboard,
While the nun buoy shows to port.

Off storm-bound coasts we watch the lights
That shine through the dusk afar,
Revolving, fixed or flashing,
They will tell you where you are.

But maybe there's fog in the Channel;
So the engines are run to SLOW;
As captain you'd be on the bridge all night;
It's a very tough life, you know.

But love you'll have for the tang of salt,
And the song of the winds that blow.

D. G. HUMPHRIES, 1Ga.

At dawn
One morning,
A bitter cold
And wafty breeze
Brings the mist over the hills
Drifting down
To a twisted tree.
By a lonely winding stream,
Its waters trickling slowly
Over rocks and stones,
The thin tree
Trembles
With hanging bark,
Leaves gently flutter
to the ground.
A tree
Gnarled and bare
A few last leaves
Hanging on like
Troubled mountain climbers
To the witches broomstick branches.

B. JOHNS, 2Ome.

The Tree in The Rain

The tree in the rain
Shivers tenderly and slightly
As the spider's webs
In its tiny twigs
Catch the cold fine
Drizzle
And sparkle.

PHILIP MARCH, 2Ome.

Poplar at Dusk

It stands there,
Tall and majestic
Silhouetted against
The dimming sunset:
Speckles of dust
Show up in the air
As the sun's rays
Shine through the branches
Towards the ground
Like tiny golden searchlights.

JAMES ROLES, 2Ome.

A Tree in November

It was a day in November
A muggish dull wet day.
The leaves were soggy on the ground,
People were sliding in a mass.
Suddenly the wind blew.
And more leaves floated down
Like snowflakes.
As I gazed into the sky it looked
Blotchy, with the brown-yellow
Shapes trickling down.
Stripped of its leaves, the tree
looked like a very thin withered hand:
The damp grass just peeped through
The leaves.

M. CRAGG, 2Ome.

TO MAKE YOU THINK

Solution to Last Term's Problem

To obtain one pint of liquid pour the contents of the largest jug into the smallest jug to fill it, and then pour the contents of the smallest jug into the middle size jug to fill it. This leaves one pint in the smallest jug.

This Term's Problem

A number consists of two digits, whose difference is 7. What is the difference in value between this number and the one formed by reversing the digits?

All Change !

Since the middle of January, our weather forecasts on radio, television and in the newspapers, have had a new look about them. The Meteorological Office, which already uses the Centigrade scale for all international communications, has decided to slowly introduce this scale to the general public of Great Britain.

You will all know about the Centigrade and Fahrenheit scales from your science lessons but the following notes may be useful to your less fortunate parents and friends.

If you yearn for the "good old days" of Fahrenheit (and it certainly seems to have been colder this winter!) a quick calculation will soon convert the foreign Centigrade reading into the familiar Fahrenheit one. Multiply the Centigrade figure by nine-fifths and add 32 and there you have it:

$$°F = (°C \times 9/5\text{ths}) + 32.$$

Here is a table of comparisons:

°F	°C	
104	40	
98.4	36.9	Normal blood temperature.
95	35	
86	30	Very hot summer day.
77	25	Warm summer day.
68	20	Comfortable room temperature.
59	15	
50	10	Mild winter day.
41	5	
32	0	Freezing point of water.
23	–5	
14	–10	
5	–15	Severe frost.
–4	–20	
–40	–40	Only identical temperature on both scales.

W.A.T.

AIR SEA RESCUE

Over the coast of Devon an aircraft is seen hurtling towards the sea. The pilot, realising that his aircraft is out of control, sends a radio distress signal. From the shore a powerful launch cuts through the waves already on its way to the scene of destruction. Before long the pilot will be safely on land, recovering from his ordeal.

This is the work of the gallant body of men, who form the Air Sea Rescue Service, whose station we visited last year.

Equipped with life jackets, we made our way to the handsome launches moored nearby. We were to take a trip on one of these launches—an experience never to be forgotten. The sea was very rough that day, and we had doubts as to whether we were going. A strong wind also made prospects very black. But after a lot of waiting we were allowed to go.

I stepped into the boat very warily as it was drifting slightly, which made climbing down the ladder into it rather difficult. Once everyone was aboard, we began to move away from the quay. I thought I was going to feel quite ill with the continuous rocking, but as we got up speed it gradually subsided; it was a most exhilarating feeling.

The sea that day was very grey and forbidding, but with little white crests appearing from nowhere.

Suddenly there was a jerk, the boat had turned around and with spray shooting from all sides, we headed for the harbour. By the time our trip had ended, we were absolutely soaked! We climbed breathlessly on to the quay, there to be thoroughly dried.

So whenever I hear of a person being rescued from the sea, my thoughts always reflect back to that day, when for half an hour, I was a member of the Air Sea Rescue Service.

G. T. Osborne, 1Ga.

CONTEMPORARY QUOTATIONS, No. 29:

"The success of an Assembly is inversely proportional to its length."—Mr. Walmsley.

THE 'CELLO

Yesterday I went to
see a 'cellist play.
I didn't think it
was much cop,
but I suppose
that to people interested
it was good.

The 'cello is a big
thing, almost as
big as a double
bass. Then at the
end Mr. King
said, " I will say
a few words," and
altogether he said
six hundred and forty-six.

JOHN WATTS, 2Ome.



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5 RHO AT WORK ON THE REVOLVING STAGE

WHICH ?

Consumer Research into The Prefects

An anonymous correspondent informs us that independent (?) enquiries into the Prefect's efficiency reveal that of over 140 prefects, very few carry out their appointed tasks conscientiously.

After reviewing conduct of prefects on corridor duty and at (or in) the tuck-shop queue, the writer goes on to record the results of a particularly interesting experiment in which two faked passes were made, allowing a boy to leave school during the lunch hour so as to have lunch at home. Each day two boys (no names are mentioned) went out of school at 12.40 and returned at 1.05, after the prefects had changed. This was continued over four weeks to test the prefects of all four Houses.

When Gibbon were on duty, no passes at all were needed, since the boys had only to put their hands in their pockets to feel for one to be let through.

With Morley, one had occasionally to flash the pass under the prefect's nose.

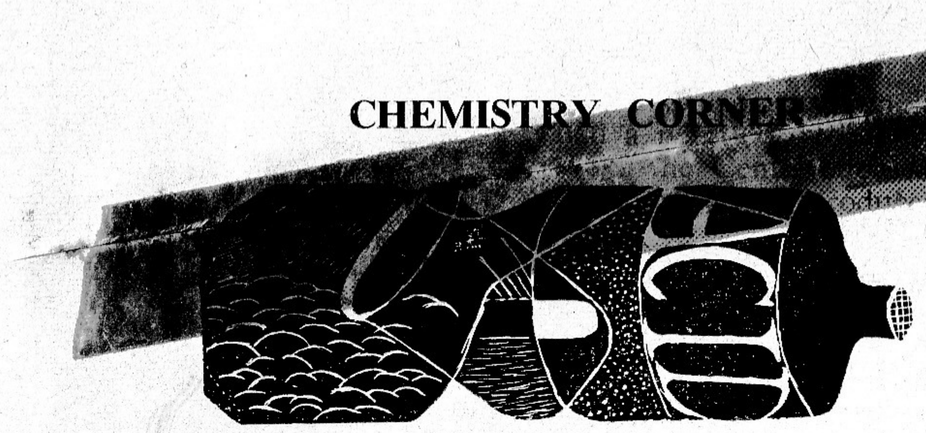
When Pitt's turn came it was more difficult to get by, and at least one had to show a pass with the correct name.

