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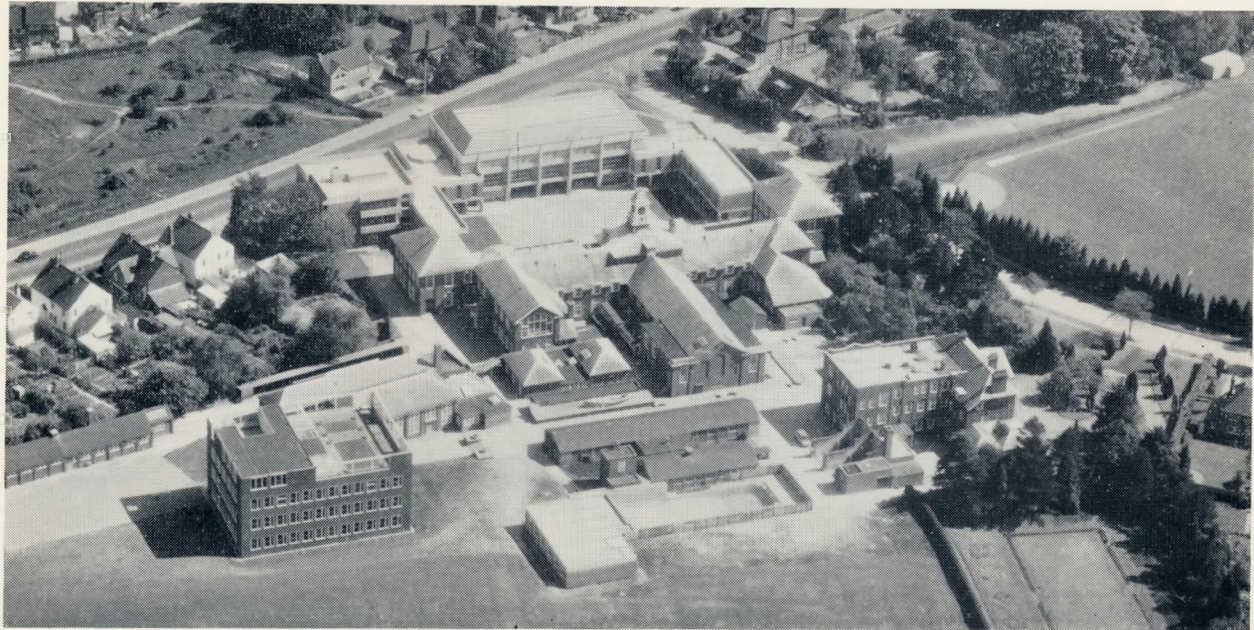
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THE WYCOMBIENSIAN

(THE MAGAZINE OF THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HIGH WYCOMBE)

The EDITOR this time was MICHAEL PICKERING, greatly assisted by CHRISTIAN KOEFOED-NIELSEN and T. T. McCORMICK.

COVER : D. C. MILLS

Editorial

“Please don’t be deterred in the fanatical application of your sterile logic”.

Nye Bevan.

You are very kind. The last editorial contained a short and hysterical diagnosis of the magazine’s present illness, linked here and there with pleas for more contributions. The response has been virtually nil. We congratulate the school on its whole-hearted support. Of course we have not been helped by the fact that the last magazine appeared but six weeks before we go to print again, and the school’s state of mind at this time of year (July) is none too alert.

Obviously nothing is sometimes better than something, but a starving animal will eat anything, and progress always begins with charity. Those who have responded we heartily thank, and can only apologise for any liberties we have taken with their contributions. An editor has to be both brutal and avaricious.

Let us now *accept* our position, “though the dull brain perplexes and retards”, and raise ourselves to new heights. To quote Jean Cocteau again : “The aesthetics of failure are alone durable. He who does not understand failure is lost”. The only things that matter are our opinions and our attitudes. They are the only things we can change and are therefore very precious. They are all we have apart from ourselves, who are priceless.

Rules and regulations will continue to be broken. We are not policemen trying to interfere : we are only tendering these

simple, delicate suggestions for the sake of the magazine, allegedly *your* magazine. And the only substitute for force is code : this is the code we have written. But the magazine has the school as a crutch, and the school sleeps on.

Though the role of editor is often a despairing one, there has always got to be someone who will try to squeeze blood from a stone. That's how it is. Then again, perhaps we should never have bothered, perhaps we should let it stand on its own feet and laugh at it like rich ladies watching a cripple dance for pennies.

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STAFF NOTES

We were sorry to have to say Good-bye at the end of the summer term to a number of masters. Mr. I. M. Merrylees who has been second in charge in the English department for six years goes to take charge of the English in a comprehensive school at Manchester. Mr. D. J. Authers will be head of the Classics department at Hastings Grammar School, and Mr. A. H. Davies will be in charge of the Music at Carlisle Grammar School. Mr. G. L. Smith will be head of the French department at Welwyn. Mr. D. Bridges is seconded for a year for research into education at the University of London. Mr. N. T. Gill takes up a permanent post at Slough. Mr. R. A. P. Wilson, Mr. P. A. Dunn and Mr. C. E. Gunton will all be engaged in research of further study ; and Mr. J. J. Day will also be leaving.

We welcome to the staff this term Mrs. J. H. McVey, to teach English ; Mr. I. R. Clark, B.A. (Bristol) to teach Classics ; Mr. J. P. Blythe, B.Sc., (Manchester) to teach Mathematics ; Mr. D. J. White-Taylor, B.A. (Lond.) to teach German and French ; Mr. P. J. Little, B.A. (Lond.) to teach History ; Mr. P. A. Rooke, B.A. (Cantab.) to teach Music ; Mr. H. R. Holt, B.A. (Durham) to teach Classics ; Mr. J. E. Camp, B.A. (Oxford) to teach French ; Mr. D. J. Stubbs (Borough Road College) to teach Physical Education ; Mr. R. D. Stephenson, M.Sc., (Missouri) to teach Physics ; and Mrs. G. S. Stephenson, M.A., (Missouri) to teach English.

ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS, 1967

(Italics denote grade A ; * denotes distinction on the "S" level paper).

S. J. Owen — Greek, Latin, *Ancient History* ; C. J. Andrew — English, History, Economics ; R. W. Collett — English, French ; S. Darbyshire — German, History ; A. M. Dormer — German, History, British Constitution ; R. Gash — *Religious Knowledge* ; R. J. B. Green — French, German ; R. Hitchcock — German ; R. F. Houchin — *Economics** ; R. B. Kenyon — *British Constitution, Economics** ; J. F. Killingley — English, German ; P. J. Leslie — English, Economics ; P. J. Line — English, Geography ; I. C. Maun — English, *German* ; L. C. North — English, *German* ; I. A. Ross — History, English ; N. M. Souter — French, German ; R. J. Stevens — History, Economics, Geography ; A. R. Wilson — *German* ; R. W. Abercrombie — *English**, French, German ; C. E. Capell — English, *French**, *German** ; W. J. Carr — History ; C. L. Carver — French, German, Economics ; K. J. Chamberlain — Economics, Geography ; P. M. Colley — Economics, *Geography* ; M. E. Dutch — French, German, Economics ; P. R. Grafton — French ; P. R. Greeves — History ; A. D. N. Havard — English, Latin, French ; N. M. S. Hedgeland — English, History ; R. J. Hosea — English, French, Economics ; S. Jenner — English ; C. C. Koefoed-Nielsen — *English**, History ; R. H. Leighton — Economics ; M. G. Miles — *English, French**, *Spanish** ; M. R. Montgomerie — English, French, German ; D. Morton — *French, Russian**, Economics ; J. Morton — Geography ; W. Paszkiewicz — History ; S. P. Payne — English, French, German ; A. G. Pearson — English, French, German ; M. J. Pickering — History ; R. A. Roberts — English, Music ; P. S. Wright — English, French, German ; W. J. Adams — History, Economics, Geography ; J. G. Berks — English, French, History ; P. M. Berks — French, German, History ; C. N. Bloxham — French, German, History ; A. J. Bowyer — Ancient History, History ; D. I. Clark — French, History ; J. P. Colley — Economics ; P. G. Darling — French, German ; K. Darvill — History, Economics ; S. Darrington — French, German ; G. Davies — History, Economics, Geography ; R. C. Day — French, History ; P. T. D. Fulton — *English, Latin, History** ; P. A. M. German — History, Economics ; N. J. Gilson — English, History, Economics ; A. P. D. Hogg — Economics ; A. C. W. Keen — English, *Ancient History**, *History* ; D. S. Levin — English, Latin, History ; J. R. Mackay — Economics ; R. J. Martin-Fagg — *Economics, Geography* ; T. T. McCormick — History, Economics ; M. D. Mills — Economics ; M. G. Oliver — History, Economics ; C. J. Palme — German, History, Economics ; N. A. Partridge — History, Economics ; C. D.

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ORDINARY LEVEL, 1967

(Number in brackets indicate subjects passed)

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SPEECH DAY, 1967

Speech Day, Wednesday, July 5th, was run according to the annual plan ; our visiting speaker this year was J. S. Morrison, Esq., who is the President of University College, Cambridge, and was a contemporary of the Headmaster's at Trinity. The Chairman of the Governors, Alderman R. P. Clarke, made the opening remarks. And the mayor, we were told, regretted his absence on this, the 405th anniversary of the school. During his speech, the Headmaster made the valid points :—

“The institution of Speech Day has come in for a good deal of criticism in recent years. Not a few voices would abolish it, as a sort of extinct volcano (and it is tempting to think of sparing ourselves the effort involved). Nor has this tide of opinion spared the institution of the Headmaster's Report — too much glamourising and glossing over, brandishing of cups, and bragging about scholarships and examination results. The whole exercise is misleading window-dressing, which only those trained in the business can see through and assess at its true worth. I confess I was for a moment tempted to produce a fearfully naturalistic portrait of the School — with warts and all — or even a non-report, wallowing in all the things that go wrong and fail . . . But, I reflect, always — the defects and faults of a School, the misdemeanours and boorish conduct of pupils — these attract far more than their fair share of public attention anyhow — so why should I feed the appetite that does exist, in some quarters, for denigrating us? The law-abiding, co-operative majority have to work so hard to cancel out the notorieties of the few.

“When a staff combines traditional wisdom, born of long experience, with new ideas and the will to experiment, the school neither stagnates nor goes off the rails. There are some indications . . . of some of the new directions taken in both teaching and out of school activities. It is good to see initiative being taken by boys and masters”.

After the presentation of the prizes, Mr. Morrison, addressing the “heroes of resistance”, gave an apt diagnosis of the educational situation in this country, with choice comparisons to educational systems in other countries. The two main educational ambitions, are, in his opinion, to encourage latent excellence and to do our best for *everyone*, despite any relative talents. The overall criticism would be to give far more attention to intelligence and NOT facts learned. This is very important, and like many other things in Mr. Morrison’s speech, sustained concentration reaped its due rewards.

The usual diversifications took place afterwards, a stop-gap until the Commemoration Service held in the Queen’s Hall. The preacher was the Reverend G. N. Whitfield, M.A., Headmaster of Hampton Grammar School, and President of the Headmasters’ Association.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, 1966-67

OPEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS (1966-67)

- M. M. Burrell, Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.
- R. S. Hickox, Organ Scholarship, Queens’ College, Cambridge.
- R. J. Mildon, Open Scholarship in Mathematics, Royal Holloway College, London.
- A. J. Oliver, Open Exhibition in Natural Science, Hertford College, Oxford.
- D. N. Snodin, Open Scholarship in English, Trinity College, Oxford.
- P. R. Thornton, Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences, Christ’s College, Cambridge.
- D. M. Wood, Open Scholarship in Mechanical Sciences, Peterhouse, Cambridge.

PLACES AT OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE (1966-67)

- J. S. Culley, for Geography, Downing College, Cambridge.
- I. D. Hentall, for Zoology, Pembroke College, Oxford.
- A. G. Hipgrave, for Law, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- D. W. Lewis, for English, Jesus College, Oxford.

- C. A. Smyth, for Chemical Engineering, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.
- J. A. Stevens, for Modern Languages, St. John's College, Cambridge.
- G. E. W. Thompson, for Modern Languages, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.
- S. C. B. Tinton, for Geography, St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

AND 1968 :

- M. R. Myant, for Natural Sciences, Churchill College, Cambridge.

The following boys qualified for entry to other Universities and Colleges in 1966 :

- P. A. Beasley, Bristol University, General Arts.
- D. G. Beattie, Birmingham University, Modern Languages.
- P. D. Brown, Warwick University, History.
- P. D. L. Brown, Leeds University, Law.
- C. B. M. Buchan, Manchester University, Chemical Engineering.
- I. P. Butler, Chelsea College of Science and Technology, General Science.
- R. J. S. Calcutt, College of Air Training, Hamble.
- A. P. Carthy, Loughborough College, Mechanical Engineering.
- J. Clemens, Bristol University, Chemistry.
- A. B. Collett, West Ham College of Technology, Civil Engineering.
- H. T. Courtney, Exeter University, Modern Languages.
- A. R. Daines, Leicester College of Technology, Zoology.
- J. Dixon, Nottingham University, Russian.
- C. East, Essex University, Comparative Studies.
- K. Eyles, Birmingham University.
- A. S. Farmer, Exeter University, Zoology.
- C. Fewtrell, Bristol University, Economics.
- P. A. Fountain, Manchester University.
- S. G. Fowler, Liverpool University, Zoology.
- I. J. Fox, Nottingham University, Electrical Engineering.
- A. J. Frankland, Wolverhampton College of Technology, Business Studies.
- D. A. Goodall, London Bible College, Theology.
- J. M. E. Grieg-Gran, Leeds University, Engineering.
- J. M. Haley, Imperial College, London University, Engineering.
- J. Hayter, Queen Mary College, London University, Law.
- R. P. Helyar, College of Air Training, Hamble.

