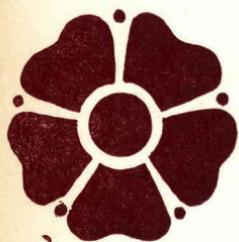


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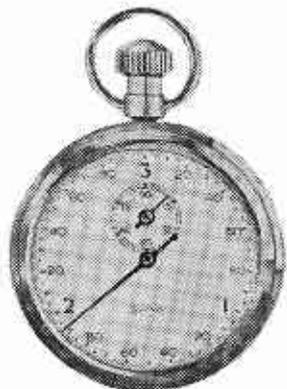
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Editorial

The writer of the Editorial of the Summer Term Magazine is confronted by two primary tasks. The first—according to that time-honoured tradition—is to remark on the weather. This is an easy task, for Jupiter Pluvius has far excelled any other more favourable of the weather gods. But even he, however, fails to appreciate the significance of that dark cloud which settles over the School towards the middle of June and remains there till the beginning of July.

The second and more difficult task of the writer is to concentrate within the short space at his disposal the many activities of the past year, and particularly of this term—the busiest term of the year. For the Summer Term is to many one of serious accomplishment, but athletics, swimming and cricket offer ample compensation for more serious moments.

Now instead of giving a detailed report of the past year (one might say in summary that although there has been a lack of outstanding achievements, the year has run its course with perfect regularity—which is in itself a tribute to all those responsible) it might be better to indulge in a little retrospection. For inevitably towards the end of the Summer Term a certain amount of retrospection makes its way into the lives of schoolboys, casual with the younger ones and more or less poignant in the case of those who are on the point of leaving. One can think of those Seniors and contemporaries who were once so renowned on the playing-fields, in study or debate, who are now playing distinguished parts in commerce, in the professions, at universities or in the service of the Government. Indeed, one is sometimes tempted to imagine that their achievements are beyond the capacity of their successors: this temptation especially holds true for this year, following as it were the year of the "all stars." However, this attitude—namely that of being mere "laudator temporis acti"—is essentially barren.

Individuals pass on, but the School remains, and the new members, with freshness and vigour unimpaired, take the place of those who frequent it no more. It is to this younger generation, who have already shown themselves capable, that the School looks to accomplish great things in the future.

S.B.F.

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School Notes

On 11th April, the last day of the Spring Term, the end of term assembly was devoted entirely to presentations which were made to Miss Craig on her retirement. We were very pleased to see a large number of Old Boys of all generations on this occasion. Mr. G. Barnes, the Chairman of the Old Boys' Association, presented Miss Craig with a television set and a cheque from the Old Boys. J. D. Grime made a presentation of a transistor radio set from the boys. At a private gathering, the previous evening, Miss Craig was presented with a watch and a cheque from past and present members of the Staff, and Miss Craig also received presents from the Education Office staff, the kitchen staff and the caretakers. Miss Craig has asked us to say how much she appreciates the presents which were made to her and how much she is enjoying using them.

At the end of last term we were sorry to lose Mr. J. Graham, who has moved to a Modern Language post at Dumfries Academy. During his 4½ years here, Mr. Graham has given invaluable service in the Modern Language staff of this school. We were also sorry to lose Mr. C. W. Knowles, who has gone to the Alliance Mission High School, Kikuyu, Kenya, for a three years' secondment. Mr. Knowles, who is an Old Boy of this school, has been on the staff for 3½ years, and we hope we may see him again when his secondment ends.

We welcome Mr. R. W. Bell to the staff this term. Next term Mr. Bell will be taking over from Mr. D. H. Rimmer, and will be in charge of Scripture. This term he is temporarily taking most of Mr. Graham's work in French and German. Mr. Bell comes to us from Magdalen College School, Brackley. We also welcome Mr. A. H. Evans, who has temporarily taken over Mr. Knowles's work for this term.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. J. Buck as School Secretary in place of Miss Craig. Mrs. Buck is the mother of an Old Boy, J. Buck (Ev) (54-60) and, for the last seven years has been part-time secretary at Holy Trinity Primary School.

We congratulate J. V. Smith on being awarded a Pyper Bursary at St. Andrew's University, in Mathematics.

We congratulate W. G. Day on winning one of the 14 prizes awarded for the European Schools' Day Essay Competition. These prizes are competed for by pupils from all schools in Great Britain. His prize consists of a four-day trip to Vienna as a guest of the Council of Europe, followed by a fortnight in France as a guest of the French Government.

The annual Choral and Orchestral Concert was held on Friday, 6th April, and proved once again to be most successful, perhaps the best that the School has ever put on. We are sorry that this will be Mr. Rimmer's last concert, as he will be leaving the staff next Christmas. An appreciation of this concert appears later in this issue.

The annual Rugby match against the Old Boys was held on 10th April, and the result was 29-3 in favour of the Old Boys. A Badminton match against the Old Boys was held on the same evening, resulting in a win for the Old Boys, 6-3.

A collection was held last term in aid of the Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies, and realised £17/10/-.

On 10th May the usual Careers Convention was held. We are much indebted to the following people who came along to give advice:—

- Mr. N. B. Allen**, Manager of The Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Ltd., Southport. Careers in Insurance.
- Mr. K. A. J. Dickson**, Staff Manager of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., Liverpool. Careers in Industrial Chemistry, Plastics, and Commercial Careers in Industry.
- Mr. L. Moss**, Education and Training Officer, Automatic Telephone & Electric Co. Ltd., Liverpool. Careers in Electronics, Telecommunications and Electrical Engineering.
- Mr. H. R. Rees**, Secretary of the Regional Hospitals Board, Southport. Careers in Hospital Administration.
- Mr. J. B. Wright**, Youth Employment Officer, Southport. Careers in the Civil Service.

The representatives were interviewed by senior boys during the afternoon and by parents in the evening. On the same evening the parents' Annual General Meeting was held, at which the Rev. W. F. Cox was re-elected Parents' Representative on the Governing Body.

On 22nd May a meeting was held for the parents of boys in the Lower Fifth Forms, at which the organisation of the upper part of the School was explained to them, and they had an opportunity of discussing their sons' progress with members of the staff.

Important Dates

Summer Term ends 20th July
Autumn Term begins 4th September
Half-term 31st October, 1st, 2nd November
Autumn Term ends 20th December

Valete

BROWN, B. A., 1959-62—Edwards', 4Y.
HULME, P. M., 1955-62—Gear's, U6MSch (A4,O3).
WILLINS, D. J., 1959-62—Mason's, L5X.
RENNIE-KERMODE, J. F., 1954-62—Leech's, U6MSch (A3,O4).
Cricket Colours 1957, Cricket Captain 1958, Rugby Colours
1957-58, Cricket Half Colours 1960, Rugby Half Colours 1962.
HABERLAND, E. R., 1957-62—Evans', L6Sch (O4), Chess Half
Colours 1962.
FORRESTER, G. M., 1959-62—Mason's.
YUILL, G., 1960-62—Edwards'.

Salvete

D. LLEWELLYN, A. E. MORRISON.

House Reports

EDWARDS'

Housemaster: Mr. A. J. Norris.

House Captain: J. Hill.

Almoner: G. Whittaker.

Captain of Cricket: J. Hill.

Secretary: G. Whittaker.

A somewhat disastrous year for Edwards' draws to a close, and it is for every member of the House to conduct an individual enquiry into the reasons for failure, and his own part towards them.

This year has seen little retardation of the slide started in 1961. Last term the Junior Rugby team emulated the Seniors by losing all their matches, and the Intermediates did equally poorly. Only the eleven men of the cricket team have salvaged some honour from the ashes of House prestige. Hill, provisional captain of the School team, has led the House to two successive victories, though this is not so much due to our batting prowess as to excellent bowling, especially by Kirkman. Another win will put Edwards' in the final; dare we hope that our wall will not be completely bare at the beginning of next year?

House successes have been chiefly the work of individuals; Hill's acceptance at Oxford is an achievement calling for congratulation and pride. Nevertheless, our overall performance has been poor, because of this very emphasis on the person rather than

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the group. The Lower Sixth, which promised so much, has especially disappointed. Let us hope that Upper Sixth status will instil some enthusiasm into the present depths of despondency. If success then comes, we shall have the added joy that in comparison to this year, like the bright metal on the sullen ground, it will be all the more creditable.

G.W.

EVANS'

Housemaster: Mr. J. W. Lord.

Captain: P. K. M. Rostron. **Vice-Captain:** C. J. Flemming.
Secretary: A. K. Canter. **Almoner:** F. T. Davies.

Of last term's activities, suffice it to say that the Junior Rugby team did not play badly in the main competition, and their performance augurs well for the future. However, both Juniors and Intermediates disappointed their trainers in the 7-a-side Competition. The Intermediate team did well to reach the final of the "Fifteens" against Mann-sized opposition, but the Mason's side, as expected, proved too strong for them. The Senior Rugby "Sevens" team was already handicapped by the absence of the Captain and Bateman, but when the Secretary was asked to play, the rest of the team knew that the writing was really on the wall.

Horton, the Swimming Captain, tried extremely hard for the House to retain all the trophies won last year, but in spite of his efforts we only kept the Lifesaving Cup, were second in the qualifications list, and third in the overall competition.

Bateman will agree that the least said about the first cricket match the better, but since then the team has been reported as being in much better form. Hanson and Higham have read out innumerable cricket practice notices to the Junior members of the House. Let us hope that notices of victories are soon to follow.

The most recent competition is the Athletics Qualifications. The results of these probably count a great deal in the final placings for the Jubilee Cup. Flemming, Captain of Athletics, is seeing that everyone pulls his weight in this field. In previous years, individuals have done well on the athletics track, but the main body of the House has let those people down. This year we are looking forward to a combined effort; by this means trophies are gained, and — most important of all — honour is won.

A.K.C.

GREAR'S

Housemaster: Mr. H. Evans.

Captain: C. J. Fitch. **Vice-Captain:** M. Holmes.
Almoner: J. V. Smith. **Secretary:** M. D. Robinson.

As always, the Summer Term is the busiest one, both sportingly and academically, and especially so this year as the term is so short.

First, however, the congratulations of the House go to G. V. Davis, who has been awarded an Open Exhibition at St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford, and to J. V. Smith, who has won an Open Scholarship to St. Andrew's. We wish them the best of luck at their respective universities.

Last term we won the Seven-a-side, the Junior Chess, and were second in the Junior Rugby. Unfortunately much of this good work was spoilt by our very poor performance in the Honours Lists. It is to be hoped that all the members of the House, especially the Juniors on whom the Honours Lists are decided, will "pull up their socks" and give the House a more respectable position in this, the most important House competition.