But Cromwell were by far the most strict, for each day the pass was carefully inspected, and it was then, when the passes were compared

with an original, that the game was up. They had been caught only once out of thirty-six times.

Curious as it may seem to some of our readers, the conclusion drawn by the correspondent is that Cromwell is the superior House, and that all House Captains should keep better discipline over their prefects!

CHEMISTRY CORNER



The last article dealt with that wonderful element, chlorine; this time the rest of the halogen family are to be considered.

I expect everyone has heard of iodine, that effective but sometimes painful sterilising agent used on cuts and abrasions. It is a purple solid, discovered in 1811 by Courtois, who obtained it from the ashes of deep sea weed; in fact, bromine and fluorine, two other members of the halogen family, were also discovered by Frenchmen.

Iodine, bromine and fluorine, like chlorine, are poisonous in large doses but beneficial in small; indeed, iodine and fluorine are essential constituents of the human body! The absence of iodine from the daily diet leads to various diseases, both physical and mental, e.g., goitre and cretinism, so it is usual to add small amounts of sodium iodide to table salt for human beings and to feeding stuffs for animals, to ensure freedom from these and other undesirable complaints. Iodine, in the form of silver iodide, is also used in photography, as is silver bromide too, both being affected by sunlight and so used on films, plates and papers.

Bromine was discovered in 1826 by Balard, who obtained it from the water of the salt marshes of Montpellier. It is a brown liquid at ordinary temperatures with a most unpleasant smell; in fact, its name comes from the Greek work "bromos," meaning stench! It is a true member of the halogen family, its chemical actions being just like chlorine, but having a greater atomic weight, it is not quite so active. It is used widely in medicines as potassium bromide, a sedative; also in the dyes industry; as an anti-knock in petrol engines (ethylene dibromide); and even in fire-extinguishers (methyl bromide).

The last member of the family to be mentioned, and discovered (by Moissan in 1886) was fluorine. Curiously enough, fluorspar, its common mineral, has been known for centuries. When this mineral is gently [illegible] it emits light; hence the term fluorescence. About 200 years ago it was exported to France, the French calling it "bleu jaune" on account of its colour. They shaped it into fancy articles and [illegible] it back for sale to this home of commerce under the name of Blue John!

This element is the most active of all the halogens and explodes at once when it comes into contact with hydrogen; yet it is an essential constituent of the human body and necessary for sound teeth. Oddly enough, fluorine has a strong affinity for carbon and chemists have recently polymerised this combination into a thermoplastic called fluon, which is so stable as to be almost inert. This carbide and chlorine form a gas which is replacing ammonia in refrigerators as it has a similar liquefying temperature, about minus 33°C., and is in addition non-poisonous, odourless and non-inflammable. It is curious that a combination of two such poisonous gases as fluorine and chlorine should yield, with carbon, a non-poisonous product. Chlorine and carbon monoxide yield a substance called phosgene, more dangerous than either of the parent gases.

J.M.

CONTEMPORARY QUOTATIONS, No. 31:

"If you don't know calculus, all you can do is twist."

—Mr. Lewinnek.

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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



HISTORY SOCIETY

During the Christmas holiday a visit was made to Carlyle's House, Chelsea. The curator was kindly, and spoke on his subject with an obvious love. He opened a piano that Chopin had played, and even let us sound it also. We climbed to the sound-proof room in the attic, and passed the Great Man's dressing-gown, hat, and chair with a special book-rest, on the way. Most of the boys had probably only heard of Carlyle, yet they moved in a hush, appearing quite fascinated, and even the curator acknowedged that they had succumbed to the spell. In the kitchen in the basement we saw Carlyle's private pump. From there we visited the Academy Cinema, Oxford Street, for a matinée revival of Lawrence Olivier's "Henry V."

We meet fortnightly on a Tuesday after school, in Room 37. We were pleased to welcome a lot of new faces to hear about the Greatest Ghost Story of all time: the two spinster ladies, scholars and one the daughter of a clergyman, who walked in the grounds of Versailles at the turn of the century, and testified that they had crossed bridges which do not now exist, and had seen Marie Antoinette and other characters in the French Revolution. Unfortunately we had to mention that Lucille Iremonger has recently written a book which pours a lot of cold water upon it. Such a pity.

In the Half Term, at the time of writing, we plan a visit to the tomb of Captain Bligh, the site of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, a seventeenth-century coaching inn, a house in Lant Street, Southwark, mentioned in "Little Dorritt," and—well, there are still a few more things in the programme.

J.H.

LOWER SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY

So far this term we have had five meetings. The first debate was on the motion that, "Britain should conform to the practice of most European countries and keep right." This was defeated by nineteen votes to ten. The attendance for this debate was the highest this term. The smallest attendance was for a debate concerning noise. The motion then was, "This House would support a Noise Abatement Society," and it was defeated by seven votes to three. Some of the arguments were drowned by the noise of furniture being moved for evening classes in an adjacent room!

At another meeting "This House regrets the discovery of America" was proposed by Mr. McGill whose main complaint seemed to be against chewing gum—naturally, this motion was lost!

"This House would support a curb on immigration" was passed by ten votes to five, a number of members abstaining.

For our final debate before going to press, the Society was pleased to welcome two members of staff. Mr. Coxall proposed and Mr. Saunders opposed the motion "This House would oppose the introduction of communist rule in Britain." The discussion was on a high level and the principal speakers were especially witty. It was only the casting vote of the chairman that saved Britain from the fate of becoming a communist paradise!

Finally, we are sorry to record the departure of one of our most staunch supporters, R. L. Brickwood, who has gone to boarding school —for once he was unable to talk himself out of something—and we wish him luck in the future.

B. RANDALL, F3, Cd, *President.*
C. R. PRESLAND, F2, Gg, *Secretary.*

BIOLOGY CLUB

This term, as well as the usual club activities, we have had a comparatively large number of films. Mr. Gouldstone has made sure that whilst the films were not too technical they were of general interest. A good example of this was the very popular Walt Disney film " Seal Island."

Possibly one of the strangest things that has happened this term is the sudden influx of members who, although not very good at Biology in class, are very enterprising at the club and with great zest tackle such things as making slides of blood for study under their microscopes, making cultures of fungi, and dissecting lungs, tracheae and hearts.

It is hoped that the large rabbit breeding cages will be bought by Easter, which will give members plenty to do on Monday nights looking after the animals.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Gouldstone for all the help and encouragement he has given us.

B. BLANK, 4Al, Cd, *Hon. Secretary.*

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY



A number of interesting film shows have been planned for this term. Two have already been enjoyed by fairly large audiences. The first was an epic account of the British North Greenland Expedition in 1952-4. Next came " Glorious Lake Baikal "—an excellently filmed travelogue of the vast fresh-water lake of Siberia —and " Bushland Colour Studies "—a series of colour shots in an Australian national park.

Later this term we have another film show planned. With a thought for the season, two films have been ordered—" How to Build an Igloo " and " White Safari." The latter is an account of a winter crossing of the Canadian Arctic by fully equipped Canadian soldiers.

