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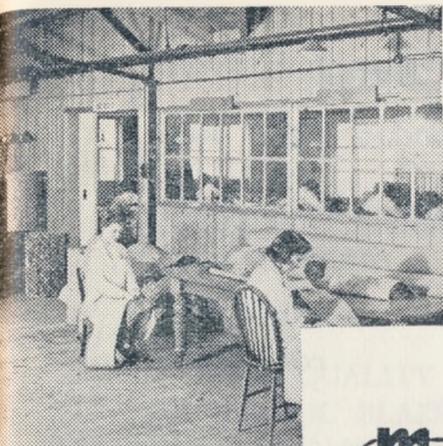
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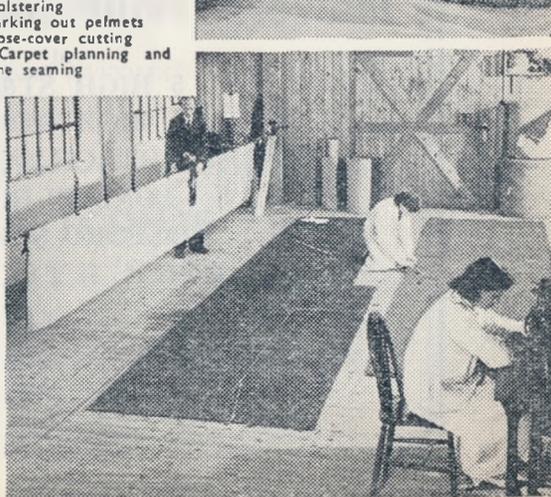
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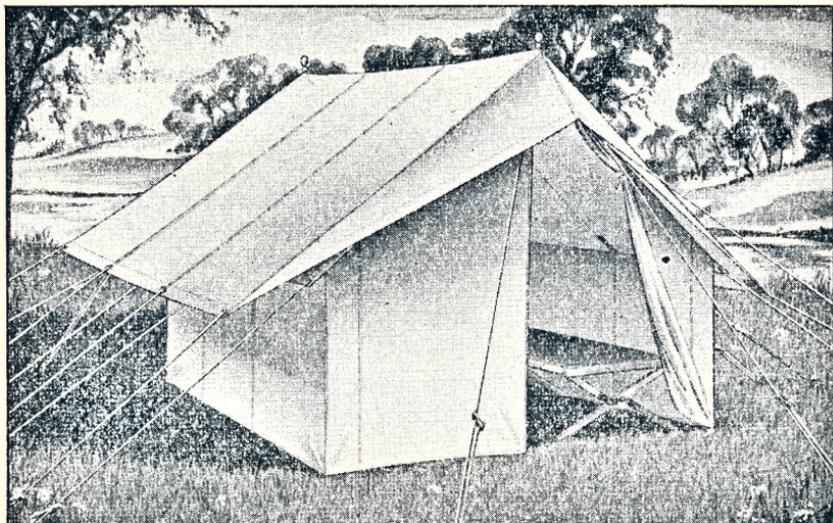
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EDITORIAL

As we begin a new decade, it is not only the calendar that changes : people change, events change, habits change and places change. There is no exception here at school, for changes are being made that will doubtless have a lasting effect on the condition and state of the school. During the last year, we have seen the new Science Block rise from the field to dominate even the School Clock Tower ; another piece of building soon to be embarked upon is the new Hall and the new teaching block (to replace Uplyme), which will be situated at the front of the school, and the result will be that the front of the school, which has had its present form since 1914 (with the addition of the Geography and Library blocks in 1938), is soon to be partially, or almost completely, obscured by buildings which we can only hope will have the same imposing elegance about them as the present ones.

As this is a new volume of the *Wycombiensian*—the thirteenth—we thought it a good idea to make a slight change in the front cover ; the front of the school quickly sprang to mind as something about which we will very soon have nostalgic remembrances. Although the size of the school must increase, and progress must be made, all of us have grown to look at the imposing appearance of the school with pride.

In another vein, several editors in the past have bemoaned their lot, complaining that, because of the boys' apathy, they have been forced to write all the articles themselves. We must stress that this has not been the case with us, indeed, we have received such a veritable deluge of articles that selection has been a very arduous task. We have found that the school spirit is certainly not lacking, but thriving and persistent, and we hope that it will continue so.

With this attitude then, let the school go forward into another decade of its long and distinguished history ; despite the momentous changes going on around us, let us all do our very best that the school may live up to the fine tradition that it has created for itself over so many years.

STAFF NEWS

At the end of last term we said farewell to Mr. J. P. Evely, B.A., and Mr. T. C. Walters, M.A., and we wish them all the very best in their new schools ; at the beginning of this term we welcomed Mr. A. R. King, B.A. (Cantab.) and Mr. D. G. Lambert, M.A. (Oxon), F.Z.S., who come to take their places teaching Mathematics and Biology respectively.

We also saw the arrival of six student masters, to whom we wish a very enjoyable and profitable time here. They are Mr. M. Johns for English, Mr. Kemp for Music, Mr. Peat for German, Mr. Leppard for Divinity, Mr. Harris for French and German, and Mr. Maurice for History.

MR. G. W. ARNISON (1905-33) delayed answering as long as he could in the hope that he would be able at last to attend the O.B.'s Reunion. He regrets that, for health reasons, he will not be able to make it. His regret is all the stronger because the first new boy that he admitted to the R.G.S., W. H. Timms (1905-11), had sent him a cordial invitation to spend the weekend with him at his house at Bledlow. Both Mr. and Mrs. Arnison hope that they will be able to see some of their friends when they visit High Wycombe in the warmer days of June.

The REV. A. M. BERRY (1914-33). Although he is within five minutes' walk of M1, he has no intention of testing his car or himself on the accident-prone track. The money he obtained from the Ministry for about one and half acres of his glebe used for the making of part of the M1 went to the Church Commissioners. He, however, receives the rent for some land the Ministry has taken over for two years.

MR. R. MATTHEWS (1909-19) takes full interest in all the activities of the O.B.'s club, but regrets that he will be unable to attend the Reunion. He and Mrs. Matthews send their kind remembrances to all old friends in High Wycombe as well as to the O.B.'s of his time.

SCHOOL NEWS

The number of boys at the school this year is 973, of whom 107 are boarders and 237 sixth-formers.

We decided to hold a mock election in the school on October 7th under the auspices of the T.C.O.S. ; the next day the State followed our example. Details of the school election are recorded elsewhere in the magazine.

The annual Gilbert and Sullivan opera this year was "The Mikado," and it was its usual success ; a detailed report appears elsewhere in this issue.

The annual Carol Service was held on Wednesday, 17th December. This year it was held in the Parish Church as there are more boys in the school than can comfortably, or indeed possibly, be accommodated in the School Hall.

On 11th January, Mr. Runswick led an expedition to see Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest"; we are told that this was a great success, particularly on the part of Mr. Runswick, who managed to shepherd the enormous horde of boys, many of them second-formers, back to school without any losses.

On 11th February, the Headmaster took the Classical Society to the British Museum; we all found it very interesting and edifying, although it was a great rush to see all that we wanted.

On 12th February, Captain Lawson-Smith visited the school to give a lecture on deep-sea diving to the 2nd and 3rd forms; they found his talk very interesting, humorous and exciting (especially when he juggled with a stick of explosive).

On 1st March, Miss Ailsa Dixon gave a gathering of boys in the Library a recital of French, Spanish and English songs, and accompanied herself on the lute.

THE SCHOOL BENEVOLENT FUND

It is a great credit to the school as a whole that the impressive sum of £136 has been collected by the form prefects from their forms since the inauguration of the Benevolent Fund. This fund, born at the end of 1958, has contributed generously to such worthy and needy causes as the British Empire Cancer Campaign, National Spastics Society, Inter-church Aid—World Refugee Year, The Mayor's Christmas Appeal and Dr. Barnardo's Homes. The £136 has been distributed at the discretion of the Headmaster, several other masters and four senior prefects; the inclusion of the latter ensured that the school generally might feel itself represented on the committee when the time came to distribute the contributions.

In this school, where sporting tradition is so marked and standards on the sports field so high, it seems particularly appropriate and gratifying to send money to people who, struck down by such scourges as cancer or blindness, can no longer enjoy the competition, the personal achievements, which are open to us all here. We, sounder perhaps in limb, know what the blind, the cancer-stricken, the spastics, are deprived of, and, by financial aid, we are able to restore some comfort to their pitiful lives.