Returning to this term's activities, we have made an excellent start to the Senior House Cricket Competition, winning both of our first two matches, and there seems to be a good chance of the team, captained by H. S. Wright, winning this competition for another year. The Junior side, led by M. Pearson, has also the makings of a good side, and would also seem to have a good chance of, at least, reaching the final.

In the Swimming Gala we put up a good performance, though the brunt of the swimming was done by two people, Fitton and Holmes, who both swam very well. We also won the Qualifications Cup. Much of the credit for this is again due to Holmes, who thus gets some reward for his strenuous efforts for the House in swimming and lifesaving.

The other remaining sport this term is athletics. The Sports are later in the term, but the Athletics Qualifications Competition is already in progress. Unfortunately this has not been very well supported, and despite the pleas of Fitch and Wall, who are in charge of athletics, as few as two turned up for one practice, and other practices have not had much better attendances, and thus at the time of writing we are one of the bottom houses in the competition. It is hoped, therefore, that when the examinations are over, people will feel freer to attend these practices and support the House in this field of sport, and if this is the case we can still do well in both the Sports and the Qualifications Competition.

It would seem that we have had a fairly successful year, and our only real failing has been in work. Thus if this term an improvement is made in this, and if we continue to do as well in games, we might well manage to win the Jubilee Cup.

M.D.R.



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LEECH'S

"Ad Unum Omnes"

Housemaster: Mr. C. F. Flemming.

Captain: M. D. Carr.

Almoner: B. Pook.

Secretary: L. B. Davies.

We were unfortunate at the end of the Spring Term in losing the expert services of our House Captain, J. F. Rennie-Kermode. However, M. D. Carr has ably filled the breach, and we congratulate him on his appointment.

External Examinations are fully occupying the Seniors at present, and we wish the entrants all the success they deserve.

In the cricket matches, under P. D. Moore's capable leadership, the Senior team has won its first two matches fairly comfortably. With fortune on our side we have a good chance of reaching, and perhaps winning, the Final this year.

It is to be hoped that the Juniors acquit themselves well when their turn comes.

House Swimming, under the guidance of R. B. Henry, has improved considerably, and the team gave a good performance at the gala.

A. B. Milner and S. Salt have held many Athletics Practices this term and report good progress. We hope their efforts will be rewarded in the forthcoming Athletic Sports.

This term we received an interesting letter from an ex-member of the House, Mr. F. G. Curtis. We thank him for his good wishes and wish him well in his Army career.

Many of our Seniors will be leaving us this term. We offer them our best wishes for the future and hope they will find time to visit us now and again.

L.B.D.

MASON'S

"Optimum Faciemus"

Housemaster: Mr. P. G. Longhurst.

House Captain: D. R. Karsa.

Almoner: J. D. Grime.

House Prefects: D. Black, D. R. Holden, W. Rigby, W. Vickers,
R. M. Williamson.

We would like to congratulate Grime and Fletcher on being awarded Full Rugby Colours; Karsa, G. Pessell and Rigby, Half Colours; D. Pessell, U16 Colours; Cuzner, Dix, C. S. Marshall, D. J. E. Marshall and Sandiford, U15 Colours; Richards, U14 Colours.

Furthermore we should like to congratulate the Intermediate team, ably captained by Cuzner, on winning the Intermediate Rugby and Seven-a-side Competitions; and the Junior Chess team on sharing first place with Gear's in the Junior Chess Competition.

This term the three main sporting activities in which the House is engaged are athletics, cricket and swimming.

In the School Athletic team we are represented in the Senior events by Grime, Rigby, Fletcher, G. Pessell, Rees and Kitchen; in the U16 events by D. Pessell, C. S. Marshall, Cuzner, Kelly, Mann, Dix and Sandiford, and in the U14 events by Faber, McIndoe and Booth. In view of the large number of Mason's representatives we hope to retain at least one of the four trophies which we gained last year.

In the School Cricket teams we are represented by G. Pessell, First XI, and Booth, U14 XI. So far the Senior team, well captained by G. Pessell, have not met with success. But although there is a paucity of talented cricketers in the House, the team have played with a keen spirit, and in our third and final game we hope for better results.

In the School Swimming Gala we gained two trophies, one of which was for winning the Gala, the other for obtaining the highest aggregate number of points for all swimming activities. The highlight of the Gala was the outstanding performance of Gall, our own and School swimming captain, who was well supported by D. J. E. Marshall, Davies, Smith, Rees, Collings, Davies, Thomson and Wright.

Finally we should like to wish all members of the House, taking G.C.E. examinations, success, and thank Mr. Longhurst, our Housemaster, for his assiduous enthusiasm and leadership in House activities.

ROGERS'

"Semper vinces perseverando"

Housemaster: Mr. T. H. Evans.

House Captain: K. W. Johns. **Vice-Captain:** J. Dickinson.

Almoner: H. M. Higginbotham.

Secretaries: W. A. Milne and G. W. Tolley.

House Prefects: I. G. Higginbotham, K. W. Robinson,
D. C. Pogson, R. Sallin, R. P. Samuels.

The only competitive activity that the House has engaged in this term has been on the cricket field. The Senior XI, under the captaincy of R. P. Samuels, lost the first match against a strong Leech's team. The batting of D. W. Robinson-Todd was, from our point of view, the highlight of the game: he made a very spirited 25 before he was dismissed. In the second match versus Edwards' we started very well, getting them all out for 41 runs, with some good bowling by R. L. Burgess, R. Sallin, A. J. Corbett and R. Samuels, but we failed to reach their score by six runs.

We would like to congratulate W. G. Day on being appointed School Athletics Captain.

The athletic events of the House are under the supervision of R. Sallin, and we hope that when Sports Day comes the chosen few will distinguish themselves. The team should be fairly strong, and great things are hoped for.

Since 1956, Mr. T. H. Evans has been the guiding force behind Rogers' House, and it is with great regret that we say farewell to him when he retires at the end of this term. Always where Rogers' boys are to be found, either at a practice or a match, Mr. Evans will be there to give advice and encouragement. His unflinching enthusiasm and numerous slips of paper resulted in the winning in 1960 of the Jubilee Cup.

I am sure all boys of Rogers', past and present, will join with me and wish him a long and happy retirement, and say, "Thank you for all you have done, Middle Taff." W.A.M.

SPENCER'S

Housemaster: Mr. J. Hodnett.

House Captain: G. A. Stocker. **Vice-Captain:** D. Wintersgill.

Almoner: I. Campion-Smith. **Secretary:** I. Booth.

First of all we must make mention of the House's efforts in Rugby last term. The Seniors in the Seven-a-side Competition did very well to reach the semi-final. The Junior half of the House is also extremely promising; they managed to get to the final of the Seven-a-side, where they were unfortunately beaten by Rogers'. Neither team has anything to be ashamed of in these performances.

The Summer Term, though one of the most crowded with swimming, cricket and athletics fixtures, is also one of the shortest owing to the multiplicity of examinations and other engagements. Nevertheless the House is showing some enthusiasm in tackling all these activities. The Swimming Gala at the beginning of term brought us a praiseworthy second position. Unfortunately the effort in swimming is concentrated on a small group of boys. Nevertheless these boys give of their best, for example, Petty, in the Breast Stroke, managed to equal the School record for the race.

The cricket team, under the captaincy of Rimmer, has won its first game.

We had doubts that we would be able to muster a strong team, but we had not taken into account our stock of Lower Sixth-formers, several of whom exceed 6 ft. in height. Rigby and Bibby did some excellent bowling, and the team's performance in this match was extremely promising.

Stocker is working very hard to train the house for athletics. Unfortunately it is necessary to train hard for this activity and several members of the House competing in School fixtures have

given rather uninspired performances. However, we shall hope for something better in the latter half-term matches and in the inter-House competition at the end of the term.

Anyway, there has not been much to complain about, and plenty to commend, so we would congratulate all members of the House on their enthusiasm, and hope they keep it up. I.B.

WOODHAM'S

Housemaster: Mr. R. Abram.

House Captain: C. R. Craven. **Athletics Captain:** P. D. Smith.

Cricket Captain, Almoner, and Secretary: M. R. A. Hollis.

This will be the last House report for the 1961-62 Term, yet it comes in the middle of all but one of the inter-House competitions. The exception was the School Swimming Gala, in which the House met with scant success, with only the relay team upholding the name of the House. One glimmer of hope was shown with the position of the House in the Swimming Qualifications. For a long time the House was in first position, but the response was not as good as it should have been, and the House finished in fourth position.

The Senior cricket team has lost both games it has played, by eight wickets to Grear's and by three wickets to Evans'. The side now contains three School Second XI players, but has shown a definite weakness in the bowling. High hopes are held for the last game against Spencer's.

Last term it was the turn of the Juniors, and although high hopes were held for the Junior Rugby XV they lacked the teamwork which is necessary to win games, although the team has many good players, many of whom will be able to play for the same team next year. The Intermediate team did better than was expected, but did not do well enough to gain a place in the final.

There are now very few inter-House competitions remaining undecided. The Athletic Sports will be one of the final events, being run after the end of the exams. But, perhaps, just as important is the matter of points gained from times or distances achieved in the various events during the term. This never gets the response it justifies, and due to a regrading of the lower limits in each event there should be no excuse for people returning empty cards.

The Junior cricket team have, as yet, not played a game, and after the failure of the Senior side a lot will depend on them to retain the Junior Cricket Shield.

Last year was heralded as "a year of decline." This year was only a slight improvement. In the seven years I have been at this School I have noticed the strange cycle of superiority that the

various Houses of the School have followed. What was the rabbit five years ago is now the lion. So it has been with Woodham's, and so it will be again. The wheel has not stopped turning, and soon this House, too, will be able to hold up its head again as the winners of the Jubilee Cup. So we herald the end of another school year, and hope for a better year to follow.

School Concert

At the end of last term, many hectic weeks of work by the musicians of the School culminated in an excellent concert.

To a large audience the orchestra commenced with a neatly shaded performance of a Bach Suite, and this was followed by the Junior Choir's singing of songs by Lloyd Webber and Armstrong Gibbs. These items lacked bite and assurance, possibly due to nerves and the fact that they sang without a conductor. The Senior Choir, however, lacked nothing in attack, and gave very creditable renditions of two difficult Worlock songs, "Captain Stratton's Fancy" and "Jillian of Berry." Finally in this group the two choirs united to sing C. H. Kitson's "Winds o' March" — a highly appropriate choice, as it turned out.

Haydn's Trumpet Concerto followed, and was given a performance of authority and imagination by the talented I. G. Higginbotham, one of the orchestra's towers of strength and a credit to the School. We wish him well in his auditions for the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain.