Two lectures will also be given, illustrated with colour slides. These concern two widely different islands—the Portuguese island of Madeira, and the Isle of Arran in the Firth of Clyde.

It is hoped that as many boys as possible will take the opportunity to attend these lectures and see an aspect of geography for which there is all too little time in the classroom.

T.M.

CHESS CLUB



As far as school chess matches are concerned, this has been an unsuccessful season. Our first setback came early in the year when M. Kane, our captain, had to retire owing to the pressure of school work. Several other senior members drifted away from active chess and left the senior team very depleted. In recent matches several junior players were put in the senior team to make up the numbers.

A. K. Ashraf has been promoted to captain and has played admirably, winning five out of his six games. M. Collins and J. Grant have given very good service to the senior team although experiencing some bad luck. The junior team have not reproduced last year's form, but are improving gradually. R. Prangell, in his last year as a junior, has performed creditably and should find no difficulty in playing for the seniors next year. M. Harper and K. Hylands have done well and deserve mention. The junior team next year will be led by K. J. Smith who has gained much experience in his first full year of chess. M. Walker has played quite well this year and will also be in next season's chess team.

The analysis of results so far is:—

	Played	*Won*	*Drawn*	*Lost*	*Points For*	*Points Against*
Seniors ...	6	2	1	3	$14\frac{1}{2}$	$21\frac{1}{2}$
Juniors ...	6	2	0	4	$13\frac{1}{2}$	$22\frac{1}{2}$

The chess club continues to meet on Fridays in Aux. Hall 1. The support mainly comes from the Lower School, but we would like to see more Main School boys at our meetings.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mr. Stansfield for giving up so much time to the Chess Club.

J. HART, F4, Gh, *Hon. Secretary.*

MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

At the time of writing, aeromodellers are busy building aircraft for the summer, as the weather cannot be trusted for flying. The club members are no exception, and the construction of models on our Thursday meeting is at its peak. Various models are being made for the Eisteddfod. Among such models are a 50 inch wingspan home design stunter, being made by J. Nievergelt. P. Leverick is finishing his Black Chiffon Teamracer and there is keen competition coming

from S. Mehlmann, L6, Cc, and M. King, 5Tau, who are building identical stunt models. A new member is constructing a 5 ft. scale Avro Shackleton bomber which is to be powered by four engines.

Just before the Christmas holidays a competition was held and prizes were awarded. The results were as follows:—

1st: J. Nievergelt, with his home design stunt model.

2nd: A. Morris, L6G, Mc, with his 20 inch speed model.

3rd: M. King, 5Tau, with his 36 inch Peacemaker.

Earlier this term one of our younger members, I. Watkins, had a letter and photograph published in one of the aero-magazines, which shows the high interest taken by boys in this hobby.

Although the club is rapidly expanding, new members are always welcome. A lot can be learned by watching senior members at work, and they are always willing to help out the novice.

P. D. BOORMAN, 5Ep, Ph.

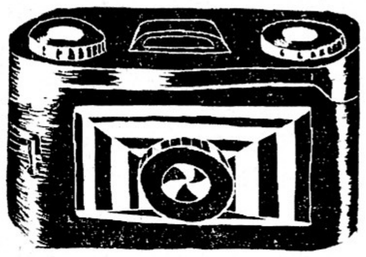
MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

This term's meeting took place at Mayfield on 25th January. After the usual refreshments, three girls recited a French poem, learnt by heart, followed by a Quiz. The questions were put in French by Monsieur Fargier and in German by Herr Winkler, and answered by three boys, Robert Pearson, Alan Knight, and Robert Dirs and by three girls. Our team won by a narrow margin. The evening concluded with a scene in Spanish with costume, scenery and most convincing Spanish accents.

By the time this report is read, the French and German Verse section of the Eisteddfod will have taken place. Last year there was a little misunderstanding, with the result that some competitors had not learnt their poem by heart. We are looking forward to some good renderings this year.

A. M. LINCE.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY



We would like to bring to your attention the fact that the School darkroom is open for the use of members of the Photographic Society. It is now fully equipped with the addition of some more accessories purchased this term; along with these we have a supply of film, paper and chemicals at reduced prices.

We hope in future to hold lunchtime meetings at which anyone may give a lecture on any aspect of Photograpy. These meetings will be in addition to the customary after school meetings. I would like to add that the Society is willing to do Photographic work for any other society or individual.

A. DAVEY, F5, Gb.

ENGLISH CLUB



8th November: "The Taming of the Shrew"

Tastes and opinions about domestic discipline and the status of wives have radically altered but, taken as a boisterous farce of its period, Shakespeare's lively comedy, concerning the man who effectively tames a nagging wife, has remained extremely popular. One cannot pass a review of this production at the Aldwych, however, without reference to Vanessa Redgrave's masterly and matchless performance as the shrew, which, together with the fine direction, made this a most enjoyable evening.

17th November: The "Oresteia" of Aeschylus

A very distinguished cast was assembled at the Old Vic for this production of the Oresteia, which is the only surviving Greek trilogy to have come down to us, although one notes that the form was quite usual. It is, indeed, considered to be one of the greatest works we have in dramatic form dealing with human freedom and responsibility. In this production, however, the underlying implications of plot were not clearly displayed or emphasized, but rather overshadowed by the general theme in this story of the Kings of Mycenae. One recalls with pleasure Yvonne Mitchell's faultless performance as Electra.

29th November: A Christmas Anthology

This lunch-time meeting consisted of a selection of verse and prose readings delivered by members of the club and drawn from the works of authors as diverse as Charles Dickens, Alan Sillitoe, T. S. Eliot and Washington Irving.

16th December: "The Cherry Orchard"

"Not a drama but a comedy; in places almost a farce," is how Chekhov described his play. Yet the directors at first regarded it as a serious Russian drama, even a tragedy. It is certainly true that the play shows Chekhov's awareness of the stresses already undermining the society of his day. But it is equally apparent that he viewed the future with hope, and, in this production by Michel Saint-Denis at the Aldwych, due recognition was readily given to the various facets of Chekhov's "comedy." Once again a cast of high repute brought a memorable quality to an exquisitely directed revival.

19th January : " As You Like It "

This production by Michael Elliott was by general consent the best thing in last year's festival at Stratford-upon-Avon, now brought to the Aldwych Theatre in London. It is, however, a difficult play to produce successfully, since it lacks cohesion and embraces contradictory moods. Thus, one remembers this visit more for the individual successes of Vanessa Redgrave and Max Adrian—a rare delight as Jacques—than for the freshness of the production as a whole. This, however, is not to say that it was not a worthwhile and enjoyable evening, and the small number of boys supporting this, and other visits this term, is most disturbing.

22nd-25th January : " Saint Joan "

Our reading of George Bernard Shaw's famous play, concerning " the most notable Warrior Saint in the Christian Calendar and the queerest fish among the eccentric worthies of the Middle Ages," proved to be one of the most successful lunch-time meetings for many a term, due, I feel sure, to the close succession of four readings, which gave the play a greater sense of intensity and unity, qualities hitherto rarely captured in our play readings.