- J. W. Herman, Nottingham University, Engineering.
 R. C. Hill, University College, London University, Architecture.
 J. W. Hume, Wolverhampton College of Technology, Business Studies.
 C. Jeffrey, Leeds University.
 G. J. Jellis, Manchester University, Botany.
 D. M. Jones, Wolverhampton College of Technology, Business Studies.
 M. J. Kerridge, Queen Elizabeth College, London University, Physics & Chemistry.
 N. Leek, Royal College of Advanced Technology, Salford, Russian.
 D. A. Low, Imperial College, London University, Chemistry.
 J. N. McLoughlin, Leeds University, Medicine.
 G. J. Mitchell, Ealing College of Technology, Business Studies.
 N. D. Mitchenall, College of Estate Management, London.
 J. E. Moore, Holborn College of Law & Commerce, Law.
 A. R. Nottingham, University College, London University, Classics.
 S. C. Penney, East Anglia University, Social Studies.
 B. M. Phillips, University of Wales, Bangor, Chemistry.
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 C. R. Sabine, Bristol College of Commerce, Law.
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3rd I. T. Hickman
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1st S. B. Gamester
2nd K. R. Barrett
3rd J. C. Lord
- FORM 5S :
1st E. E. Sloan
2nd A. Amin
3rd M. J. Brown
- FORM 5T :
1st A. G. M. Haynes
2nd C. A. Vecchi
3rd R. P. Gamble
- FORM 5U :
1st J. P. Quartermaine
2nd A. T. C. Longhurst

SPEECH PRIZES :

6th form M. J. Lowe
 5th form R. M. Wood
 4th form R. O. Davies
 3rd form B. C. Kneller
 2nd form D. A. Lowe
 1st form D. M. Edwards

NEATNESS PRIZES :

5th form D. A. Beasley
 4th form A. S. Giles-Morris
 3rd form P. J. McMillan
 2nd form J. F. Crowley
 1st form T. Hardy

FORM 6 — 1ST YEAR :

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 French I. S. Elliott
 German P. Marcan
 Spanish P. G. Jones
 English &
 Geography S. J. Clark
 English B. P. Llewellyn
 History C. A. Stocking
 History &
 Geography G. P. Smith
 Geography D. P. H. Laxen
 Science & Mathematics
 A. Arbaney
 D. E. McColl
 J. N. Woolley
 Economics
 P. J. Smith
 A. R. Hood
 Botany H. Barker
 Biology C. M. Feek
 Zoology M. J. Samways
 Music M. Goldring

FORM 6 — 2ND & 3RD YEARS :

Classics S. J. Owen
 Ancient History
 A. C. W. Keen
 Modern Languages
 2nd year C. E. Capell
 3rd year I. C. Maun
 Russian
 2nd year D. Morton
 German
 2nd year R. B. Steptoe
 3rd year L. C. North
 French
 2nd year M. G. Miles
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 Nielsen
 History
 2nd year T. T. McCormick
 3rd year R. Gash
 Economics
 K. Darvill
 A. D. Fleming
 Geography
 2nd year K. J. Chamberlain
 3rd year R. J. Stevens
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 2nd year A. P. Dickinson
 B. P. Hills
 J. S. Robinson
 R. S. Wombwell
 Music P. Watts
 Botany P. J. Winfield
 Zoology
 2nd year S. W. Coniam
 3rd year G. R. J. Monaghan

OPEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS :

M. M. Burrell
 R. S. Hickox
 A. J. Oliver
 D. N. Snodin
 P. R. Thornton
 D. M. Wood
 R. J. Mildon

STRAIGHT STORY

A tourist from VENUS crawled ashore at FOWEY, in Cornwall, one Sunday morning, and went to sleep on the beach. This caused a sensation among the local atheists, and a crowd gathered around the little sleeping freak, and everyone made attempts to prove the reality of it all for themselves. They told their friends about it, which helped, and photographed it, which worked wonders. Some useful phrases were passed round. A Sunday artist painted it, and a Sunday policeman arrested it. One elderly eyewitness refused to believe anything until she had read the facts for herself in the local newspaper. Several people thought of buying the stranger, but the thought passed. Nobody thought of killing him. Someone even rang PANORAMA, but the B.B.C. refused to send a camera team on the grounds that this was only one of 39 similar unconfirmed reports, and the possibility of an invasion of tired aliens from a nearby planet had been ruled out by the Immigration Department at the Home Office. Meanwhile, on the beach, a small dog had bitten the sleeping shape, and a lady Christian had given him a light green blanket, and both were satisfied. A pair of beatniks from ST. IVES arrived and laughed at him knowingly, without malice, and many more people came to stare at them.

But just when the local population was beginning to recover confidence in its environment, and other intimations of their former stability, the VENUSIAN tourist, who had been asleep all this while, awoke, stretched some of his limbs, and when nobody was looking, slipped back into the sea without so much as a souvenir.

THE GENTLE BELIEVERS

The gentle believers climb
to their sky with ladders
but do not leave the earth.
And the clouds cannot hold them
more than a minute.

Tomorrow will soon be answered.
Tomorrow will bring
the same trials and rewards.
In a few months we must leave here
and cross new seas.

Meanwhile I think of their small voices
like pressed flowers
lost in the pages of a book.
And we must plan our return
to the secret garden.

M. J. PICKERING.

EXIT

No cloak whisks around my poems anymore
For the King of poetry has gone,
Or moved to other dwellings, far away
Over mountains and towards the west
He has travelled.
Years will pass before his return
And words will flow again on stagnant lines.

P. PING, 5S.

JUST AN EPISODE

He straightened his cap on his head, full of the first day's usual frets and worries, said a final goodbye and got out to stand before the grim bricked facade — They were all streaming in there, amid the usual talk of you and me, the holidays past and those to come. Some sported new shoes, some a different dress but all with the brown leather cases, cases which often stand wet in there, together with the white dust, the crumbling walls and the ever urging, exhorting voice, and the many a-time bethumbed accursed primers. This is the place where you wonder why and how. You may find some of the answers by chance — the most important ones remain veiled. And enclosed in a hive of corridors, numbers, lists, and "Dont's" there is no escape until it rings — Perhaps never . . . Here we try to reason and argue, become etiquette incarnate, make the grade, perhaps play trombone in the orchestra, debate the queen, religion, morality, become able, kind, courteous . . . Above all, we are cultured, ready to make our imprint on the world, which fears — Everyone fears, no one knoweth whither — But come, let us go in and see what it is all about . . .

The clock suddenly struck the hour and a black gown flitted by. A bell. Authority, obedience — But it was now time. Recognizing an acquaintance entering he hesitated for a moment and passed once more through the wrought iron gate.

ANON.

THIS HOLE I'M IN

I came across a hole
a round hole
a hole unlike any other
a hole that nobody
could have dug
except in anticipation
that someone like me
would see it
too late

M. J. PICKERING.

THIS ENGLISH GIRL

This pure English girl
in a bright red mac
got caught in the crowd.
She didn't belong there,
but everyone, even the drunkard
& the cripple selling papers,
turned their idle footsteps
to watch her pass.
And as I followed her
a roadsweeper propped
his brush, and escaped,
leaving only a stranger
& a passing policeman
to tell the story.

M. J. PICKERING.

I see them, mistly,
blue eyes
as fade

tones of silence
echoes of sadness

the sky's vagueness.

sunlight cascades
pale shoulders
moves
as she moves
as hair moves

in the moonlight

lingering

with the petals

her voice

moonsilver, goldenhair

lost in the stars

in her eyes.

C. KOEFOED-NIELSEN.

If you hope for something to happen
If you try to force it to occur
By the time you have worn yourself out
You will find it has crept up behind
Showing how worthless your efforts were.

I. A. ROSS.

BIBLIOPHILUS OR BIBLIOPHOBUS

A dialogue

PHIL. Oh, do bring back your Library books,
They're served you as good friends ;
They want to serve some other bloke,
They're not for KEEPS, but LENDS.
Borrow, borrow, toil and sorrow,
One today, the next tomorrow ;
Out they go — and out they stay,
Money's no object — or so they say.
When the cat's away the mice will play . . .
WHAT'S THIS GOT TO DO WITH IT ?

PHOB. Exams are over . . .
Why should I be bothered to hand in a wretched book ?
My conscience is too safe to be disturbed by some look
From a beady-eyed Librarian-jack
Whose paid to drive himself dizzy with numbers and
And names . . . titles—
What's in a name ?
Morality goes by degrees :
It's wronger, of course, to steal a pound
Than not to care less — leave Library books around.

PHIL. Oh, DO Bring back your Library books,
I don't care what they cost ;
You're a good and current chap,
Busy with putting self on map,
A little tired of taking the rap —
No time for trivialities,

PHOB. Me atom-bomb big,
Brain-crammed, college bound,
Ready to drain life to the lees.
Will send Library books back in a paper-parcel
When I get a little tired of setting the world in neat order
Around me.

PHIL. I say, thanks, old thing. You're a sport,
See you there, then.

G.L.C.

A THOUGHT TO MR. WILKINSON

Poor Mr. Wilkinson,
sitting in his small grey
house in surburbia,
never going farther than
the limits of his mind ;
smiling through a mist of
plaster gnomes and marmalade,
polishing the memories of
the days that never were.
Dreaming big and thinking small
and smiling at the clergymen
who mirror back his purity
and file away his brain.
Nodding at the leaders
that the Daily Mirror printed,
though he always voted Tory
till his pen ran out of ink.
While his wife is softly bustling
and the budgie sings an anthem
and the kettle whistles quietly
for an endless cup of tea.
Wishing he was young again
and talking to the telly,
or dusting down the pussycat
that keeps his toenails warm.
Till his rocking chair stops rocking
and his eyelids close forever,
and he floats away through silence
to the land for which he yearned.

ROLAND A. DENNING.

THE SLEEPING CONNOISSEUR

The poet fell asleep, and behold he dreamed a dream, and in his dream he was at the edge of a large oasis. The place seemed deserted but he knew that everybody else was there already. There were palm trees there, and some great works of art propped against their bases. There were sports-cars there, and parrots, and some urns of cool water for those whose thirst was a special need. And in his dream the poet understood the palms, the works of art, the lithe cars, the parrots, and the living water. And behold he awoke, and he was not a poet but a connoisseur. And behold he was not awake.

SKY

The sky belongs to the city
it is its freedom
but in winter the buildings crumble
the streets follow the snow
and the candles catch
the hard-eyed frost

Turn back to the road
the holy shrine
the old stone highway
and only where dawn watches over
the city's exits

M. J. PICKERING.

POST EXAMINATION PRODUCTION OF DYLAN THOMAS "THE RETURN JOURNEY"

To begin at the beginning . . .

Salad-day silent schoolboys sitting still in the shade of time and slow clocks, on a summer-sunny lulling yawning afternoon, watching shut-eyed the dream of someone else's past. Amidst the smug angelic drowsiness of sad sardined satisfaction, many are mumbling somebody's memories in silences and echoes. Vanishing reminiscences of former youth, deep in the bombed-out dead-as-a-door-nail long-lost backstreet Swansea of everybody's home past-life. Incentive-giving dramatic-imagery, far from the cloistered commercial hat-in-hand blinkered child-prodigy-show petty-cash-box-office stuff. No failure, yet happily not over-successful, this Jericho-following experiment will be the start of something good. Except for the self-conscious jargon-throwing straightfaced literary criticism (lacking persuasion and explanation of opinion, perhaps because it was too sincere) something significant unheralded has passed, the concrete book-obvious soft-shoed foundation-stone and instructive raw-as-an-onion lantern sign of even better things to follow.

I. A. ROSS.

TRAVEL AND THE WORLD

Going back to Texas

Most people think of Texas as hot, dusty and oily, and of course they have every right to. But this is not the case. Admittedly it can be dirty round great industrial cities such as Houston and Dallas, but then not all the cities are dirty. San

Antonio, for example, which has no industry at all, is very beautiful in parts. And though it is extremely arid in the huge Dust Bowl, Texas has many mountains, lakes, forests and ranches. To see all these things — beaches, National Parks, old western towns, caverns etc. — one needs to do a lot of travelling. This is made easy by the great highways, on which a great deal of money has already been spent. Air transport is also badly needed, though the larger Texan ranchers can usually afford it. It is not uncommon to find private airstrips dotted about.

Cities in Texas are the same as any other. At night they are a blaze of lights, with motels and clubs. When one goes downtown there are more shops and skyscrapers than anywhere else, and here it is the busiest. A city in America is never quiet.

