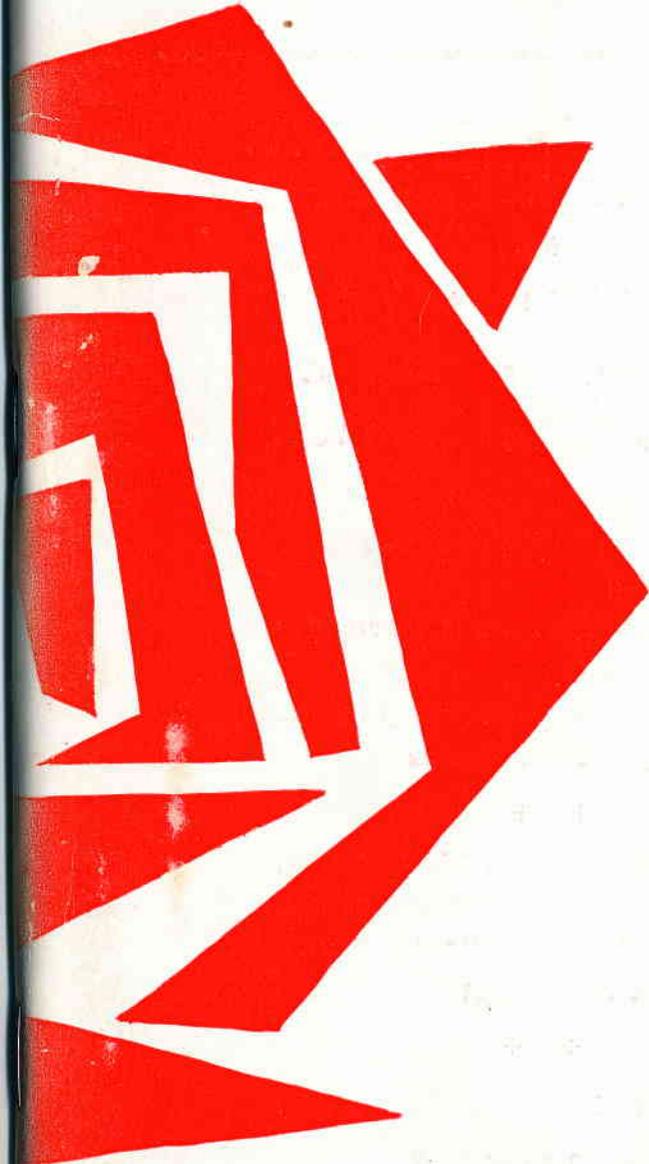


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The Editor wishes to thank all who have contributed towards the magazine in any way during the past year, and particularly the magazine committee, ably led by R. B. Jackson. Special thanks must also go to J. Nelson whose efforts as advertising manager have contributed in no small way to the fact that this term we were able to produce a bigger, more varied magazine.

The Editor and Committee also wish to thank Mr. Harrison for designing the new cover this term and all those who have contributed articles and drawings to this issue of the magazine.

We deeply regret to announce the sudden death on Friday, 17th June, of Barry J. Thomas, of Form U6W and Woodham's House

HOUSE REPORTS

EDWARDS'

House Master: Mr. A. J. Norris

House Officials: G. G. Clegg, R. Sowerbutts (Joint Captains), C. D. Mitchell (Secretary), A. C. Nettleton (Almoner).

Both Juniors and Seniors have played their part this year and we have retained both the Senior House Chess Cup and the Badminton Shield. The successful chess team, comprising E. Robinson, Rapaport and Olsen won all its matches, and Hepworth and Harkness formed a formidable defence in the Badminton Team.

The Intermediates must be congratulated on their fine display at the Swimming Gala and for winning the seven-a-side Rugby Competition. At the Gala, new records were established by Banks who set up a new time of 27.3 seconds for the 50 yards freestyle, and by the Intermediate Squadron (Hale, Banks and Masters) which clipped $6\frac{1}{2}$ seconds off the existing record. Their efforts, combined with those of the other Edwards' competitors, won for us the "overall" cup.

The Juniors deserve full credit for coming joint first (with Rogers') in the cross-country competition and for fielding such a capable cricket team which, at the time of writing, seems certain of reaching the final.

This term we say goodbye to Mr. A. J. Norris, our house-master since 1953. During this time he has done much to forward the progress of Edwards' and we all wish him a long and happy retirement.

C.D.M.

EVANS'

House Master: Mr. H. H. Long. House Tutor: Mr. R. Heyes. House Officials: J. A. Laws (Captain), M. J. Walsh (Vice-capt.), P. Hepworth (Secretary), B. Drelincourt (Almoner), R. M. Jones (Asst. Secretary).

A house, divided against itself

must fall.

(The House was prone to avoiding practices and swimming qualifications.)

We did.

A house, when united is capable of

anything.

(The House was eighth in last term's Jubilee Cup placings.)

We were not.

Admittedly, in certain spheres we did attain

some things.

(Full colours were awarded to: Keely; Half colours to: Boyd, Laws, Taylor, Wilson and Wright. Full Junior colours were awarded to Hill and Mantin.)

Though rarely.

Senior rugby, had some success although not

repeated

(The team played well and hard.)

Much elsewhere.

Those few who did make the effort, were

rewarded.

(The house thanks all who devoted time and energy to House activities.)

With some success.

There would appear to be an active feeling of

apathy.

(There has been continued absenteeism from the morning assembly, and a spate of lateness, especially in the Sixth Form.)

Towards the House.

Next term, should be the turning point in

our efforts.

(Nearly half of the junior boys were under twentieth in their form at Easter. This should be improved next term.)

It's about time!

To survive, the House needs more than the House

Masters,

(It needs the co-operation of every one of its members, a situation sadly missing this year.)

Hardwork.

R.M.J.

GREAR'S

House Master: Mr. H. Evans.

House Officials: R. A. Metcalfe (Captain), P. J. Taylor (Almoner), N. E. Blunt (Secretary).

This has not been one of the more successful years for the house. The basketball team managed to reach the semi-finals of the competition, but the Senior Rugby team, captained by Metcalfe, did not do so well, losing to both Rogers' and Leech's, although they finally beat Woodham's. The Seven-a-side team reached the second round of the competition but they were beaten by Mason's.

Both the Intermediate XV team and sevens team, lost their games, mainly owing to their reluctance to practise. The Juniors, captained by Beazley, on the other hand, attended several practices, but lacked the necessary ability to come out on top. Robinson gained third place in the cross-country, but the swimming was not very successful with only three boys reaching the finals and only one point being gained for Lifesaving.

Athletics this term are under the control of Halliwell and the cricket team is captained by Gilchrist, who put up a very good score in the first round of the Senior competition. Prospects for the future games look good with a possibility of a place in the final. The Junior and Intermediate XI's have yet to play their first match so their potentials have not been seen.

Congratulations must be extended to K. Ball (who left at Christmas), and R. A. Metcalfe for gaining places at Cambridge.

We must also wish Mr. H. Evans, our housemaster, a most enjoyable and long retirement. He is leaving us at the end of the year, having completed many years of valued service to both the house and the school. Good luck also goes to all those boys, who leave us at the end of term, for every success in their future careers.

N.E.B.

LEECH'S

House Master: Mr. C. F. Flemming

House Officials M. R. Abram (Captain), J. D. Turner (Vice-captain), C. P. Rawling (Secretary), N. W. Cumbley (Almoner).

Leech's has once again ruined any hopes it might have fostered for the Jubilee Cup by a disappointing end to the Autumn Term. Nevertheless we can be very satisfied with our efforts during the remainder of the year—not only did we win the Junior Rugby and Basketball Competitions but our Intermediates also reached the Final of the Rugby Sevens. We achieved our highest position in the Cross Country placings for some time, and, above all, our Juniors attained the highest number of academic points we have had for many years. Furthermore this term promises successes both in the Senior Cricket and the Athletics Qualifications.

This success is due in no small way to the leadership given to the House throughout the year by Abram, Turner and Cumbley and also by the example of Knowles, Harris and Faraday who have frequently given their aid and encouragement.

Much credit, however, is due to the Juniors whose enthusiasm has already had its result and bodes even better things for the future. It is a pity so many Seniors are apathetic and do not back up Mr. Flemming, whose guidance and encouragement throughout the year have once more enabled the House to maintain a reasonable position.

C.P.R.

MASON'S

House Master: Mr. H. Smith. House Tutor: Mr. E. T. Johnson.
House Officials: D. T. Tabron (Captain), J. Nelson (Vice-captain), R. Moxon (Secretary), A. J. Atkinson (Almoner).

The house extends a belated welcome to Mr. H. Smith, as house-master, and to Mr. E. T. Johnson, as house-tutor. They should lead the house from strength to strength in the future.

Last term the house rugby met with varying degrees of success. The intermediate side, captained by Bullivent, managed to win the Intermediate Rugby final most convincingly. In this match all the team did their utmost to achieve that success. The junior rugby team, however, did not manage to win a match, but seemed to be playing more as a team in their final game which shows hope for future seasons.

The house cross-country team, under the leadership of Bayliss, succeeded in winning the new Senior Cross-Country Cup, presented to the school by Mr. Longhurst. We also did very well in the junior competition, although not quite well enough to win the "overall" cup.

At the end of the Spring term the house gained enough points in the 7-a-side rugby competition to draw with Leech's and Rogers'. Unfortunately, the decision went to Rogers', who won the senior section final against our own senior team. The intermediate side reached their final and **should** have won, but seemed to throw the game away.