C. D. WALLER (*Secretary*).

C.C.F. NOTES

This year is a special one for the C.C.F., for, not only has the occasion been marked by the occupation of a new Store and Office building provided by the War Office, it is the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Cadet movement in the school and the hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the movement in the country as a whole. The occasion is to be marked by various ceremonial functions throughout the District, County and Country. No school is to be burdened by an Annual Inspection this year in order that all can devote the necessary time to prepare for functions of their own choosing. Plans are already maturing for these functions and a full account will be given in the next issue of the magazine.

At the time of going to press the shooting team is preparing to attack the Country Life Competition in an effort to continue the improvement shown in the past few years. The competition will be fired this month.

NAVAL SECTION

The number of cadets in the Naval Section has risen to the highest total yet of 144. I am pleased to report, however, that the number of boys qualified to instruct has also risen and for the first time since 1953, when our number was 25, the proportion of senior ratings is at least at a reasonable level.

During the Christmas term R. H. Mayo, R. E. Woods, N. A. Morley, A. G. Lane and A. C. Wood passed the Advanced Proficiency Examination, R. E. Woods distinguished himself by getting the highest marks ever recorded by the Admiralty. Twenty-one boys passed the Naval Proficiency Examination, the highest number that has passed from here at one time.

D. M. North, who was awarded a Dartmouth Scholarship last year, was chosen from all the Dartmouth Scholarship holders of that year to represent the Royal Navy in a party of service scholarship holders and commonwealth officers who were to tour India for three weeks as guests of the Indian government. His own account of the tour appears elsewhere in this issue.

In September last we entered a team in the novices' canoe slalom at Henley. The word "novices" misled our team, for we considered ourselves under this heading. We were disillusioned when we watched the other competitors completing Eskimo rolls in fast-flowing and turbulent water with apparent calm; if our canoes turned over we fell out, and that was that. It was decided that we came under an unspecified category. However, although

most boys were disqualified for failing to complete the course, a most enjoyable and instructive weekend was had by all.

Later on in the term a number of the same boys attended a course organised by the C.C.P.R. to learn how to roll a canoe, and it is felt that next September we shall be able to compete in slalom events with more confidence.

The two periods of Summer Training, the one in the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, the other in H.M.S. *Collingwood*, were both very worthwhile; the training in *Collingwood* was of a much better character than last year's and that in Dartmouth the acme of all summer trainings, which sped the week all too quickly.

Our Summer Training this year is again divided into two. One small group will be attached to H.M.S. *Bossington*, a coastal minesweeper, and the larger party will be going to H.M.S. *Vernon*, the Navy's minesweeping, torpedo and diving school at Portsmouth. Both parties should have a most interesting time.

During the Christmas term we again went to the Army School of Education at Wilton Park, when twenty boys, including Naval Section cadets, took part in a cross-country night exercise of ten miles which contained hazards planned and unplanned. An initiative test, drill, instruction, and the use of a prismatic compass were also included in the programme. Although much hard work was involved for both staff and boys, it was a very worthwhile weekend.

Training and courses are being arranged for Easter and these will be reported on in the next issue.

D.T.N.

ARMY SECTION

The activities of the last half-year have been devoted to preparation for the various examinations, the successes in which have been well up to the usual standard.

The annual camp this year will be at West Down, Salisbury Plain, and will be a return to the more conventional type of camp, after three camps of the Outward Bound type, though no doubt some form of this type of training will be included in the programme.

News has been received that R. D. Thomson, J. A. Cox and P. J. Woods have passed the tests of the War Office Selection Board for potential officers, and they are now in training for National Service commissions.

R.P.

R.A.F. SECTION

All those cadets who were congratulated in our last report, on the award of Flying Scholarships, successfully completed their flying training and now have their Pilot's Licences. It is very pleasing to add that Sgt. J. Watts has also been awarded a Flying Scholarship and that he expects to complete the greater part of his training during the Easter vacation at West London Flying Club at White Waltham.

In the Proficiency Examination held last term a dozen cadets produced some highly creditable results. A further group of 12 cadets will take the Advanced Training Examination in March.

The Easter Camp is to be held this year at R.A.F. Station Upwood, near Huntingdon. Although this takes place in the middle of the Easter vacation the number of cadets wishing to attend exceeds the number of places available. The camp programme, which includes flying in trainer aircraft, has already been arranged, and it offers a very active and instructive week which, no doubt, will be most enjoyable. E.M.

THE MIKADO

This year the Operatic Society chose *The Mikado* as their Christmas Gilbert and Sullivan opera.

The curtain went up on a tableau of Japanese nobles, against scenery which on several nights drew a gasp of pleasure from the audience. Disguised as a wandering minstrel, J. E. Camp, as Nanki-Poo, claimed the power to "tune his supple song" to suit his hearers' every whim and proceeded to prove it, suddenly changing from sentimental mood to the patriotic *allegro marziale* and leading the chorus from this into the lively song of the sea before reverting to his original note of dreamy lullaby.

The two noble lords were successfully played by J. H. Dawes and R. I. Rothwell, the latter making a confident Pish-Tush. His light, pleasant voice was well suited to his first song, "Our Great Mikado, virtuous man," which he performed very competently. Dawes' bass came through particularly well in the madrigal.

N. C. Gravette won his audience as Pooh-Bah, a grotesque figure, haughty and shamelessly corrupt, always having to accept "insults" (even "light ones") as the price of his connivance. It is a part to be overplayed and Gravette did this successfully. With a voice which could easily be heard in any part of the Hall, he sustained his pontifical rôle to the end, making careful use of facial expression and exploiting his "business" well.

Coming nearer to the clown proper, Ko-Ko, the diffident Lord High Executioner who is incapable of killing anything, was

played by J. E. Burnell, who trotted on to the stage looking extremely anxious to please everybody. He was equally funny in registering worry, dismay, hope, fear and resignation. His song, "Willow, Tit-Willow," was well done without too much insistence on the comic, and he was excellent in some of the duets and trios.

The whole of Act 1 goes by without our seeing the character on whose decrees the plot hinges, the Mikado himself. It is through the other characters that we learn of the power of the most feared man in Japan, and in this way he is given a build-up which is more effective than an orchestral fanfare. But by the time he makes his appearance, the actor who plays this part has much to live up to if he is to have the stature of the character we have formed in our minds. To project a commanding and humourously sinister presence across the footlights by sheer force of personality is a tall order for any boy. R. W. Paine tackled this unenviable task, singing his part adequately and looking quite imposing.

The ingenuity of make-up and splendour of costume which we admired so much in the male characters were a source of even greater wonder in the "girls." Disarmingly decorative and deceptively demure (and this speaks volumes for the completeness of their metamorphosis!), the "train of little ladies" sang sweetly, indeed at times so gently as to be almost drowned by the violins and woodwind, but rose to the occasion in the finales.

The three sisters brought the House down, especially in "Three little maids from school," which was loudly encored. They used their eyes to good effect and made their fans an integral part of their act. R. M. Cass made a timid and pleasing Peep-Bo. A. H. Dixon, who sang Yum-Yum, realised that this character needs complacency, archness and more than a touch of vanity, as well as coyness. He was very good as one of the trio of sisters, but the quality of his voice and acting were displayed to better advantage in his scenes with Nanki-Poo. As for the third sister, there cannot have been one member of the audience whose eye was not taken by the soubrette Pitti-Sing. B. J. Hankey's natural exuberance and sense of mischief were no doubt a great asset to him and he gave them free rein in this part. He showed a good range of voice and facial expression and was always clearly audible and generally irrepressible.

Aided by the lighting and effects department, Katisha, the "daughter-in-law elect" of the Mikado, made a truly dramatic entrance. Her make-up as the elderly, "ill-favoured one," was very good indeed. The role demands some versatility in acting; Katisha must be bloodthirstily vengeful, then in turn passionate, pleading, mock-pompous and vain. Acting apart, J. G. Scouse

had an extremely exacting part to sing, as the voice-range is formidable.

A production like this is not realised without a great deal of time, patience and hard work, and we congratulate those responsible. We owe our thanks to the Orchestra, who played a large part in the recapturing of the real Gilbert and Sullivan atmosphere, and to Mr. J. S. Dawes, not only as a stimulating conductor, but also as a resourceful producer and one who knows how to engender team spirit and enthusiasm in his cast. Also, we must not forget Mr. A. Gaster, who played the piano for rehearsals, and Mr. M. Eaton and his industrious assistants who put in an enormous number of hours to make a fine set of scenery. Many others must also be thanked for their important work in other capacities ; they have the satisfaction of having achieved something worth while.