A SYMPOSIUM ON INDIA

(i) *A Report on Teaching at Welham Preparatory School*

I think when we first came to India we thought of ourselves as the new bearers of the lamp of knowledge, not only bringing a new democracy into the classroom but news about the game of international understanding. I have since modified my views.

English as far as I have been concerned has been the more satisfying subject to teach. Not because in itself it is more satisfying than social studies but because someone as inexperienced as I am has a pre-established framework to stick to. The teaching of English consists of rotating its different aspects like reading, composition and comprehension over the weeks. Not that I have kept rigidly to a set pattern : one week I had the children draw and write a comic strip for themselves. I have also had them writing Joyce-type prose . . . The first lesson I took I was all set to tell them about the wonderful world of newspapers and magazines . . . I ended the lesson by having them hop around the class like rabbits.

In social studies their first project was the drawing of a fictitious farm owned by a Mr. Singh who lived in the plains of the Ganges. But a little later I realized that I was teaching subjects too far removed from the children's lives ; I needed to 'personalize' the subject more. When dealing with housing I started with the children's own homes — what rooms did they have ? etc. I carried on this approach when dealing with food. The children first of all wrote down what food they had eaten the day before. I then introduced the concepts of vitamins, proteins and carbohydrates. I was only briefly able to introduce the Bihar famine.

One of the major faults that I have encountered was the bad planning of my time-table. Any degree of continuity with these forms is therefore virtually impossible.

I try to avoid giving notes because when I tested the children the knowledge had not stuck, whereas with drawing the child is much more involved.

As far as world understanding is concerned, what I hope will be my greatest contribution was the setting up of a pen-friend system between a class of children in England and a class in this school. The idea has not really got under way yet, but if the friendships prove long lasting here is a direct method for children to learn about each other's worlds.

Before a child can start to apprehend world problems he has to realise first that there *is* a world — that something does exist beyond the school fence. Every weekend except one I have taken a party of boys out on a weekend camp. This has involved a trip to a shrine of one of the Sikh gurus at Paonta Sahib ; another in which we met a herd of wild elephants at Mottichur and another was a trip to the holy city of Hardwar.

I do not think I have proved to be a second Dewey. The teaching of world affairs is severely hampered by a complete lack of text books, and moreover, in this particular subject one must beware of abstractions. Facts are positive, and initially more interesting.

(From a Report by RON D. HUDSON).

(ii) *Report from D. N. Snodin, February 1967*

After 18 hours of flying I started teaching almost immediately. Dehra Dun is in a valley and is well known for its extreme winter and summer climates. Cambrian Hall has some seven hundred pupils and the highest standard of education they reach is roughly equivalent to our ordinary-levels in England. The pupils are mostly from upper-class Anglo-Indian families, and the medium of education is English, which, unfortunately, is of a low standard.

I teach all classes from eight to seventeen year olds. The size of the class can range from twenty to forty — not exactly ideal for a world affairs class. I teach General Knowledge to the younger ones and I found written tests a useful method of gauging the extent of their knowledge. Some of the results were not enlightening ; only half of the class knew of which country Mr. Johnson was President ; six pupils knew where England was on the world map and one spelt our monarch's name "Elizabit". One boy even suggested that Nasser was the President of the U.S.A.

Their enthusiasm and interest are not exactly stunning ; things such as mock elections and parliaments seem to be enjoyed

by all, but when it comes to abstractions and concepts they simply cannot grasp what I am trying to say. There is little initiative ; they have all been spoon-fed in that classroom. I believe that encouragements should be essentially extra-mural and I have followed this up by forming a drama group and starting a fortnightly school paper. The pupils are so starved in these aspects that enthusiasm is overwhelming.

(iii) *Report, May 1967*

Since my last report (February) India and I have undergone some fundamental changes. India has been through an indecisive election and I find myself in charge of the English department where I seem to be finding unknown success. The most important thing I have learnt is that English is NOT their native tongue and this fact is a drawback which has many adverse side effects.

One of these by-products is apathy and cynicism amongst the older pupils. This makes it difficult to develop adequate extra-mural activities ; nevertheless I have started a newspaper entitled *Summit* which has undoubtedly improved the standard of English. Enthusiasm for drama, however, has been weak owing to an almost obsessional desire to play hockey. All this I have learnt too late and it is a pity that my term out here is so short.

Most of the real contact with the older ones is made outside the classroom, and I think that contact between myself and students has increased also. In the formroom I have discussed everything from birth control to Vietnam and mini-skirts. With the younger ones I have relied fairly heavily on visual aids — maps, pictures, class action and so on. In one lesson with nine year olds I started an extremely vigorous discussion about nuclear war and its effects.

It is absolutely imperative that someone should come out from England to replace me. I feel that even in a term “the English boy with comparatively long hair and first hand information on Harold Wilson and the Beatles” has established himself as part of the life of this place. The principal has expressed a fervent desire for a replacement by August 1st. He feels that if the contact between the two schools can be continued, then the understanding which I have given birth to can be increased and established.

(From a report by D. N. SNODIN).

(iii) *Welham Preparatory School*

An old boy of this school, Steve Tinton, has spent the past 6 months teaching at one of India’s foremost prep. schools, Welham, Dehra Dun.

He is engaged as a full member of staff with all the work that this entails. He finds the education at the school reasonably broad and modern in outlook, science is being catered for but the dramatic and creative side of the pupils is neglected. The school is strong in sport : the Nawab of Pataudi is an old boy.

The eight year olds he teaches are unaware of India's problems ; the 9 - 11 year olds are more alert to the world situation. Consequently, Steve, who teaches English and Social studies, finds he has to vary his approach. The younger ones are learning India's problems as a basis for discussion of world problems. Unfortunately the biggest barrier Steve finds is the arrogance of the rich. For instance, the parent of one boy, who owned several sugar factories, confessed — "I don't know whether to treat my workers as human beings or animals'.

The 11 year olds have convinced Steve that they are intelligent. He writes — "I am convinced that the boys in this form are more intelligent than their counterparts of equal age in High Wycombe. The work they do is harder, their interest greater, and their output far higher. This may be because education is a privilege in India and these boys know it".

Working with Ron Hudson, also an old boy, Steve has found the work rewarding. The school has been very helpful to him. For example he found fame in a staff cricket team, managing to break his glasses, Ron Hudson having matured into a third man fielder of distinction. Apart from the social side there was also the pupil/teacher relationship, which Steve found rewarding. The younger boys, lacking any family life for 8 months of the year, tended to look upon him as an elder brother, certain boys crying when told that Steve was leaving in August, and showering kisses on his arms.

Steve believes that he has been successful in his aim, fostering international understanding. "I am convinced that international understanding can only come with the meeting of people", he writes, proceeding to add weight to this statement by travelling all round India staying with peasants and maharajahs.

However he believes that the experiment was a partial failure. The 6 month period he spent out in India he considers insufficient to participate fully in Indian society. However, further interest is being shown in the scheme, and knowing of this Stephen writes — "I feel that if the money for the passage of these people can be found the good that would be done to them and to others would be immeasurable".

Lastly Steve points out how he has learned to dismiss certain misconceptions of India. "It is not a starving country of peasants with an extremely low level of development. Over all the country

factories and railways are springing up. India is a country well on the path of development. Unlike China and Pakistan, India has not boasted of her achievements. The problem of India is not of resources but that of their own people : their lack of urgency or appreciation of reality”.

(from a Report by S. TINTON).

NIGERIA

Nigeria is almost at the brink of a civil war and a situation even worse than the Congo may arise. She has been rent into factions by tribal conflict. The atmosphere is tense ; she is at the precipice of disintegration.

I am a young Nigerian at the R.G.S., High Wycombe, and the ultimate end of my country has been a question of deep concern to me. Long before independence the country has been dominated by three main tribes : Hausa, Ibo, and Yoruba, each of which has been crying for supremacy. This is the root cause of all our troubles. Most people are by now familiar with the first coup in which the western and northern premiers, the Prime Minister and other people of northern origin were killed. Soon after this there was a counter coup and General Ironsi and many others were murdered. Unifying a country of many tribes is not something that can be done quickly and such a move may only lead to more misunderstanding and hatred. This was perhaps the downfall of Ironsi. Dividing the country into various states as suggested by Gowan may not solve the problem of unity since it keeps most of the ethnic group by itself, but it may prevent domination.

The formation of the state of Biafra is a brilliant suggestion, but it still leaves two problems unsolved. The East and the North are in constant conflict : this retards and hinders progress in an underdeveloped country. Also the Calabat and Ogoja are quite justified to say that they want their own state because of their fear of Ibo domination.

Most people think that war is the only ultimate solution in Nigeria. Their imagination leads them to believe that once one of the tribes is victorious it could keep the others subjugated. This is a dangerous fallacy. Seven years after Congolese independence, civil war still rages. There can be no victor — the whole country will lose. Violence solves nothing. A war in a country with Nigeria's potential would be an absolute tragedy.

BOB BASSEY.

ARRAN FIELD COURSE

Somebody once said that the best place to study Geography was at home — “after all its all round you”. Nevertheless in April three members of staff (who are never satisfied) led forty-one sixth-formers away from the Chilterns and off to the Isle of Arran (which, in case you don't know, is off the S.W. coast of Scotland), to look for more Geography. They found plenty. Mind you, it's one thing to make textbook definitions of corries and raised beaches ; it's another to walk several miles to find them, to survey, photograph and sketch them, and then walk back again. Its all very well piously discussing the problems of regional development in the classroom ; its something else to describe and analyse the problems of an isolated and declining island economy off Scotland's coast. That's what some of us set out to do — and even those who found mountain walking uncomfortable for their suburban limbs, or the economy of the local cafes and hostelrys more fascinating than that of the sheep farmers — agreed that Arran plus fine weather, during the first week of term, was a splendid place to be.

We arrived with one lot of blisters after sitting up all night on the Glasgow express, and rapidly acquired another lot by tramping innumerable miles on the first day. When we retired to our huts (or hutches ?) to sleep, some of the more insensitive members created the first and only crisis — “There's a boat back to the mainland at 9.00 a.m.,” snapped the senior member ; but no one was required to catch it. Transport off the island was one problem. Transport on the island was another. With a total population of only 3,400 in its perimeter of 60 miles there's no need for a regular service for its scattered communities. The odd bus does exist, but if not walking we had to rely on a ramshackle coach, or on the last day, exhilaratingly, bicycles. Those who found themselves stranded and tried to hitch discovered that private transport on the island was equally rare.

Apart from one mass circumnavigation of the island (presumably just to see that it was there) we worked in small groups at individual projects (you might have seen some of the results at the Speech Day exhibition). We climbed mountains, fell in streams, selected rock samples, measured terminal moraines, counted industrial employees (five, two of them Irish, at the cheese factory) ; two of us bathed in a mountain pool and almost regretted it ; two of us, lightly experienced in C.C.F. map reading, in startlingly clear visibility, set off to cross a 1,500' col and ended up (and nearly down) a mountain gully at 2½ thousand feet ; somebody, with birds in mind, thought he saw a stork . . .

Yes, Arran has lots to offer. For those who like mountains, sea and solitude, and for geographers learning field work methods

and looking for simple 'A' level examples, there is no better place. We're glad that Messrs. Weeks, Millican and Poll having troubled to organise the course, enjoyed it too.

THE GEOGRAPHERS.

PROJECT '67

In November 1966, a group of High School and R.G.S. sixth formers met together for a weekend conference on the theme of THE OUTSIDER during which they examined the neglected and deprived sections of contemporary society. Out of these discussions there arose a strong feeling that students of both schools should combine to give some practical help, an aim which was embodied in the formation of PROJECT '67.

The first activity was the collection of £20 by a group of boys and girls singing carols. This was used to finance a circus trip and a Christmas party for children recommended by the local child care officer. It was soon realised, however, that if more ambitious schemes were to be undertaken there would have to be a vast fund raising scheme. This subsequently took place in the form of a walk to London, in which over 200 "sponsored" boys and girls raised more than £700.

The money raised has been used to finance an old people's trip and a week's holiday for more deprived children on Romney Marsh. The residue (about £400) is being passed onto the 67/68 group.

Project '67 has been for a year under the charge of Chris Palme and Jill Kerr, and the people from this group are forming a new one for old boys and girls from both schools. Tony Vincett and Christine Duggin are heading this year's group.

The second generation of project workers is going to need more money. They need the £400 in reserve, supporting themselves and at the same time widening the scope of their activities. But it is up to every school member to keep this work going, for your willingness to help is the mainstay of these schemes.

A. N. J. PEARSON.

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The SOCIETIES

FORUM

Forum, the general sixth form society, has had an active year, although the examinations and other diversions have had their usual effect during this last term.

This year's programme has included many debates, both formal and informal — Balloon Debates (in which speakers display their eloquence in defending characters of their own choice). Two of the formal debates were held jointly with the High School — a fact heavily played upon in the build-up advertising campaigns.

There has also been a series of Forum Hotseats, in which speakers have defended their views on a variety of subjects against criticism from other speakers and from the audience. These subjects have included the prefectorial system (discussed by both the head boys we have had this year) Christianity and Communism.

We have welcomed this year two outside speakers, one from the Anti-Apartheid movement, and Mr. George Darling, Secretary of State to the Board of Trade, who gave a very interesting talk about his work, and that of the Board in general.