The swimming team captained by Davies, and the basketball team under Nelson, must have special mention. Both events showed a real effort by the house. Our swimmers did remarkably well considering the strong opposition and the basketball team reached the final only to be beaten by a stronger side.

The house cricket has not started too well, the seniors losing their opening game against perhaps the strongest side in the competition; but we have great hopes for the junior and intermediate cricket and athletics. In short we have high hopes for the **future**.

D.T.T.

ROGERS'

Housemaster: Mr. J. Clough

House Officials: N. P. Thompson (Captain), K. H. Sach (Vice-captain), I. R. Pond (Secretary), S. L. Hancock (Almoner).

It will be soon after you read this report (if you bother to do so), that the Headmaster will announce the result of the competition for the Jubilee Cup. Points for it are awarded for achievements in all spheres of School activity. No exact scale of the relative importance of the various activities in the Cup is to hand, and rightly so; for we thereby have an excellent measure of the success of individuals in a group without the unnatural spur of a direct goal ahead of us.

The house that carries off the vast bulk of silverware does not necessarily, and in practice does not usually win the Jubilee Cup. Most cups represent the efforts and accomplishments of a minority. For instance, in Rugby, we won the Sevens Cup for combined age groups, principally owing to defeating Mason's in the Senior Group, and shared the Senior Rugby Cup with that same house. The junior cross-country team shared first place, and the senior team came second. The Swimming Gala Cup we won, but missed the "overall" Cup by two points. The Senior Cricket XI reached the final for the fourth successive year.

But this alone cannot, and should not, gain us the Jubilee Cup. It is by more general achievements such as the Swimming Qualifications, in which we were placed first, that success can be measured. What happens with the points awarded for academic work will be of the utmost importance; at Easter the house showed a continued improvement, and has, I hope, benefited from that improvement as individuals. Everything we have done throughout the school year will be reflected, directly or indirectly, in the points awarded towards the Jubilee Cup.

I.R.P.

SPENCER'S

House Master: Mr. J. K. Gray. House Tutor: Mr. S. B. Rimmer.

House Officials: J. F. Stocker (Captain), D. Ogden (Vice-captain), A. C. R. Swift (Secretary).

The House was very sorry to lose the services of Mr. Hodnett at the end of the Lent Term, when he left to take up his new teaching post. The success of the House during the past eight years, winning the Jubilee Cup for the last three years, was largely owing to his enthusiastic leadership. In his place we now welcome Mr. J. K. Gray who will be assisted by Mr. S. B. Rimmer.

Sporting events this term have been dominated by Cricket, Swimming and Athletics. The Intermediate and Junior Cricket Teams both reached the semi-finals of the competition and stand a good chance of reaching the finals; unfortunately the Senior Team was knocked out despite a score of over 100 runs. In the Swimming Gala a fair amount of success was attained, Spencer's coming fourth, winning the new Bell Relay Cup and breaking the U.16 Medley record.

Rugby produced mixed results; success eluded the Senior Team by narrow margins and the Intermediates were quickly knocked out of their competition. More successful were the Juniors who won two of their three matches. Great improvement in the Cross-country results was achieved, the Seniors moving up into third position, and the Juniors gaining fourth place. The usual high standards have once again been noted in the Chess and Badminton teams.

We look forward to more success during the remainder of the term and to the possibility of retaining the Jubilee Cup for the fourth year running.

A.C.R.S.

WOODHAM'S

House Master: Mr. T. B. Johnson. House Tutor: Mr. R. W. Bell
House Officials: D. B. Lewis (Captain), G. W. Ashton (Vice-captain), J. H. Strutte (Almoner), P. Norbury (Secretary).

The full measure of the efforts of all members of the House in all activities is reflected in the joint first position achieved last term in the competition for the Jubilee Cup.

The chess captain, Barnett, coached the Junior team to success and his achievement, together with the enthusiasm of the players, resulted in the house gaining second place. In the cross-country we must congratulate H. R. A. Cooke in gaining both first place in the inter-house race and his school colours. Owing to a lack of support the house had a weak senior entry, but the Junior team achieved fourth place.

Although the Intermediate rugby XV was narrowly defeated (14-11) in the first round by Mason's, we can derive consolation, from the fact that we lost to the eventual winners. The Juniors reached the finals of both the fifteen-a-side and seven-a-side tournaments and were unlucky not to win either.

Hatfield put in much time and effort to ensure the success of the lifesaving group and was duly rewarded when all our entrants passed their examinations. The house came third in the Bradbourne Cup for swimming qualification points mainly as a result of the determination of Hatfield and Mr. Bell. Unfortunately the swimming gala was not as successful as we might have hoped despite the individual effort of swimming captain Holmes, and the promise of the more junior swimmers.

This term the senior cricket team lost their first round match by nine runs to finalists Rogers' and good performances were put in by Pimlott, who scored 30, and Clarke. The Intermediate XI also failed to overcome Rogers in the first round despite the coaching of Welsh and Pimlott. It remains to be seen how the Junior side has responded to the endeavours of Taylor. Blandford and Davis are putting in hard work in the field of athletics.

In conclusion, we wish success and happiness to all leavers and in particular to Mr. Bell, who has contributed so much to the house in his one year as house tutor.

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Now when I see a train this scene is contrasted vividly in my mind. No more the smoke, the steam. Instead, a rattling reminiscent of a farm tractor, an unpleasant smell and no more glamour than in the passing of a 'bus. A famous poet once wrote "When shall their glory fade?" Perhaps he was a railway enthusiast too, because what words can better describe that mighty creation, the steam locomotive. Future generations standing gazing at these monsters in museums will never be fortunate enough to stand and see them at work. The echoes of the Stanier Pacifics will no more awaken the sleeping beasts on the slopes of Shap. The mighty roof of Paddington no longer ring to the blast of The Castles and The Kings. Mallard and Gresley's masterpieces no more roar down Stoke bank. "When shall their glory fade?" indeed, but as steam hangs and fades into the air so too do our memories and it will only be in the memories of railway-minded human beings like myself that the glory can never fade, but remain a vivid and lasting magnificence dwarfed and damned only by death itself.

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STAFF CHANGES

We welcome Mr. K. Topping to the staff this term. He has taken Mr. Longhurst's place as Head of the Economics Department. Mr. Topping was educated at Arnold School, Blackpool, and St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, and has held teaching posts at Bromsgrove School and, for the last thirteen years, at Blackpool Grammar School.

We also welcome Mr. P. M. White who is temporarily filling the History and P.E. vacancy this term.

We should like to thank Mr. C. N. Wharton and Miss A. J. Varley for their temporary work in the school last term. Mr. Wharton has taken up a post at Blackpool Grammar School and Miss Varley is teaching at a school in Overchurch, Cheshire.

NEW SCHOOL CUPS PRESENTED

The school is most grateful to Mr. P. G. Longhurst for the donation of a very handsome cup for the senior cross-country competition. This means that in future we shall be able to run the House cross-country as two separate competitions. Appropriately enough the cup was won on the first occasion by Mason's.

At the conclusion of the Swimming Gala in May it was announced that Mr. R. W. Bell had kindly offered the school a new Swimming Cup to be awarded each year to the House which had done best in the squadron and relay races. This new cup was won for the first time by Spencer's and will be presented on the last day of term. We are most grateful to Mr. Bell for this generous gift.

Mr. H. EVANS AND Mr. A. J. NORRIS

We are very sorry, at the end of this term, to have to say goodbye to Mr. H. Evans and Mr. A. J. Norris. Mr. Evans has been on the staff for 38 years, for the last 15 years of which he has been Housemaster of Grear's House. Mr. Norris has been with us for 16 years and has been Housemaster of Edwards' House for 10 years. To them both we wish a long and happy retirement.

Mr. ARTHUR WILKINSON

During the Easter holidays Mr. Arthur Wilkinson, caretaker of the school since 1926, retired. His familiar presence in the school will be greatly missed. He knew personally numerous Old Boys stretching over many generations. His place has been taken by Mr. Bill Lloyd.

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SCHOOL PRIZE WINNER

We congratulate R. B. Jackson who has become the latest in a long line of pupils of this school to win a European Schools Day Essay Competition. In the 16 to 20 age group Jackson's essay was judged to be the second best of the fourteen prize winning essays submitted by pupils in Great Britain. His prize consists of a four day visit to Rome for the Prize Giving and a subsequent tour of Florence, Varese, the Italian Lakes, Milan and Strasbourg, all at the expense of the Governments concerned. It is of interest to note that at least one of these fourteen prizes has been won in almost each of the last ten years, by boys of this school.

Jackson is also the winner of the M. A. Thurlow prize for the most outstanding contribution to the "Red Rose" in the school year. Not only has he had original prose and verse in all three issues of the magazine, but he has also written many other articles such as the Sixth Form Survey on Leisure and the School Play Review, and edited most of the official material. It is fitting that this prize should be awarded for the first time to one who has done so much for the magazine.

CAREERS CONVENTION

Another most successful Careers Convention was organised by Mr. Abram on 17th May. Two excellent demonstrations by Mullard Magnetic Components and English Electric were much appreciated and a series of films on careers was also popular. We are indebted to the following who very kindly came to give advice to parents and boys:

Mr. K. P. Hillman, Personnel Dept., Unilever Ltd.

Mr. G. Lewis, GIRO and Remittance Directorate, G.P.O.

Mr. D. F. Sutton, Principal Lecturer, Department of Management Studies, John Dalton College of Technology.

Mr. L. T. Broughton, Merseyside & North Wales Electricity Board.

Mr. W. Watson, Youth Employment Officer, Southport.