1st February : " Heartbreak House "

This play, in many ways still disturbingly topical and thought-provoking, was unfortunately less popular with members than had been anticipated and this appears all the more disconcerting, since so many among us claim to be concerned with the imminent dangers of our nuclear age. The play as we saw it at Wyndham's was long, but it was not long-winded. Perhaps it is fair to say that it is a play of ideas, rather than real people, but those ideas are pointed, disturbing, and often highly amusing, and should have been good entertainment for many more senior boys.

14th February : " Lots of Fun at Finnegan's Wake "

The last lunch-hour meeting before going to press was well supported, and proved an interesting and successful introduction to the works of James Joyce. The meeting consisted of a brief general introduction by Mr. Newson illustrated by the recorded voice of the author reading from " Finnegan's Wake," followed by some of the comic and beautiful Dublin street ballads that he wove into that extraordinary and baffling masterpiece.

23rd February : " The Bed Bug "

This first professional production in England of Mayakovsky's satire, at the Mermaid, provided a most interesting comparison to " The Bath House," produced last year by the School. The producer of Mayakovsky has in both plays the problem of how to treat the vision of the Communist future. Are the phosphorescent lady and the director of the zoo meant to be satirized? This production lost much of its bite and poignancy, because of the thick coating of crude farce, which was superimposed on it by the English director. One must admit, however, that the character of Scrofulovsky—1930 man in a sterilized world of the future—was shown as dirty, unpleasant and thoroughly self-centred, rather than simply as the only sensuous being in a world of over-organized and dehydrated conformity, and perhaps here a truer note in the play was emerging in spite of the producer. Certainly it was a play well worth presenting.

R. C. Dirs, U6A, Ga, *Secretary.*

SPORTS SOCIETY

The Sports Society has proved to be one of the most popular societies in the School. At our first meeting this term we showed a film entitled " They Ran with the Ball." The film showed some of the best Rugby being played by great men like Cliff Morgan and Tony O'Reilly. The biggest thrill came when a scene was shown from the Twickenham Jubilee match two seasons ago. David Hewitt, playing for the combined Ireland-Scotland side, attempted a penalty kick at goal from the half-way line. His attempt was successful and provided a fitting end to one of the greatest Rugby films ever made. Our audience totalled 52 including four masters.

As material is very hard to find, the meetings of the Sports Society have been somewhat irregular, but we hope to put this right in the near future.

We have already started planning a trip to see the Harlem Globe-trotters in action next term.

J. Hart, F4, Gh, *Hon. Secretary*

STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club has still continued to interest the small group of boys who have attended regularly. There have not been many new members, which seems a pity, for the club offers many good facilities for collectors of all sorts; both beginners and specialists. Not only are a wide variety of stamps available very cheaply, but the club, run very ably by Mr. Walmsley, regularly shows film strips on many aspects of stamp production and collecting, and the club also possesses a considerable library of catalogues, books and magazines which are always available to members.

This term the club has held two quite successful auctions which I am pleased to report did attract several " outsiders " as well as the regular members. To these " outsiders " and all other boys the club extends a warm welcome to attend the meetings held after school in Room 33 every Tuesday.

D. C. Lloyd, U6Sc, Gd.

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BASKETBALL

The Senior Team has played six matches since the last report, of which five have been won and the other lost. The single defeat by Sutton County School, who have been champions of Surrey for three years, has since been avenged. The defeat of Sutton by the School team was the greatest achievement of the season, in fact.

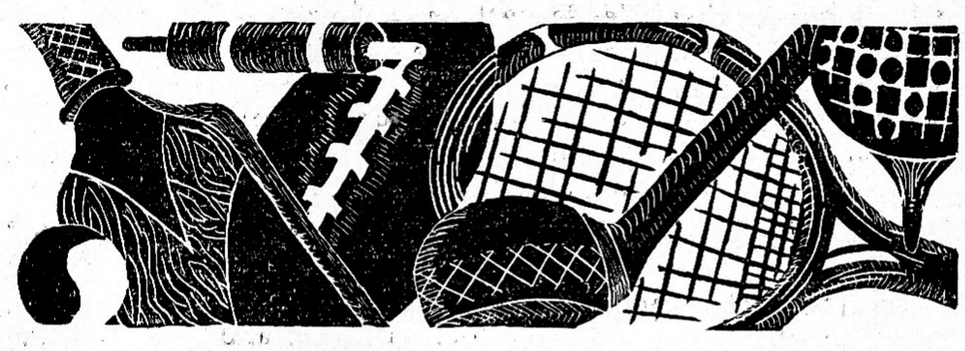
The other matches, against Tulse Hill, St. Mark's and St. John's, and the Staff, have all been won due to the prolific scoring of Goddard and Sotiriou who have been unselfishly supplied by Marshall, who has been outstanding in defence, and by Lydford who has developed quickly into a reliable guard. Aziz and Macini have also been useful members of the team.

The success of the team is somewhat impeded by the small number of players. But now that Basketball is played during P.T. lessons new members should be plentiful, and any will be made welcome at Tuesday practices.

Results

v. Staff.	Won 38—36.
v. Sutton (home).	Lost 58—28.
v. St. Mark's and St. John's. (home).	Won 58—50.
v. Tulse Hill (away).	Won 36—18.
v. Sutton (home).	Won 51—34.
v. Staff.	Won 45—41.

M. C. BELLAMY, L6Sc, Mb.



BOAT CLUB

Is the eight this year faster or slower than it was in March, 1961? By the time these notes appear we shall know. If the crew improves on last year's hard-won six places, then we shall be satisfied that lunchtime circuits (well supported by the faithful few) and the outings between January and March 15th—often in unpleasant conditions—have all been worth while.

In our friendly matches this term it was unfortunate, that, due to sickness, the selected eight was unable to turn out and races against Highbury and Westminster City were lost. Next term will bring an opportunity for revenge in the London Schools' League. The League, too, will give the Eight a chance to win our Clinker Division which we missed by only one race last year.

Barn Elms puts on its second Regatta in May, and at least two crews will be entered from each year.

In the 5th and 6th year the first eight will be entered, and a light four has already been formed by M. Bellamy, Mb, R. Tobin, Ga, R. Binstead, Pc, D. Grant, Ma, and coxed by P. Godden, Pc. At least one more four should be made up from this group.

In the 4th year a junior eight and a light four will be entered. The eight will be chosen from: G. Sylvester-Evans, Pa, T. Neaser, Mc, R. Lee, Ca, B. North, Mc, T. Symmons, Pe, D. Lawrence, Pi, R. Holloway, Ga, A. Norton, Gj, P. Silvester, Mi, D. May, Ch. The four will include: R. Winch, Pd, C. Bayard, Cg, C. Godsave, Mg, D. Goldsmith, Gf, K. Mountcastle, Pg.

The 3rd year may have to compete with boys a year their senior, unless my suggestion for a separate novice group is accepted. Either an eight or two fours will be chosen from I. Elmer, Gc, R. Peters, Gc, A. Faulkner, Ch, R. Faulkner, Ch, T. Bulley, Pb, P. Denholm, Cc, A. Goldstein, Me, M. Lane, Mb, A. Benelisha, Me, R. Eggleton, Pi.

It has been decided that the 5th and 6th group need a boy to act as permanent cox, and we welcome R. Kiralfy, Cg, who " volunteered " for this!