J. S. ROBINSON.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Activity has been somewhat curtailed, as is usual at this time of year, by examinations, but a number of meetings were held before the exams rendered them impracticable. Prayer meetings have continued at break on Mondays in the chapel, and we are pleased to report an increase in attendance this term, mainly from the lower school.

Bible studies, led by members of the group, have played an important role in the life of the fellowship, and we have discussed the clashes of colour, class, and creed, with reference to the Scriptures. The Rev. J. D. Pawson and G. Phillimore, Esq. came and spoke on Biblical archaeology and miracles respectively, and a member of the staff, J. Phillippo, Esq., told us of the

problems of the scientist/Christian. These meetings were well attended and stimulated some interest in those who do not normally come to the meetings.

We regret the loss of A. H. Davies, Esq., who is leaving the school, and we should like to thank him for the support and encouragement he has given, and we trust that the Lord will bless him in his new post.

R. B. STEPTOE (Secretary).

SOCIAL SERVICE

The Thursday afternoon social service group has been active in the same schemes as PROJECT '67, and also in the ordinary, more mundane tasks of digging old people's gardens and decorating their homes, as well as providing necessary conversation for housebound old people.

The rapidly expanding numbers of this group have often exceeded the number of jobs available, although eventually the latter always pile up in excess. Of course there are the few who give any group a bad reputation, causing adverse propaganda from another organisation, but generally the standard of working has been high.

We would like to thank all those who have offered their time and assistance to social service, particularly Mr. D. G. Jones, whose help and advice has always been freely given.

S. W. CONIAM.

HISTORY SOCIETY

Because of G.C.E. the Society has not met this term. However, three members, A. J. Bowyer, A. S. Vincett and R. A. F. Woodman were able to attend an interesting International Conference for sixth-formers for a week at Aylesbury. It is hoped that a report will be published in the next issue of the magazine.

The Society mounted an interesting Exhibition for Speech Day. The two principal items were the eight brass rubbings displayed by S. M. R. Hill and J. R. Hill; and a display by I. C. Maun illustrating the history of the school. The copious explanatory notes which accompanied the brass rubbings showed how much knowledge — and pleasure — of medieval history is to be devised from this hobby. Maun's exhibition included, among other things, the original charter and an interesting reference to T. S. Eliot's term as a master in the School in 1915*.

D.G.J.

*NOTE : Eliot taught French, mathematics, history, geography, drawing and swimming at R.G.S. for a stipend of £140 and one meal a day. ED.

SCHOOL HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Last term a handful of boys from School House were engaged in making a darkroom for photographic requirements. The room was painted before the end of term and one or two films were processed, despite a severe lack of equipment. We are not in competition with the R.G.S. photographic society, but their room is not available at the times boarders require its use, and so at our own cost we 'did it ourselves'. Although we are having problems, as every new club must, we hope for greater success in the coming year.

A. PAINE, 2T.

CAR CLUB

Master-in-charge : J. Goodenough.

Honorary Secretary : R. J. Waller.

Treasurer : A. Andersz.

Committee : P. J. Jones, P. D. Knight, G. Pattison, R. Lorch.

As the club was formed at the beginning of the summer term nothing really adventurous was planned, the only activities being the showing of four films and an exhibition on Speech day.

At the exhibition, the masses were able to experience the "thrills of motor racing" on a model track. This was supplemented by illustrations of "Motosport '67" together with a rather biased view on the dangers of motor racing. Unfortunately the motor racing didn't materialise and owing to an irresponsible action a short occurred in the electrical system. It was some time before the track was fully operational.

The exhibition wasn't really very successful and we have learnt by our mistakes, so that next year everything should go much more smoothly and we hope to avoid being stuck up at the top of the junior building all on our own.

The current membership of just under fifty indicates that the formation of the Car Club was worthwhile. As the membership is confined to 6th formers only it is hoped that the membership will be doubled with the new influx of sixth formers.

I would like to thank Mr. Goodenough for his help and patience and R. Lorch who acted as projectionist.

A. ANDERSZ.

ESPERANTO CLUB

The Esperanto Club, formed last September, has expanded rapidly during the year and now involves some 50 boys and 3 members of staff. Mr. G. L. Smith, who introduced the language into the school, has perfected some interesting ways of learning vocabulary which has largely eliminated the usual grind associated with learning a new language. One of these methods is a new audio-visual experiment, which has been a great success.

On February 17th the Club had a visit by some 11 - 14 year old Esperantists from Bromley Technical High School. On June 1st at the Points of Sound Concert the Club provided coffee which left it with some £3 profit. The money was used to buy Esperanto books, which were donated to the library. The members who chose the books also visited the Headquarters of the British Esperanto Association. The climax of the year for the sixth form members came on May 8th when 10 of us (and 2 members of staff) sat the Royal Society of Arts examination.

We should like to thank Mr. Smith for his great enthusiasm throughout the year and wish him the best of luck in his next school. We must also thank Mr. J. E. Burnell and Mr. R. W. Brown for volunteering to keep the language alive in the school next year.

B. SYMS.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY REPORT 1966-67

The Societies were justly admonished in the last issue of the Wycombiensian, for failing to present any account of their activities. Our secretary was probably too involved, then, in our activities, and our treasurer too immersed in our accounts. These are not implied criticisms, merely the reasons why I as chairman (a title which conveys some hint of leisure) am now sending you, Mr. Editor, this report.

I wonder how many boys in the School are aware of the facilities the Camera Club (or Photographic Society) offers. You can join for a small annual subscription. You pay a small fee for chemicals each time you use the darkroom. You can buy papers, films, etc. singly at bulk rates from the Society; and equipment can be purchased at a special discount from a local supplier, so long as the business is conducted through one of the Officers of the Society. Also — and this is most important — you will find the more accomplished members very willing to instruct you individually, if you are a beginner. This is not one of those Clubs which only experts can join, and where only experts can become members. I hope more boys will become

active and participating members of the Society, and will not (as at present) leave it to the more dynamic minority. Photography is a lifelong hobby. You can even earn a living by it.

At the beginning of the year the Society had, as it has now, an enlarger and an adequate though tiny darkroom, thanks to my predecessors and the enthusiasm of a few boys. Among these were Smyth and Mayo, Secretary and Treasurer. When they left in the Christmas Term, Limbrick and Crees took over their respective posts. They could not have been better filled.

One of our objectives has been to increase our funds by our own efforts, in order to extend our facilities. We have been very successful with the funds. We started with shillings and ended with pounds. I think we can claim with pride to be self-supporting, and at the same time to provide some valuable services to the School.

The chief service we provide is Passport photographs. The Secretary and Treasurer have borne the main burden of this, but various committee members, among whom Dickson and Sears should be mentioned, have assisted greatly. Dozens of boys and masters, going abroad on School or private expeditions, have had their photographs taken and processed by the Camera Club's Passport Section. We have had no complaints from the Foreign Office. I wonder if those who have put in rush orders for photos realise what hard physical labour is involved, working to a time limit, in little more than 10 cubic yards of saturated air.

The Passport Section's hard work, however, and the sale of photographs of the dramatic production "Jericho" have been our main source of funds ; and I hope that those members of the club who have only used its facilities will appreciate the labours of those who have made them possible. The thanks of all are also due to Grafton, who gave up the best part of a weekend rewiring the darkroom. Electrocutation is now an unlikely risk to members. Suffocation is more probable. We hope to get approval to extend our premises sufficiently to eliminate that hazard. And perhaps this is the right point to second our thanks to Mr. Lister, the School Bursar, who has always been most helpful to our Society, both in material help and in constructive ideas.

The darkroom has in fact had pretty continuous use throughout the year. A lot of photographs ranging from records of "Operation Hannibal" to illustrations for "Dragmag" — have been made, by many members. It seems that boys are becoming sufficiently interested to want to set up their own darkrooms. This is excellent. But I would urge them not to hide their lights under bushels, but to participate more in the Society's activities. The Speech-day competition is reported on below. But a remark

by Mr. Weeks is worth repeating here. While judging some entries, he said, "Why on earth didn't so-and-so enter those photos he took on Arran. Some are just as good as this — probably better". If you are So-and-so, (and there are many like him) take courage, and make a print or two for the next exhibition. With luck we shall have one at the end of next term, "If you're not in, you can't win".

Speech-day Competition and Exhibition

A competition was organised. Rules and entry forms were posted up and circulated. Notices were given out at Assembly. But entries were not forthcoming. A couple of seaside snaps with a box camera would probably have won a prize of 10/- for anyone in the Junior School, since there were no entries at all in that section. And I know for a fact that there are photographers in the First Forms.

The competition was almost a flop. But there were some entries, and lack of quantity was offset by high quality. We are grateful to the Headmaster, Mr. Weeks and Mr. Little, for judging the entries. There were some interesting abstract designs among these, for example Sears' "Harmonograph", and Dickson's swirling design, obtained by streaking ink on water covering some printing paper, and exposing it before developing. The winning picture in the Pictorial Section was Sears' "Silhouette". There were pictures more expertly finished, by Crees and Dickson in particular, but they lacked the dramatic quality of "Silhouette". Dickson, however, had his reward in the Record Section, winning with a pair of action-packed shots entitled "Sports Day". If all the So-and-so's had entered a competition print instead of being afraid of losing, the competition would have been more interesting and we could have afforded more than 10/- for prizes.

In the Colour Section there was rather more competition, including a few from the Middle School, competing on equal terms. The prize-winning slide was Gwynn's "Red Bridge". This beautifully composed picture taken on the Oxford Canal conveyed the atmosphere of English Summer as faithfully as Tennyson's "moan of doves in immemorial elms and murmurs of innumerable bees". It shows that you don't have to go to the Matterhorn for good photographs. They are all around you.

Despite the poor support for the competition, I think we can claim the exhibition as a whole was a success ; thanks, as usual, to the enthusiastic minority. Equipment was displayed. Examples of different types of photography by members, past members and others were shown. Hughes (Chemist) of High Wycombe very kindly lent us a projector and screen and numerous

pamphlets concerning equipment, which interested visitors. But I think the Club's greatest achievement on Speech Day was to show even before tea was over, photographs of our Headmaster and important visitors inspecting the Guard of Honour earlier the same afternoon.

Dare one hope that this shows the unrealised possibilities of the Photographic Society as an integrating influence in the school? Our right hand too often knows nothing of what our left is accomplishing. We cannot remedy this; but at least we can provide a record of what has been achieved. We could provide action pictures of all the School's activities. Perhaps one day a photographer will be asked to accompany school teams just as regularly as a reserve or a scorer. But if this were to happen, we should need more active members.

One of the most cogent articles I have read for a long time was Paul Robert's appreciation at "Jericho" in this magazine last issue (p.174). I would like to end by recalling his final paragraph. I have tried to show what the Photographic Society has accomplished in the past year, culminating in those impressive photographs of Speech Day 1967. Let us hope, with Paul Roberts that this will not be "another short lived inspiration". The progress of the Society has largely been due to the action of a few individuals. Let us hope that their action will not be "nullified by the apathy of the community to which they belong."

M.G.C.

STAGE LIGHTING TEAM

This is the first time a report has been submitted to the magazine. The first event this year was the Wycombe Arts Festival show given by Bernard Miles. We piled everything we could onto him and left him to it. We ended up carrying his cartwheel across the quad to his car. The next day there was WASTELAND, a poetry recital, which went reasonably from our point of view, though it needed a lot of quick work re-setting the lights. Immediately after, we had to get the lights for JERICHO. In spite of having to lean out precariously to see what was going on during the performances, our guests and ourselves were pleased with it all. This term we were invited to assist with the lighting of the FOURWAYS production A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM on 6th, 7th, 8th July. It was a pity that the school could not produce more than one master, one sixth-former, and one old boy. Following this, we arranged to light the prefects' play, and also the Dylan Thomas production. Since we started we have moved from amateur to near-professional.

PAUL GRAFTON.

SCHOOL HOUSE

Examinations again dominated the Summer Term with over half the house being involved with 'O' or 'A' levels. However, there was no dearth of activity in consequence.

As expected the House produced many players for the various school teams. It is perhaps worth noting that the Captains of the 1st, 2nd and Colts XI cricket teams all came from the House ; P. M. Colley, J. G. Berks and L. Thorne respectively ; while even the Junior Colts Captain, M. Newton, is one of our esteemed 'old boys'. On the athletics track the Colley twins dominated the Open section of Sports Day by taking five cups between them.

As usual we routed our rivals on the sports field inflicting defeats, too numerous to mention here, on all challengers. Nevertheless our 12 - 0 defeat of Uplyme in the first water-polo match between the two houses probably deserves note.

The forthcoming exam results will determine the number of leavers this term although several members are definitely taking their exit. C. K. Nielsen hopes to do some globetrotting before going to University ; N. Thorne, one of the longest serving members of the House, hopes to honour Manchester or Portsmouth with his presence ; M. East is entering rocket research or something similar ; while the writer is not quite decided on his future at this point.

Once again our sincerest thanks go to Mr. Skipp and Mr. Williams, and to the latter we wish every success for his work in Australia.

M. J. BEVAN.

TYLERS WOOD

'Ils y courent en foule' — (*Racine*)

It seems that next term Tylers Wood will be running at full capacity and will thus be able to increase its contribution towards school life. The Summer Term has seen the arrival of M. Haggerty and G. Black, both of whom, under the influence of the ever helpful boarding traditions, have settled in well and the inhibitions which always accompany newcomers have quickly been dissolved.