B.R.R.

INDIA 1960

At exactly 2 o'clock on the afternoon of 21st of January an R.A.F. Comet carrying servicemen and three rather awed cadets took off from the bitterly cold and snow-bound airfield at Lyneham, in Wiltshire.

After four and a half hours the aircraft landed at Nicosia, where we were to spend the night ; the flight had been splendid and the slight apprehension we had before our departure was soon dispelled, so that we looked forward to the last stage of the flight all the more eagerly. We eventually reached Bombay at 6.40 p.m. on the 22nd January, where we were given a magnificent reception.

Having stayed the night at the Indian Naval Officers' Mess, we embarked upon a day of hurried sight-seeing and hand-shaking before moving on to Delhi by the frontier Mail Train in the evening. This journey of 26 hours proved very exhausting, but we arrived safely at Delhi on Sunday evening, if a little tired and dusty. At Delhi we were met by a Lieutenant of the Indian Navy, who was to be in charge of us during our tour ; he drove us to Delhi Cantonment, which is ten miles from the city itself, and we learned that this was to be our base during our five-day visit.

On arrival we were introduced to seven other cadets from various other parts of the Commonwealth ; there were two each from Malaya and Ceylon and three from Ghana, all of whom had arrived several days earlier. We soon settled down to make a very happy party.

The next days were crowded with engagements which with the intense heat left us very fatigued. On Monday, among many other things, we paid a visit to the World Agricultural Fair being

held in Delhi, and the Rajputana Rifles Regiment Headquarters, which greatly impressed us all, on account of their neatness and highly efficient layout. The day was completed by a splendid dinner given for us three from England by the Military Advisor to the United Kingdom High Commission.

Tuesday, the 29th, was the day for which we and all India had been waiting for with growing excitement, Republic Day, the sign for general festivity everywhere and marked especially in Delhi by a magnificent parade. Our bearer woke us, to our disgust, at 5 o'clock a.m. and we were ready for our journey to Delhi by 6.30. We made slow progress along the whole road because every so often we were compelled to stop for camel trains and mounted troops, not to mention elephants and armoured car sections.

However, we did at last arrive and with difficulty found our places on the crowded stands. At 9 o'clock the President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, and the Prime Minister arrived to take their seats and all was ready. At 9.30 the tension of waiting was broken by a distant rumbling and an armoured squadron passed by us and on past the President. The ceremony had begun.

I have never seen anything quite like the procession of colour that then took place. Regiment after regiment, band after band passed us with all their uniforms flashing in the bright sun, adding colour upon colour. A sudden murmur in the crowd made us turn to look up the long straight road again and we saw three elephants in full ceremonial dress plodding towards us very slowly and in a dignified manner. When they were near us, we could see that their heads and trunks had been beautifully painted in every colour imaginable; how they had the patience to be painted like that is past my understanding. The final part of the parade consisted of some very fearsome-looking groups of Folk-Dancers, each of which stopped in front of the President to give a short display of its regional dance and made a glorious end to the splendid and very moving ceremony.

The next day we attended a Cadet Corps rally at the main airport in Delhi at which Mr. Nehru, to whom we were afterwards introduced, was present. After a short display by the Cadets, the Prime Minister presented prizes and delivered a short speech which we were, of course, unable to understand.

There was great excitement in the camp where we were staying, as there was to be a big camp-fire that evening to be attended by many dignitaries of Delhi. To our utter horror and amazement, we ten cadets were informed that we should have to put on a turn for the rest of the spectators. I think we were all rather glad when it was over.

Thursday morning saw us shopping in some of the indescribably filthy streets of Delhi, but the highlight of the day

was a garden party at the President's magnificent house, where we were introduced to the President himself.

Friday, our last day in Delhi, was perhaps the busiest. We were called at 6.30 a.m. to be taken for breakfast with Mr. Nehru ; among his guests were the late Lady Mountbatten and Sherpa Tensing's wife and daughters. In spite of all these awe-inspiring guests, we all enjoyed a wonderful meal in the friendliest of surroundings ; this was probably one of the greatest moments of our tour.

A visit to Mr. Krishna Menon was next on the agenda. We talked with him for a quarter of an hour before moving on to say our goodbyes to the Director of the National Cadet Corps. "Beating the Retreat," which marks the end of the Republic Day celebrations, also marked the end of our stay at Delhi. This ceremony was as wonderful as the Parade itself, but more so was the music and the fact that the whole scene took place while darkness was falling : it all ended with the bands playing "Abide with me," accompanied by bells in the distance, which sounded most effective.

We said goodbye to Delhi at 10 o'clock that evening and resumed our tedious run of train journeys, arriving at our destination, Dehra Dun, at 8.30 a.m. the following morning. This town, about 200 miles north of Delhi, is known for its military Academy, which has been built on the same lines as Sandhurst. During our two-day visit we were conducted round the Academy, meeting many of its cadets and watching their Saturday afternoon occupations, which include riding, shooting and many similar pursuits. We were also taken to Mussoorie, a hill-station in the foothills of the Himalayas, which, although snow was lying on the ground, had a very pleasant climate for us. The cadets from the other countries had never seen this strange phenomenon snow, and one suggested that they should take some home as a souvenir.

On Sunday evening we set off again, this time bound for Jaynir and Agra, both south of Dehra Dun. Both towns are noted for their beautiful palaces and temples ; the Taj Mahal, which we visited at Agra, was splendid and from the front looked quite fantastic, in the literal sense. If, however, I were to criticise anything, it would be that we were shown a little too much of these historic buildings, because, in some cases, the design and structure of the different palaces is almost identical.

Arriving at Poona on Friday evening after 33 hours' travelling, we were met and conveyed to the College of Military Engineering, where we stayed for two nights. We were especially glad to find a swimming pool there, and most of us managed to get up for a bathe before breakfast on Saturday morning. The

main purpose of the visit was to see the National Defence Academy near Poona, which is very similar to Dartmouth, Sandhurst and Cranwell combined. The tour round the college was extremely interesting and the cadets were very friendly, although we later heard that the authorities were concerned about there being a lack of spirit amongst them. After lunch we were driven back to our quarters to spend a lazy afternoon.

The next day, we departed thankfully on our last train journey—back to Bombay. Altogether we had travelled 2,601 miles on the Indian railways in 93 hours. For us three, coming to Bombay again was like coming home and we were pleased to find that we knew nearly everyone on the station to meet us. We were driven to the Naval Officers' Mess and settled in once again. Unfortunately, one of the Ghana cadets was taken to hospital with malaria, which was a great blow to us all, especially his two companions.

On Monday evening, we went to the station in Bombay to see our seven Commonwealth friends on to the train bound for Delhi on which we had travelled three weeks previously. It was a very sad occasion, and when the train had departed it was at first a very strange feeling for us three to be left alone once more.

The next days in Bombay were spent in swimming and sightseeing, assisted by some very enthusiastic and helpful Indian cadets, until on Friday we were transported to the Comet at Santa Cruz airport, about one hour's journey from Bombay, to take off at 11 o'clock, after a very exciting tour, an experience which none of us will ever forget.

D. M. NORTH, VIC2.

MEMOIRS OF A CONKERED CANDIDATE

Last September it was decided that there would be a mock election at the School, as Britain was going to elect a new government. Four boys came forward to be School candidates : J. M. Hodder (Con.), W. T. Fisher (Ind.), A. J. Mahoney (Lab.), and myself (Lib.). Several meetings were held, but owing to the noise and pelting the meeting place was altered during the campaign ; in fact, the only candidate who had a reasonable meeting was the Conservative, and if Mr. D. Jones, who was in charge of the election, had not intervened occasionally, I doubt whether the Labour candidate, or indeed myself, would have got a hearing.

The first meeting was held by Mahoney in the Gym. block. The audience had started to chant, " We back Mac," at full blast five minutes before the meeting was due to start, and when Mahoney arrived, to lecture upon the benefits of " Pink Socialism," it made little difference. He valiantly tried to shout, but all

that he did was to make the din a little worse. When at last the atmosphere quietened, Mahoney's voice could just be heard.

Owing to the damage in the Gym. block as a result of this meeting, I had the misfortune to have the use of the air-raid shelter as my platform. My friend Burrows, to whom I am greatly indebted, introduced me to the crowd and to the horse-chestnuts, with which the crowd pelted me for the next ten minutes. I doubt whether anybody heard my speech, even I heard very little. The bombardment of horse-chestnuts was soon aug-



mented by acorns and apple-cores ; so much did the audience hate my policy that a thousand missiles, including an old tin can, must have been hurled at me. My throat was dry, my lips were dry, and I was hoarse by the time my meeting came to an end.