The Madrigal Group then assembled and gave, what is now expected of them, delightful performances of madrigals in four and five parts by Byrd, Morley, Benet, Edwards and Dowland, to an extremely appreciative audience. En passant, it is worth noting that the group has recently passed a B.B.C. audition and is to be invited to the studio in Manchester to record 12 items for several different programmes. During the day, technicians and engineers are to show the boys round the television and sound studios, where they will have a chance of seeing programmes actually being televised and broadcast.

The first half was completed with an extremely good account of Brahms' "How Lovely are thy Dwellings Fair," from a German Requiem. Here, both orchestra and choir rose to the occasion splendidly and made it a really memorable performance, the trebles in particular excelling themselves in this difficult part.

After the interval the Madrigal Group returned to sing three arrangements of folk songs — "Li'l Liza Jane," by G. Lowson, "Flies in the Buttermilk," by Mr. Rimmer, and "O, No John," by Eric Thimon; this last one, a masterly arrangement, was given a particularly athletic performance, much enjoyed by everyone. Features of the Madrigal Group's work this year worthy of special mention have been the immaculate alto line, some really beautiful

treble singing and, in general, the intonation, balance and attack of the whole Choir.

The final item of the concert was a selection from Handel's "Messiah." In this, many weeks of hard work was rewarded by some thrilling singing and playing. One of the things one will remember for some time was J. Higginbotham's playing of the long D trumpet in the choruses, Hogate's treble solos, and the five alto "soloists," H. M. Higginbotham, M. S. Armitage, M. W. Sharpling, D. W. Robinson-Todd, and J. A. Gorse, who lent such magnificent tone to their work. The Choirs, which improved with every item, rose to the sheer physical demands of the "Halleluiah Chorus" splendidly, and one was left with the feeling that they could not have done better on the night.

The conductor, Mr. R. E. Rimmer is to be thanked and congratulated, and must indeed be proud of this concert, which is the climax of his relatively short time in the School. I do not think that anyone will dispute that this was the best concert the School has given. Mr. Rimmer does not leave us until Christmas, but this is probably a fitting time to thank him for the work he has put into school music while he has been with us, and to wish him and his wife every success in their future at Blackburn.

W.P.A.S., L6.Sc.X.

Society Reports

BEE CLUB

Chairman: L. Hanlon.

Vice-Chairman: R. Ellis.

Secretary: P. K. Thomas.

Contrary to general belief, the Club is flourishing strongly, although membership is small. Several members actually keep, or have plans to keep, bees of their own, and this encourages a sense of competition between us.

Over the winter we were unfortunate to lose several stocks, leaving us with only one from which to gain a honey surplus this year. Luckily there is every sign of gaining a good harvest from it.

The Club suffered rather a setback when our treasurer and adviser, Mr. Drake, left School. However, this position has been capably filled by Mr. Davies, and we are hoping to expand gradually during the coming year.

Finally, we welcome any boy to the Club who feels he would be interested in learning the craft of the beekeeper, and invite him to our meetings on Monday after school.

P.K.T.

CHESS CLUB

Captain: A. K. Canter.

Secretary: J. A. Pickard.

The first team this year has had fluctuating success in the Wright Shield Competition. The team began the season badly, going down 6-1 to Wigan Grammar School. The introduction of

compulsory practice, however, soon produced its effect: the team won the next four Wright Shield matches. At this point in the season we had aspirations of a high position in the competition; it was unfortunate that we had to play the best two teams in the competition for our last matches. As a result our final position was sixth out of fourteen schools.

The first team members were Canter, Haberland, Sallin, Emanuel, Pickard, Sell and Dawe. Half Colours have been awarded to Canter, Sallin, Haberland and Emanuel. Special praise must be given to Dawe for his enthusiasm and consistency at all times.

The second team played well against some very experienced opposition, as can be seen from their win against Liverpool Institute. It was chosen from Atkinson, Tinger, Cohen, Colclough, I. Davidson, Thomson, Hepworth, Miley, Pursall, Suffolk and M. Davidson. Hepworth and Irvin Davidson must be congratulated on their high standard of play. The younger Davidson won the Junior Ladder Competition and was runner-up in the Knock-out Competition.

During the year 10 sets have been lost, removed or broken by Club members. These sets cost over 10/- each, and to replace them it has been found essential to raise the subscription for next year to 2/-.

J.D.P.

CHESS RESULTS, 1961-62

First Team — Wright Shield:

		F.	A.
v. Wigan Grammar School	H Lost	1	6
v. Liverpool College	H Won	5	2
v. Ormskirk Grammar School	H Won	5½	1½
v. Merchant Taylors School	H Won	4½	2½
v. St. Edward's College	A Won	4½	2½
v. Liverpool Institute	A Lost	2	5
v. Calday Grange School	H Lost	1	6

"Sunday Times" Tournament:

v. Wigan Grammar School	H Lost	3	4
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Friendly Matches:

v. Maghull Grammar School	A Lost	3	4
v. Preston Chess Club	H Drew	3½	3½
v. Maghull Grammar School	H Won	4½	3½
v. Cowley School	A Won	6	4
v. Southport Chess Club	H Lost	4	9

Second Team:

v. Wigan Grammar School	H Won	3½	2½
v. Maghull Grammar School	A Won	4	1
v. Liverpool Institute	A Won	3	2
v. Calday Grange School	H Lost	1½	5½

Junior House Chess Competition: Greer's and Mason's.

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CHRISTIAN UNION

President: Mr. P. Bolton.

Chairman: D. J. Pomery.

Vice-Chairman: P. Walton.

Secretary: J. C. W. McIntyre.

Committee: M. S. Armitage, L. J. Sawyer, Mr. Bell.

The Christian Union started the year with but one main lack — MEMBERS! We are pleased to report, however, that this lack has now been partially remedied.

We deeply regretted the loss of J. D. Grime as Chairman this year, but owing to so many other School duties he felt unable to do justice to this position. We do thank him for the encouragement he has given to his successor and the Committee during the past year.

We started the year with a revealing talk by Mr. P. G. Longhurst on "Smoking, Gambling and Drinking." This talk was heard by some twenty or so boys. We continued the term with a most successful Masters' debate on 3rd November, at which the motion was: "This House deplors the setting off of fireworks on Sundays," which was particularly relevant to 1961. Messrs. G. Berry, D. H. Rimmer and C. W. Knowles aired their views. An overwhelming victory for Mr. Berry was realised (proposition).

The filmstrip, "Mid-century Martyrs," was shown for our next meeting.

At the mention of the words, "Christmas Service," membership fell rapidly.

At our first meeting of the Lent Term the Chairman introduced a series of Bible studies on Joshua and Judges, which were to be studied at our Wednesday lunchtime meetings during the term. At our next 4 p.m. meeting the filmstrip, "Joshua, the Conqueror," was shown to illustrate the series.

The Rev. J. V. Roberts came to answer our queries, which he embodied in his talk on "Is God a God of Love?"

Now to this term: A member of the Staff, Mr. Bell, gave us a very informative talk on the subject, "What do Christians believe in?" which provoked a lively discussion. We were very pleased to accept Mr. Bell's services as a new member of the Committee. As Mr. Bell has studied Theology at University, we are sure that he will be a great asset to the Christian Union in the future.

We regret that there has been a noticeable apathy towards the Christian Union this year, particularly in the Senior part of the School. When you consider that an average of 20 boys out of 720 attend the 4 p.m. meetings it is obvious that either there are no more Christians in the School or that the Christians do not support us adequately.

D.J.P., J.C.W.McI., P.F.

FILM SOCIETY

Chairman: R. B. Henry. **Secretary:** J. Davies.
Committee: Fellows, Goldsmith, Gall, Blundell, McDonnell, Judge.

Next term it is intended to form a School Film Society, which will show commercially produced films in the Hall. The aim of the Society will be to show films that are both entertaining and examples of good film-making in their own particular sphere. Such films will include many of the leading figures of the present era, such as Sir Alec Guinness, Peter Ustinov, Humphrey Bogart, Karel Reisz and Jacques Tati.

To cover the cost of hiring these films from the film companies it is intended to issue season tickets, which will cost 4/- and admit one person to see a programme of eight films. The films will be shown during the first two terms of the School year. The four films for next term will be: "Kind Hearts and Coronets," "Kameradschaft," A programme of prize-winning documentary films, and "Colditz Story."

As the Society must be financially self-supporting, it is emphasised that your support is essential.

A REVOLUTION IN FILM TECHNIQUE

Interest in the cinema in the School has been provoked in the past few weeks by two trips by members of the Sixth Form to Liverpool to see "Viridiana" and "Last Year at Marienbad." The latter of these films was made in France as an experiment with a new approach to the cinema.

Previously all movies have fallen into either the Deterministic or the Circumstantial category. While watching a film in the first of these groups the spectator realises the outcome of an action before the character does, and the director uses this mechanism so that we can follow most clearly a cause and effect relationship to explain his certainty about life. Such was classical tragedy, and the Shakespearean "Macbeth" and "Julius Caesar." For example, "Winchester 73" (directed by Anthony Mann), which is a Western starring James Stewart, follows the life of a Winchester rifle. Stewart wins the rifle in a shooting competition, and we see a long shot of him walking towards his hotel, but there is an abrupt cut to a low-angle shot taken from inside the hotel, framing him in a rectangle of light, surrounded by the dark of the hotel door and hall. Here the low angle produces an unstable image which suggests that Stewart is about to fall, while the composition within the frame suggests an imminent movement from freedom (light) to captivity (dark). Finally, as our eyes get used to the dark frame we see the men whom Stewart beat in the shooting competition waiting in ambush for him. Thus we know before he does exactly what will happen, and we can watch in detail the exact way in which it does. This is the main constructional element of a Deterministic movie.

On a larger scale, in the same movie we see the full circle described by the prized Winchester as it is won, stolen, re-stolen, lost, found, and stolen again, whereas no one in the film sees or takes part in but a small arc of this circle. In fact, at the end of the movie none of the characters knows as much as the spectator.

In the Circumstantial film we and the characters discover the outcome of an action simultaneously; this involves the spectator to a greater extent than in other films since it is a practical demonstration of life. These movies take their form from the particular way of life that they portray, and tell us not only about events but how to react to and learn from events. We are educated along with the characters during the course of the movie.

For example, at the start of "Exodus" (directed by Otto Preminger), Eve Maria Saint is provided with a "sick" introduction to Greece by a guide; the images on the screen match the description—typical pretty-pretty travelogue shots of landscapes and monuments. Our impression of Greece is exactly the same as hers, but subsequently, as her impression is modified by her experiences so is ours; what she learns we learn, no more, no less.