Finally, I am leaving Wandsworth, and Rowing, this term; both with many regrets. I should like to take this opportunity of making two points very strongly. First, it is high time that the Eisteddfod points for House fours were claimed. It was announced last year that they would be awarded to the winning House four—but the organisation of the competition must be done by the Captain and Officers. Is it too much for them? Ideally, the 4th year should take the major share in this House competition—the other two groups have plenty to aim at. The Headmaster has agreed to accept a Rowing Cup from me, to be awarded to the winning House four in 1963, and whenever the race is rowed thereafter. The design and manufacture of this cup is in the hands of Roger Symonds, of 5Tau in 1961, and now an apprentice silversmith.

Secondly, I hope very much that everyone concerned with Rowing at Wandsworth will be able to take full advantage of the worthwhile beginning that has been made. To be quite specific, we should defend most jealously the places we have won in the Head and in the League. At the same time, we should guard and enhance the reputation Wandsworth has at Barn Elms with Mr. Chitty and his Staff. Good luck to all the members of W.S.B.C. on the Tideway, and elsewhere!

H.P.H.

CROSS COUNTRY

Captain: P. Beard, L6, Me. *Vice-Captain:* R. Sandford, F5, Pa.

Although the departure of many of last year's runners weakened the cross country teams, Wandsworth have still been achieving good results this year.

The School team went to Parliament Hill Fields for the Highgate Harriers' Schools Invitation Meeting which was run over a long course, very hilly and muddy. Over 120 runners started and Wandsworth, packing well, managed to gain third place medals, with 41 pts., behind Bishophall School, 19 pts., and Harrow County, 41 pts. The individual winner was Hodgeson of Bishophall.

WANDSWORTH SCHOOL POSITIONS.

2nd, R. Sandford; 4th, P. Beard; 16th, C. Hunt; 19th, E. Smallbone; 55th, D. Beard; 5th, R. Wilkins.

Wandsworth District (Wimbledon):

JUNIOR (2⅓ miles):

Wandsworth School positions were as follows: Burgar, 4th, 13 mins. 24 secs.; Clarke, 5th, 13-34; Dower, 14th, 17-05; Day, 24th, 19-34; Owen, 30th, 19-46; Pereira, 33rd, 19-52. 104 runners finished the course and Wandsworth A and B teams finished 2nd and 8th respectively.

INTERMEDIATE (3½ miles):

1st, Sandford, 17 mins. 44 secs.; 2nd, P. Beard, 18-10; 3rd, Summerfield, 18-27; 5th, Smallbone, 18-48; 8th, D. Beard, 19-38; 34 runners finished. Wandsworth, 1st. Elliott, 2nd. Strand, 3rd.

SENIOR:

4th, Hunt, 24-54; 6th, Goddard, 26-45; 7th, Dawson, 27-37.

London Schools

Wandsworth District team contained a number of Wandsworth School runners who ran very well despite stiff competition, Sandford, Beard and Hunt being selected to run in the National Championships at Birkenhead in March.

Wandsworth School positions were as follows:

INTERMEDIATE:

1st, Sandford; 6th, P. Beard; 13th, Summerfield; 16th, Smallbone; 48th, D. Beard.

SENIORS:

4th, Hunt; 10th, Goddard; 24th, Dawson.

Cambridge Harriers' Schools Invitation

Over a muddy course the School junior team was led home by Burgar in 5th position, enabling the School to gain 3rd place medals.

In the Senior Race over a hilly course Sandford ran very well to finish 4th with Beard 16th and Smallbone 24th.

Wandsworth School positions were as follows:

JUNIOR (80 finished):

Burgar, 5th; Pooley, 12th; Bull, 16th; Day, 21st; Cable, 22nd; Hylands, 28th.

SENIOR (90 finished):

Sandford, 4th; P. Beard, 16th; Smallbone, 24th; Summerfield, 34th; D. Beard, 42nd; Goddard, 47th; Dawson, 53rd; Wilkins, 61st.

J. LINDSAY, 5Al, Ge, *Secretary.*

HOCKEY

Now that we are approaching the end of our second season of hockey at Wandsworth School, it is as well to emulate the Roman God, Janus: to look back over our initial achievements and then to look forward to our possible future.

Last year we offered hockey as a new sport in the third, fifth and sixth forms. On sports afternoons, basic skills were the important things, with tactics taking a lesser place. At the end of the spring term, to measure our progress, we played two matches. The first, against the 2nd XI of Raynes Park County Grammar School, was lost by four goals to one, whilst the second, against the Staff, was drawn, two goals each. Thus was completed our first season.

This year the sport is offered to all forms in the main school, and a fuller fixture list has been drawn up. With its members drawn largely from the fifth and sixth forms, a team has now been in action since Christmas. In our opening match against the Elliott School, the team was just that little bit quicker than the opposition, and a victory by ten goals to one gave us confidence. We then took on the fifth XI of Spencer Hockey Club, a team full of experience and skill. Our defeat at their hands by five goals to nil was no disgrace, especially if one notes that four goals were conceded in the first twenty minutes, after which the team settled down to some sound playing against the stronger opposition. Our improvement on last season was shown when we again played Raynes Park's 2nd XI. This year, in rather wet conditions, we drew three goals each, which was a fair result. As I write these notes it is only half term, and we have another six matches to play. To date, honours are just about even, and I am rash enough to suggest that they may be better than that by the time these notes are published.

On our present showing, it would be invidious for me to single out individuals for praise. Each member of our defence and attack has had his moments of glory, and all are to be congratulated on their efforts. I will, however, just mention the team captain, Aziz, who has played consistently well at Centre-half, marshalling his team with increasing skill.

So much for the past. What now of the future? Clearly, we have the facility here to add hockey to the School's list of successes. Boys may play the game, if they wish, from the third form through to the sixth, in which time they should become good players of a game which is, admittedly, initially a little difficult to master. In time, we can develop an even stronger school team, and, who knows, one day we may even record success against Kingston Grammar School. This is a challenge which is worth all our efforts. B.P.P.

FENCING

Captain: D. Eden. *Vice-Captain:* D. Nathanson.