The exams have caused the usual stagnation of more interesting activities : however, it is hoped that the diverted effort has not been fruitless. The end of term saw the usual matches with Uplyme and School House. In a swimming competition Tylers lost by four points to Uplyme but beat them soundly on the cricket field. School House, as usual, beat our very accomplished cricket team. Tylers have also produced two very prominent members of the school Boat Club, and a very ardent first year swimmer, N. Fincher, has proved his worth in the junior swimming team.

There has been a flourish of building activity which will result in the amelioration of heating and kitchen facilities. However, the authorities have incurred great displeasure by introducing frosted glass into the new extension of the kitchen thus ending the pleasure that our staff obtained from watching the wild life. The installation of the new oil-fired boiler resulted in the disruption of Mr. Ginn's rose-beds, but next winter should be a comfortable one.

Finally, the usual list of leavers must be made. Two juniors, N. Fincher and D. Pickering, are leaving to be day boys. J. S. Thornley and B. Kenyon go onto University: D. L. Boobier leaves to involve himself in the business of money, while M. D. Mills just leaves! It is not until Tylers becomes the past that it is appreciated, and I am sure that all the leavers will have benefited from their stay, whether short or prolonged. It seems probable that A. J. Bowyer will return for another year to continue his variety performance. In this connection we thank Mr. J. Goodenough for his Thursday evening appearances, and constructive comments on The Frost Report. Thus ending the 1967 school year on a happy note, apart from the fact that the writer has just failed his driving test and hopes to take it again . . . and . . . again . . .

R. J. MARTIN-FAGG.

UPLYME

In the customary, boring post-examinations period of this term a brief survey was carried out among Uplymers. The purpose of this was mainly to save the Head of House the task of thinking of an original report, but it also allowed the boys to express their feelings upon the institution in which they have been living for the last year. The questions were few and simple; the results were enlightening in that the traditional "groaners" seemed to find difficulty in finding a bad aspect of Uplyme. The survey revealed an ability to think in terms of concepts; it also revealed the importance of communication as an aspect of boarding-house life.

The problem is not only relevant to Uplyme. One conclusion almost unanimously reached in the survey was that the most valuable aspect of Uplyme was friendship and all that it entails. The eleven year old likes Uplyme simply because he has made good friends here. The mature sixth former probes deeper and realises that one can also learn how other people work; the complexities of a human being are brought to light in many ways in a boarding-house. There is no doubt that in such a closely built community, as Uplyme is, all this is valid. Friends are made which in some cases last for life; this is no small achievement. There is also no doubt that a boy who has spent a number of years in a community of 23 very different people — all

reacting against each other — cannot do anything but learn about people. The success of these aspects rests, however, on the level of communication. This is crucial and although Uplyme is comparatively good, there is plenty of scope for improvement.

There is a feeling that age-groups tend to become too separate and therefore the learning process which involves both young and old is hampered. This is not due to the architecture, it is inevitable ; ultimately it is up to the boys themselves to create stronger lines of communication. This they have not realized yet. "The prefects are isolated and they feel it" ; too often this can be painfully true and is due to some extent to the fact that the prefects are separated by their room study. But here it is up to the individual prefect to use his personality to create an open relationship with the boys in the house. The obligation is with the prefects. Finally there is the rift between Staff and boys ; this seems to be a general criticism of many educational establishments besides Uplyme. Uplyme has the great advantage of being small and therefore reasonably personal, but even so there is a gulf which could be considerably narrowed. Perhaps a revision of approach is needed ?

In the survey, many of the adverse criticisms stem ultimately from this problem of communication. It is obvious that much work needs to be done on all sides ; it is at last realised ; it remains to be implemented.

T. T. McCORMICK (with aid of Survey I, 1967—Summer).

TUCKER

Since the last house report Tucker has had a period of mixed fortunes. In some competitions we have done unexpectedly well, in some unexpectedly badly, and in others, abysmalery.

We finished third in the knock-out cricket because of our inability to play the innocuous looking bowling of Disraeli, and we were shot out for 19. In the two games against Fraser, however, we withstood the fire and brimstone served up by Davies, Wilson and Hartwright, and the immaculate wicket-keeping of Peter Colley, to score 66 and 63 for no wicket from five overs, thus securing third place.

The less said about the swimming competition the better. It only went to show that the majority of Tucker house would drown if left on a sinking ship.

In the Tennis we came a very creditable third : in fact only one point prevented us from gaining second place from Queens. As our first pair the Johnson brothers played exceptionally well against boys considerably older than themselves, and in fact on several occasions beating famed members of 1st VI. They were ably backed up by Ken (Emerson) McIntosh and Manuel North

who improved considerably the longer they played and it is rumoured that next year they will be challenging for Hewitt and McMillan's Wimbledon title.

First place was obtained in the chess — a good result — and second place in the Tug of War, where much credit must go to the unflagging efforts of the cheerleader.

As usual in the Athletics we had the stars — Darbyshire, Johnson and Long all winning cups, but they had no one to support them and we finished fourth.

In spite of these reasonable results, over the whole year we have finished fifth — perhaps a rather odd position considering some of our results.

L. C. NORTH.

FRASER

Fraser started the summer activities well in the Athletics and missed 1st place by only a few points. The open was the strongest section with McCormick, Waller, Floyd and Colley (P) gaining most of the points, while Woodford and Hunt did well in the senior colts. Unfortunately the junior sections were not so well represented although there were some promising individuals. The house was also well represented in the swimming competition in which we came second thanks mainly to the efforts of Waller and Purry. The tennis team managed a creditable fourth place, with the second pair playing particularly well. In the music competition Paul Roberts played extremely well and gained first place in the individual instrumental section ; however, although the choir sang with great gusto we were reduced to fourth place overall. Although the star-studded cricket team had only two cricketers the agile wicket-keeping of Jeremy Hartwright and the batting of Alistair Pearson enabled us to secure fourth place, beating Arnison and nearly crushing Tucker on two occasions.

Our thanks must go to our house-masters Mr. File and Mr. Eaton, and after coming second in the overall house competition I hope that it will continue to flourish in the new house system

P. M. COLLEY.

QUEENS

This term we have attained only moderate success at sport but we did win the Raffety House Cup for School Work — no one seems to know why or how. We gained 2nd place in the tennis competition, our 1st pair winning their section but not gaining enough support from the 2nd pair to achieve overall victory. In the athletics we reached a respectable 3rd due mainly to overall effort by a large portion of the house. We came 3rd in the Senior, 4th in the Senior Colts, 3rd in the Colts and 4th in the Juniors swimming competition. The less said about the Cricket competition the better.

I would like to thank Mr. Burnell and Mr. Williams for their keen interest shown in the house this year.

I. J. BELSHAM.

DISRAELI

Throughout the year the house has been showing its true form in various activities, while in others it has not reached the standard it is capable of. In the athletics bad captaincy and lack of spirit among the members brought about our final position of fifth place, a very disappointing result. In the swimming competition the house gained a convincing win, thanks mainly to the leadership of Andersz and the fine swimming of D. Child and Basterfield.

A high position was achieved in the Raffety house cup for school work and Disraeli won the cricket competition easily. P. M. Berks captained the senior cricket side ably and put us well on our way to victory by bowling one of the school's best batsmen with the first ball of our match against Tucker.

Unfortunately Disraeli has no brilliant tennis players, but four nevertheless able-bodied young men valiantly attempted to gain the house a respectable position against fierce opposition, and we ended up 5th.

However, all houses suffer their ups and downs and we managed to win the overall house championship by three points. Of course this could never have been accomplished without the support of our housemasters, Mr. Perfect and Mr. Brown, to whom we are very grateful.

J. P. COLLEY.

YOUENS

Time tends to deal gently with Youens : experience has steeled us to endure the knocks with fortitude, and all batterings are absorbed stoically into our impregnable fort. Thus the results of both the Athletics and the Tennis slipped by unnoticed on the ebb tide of indifference, and this current was strong enough to hamper our swimmers in their hour of need. So corrupting and pervasive in this unconcern that it deprives the success we do enjoy of any real satisfaction and flavour. We sang like nightingales to win the Music Competition — though the rest of the school scandalously suspected "some melodious plot". It was typical that nobody seemed surprised when our glamorous performance at the cricket championship provoked very little applause and a good deal of offensive comment from the pavilion. Such flippancy and fatalism go a long way to explain why our sustained depression has been interpreted as senescence, when a prescription of vitamin pills would probably meet the case.

J. F. KILLINGLEY.



BOAT CLUB

It was immediately obvious that many things were lacking, though generally they have not been too bad. Training during the winter and spring months was regular, though unenthusiastic. Even so, when the Regatta season arrived, the Club possessed two set racing IV's and a squad of keen but not very experienced beginners, which included a Colts' crew.

The 1st IV started the season disappointingly, losing to King's School, Rochester, and losing in the first rounds at Wallingford and Reading Junior Regattas. However, they soon improved, and after winning three races at Oxford City Regatta, to reach the semi-finals, they won a good race at Marlow Regatta. Their crowning achievement was their well-earned success at Pangbourne and Whitchurch Regatta, where they won the Novice Fours. Their last effort was at Reading Town Regatta, where they reached the semi-final of the School fours, losing at that point to Wallington College and Emmanuel School.

The 2nd IV entered the same Regattas all except for Marlow, but they met with varied success, failing to bring out just that little bit extra.

The Squad entered various combinations of crews at most of the Regattas, including Maidstone and the Junior Tradesmen's Regatta. However, they never managed to prove themselves in the crew events, but Buckle won the Schoolboy Sculls at Maidstone, and Swadling reached the final of the Novice IV's at Reading Town.

Unfortunately J. E. Dormer, Esq. has been forced to leave the Club at the end of term after four years' devoted service. There is going to be a large gap in the coaching strength of the Club, which nobody, at present, has the ability to fill adequately.

We are grateful once again for the support and interest shown by the Headmaster and his family; this has proved an example and an encouragement to the various members and associated people concerned with the Club.

Next year a small, compact nucleus will remain. I wish them the best of luck for the future, free from the hindrances and difficulties which faced us this year.

H. SELWYN-JONES.

SWIMMING CLUB 1967

Owing to a number of cancellations and some confusion over dates only four matches were arranged for this season. We had trouble with the pool again, and it was only opened a few days before our first match against St. Nicholas G.S.; so, perhaps unavoidably, we were defeated. Although the team put up a good performance by winning the Intermediate and Senior sections, lack of training was evident.

Our fixtures against St. George's and Watford G.S. again resulted in defeats, but nevertheless the competition was fierce. We were successful in the Senior section against St. George's, and in both junior and intermediate sections against Watford. Our only overall victory came in the last match of the season when we defeated Sir William Borlase School quite easily.

An outstanding member of the team this year was D. Basterfield. He joined the school only at the beginning of the Summer term but has proved his worth in the intermediate section by taking first place in every individual event in which he has swum. He shows great promise for the future.

Our moment of glory came in the District Schools Gala when we won the boys' trophy for the third successive year. A number of boys were consequently chosen to represent the District in the County Gala. Unfortunately we only had two winners, Lunn and Waller, but both set record times for their respective events. In the Men's backstroke, however, our two swimmers did well, Waller coming first and Jones third.

Our juniors have shown great promise for the future, a few of them showing as much speed as their seniors. Tynn in particular deserves mention as, although still a junior, he competed in the intermediate section of the District Gala and did very well to finish third in his free-style event.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Learmonth and all others who have helped at our matches. Also our best wishes go with R. Purry, the captain, who left at the end of last term, informing us that he is retiring from competitive swimming.

P. G. JONES.

TENNIS

This was a very disappointing season from the point of view of results: four defeats, one drawn match and a solitary victory. The number of fixtures was reduced this season and then several matches were cancelled and we ended up by playing mainly our strongest fixtures, which denied us victories over lesser teams. During the season we were hit with injuries to

A. Wilson and T. Smith, and A. Turmezei was unavailable for the first half of the season ; so we were unable to keep settled pairs throughout the season.

The young pair of R. Simons and I. Johnson played consistently well throughout the season and have greatly improved since last season — especially Johnson. Turmezei's inclusion strengthened the team, but he and Belsham never played with such assurance as last year. J. Ward and A. Wilson played some good matches for the school but their results never reflected their good tennis. T. Smith played in the earlier matches, and played well, but tended to be inconsistent.

I must now mention our 'find' of the year — young G. Johnson. Only in form 1E, he nevertheless played two matches for the school and finally justified his inclusion. If he continues at his present rate of progress, along with his elder brother, R. Simons, and one or two other promising youngsters, we must soon become one of the top tennis schools in the country once more.

The 2nd VI played three matches, winning one and losing two.

Finally I should like to thank Mr. H. Clark for all the help and encouragement he has given us this season.

1st VI colours awarded to : A. R. Wilson, J. J. Ward.

2nd VI colours awarded to : T. Smith, M. Bevan, R. Simons and J. Johnson.

Also played for 2nd VI : Hitchcock, Peaty, Gillespie, Maynard.