Mr. P. Pond, Careers Advisory Officer, Ministry of Labour.

Many members of the school from the lower fifth upwards were able to consult these representatives and approximately 200 parents were present in the evening. We should be very grateful for comments or suggestions from parents about the Careers Convention as we are anxious to maintain this as a most valuable opportunity to give careers advice to boys.

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association Annual General Meeting was held on April 26th. Mr. W. B. Turner was re-elected Chairman and Mr. W. Suffolk was re-elected parents' representative on the Governing Body. The school is most grateful to Mr. Turner and all members who work so hard for the Parents' Association. The Association has raised many hundreds of pounds for the School Jubilee Fund since its inception two years ago. By the time this copy of the "Red Rose" is in print, a new event, "The Saturday Gala," organised by the Parents' Association, will have taken place. We wish it every success.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT

Mr. Wilson is much to be congratulated on once again producing such a magnificent School Concert. A full report of this appears on page 31. The general standard of the Annual School Concerts is rising each year, thanks to Mr. Wilson's indefatigable efforts.

THE JUBILEE HOSTEL

Further search has taken place for serviceable properties. Three properties in the neighbourhood of Ingleton and Horton in Ribblesdale were investigated just after Easter but none of these proved suitable. A farmhouse known as Moss Side at Preston Patrick, just north of Lonsdale, appeared to be very attractive especially as it was situated close to the Lancaster Canal which would have been very good for canoeing, but thoughts of purchasing this property had to be abandoned after a very adverse surveyors' report on the building. One property in Wales was very kindly investigated for the Fund by Mrs. D. J. Laws, but it was not in good condition and we decided not to proceed, and we had a false alarm about a farmhouse at Dunnerdale in the Lake District which proved to be not for sale after all. In spite of these setbacks the search continues. We hope to have something favourable to report before the next "Red Rose" is produced.

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term ends Friday, July 14th, 1967
Autumn Term begins Monday, September 4th, 1967
Half Term Wed., Thurs., Fri., Nov. 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Autumn Term ends Thursday, December 21st

Mr. H. Evans

I first met Hubert Evans when I was not quite ten years old, an apprehensive new boy in Form One, at the end of the junior corridor. He was my form-master and I very soon learned to be glad of it. Spawned into turbulent waters I shrank from real and imaginary menaces and here was the very man for me. Down the corridor he came, as the rumbustious rout around me jeered "New kid" (they had the wealth of two terms' experience before I arrived) and threw their paper darts. How was I to know that the burly brute behind me was only a paper tiger? "Oh yes, oh yes, oh yes! What's all this?" There was no white hair in those days, but the cheerfulness and the kindly eyes and the ring of Glamorgan were the same. Peace (almost) was established and we began to read "Hiawatha." He seemed as wise and full of years as old Nokomis herself. He must have been twenty-five or so.

A long time ago. Almost as distant, the day when I was twenty-four and took over from him the charge of that same room for the last year of Form One's existence. Next term he will not be here. The School will have lost one of its celebrated personalities and the staff will miss a most valued colleague but I shall still have a life-long friend.

Through the archives of this school a record of this schoolmaster's career may be found, and a full record it is. For many years he taught mainly French and Latin, changing later to English as his principal subject. He was responsible, in the days before the school meals service, for the organization of dinners; he was an able and enthusiastic swimming instructor; and, of course, he is Gear's housemaster. But he will be remembered for what he is, rather than for what he has done. "Every man in his humour," said Ben Jonson. Yes, indeed, especially if it is good humour and if he has a good sense of it. I wish I had sixpence for every kindness and every encouragement and every funny story I've had from Hubert Evans. And I'm only one in a multitude.

G.P.W.

Mr. A. J. Norris

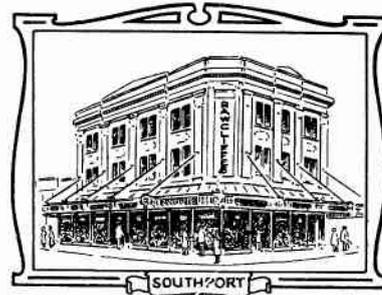
Friday, July 14th is a day that we look forward to with rather mixed feelings. It marks the beginning of a break from the day-to-day routine of teaching, but also means we must say farewell to a respected colleague, Jim Norris. A mere catalogue of his activities during the past seventeen years would be impressive in itself, but this would tell less than half the story. As a mathematician he has that rare gift not only of imparting knowledge, but of making boys enjoy the subject. If one visits one of his classes it seems, at first sight, that no master is present, only a group of boys working quietly. On closer inspection, however, one can find him sitting in a desk with a boy sorting out some problem. This concern for the individual has been very marked in his work as a Housemaster. To see him at his best however, is to be in his company when games of any kind are being played or discussed. He was himself a polished performer at cricket, golf and football. Many past members of the 1st XI well remember how the slightest lifting of the back foot meant a long walk back to the pavilion in the Staff match. His wicket-keeping was like the man himself, quiet, gentlemanly and efficient; more akin to Oldfield than to Duckworth. Playing golf with him one was left with the same impression, the ball was coaxed away rather than driven, but it still travelled a long, long way. His days as a soccer player were over when he joined the staff but one has it on very good authority that he was even better at this than other games.

We shall miss him very much in the staff room for his pleasant company and his readiness to help and advise his less experienced colleagues. He is a great authority on the rules and regulations of education and income tax. We hope that he and Mrs. Norris will enjoy a very happy retirement and that their youth remains with them for many years to come.

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Tuesday

The thirty-four happy souls who met early in the morning soon embarked on their expedition into the unknown. The coach stopped for lunch at a roadside café, and after various refreshments we reboarded and the journey southwards was resumed.

We reached our hotel, where after allocation of rooms we decided to visit Battersea Fun Fair. This was eagerly explored and all but two returned at the appointed time and when at last they arrived we made our way back to the hotel, to spend our first night in London.

Wednesday

After a good breakfast on Wednesday morning we caught the coach to the Maritime Museum at Greenwich. There we found a mass of carved wooden models of sailing ships, many paintings of old sailors and models of fairly modern ships. We visited the Cutty Sark in the dry dock and then walked along the Thames Embankment.

After lunch at the Victoria and Albert Museum we looked at the exhibits and then moved to the Science Museum. In this building we saw everything from gas turbine engines to how a cow is milked on the modern-day farm. By five o'clock we were all tired out and so we went back to the coach. We had had a most agreeable afternoon, especially one member of the party, who was deeply engrossed in a book about bacteria.

Thursday

A visit to Hampton Court proved very successful. The elaborate decorations of the rooms, the splendid gardens and the maze made this morning memorable.

After lunching there, the party visited the Air Force War Memorial. The coach stopped at Runnymede and Windsor Castle, continuing on to Heathrow airport which was of great interest to most of us.

After tea in the hotel, we saw a fantastic view of London from the observation platform of the G.P.O. tower. Immediately afterwards we saw "The Black & White Minstrel Show" at the Victoria Palace. This ended at 10-50 and we returned to our hotel.

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Friday

After an early start, the morning was spent in a drive around London in the coach. Many things of interest were seen, including the city's commercial centre and some important hotels and stores.

After dinner we had planned to see St. Paul's as well as the Tower, but because of the queue to see the Crown Jewels we had no time to visit the Cathedral.

In the evening, when we had seen Trafalgar Square's colourful fountains, we made our way to 10 Downing Street, dropping a postcard to Mr. Wilson through the letter box (for which we have received a reply). Then, walking along the bank of the Thames in high spirits we reached Waterloo station where we caught the train back to our hotel.

Saturday

Saturday was our last day. We visited Westminster Abbey and then walked about the town buying presents.

We had to return to the coach at 11-15 a.m., which took us back to the hotel where we collected our packed lunches. We left London at around midday and headed for the Waterways Museum at Stoke Bruerne. We stayed for two or three hours here, enjoying the interests of the Museum and some of the party were even allowed to help open the nearby locks.

We left Stoke Bruerne at about 3 p.m. and, with only one stop at a restaurant on the M.6, we reached Southport at 9 p.m.

We should all like to thank Mr. Bell who organised for us this chance to see our capital city.

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SCHOOL CONCERT

The school concert took place on Tuesday, 21st March in the School Hall. The choice of works was certainly catholic, ranging from Palestrina's "Missa Brevis" to Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" March No. 4.

The first work to be performed was Palestrina's "Missa Brevis." This was the Madrigal Group's first venture into full-scale ecclesiastical music, and they are to be congratulated on an extremely authentic performance of this very beautiful but difficult work. The assembly hall bears little resemblance to the Sistine Chapel in Rome and, one feels, the performance of this work in surroundings for which it was not intended and in a continuous form, was rather disadvantageous; nevertheless the singing was inspiring and encouraging.

Mozart's Piano Concerto in A Major, with its subtle and agile first and third movements and its languorous slow movement was a fitting work to follow the Palestrina. The soloist was Mr. Sawyer who gave a perfectly secure performance of the piano part and set a high standard for the accompanying orchestral forces. His piano style always shows to advantage in slow, cantabile music and the slow movement allowed us to hear his well sustained melodic lines. In the final rondo the orchestra took courage from the soloist's initially bold tempo and romped home with him to mutual victory.

The first half of the concert was concluded in a lively, extrovert manner with Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance March" No. 4 in G. Whilst not entirely devoid of a jingoistic mood, this was clearly enjoyed by both audience and musicians.

The continuity of the concert was maintained by introducing the second half with "The Royal Fireworks Music" by Handel. We were (mercifully) spared the pyro-technics, but the performance was very exciting, and gave the brave players in particular ample opportunity to display their skill.