In consequence of my suffering, the Conservative had the use of the School Hall, where he held a rather sedate meeting. Mingled amongst the crowd were prefects to pounce if any boys should misbehave themselves, but as the School seemed to prefer Conservatism, the precautions were not really necessary. The

Independent member also held his meeting in the Hall and met with some opposition ; however, it was more sophisticated than that which I had received.

Two days before Election Day, I held a second meeting, but, acting upon Burrows' advice, I used a tape-recorded speech. Then came our Election Day : there was a heavy vote and it was not until late that the result was announced from the stage as follows :—

J. M. HODDER (Con.)	....	....	....	302
A. J. MAHONEY (Lab.)	....	....	....	77
C. R. DURHAM (Lib.)	....	....	....	123
W. T. FISHER (Ind.)	....	....	....	21

Conservative majority 179

“ The fight was o'er, the battle done.”

C. R. DURHAM, VICI.

THE AUSTRIAN TRIP 1959

The prospect of a foreign holiday, an entirely new venture, attracted much interest during the Easter term of last year. After many preliminary suggestions, rejections, withdrawals and last-minute additions, 27 boys determined upon a holiday in the Austrian Tyrol ; so on 10th August the party, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Baker, duly assembled outside the Golden Arrow Bar, Victoria Station, in anxious anticipation of the journey ahead.

After a calm Channel crossing, night saw us speeding across France by train, endeavouring to sleep either sitting rigidly upright or with legs entwined around somebody's neck. Our arrival at Basle, in Switzerland, was a signal for coffee and English newspapers, and it was a revived party which was able to imbibe the regal magnificence of the Swiss scenery : mountains shrouded in cloud or occasionally tinged with snow, immaculate villages and cold green expanses of reflected pine and Alp, all captured and lost in a fleeting glance.

Once the Austrian border had been crossed, Innsbruck, the capital of the Tyrol, was at hand, and a train journey from there brought us to our destination, Gasthof Pension Alpenrose in Reith-bei-Seefeld. To describe Reith as picturesque is an understatement : a village of chalets, its focal point the pink-washed church, it is perched high on the mountain-side amidst the fragrance of conifers and the tinklings of cow-bells, with the

magnificent prospect of the occasional low cloud drifting aimlessly beneath in the valley of the Inn.

Most of Wednesday was spent exploring the countryside, climbing the slopes or walking into Seefeld itself, but two miles away. Nor did the drizzle dampen our good spirits, and the hotel cooks soon proved their ability to satisfy the Englishman's partiality for chips.

Thursday arrived, and with it the prospect of a coach journey through the Brenner Pass, over the Italian border into Cortina, centre of the ski-run in the last Olympic Games. The party returned laden with sparkling Chianti and golden peaches which boasted of sunny Italy. It was not until Friday, however, that the Austrian sun revealed itself, when it witnessed our ascent of the Zugspitze, the highest mountain, not in Austria or Italy this time, but in Germany. We ascended the height by cable-car, to be rewarded by the spectacular view of neighbouring peaks, meandering rivers and wooded valleys spread out before us like a map, while for some it presented an unexpected opportunity of snowballing in the sun.

The evenings were usually spent walking quietly through the silent village or in the hotel playing cards and tipping the native beverages to the background music of a juke-box. It was unfortunate that Saturday was a Roman Catholic feast day, as all the shops were closed and no trips had been arranged, but boating on the lake at Seefeld proved a popular occupation and the break provided a convenient opportunity to replenish our energies for the "Three Passes Tour" on Sunday. Hairpin bends, narrow bridges across gorges were accepted as the normal course of events in this excursion.

Monday, our last whole day in Austria, provided headaches for all—too many presents to buy and too little money to spend, but somehow those musical boxes and liqueurs were purchased, and the problems solved. The evening was a memorable one for all, especially Mr. and Mrs. Baker, who were presented with a clock by B. F. Bunce, one of the senior members of the party, on behalf of the group in appreciation of the wonderful way in which they had both organised the trip (unfortunately, however, the Customs officials made them pay duty on the present). Amidst drink provided by the State Scholars of the party, Baker, Davies and Garland, and lusty song, the Austrian folk dancers, hired specially for the occasion, performed for us, and we saw the night out singing, dancing and sipping in the friendly atmosphere of the little Austrian hotel.

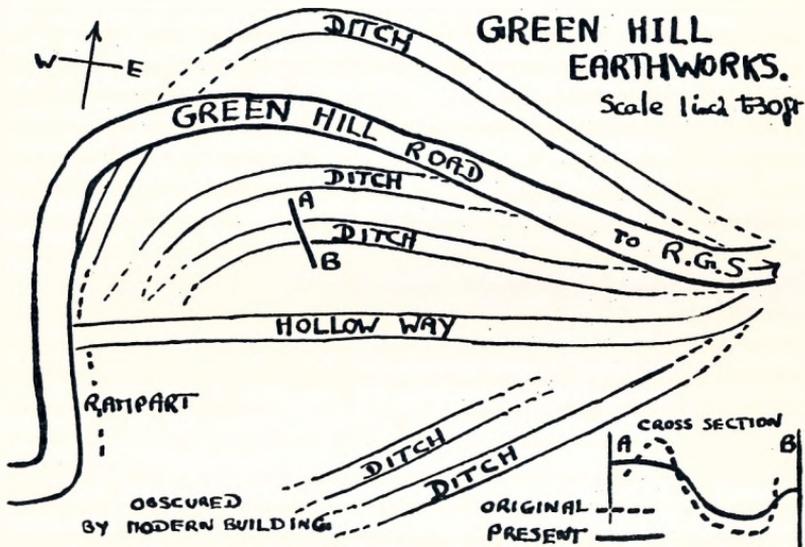
So, unfortunately, the time had come to leave. The holiday was an outstanding success, and I sincerely hope that there will be many more to follow.

P. J. MAYO, VI3.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE EARTHWORKS TO THE NORTH OF HIGH WYCOMBE

There used to be an oval earthwork near the point where the Shrubbery meets Benjamin's footpath. This footpath goes north-east for half a mile from this point, crosses Hamilton Road, and joins a hollow way coming from the direction of the "Beaconsfield Arms." After about a quarter of a mile, it crosses Green Hill opposite Brands Hill Avenue, and continues northward as an ordinary footpath towards Four Ashes. Just before this footpath crosses Green Hill, a hollow way goes in a south-westerly direction, parallel to Green Hill. After about a quarter of a mile it enters an oval-shaped earthwork, and runs through it for about 400 feet. It then disappears, although there is a slight hollow in the back gardens of houses on Green Hill.

The antiquity of these earthworks is confirmed by the following extract from a manuscript, written in the early part of the 18th century. "A small fortification called Mamuch's Well lies three hundred yards from Castle Hill on the North side, and



has entrances on the North and South sides. At a mile further off is another called Allhallows, like the former only larger."

The first earthwork is now obliterated by the Cemetery and modern buildings. The hollow way coming from the direction of the "Beaconsfield Arms" is very deep and impressive in places; the other hollow way, which runs through the second earthwork, has recently been partly obliterated by the builders

of a nearby housing estate. It was, in the place where the road to the housing estate crosses it, about 15 feet deep. After a short distance it enters the second earthwork, which Browne-Willis called Allhallows. This earthwork is still mostly intact except for the south-west corner, which is partly obliterated by a sewer. However, when the sewer was being built, it was possible to see a filled-in ditch running in a north-south direction. In the south-west corner there are no ramparts or ditches, although there could be a continuation of the ditch mentioned above. There is a very steep drop towards the road in this corner, so it is also possible that there was never a ditch there. On the south-east side there are two ditches about 4 feet deep in their deepest parts, and on the north side there are three ditches, and possibly a fourth in the position where the road is now; the ditches are quite deep in the north-west corner.

This earthwork, Allhallows, is unusual in two respects. Firstly, it has a larger number of ramparts and ditches than is normal, and secondly, it occupies a bad strategic position, as it is halfway down a hill. Perhaps it was not a fortification; if it was not, then what was it?

R. H. LEECH and A. D. WARREN, VUY.

UNSEATED

A seat had been provided so
That old folk might sit down
And rest themselves, a little while,
When walking back from town.
They had a very pleasant view,
But I am not so sure
That their poor eyes could see it through
Exhaust fumes any more.
It's true there were acacia trees,
A beautiful display,
But when the seat had stood one month
The trees had to make way
For offices and council flats,
And houses for the old—
But what a view for anyone,
And nowhere is as cold!