"Last Year at Marienbad," however, is different in kind from all previous films, and can be called Correlative cinema because a large number of possible explanations exist, all being valid when correlated to each other. If a given person prefers on solution, this is his own judgment.

This film experiments with new techniques of cutting in sharp, unprepared, visual fragments of an objective past, subjective past, imagination or even the future, directly into a sequence in the present. The spectator must come to terms with pure subjectivities. He can either attempt to form a rational explanation of the film or be carried along by the extraordinary images in front of him by the force of the characters, by the accompanying music, and by the rhythm of the cutting. Thus, "Last Year" is an experiment directed at the sensibility of the spectator—an attempt to move outside the sphere of ready-made ideas and existing modes of interpretation.

R. B. HENRY.

JAZZ CLUB

Chairman: D. Greenberg. **Secretary:** G. Black.
Committee: R. Henry, W. McKenzie, P. Hulme, H. Harris.

Somehow or other the Jazz Club once again succeeded in staggering through another year. Meetings have again been few and far between, but what meetings there have been have attracted very large and appreciative audiences.

The reason for these large audiences is undoubtedly the Society's decision to widen its scope and include country and Western music and, to a certain extent, modern popular music in its meetings.

Thus, side by side with an excellent lecture by Henry on "The History of Jazz," we have had two equally interesting talks on "Country and Western Music" and "The Late Buddy Holly," both delivered by Hulme.

Records have, as usual, been very difficult to obtain, and thanks must be given to all those who have provided records for the Club.

Despite its few meetings, however, the Jazz Club still remains one of the most popular societies in the School, and is slowly succeeding in spreading the culture of Jazz to the masses.

THE ECONOMICS SOCIETY

President: Mr. P. G. Longhurst.

Chairman: P. Hulme. **Vice-Chairman:** M. R. A. Hollis.

Secretary: R. M. Silverton.

I would first like to welcome all the new members from the Lower Sixth to the Society. Their regular attendance this year has helped to swell the small number of Upper Sixth-formers, and if their present level of enthusiasm is maintained the future of the Economics Society seems "rosy."

The quality of the speakers from the School and Industry has been very good, and the large number of meetings have been deservedly well attended. The Chairman's address, given by P. Hulme, was no exception, and this instructive talk on the state of British Trade Unionism gave a first-class start to the year.

On 21st November, Mr. Watterton, Area Marketing Manager of the N.C.B., described the history of the Coal Industry, and gave a searching survey of the many problems facing the industry. Competition from oil, uneconomic pits, labour difficulties, productivity, and administrative inefficiency were all outlined in detail.

On 8th December another excellent lecture was delivered by Mr. H. W. Stubbs, Manager of Barclays Bank, Southport, on the problems of exporting and the different available credit facilities.

Mr. Winpenny, in his normal, profound and interesting style, described and explained the present wage price inflationary spiral, and ended by proposing a wages plan, stressing the need for Government direction.

The Money Market was dealt with by Mr. Neald in one of the best lectures we have had for a long time. In lucid and precise terms he clarified the workings of this complex financial machine.

The Lent Term ended with the "Trade Unions and the Law," given by Mr. Greenhalgh. He successfully guided the bewildered members through the twists and turns of legal jargon to establish the constitutional status of the unions.

The year, thus finishing on a legal note, has proved most successful, and thanks must be due to Mr. P. G. Longhurst who has taken such an interest in the Society.

R.M.S.

"EUROPA"

J.H. called the French Circle "notorious saboteurs." Among the things they have "sabotaged" is their own Society, and from the ashes at the beginning of the year rose a bird of brighter plumage, for the new society has become truly international. At our meeting we try to learn something of the various European cultures, and we are also attempting to establish contact with schools in various countries.

Another development is that some of our meetings (those not dealing with France) are held in English, and these have on the whole proved more successful than those held in French. So far, two meetings in English have been held, of which Mr. Harrison's talk on "French Impressionism" was a resounding success. The smoke in the Upper Staff Room made it impossible for an accurate count to be made, but at one stage in the proceedings the meeting threatened to overflow into the corridor. It was well worth while, for Mr. Harrison's talk proved most interesting. Mr. Berry's talk on Bertholt Brecht was not so well attended (the G.C.E. Trials were imminent), but for those who went, it proved most rewarding, for Mr. Berry succeeded in giving us an insight into the character of this remarkable man.

Section Française

Il y a eu trois réunions en français pendant les deux derniers trimestres. On peut dire que Mlle Denardou, notre assistante française, a été notre vedette, car elle a joué un grand rôle dans nos activités. Elle nous a donné une dissertation sur la Provence, en nous montrant sa grande collection de cartes postales comme illustration. Puis, avec Messieurs Williams et Holt, elle a essayé de répondre aux questions que nous leur avons posées sur toutes sortes de matières, frivoles autant que sérieuses. Enfin elle a présenté ses disques de musique populaire française, ce qui nous a bien plu. Nous devons remercier Mlle de nous avoir donné des discours si intéressants.

Our membership is small, but we like to believe select. However, any Sixth-Former can attend our meetings and discover with us the fascination that there is in the language, literature and culture of the neighbouring states in Europe.

D.H.B.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: D. Greenberg.

Vice-Chairman: C. Haskey.

Secretary: G. Black.

Committee: A. Canter, J. Taylor, M. Emmanuel, G. Tolley.

In the past few years the Debating Society has suffered a drastic loss of support among members of the School. Why this should be is somewhat difficult to understand, since the Debating Society is undoubtedly one of the most entertaining societies in the School. Nevertheless, support has been sadly lacking, and so I take

this opportunity to plead for better attendances in coming years. Because of this lack of support, many of the traditions of the Society have had to be abandoned, and the Society has had to rely more and more upon the "regulars," of whom H. Higginbotham, P. Hulme, J. Stuart, B. Pook, R. Silverton, J. Smith and K. Brown, deserve special thanks.

The season opened on 13th October with Mr. Higginbotham and Mr. Hulme proposing the topical motion that "This House wants to sit in Trafalgar Square." Mr. Stuart and Mr. Tolley opposed the motion, and were defeated by 21 votes to 15.

On 20th October Mr. Hollis and Mr. Silverton demanded "The emancipation of the male," but were overwhelmingly defeated by Mr. Pook and Mr. Astartjian, 18 votes to 5.

The subject for debate on 27th October was that "This House wants to leave school." Mr. Canter and Mr. Emmanuel, however, so effectively sang the praises of life at school that the very able proposition of Mr. Hulme and Mr. Entwistle was heavily defeated by 26 votes to 7.

The direction of the Junior Play Reading was again left in the hands of Mr. C. Haskey, and on 3rd November he presented before a very appreciative audience a very able cast of Juniors in a somewhat unusual play entitled "A Fool's Errand."

On 10th November Mr. Pook and Mr. Silverton proposed that "The only hope of the world lies in a return to God." The opposition was provided by Mr. Coplowe and Mr. Harris, and after a somewhat serious yet very interesting debate the motion was defeated by 12 votes to 7.

Another very topical debate was put before the House on 17th November, when Mr. Hulme and Mr. Higginbotham proposed the motion that "This House condemns strike action." After a somewhat heated debate the opposition led by Mr. Brown and Mr. Smith finally emerged victorious by 6 votes to 5.

On 24th November we saw the annual Brains Trust. The "brains" on this occasion consisted of Messrs. Brown, Greenberg, Higginbotham and Smith, who answered questions on subjects ranging from the possible demolition of the School tower to the "Top twenty."

The Junior Elocution Contest was held on 1st December. There were some forty or so entrants, and the usual high standard of this contest was maintained. The judges, Messrs. Kirkby, Lord, and Berry, finally awarded first prize to Abram, of 3X.

The Autumn Term came to its customary climax when on 14th, 15th and 16th December the Society presented Mr. Johnson's production of "The Strong are Lonely," by Fritz Hochwaelder.

On 19th January Mr. Williamson and Mr. Dickinson proposed the motion that "The will to win is stronger than the will to compete." Obviously Mr. Booth and Mr. Grime, who provided the opposition, practise what they preach, for the motion was defeated by 10 votes to 2.

On 26th January we saw a very entertaining debate when the House affirmed its lack of respect for Tradition by 12 votes to 2. The proposition of Mr. Stuart and Mr. Smith relied mainly upon the reason of the audience; while the opposition of Mr. Silverton and Mr. Greenberg relied mainly upon the emotion of the House. Despite an impassioned plea by Mr. Greenberg, however, the motion was defeated.

The final debate of the year was the annual Masters' Debate. This year the Society was forced to depart from the usual tradition, and a joint Masters-School Debate was held. As a result of this a relatively small audience gathered in the Hall to hear what proved to be an excellent debate. Mr. D. H. Rimmer and Mr. Pook proposed the motion that "This House thinks equality is undesirable," and were opposed by Mr. Norman and Mr. Grime. After a very entertaining and interesting debate the motion was defeated by 21 votes to 18.

The Senior Elocution Contest provided the final meeting of the year. As an experiment each contestant was allowed to choose any passage he wished, and as a result the quality of recitation was unusually high. First prize was finally awarded to Armitage of L.6.Mod., second prize to Stubington, of U.5.T.M.

Thus the end of another year was reached; a year marked by decreasing support, but a year also marked by a very high quality of debating, a quality which must be maintained if the Society is to regain any of its lost support.

G.B.

COLLOQUIUM REPORT

The last meeting of the last School year consisted of the customary meeting and dinner at the end of the term, at which a celebrity is invited. On this occasion the celebrity was Mrs. Bessie Braddock, the well-known Labour Member of Parliament for Liverpool Exchange. The meeting was well attended.

I think everyone was impressed by Mrs. Braddock's talk on the Welfare State, which was as lively and interesting as it was informative. It is seldom that we are privileged to hear such a clear and incisive speech without the usual nebulous remarks calculated to obscure lack of thought. The following discussion was lively, with Mrs. Braddock answering questions without hesitation.

The first meeting of this School year was on the subject of Gambling, the speaker being the Rev. N. Meredith, an Old Boy. Mr. Meredith explained why he thought gambling was an evil from

a social point of view, and also explained his objection to it from a Christian point of view. Thereafter both his contentions were attacked and defended by Christians and non-Christians alike and, indeed, it was noticeable that more members participated in the discussion than in most of last year's meetings.

Mr. Pessell, Southport's Chief Constable, was our speaker for the second meeting of the Autumn Term, when the subject for discussion was "Capital punishment." Mr. Pessell gave a very impartial résumé of the figures available on the subject, and of the various opinions expressed by various persons and committees concerned with the subject. During the ensuing discussion Mr. Pessell declined to express his opinion until the end, since he thought that he would be of more value to the discussion by being impartial. Thus he was always ready to produce any necessary facts and try to answer any points raised by members of whatever point of view. When Mr. Pessell at last said that he was against capital punishment, many members of similar point of view were surprised. This, I think, is the best compliment one can pay to Mr. Pessell's impartiality, and — dare I say it? — the bigotry of the rest of us.