I. J. BELSHAM.

CRICKET REPORT

1967 Season

Won 4, Lost 7, Drawn 2

With only one colour returning, this season was expected to be a "build-up" year in which new talent would be sifted for future years. In this respect it has been a very successful season. The season itself has been one of mixed success with a poor start against Leighton Park in which the batting showed a marked lack of aggression. This trend was continued against Tiffin, although some good hitting against Wycombe 'A' and some good seam bowling secured the first win. There was some determined batting especially by North against Emanuel and the school was unlucky only to draw. On a bad pitch at Watford the batting again collapsed although some aggressive batting against St. Benedict's nearly secured a win. The school batted badly against some mediocre bowling by Cavendish ; however Cavendish soon

fell to some good bowling by McIntosh. The Borlase attack was hit in a true "house cricket" style for 220 runs in 120 minutes, and after this the batting showed much more confidence, and nearly 200 runs were scored against Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet.

The Abingdon match was played on a very fast wicket and the school lost by a mere 2 runs. As if to make up for this the match against R.G.S. Worcester, one of the most important in the season, was won by one run. Some excellent batting by North in the Staff match was followed up by some superlative batting by Mr. Poll, and the fact that four centuries were scored on the home wicket in under two weeks shows what an excellent batting wicket the school possesses.

Ken McIntosh, the vice-captain, was a successful all-rounder, scoring a fast 68 against Borlase and taking 4 for 4 against Cavendish. His batting was always exuberant and he is developing into a very useful medium-pace seamer.

Les North has been the school's most successful batsman, and scored the first century for the school for several years against the Staff XI. Although he scored 66 against Emanuel, his 54 against Abingdon on a nasty wicket was probably his best innings.

Newitt was the most reliable batsman although he tended to get stuck in the 40's. He often produced some spectacular cover-drives and cuts and has the concentration to develop into a fine batsman.

Steve Gamester came up from the Colts, and although his hard-hitting batting was rather unreliable he was an excellent fielder and his leg-breaks were invaluable. He should mature into a very useful player.

Peter Berks has often bowled 'swingers' very well although his batting has been rather a disappointment. Bruce Wood has improved gradually throughout the season as a wicket-keeper. Fox, Hudson and Thrower have all batted well on occasions although they really lack consistency. Brown and Turner have both played well for the 2nd XI and from their showing in the 1st XI should be very useful in future years.

The team would like to thank Mr. Poll who has been in charge of the team this year for his expert guidance, and to Mr. Eaton and all the other masters who have umpired for us. Thanks are also extended to R. Gash who has scored so efficiently and to the groundsman for his immaculate pitches.

P. M. COLLEY.

For a side containing only one old colour this year's 1st XI has performed exceptionally well ; and the climax of the season was the defeat of a previously unbeaten Worcester R.G.S. side by one run.

The batting was understandably uncertain at the beginning of the season, but everyone had gained in ability and confidence by the end of the season. The bowling was far more consistent with P. Colley, K. McIntosh and P. Berks forming a useful trio of seam bowlers, with Gamester and North providing the spin.

The fielding was generally good, but too many catches were dropped at crucial stages and the ground fielding also suffered at times.

It is always difficult for an opening bowler to captain a side, but Peter Colley has had a very successful season. His bowling has always been hostile and when combined with accuracy he was often too good for many of the opposing team. His batting was also very useful on a number of occasions.

Peter Colley and Les North are to be congratulated on their selection for the Bucks Schools XI and North, Newitt, Gamester and McIntosh on gaining their 1st XI colours.

B.W.P.

1st XI Results

- v. Leighton Park A Lost
R.G.S. : 100 for 8 decl. North 37, Newitt 30
Opponents : 101 for 6 decl. McIntosh 2 for 33, North 2 for 32
- v. Tiffin H Lost
R.G.S. : 42 all out
Opponents : 115 for 8 decl. Gamester 4 for 27
- v. High Wycombe 'A' XI H Won
R.G.S. : 125 for 9 decl. Gamester 34
Opponents : 61 all out. Colley 5 for 26, McIntosh 5 for 29
- v. Emanuel School.... H Drawn
R.G.S. : 152 for 8 decl. North 66
Opponents : 94 for 8. Colley 3 for 21
- v. Watford G.S. A Lost
70 all out. Colley 17 n.o.
Opponents : 71 for 7. Berks 3 for 13, Colley 3 for 21
- v. St. Benedict's H Lost
153 all out. Newitt 42, McIntosh 35
Opponents : 195 for 7 decl. Berks 3 for 45
- v. Cavendish School H Won
R.G.S. : 66 all out. North 19, Colley 18 n.o.
Opponents : 31 all out. McIntosh 4 for 7, Gamester 3 for 10

- v. Old Boys.... H Lost
R.G.S. : 114 all out. McIntosh 24
Opponents : 220 for 4 decl. Berks 2 for 49
- v. Sir William Borlase H Won
R.G.S. : 228 for 6 decl. McIntosh 68, Newitt 45, Ikin 33
Opponents : 109 all out. McIntosh 3 for 22, Gamester 3 for 42
- v. Queen Elizabeth, Barnet H Drawn
R.G.S. : 198 for 8 decl. Gamester 45, Colley 43
Opponents : 153 for 8. McIntosh 4 for 59
- v. Abingdon School A Lost
R.G.S. : 107 all out. North 54
Opponents : 109 all out, Colley 5 for 28
- v. R.G.S. Worcester A Won
R.G.S. : 142 all out. Colley 27 n.o., Fox 25
Opponents : 141 all out. McIntosh 5 for 53, Gamester 2 for 26
- v. Staff H Lost
R.G.S. : 181 for 6 decl. North 102 n.o.
Opponents : 182 for 1. B. W. Poll, Esq. 109 n.o., Gamester 1 for 27

Averages for Season 1967

Batting

| <i>Name</i> | <i>No. of Innings</i> | <i>Times</i> | | <i>Total Runs</i> | <i>Highest Score</i> | <i>Average</i> |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | | <i>Not Out</i> | <i>Out</i> | | | |
| P. M. Colley | 11 | 6 | 88 | 40 | 33.6 | |
| L. C. North | 13 | 1 | 352 | 102 | 29.3 | |
| A. B. Newitt | 13 | 0 | 245 | 45 | 18.85 | |
| K. McIntosh | 13 | 0 | 236 | 68 | 18.15 | |
| S. B. Gamester | 13 | 0 | 175 | 45 | 13.45 | |
| B. G. Wood | 9 | 3 | 44 | 25 | 7.33 | |
| S. Thrower | 10 | 1 | 64 | 19 | 7.10 | |
| B. J. B. Fox | 10 | 1 | 50 | 25 | 5.45 | |
| R. F. Hudson | 10 | 1 | 48 | 15* | 5.11 | |
| P. M. Berks | 8 | 3 | 11 | 5* | 2.2 | |
| D. Ikin | 4 | 0 | 83 | 33 | 20.75 | |
| K. J. Chamberlain | 5 | 1 | 47 | 21 | 11.75 | |
| P. R. Brown | 4 | 1 | 30 | 14* | 10 | |
| A. Turner | 5 | 0 | 28 | 11 | 5.6 | |
| W. W. C. Jarvis | 5 | 0 | 27 | 18 | 5.4 | |

Bowling

| <i>Name</i> | | <i>Overs</i> | <i>Maidens</i> | <i>Runs</i> | <i>Wickets</i> | <i>Average</i> |
|----------------|------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| P. M. Colley | .... | 144 | 37 | 317 | 25 | 12.68 |
| S. B. Gamester | .... | 95 | 16 | 289 | 21 | 13.75 |
| P. M. Berks | .... | 67 | 43 | 486 | 13 | 14.31 |
| K. McIntosh | .... | 164 | 38 | 446 | 31 | 14.38 |
| L. C. North | .... | 43 | 6 | 165 | 7 | 23.57 |

Catches

Gamester 7, Colley 5, North 4, Berks 4, Brown 2, Newitt 1, Ikin 1, Fox 1, Chamberlain 1, Turner 1, Thrower 1, Jarvis 1. Total 29.

Wicketkeeping : B. G. Wood : *No. of Matches 13, Catches 10, Stumpings 1, Byes 63.*

2nd XI — Cricket

Played 8, Won 3, Lost 4, Drawn 1

If one judges the 2nd XI by results, then it has been an average season ; if by the standard of play not a very good one.

With such a long leaving list last year it was inevitable that the 2nd XI should be a young one with little match experience. Yet under the enthusiastic and reliable captaincy of George Berks the team made the most of its ability, and performed creditably on a number of occasions. Berks himself has not had much success with the bat, but was showing during the latter part of the season that he can score runs attractively, particularly when competing with the clock. The opening pair, Turner and Chamberlain, have both been consistent scorers and their stand of 88 against Sir William Borlase School was one of the highlights of the season. Of the other batsmen only Brown could be relied upon to make any real impact, but Higgins and Thrower always showed aggression and did well against Abingdon School and Cavendish School respectively. Helliwell, while primarily a bowler, has all the makings of a batsman and he would do well next year to develop his real talent to the full by becoming an all-rounder.

Of the bowlers Helliwell has performed with considerable accuracy and much enthusiasm ; but with better fielding he would certainly have had more than 19 wickets to his name by the end of the season. Mention should be made of his unusual feat

against Queen Elizabeth School, Barnet when he achieved the hat trick with the first three balls of the opponents' innings. Thrower and Chamberlain have given Helliwell excellent support and Dainty, though still erratic, has worked hard for success. He will improve once he buys himself a good pair of boots with efficient spikes !

The fielding has been disappointing, and while one or two most spectacular catches have been made, many simple ones have been floored. Nevertheless it has been an enjoyable season despite the weaknesses, and most of the games have been played on good wickets under clear skies. Enthusiasm has been much in evidence and the team has obviously enjoyed its cricket.

Finally my grateful thanks to Mr. Tucker for helping with the umpiring and to George Berks for being such an efficient administrator off the field.

D.A.F.

Colours awarded to : Berks J. E., Helliwell, Turner, Thrower J.

Results

- v. Tiffin's Lost
 R.G.S. : 114 (Brown 35)
 Opponents : 134 for 7 decl.
- v. Emanuel Drawn
 R.G.S. : 60 (Chamberlain 30)
 Opponents 41 for 8
- v. Watford G.S. Lost
 R.G.S. : 58
 Opponents : 62 for 3
- v. St. Benedict's Lost
 R.G.S. : 98
 Opponents : 99 for 7
- v. Cavendish School Won
 R.G.S. : 109 for 8
 Opponents : 107 (Thrower 6 for 24)
- v. Borlase Won
 R.G.S. : 125 (Turner 43)
 Opponents : 42 (Johnson 4 for 4, Thrower 4 for 7)
- v. Queen Elizabeth School, Barnet Won
 R.G.S. : 100
 Opponents : 52 (Helliwell 4 for 17)
- v. Abingdon School Lost
 R.G.S. : 85
 Opponents : 133 for 5 decl.

Batting Averages

| | | | | <i>Innings</i> | <i>Times Out</i> | <i>Highest Score</i> | <i>Average</i> |
|-------------|------|------|------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Brown | .... | .... | .... | 4 | 4 | 35 | 18.7 |
| Chamberlain | .... |  |  | 6 | 6 | 30 | 18.3 |
| Turner | .... | .... | .... | 6 | 6 | 43 | 16.6 |
| Thrower | .... | .... | .... | 6 | 5 | 27 n.o. | 12.8 |
| Huggins | .... | .... | .... | 7 | 7 | 26 | 8.8 |
| Jarvis | .... | .... | .... | 4 | 4 | 19 | 8.0 |
| Helliwell | .... | .... | .... | 8 | 8 | 14 | 17.3 |
| Barratt | .... | .... | .... | 5 | 4 | 8 | 7.0 |
| Berks | .... | .... | .... | 7 | 7 | 11 | 4.1 |
| Stevens | .... | .... | .... | 7 | 7 | 24 | 3.4 |
| Dainty | .... | .... | .... | 6 | 5 | 4 n.o. | 2.0 |

Also batted : Bradford, Dickinson, Child, Fox, Anderson, Jarman, Johnson, Hudson R., Thorne N., Thorne L., Killingley, Colley J.

Bowling Averages

| | | | <i>Overs</i> | <i>Maidens</i> | <i>Runs</i> | <i>Wkts.</i> | <i>Average</i> |
|-------------|------|------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| Thrower | .... | .... | 50.2 | 14 | 107 | 14 | 7.6 |
| Chamberlain | .... |  | 19.4 | 8 | 53 | 6 | 8.8 |
| Helliwell | .... | .... | 75 | 23 | 185 | 19 | 9.7 |
| Fox | .... | .... | 9 | 0 | 23 | 2 | 11.5 |
| Child | .... | .... | 11 | 3 | 48 | 2 | 12.0 |
| Dainty | .... | .... | 44 | 12 | 125 | 6 | 20.8 |

Also bowled : Johnson 4.2 - 1 - 11 - 5.

Catches

Helliwell 4, Berks 3, Dainty 3, Thrower 3, Brown 2.

Colts

Played 6, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 1

The colts ended the season on a very disappointing note. The last game, against R.G.S. Worcester, was lost by a failure to hold catches and by weak batting on a rough wicket which called for bold stroke making. This was very unfortunate as neither shortcoming was characteristic of the side in any previous game.