And so the town expands, and so
The traffic hurries past,
And now they're widening the road,
. . . the seat has gone at last.

L. R. BERRYMAN, VY.

A VISIT TO THE AMBOSEALI NATIONAL RESERVE

Amboseali is a National Reserve for the preservation of wild life in Kenya. It covers an area of about 4,000 square miles north of Mount Kilimanjaro. It is not fenced in, so that animals can go in and out of the area as they please.

To reach Ol Tokai Lodge, where we were to stay, we had to drive fifty miles or so from Namanga, on the west side of the Reserve. The country is what is known as "bush," and is inhabited by groups of nomad Masai tribesmen. The Lodge is about thirty miles from Mt. Kilimanjaro, which can be seen when there is no cloud to obscure the view. What might be called roads are mazes of the worst tracks imaginable, leading to all parts of the compass ; it is impossible to find one's way without a ranger or guide.

At 4 p.m. we obtained a ranger armed with a rifle and set off to find some big game before nightfall. After we had driven several miles through some of the toughest country imaginable, the ranger spotted two elephants in a clearing by the edge of a forest. The car crawled through ditches and bushes to where the elephants were eating foliage. My father took some shots with his cine-camera before we moved on. Presently our ranger saw a rhino lying in some thick undergrowth. As we were approaching it, the car stuck on some rotten tree trunks and branches about twenty-five yards from the animal. Climbing out of the car, the ranger directed my father to a position near the animal, which was now surveying the proceedings. We did manage to get a few shots, but because of the thick undergrowth they were not very good. We did not see any more game that day other than a few lions near a swamp on the way back to the Lodge. They stood quiet a long way off but they were too far away, and the light was too poor for cine-shots. A few miles further on, we entered a part of the country hardly ever visited by humans ; as we were motoring along, a rhino charged out from behind a bush and chased us, but not very far.

The road in front curved and twisted through a maze of forest and bush. As we approached a little water-hole, we noticed a great number of vultures flying around and making a dreadful row in a clearing on the other side of the road. On our approach we saw a hyena and a jackal scuttle away from a huge carcass, which, the ranger told us, was the remains of an elephant which had died a week or so earlier while in the water ; it had been pulled out and dragged across the road by the other elephants in the herd.

We went along for about ten miles and my brother saw another elephant eating under some trees some distance away.

It was difficult to reach the animal because the ground was as rough as a ploughed field. The elephant took no notice of us whatever ; after taking some beautiful photographs we moved on. About an hour later we saw a family of rhinos. The female, "Gladys," has the largest horn in the Reserve, which measures nearly four feet long ; a few months before she had wrecked the side of a Landrover. Seeing our approach, the male began to move menacingly towards us, and at one time we thought he would charge, but we managed to obtain a few photographs, and escaped unscathed.

After we had left the rhinos, an American tourist stopped the monstrous hired car he was driving alongside our far smaller one, and the Rangers in each car exchanged news as to the whereabouts of the animals. The Ranger in the other car saying that there were no elephants in the vicinity, our Ranger looked around the surrounding country and pointed to some elephants under the trees about five hundred yards away. Both cars changed into gear and drove straight for the animals. After the American and his wife had taken a look at the elephants (obviously they were without a 35 mm. cine-camera, which is part of the equipment of most Americans) they drove away, leaving us watching the animals ; they placed themselves in a remarkably fine position for my father to photograph, as they walked straight in front of us, trunk to tail. We decided to return to the Lodge, though still on the look-out for big game. We were still quite a way from the Lodge when the Ranger spotted three buffaloes on the other side of the swamp. They were so far away, and so well concealed that even with binoculars they were hard to distinguish in the bushes. We left them in peace and returned to the Lodge for breakfast ; on the way we stopped at the dam to watch a marabou stork marching up and down the road like a sentry and some white herons catching fish. After our own breakfast we heard a great commotion outside and saw a man holding a python which he had forced off the rear axle of his Landrover ; it had curled round it when he was down by one of the swamps. After everybody who had a camera had taken pictures of it, it was put in a sack and released in a nearby swamp.

The next day we woke up early so that we could pack our baggage and put it in the car and leave the Lodge. Ahead of us lay sixty miles of the Nyiri desert and two hundred and fifty miles of murrum road to the coast, where we were to spend a week.

We left Ol Tokai Lodge, feeling we had had our fill of the animals and the scenery that Amboseali afforded, in what remained of the car after this strenuous tour.

D. R. TILLING, VUz.

THE BARE FACTS OF FOREIGN TRAVEL

I wonder whether any of you have been in the "cold" position of having been left without any clothes!

Travelling back after two weeks' stay in Switzerland we had decided to stay in Paris for the last night before returning home. On arriving at our hotel on the Sunday afternoon we found to our amazement that most of the hotel staff, including the hall porter, were asleep.

My father, not his usual dynamic self after attempting to climb innumerable mountains during the past fortnight, decided against climbing with the trunk up four flights of stairs, whereupon we shook the hotel proprietress into semi-consciousness, and she advised us to leave the trunk in the car (sigh of relief from father), which proved to be our undoing.

After a quick wash and brush up we devoted the rest of the evening to seeing the sights of Paris.

The following morning whilst my father was gazing out on the Paris street scene with a fixed stare, attributable to the enjoyment of the evening before, the said stare stumbled upon our car minus all signs of luggage. When we were convinced that it was the trunk that was missing, my father, armed with a French phrase book and fortified with a Continental breakfast (coffee and a roll), accompanied the proprietress to the Prefecture of Police. He has since told us that this phrase book confused the issue considerably!

During this time, my mother, my sister and myself were not exactly idle, having rung the American Embassy, the British Embassy, the Automobile Association and, as a final resort, *Interpol*, all of whom were extremely sympathetic, but were rather anxious not to become implicated in what, to us, seemed an International crisis!

We all arrived back at the hotel simultaneously to find my father pacing up and down the hotel lounge with a large blank sheet of paper, having been trying in vain to memorise the 101 things in the trunk. Having ascertained that we had nothing left other than a few French petrol coupons and the knowledge that at least we were insured, we decided to have lunch in a city that had by now rather lost its attraction for us.

We duly arrived at Newhaven early on Tuesday morning, from where we made a dash for home, the telephone and our claim on the Insurance Company.

Sufficient to say that the atmosphere of the Craik household was indescribable when it was learnt that the insurance had not, in fact, been effected. . . .

B. I. SANDEMAN-CRAIK, IVx.

THE DEFENCE OF THE BLACK MAN

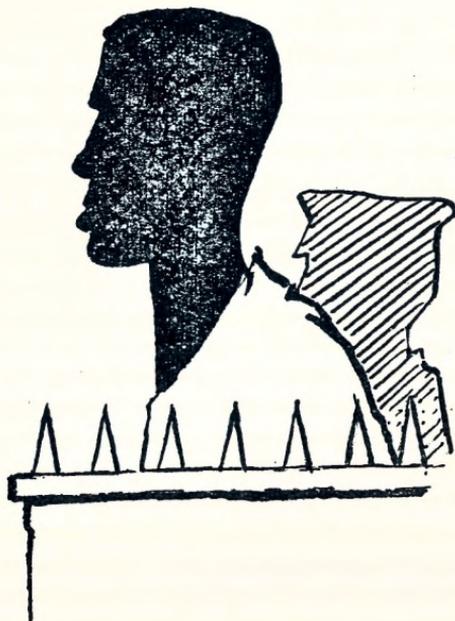
The judge was rat-like, the jury bored and the prosecutor mean. The man standing over there in the dock was guilty, obviously guilty, and so why pay attention to the endless procession of witnesses and evidence? The judge, the jury, the prosecutor, the cold court audience, all had made up their minds that he was guilty. After all, it was a well-known fact that the woman, with whose murder he now stood charged, had only the week before dismissed his wife, when the latter protested against maltreatment and slander. After all, was not the husband of the deceased an influential business man who controlled the fate of so many local inhabitants? After all, and most damning of all, was not the accused a black man, something that must have been created behind God's back? The jury and the judge and the prosecutor were praising their own *bonté de coeur* for even bothering to hear the case of this . . . savage, whose soul was clearly as black as his skin. One could almost sense them purr with self-satisfaction and magnanimity, as they, oh, so nobly! gave the accused a fair deal by listening to his case.