The first meeting of the Autumn Term was led by Mr. Williams, a teacher at the School. The subject was "English public schools," one of which Mr. Williams had attended. After his introductory talk Mr. Williams was kept occupied by a brisk flow of questions. Mr. Williams maintained throughout that the public school system was quite compatible with the present-day democracy. In this contention he was supported by some members on condition that the entry into a public school could be made easier for pupils of ability irrespective of financial considerations. The opinion of many of the members seemed to be more in sympathy with that of a "professed egalitarian" who said that on egalitarian grounds a system which was expressly designed to produce a ruling élite was immoral.

The final meeting of the Lent Term was on the topical subject of the European Common Market, when the speaker was Mr. Winpenny who, like Mr. Meredith, was an Old Boy of the School. Mr. Winpenny gave us an account of the idea of the Common Market and of the economies of the countries within it. When asked how various sections of British industry and agriculture would fare if we entered the Common Market, Mr. Winpenny was ready to provide us with all the available facts. However, he stressed that it was very difficult to predict anything very accurately since the figures available were not conclusive, although he himself thought we would probably benefit by joining the Common Market. The meeting, although not on as spontaneously inflammable a subject as some of the previous ones, provided some interesting points of view, and Mr. Winpenny, with his thorough

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grasp of the subject, helped to keep the discussion at a thoughtful level.

We have one meeting this term on 16th July, when Mr. Pickvance, the Regional Art Officer of the Arts Council of Great Britain, will talk on the subject, "Government and the Arts." This meeting will be the final meeting of the School year, and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance.
K.B.

RAILWAY SOCIETY

Chairman: P. M. S. Astarjian. **Secretary:** J. N. Rostron.
Committee: P. R. M. Rostron, R. Burgess, A. J. Corbett.

The Railway Society has again had a very successful year, but support from the Senior School has been disappointing.

18th September, 1961: The annual general meeting of the Railway Society was held in Room 24. At this meeting the officers of the Society were elected for the coming year.

2nd October, 1961: The first film-show of the year was held in the Lecture Theatre, when three films loaned by British Railways were shown.

23rd October, 1961: Mr. P. M. S. Astarjian, the Chairman of the Railway Society, gave an interesting and informative lecture on the Cheshire Lines Railway, with special interest on the old station in Lord Street.

1st November, 1961: Under the auspices of the Society a party of members went to Derby Locomotive Works, where they saw the building of new diesel locomotives.

6th March, 1962: A film show was held in the Lecture Theatre when two films loaned by British Railways were shown to members.

27th March, 1962: At the final meeting of the Society Mr. W. Troman, from the District Freight Office in Warrington, gave a talk on freight traffic, and in particular that of Southport. Mr. W. Troman also brought with him a short colour film about freight traffic.

I hope that next year the Society will get much more support from the Senior School and keep the support from the Junior School.
J.N.R.

THORNLEY SOCIETY

At Easter the Thornley Society held a meet at Glen Brittle, in Skye. This was the first time any of the members had been to the Cuillins, and the tough Gabbro Rock provided some fine climbing.

We were to rendezvous at Glen Brittle on Monday at midday. Unfortunately one or two of the members got held up a little, but those who had arrived climbed parallel cracks on the Coire Lagan face of Sron na Ciche.

Coire Lagan is a climber's paradise. It is only about one hour's walk from the camp site, and consists of a wall of rock one mile long and averaging 1,000 ft. high, containing climbs of every grade.

On Tuesday we attempted to do the ridge walk round the tops of this wall, but it was very misty on top and the party got split up, but in spite of this some exciting ridge walking was accomplished.

On the following day a remarkable projection on the Coire Lagan face, called A'Cioch, was climbed, after which some members went on to climb Inaccessible Pinnacle, on Sgurr Dearg.

A buttress, 1,000 ft. high, provided some fine mountaineering on the next day. This was West Buttress, on Sgurr Mhic Coinnich. The climb contained two fine chimneys, the second one, King's Chimney, having an interesting traverse across a very steep slab at the top.

The meet was rounded off on the Friday by a short climb on Sgurr Dearg called Window Buttress.

It is hoped to hold a meet for beginners after the end of the Summer Term in Langdale. We have once again been given permission to use the Robertson Lamb hut owned by the Wayfarers' Club.

GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

This year the Society seems to have "gone modern." We have had programmes of works by Debussy ("String Quartet"), Sir William Walton ("Belshazzar's Feast"), and Stravinsky ("The Rite of Spring"), besides works of more orthodox composers. On behalf of the Society I would like to thank those members who have supplied records for programmes, especially Mr. Hankinson, who started off the year by supplying an impressive list of records for our first meeting.

Two trips to see the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra were arranged, and many masters and boys attended these trips. I only wish that those who support the trips would find time to attend meetings on Thursdays at 12-35 p.m., since I am sure they do not go to Liverpool just to watch the orchestra, and would enjoy our lunchtime meetings as much as a "live" concert. The music is just as good!

In conclusion, therefore, I extend an invitation to all Sixth-Formers to attend, especially those entering the Sixth Form next year. I think that they will derive a satisfaction in music of the great masters — from Bach to Schoenberg — which they do not get from the "Top twenty."
R.M.W.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Chairman: G. A. Stocker.

Secretary: D. R. Karsa.

Projectionists: W. Vickers, C. J. Flemming.

Committee: A. F. Blower, D. Stuart, R. M. Williamson.

This year, the Scientific Society has relied a considerable amount on the Manchester College of Science and Technology, who provide a choice of over sixty lectures. One of the most interesting of these lectures was a talk by Mr. J. D. Peel, B.Sc., entitled "Fibres of the Forest." This was concerned with the cellulose fibre, and led to an interesting discussion on the wood pulp industry. The occurrence, properties and preparation of the fibre from wood, straws, grasses and bamboos were shown with the aid of models and slides.

Mr. J. Wilson, from A.C.C. (Brotherton) Ltd., Birkenhead, gave an illustrated talk on Dyestuffs. As well as slides and practical demonstrations he presented the Society with several dyes, compounds and pieces of specially treated material, complete with books of instructions on how to dye cloth. He also gave us a large square of rayon on which he had printed the letters K.G.V.S., using the various dyestuffs he had talked about.

Various film evenings have been held this year, the Dunlop Film Library providing most of the films. However, the most popular film was a cartoon film on "Aluminium," which, in typical American style, illustrated the preparation and properties of the metal with the aid of the cartoon character, "Al Luminium"! This accompanied a talk by the Chief Metallurgist of the British Aluminium Co., Mr. Gwyther.

Other interesting demonstration-lectures have been given by Mr. A. C. Greenwood (an Old Boy of the School who now works for British Enka Ltd.) on "Rayon," and by Mr. Dodd, of the British Ceramic Research Association, Stoke-on-Trent, whose talk was entitled "Science and Ceramics."

This year has seen the beginning of the School's Subscription Scheme for the "New Scientist." This excellent magazine is now offered to schools at the price of 8d. per copy, instead of 1/-, and for the past year the Society members have been placing a weekly order for an average of 55 copies. It is hoped that we can continue this scheme next year. Finally, this term we hope to have the Chairman's lecture and a series of careers films which Mr. Hargreaves thinks will be interesting and beneficial to members of the Senior School.

D.R.K.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Chairman: W. Vickers.

Secretary: R. M. Williamson. **Treasurer:** I. H. Campion-Smith.

The Committee extends a welcome to all new and old members, and hopes that they have benefited by their membership.

This year saw the reintroduction of School Christmas Cards. The old design was dispensed with, and M. R. A. Hollis produced for us the new, more modern design. Since the cards were introduced rather late in the Autumn Term, not very many were sold, but we hope to do better next year, when they will be again on sale, price 4d. each.

The Society's darkroom has been in fairly constant use throughout the year—indeed, there has hardly been an evening when it was empty. The Committee therefore expect a high competition entry this year, which should be further increased by the new rule that all members must enter a print.

The Society's meetings have been fairly well attended this year, but far too few paid-up members are attending. Remember, the meetings are open to all members of the School, but they are primarily intended for Society members, so please attend.

Membership of the Society has remained at the fairly constant level of about 45 for many years, and it is time that more people joined; 15 per cent of the School is a very small number interested in photography, there must be some more somewhere. Membership is only 5/- per year, and for this members get free chemicals, and occasional free gifts of printing paper, etc.

Finally we extend an invitation to all old and new members to join again next year, and we hope that our membership will soon top the 100 mark.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chairman: D. Pogson.

Secretary: D. R. Karsa.

The Philatelic Society has managed to struggle through its first year due to the enthusiasm of about 25 Juniors. Mr. Knowles, our founder, has unfortunately left School, but nevertheless we are continuing. We have found it difficult to find people to give talks, as most philatelists are still at work around 4 p.m. However, we have had one talk from a member of the Southport Philatelic Society on "Postal History," and a talk by our Secretary on "Stamp Collecting for Beginners." The most popular activity is the purchasing of Stanley Gibbons Approvals. Normally, boys of 14 or 15 years cannot obtain these high-quality approvals because of their age and inability to buy sufficient stamps. This is overcome by having someone in the Sixth Form in charge of them, and as many boys buy the stamps we have no trouble with raising the minimum amount of money.

It is to be hoped that sufficient interest will arise next year in the Sixth Form so that this scheme may continue.

D.R.K.

Sport

RUGBY

First XV

With only two members of the previous year's team still in School the final record shows great credit to the young and inexperienced team. They started the season well with four consecutive wins, but had a very lean spell from then until after Christmas. They rallied during the Lent Term and played some excellent rugby. Grime, the skipper, played consistently well throughout the season and set an excellent example to the rest of the side.

In the initial stages the pack was very ragged, being both slow moving and slow thinking. This was in a large measure, I feel, due to lack of experience. They improved as the season went on and by the second half of the season had developed into quite a workmanlike pack. Salt, once he realised what a great asset his physique was, played some excellent games. Fletcher gave of his best in every game in which he played, and once he realises that battering-ram tactics are not always the most effective he will be a very good forward indeed. Hargreaves and Holmes played well, but often let their enthusiasm run away with them, and as a result were not always as effective as they might have been. Carr, the hooker, obtained his fair share of the ball and performed adequately in the loose. Rigby and Horton worked hard at wing-forward, but made mistakes largely through lack of experience. Pessell showed potential as a forward, but had to be driven all the time or he tended to lapse into a state of suspended animation. P. Thompson, the youngest member of the side, played soundly in whatever position he was asked to play.