Perhaps it was salutary that such weaknesses were revealed to dispel any inflated notions which may have existed concerning the strength of what was certainly an exceptionally good colts team.

Although the team was able to call on at least a dozen cricketers of genuine promise, in reality it depended upon three or four boys of above-average talent doing consistently well. Ikin began the season with a very well taken fifty on a squelchy wicket at Emanuel. He continued in the same vein in the next match and apart from occasionally disdaining loose balls down the leg side and some indecisive sauntering between the wickets he played like the excellent cricketer he is. Inevitably the 1st XI spirited him away for the last part of the season. That Thorne was not overshadowed by Ikin is sufficient testimony to his own achievement. Both as a batsman and as captain he gained immensely in maturity and should be a mainstay of future 1st XI's. Pickering also made great strides as an opening bat and proved most reliable. The other batsmen were inconsistent. This was disappointing particularly in the cases of Cavey and Chamberlain who had been regular members of last year's side of whom more was expected than this. We hope that the very short school season this year caught them temporarily.

On the bowling side we had a valuable acquisition in Johnson who came to us from Bedford Modern School. His bold leg-breaks were seldom resisted from over to over and on several occasions two or three wickets fell to him during a single over. Against Abingdon he even did the hat trick and immediately celebrated it by taking a further wicket with his next ball. Beasley, too, always managed to harry the opposing batsmen and rarely failed to get wickets. Jarman injured his arm and was not able to bowl in half the matches but did quite well in the others without showing much improvement over last season. Peterson toiled with determination as the other opening bowler and perhaps deserved more wickets than he got.

Generally the fielding was good, except at Worcester, and Thorne, with his aggressive spirit and excellent catching, was an example to his side. Cook had the makings of a good wicket keeper but his absence from several games deprived him of much needed experience. The running between the wickets — and the lack of it — was, as ever, bad.

R.C.F.

Colts colours were awarded to : Thorne, Beasley, Cavey, (all 1966) Ikin, Johnson and Pickering.

Batting**Colts Averages 1967**

| <i>Batsmen</i> | <i>Innings</i> | <i>Runs</i> | <i>Highest</i> | <i>N.O.</i> | <i>Average</i> |
|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Ikin | 4 | 100 | 53* | 1 | 33.3 |
| Thorne | 6 | 101 | 35* | 1 | 20.2 |
| Pickering | 6 | 78 | 24* | 1 | 15.6 |
| Cavey | 6 | 47 | 21 | 0 | 7.8 |

Bowling

| <i>Bowlers</i> | <i>Overs</i> | <i>Maidens</i> | <i>Runs</i> | <i>Wickets</i> | <i>Average</i> |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Johnson | 40.1 | 6 | 123 | 21 | 5.9 |
| Beasley | 49.5 | 16 | 92 | 15 | 6.1 |
| Jarman | 18.0 | 2 | 48 | 5 | 9.6 |

Also Bowled : Peterson 2 - 68, Calve 3 - 30, Thorne 4 - 20.

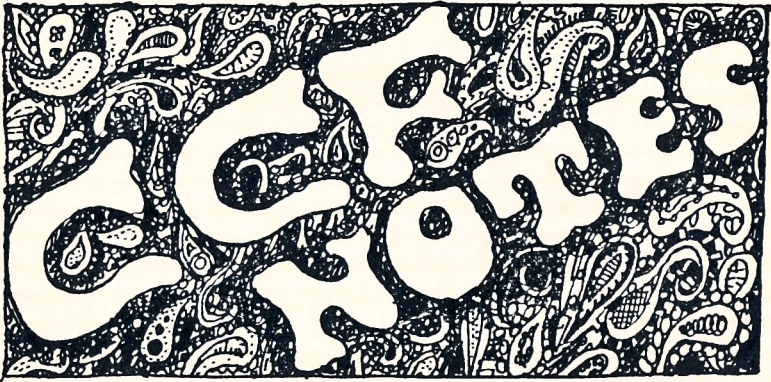
Catches : Thorne 8, Pickering 7.

Junior Colts XI

The Junior Colts had a moderately successful season this year, winning one of their matches and losing two. A further two matches were drawn and the match against S. Bartholomew's Grammar School, Newbury, was rained off. Hills was picked for the matches in the 2nd half of the season, and Mitchell, who promised well as a pace bowler at the beginning of term, proved rather erratic, though he was later invited to join the team to play Abingdon. Staynor did not manage to find a proper niche in the team though he played in one or two matches, and Saunders, who should do well in the team next year, rarely had a chance to prove his worth. There is also a group of up-and-coming cricketers led at the beginning of term by Czerwinski, who should maintain their enthusiasm long enough to find a place in future sides.

Of the regulars, Newton, the captain, and Floyd scored a fifty each and John missed his check by seven runs in the sole victory of the season against Watford .G. I. Stone bowled well for most of the season, turning the ball both ways, and just missed his hat trick at Watford ; with John and Newton he looks like being a good all-rounder. McMillan has had lean times as a batsman and got to a stage in the season at which he seemed grateful to have an excuse to avoid breaking a run of bad luck. Howland, the wicket keeper, is still not quite at home on the field though he is shaping quite well for the future, and Cliff promises well as the most experienced all-rounder cricketer for next season's team. Among the pace bowlers Gatland, through determined effort, has proved worthy of his place in the team, and Costello and Glenister, though unsuccessful wicket-takers, kept up a fair length and a consistent effort.

Junior Colts Colours are awarded to John and Newton.



Army Section

The Summer term was a busy one for the Army Section. Activities included Annual Inspection, Field Days, Weekend Camp, Army Proficiency and Signals examinations and annual Camp.

The reduced numbers in the C.C.F. enabled the contingent to carry out the ceremonial part of the inspection in the Quad. The inspecting officer was Air Vice Marshall A. H. C. Boxer, D.S.O., D.F.C., from Bomber Command. Accompanying staff officers were Lieut. F. R. Trevethan of the Royal Navy, Major B. D. Hilton, R.A.E.C. and Sq. Leader S. G. Perry of the R.A.F.

The report was complimentary about the good spirit which prevailed throughout all sections and congratulated officers and N.C.O's on the standard achieved. Inevitably the report commented adversely on those whose appearance reflected some indifference to accepted standards of dress and hair styles.

A Field Day in the Aldershop area started in the Confidence Area and Assault Course of the Guards Depot at Pirbright and a tactical exercise in the neighbouring training area concluded the day's work.

The Signals section under the supervision of 2nd Lieut. R. G. Hollingworth had an excellent Weekend Camp taking part in the annual competition against other schools in a determined effort to recapture the trophy which they have won for this competition on more than one previous occasion.

Annual Camp

Five Officers and Fifty-three Cadets and inevitably "Bill" and "Walter" made the journey to Dibgate Camp near Folkestone.

Highlights of the Camp were a series of infantry exercises in the delightful parkland of Acrise House, sea bathing, an

afternoon on assault boats and home made rafts and fabulous food which included the best Kent strawberries obtained at rock bottom prices from a "pick them yourself" site containing acres of large luscious fruit.

The night exercise as usual provided its own atmosphere of suspense, surprise and excitement, whilst the last day exercise produced a well organised attack precipitated prematurely by the defenders accidentally stumbling on the signal for attack and firing off a green signal light for their own purpose, giving the signal secretly arranged by the opposition for the start of their attack, and causing no little surprise to C.S.M. Dormer O c/c the attacking troops who saw his attack launch itself whilst in the middle of his final thoughts !

Relaxation included a day trip to Boulogne, and the end of camp came all too soon for the many who derived so much enjoyment from it.

It is pleasant to record the visit of a Governor of the school Mr. J. K. Prior to camp who arrived on the day of the visit to the rifle ranges at Hythe. His interest had a very stimulating effect on all who had worked so hard to make the camp a success.

Shooting

The school teams did not have quite the success of other years, but it was pleasing to observe that two former shooting Captains of the School did exceptionally well in the final of the Queen's Prize at Bisley. C. R. Iliffe with 278 and M. R. Pattinson with 276 against the winner's score of 280 shot splendidly in the 100 to qualify for the final stages from an entry of over 1,000 of the best shots in the Commonwealth.

R.P.

ROYAL NAVY SECTION

The section was, through the exploits of the ill-fated Torrey Canyon, robbed of its opportunity of seetime as a unit. H.M.S. Avey was called upon for oil spraying duties.

The term began with preparations for General Inspection. This took place on May 25th and was surprisingly successful. The remainder of the term was interrupted by the examinations.

After the examinations, most of the section took part in a Sea Day. The party travelled to Portsmouth in the afternoon of Monday the 3rd of July and the night was spent in "Victory" Barracks. The following day, the party was split in two and one

group spent the day sailing to the Isle of Wight. The other group spent the day with a Torpedo Recovery vessel patrolling a gun range.

To our surprise, it was announced at the end of term that Lt. Merrylees is leaving the school. We give him our thanks for all the hard work he has put into the section and give him our good wishes for his future.

G. E. PATTINSON, Cox'n.

R.A.F. SECTION

Although little more than three months have passed since the last report was written this term has included the year's two most important events.

Easter Camp, held at R.A.F. Coltishall, was successful and enjoyed by all who participated. The station presented a trophy to the best contingent and we won this in spite of our being the smallest. The trophy was awarded on proficiency in swimming and shooting, tidiness of barracks, and on performance in exercises such as crossing the "Berlin Wall" carrying an unconscious companion, and a river crossing which provided an extra swim for some. In addition to these activities we were shown the normal functions of the station.

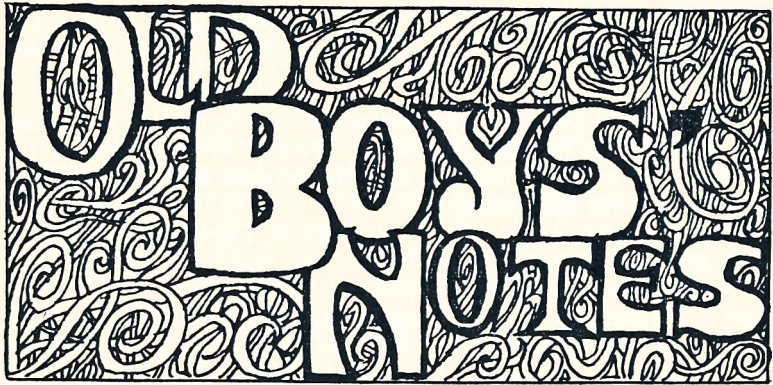
Early in the summer term 20 cadets went gliding at R.A.F. Halton (this was postponed from the Spring term because of bad weather).

After the Easter holidays the section lost several senior members, but this loss was more than compensated by a large influx from Basic section.

General Inspection was held on May 25th. All our activities went smoothly, but many cadets were disappointed that the inspecting officer had so little to say. We are grateful to Captain Cooper of the Army section who gave up a Sunday morning to transport 18 cadets in the Army lorry to R.A.F. White Waltham for Air Experience Flying. Some cadets were able to go flying on four Thursday afternoons during the Summer term. Since all of the N.C.O's have been involved in "A" levels members of Cadre ran the section for the second half of the term. The competence they showed in tackling the job ensures the continued efficiency of the section next term.

J. M. DARVILLE.

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(The Old Wycombiensians' Club)

Births

BAUD, M. (1944-49). On May 27th 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Baud, a daughter, Samantha Helen.

EDWARDS, C. M. J. (1945-53). On June 2nd 1966, in Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. J. Edwards, Sarah Louise, a second daughter.

GEE, C. J. (1952-59). On April 10th 1967 to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Gee, a daughter, Anne Louise.

HARVEY, A. (1950-57). On April 29th 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Harvey, a daughter, Samantha Jane.

MARTIN, R. P. (1948-52). On July 7th 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Martin, a son, Nicholas Roger Charles, a brother for Caroline.

TUNMER, R. H. (1941-46). On September 13th 1966, to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Tunmer, a daughter, Jane, a sister for Julie Ann.

WATERS, I. H. C. (1943-50). On May 23rd 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. I. H. C. Waters, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth.

WORLEY, G. (1950-55). On April 11th 1967 to Mr. and Mrs. George Worley, a son.

Marriages

KING — GAVIN. On April 1st 1967 at St. Augustine's Church, High Wycombe, D. R. King (1955-60) to Miss Mary Gavin.

Deaths

G. N. ABBNETT (1960-66). On April 2nd 1967 at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, aged 18 years.

G. N. Abbnett died very suddenly in hospital. He had never been a strong boy but his death was unexpected and his parents have our deepest sympathy.

G. W. BOIREAU (1954-62). On June 25th 1967 in Mossdale Cavern, near Grassington, aged 23 years.

Geoffrey Warren Boireau died with his five companions in the pot-holing tragedy in Mossdale Cavern. He graduated in Sociology and Philosophy at the University of Leeds in 1965 and at the time of his death was a lecturer in St. John's College, Manchester. He leaves a widow who lives in Fernlea Crescent, Swinton, Manchester and a widowed mother, Mrs. Brandon, who lives in Aylesbury.