But, of course, he had no case. He could produce only five witnesses who absurdly claimed that they were with him at the time of the murder: the fools—their souls were encased by the same coloured skin as the accused, and so everyone had discounted their evidence before they had even entered the witness-box. As always, there was a traitor in the camp—a white man had the audacity to vouch for the prisoner's integrity and honesty. The judge, quivering on his rostrum, almost sentenced the poor, misguided witness to instant death. For propriety's sake, one must suppose, the jury was out for twenty minutes and, on returning, naturally gave a verdict of guilty.

The prisoner, to his amazement, was granted an opportunity to say a few words. Very tall, well-built and good-looking, he rose majestically and proceeded to plead his innocence in words which echoed with feeling and emotion. They would have touched the heart-strings of the most callous human, but the speaker was a black man, and so such heart-rending words were clearly born from a false soul. The audience, the judge, the prosecutor, yawned their way through the speech, smirking condescendingly at the fine-sounding sentiments that somehow strayed across the prisoner's lips. Perhaps some long-forgotten memory of his African ancestors lent a note of pride and eloquence to his voice, and contrasted with his accusers' shallow cynicism as vividly as did the colour of their skins.

The judge, summoning up his strength for one final, supreme sally of blasphemies and curses directed at the negro race as a

whole, coughed curtly, yawned importantly, and then, with blatant enthusiasm and morbid deliberation, sentenced the prisoner to death. The court dispersed ; the judge to his brandy, the ladies to their neglected saucepans, the gentlemen to the 2.30 race, the prisoner to his last abode, the death-cell. In due course, the prisoner walked his last steps along the shinningly white corridors of the prison, across the monotonous green carpets, past pallid convicts who, like him, were awaiting the death-knell, into the gas-chamber.



He died as a symbol of his race. As he sat down for the last time, he knew that he was being punished, not for the murder of a white woman, but for what he stood for, for what he was and for what he was not. As the cyanide capsules were broken beneath his chair, the whole black race, through him, awaited inevitable, incomprehensible death. As he clawed and wriggled and squirmed against the all-powerful fumes, he was, as it were, clawing against the injustice, the calumny and the ridicule, so indifferently heaped upon himself and his people by the white man. And as he slumped back completely impregnated by the gas, the people whom he loved, the things for which he fought, the ideals after which he strove, slumped too. Fate, cruel fate, had given him the wrong coloured skin, and thus had rendered vain all self-justification and striving. He was buried the same day.

The young lawyer for the defence, reading about the execution, said to himself: "If that is white man's justice, then I am ashamed to be white." Perhaps some of us agree with him and would echo the same sentiments as those that he expressed as he left the room, humming that immortal song about Joe Hill, who, brutally shot down for a crime which he could not possibly have committed, has come to represent the maltreatment of the black man at the hands of the white man:

"I dreamt I saw Joe Hill last night,
As live as you or me.

'Joe Hill,' I said, 'you're ten years dead':

'I never died,' said he.

'I never died,' said he."

No, Joe Hill did not die, for his memory lives on to plague the consciences of those who murdered him. Individuals may die, but the black man's cause will remain for ever, and, one day, it will surely flare up and consume its persecutors.

C. D. WALLER, VIM3.

WE MUST HELP

We hear in this country that we have never had it so good, and despite each person's political persuasion, by and large, this is very true; we have television sets, radios, cars, good clothing, good food and healthy houses. If we grant this, and grant it we must, it is high time that we stopped and thought about those people and countries who have never had it so bad.

These poor people include approximately 20,000,000 refugees—yes, twenty million—who are insufficiently clothed and fed, and crowded into camps which are often no more than empty factories or former concentration camps—with all the bitter connotations which that word has. Here they waste away their whole lives. But it does not end there, for their children too live away their lives in the same helpless and hopeless desperation.

There is no prospect at all of this ending, unless we and all others in the same fortunate position make a really special effort to put an end to it once and for all. This problem of the underdeveloped country is not a theoretical one, it is not a long-term one; millions of people starve NOW, millions die of sickness NOW, many live out their unfortunate lives unemployed NOW, merely because, through no fault of their own, their countries are impoverished or unproductive.

Many are still suffering from the last war, or subsequent smaller ones, in Korea, in Japan, thousands of children have been disfigured, thousands have been crippled. But not only from

the wars ; polio takes its toll, under-nourishment too. So great is this section of the problem, although a minute fraction of the total problem, that recently a special appeal was put out for artificial limbs.

But the need is not merely in the far-away East : there are still 22,000 refugees in Germany, Italy, Greece and other European countries, who have not yet found a home to live in ; they cannot go elsewhere ; they are prevented from emigrating because no country will have them.

There are some who have waited for twenty years with hope in their hearts, have waited that they might be allowed to live as human beings, to send their children to school and to bring them up in clean, healthy homes. There are also camps of single men, such as the one near Vienna, full of potentially capable men just unable to obtain employment and driven to despair by their appalling conditions and lack of activity.

But let us concentrate on the problems in Algeria, since it has been in the news so much lately. For the last four years a war has been waged, a furious war, but the worst sufferers have not been the fighting men but the innocent women and children. To find the rebel forces, whole villages have been destroyed, the entire male population of many of them slaughtered, and the women and children driven from their towns and villages. The Algerian Red Crescent reports, " 200,000 face death. For four years thousands of Algerian civilians have left their homes, towns and villages on foot, driven away by the war." They come in great flocks, women, children and old people, to take refuge in Tunisia and Morocco. They have lost everything. When they escape the hazards of war they settle along the border, where it freezes in Winter and in Summer the stifling sirocco blows. 150,000 are without shelter, for only 400 tents are available and these only for invalids. Relief Organisations have appealed for 80,000 blankets (as the very minimum) and 80,000 yards of material, second-hand clothes, medicines, money and food. Here the help is desperately needed.

Although there are several organisations concerned with mitigating this problem, they can do nothing, absolutely nothing, without the support of all those who are in a position to lend a hand in alleviating what is indeed a disgrace to humanity and civilisation. I believe that we here have an excellent opportunity to help as we are in a body together. We have the backing of the Oxford Famine Relief Committee who will recognise the school as a centre. We might form a society or group in the school which could advertise both in High Wycombe and in neighbouring towns for clothes and blankets, etc. ; these would be packed into sacks by us and despatched via Oxford to the needy refugees in

Algeria. In this manner, we shall have done our utmost to relieve the terrible suffering of these poor refugees.

P. HAZELTON, VIB2.

(I am glad that the author has brought these eye-opening facts to our notice ; I am sure that all members of the school will be very eager to support such a movement. ED.)

LINES

—concerning the heroic and legendary exploits of the 1st XV, composed while sitting in front of the gas fire in the Prefects' room, contemplating the Science Block through a dirty window.

The 1st XV's had an excellent year,
Say the forwards grinning from ear to ear.
The pack magnificent in pitched battle ;
Three-quarters ?—They are just there to tackle !
The half-backs kick for the rampaging pack—
They're not on the wing, so they're all right, Jack.
In our team it's been the forwards who scored,
And with "Fountain converted" we're all of us bored :
Sixty-odd points he has scored with the boot,
An occasional try completing his loot.
Our two sturdy wingers, though fast, ain't done much,
Except to get cold and throw in from touch.
The centres played well, though mainly defence,
Tackling at times with more vigour than sense.
Fred Harding excelled at this, and thus doomed
Many good movements, and most rivals swooned,
Evading Quirke's tackle, and then catching sight
Of his beautiful (?) legs in shorts so tight.
The fly-half was big and he used his head ;
Once it got trod on and he went to bed.
Our team's inside half was also the Vice,
But the passes he flung were seldom precise ;
He kicked too much, put the ball in crooked,
But that's why it was so often hooked.
Success gave the hooker quite a big head,
And I'm very lucky not to be dead.
For I told him my theory—blew his top,
And chased me three times round the new science block.
But naturally I could hardly object ;
As captain he's always right, I suspect,
And, on the whole, he was good, I suppose,
If one could forget the length of his nose.
Two sturdy props and a second row strong

Did well in the tight, and Simpson the long
 Outjumped most rivals, and that's why, I guess,
 He's often been called Mr. R.G.S. ;
 While by a back row that shoved in the tight,
 Ev'rything moving was flattened on sight,
 And, when the corner flag hadn't been reached,
 Humph's vulture-like glare saved the line being breached.
 Fitness won games—showed the wisdom of him
 Who made us go circuiting in the gym.
 On Mondays and Thursdays we'd heave and we'd strain,
 And those who survived were selected again.
 This epic's now told, I've run out of lines,
 And also out of these horrible rhymes ;
 However, posterity now can dream
 Of the fabulous deeds of the 1st XV.