The two outstanding members of the back division were Smith at scrum-half, and Moore at full-back. Smith got through a tremendous amount of work, both in attack and defence, quietly and competently. Moore's kicking and tackling were superb. He did, however, give us moments of anxiety because of his slowness on the turn. Wright played some excellent games, although he did have a tendency to kick too much. He is not, however, the only fly-half to have this fault. His tackling, which was poor initially, improved as the season progressed. The two centres, Bateman and Day, both held on to the ball far too long after creating openings, and their defence left much to be desired. P. Rostron, who was much troubled by injury, did not enjoy as good a season as last, but the crucial try he scored against Barrow G.S. was as good as any he scored last season.

In view of the fact that over half of the team will be returning to School, the prospects for next season appear very encouraging. Whatever success the side do achieve will in no small measure be due to the hard work which Grime has put in during his captaincy.

SECOND XV

The Second XV has been very disappointing during the past season. Whilst it contained players of obvious ability, it appeared to lack either the desire or the will to win. There were, however, one or two bright spots. P. Rimmer showed great skill at scrum-half and should be a power in First XV Rugby next season. Belcher played extremely well in lines-out and shows great promise, as does Jessop to a lesser extent. K. Brown and Karsa played enthusiastically throughout the season. The rest of the side did contain players of ability and promise, but they were in the main too ready to yield when the opposition applied any real pressure. This fault must be put right next season.

UNDER 16 XV

Results:

			F.	A.
1961				
Sept. 27—v. Arnold G.S.	H	Won	13	— 12
Oct. 28—v. King Edward VII, Lytham ...	H	Won	16	— 3
Nov. 18—v. Valday Grange G.S.	H	Won	17	— 12
1962				
Feb. 21—v. Wallasey G.S.	A	Lost	0	— 26
Mar. 7—v. Penwortham S.S.	A	Won	38	— 5
Mar. 28—v. Penwortham S.S.	A	Won	12	— 5

Won 5, Lost 1; Points for 96, Against 58.

Altogether the Under 16s have had a successful season with only one defeat, this being at the hands of Wallasey Grammar School. The team's morale was given a good boost when we beat Arnold in our opening game. We followed up with a fairly easy win over King Edward VII. Undoubtedly our most meritorious performance was against Calday Grange. When Calday took the field at the start they looked the faster, more efficient side. Although our backs were held in check by the opposite numbers, nothing could stop our pack. This was really their day, and it was undoubtedly their driving force that won the day. It must be said, however, that the pack has been our strong point throughout the season, and it was only occasionally that the backs found sufficient openings and room in which to move.

The major factor in the team's success is that it has been a team and not merely a number of individuals. Joviality has also been a marked characteristic.

We wish to thank Mr. Johnson and Mr. Miley for their help with the team.

R.L.

UNDER 15 XV

Results:		F.	A.
v. J. Rigby's G.S.	H	Drew	6 — 6
v. Balshaw's G.S.	A	Won	12 — 0
v. Barrow G.S.	H	Won	14 — 0
v. Cowley G.S.	H	Won	8 — 5
v. Hutton G.S.	A	Won	17 — 0
v. Cowley G.S.	A	Lost	0 — 6
v. King Edward VII, Lytham	A	Won	28 — 0
v. King Edward VII, Lytham	H	Won	32 — 8
v. Stonyhurst C.	A	Lost	0 — 6
v. Blackpool G.S.	A	Lost	0 — 8
v. Stonyhurst C.	H	Won	6 — 3

This was the best Under 15 XV we have had for very many years, not only because they won so many matches, but more particularly because the spirit in which they played was so good. Unfortunately, Kelly, who was captain of the previous year's Under 14 XV did not play in the team owing to an injury he sustained at the end of the preceding season. Also A. R. Rigby, perhaps the most aggressive of the three-quarters, was injured very early in the season and did not play again. Because of this, and also as some boys had shown promise in practices before the season began, there were a number of boys in the team who had not previously played for the School. Notable among these were P. Whitehead, who, after a shaky start, soon developed into an excellent defensive three-quarter by sheer hard work and determination, and at the end of the season he was playing as well as anyone else in the team. C. S. Marshall also came into the team, and after playing in a number of positions (always putting the maximum effort into the game) he settled down in the inside centre position, from which he scored a number of good tries by his speed. P. Forshaw, at scrum-half, was always very safe in defence and threw a splendid series of passes to his stand-off half. His determination was a good example to the rest of the team, and it can be said of him that he never had a bad game. Very similar comments can be said of N. S. Sandiford who, after a few other experiments, came into the side at full-back. He showed great courage in defence, and although not possessing a long kick he often relieved the pressure by his touch-kicking, although he has a tendency to be caught with the ball. He is to be commended on taking a number of nasty knocks without the slightest sign of flinching. R. Porter (who was joint-captain) had a good season. He was injured in the hand quite early in the season, and because of this he had an extended spell as wing-forward, but about half way through the period he returned at stand-off half. What he

lacks in speed off the mark he compensates for by quickness to see an opening, and when he has eliminated a tendency to kick straight up the field instead of tactically, he will become an outstanding player. He also made an excellent job of the captaincy of the team during his tenure of the office. The other member of the backs was A. Thompson, who came into the team very late in the season, but added considerable punch to the line. He is fast and determined, and with a little more knowledge of the game he should make the grade in Senior School rugby.

The forwards were a workmanlike combination and, in fact as with all Junior teams, a good pack will always win matches, and this one was no exception. E. Cuzner, who led the forwards and was also Porter's co-captain, played extremely well. He was a tireless worker who drove himself extremely hard. He has still to learn to drive his fellow forwards as hard as he does himself, but apart from this one fault he is as good as any forward the School can have had at this age for many years. D. J. Marshall was always a tower of strength, and wherever the ball was he was sure to be found. Because of this his covering was first class and his support of an attacking movement by the backs was reliable. Due to his strength he was able to score a number of tries, and on more than one occasion he was able to save the game for the side by his tackling. D. James was the hooker, and did his job competently. With him in the front row were N. Molyneux and J. Duncan, and together they got through a tremendous amount of work, the former being in particular a real tower of strength. M. Halsall and N. Carver formed the second row for almost the whole season, and like the rest of the pack became a good combination. Carver's height was especially useful in line-outs, and if he would only learn to carry the ball correctly instead of trying to do so in one hand he would be that much better as a player. The remaining member of the forwards was T. Marriott, who was blind side wing-forward. He had a lot to learn about the game at the beginning of the season, but soon showed that he was prepared to practise hard to do so, and as a result he eventually became a very useful member of the team. The forwards as a whole combined well in set scrums, but were not at their best in the loose as they never really learnt to bind and get down to the job so effectively on these occasions. However, they eventually realised this fault was costing them many scoring chances, and were convinced that this side of their job was all important.

All in all the side were so keen that it was most unfortunate that so many matches were cancelled because of lack of shower facilities, otherwise their record would be more impressive. But, as said at the beginning, it was the fine spirit of the team which was the most encouraging feature of the season.

UNDER 14 XV

Results:

		F.	A.
1961			
Oct. 14—v.	Cowley G.S.	H Won	16 — 3
.. 18—v.	Blackpool G.S.	H Won	20 — 3
.. 21—v.	Hutton G.S.	A Won	19 — 14
.. 25—v.	Birkenhead S.C.	H Lost	5 — 24
	v. Wigan G.S.	H Lost	3 — 11
	v. Calday Grange G.S.	A Lost	8 — 11
Dec. 2—v.	Kirkham G.S.	A Won	15 — 3
1962			
Jan. 31—v.	Lytham G.S.	A Won	31 — 6
Feb. 16—v.	Lancaster R.G.S.	A Lost	3 — 25
.. 21—v.	Wallasey G.S.	H Won	37 — 0
.. 28—v.	Stonyhurst C.	A Won	13 — 3
Mar. 10—v.	Cowley G.S.	A Drew	16 — 16
.. 14—v.	Wigan G.S.	A Won	20 — 0

This has been another very satisfactory year for the Under 14 XV. The team played thirteen matches in all, of which eight were won, one drawn and four lost. In the course of the season 206 points were scored and 119 conceded. The total points scored by the team would have been greater but for the absence of a really reliable goal kicker.

Throughout the season the spirit shown by the team was excellent. They were always willing to learn although, inevitably, much was finally learned the hard way! As is often the case with a Junior team they were slow to warm up in a game, yet did not easily give up. This was well illustrated in the return match with Cowley G.S. in which by half-time, as a result of some very careless play, they were 13 points down with one three-quarter injured and off the field for the remainder of the game. In the second half, however, they really began to play as a team, and the game ended in a draw — 16 points all.

By the end of the season the forwards had developed into quite a tough bunch, ably led either by Alexander or by the equally enthusiastic Pugh. The tight scrummaging was generally good, and Pugh's hooking was of a high standard. The loose scrums and line-out play were less satisfactory, but gradually improved. Alexander was by far the most enterprising forward in the line-out. Bull and Ellis, the wing-forwards, always played intelligently and with great determination. D. F. Davies, D. P. Davies, Jones, Taylor and Windham were forwards who played with commendable enthusiasm and not a little success.

The three-quarters, as their passing and mutual understanding improved, became a force to be reckoned with. Richards proved to be a useful and tough scrum-half with a quick eye for an opening, but he could be lazy on occasion, and this he will have to overcome. Pearson, as stand-off half, was the captain of the team, a task for which his reliability and, on the field, his coolness under pressure made him well fitted. His kicking and passing were both excellent, as was his defensive play in general, but in attack he was inclined to be too slow off the mark. In the centre, Saunders and Smith were somewhat unpredictable, but both were strong runners and full of fight, and Smith, in particular, developed a useful side-step. On the wings both Brankin and Littlewood were very fast, and played some good games, although Brankin tended to kick too frequently, while Littlewood sometimes lost speed, and thus the advantage, by attempting to run inside his opponent. Blackburn, who originally played on the wing, showed his versatility by ending the season playing in the lock-forward position.

Finally, Laws, playing at full-back, had a very creditable season. His kicking, although rather short, was usually effective, and his courage in tackling was unquestionable.

In summary this was a keen hard-working team whose enthusiasm augurs well for the future. But they still have a great deal to learn.

INTER-SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

This term has seen what must be one of the poorest seasons the Athletics team has had, and this is mainly because the majority of the boys concerned have not taken the time or the trouble to go out and practise. Excuses have been offered that the team has been drawn mostly from the Lower Sixth — and this is true — but they could still train. Examples have been set, especially by Pook, who has spent a lot of his spare time on the track, and the Under 16s, who have shown the Seniors what to do; and the masters, too, have shown their willingness: Mr. Gale has given good advice to all; Mr. Johnson was seen racing one night after 5 p.m.; and Mr. Longhurst arranged several extra matches.