The climax of the concert was the "Dettingen Te Deum," also by Handel. The choir, who had been obliged to wait in silence until this part of the concert, occasionally showed signs of fatigue and sometimes lacked the alertness and spontaneity necessary for the work. From time to time, also, the balance between choir and orchestra lay on the side of the orchestra rather than of equality, which was a pity. Nevertheless the performance conveyed admirably the dramatic quality of the music.

Mr. Wilson is to be thanked for the considerable amount of work which he undertook and the sometimes labyrinthine arrangements which he had to make, and, together with all his performers and helpers, is to be congratulated on an extremely interesting and enjoyable evening's music.

SOCIETY REPORTS

FENCING CLUB

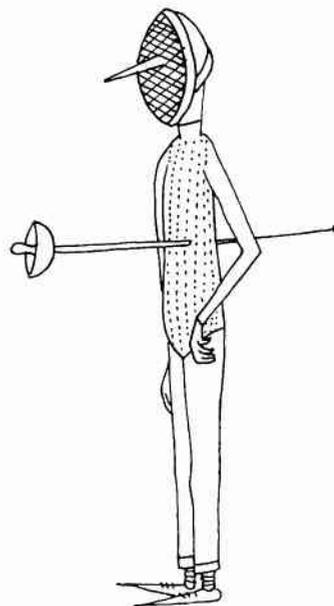
Maître d'escrimé — N. R. WOOD

Maître d'armes — J. McMANNERS

Maître de plume — T. STRID

The Fencing Club has almost died this year as a result of the apathy of the Sixth Form, but we will continue to maintain our policy of restricting membership to the upper school.

The Club thanks Mr. Gale for his assistance throughout the year. Several challenges from other establishments have been made but Wood, realising the truth of the statement, "Discretion is the better part of valour," extremely gracefully, declined. It is hoped, perhaps vainly, that next year the new members of the Sixth Form will see that it is wrong to allow the school to sink further into the quagmire of barbarism that their elder comrades seem content to wallow in.



T.S.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Chairman: R. A. Metcalfe.

Secretary: N. E. Blunt.

This year the Society has held eight meetings at school and one meeting at the Universities' Joint Reactor, Risley. This excursion proved very interesting and it was disappointing that the party had to be limited to twenty-five. Attendance at meetings this year has been rather poor. It is hoped that next year more junior boys will attend together with a larger contingent from the sixth form.

N.E.B.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

President: Mr. Richardson

Treasurer: C. Morris

Secretary: J. Aughton

Last term, under the guidance of Mr. Richardson an attempt was made to revive the astronomical society.

Our first main task was to repair the observatory roof which was damaged a great deal. Other repairs were also carried out, and now, although repairs are not quite completed, viewing is possible on clear nights and several viewing sessions were held.

We hope that the membership will increase and any boy interested should see Mr. Richardson as soon as possible.

J.A.

ECONOMICS SOCIETY

Chairman: D. B. Lewis

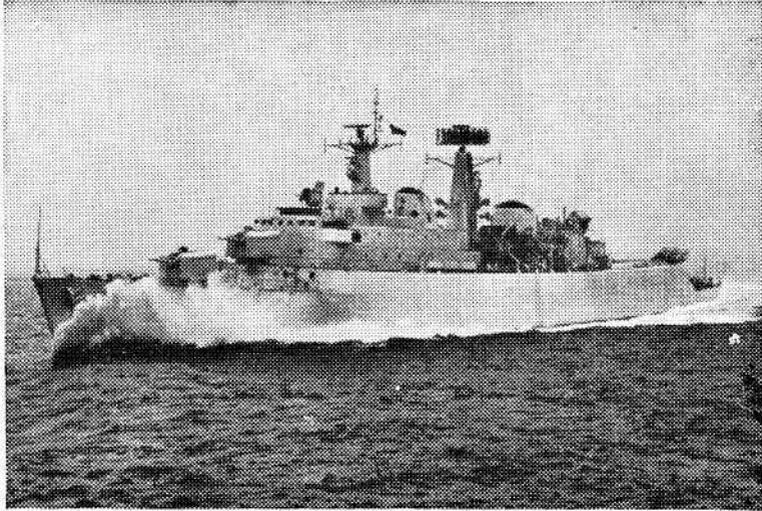
Secretary: R. Sowerbutts

At the beginning of the year Mr. L. T. Broughton, a personnel training manager from MANWEB brought a film and gave a talk on industrial relations. Thanks to the efforts of Swift an enjoyable afternoon visit was made to Skelmersdale New Town, when Mr. N. Pritchard, the Social Development Officer, acted as our guide and later returned to the school to deliver a follow-up lecture.

In the Spring term the deputy director of the Lancashire and Merseyside Industrial Development Association addressed the society, and gave a speech on location policies, which was of great value to all who attended. This term two lectures were given by officials from Arthur Holland Ltd. covering managerial, financial and historical aspects of Cavenham Foods.

The society extends belated thanks to Mr. P. G. Longhurst, who left at Christmas, for all his help. We welcome Mr. K. Topping who has already shown great interest in the prosperity of the society and it is to be hoped that he will receive the necessary support in the future.

D.B.L.



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HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman: S. J. Hatfield.

Secretary: N. A. Ratcliffe.

This year the society has continued the policy of separate meetings for senior and junior members. The senior meetings mainly took the form of discussions, concentrating on political themes. For the junior members, meetings ranged over a number of topics, from a film show on the history of transport, to an illustrated talk by Ford on local architecture. The two excursions organized so far to Manchester and North Wales have been received with enthusiasm and were very well attended.

The committee would like to thank members for their support and to express its gratitude to Mr. Gray for his indispensable help during the past year.

N.A.R.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: R. B. Jackson

Secretary: I. R. Pond

With pressure from an adviser and support from the school, we decided to explore new ground. A fairly successful joint meeting with the High School was held and a return bout seems likely. The motion was "This House believes in the unfailing superiority of the male sex."

The usual excuses have so far dogged attempts at debating this term. We still believe that, unlike Rugby, debating can continue in all seasons. If the rain keeps on we may even have a proper debate this summer.

A school team entered for the first time the Lancashire and Cheshire Schools' Debating Competition, being eliminated in the second round, but we can take consolation from the fact that we were beaten by one of the eventual finalists.

I.R.P.

JOINT VIth FORM FILM SOCIETY

The Society has had a most successful season. Major films shown were: **The Quare Fellow** and **Twelve Angry Men** considering aspects of criminal justice, **The War Game** concerning criminal negligence, and two films by Sergei Eisenstein combining adventure and the Soviet interpretation of history: **Battleship Potemkin**, and **Alexander Nevsky**. The season closed with **Tom Jones**. The showing of 'shorts' such as **The Red Balloon**, and the holding of discussion meetings, were two major innovations. The members of the committee wish to thank all members of staff, at the High School and here, for their time and pains, and hope that the Society will continue to flourish as it has done this year.

R.B.J.

BRIDGE CLUB

President: The Headmaster.

Secretary: J. Turner.

Chairman: P. Hepworth.

The Bridge Club has flourished this year and there have been as many as four tables of duplicate bridge at the weekly meetings after school. The team, consisting of J. Turner, P. Heyworth, C. Lawrie and D. Scott, entered for the English Bridge Union's School Championship for which there were 117 schools competing. In the preliminary heat held at the Southport Bridge Club the team was placed first and was one of the two teams qualifying for the final in London, all travel and hotel expenses being paid by the English Bridge Union. In the final our team was placed sixth, which was a very creditable performance.

Weekly meetings continue, usually on Thursdays at 4 p.m. Any sixth former wishing to take up the game will be welcome.

EUROPA

Chairman: I. R. Pond.

Secretary: R. B. Jackson.

Several meetings were held this year, including a play-reading (admirably performed by Mlle. Chasaux and M. Knita) and the showing of a film, *Le Tartuffe*, which, if not exactly entertaining, was at least interesting as a lesson in embalming and mounting the classics with all due reverence. Mr. Berry read a paper on Kleist, whose career is more interesting than his name sounds; and this meeting was both stimulating and entertaining, even for those with no knowledge of German Literature. Mr. Smith's talk on German Government proved to be equally enjoyable. Thanks to all concerned.

R.B.J.

CHRISTIAN UNION

We have had a reasonably successful year, including a recent meeting held especially for the Junior forms, which succeeded in arousing more interest at this end of the school. Other meetings have included the showing of various filmstrips, a number of informal discussions, and several interesting talks given by members of the committee and external speakers.

Next year, it is intended to maintain this interest by having a fuller, more varied programme.

H.M.H., J.C.H.

BEE CLUB

Chairman-Treasurer: P. L. Thomas. Secretary: M. Williams.

Committee: J. Campbell, P. Hopkins, J. Lound

This year we were able to sponsor two film shows. At the first, good publicity produced an audience of 48. At the second, which was attended by members of the High School 6th form, the audience numbered 23.

This season we are looking forward to several practical meetings during the summer term. As both stocks have come through the winter we hope for another good surplus. The committee wishes to extend its gratitude to Mr. Davies for the help he has so generously given throughout the year.



P.L.T.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

President: Mr. H. C. Davies.

Chairman: J. L. Nelson.

Treasurer: K. H. Sach.

Secretary: M. G. Rapaport.

Committee: J. D. Broudé, N. Dickson, R. A. Metcalfe.

The number of members has increased this year to thirty-six. We have been able to offer leading makes of film at low prices and hope the membership will enable us to do this again next year. The darkroom has been used every evening and the society can expect a large number of entries for the Annual Exhibition on Open Day.