NOTES

- R. D. BAKER (1935-43) attended the funeral of Mrs. Lance and called in at the School. Like his father, he is a dentist and after completing his course at Guys settled in Maidstone, where he is married with 3 boys and 2 girls. His brother D. G. BAKER (1940-46) trained as a dentist at the London Hospital and has settled at Biggin Hill. A. S. BAKER (1942-49) also trained as a dentist at Guys and is now married with one child and is associated with his brother in Maidstone.
- C. B. BOWLER (1908-12) who was appointed to the governing body of the School in 1964 is now the chairman of Wycombe Rural Council. He was awarded the D.C.M. in 1917.
- P. J. CAPELL (1956-62) completed his degree in Physics at Bristol University and then gained a Diploma in Education at Cardiff. He has now been given a grant to study for a further degree at the University of Alberta. At Edmonton he will be joining A. J. OLIVER (1956-62) who is working on a doctorate out there.
- J. W. CLARK (1960-66) after gaining a place at Birmingham University left to earn some money. He hopes to spend the summer at a work camp somewhere in Europe run by the United Nations.
- P. R. G. CLARKE (1957-64) is doing well at Keele University. The Law Department has awarded him a scholarship to study at a German University for some months.

- R. A. DORKINGS (1957-64) has just left Jesus College, Cambridge to join the firm of Proctor and Gamble as a Sales representative to start with. He will later go into marketing. If you want any Daz, Tide, Fairy Liquid or Camay at a special rate, contact him !
- C. M. J. EDWARDS (1946-53) writes from his new address, 26, Underhill Drive, Apt. 1109, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada. His brother J. P. J. EDWARDS (1947-54) is now resident in New York and was married in England recently to Miss Araminta Cooper. They live in 14, Westview Avenue, Apt. 312, Tuckahoe, New York 10707. Jeremy is one of the Technical Editors of the Paper Trade Journal. Also living and working in New York is P. DRAPER (1948-54). He has also seen A. EMARY (1947-52) who lives in Peterborough, Ontario and works for the local paper. C. BURRELL (1948-54) also lives in Toronto. Christopher Edwards' work is progressing well.
- A. M. FOWLER (1951-57) has just completed a 3 year appointment as a graduate research assistant in the Department of Agricultural Botany at the University of Reading. He has been working on leaf blotch disease of barley caused by the fungus *Rhynchosporium secalis*. This disease has become of considerable importance in Britain of recent years. He investigated the interaction between barley varieties and fungus races and by microscopic examination has shed some light on the ways in which the plant is able to offer resistance to the fungus. He has been awarded the Ph.D. degree of the University for the thesis embodying the results of his researches. He has now left Reading for an appointment as Plant Pathologist at the Institute of Agricultural Research, Ahmadu Bello University, Samaru, Northern Nigeria where he will be working principally on diseases of groundnuts. When he gets back, the Hon. Sec. has a ticklish job for Dr. Fowler — clearing his lawn of daisies.
- J. N. FOWLER (1954-62) is in his final year of C.N.A.A. Sandwich Degree Course in Civil Engineering at Woolwich Polytechnic. His industrial training has included work on the M.4, High Wycombe Inner Relief road and contract estimating in Sidney Green's head office in Henley. He prefers the Sandwich Course to the full time University course (he's had experience of both) as it better suits his practical rather than academic approach to the subject.

S. E. GOULBOURN (1928–36) is now Mayor of High Wycombe and we are proud of his efforts on behalf of the Town. His wife Mrs. Peggy Goulbourn taught at the School from 1944–46 and has the happiest memories of those years. Their son S. C. R. GOULBOURN (1957–64) has just completed his B.Comm. Degree at Leeds University and is to start work soon as a Commercial Lawyer in the Trade Association Dept. of the English Electric Group.

The Rev. A. J. SKIPP (1929–37) is the Mayor's chaplain during his term of office. We also congratulate J. P. LORD (1933–38) on being elected a County Councillor and G. F. FIZIA (1953–57) on being elected a member of Wycombe Borough Council.

J. M. HALEY (1959–66) is a student apprentice with the Ministry of Defence at the Royal Small Arms Factory at Enfield, Middlesex. He is going on from there to Imperial College to do a degree in Mechanical Engineering. The Ministry of Defence will pay his wages and his fees together with the supply of books on loan—nice work if you can get it!

S. E. HANDS (1918–20) has been treasurer of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, for 19 years and was recently appointed Vice-President. This year he gained a Silver medal in Amsterdam for his Israel – Palestine collection. He is also Vice-President of High Wycombe Rotary Club for 1967–68 but his wife has beaten him to it. Mrs. Irene Hands is President of Inner Wheel in the same year.

J. F. R. JANES (1954–61). Jeremy and Helena (Ellis) have returned home for a month's holiday. They are making a great success of life in California. They expect their first child after Christmas.

G. D. B. JONES (1947–55). If you had been in Istanbul during the summer holidays and had looked down a deep hole in the middle of one of the squares, you'd have seen Dr. Barri Jones helping an excavating friend in one of his digs.

W. H. N. LAWS (1958–64) wrote before going off to Japan in June. He will have interesting news to give us in the next edition of the magazine.

A. T. LUDGATE (1956–63) is to be congratulated on gaining a Distinction in Honours Mathematics III at Cambridge. He will be remaining there to do research for a Ph.D. Some months ago the "*Times*" was so impressed by his game in

the Oxford – Cambridge Chess Match that it printed every move. C. J. MYERSCOUGH (1957–64) was again top of the list in Part II of the Mathematical Tripos and will be staying on at Churchill College for research work. The College has awarded him an Honorary Scholarship for 1967/68 and a special book prize. His whole undergraduate career has indeed been a brilliant one. C. H. SWORN (1958–65) also at Churchill again won a First in Part 1B of the Natural Sciences Tripos and his Prize Scholarship has been renewed for 1967/68.

- R. MICHAELS (1941–45) joined the Club recently. He is now married with two children and despite the fact that Mr. P. L. Jones was very caustic about his mathematics, he is now a Life Underwriter.
- M. R. MYANT (1961–67) hopes to spend 6 months working in the Prague University Laboratories before going up to Cambridge.
- A. R. NOTTINGHAM (1958–66) writes giving news of Old Boys at London University. R. C. HILL (1959–66) is in the University Swimming team and swam in the B.U.S.F. Championships at the Crystal Palace in March. He is in charge of the bar in his Hall of Residence. Nottingham himself is in his College tiddley-winks team and the cross-country orienteering team. He plans to spend the summer holiday in Greece, possibly with J. N. McLOUGHLIN (1958–66) and Austria with C. R. A. G. ILIFFE (1958–63). Iliffe is doing big things in shooting at Cambridge. Nottingham often sees J. HAYTER (1957–65) in his College Football team and naturally in the Cricket Team too. P. D. CHADWICK (1958–65) visits frequently and is also going to Greece for the summer.
- J. C. PETTIT (1959–65) has successfully completed his course with the College of Air Training at Hamble and is now joining B.O.A.C. as a qualified pilot.
- P. READ (1950–58) has been fortunate in his move to Solihull School. He has been offered a School flat which suits very well as he is getting married early in September.
- P. M. J. SHELTON (1958–63) has completed 4 successful years at St. Andrew's and can thoroughly recommend it — especially to anyone who enjoys climbing, skiing, hill walking, shooting, fishing, a good social life and the atmosphere of an

ancient university. The University is expanding at a great rate. The Zoology Department of which he is a member, is one of the best in the University with a very high academic standard. He hopes to start work for a Ph.D. in October. He got engaged last summer to Miss Alison Hogarth from Edinburgh who studies French.

P. P. SIMONS (1960–66) wrote from Austria giving news and future plans. He left England in June and was in Berlin at the time of the Shah of Persia's visit and the student riots. He was close to the shooting incident when the police killed a student and was very acutely aware of the bitter atmosphere between police and students. At the time of writing he was working in Vienna as a volunteer for "Internationaler Zivildienst" on an old farm being converted into a convalescent home. The diet was strictly vegetarian — peppermint, yogurt, rhubarb and melons. In September he intends to hitch-hike to Athens and then to Israel to follow in his brother's footsteps to work in a Kibbutz.

R. L. SMYTH (1955–62) is now editorial assistant of "Nova" and writes major articles. In his job he meets all sorts of interesting people and he shares a flat with some Labour M.P's. His brother G. M. SMYTH (1957–63) is in his 3rd year at the Architectural Association School, London — the tops in architecture. Last summer he won a scholarship which enabled him to spend 3 months in the U.S.A. The youngest brother C. A. SMYTH (1960–66) is to go up to Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge in October but before that he is going to work in a camp for New York slum children in the Catgill mountains and round this experience off with a Greyhound Coach tour of the U.S.A.

D. W. STEVENS (1931–38). We have just heard that the President and Trustees of Fairfield University, Connecticut, U.S.A. have admitted Dr. Denis Stevens to the Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. The "New York Times" recently wrote about Dr. Stevens and his group of six singers and a harpsichordist "The Accademia Monteverdiana". "This is the only vocal consort in the world under the guidance of an internationally known musicologist. They are able to offer authentic interpretations characterised by rhythmic flexibility and emotional power, re-creating the music with unusual vitality and persuasiveness".

This summer Dr. Stevens and his group are performing in London, Salzburg and Lucerne. On July 20th he was on T.V. B.B.C. 2.

- J. G. STEVENS (1932-37). In the recent Honours List in the military division an O.B.E. went to Lt. Col. J. G. Stevens. He is Officer Commanding Depot and Training Battalion R.A.O.C., Deepcut, Camberley. His nephew J. A. STEVENS (1959-66) has gained a place at St. John's College, Cambridge and spent the summer term at the Paul Schneider Gymnasium, Meisenheim, Germany. It is a co-ed boarding school run by the Protestant Church in the Rhineland. He was more a guest-pupil than an English Assistant and attended classes with the German boys and girls. The boarding houses are very modern — the younger boys share 4 or 5 to a room whilst the older boys have a single bed-sitter or share a room between 2. The boys and girls are extraordinarily friendly and Stevens had a most enjoyable stay ; in addition to first class preparation for his German studies at Cambridge.
- P. G. UPPARD (1957-61) came to give a recital at School at the end of the Summer term. At the Royal Academy he has been awarded the Countess of Munster Scholarship to study with Gordon Green who is the teacher of John Ogdon. He has also gained a prize for distinguished work during the year.
- A H. WANDS (1959-66) has had a difficult time recently. He is reading Economics at St. Andrews University but in February underwent a major operation for appendicitis. There were complications and he spent 12 weeks in hospital. He is still not really fit. This has all greatly interfered with his progress at University and his plans to go on a Geological mountain exploration trip to Greenland have had to be cancelled. Until his illness he had been very active in the University Air Squadron attached to the R.A.F., flying Chipmunks 3 times a week. He hopes to make a complete recovery this summer when he is to spend 2 months on the Mediterranean at the home of friends.
- H. E. WILLS (1958-66) took up the post of President of the Students' Union at Leeds College of Technology at Easter for one year.
- D. M. WOOD (1960-67). Before going up to Cambridge to do Engineering, Wood is gaining some useful experience at the Clywedog Reservoir Project, Llanidloes, Montgomeryshire. He is concerned with instrumentation on the dam and with general supervision of construction.

D. G. ORCHARD (1956-63) has been awarded a Fubright Scholarship for post-graduate studies in chemistry at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, America. He obtained a first-class honours degree in chemistry at Sheffield University. The scholarship is awarded annually for student exchange under the auspices of the United States, United Kingdom Education Committee and for 200 students. Orchard continues to excel on the tennis court too — he was captain of his university team which won the University Athletic Union's team trophy for lawn tennis and was in the winning team three times. During his final year he was secretary of the Sheffield Students' Union Athletic Committee. Giving him powerful support in the tennis team was P. J. MOORES (1956-63) who won the British Universities' singles trophy once again this year.

M. H. KEFFORD (1959-65) was runner-up for the Sword of Honour at Sandhurst this year. The sword, awarded to the outstanding cadet at the Royal Military Academy, was presented at the passing-out parade in July by Field Marshal, The Viscount Montgomery of Alamein.

M. B. WOOD (1953-61) after taking Law at Cambridge has just completed his examinations in London and is now a fully qualified solicitor.

The BRITNELL Family. The Hon. Sec. has been on the receiving end of another rocket for leaving out the sixth brother in the last edition of the magazine. A. V. BRITNELL (1907-15) was a solicitor in Manchester until he died three years ago. He served in the R.N.A.S. in the 1914-18 War as a fighter pilot in Sopwith-Camels. In the 1939-45 war he was a Wing-Commander in Canada and had much to do with the Empire Air Training Scheme.

The Britnells are proud to have had six brothers at the School.

P. D. FRY (1941-49) has been elected Vice-Chairman of the Wycombe Divisional Executive and we are very pleased to hear that he has now been appointed a Governor of the School along with E. B. BARRATT (1947-54), a member of the Wycombe Rural District Council.

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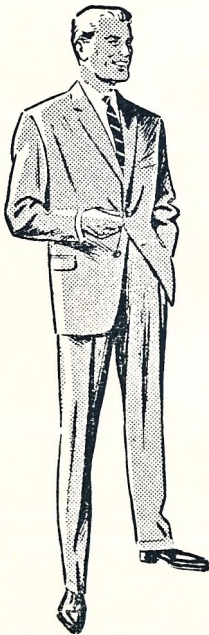
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