Next season the team will be unable to excuse itself on the grounds of youth, and it is to be hoped that they will make more effort. The potential is there, it must be brought out.

RESULTS

v. Lancaster R. Grammar School and King Edward VII Grammar School, Lytham (home)—

	Pts.
Open:	
Lancaster R. Grammar School	120
King Edward VII Grammar School, Lytham	87
King George V Grammar School	75
Under 16:	
Lancaster R. Grammar School	112
King Edward VII Grammar School, Lytham	82
King George V Grammar School	67

v. Kirkham Grammar School (home)—

	Pts.
Open:	
Kirkham Grammar School	82
King George V Grammar School	52
Under 16:	
Kirkham Grammar School	74
King George V Grammar School	50

v. Blackpool Grammar School (away)—

	Pts.
Under 16:	
Blackpool Grammar School	72½
King George V Grammar School	53½
Under 14:	
Blackpool Grammar School	58
King George V Grammar School	34

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BADMINTON

The Badminton team has enjoyed a fairly successful season, winning seven of the twelve matches played, which is more than ever played before.

The success of the team has been mainly due to a strong second pair, who won more games than the first pair, the first pair being that of Wright and R. Moore, whilst the second pair being that of Eckersall and Duncan.

The team was unfortunate to lose the services of Entwistle at Christmas — however, Thompson has more than filled his position. Wright has been an able captain throughout, but, as with P. Moore, has only played from match to match, and it is obvious that their play could be much improved with more practice. Eckersall, R. Moore and Duncan are three promising young players of whom we have great hopes for the future as they, along with Wright and Thompson, will again be available next season. So now we are looking forward to what we hope will be a highly successful season.

The team consisted of A. S. Wright (Captain), P. D. Moore, K. Eckersall, J. Duncan, P. K. Thompson and R. Moore. Also played: J. Entwistle, G. Day and J. Kay.

The results are as follows:—

Seniors:

v. Waterloo Grammar School	A	Lost	7 — 2
v. Hutton Grammar School	A	Won	5 — 4
v. Merchant Taylors	H	Won	6 — 3
v. Birkenhead School	A	Won	5 — 4
v. Waterloo Grammar School	H	Won	5 — 4
v. Wallasey Grammar School	A	Won	7 — 2
v. Merchant Taylors	A	Won	5 — 4
v. Hutton Grammar School	H	Lost	2 — 7
v. Waterloo Grammar School	H	Lost	6 — 3
v. Waterloo Grammar School	A	Lost	4 — 5
v. Wallasey Grammar School	H	Won	8 — 1
v. Old Boys	H	Lost	6 — 3

Juniors:

The Junior team played four matches against Crosby School, and won three of the four.

The Junior team consisted of Eckersall (Captain), Duncan, Ellis, Forshaw, Campbell, Calland, Marriott, Porter and Moss.

On the School front, Gear's retained the Badminton Cup, beating Spencer's in a disappointing final. Leech's came third.

It is intended next season to extend the House Badminton Competition to include two or perhaps three pairs, including boys from the Middle and Junior forms.

For this reason, arrangements for practices are going to be modified. Play for Seniors will be as hitherto, namely on Wednesday evenings. In addition each House will be asked to select two boys from the Lower Fifts, two from the Fourths, and two from the Thirds. A meeting will be called early next term, when arrangements will be explained in more detail, and times of practices will be posted on the notice boards.

Finally, we must thank Mr. Lord, without whose enthusiasm the prospects for the following year would not be nearly so promising. We must also thank him for the arrangement of competitive fixtures, and Mr. Abram for the provision of transport for the team.
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Expeditions and Exhibitions

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY

On Tuesday, 27th March, a party of about forty members of the Upper VI and Scholarship Science forms, together with the heads of the Physics, Chemistry and Biology Departments, visited Liverpool University for its annual Open Day. After an early lunch the coach set off and the party arrived at 2-45 p.m. outside the Donnan Laboratories where the Chemistry Exhibition was held. Programmes were issued and the groups dispersed to the various exhibitions which were held in the surrounding buildings.

Chemistry Exhibition

The Chemistry Exhibition took place in two buildings, but owing to the lack of time the small group from School were only able to visit the Inorganic Section in the Donnan Laboratories. The party was taken on a conducted tour of the modern and impressive building, and our guide, a third-year student, proved most useful in explaining some of the more complicated pieces of apparatus. The group was shown the departments linear accelerator and various experiments to demonstrate the properties of radioactive substances. After about one and a half hours our guide took us for tea and biscuits, which were very acceptable after an extremely rapid and rather exhausting tour. Afterwards we were shown many small-scale demonstrations, including experiments with liquid oxygen and nitrogen and a large display of molecular models. Finally our host conducted us to the main entrance hall where we collected our coats and then made our way back to our coach.

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Physics Department

In the new Physics building our first visit was to one of the lecture theatres, pausing for a moment en route to gaze curiously at a vast, bewildering abstract mural. There were several interesting pieces of apparatus on show in the lecture theatre, one of the more spectacular being a cloud chamber to determine the paths of particles given off in atomic radiation. After a tour of some of the laboratories we went on to see some of the research projects which are being carried out. One rather eerie experience was walking on to a wire grating in a small, dimly-lit room with walls, floor and ceiling covered with sound-absorbing fibreglass pyramids. This perfectly sound-absorbing room is used for experiments with loud-speakers, etc. We completed a wholly enjoyable visit by walking across to another smaller building which housed the synchro-cyclotron. This enormous apparatus produces a high-energy beam of electrons which is used to "bombard" atoms of various substances to learn more about the internal structure of the atom.

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The Maths Exhibition

On Tuesday, 27th March last, three boys from the party of Upper Sixth-formers which visited the Liverpool University Open Day, went round the Maths Department. Having found the right building we were taken to see the large "Holerith" Computer at work. On our way to the computer room we visited the neighbouring rooms where the data for the computer is put on to punched tape.

Next on the agenda was a welcome cup of tea, and having drunk this we returned to our conducted tour. We were shown round the students' lecture rooms and libraries and lounges, being very impressed with the facilities provided. We then proceeded to the Statistics Department, where we received a very informative lecture on the principles and uses of statistics. We were also shown several manual and electric desk calculating machines.

From there we returned to the entrance hall, where the rather novel decoration was explained. This decoration took the form of several attractively carved wall plaques, which, it transpired, depicted the evolution of Mathematics from earliest times.

This concluded our visit, which had been most interesting and informative, and our thanks are due to Mr. Hankinson for organising the expedition.
R.A.M., J.D., K.B.

A VISIT TO A COALMINE

The party from Upper 5A Science and Upper 5 Trans. Science and Mr. Longhurst set out from School at about 12-30 p.m., and after an hour's journeying we arrived at Bold Colliery, near St. Helens. On arrival at our destination we were shown into a small room where we were introduced to the manager. We were then shown a film about fires in mines. This was very interesting, although it did not give us much encouragement. After the film we were shown into the changing-room where we changed into old clothes before going to the equipment room to be issued with helmets and lighting gear. From here we were conducted to the pithead and encountered three air locks before arriving at the cage. We were all duly searched for matches, cigarettes, etc., before being packed like sardines in the cage. The descent was cold, very draughty, and because of the pressure our ears became blocked. Having arrived at the bottom, some 1,300 ft. underground, we were shown through another series of air locks before entering one of the main tunnels. This tunnel was high and wide, and was lighted so we did not have to use our lamps. Someone remarked about the chalk dust on the floor of the tunnel, and the guide said that this was to prevent the coal dust from catching fire. After nearly being knocked down by a diesel, and after having walked about a quarter of a mile, we branched off into a smaller tunnel. This had no lighting, and we had to use our lamps.

Walking down this part was made more hazardous by the uneven floor. This, so the guide explained, was because of the constant changing of levels of the floor. We then arrived at an automatic loader, which we saw in action. The coal was brought to the loader by a conveyer belt and there were trucks underneath the end of it. When one truck was full another was moved into position. Passing on we soon arrived at a checkpoint which, the guide explained, were placed at intervals to operate the signals for the trains, and they also acted as an emergency base and a telephone station. Just a little further on we turned off again and descended a gradient of about 1 in 4. We passed large machines which were necessary for the drill which was making holes for explosives. Off to the right of this tunnel was a very small tunnel which carried on for 140 yards to the actual coalface. Since there were no men at the face, and we had no knee-pads, we did not go along it more than a few yards. After the system of coalface work had been explained we returned to the main shaft.

We arrived back at the shaft covered in coal dust and chalk dust. On arriving back on the surface we went to the changing-room for a hot shower and clean-up. We then proceeded to the canteen where we had a much enjoyed tea. We arrived back home about 6-30 p.m., all of us having enjoyed the expedition.

A. CALLAND (U.V.T.S.).

FIVE-CAPITALS TOUR, 1962

Thirty-three boys and two masters from King George V and the Royal Masonic School, Bushey, after a comfortable if tiring trip from their respective domiciles, arrived in Ostend at about 8-30 p.m.

After a sleepless night we joined our coach and its pleasant driver, Pierre, who was to take us that day through Belgium and France to Paris. Since this was such a long journey we were not able to stop more than once or twice. The countryside through which we passed was rather flat and not particularly interesting, and the main feature that we all noticed was the startling number of military cemeteries, mostly of World War I, which we passed. It was rather nice to see them all, whatever their nationality, so well cared for. At length we arrived in Paris.

The next two days were to be spent in Paris, and on the Saturday Pierre took us on a conducted tour round the city, showing us most of the principal tourist attractions, such as the Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysées, Place de la Concorde, Louvre and Madelaine. We also visited the Eiffel Tower and went to the top

(where it was snowing) by lift. In the afternoon we were free to do as we wished; some of us explored further the places we had seen in the morning, some looked at many of the other sights, some bought souvenirs and some tried to see if they could stay down in the Metro all afternoon. It is quite simple to find one's way around it (although a few of the party got lost), and for the price of about 7d. one can travel anywhere.



The party photographed in Paris.

On Sunday, Pierre took us to Montmartre, where we saw the famous church of Sacré Cœur and the Place de Tertre, made famous by its colony of artists. Two or three of the group had sketches done while they waited. From Montmartre we were taken to the cathedral of Notre Dame, which is the scene of Hugo's famous book, "Notre Dame de Paris." The afternoon was free, and many of us visited the famous art gallery and museum of the Louvre for a close look at a selection of the world's finest art treasures.