Considering, however, the number in the society, the lectures have not been well attended, although they were of a high standard and gave a good introduction to better photography.

Finally we should like to thank Nelson who has been an excellent Chairman in all respects.

M.G.R.

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RAILWAY SOCIETY

Secretary: G. Fairhurst.

This newly formed society recalls the name of a society which existed until two years ago and has taken over the former activities of the 'Transport Society.'

Films supplied by the British Transport Commission were shown last year and included 'Elizabethan Express' and 'Reshaping British Railways'. It is hoped to have a better programme next year including films, talks and trips to the famous Festiniog railway in North Wales and to several British Rail installations.

G.F.

RAMBLING CLUB

Committee: J. Laws, R. Harris, S. Hancock, J. Lowe,
S. Hatfield.

The trip in the Autumn term was to Malham, the two key features, Gordale Scar and Malham Cove, being explored by all parties. The trip to Snowdonia last term was successful, apart from the heavy rain which set in late in the day. Snowdon and Tryfan were the summits climbed.

The failure of a planned trip to Helvellyn this half term well illustrates the lack of support from the school generally and in particular from the middle and upper forms. This is most unfortunate considering the society's relevance to a wide range of academic subjects. We would, however, like to thank those who have supported the society regularly and hope that their numbers will increase for the next year.

S.H.

THORNLEY SOCIETY

President: The Headmaster.

Chairman: J. A. Laws.

Secretary: G. C. Wright.

The Thornley Society welcomes Hancock, Harris and Osborn as new members. We spent an enjoyable weekend in Langdale in October and also had some interesting climbing on Tryfan and in the Llanberis Valley in Wales at Easter. An expedition to Skye is planned for the Summer and the society hopes to go Potholing this term.

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We are grateful for the gift of books to Miss A. I. Ezard,
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Stocker, C. Davies; and to the Executive Board of the First
Church of Christ, Scientist, Southport.

BRITAIN AND THE COMMON MARKET

On the 24th July, 1961 Mr. Macmillan, then Prime Minister, announced that the Government would apply for membership of the European Economic Community, more commonly known as the 'Common Market'. This Britain did, and was refused membership. In 1966 Mr. Brown, the Foreign Secretary, made it quite clear that Britain would again apply for membership, the application having formally been given in Brussels on May 11th of this year. The plunge has now been taken, and so we can only discuss how membership will affect us.

For quite a while Britain has been regarded as the "sick economic man" in Europe. The average rate of production in the EEC countries has been from 4 to 5 per cent a year, while in Britain only 2 per cent has been the National average. Clearly, then, before long the great economic lead that Britain showed over the rest of Europe after the last war, will have turned exactly the other way. Probably the main reason for these figures is that the Continentals, receiving such a huge economic blow by the last war, were able to invest new capital in huge amounts into their economy (that is to say they were able to buy the latest machines and production methods), whereas Britain has been investing in her own economy at a comparatively small rate, and therefore lags behind in modern methods. Entrance into the EEC here will give British Industry their long-awaited chance of increasing their production by investing more capital, and therefore bringing our growth rate more in line with the rest of Europe. This, in turn, will lift Britain from her recent economic depressions.

The two main problems that are usually connected with our entry into the EEC are agricultural prices and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

The prices received by British farmers for their goods are not far from the average prices received by Continental farmers. The difference comes when it is seen that in Britain agricultural prices are low because they are subsidised by the taxpayer, whereas on the Continent the prices are fully paid by the consumer. No solution has yet been provided for a compromise; but it does seem likely that this problem will be discussed by 'The Six' before they give the reply to Britain's request for entry. The probable outcome will be that prices of agricultural products will increase substantially over the next ten years, but also, that agricultural prices in the EEC will come down, because at the moment they remain at a much higher level than the rest of the world.

EFTA is a second problem, but this time just to Britain. This association was set up shortly after the EEC, as a group solely concerned with the removal of tariff barriers on industrial goods between member countries. The ultimate aim is to make Western Europe into one large Free Trade Area, by EFTA countries joining the EEC. This does seem to be a likely event if Britain's request to join the EEC is accepted. Problems here are that Austria, Switzerland and Sweden would not wish to join the EEC because it would mean giving up their neutrality, which they are not prepared to do. The problem is further complicated because Britain will not accept membership into the EEC until agreements have been reached which safeguard the "legitimate interests" of its EFTA partners.

This, then, is a simplified picture of what the 'Common Market' means to Britain. It must be stressed, though, that this whole question is economic, and it is wrong to bring political bias into any argument concerning the EEC. General de Gaulle has recently aired his disapproval of Britain's entry into the EEC and even if we do fail in our bid again this time the factors that have already been discussed all point to there being a third application.

R. A. Barnett, U.6.W.

THE MOTORCYCLISTS

The sweat-soaked starter spluttered into life,
Rmm! Rmm! is the rev of the rust-riddled engine,
As it soars along the street at supersonic speed.
Breaking through barriers to arrive before time.
Speeding down the centre of streets in built-up areas.
Through red lights and right without a signal.
Look out! on the crossing, keep clear! from the kerb!
We're coming! Don't stop us; he yells till he's hoarse.
Now they slow and stop and the silence is sweet,
But authority arrests them for driving without care.

A. Evans, 2.M.

THE TWO CREATIONS

The setting sun bathes the fields in pinkish light,
Resplendent light which tinctures objects big and small
Silhouetted against the skyline . . .
The verdant grass, moaning in the stiffened breeze of
evening;
The stagnant pool, with greenish mound of ooze and slime;
The two trees, ravaged by the winds, stark;
No more to taste the sweet buds of life on their dead
branches.
The line of green hills, far to the west of the trees,
The possibility of another world within their depths,
An eerie world, full of Nature's secrets,
Which the eye of Man, try though it will,
Can never fathom . . .
The cow, with its bell jingling from afar,
Is the only sound which breaks the gentle passage of the
wind.
All is quiet in this desolate spot . . .
And around the time-blackened grave stone amidst the grass,
Serenity and awe . . .
A grave—the single edifice of Mankind in this tranquil
wilderness,
But this petty mystery is as nothing when compared
To the universal mystery of Nature—
And as darkness slowly falls the wind continues to moan
With perhaps a faint note of derision as it gently stirs the
lichen
Which covers the head stone . . .
And the verdant grass bends under the wind.
And swallows up the remnants of Mankind.

R. Winter, L.6.W.

GAMES REPORTS



1st XV

In a season of great contrast, we had one term of successful, intelligent play and one of dismal failure and ineptitude. In the first term we saw some splendid play by the whole team, but after Christmas the attack and natural guile shown until then were missing. This is accounted for mainly by severe injuries to Walton and Cumbley and by the departure of Richards all in the vital positions of scrum-half, stand-off and centre and by the fact that we had to play several games without a regular second-row. We also had a long catalogue of injuries.

Until Christmas, the forwards, light and small though they were as a pack, appeared to have complete confidence in their backs and they played skilful and methodical rugby. They obtained a reasonable share of the ball from the line-outs, more than their fair share from the scrums, where Thompson's hooking was outstanding and by far the greater supply of the ball in loose play. Here every one of the forwards played his part, but none more so than Sixsmith, Thompson, Ogden and Allardice.

Richards and Walton at half-back really relished this continuous stream of good loose ball and ran hard, fast and often. Richards, although too selfish at times, was usually too strong and fast for most defences. Walton too was of immense value with his strong bursts and intelligent reading of the game. Proof of the strength of these two is that Walton scored 45 points in eleven games and Richards 21 points in 13 games, all of them tries.

Cumbley and Keeley, however in the centre, were not called upon to do more than support these two, with the result that their own attacking play did not develop as much as it should have. Defensively, they were both very sound indeed. Next year we hope to see them as attacking players in their own right.

Tabron, at full-back, found that due to the good defensive work of the forwards and backs, he had much less tackling to do than in the previous season. But what there was to do he did well and without hesitation, his fielding of the ball being a joy to watch.

Livesey and Smith, W., were the school wingers. Livesey obtained several fine tries early in the season from breaks by Richards. He is a player of great pace and he has improved his defensive work considerably. Smith on the other wing did not have the same scoring chances as came Livesey's way but he did defend courageously. Towards the end of the season his attacking play improved immensely. We hope for some good scores from these two next season.

Sixsmith, Thompson and Ogden, the front row trio, played in every school game, even though Thompson did not always hook as he tried his hand at playing No. 8. They formed a compact front row and a lot of the credit for the good wins early on in the season should go to these three and to Allardice. For it was due to their tremendously hard loose rucking that we got the good ball for the backs to go forward. Allardice and Day filled the second row of the scrum. The former was a consistently hard worker and jumped well in the line-outs. Day learned a great deal and we hope that he will be able to put his fine physique to good use in future seasons, but he must learn to go into the rucks head first and not with his back.

Abram usually played at No. 8. He did quite well in the line-outs when he was not barged out of the way. On the field he displays an intelligent appreciation of the game, despite a tendency to "cover" when it is not strictly necessary. Cunliffe and Walsh made up the back row trio. Cunliffe was not as dominating as he should have been but was always courageous, and keen. This determination to succeed probably caused the improvement shown in the last few games. Walsh shared his position with Lucas. Both played with determination but lacked the spark needed to be really first-rate performers. Lucas however still has a few seasons of school rugby before him, in which to use this experience.