G. R. PACKMAN, VIM2.

ANTHROPOGRUOLOGY

Having observed the rather astonishing word above, your insatiable curiosity has no doubt been savouring this 16-lettered delicacy and inquisitively probed into all seven syllables, vainly endeavouring to recall its meaning from the dank and gloomy depths of your brain. A most enlightening clue to this intriguing mystery would be the etymology of this fascinating word and, once given, would probably assist you in your memory-defying labours, and I shall therefore place it before you—anthropogruology, n. (f. Gk. anthropos-man + gru- grunt + logos- knowledge).

In order that you will not angrily snap the magazine shut and furiously hurl it across the room into a waste-paper basket or some other eagerly-awaiting receptacle because of my tantalising reluctance to inform you of the word's meaning, I shall impart it forthwith—anthropogruology is the study of anthropogruisms, *i.e.*, human grunts.

If you were reading this magazine aloud when alone in empty room you would probably have emitted a small noise expressing both your astonishment and curiosity upon noticing that remarkable word, anthropogruology : in other words, you would have emitted an elementary monosyllabic anthropogruism. People's anthropogruistic tendencies develop enormously in various surroundings, the most fruitful hunting-ground being the public telephone box.

The prospective caller declares his delight at arriving at the telephone box without mishap by means of a gentle high-pitched anthropogruism of pleasure. A wild stifled species in a somewhat

lower key expressing mad, frenzied efforts follows it upon discovering that the door is stuck. After entering, the caller gives vent to four subdued anthropogruisms as the four pennies are transferred from pocket to palm, only to interrupt his calm, mono-rhythmic chant with a medium-tone anthropogruistic exclamation embellished with a short catalogue of the more vivid words of the English language when one of the coins slips on to the floor. (It is immaterial but interesting to note that the catalogue is usually completed when the caller stoops to pick up his penny and collides with button B.)

The following verbal duel between the caller and operator is liable to be sprinkled with such anthropogruistic jewels as the monosyllabic interrogative and that delightfully expressive species which is uttered with such forceful venom and combines so wonderfully, "I am *still* waiting," with "I'm *sure* you're being as slow as possible," with "I can't wait here *all* night."

The opening bars of the conversation are preceded by two, high-frequency utterances in a medium tone—the sound of the caller clearing his throat. This vocal movement has been the cause of much dispute amongst the more active anthropogruologists of the world for many years and eventually attained the title "pseudo-anthropogruism" owing to reasons which may be ascertained from the records of the recent International Anthropogruic Congress held at Belgrade.

The next complex anthropogruism is that expressing affirmation, a medium-toned, duosyllabic utterance stressed on the penult. This is the second most common anthropogruism and in a long conversation renders the conversants more and more conscious of its persistent regularity and is therefore eventually transformed into an octosyllable, and a singularly peculiar jazzy rhythm is bestowed upon it in order that its monotonous recurrence might be disguised.

However, the aforementioned anthropogruism does not hold the record for the most syllables, a title which is justly held by the mirth-conveying species. This rather remarkable anthropogruism is essentially different from the others because it has no limit to its number of syllables. Its length varies from a high-pitched, staccato duosyllable to a rather unfortunate concoction which is not entirely unlike a parrot stuck on the "A" of Handel's "Amen Chorus."

The result of this erratically-stressed, pizzicato cacophony is somewhat unnerving when it emerges from a telephone ear-piece and we can imagine the recipient reeling against the sides of the kiosk muttering fevered anthropogruisms glissando while weird, psittacine shrieks, tumble from the telephone receiver.

At this stage, with the end of the article not too far away, perhaps a monosyllabic, aspirate anthropogruism expressing

relief slipped from your lips or perhaps you have been converted into a devout anthropogruologist, in which case I hope that I can rely on you to purchase a forthcoming publication compiled by myself—The Oxford Anthropogruological Dictionary.

D. R. WALKER, 6C.

ODE TO POETIC INCOMPETENCE

With no apologies to William McGonigal)

How many times have I put pen to hand,
Hoping to write some poetry that scanned
With no success, alas ; for what I write
Does not turn out as I had hoped for, quite.
You see, for some strange reason, every time
I cannot think of any words to rhyme ;
Where can I find the proper words to use ?
Oh, why am I deserted by my Muse ?

I wonder why
It is that I
Cannot compose
Except in prose ?

But, if I think,
And don't waste ink
(How badly said,
Mere padding ! Ed.)

And try to ponder
A little longer,
A bit more thought
Certainly ought
To find me a few
Words which will do.

But don't, I beg of you, dear Ed.,
Ask too much from my simple head.

So please do realise that I can't
Write such good poetry as Dante.

The lines poured out by Jonson (Ben)
I cannot equal from *my* pen.

Nor can I write o'er sides and sides,
And reams and reams like Euripides.

Such lines as William Shake-
Speare wrote, I fear *I* cannot make.

I wish I could somehow get my lines to scan,
Like men such as Graves and Betjeman.

To get the —— (censored) things to rhyme
Is a terrible task when you haven't much time.

Which, as I said, I haven't got,
So I'm afraid, Ed., THAT'S THE LOT.

ANONYMOUS.

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The Classical Society has been more active than usual this year, being in the capable hands of a very energetic committee.

In the Winter term we had two internal lectures : on Tuesday, October 27th, R. P. H. Green gave us the benefit of his learning by saying nearly all that there is to say of interest about Hadrian's Wall. Judging by the quality of this lecture and the support that it was given, senior boys should give these lectures more often. Then, on Tuesday, November 10th, we managed to secure the services of Mr. Benson, who addressed a combined meeting of the Classical and Science Societies on "The early development of the Atomic Theory," a wide and complex subject which the lecturer handled very well, keeping to the point and using to great advantage the charts which he had taken the trouble to make. The Society also showed its first film ever ; this was a glorious colour film of Greece showing what a heritage Ancient Greece had handed down to its modern counterpart ; this was a great success and crowded out the lecture room to its full capacity. The Society also ran a trip to the British Museum which was financed by the Headmaster, and we all managed to see a great deal of interest although the time available was limited. We have been very pleased to notice this year how many members there are in the Society who are not even classicists ; this is very encouraging indeed and we hope that this interest will not only continue but increase.

E. W. BURROWS.

A TRAITOR IN THE CAMP ?

Certain members of the sixth form have resuscitated the Jazz Appreciation Society, to the obvious approval of a large number of boys from all parts of the school. There was an immediate response to our call for support ; eager followers packed out a form-room at the preliminary meeting over which Mr. J. W. Pursey, who has kindly accepted the office of Chairman, presided. This keenness was no mere flash in the pan, as a trip to see Miles Davis in London, proposed only a month after the Society had been restarted, received an admirable backing ; two-thirds of the members of the Society expressed their intention of going. We now hold twice-weekly record sessions on Tuesday lunch-time and Fridays after school, with separate meetings for Modern and Traditional fans ; nearly all have been very well attended.

It is probably true to say that nine-tenths of the people who censure jazz have never given a proper listen to the best of this wide field of music. We *do* play your sort of music, why not come along one week ? We guarantee that you will not be disappointed.

P. SLEIGH and J. O. SMITH.

TWENTIETH CENTURY OPINION SOCIETY

The society has met with encouraging success, despite a general atmosphere of apathy towards serious discussion which has prevailed amongst members of the sixth form in the past. The most prominent of this school year's activities was the school mock election. Two debates proved less successful ; the motions, one in favour of republicanism, the other opposing the extension of the franchise to women, were unanimously defeated, though in the latter debate we were joined by members of the High School, who were somewhat biased. The quality of both debates was rather low, despite the enthusiasm of certain of the participants ; a brains trust proved of better quality although the attendance was low. Of late, the C.E.W.C. has been revived, and for this purpose this society and the T.C.O.S. have amalgamated their programmes. Under this arrangement two meetings have been held, one a discussion on the present European situation by three masters, Monsieur Dreux, Herr Steinmeyer and Mr. Peat, and the other an address by Mr. A. M. Hunt, from the C.E.W.C., London. Future meetings include an address by Mr. Wadsworth, the local probation officer. This recent amalgamation presages further success for the future.