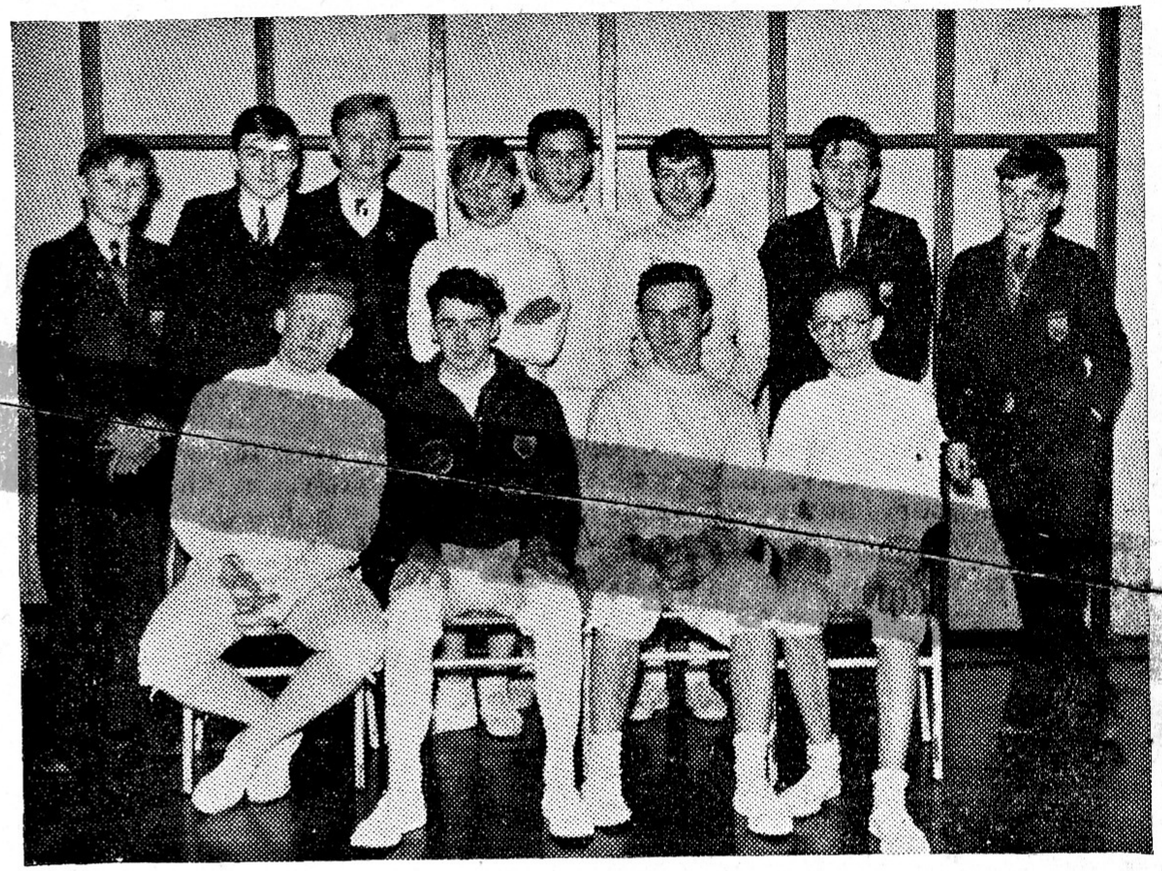


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VICTORS OVER BEVERLEY, 32—4

D. C. Brown, C. S. Rusca, C. Wall, B. L. Waddelow, L. J. Eden,
K. D. Strugwell, F. J. Chapman, B. J. Moore.
D. P. Nathanson, D. M. Eden, D. J. Wherrett, R. P. Berry.
(Report in our July issue)

The interest in, and standard of, fencing has risen during the past few months, especially among the juniors, so that despite the fact that several of our most experienced fencers left the School last year, we are developing a promising new team. The first, second and third forms are contributing a heartening number of extremely promising foilists, epéeists and sabreurs, some of whom have already had a chance to test their mettle against formidable opponents, such as St. Paul's. Although it is too soon to expect victory every time, this match practice is invaluable training, and will in time produce fencers the School can be proud of. We can look forward with confidence to resuming our place among the "top fencers" in the not too distant future.

Results

Since the last publication of *The Link,* the Fencing Club has had a rather eventful, and in some cases a little disappointing, time:

v. Westminter, lost by 14 bouts to 31.
v. St. Paul's, lost by 13 bouts to 32.
v. St. Clement Dane's, drew 8 bouts to 8.
v. Beverley School, won by 19 bouts to 10.
v. R.A.F. Cranwell, won by 21 bouts to 15.
v. St. Clement Dane's, lost by 6 bouts to 3.
v. Lycée Français, won by 13 bouts to 5.
v. Westminster, won by 24 bouts to 21.
v. Cambridge University, lost by 17 bouts to 10.

This last match is undoubtedly the most important match in our fixture list, as we are still the only school they have agreed to fence.

Competitions, which we have participated in, started with the London Schoolboys' Championship; unfortunately, in the Seniors, none of our fencers managed to qualify for the finals, but in the Juniors, L. Eden won second place and B. Waddelow came fourth. B. Waddelow is to be specially congratulated as he only had his leg out of plaster the week before.

The 27th January saw the fourth Bexleyheath Tournament, in which L. Eden came second and B. Waddelow came third in the Juniors, and in the Seniors D. Eden came second and D. Wherrett came fourth.

Finally there has been the Novices, in which D. Eden, after a very gruelling final, which ran far into the night, received third position.

The somewhat disheartening match results are suitably compensated, when we realise the essential match practice which our young fencers are obtaining.

D. WHERRETT, F5, Ce, *Hon. Secretary.*

FIVES

Captain: C. Fogg. *Hon. Secretary:* D. Flint.

"Hos Successus Alit: Possunti Quia Posse Videntur."

The School is undefeated this season, having won all of the nine matches played to date. With two matches to play, the Marchant Cup has almost certainly been retained by the School. The Marchant Cup is the award for the best Fives school in London.

One outside fixture has so far been played, against Christ's College, in which the School won easily. A return match has been arranged, together with matches against Dulwich, London University and the Clove Club.

The four regular members of the team have been C. Fogg, D. Flint, R. Alder and T. Davies. They have been ably helped by P. Fogg, C. Brightley, R. Matthews and C. J. Smith who are the reserves.

C. Fogg and D. Flint represented London in a team of four which beat University College School.

A junior fixture against Henry Thornton was played and the School won by 91 to 90. The team were Hart, Burchell, Powell and Bolton.

The game is now played by boys from the second form upwards due to the work done by Messrs. Smerdon and Finbow and various sixth formers who are engaged in teaching. Mr. Finbow is also thanked for the time he has given up for the School team.

The results to date are as follows:—

Opponent	*Result*	*Games*	*Points*
Strand	Won	8—0	120—23
St. Marylebone	Won	8—0	120—54
Sinjuns	Won	7—1	86—51
Henry Thornton	Won	7—1	116—43
Sloane	Won	8—0	88—12
Hackney	Won	7—1	116—71
Henry Thornton	Won	8—0	120—0
Hackney	Won	5—3	79—71
Christ's College	Won	11—1	156—72
		69—7	

C. FOGG, U6Sc, Gb.

BADMINTON CLUB



Badminton is essentially a sportsman's game. It requires stamina, mental alertness in anticipation and movement, the supple wrist of the fencer, and the maintenance of a cool and unruffled temperament. Coupled with these attributes must be a sound knowledge of the games, in all its branches. It is one of the fastest and most exhausting pursuits in the athletic world. The initial velocity which can be imparted to the shuttle by good racket work, and the fact that it must not hit the floor, are the principal reasons for this. It follows that there can be no better means for attaining perfect physical fitness.

The reputation of the School's badminton team has spread far and wide, and for the Easter Holidays a competition has been organised by the London Schools' Association, to find the best team from schools and colleges. I think we shall do very well in this event, and also in the individual championship. At this stage we must give more facilities to younger players, so that in the future, Wandsworth's name stands high.

This term for the first time, a singles championship of the School is being played off. Nine seeds have been selected by the Committee, on their ability and support to the club.

The *seeds* are as follows:

1=. S. DEAN *(Captain)*. The mainstay of the team for the last three years, has a hard forehand shot and specialises in the drop over the net.

1=. B. COLEMAN. A Surrey junior semi-finalist who possesses one of the best back hands in badminton to-day; the future holds a lot for him.