After Richards left, Stubington (8), Rogers (1), and Pimlott (4) occupied the scrum-half position. All three played pluckily. Pimlott was perhaps the most successful in that he struck up a happy attacking partnership with Cumbley, now at stand-off. Turner turned out at wing, No. 8, wing-forward and centre with varying success. Newton "guested" from the swimming team to help us out played hard, as indeed did Laws and Mantle when they were called upon.

Collinge (1), Gilchrist (5), Gritten (2), and Breitenbach (5) were others who appeared with some success. The figures in brackets denote the number of games played.

We look forward now to next season, with high hopes. For of the 27 players who appeared on various occasions at 1st XV level, no fewer than 18 will return, together with some other promising youngsters. But for our record to make pleasant reading this time next year we will have to make better use of the ball, particularly behind the scrum. Each player must realise that he is a potential try scorer. So the points to aim for next season should be:—eager foraging for the ball, quick, aggressive running and backing up at speed. By aggression is meant the adopting of a positive, attacking attitude, not, of course, the losing of one's temper. A most pleasing aspect of the play of this year's team was that they were not once penalised for ungentlemanly conduct or foul play, though several of our opposing teams were roused to foul play through frustration!
Played 27; Won 13; Lost 14; Points for 171; Points agst. 191.

2nd XV

This was a rather disappointing season. Never before has the team lost so many of its regular players for such long periods of time and consequently the understanding within the team was rarely of the required standard. The lack of experience and natural ability was always evident, but some of the young members of the team gained valuable experience which we hope will pay dividends next year.

The forwards, although rather small, on occasions showed great determination and it is mainly due to their fine efforts that the team's record is not much worse. The backs rarely attained a satisfactory standard; their faults lay mainly in attack for especially when a break was made, the lack of support inevitably caused the movement to break down.

It was stated in last year's report that the school has difficulty in producing threequarters who can handle a ball confidently and run strongly together as a unit; there are few signs that this will be achieved to any great degree in the near future.

We sincerely hope that in the coming season the 2nd XV will at least be able to retain a nucleus of regular players so that the main faults of last season may be corrected.
Pl'd 20; Won 8; Lost 11; Drawn 1; Pts. for 136; Pts. agst. 177

UNDER 15 XV

Despite a promising season as 'Under 14' the potential of this side was not fully realised. The departure to another school of a very promising scrum half does not wholly explain their lack of consistency. Wholehearted enthusiasm and determination do not compensate for technical weaknesses and deficiencies.

The pack was light and until late in the season slow-moving and slow-thinking. This was partly due to a lack of experience and partly to a lack of rucker sense. Too often the opportunity of a vital quick heel from the loose was lost and the side was content to let the opposition have the ball and then attempt to deprive them of it. Although Gritten played superbly and set a splendid example of aggression he was not always able to communicate this to the rest of the pack who consequently lacked drive and cohesion. Lack of weight and height meant that we were too often beaten in the tight and line outs and this was not compensated for by dominance in the loose. Bullivent, Langfeld and Olsen showed determination but they were all likely to make fatal errors on occasions.

Undoubtedly the most developed player outside the scrum was Pimlott who made an excellent hit as scrum half with his swift raking power. Unfortunately we lacked a natural stand-off and MacAlister, a first class centre, took a while to settle into this unaccustomed position. An injury in mid-season was a further handicap to him. The centres showed plenty of dash but apart from Mantin their handling was poor. Stanley and Kirkman worked hard in the centre but both are natural wings and they never settled to playing out of position. As a line the three-quarters were occasionally suspect in defence despite fine work by Mantin and MacAlister. At full-back Connolly tackled courageously, but on heavy grounds he was slow in covering and was probably relieved to return to the pack late in the season. For the last few matches Turner showed promise as full-back.

The team's performances would have been much more consistent if they had been able to practise regularly against worthy opposition. Unfortunately most of the Under 15 game offered only a token resistance. Finally it should be noted that the whole side, ably captained by MacAlister, showed themselves willing to learn by their mistakes and should provide excellent material for senior teams in the future.

Played 17; Won 6; Lost 11.

UNDER 14 XV

The poor record of the team is no indication of the progress made throughout the season, particularly in the pack.

After a disastrous start, the team was reshaped and Ringer, Smith and Carson were converted into forwards. The speed of Smith and Carson and the solid tackling of Ringer immediately made the pack a much more formidable unit and as the season progressed, the scrummaging strength of Seddon, Hill and Howard and the sound hooking and determined open play of Bradshaw began to make themselves felt. Wainwright's inclusion halfway through the season added height to the line and took some of the strain off Seddon.

Hale, playing mainly in the centre, ran very strongly, if not always straight.

Horner played well at scrum-half but must speed up his service from the base of the scrum.

Finney, at stand-off, is a natural footballer with a good eye for an opening, and when he learns to pass accurately, and to time his pass, he will be an extremely good player.

Pinch is a strong attacking three-quarter and made many good runs when playing centre. When moved to full-back, however, his true value to the team became apparent. His tackling, catching and sure kicking served to steady the rest of the backs and give them much-needed confidence.

Frazer played with determination both at full-back and on the wing. He tackles fearlessly, but he must improve his positional play and his touch-finding.

Lucas played several games in the centre although he is not fast enough off the mark for this position and his style is more suited to forward play.

Turner on the wing played well and given more of the ball and room to move, he should score freely.

Rose worked extremely hard, and will soon be an asset to any side.

Seddon led the team very well throughout the season, both by intelligent direction and by personal example.

Mention must be made of Smith-Crallan, Brookfield, Aitken, Jackson, Dickinson, Gregory, Jubb and Headey, who also played, sometimes out of position. Their enthusiasm helped to maintain the spirit of the side, as did the support of regular spectators-cum-touch-judges, McKeegan and Booth, and of the many parents who attended the home matches.

Played 16; Won 1; Drawn 1; Lost 14.

UNDER 13 XV

The Under 13 XV, while not playing many games showed signs of promise for the future. Twenty-two boys played in the various matches and at least another ten were good enough to be considered.

Haynes, Harris, Trickett, Davies, McMullen, Longstaffe, Blackman and McGregor all played well and with Rimmer, Hart, Hutchinson, Halton, Clare, Baynes, Beazley, Aspinwall, Allardice, Fletcher, Warren and Parkinson they should form the nucleus of a very strong U.14 Group next season.

Played 5; Won 1; Lost 4.

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SCHOOL SWIMMING TEAM REPORT

Since Christmas five matches have taken place including two each against Calday and Wallasey. At home we beat Calday by 49 pts. and at an away match we drew, the match being much shorter than normal as the coach was caught in the rush hour traffic in Liverpool. Wallasey were beaten on both occasions. Our annual match against Lancaster resulted in a victory for us largely due to the strength of the junior team.

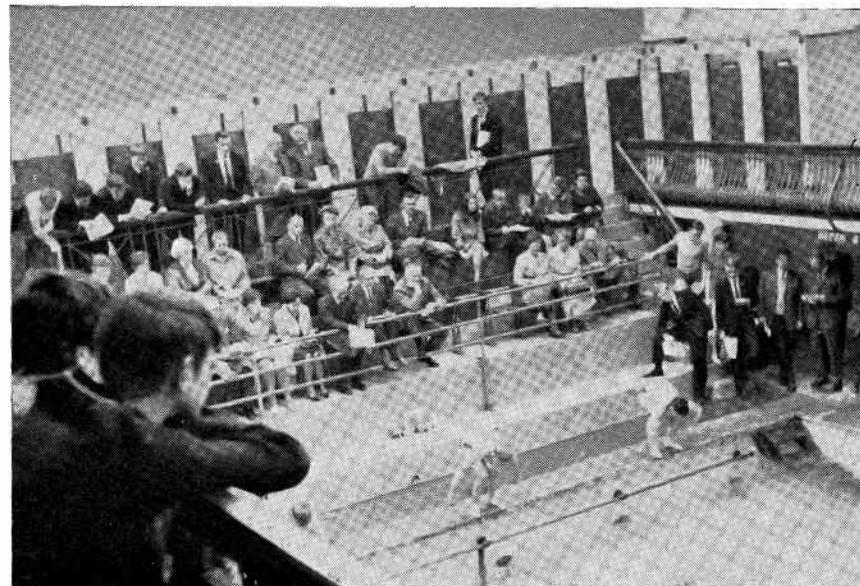
The members of the school team were also very successful in the annual Gala. Congratulations must go to Hale and Banks who have probably been the year's most outstanding Junior swimmers and should lead the team to future successes. Calland and Suffolk have been successful in the Liverpool and District Age Group Championships and they have hopes for the Northern Counties. Having recovered from his broken leg, Holmes has done even better than his previous standard and is to be congratulated on winning the open Individual Medley and Open 200 yards freestyle.

Training is still not as well supported as it could be but a concerted effort before the Fylde Gala could yield a singularly successful team. We will never gain successes until the team overcomes antipathy towards training.

As announced at the Swimming Gala, Mr. Bell is leaving in July. Since 1962 he has been closely connected with the activities of the team and has shown admirable enthusiasm and devotion. Mr. Bell has also taken charge of the annual Gala, the scope and organisation of which has increased tremendously. He has made advances in Swimming Qualifications and Lifesaving also. The fact that in the last five years the School has gained every major swimming and Lifesaving trophy in the north-west bears witness to his efforts. We are most grateful and shall miss him tremendously.

SWIMMING GALA

The Swimming Gala was held on Friday, May 5th. The organisation was smoother than ever before, the events being swum off extremely quickly and uninterruptedly. This was due in part to the efforts of the school prefects for which Mr. Bell was very grateful.