Early the following morning we left Paris for Luxembourg. On the way we passed through Rheims and were able to compare its magnificent cathedral with that of Notre Dame. Unfortunately the only time we had for sightseeing in Luxembourg was that evening, because we had to leave early the next morning for Arnhem. Even so we managed to see most of the famous sights of the city (including the Radio Luxembourg Studio).

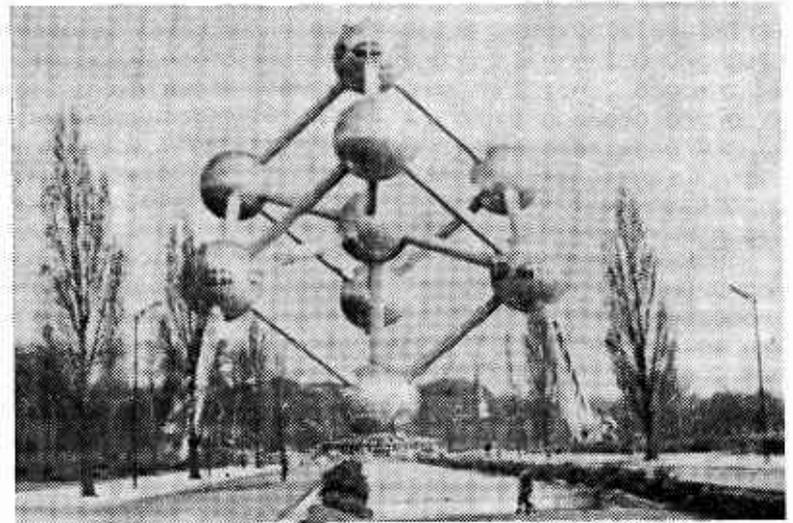
On leaving Luxembourg we made a slight detour in order to visit the radio transmitter which is just outside the capital, and then we travelled across the frontier into Germany for a short stop in Trier, an extremely old town dating back to Roman times. Thence we journeyed on up the Moselle Valley to its junction with the Rhine, and then up the Rhine Valley to Bonn, the West German capital. Here we visited Beethoven's birthplace. This has been turned into a museum, and in it some of the composer's original manuscripts, instruments and personal belongings can be seen. Our next stop was at Cologne for a quick look at the cathedral, and after this we passed into Holland. Besides being our longest day this was also one of the most interesting because of the immense variety and large number of contrasts. We started in beautiful and extremely picturesque country, where vines grow on the mountain side, and travelled right through the heart of Germany to the industrial areas around Dusseldorf.

We were now in Arnhem, which was badly damaged during the war, and where there appeared to be little to do; but fortunately the food was good (there was a change from the usual rolls and butter breakfast), and the more we ate the more the staff was pleased, and there was the luxury of television.

The following day Pierre took us on an excursion to Amsterdam by coach. As soon as we arrived we boarded one of the specially built glass-roofed boats for a trip round the canals which have earned the port the name of "Venice of the North." From the boat we saw Amsterdam's narrowest house — 1 ft. wide — as well as numerous other beautiful buildings. In the afternoon we either looked round the city or went shopping.

Besides being called the "Venice of the North," Amsterdam is also known as a city of bicycles. After having visited it, it is easy to see why. There are thousands of bicycles, and we learnt that almost every inhabitant has one, and many have two — one for Sundays.

Leaving Arnhem the next morning we proceeded to Brussels via Antwerp, The Hague and Rotterdam. Before entering Brussels itself we stopped at the Atomium and went to the top in the fastest lift in Europe. We then examined the exhibition of the peaceful uses of atomic energy, which is in other parts of the structure.



The Atomium, Brussels.

Pierre took us round the main sights of Brussels by coach the following day before we left for Ostend. On the way we turned aside from our route to look at the beautiful old city of Bruges, famous for canals and lace.

We rested for the night at a little resort, five miles from Ostend overlooking the sandhills. Next day, after taking leave of Pierre, we joined the boat for a smooth Channel crossing, and later passed through the Customs without trouble. At London we said good-bye to the Royal Masonic School party and to Mr. Blake, and returned to Southport after a very pleasant holiday which will be long remembered, for which we would like to thank Mr. Longhurst and Mr. Blake.

D. ASPINWALL (L.6.Mod.A.).

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY Excavations at New Park, Lathom

For most schoolboys the word "history" brings to mind long hours of dutiful toil and the dull process of committing facts to memory, but the Society's "dig" at Easter revealed the other aspect of history: the constant enquiry, the sorting, sifting and relating of evidence and information which is such a prominent feature of practical history.

The actual site of the excavations is at New Park, Lathom, and is situated in a group of trees on the golf course. A house is indicated on the site on various maps of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and it was this which first led the Society to begin



excavations in 1960. Prior to the expedition this Easter it had already been established by excavation that the buildings, probably out-structures of the house, were of two dates, mediæval and sixteenth century, as indicated by the "finds" of two different periods. It also seemed that the structure was demolished in about 1725, the pottery and pipes of that period being the most recent finds. Thus certain facts had already been discovered about the buildings, but more remained to be done, and the object of this year's dig was to extend the excavations.

Archæological method consists in digging measured trenches in such a way that complete layers are disclosed, and the "finds" in these layers meticulously recorded. Parallel trenches were therefore dug, and these yielded various results. One, dug into the outer edge of the moat, of which only three sides are left, proved barren; another uncovered odd stones, obviously foundations, in what is known as a "robber" trench (one from which foundation stones and other materials have been removed); the others all contained foundations, at right-angles to the trench, consisting of huge stone blocks kept together by clay. In most of the trenches were found fragments of pot, mostly rather crude brown stuff, and the positions of these were carefully recorded. At the end of each day, trenches were measured both for size and depth, finds recorded and the sites photographed.



Foundations of entrance to house, New Park, Lathom.

All finds are of course valuable, if not intrinsically, to the historian, but in the narrow confines of this article two others are worthy of special note. A hearth was found in close proximity to the well, and after uncovering the top layer of burnt brick, very large, and almost immovable, stone slabs were found. The other really "big" find was the very carefully and sturdily built foundations leading down to the moat, which could possibly have served as the entrance to the building.

Thus it can be seen that much has already been done on the site; indeed, the plan of the foundations found so far is beginning to show the shape and organisation of the buildings. But much still remains to be done, and it is hoped the Society will continue to receive the enthusiastic support of both members of the School and Old Boys in uncovering this heritage of local history. J.H.

On the second day, on the north-west part of the site, an area about 15ft. square was cleared. It was this area which was to prove the most exciting, as it yielded up some very interesting pieces of pot, and it was here that a well was discovered on the Monday. This well, about 5ft. in diameter, descended to about 12ft., and was particularly valuable as it contained many pieces of pot, glass and moulded stones, possibly dumped there when the house was rebuilt, valuable for dating the buildings.

Letters to the Editor

Sir,

I have been irritated recently about the amount of money that is being, in my opinion, squandered on famous paintings and the like. The fuss over the da Vinci drawing (for which the country is apparently being held to ransom) has prompted me to write this letter.

I know that it is an old argument, but I feel that there are so many worthwhile charities, even in this country alone, that it is a shame to see nearly a million pounds go towards what, after all, is just a piece of paper, when there are needy institutions for the blind, the deaf and dumb, spastics, paraplegics, and orphans . . . and many, ever so many, others who need money.

Nobody can deny that the drawing is brilliant. It has even been labelled as "priceless." I agree with that wholeheartedly, but funnily enough it is those people who label these things as priceless who later try to sell them. The true work of art cannot have a value in sterling; da Vinci drew because he loved to draw — not because he was a money-grabber. If genius is worth money, the next step is to charge listeners to the "1812" a £5,000 "listening-fee" or offer round books containing Einstein's Theory of Relativity at "A million pounds-a-read."

If da Vinci, great philosopher as he was, was still alive, he himself would, I'm sure, be appalled at the thought of his work being judged according to our modern materialistic misplaced sense of values.

He would much prefer that the money should go to impoverished and otherwise suffering people, and that men and women of our own generation should be encouraged to use their talents and draw pictures for themselves. Meanwhile he would be satisfied if his work was reproduced by our modern printing presses so that all could see the magnificence of his style.

My own conscience bothers me about the fact that so many thousands of pounds are being spent in this way when two-thirds of the people of this world are living at a starvation level. Surely the right time to spend money like water is when we have all these people living as comfortable a life as we are. Otherwise the spending can only be described as downright selfish.

I wonder how many Congolese are worried about our petty art gallery difficulties? I should think that their minds are much more occupied with wondering where the next meal of edible bugs is coming from. It's time the Western nations moderated their catering for "art-loving" (I prefer "art-crazy") minorities, and stopped talking about "what we owe to posterity."

Posterity be blowed! Rich art-dealers be blowed! It's time to give the lead and start thinking what we owe to our starving neighbours.

CORNELIS.

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We are grateful to the following for their gifts of books: P. Holland, R. T. Jump, A. F. Kelsall, D. Hall, R. G. Eckersley, W. P. Ashley-Smith, and Messrs. Parsons, Graham, and Clough.

During the year two new periodicals have been added to the already comprehensive list of magazines received by the Library. They are "Encounter" and the publication of the Consumers' Association, "Which?"

THE LIBRARIANS.

Verse and Prose

THE AINSDALE PINES

Rustling leaves in lofty trees,
From which the skylarks soar,
Twittering tom-tits swoop with ease,
And planes from airfield roar.
Swirling sand from blust'ring breeze,
Twigs that sharply crack;
Smell of salt from western seas,
And disused railway track;
This is where I like to roam,
On summer's dreamy days,
Beneath the sky's blue shimm'ring dome,
Where sand round pine trees plays.

J. L. NELSON (3X).

Old Boys' Section

- A. L. COLE (S) (55-61) has been appointed to the Executive Class of the Civil Service, and has taken up a position with the Ministry of Transport and will be engaged on the West Riding Trunk Road development scheme.
- K. G. HALSALL (R) (49-56), who has been Senior Pharmacist at the Southport General Infirmary for the past two years, has been appointed Deputy Chief Pharmacist at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.
- E. H. LEE (-) (27-34), of Brown University, U.S.A., has now been appointed to a Professorship at Stanford University, California, and takes up duties there in August. He has been to Europe lecturing at various universities in Israel, Belgium, London and Manchester.
- In the Southport Municipal Elections in May:
- G. WALTON (S) (20-24) was successful Conservative candidate for South Ward, being re-elected for his second term of office.
- M. HILTON (L) (43-52) was successful Conservative candidate for Talbot Ward.
- W. H. SCOTT (G) (33-40) was successful Liberal candidate for Birkdale South Ward.
- This brings the number of Old Boys on the Town Council up to five.

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