3. C. AZIZ. Our sleep-walking specialist, but when he puts his mind on the game, he is an exceptionally fast mover, and good player.

4=. D. LLOYD. His appearance does not justify his play. He has a terrific forehand smash downwards, and gets the majority of his points with this shot.

4=. D. DUNGEY. His speed (10.6 secs. for 100 yds.), coupled with his steel-springed wrist, will make him a match winner in time to come.

6=. T. FAREBROTHER. Surprisingly good player; he seems to play consistently well, and is greatly improved since last season; he is the only decent footballer amongst us.

6=. C. GUNNER. His unorthodox yet safe play when he is off the floor makes him an invaluable member of the team now that he has strengthened his defence.

8. B. LOK. Surprisingly strong for his build, and has a flying back-hand Chinese chop, which keeps his opponents on the defensive, but he is losing his interest; if he concentrated, he would make a good player.

9. N. LINGWOOD. A new member of the team but deserves his place, because of his good sound slogging, as well as a developing forehand smash.

In addition, for the first time the School is combining with Mayfield and playing a mixed team from Chiswick Poyltechnic.

S. DEAN, U6, Ca, *Captain*.

RUGBY

1st FIFTEEN

At the end of last term, the 1st XV's gradual improvement as a team was temporarily halted by the necessity for some senior members of the side to miss training sessions and practice games. As always at the end of the Autumn Term, the School Play drew many of our sixth form team members into its web of bustling activity, leaving them precious little time for any other after-school function. However, the team did well to survive this difficult period. At the end of last term we had an even balance between success and defeat.

This term, with the team together again, there has been a re-arrangement in the three quarter line. I. Evans, U6Ec, Mc, has moved to the fly half position, and T. Smith, L6G, Mc, has regained his place in the team as centre threequarter, after being kept out of 1st XV Rugby last term by an injury. S. England, L6G, Gb (Captain) has moved from full back to partner Smith in the centre, and E. M. Muller, 5Ep, Ph, has taken up a new position on the wing. With this combination there should be a greater penetration and more determined running by the threequarters.

The scrum seems to have gained new life and apparent weight this term. For the first time this season we have gained regular "heels" against the tight head. The pack is fighting well in the loose; the disadvantages that our forwards suffer in size and weight are more than adequately compensated by their speed, strength and superior fitness. Fitness and stamina, however, are not the only qualities in a good team. If we could combine these assets with safe and sure handling of the ball, and produce fast open Rugby, we would be able to defeat some of our hitherto superior rivals.

B. V. SANDFORD, U6Sc, Pd.

COLTS FIFTEEN

I must begin this term's notes by congratulating Martin Coward and Geoffrey Wood on their selection for the Surrey Colts XV, and also Andrew Christie on his selection as a reserve. Coward, as expected, performed admirably for Surrey and was selected for a London Counties trial, which is a great achievement.

During a Surrey practice match, the Colts XV received a great setback. Andy Christou, the Colts captain, was seriously injured while going into a tackle. Andy came off worse and broke his leg in three places. This injury has kept Christou away from school for four months. His absence has been noticeable, for the team has lost some of the enthsuiasm and fire that Christou put into it.

So far this term only three matches have been played. Against Raines Foundation School, the Colts tried to avenge last season's defeat, but after a hard match the team went down fighting, 8 pts.—17 pts. The game against Sutton Grammar School was not a very exciting affair and the less be said of the match the better. Although the Colts lost 3 pts.—14 pts., A. Boyd deserves a special mention. Boyd never gave up, he tried to keep the forwards going until the final whistle, but he tried in vain. In the match against the Elliott School, the Colts found no difficulty in beating their neighbours by 17 pts. to 5 pts. In this match Creamer showed that he was an admirable replacement for Christou, and also scored a try.

The Colts have had some very bad luck this season. Apart from the injury to Christou, several other players have had to withdraw due to injury, but we have managed somehow. Perhaps our luck will change and we will reproduce the form that made us unbeatable on our Cornwall tour two seasons ago.

J. HART, F4, Gh.

UNDER 14 FIFTEEN

Having won our first four matches substantially, we settled down and began to find the matches harder, and although we still won we were not scoring nearly so many points, and some close matches entailed.

We still played well as a team and, as predicted in the last issue, B. Fielder has begun his try scoring feats. The pack has again been the main force of power, with M. Hutton, A. Russell, I. Smith and C. Conti being extremely hard workers. M. Harper, fully recovered from his fractured wrist, has been hooking better than ever. He is an invaluable asset to the side. A. Burton is a big, strong forward who always gives his best. W. Cotter and E. Neild still show good form at wing-forward, and G. Mills does most of the line-out work.

Behind the scrum we have D. Rose and R. Bull who have a splendid understanding at half-back, and their quick thinking has led to many tries. The centres are very dangerous when given the chance and A. Foley has stood out just lately. W. Goodfellow is very fast and elusive and was successful when tried on the wing. A. Newman lacks the confidence to make a good run, but his kicking is often very useful in defence. G. Hedges has played soundly, giving and taking passes well. M. Ferne is very dangerous on the wing but, unfortunately, his temper seems to get the better of him occasionally. J. Bone has never been able to get into his running stride, and therefore has been less dangerous this year. M. Cole, the other wing-man, is very fast. At full-back M. Regan is inconsistent but, on his day, very good.

Our record so far this season is:

				Points	
Played	*Won*	*Drawn*	*Lost*	*For*	*Against*
15	13	1	1	347	59

G. E. MILLS, F3, Cd, *Captain.*

UNDER 13 FIFTEEN

The Under Thirteen Rugby Team has continued to improve as a team and have been playing some very good hard Rugby. To the time of this report our record is: Won 12, Lost 1 and Drawn 1. Points for 263, Points against 73. It is difficult to mention every game but we had the satisfaction of avenging our only defeat of last season, as the Under 12's, by beating Selhurst College 25 points to 6 Our three quarters have been ably led by R. P. Harrison in some fast open Rugby and he has been well supported by J. P. Robson and recently by A. G. B. Gorry P. G. Snare's place kicking and strong tackling has been a valuable asset to the team. The forwards have been playing together and have become more aggressive in the attack and have taken full advantage of any openings. The pack have worked well and R. V. Webb is proving to be a very useful hooker. In the line-outs the ball has been taken by some good jumping and fast passing back.