Whilst the greatest potential for school swimmers is concentrated in the lower part of the school, the customary apathy amongst the senior school was alleviated somewhat by the extension of swimming qualifications to include the sixth-form (coupled also with a points system varying directly with lengths swum).

The gala was significant for three things. Firstly the number of first-year events was extended to six, an addition of a 25-yard race in each stroke. Turner and Hutchinson were the two most successful competitors. Secondly nine records were broken and one equalled. Congratulations go to Banks, Hale, Calland, Boycott, Holmes and Atkins, for good performances. Edwards' repeated their squadron performance, clipping 7 secs. off the U.16 squadron record. Thirdly a new cup was donated by Mr. Bell. This is to be awarded to the house gaining the most points in the relays and was won by Spencer's.

Mr. Hutton, the Chief Education Officer, and his wife, and Mr. Buxton, P.E. organiser for Southport were guests at the gala. Mrs. Hutton made the presentation of the trophies.

T.P.A.E.

LIFESAVING

Secretary: J. L. C. Geddes

The School has now won the Leverhulme Shield two years running, but by the rules of the competition we are not allowed to hold the shield on consecutive years, so it was awarded this year to the school who attained second place.

The figures for this year's awards, (below) are rather low compared to last year's. We have, however, only held one set of Exams. It is hoped to hold another set towards the end of the Summer Term.

I was disturbed when I received the application forms from the respective House Secretaries, at the relatively small number of boys outside the first and second year taking exams. Every boy in the School should strive to attain the standard award of the Society, the Bronze Medallion.

I hope more will do so next year.

AWARDS GAINED 1966/67

Lifesaving	79
Safety Awards.....	12
Artificial Respiration	12
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Total	103

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HOCKEY

Captain: F. C. J. Dart.

Secretary: J. Stocker.

Vice-Captain: M. Williams.

The Hockey Club finished the season in excellent form. The 1st XI entered the Merseyside inter-schools tournament. We were unlucky to be drawn against Caldv Grange and Liverpool Institute in the qualifying round.



Thanks to a fine penalty save by D. Rodd a draw was achieved against Caldv Grange. In the second match one goal sufficed to take the team into the semi-finals. The draw brought Liverpool Collegiate, once again stiff opposition. A late goal put K.G.V. into the final. Before a sizeable crowd, the K.G.V. team went down 4—0, in a very good match against a more mature and strong Liverpool College side.

At the start of the summer term the 1st and 2nd XI visited Preston Roman Catholic College. The 1st XI drew 1—1 and the 2nd XI were unfortunate to lose 3—0.

The 1st XI is becoming more and more a team, with Wilson and Taylor combining very sensibly as full backs. The half backs' play is steady and reliable and they are combining well with the forwards who are settling down to play with rhythm and a little more punch. We hope for great things next season as only Stocker and Newman are leaving and we have suitable replacements from the 2nd XI.

This has been a season of consolidation for the Hockey Club and congratulations are extended to all players for their support and achievements. Next season will witness further progress and activity coupled with an increased fixture list.

BADMINTON

The senior side capably led by Stocker was very fortunate in having two players whose ability was well above average. Harkness and Hepworth, who have throughout the season constantly put the school's name on the badminton map throughout Lancashire, must be congratulated on their play in the school team, for which they were awarded full-colours and in particular on winning national major tournaments. Harkness has again been selected for the Lancashire schools county team. We are pleased that Harkness will be available next year, but Hepworth will be sadly missed. Rimmer proved to be a useful member of the side and improved a great deal as the season progressed, mainly as a result of his inclusion in a local side which gave him the opportunity to play against stronger opposition every week. Newton was available for only a few matches, but several under 16's filled the third pair admirably.

The school was very fortunate in being able to call on eleven players to represent the under 16 team and this meant that all boys played in at least 6 games during the season. Although some improvement in their play was noticeable they were soundly thrashed when visiting Walkden County S.S. in the Lancashire schools cup. Conditions at school are not ideal for badminton and it is most noticeable that our boys are severely handicapped by the lack of height in the gymnasium and are completely out of touch with tactics and positional play on a high court, but all boys must be congratulated on their enthusiasm for the game under the conditions available.

The inter-house competition was enlarged this year and proved to be very successful. Edwards' won the league comfortably, but there was a close battle for second place between Grear's and Rogers', the result being in doubt until the last match of the season. Next year should see Edwards' as the major force, but Grear's and the young Leech's side stand a good chance of earning honours and points towards the Jubilee Cup.

The badminton section can look back on a most enjoyable season and if the keenness which is apparent with the Junior boys at the moment spreads throughout the school, 1967/68 should be even more successful and we hope that the junior side will manage to win the Lancashire schools 'Red-Rose' competition.

Senior Team — Played 10; Won 9; Lost 1.

Under 16's — Played 8; Won 5; Lost 3.

'Red-Rose' Competition — 1st Round, beat Christ the King's 7-0; 2nd Round, lost to Walkden C.S.S. 0-7.

House Competition — Final Points: Ed. 21, S. 17, G. 14, R. 13, L. 9, W. 7, Ev. 3, M. 0.

CHESS CLUB

Captains: P. Hepworth, E. Robinson. Secretary: P. Lowry.

The chess club have lost Mr. M. A. Thurlow, and both Davidsons and Tinsley this year. These three constituted the team's first three boards last year, but their loss has not affected the team as much as was once feared. The School entered four competitions; the "Sunday Times", the Wright Shield, the Lancashire under-15 knock-out, and the Lancashire Open Age knock-out. The team managed to reach the zonal semi-final in the "Sunday Times," which was no mean achievement. The position obtained in the Wright Shield was mediocre, but more than one defeat was only by a small margin. The first team fared badly in the Open Age Lancashire Knock-out, being defeated in the second round.

The junior team crushed its first two opponents in the Under-15 competition and was unlucky to be drawn against Bury in the third round. The success of the junior team shows that the chess club need not fear a weak first team in the next few years.

CHESS RESULTS

Senior Team:

Wright Shield:

Defeated Prescot G.S., Wigan G.S., Bluecoat School.
Lost to Ormskirk G.S., Rock Ferry H.S., Liverpool Institute, St. Francis Xavier-College.

"Sunday Times" Competition:

Defeated King Edward VII School, Sandbach School, Tyldesley S.M.S.
Lost to the Alfred Barrow School.

Lancashire Open K.O.:

Lost to St. Edward's College.

Junior Team:

Lancashire U.15 K.O.:

Defeated Chorley G.S., Skerton School.
Lost to Bury G.S.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Captain: P. G. Bayliss.

Secretary: N. J. Robinson.

Since our last report our teams, especially the senior one, have, if anything, improved upon this standard with some close losses and some good wins including triangular matches. There was little change in the teams' membership throughout the season and very little borrowing from the rugby teams. The teams were under the supervision of Mr. P. Stainton, Mr. H. Marsh and the captain P. G. Bayliss.



The Senior House cross-country championship was won by Mason's, the individual winner being S. Cooke. The junior race was won jointly by Rogers' and Edwards', with Stanley as individual winner. Colours were awarded to P. G. Bayliss and S. Cooke and half-colours to Robinson, Faraday and Crimmins. On the whole it was quite a successful season.

Games Colours

During the past two years, several alterations to the method of awarding games colours and to colours insignia have been made. The number of games for which colours may be awarded has now been extended; in addition to rugby, cricket, swimming and athletics, Full, Half and Junior Colours may be gained in badminton, cross-country, hockey and chess. All awards, with the exception of Royal Colours, are made by the master-in-charge of games, on the recommendation of the masters-in-charge of school teams and in consultation with the Games Committee, on the following basis.

Junior Colours — are awarded to boys under 15 for promising performance in a school team. The award is a black badge, embroidered in white thread with the words "Junior Colours," which is to be worn on the blazer, immediately below the breast pocket.

Half Colours — are awarded for good performance and service in a school team, at a more senior level, and to regular members of the 2nd rugby XV and the 2nd cricket XI. The award is a black tie with narrow red diagonal stripes superimposed.

Full Colours — are awarded for outstanding performance and service in a school team and to regular members of the 1st rugby XV and the 1st cricket XI. The award is a special wired blazer badge, worn in place of the school badge on the breast pocket, and a red tie with broad black diagonal stripes superimposed with narrow white stripes.

Royal Colours — are awarded at the end of each academic year, on the recommendation of the master-in-charge of games, by the Games Committee, to one or more holders of Full Colours, who have made an outstanding contribution to school games. The award may be withheld in any year, if no such contribution has been made. The insignia for this award is a distinctive wired blazer badge, worn in place of the Full Colours badge, on the breast pocket.

Existing Full Colours blazers may still be worn but no new blazers of this pattern can be ordered. All the above colours insignia may be purchased at the School Office, with the exception of the Junior Colours badge, the Full Colours tie and the Royal Colours blazer badge, which are presented by the School to the recipients of these awards.

CONTRIBUTED

METROPOLIS

Piccadilly underground station is garish and tiled. It is modern and crowded; a circular shuffler, dispatching, receiving and redirecting very many people. The rotating tumblers of the clock, suspended from the ceiling, read 19 38. The man stands near the array of fire extinguishers in a wall-cabinet near the ticket machines. He glances at the bustling people with utter disinterest; some Carnaby-street boys, several couples meeting from the Tubes, late office-workers, a group of what look like Spaniards, and an overwhelming number of anonymous men-in-the-street. "Could you tell me where the Warner Cinema is, please?": the voice belongs to a tall man with greying hair and a very Burton overcoat. It repeats its question and the younger man looks round with suspicion; in the metropolis only eccentrics converse with strangers. "The exit on your left" the man replies, in an unemotional voice; the tall man moves away. The young man does not want to stay there, but has no destination in mind. Making a pointless circuit of the underground, he ascends into Shaftesbury Avenue, and partly takes in the lighted windows beside him. He does not remember where he goes; he crosses streets through the heavy traffic with automatic care. On the corner is the spaciouly vitreous Swissair building; he enters Wardour Street. Music is heard from the doorways: a coffee bar down steep steps, the Flamingo club and above it the Whiskey-a-gogo. The lights shine meaninglessly in the darkness, and the male boutiques solicit attention with coloured spotlights on the grotesque clothes, once the mecca of every alive twentieth-century young man.

Venturing along the side streets, there are first of all a multitude of Indian, Pakistani, Greek and Italian restaurants; then sleazy cafés, small-time record shops and execrably dirty warehouses. To the west side of the street, towards Soho Square, are striptease clubs. The young man had acquainted himself with the bizarre, and at the same time

crude, entertainments of Soho before he had been married, for he believed in a broad experience of life; in varying moods he would visit the clubs on one day and the Tate Gallery the next. Now he felt lost; he felt empty when he stood and watched people walk by, boys in boldly-cut suits, and sunglasses in the dark.

By nine o'clock he had drifted back to Piccadilly, through Leicester Square, and round to Trafalgar Square. He saw the warm lights of Lyon's Corner House, and the deceptively modern facade of Charing Cross station; for no reason in particular he turned to the right, down the street which leads to Charing Cross underground station, an incredibly depressing place. The station resembles a Hall of Machines, chequered tiled-floored, high-ceilinged, and gloomily-lit. People were there to hurry about; they seemed to be in a hurry to escape from the place.

A tall girl with a round face and indifferently-coloured hair turned from the ticket-machine, and asked him if he had a sixpence for six pennies. He wondered without any urgency whether this was some sign of interest, and when she had repeated her question, he felt in his pockets and brought out some loose change; none of which unfortunately was a sixpence. He considered trying to obtain her companionship, and offered to get the change for her; he finally succeeded with a woman wearing a hat, an appallingly ugly hat. He turned with the sixpence and was ready to begin some sort of conversation as a polite formality, but for some reason he could think of nothing to say, not the least triviality. He studied her simple, shy face with detachment, smiled, and walked away.

The Embankment was considerably more depressing, but the river exerted its usual mysterious influence to counteract this. The few people walking along the wall were more bizarre types, leather-jacketed and long-haired girls and boys, and the occasional pathetic figure whose utterly neglected appearance indicated his addiction to alcohol. An old man leant against the wall and watched the panorama of lights across the river with evident satisfaction; a bus, illuminated in all its windows crossed a bridge further down. As the young man passed, the old man half turned and said "Good evening" with a slight bow of the head; the young man was pleased by this slight human contact.

He turned, and reaching the underground station once more, mechanically bought a ticket for his station on the Bakerloo line; but without Annette his flat would be more desolate than an Embankment bench.

Anon, L.6.

THE WRECK

Steam south west from Drake's Land.
To the Seven Stones.
There she lies, a broken mass
Spurting the black slime,
Covering beaches, damping hopes
Of happy summer's pleasure.
This twisted burnt out sacrifice;
A dismal monument of greed.
Man's greed — the ceaseless rush,
The attempt to save minutes and money,
But nothing saved,
Least of all nature's own.
These innocent creatures lost in this blackness
Have, like the ship, lost their splendour,
Their dignity, their grace, their lives;
Save to remind us of man's folly.

N. C. Weldon, 4.S.

I AM ATMAN

In this rustling vegetable dark
I am neither man nor stone.
Sometimes I am of Berlin
1926 to 9;
In the Bierlokals of dank Am Krögel,
Strictly 'polizeilich verboten',
I hear the gutter of refugee Russians
While, across the murky spree,
Hohenzollerns count their profits
To the tram car's crazy jangle.
As the proles drown memory at Kempinski's
A girl in straw boater
And blue checked dress
Stands primly in Charlottenburg.
Often I sit by a Manyshu poet,
Sweating soldier who strains
A steel rimmed brow
To scratch five lines on silk shot paper,
Alone in the desolate frontier post,
As Mongols lurk outside.

Once I, a fifth-grade high-school kid,
Defied the cops on Sunset Strip
And prattled on Hondas and Ginsberg—
Now, in my baggy Bermuda shorts
I drive the family automobile
And join all the campus fraternities.

I am the thatch of a timbered room
Where a girl who drinks beer
Hums Carl Neilsen's songs
And rocks the fragile paper keys
Of H. C. Anderson

In this rustling vegetable dark
I am not man, but Atman;
And I am waiting, alone in the mountains
In the forest, in the night,
As the world pursues its measured ellipse.

S. McPherson, U.6.M.S.

SHOPS IN DARKLING

—Seeming blackness cats purr round the windowed goods
Sleek velvet fur on carton and on night-timed tin.
Sleep comes like drowsy sentinels on shaded ramparts
Looms out of darkness like a stronghold of the dewy dead.

And dimmer in the dark
Behind gingham and glass,
Glowing and boxed,
Is light.

—In back-shops of a slumbered world sleeps man,
And changes daily with his underwear,
Into new movings and new affections
And new people and new places

But shops sit
Velvet sit
Cat-like brood.
Dark.

Like tin plaques on the walls of country halts,
Proclaiming to the world the wisdom
Of an extinct brand of tea, of cigarettes, or of corn-plaster:
Dead—or 'only sleeping' in the dark of past.

THUNDER AT NIGHT

Splitting a panel, with painted faces, painted civilisation
and board, and cracks
Suddenly tears through
A canvas, seering through
Into dream with a pick-axe.
Then rumbles,
Out there
There far
In the distance,
At sea,
With ships and out of windward homes to wreck.
And then I think of all I do not want the thunder to
destroy,
And the thought of it
Lulls
Soft
Sleep
To a stop.

R. B. Jackson, U.6.S.

SALVETE

Humphreys C. R., Humphreys N. S., Smith G. P., Stevenson
J. R., Summerskill J. M.

VALETE

HOUGHTON S., 1962-1967. Gear's L5Y.
DODD P. C., 1963-1967. Evans' L5A.
TROUSDALE P. R., 1963-1967. Woodham's L5B.
VERNON R. D. E. 1963-1967. Rogers' L5B.
McKEEGAN, R. J., 1964-1967. Gear's 4B.
TAYLOR, J. H., 1965-1967. Leech's 3B.

Old Boys' News

- D. J. CAMERON (S. 53-60) has been awarded his Ph.D. degree in Metallurgy at Manchester University and has taken up a post with the Canadian Atomic Authority in Pinana, Manitoba.
- P. L. COTTERALL (G. 42-48) has been appointed Development Officer with the Essex Trustees Savings Bank in Ilford. He was formerly on the staff of the Trustee Savings Bank in Formby.
- PROFESSOR L. G. JAEGER (Ed. 36-43), who is Head of the Engineering Department at McGill University, Montreal, devised the City of Montreal's pavilion at the Expo '67 Exhibition which was recently opened in Montreal.
- R. N. JENKIN (M. 45-54) has taken a research appointment under the Ministry of Overseas Development into soil and land conditions in the Fiji.
- G. A. PEARCE (G. 47-55) has left the R.A.F. in which he was a pilot since 1957 and joined B.E.A. as a pilot.
- P. RIGBY (Ed. 58-65) who is in his second year at the Caerlon Training College, Newport, has been appointed Captain of the Welsh colleges swimming team.
- C. TURNER (G. 54-61) has been appointed manager of P. Phythian & Son Ltd., an associate travel agency of the Ribble Motor Services in St. Helens.
- K. J. WHITEHEAD (W. 58-65) has successfully completed his training at the College of Air Training, Hamble, and has joined B.E.A. as a qualified pilot.

OBITUARY

We deeply regret to announce the death of the following:

C. R. STUBINGTON (Ed. 57-64) who was killed in an accident on 20th June, 1967.

S. SUTTON (Ev. 27-34) who died on 30th May, 1967.

KING GEORGE V SCHOOL GOLDEN JUBILEE FUND

During the past term the school has received a most generous donation of £250 to the Jubilee Fund from the Trustees of the Aveling Bounty. This, together with £15 from the Prefects' Dance and £40 from the Parents' Association Jumble Sale, brings our total amount on deposit to £1,981. 14. 2.

The auditors' report on this account to 31st March is given below:

KING GEORGE V SCHOOL GOLDEN JUBILEE FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st March, 1967

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
Cash at Bank 1st April, 1966	704	5	6
Petty Cash in Hand 1st April, 1966		13	0
Covenanted Subscriptions	271	6	0
Donations	105	19	0
Proceeds from efforts	514	15	6
Income Tax refunded for the year 1965-66	44	2	8
Bank Interest	37	10	8
	<u>£1,678</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>

PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.
Deposit on House	320	0	0
Legal Charges	15	15	0
Stamping of Covenant Forms & Sundry Expenses	6	15	1
Cash at Bank 31st March, 1967	1335	8	8
Petty Cash in Hand 31st March, 1967		13	7
	<u>£1,678</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>

We consider the above Account is correctly drawn up in accordance with the books and with information and explanations given to us. We confirm that the deposit on the house has been refunded subsequent to the year end.

Signed: Lithgow Nelson & Co.,

413 Lord Street,
SOUTHPORT.

Chartered Accountants.

11th May, 1967.

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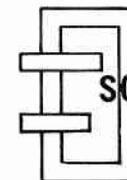


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