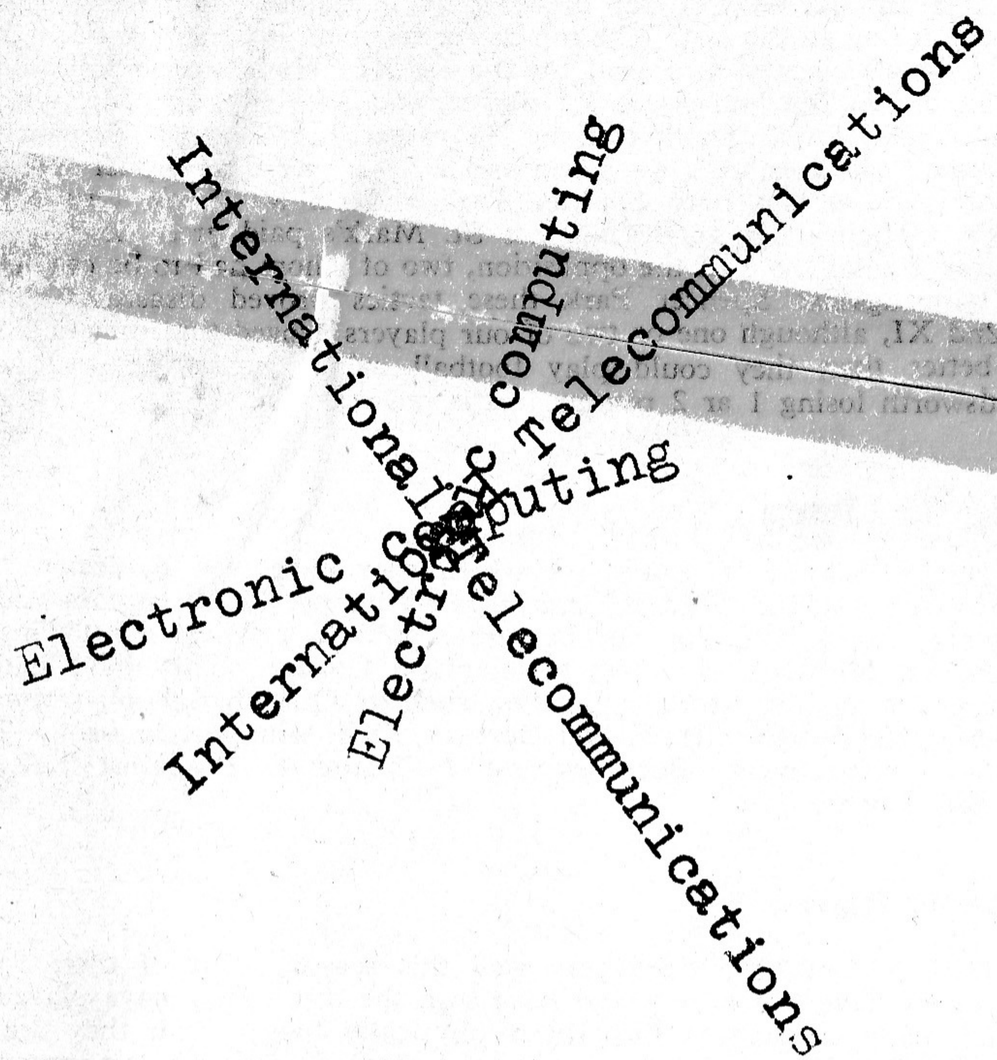
The team must however pass the ball sooner before they are tackled in possession. At present much ground is being lost by holding on to the ball far too long.

The following have represented the School: *Forwards*: J. F. Prosser; R. V. Webb; A. J. Wylie; D. R. Weston; J. R. Crotty; M. P. Faure; I. G. Storer (*Captain*); D. Rainer; B. P. Dibble; S. J. Salmon; D. J. Suttonwood; R. K. Perry; and Edwards. *Backs*: J. I. Howard; A. G. B. Gorry; A. K. Brereton; R. P. Harrison; R. J. Drinkwater; A. J. Julian; P. D. Snare; R. Jackson; B. W. Bannell; and J. P. Robson.

Colours have been awarded to: I. G. Storer; P. D. Snare; R. P. Harrison; and J. F. Prosser.

IAN G. STORER, 2Io, *Captain.*

Ian Storer has been too modest to mention his own part in the Under 13 XV's run of success. His strength and speed at Lock Forward have been a great asset to the side and the truth of this can be seen in the fact that his personal score is 90 points. J.G.B.



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SAILING AND CANOE CLUB

Next term marks the beginning of another sailing season for the School. By that time all the school boats will have been stripped down and repainted. I hope that all the members of the club will be able to say that they have done their share of this work. Certainly the thanks of the members should go to W. Gardiner who has been responsible for organising most of this work.

There should be plenty of boats this year as with the completion of the Heron and the four Gremlins being built by the boys of 4 Kappa, under the direction of Mr. Hughes, the total will be eight. It is also hoped that we will have a further four canoes available. The prospects for the season look interesting for, with the recent formation of the London Schools' Sailing Association, there are a number of regattas expected. The first of these is planned for June 1st at Cheshunt. There are also other regattas planned for the River Medway and we will for the first time hold our own sailing competition at Ham Dock. This latter will possibly have to be held early in the term in order to decide on a team for the open regatta events.

M. J. WHERRETT, L6Sc, Ce, *Captain.*

SOCCER SURVEY

1st Eleven

The 1st XI have played 18 games this season. Of these they have lost 9, drawn 4, won 5. They have played mainly teams that have been playing together for about 4 years longer than our team. Therefore they have more experience and play as teams more than our team do. But this has not deterred them, they have played well and have beaten teams reputed to be better than they are. Amongst the top teams they have done well against are: Quinton School (2—2), Spencer Park (2—2), Christopher Wren (2—0 and 1—1), Archbishop Tenison (0—0), and Tulse Hill (1—0). They also had two narrow defeats (0—1 and 1—2) against Sir Walter St. John's School. Amonst their top scorers were: Marshall, L6, Gh, 3 goals; McInnes, L6, Ca, 4 goals; Guy, U6Sc, Pc, with 10 goals to his credit. The captain and left half, Byers, 5Nu, Gh, also has 2 goals in his name.

2nd Eleven

The 2nd XI have so far played only 17 games, but have won 6 of them, losing all the rest. The top scorer for them is Chandler F5, Cd, with 13 goals, as well as 1 goal for the 1st XI. He is closely followed by Crane, F5, Ma, an ex-1st XI player, and McNelly, F5, Mc, with 9 goals each. Smith, another ex-1st XI player, has 7 goals. Amongst their better victories are a 4—1 win and a 3—1 over Christopher Wren School, a 5—4 win over Spencer Park and an 8—1 win over St. Mark's. Their tough tactics against St. Mark's paid great dividends but proved fatal for 3 of the opposition, two of whom had to be carried off. But against Spencer Park these tactics proved disastrous for our 2nd XI, although one or two of our players proved that they could box better than they could play football, which nearly resulted in Wandsworth losing 1 ar 2 players to the referee.

Under 15 Eleven

Having played 15 games, of which they have won 6, drawn 1 and lost the rest, the U 15 XI can be fairly happy. Their captain and top scorer Coast, 4Pi, Pb, has the rather dubious privilege of playing for the 1st XI when they lost to Clapham College. They have had good results against strong opposition such as Quintin School, whom they beat, Christopher Wren and Spencer Park, who lost to us 8—2 and 5—3 respectively. But they lost 7—2 and 4—1 against Tulse Hill and Sloane.

Under 14 Eleven

The U 14 XI have done very well this season. Out of their 15 games they have lost only 6 and have won the rest. They have played against many teams that have been physically bigger than they are. But, our U 14 XI has put up a very good show, as they did last season as the U 13 XI, by winning so many games.

Under 13 Eleven

The U 13 XI have proved themselves to be the cream of the soccer contingent of this School. This season they have played 13 games, have lost one and won all the rest. The only school to come out of a game against the U 13 XI victorious was Tulse Hill. They have won nearly all their games by a 4 or more goal margin.

But, all round, the School has improved immensely and should finish the season well.

D. J. GUY, U6Sc, Pc.