D. P. DAVIES.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Fortnightly meetings have been held with Wycombe High School and Lady Verney High School, at which there has been a varied programme of quizzes, films and gramophone records. Some members of the Society went last term to see the "Frères Jaques," the French comedians, in London and a visit was made to a performance of Part 1 of Goethe's "Faust" by the Oxford University German Society. The two foreign assistants, Monsieur Dreux and Herr Steinmeyer, have helped the Society greatly, even in Monsieur Bur's absence through illness. As in many other school societies, however, there is far too much apathy among the members and very often meetings at other schools have been poorly attended.

J. E. CAMP.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Owing to the production of the "Mikado" by the Operatic Society last term, in which many members were involved, the Society's activities were curtailed. However, three one-act plays are being produced next term by the Rev. A. J. Skipp and Mr. Hollingworth, although many sixth-formers are unable to take part because of examinations. It is hoped to start a series of play readings in the coming weeks, if support is forthcoming. John Mortimer's new play, "The Wrong Side of the Park," now running at the Cambridge Theatre, is to be visited during the term.

J. E. CAMP.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Once again the Society has been very active, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to give each of the 280 members his money's worth. About 90 boys have been able to join one or other of our visits to the A.E.C., in Southall, Huntley and Palmer's, of Reading, and Decca Records, of New Malden. We hope shortly to be arranging more visits, especially for members in the middle school who have so far not had much for their shillings. Our internal activities have largely consisted of the twice-a-week film shows which nearly always fill the Lecture Room to capacity. Early this term a visiting engineer gave an excellent lecture on electrical careers and, more recently, N. C. Gravette lectured on the origin of matter. More lectures are promised in the near future. To conclude, I should like to thank our hard-working projectionists and the many others who have done so much to make the Science Society a success.

W. R. WALLER.

MUSIC SOCIETY

The Society has continued with its weekly record concerts on Thursdays which, in the main, have been well attended, although we should like to see more members from the middle of the school. Mr. Gaster has been very generous in allowing us to play any record from his large collection, and in the last two terms we have had music by composers as far apart as Bach and Bartok. A trip is being arranged at the moment to a B.B.C. concert given by Julian Bream and George Malcolm, and at the end of term we hope to arrange a visit to Sadler's Wells.

J. E. CAMP.

MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

The beginning of the year saw the departure of one of the Society's founders, J. R. Barber ; however, the Society, which sprang to life in November, 1958, has now firmly established itself. The aims of the Society, as laid down in the first meeting, are to have a working electric model circuit on which members can come and run their locomotives, and to encourage interest in railways generally. As the possibility of having permanent quarters seemed so very remote sixteen months ago, it was decided that we should construct a portable layout which could be stored away when not in use. The first section of this was shown at the exhibition given by the Society on Speech Day.

After some hesitation, and much negotiation, we obtained permission to use a third of the space under the stage, provided that we were willing to clear out and burn the unwanted scenery that had collected over the years. Some hectic work followed and by the end of term we were comfortably settled in what is fast becoming the ideal place.

This term has so far seen the construction of a permanent baseboard, and also of a permanent layout which will soon be of considerable dimensions ; I would like to thank all those members who have provided rails and rolling stock on more or less permanent loan.

The Society has also undertaken other activities : there have been three trips, one to Stratford Motive Depot, another to Paddington Signalling School, and a third to the Model Railway Hobby Show, all of which have been well supported. Six films of railway interest are shown each term ; these are borrowed from the British Transport Film Library.

With its ever-increasing membership, it is hoped that the Society will have even more active years in the future.

R. G. HOLLINGWORTH.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Despite the large number of history students in the first year sixth, their interest in the subject apparently confines itself to reading an "A" level syllabus. Enthusiasm and originality are notably lacking, despite the able support of members of the staff, and, judging from the apathy of recent years, there seems to be a danger that this Society will soon become one of the "has-beens" unless some of the senior members of the school begin to treat history as something more than "the alternative to science, languages and classics."

The Society's meetings have been poorly attended; little more than half a dozen people mustered to listen to Mr. Davies' very stimulating talk on writing the history of the Second World War, while a quiz, although better attended, lacked the quality of a society which in the past has played a most prominent part in the school's activities. Mr. Maurice's lecture on George IV met with rather more support, but one suspects that this was due to the fact that the subject is included in both "O" and "A" level curricula rather than to any genuine interest. A trip to an Amersham local history exhibition was probably the most prominent of this year's activities so far, but, unless members of the sixth form show some vigorous effort, apathy and degeneracy will continue to pervade the whole atmosphere surrounding the Society.

D. P. DAVIES.

STAMP SOCIETY

The Society is now in its sixth year of existence, and although its meetings may appear rather dull to non-philatelists, it still has a very large membership.

A talk and display on the stamps of Ceylon, to be given by Mr. D. E. White, secretary of the Wycombe Philatelic Society, has been arranged for March 7th. It is also hoped that a competition and a display of stamps from Ghana can be arranged during the Summer term. It has been suggested that a display of the stamps of Great Britain would be of interest, not only to club members, but also to members of the school who are not necessarily interested in stamp collecting. If it is possible to stage such a display, then it will be held during the Summer term.

Any other suggestions concerning talks or displays will be gratefully received by the Secretary, or by any member of the Committee.

J. M. COLLEY.

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

The year's activities started with a general recognition contest in which J. C. Bowman and S. J. Bond emerged as the senior and junior experts respectively. Not many weeks later, G. P. M. Walker gave an interesting lecture on the Chinese Air Force ; J. H. Andrew talked on First World War Aircraft, unearthing many surprising facts in the process ; the technicalities of the Hovercraft were simply explained by P. P. Icke. As a final activity we have to report that we had an admirable film on the D.H. Mosquito.

J. CAWSON.

SCHOOL HOUSE

At the end of last year we lost R. C. Jones, who went to the L.S.E., and Paul Hillyard, as well as a large number of boys from the 5's and 5 uppers. The result has been that the house is now very much younger and, indeed, J. O. Smith (who is now head boy) and P. Sleigh, are the only 3rd year sixth-formers, while the house can boast only 10 sixth-formers altogether ; we have a great bulge of third and fourth-formers, and this is where our strength lies. Naturally enough, we have not done outstandingly in the inter-house sports (against Tylers particularly, who have half a house of sixth-formers), but we foresee a great success within the next four years when the talent in the threes and fours reaches the sixth form.

In the school, we have been well represented : J. O. Smith has played for the 2nd XV (and 3rd XV), and Fewtrell, Packman, Dorkings, Malec, Douglas, Frankland and Cant have played regularly for junior teams. Peter Yates, a new transfer from Tylers, has also done outstandingly well at Cross-country, being seldom beaten. Academic successes also were plentiful this year : J. O. Smith and P. Sleigh did well at advanced, and Trick, Speight and Cawson excelled themselves at ordinary level.

This, then, is the general situation of the house, but we look forward with much expectation of greater things to come.

P. SLEIGH.

UPLYME HOUSE

This year has seen much more inter-boarding-house activity than past years, and although Uplyme has not the athletic ability of Tylerswood, we have done our best. The results of the

boarding-house matches will be found elsewhere, but it must be reported that no cross-country has been run owing to the other houses not being able to find teams.

We were very sorry to see Philpott pass in to the ranks of the dayboys just after Christmas. He had, by dint of a fair measure of practising, run himself into the School 2nd VIII Cross-country team to join both the Paines there. Wood must be congratulated on gaining his 2nd XV Rugby colours and his half-colours for Basketball. Boireau has played fairly regularly for the 3rd XV, and Symms, a comparative newcomer, has run regularly for the junior Cross-country team. R. Paine has rejoined the Hockey team, after a term's rest, in the capacity of goalkeeper, and Barrett plays for the 2nd Hockey team.

Uplyme's highlight of the year on the sporting side, however, is the annual hockey match against Lady Verney High School. The match this year is on March 5th and, although we won last year, we did not deserve to on our standard of play, and we must wish the girls the best of luck in the forthcoming match and in the years to come.

The Paine brothers, Wood and Barrett are probably leaving in the summer, and so must wish the house luck in ensuing generations.

R. W. PAINE.

TYLERS WOOD HOUSE

This year we have seen rather more new faces than usual, and a keen revival of inter-house activities in which Tylers Wood has shown a marked superiority, even, in certain events, against Uplyme and School House combined. This, however, is mainly due to the seniority of the house, which now consists of more than half sixth-formers, so many, in fact, that a distinction is now made between 1st and 2nd year sixth boys.

This seniority also gives us a very good representation in school teams, including two 1st XV colours, two 2nd XV colours, five half-colours, and several others who play regularly. We also have the captain of Basketball and vice-captains of Shooting and Badminton.

On the academic side, we now have an overwhelming majority of scientists in the house, and two of our boys have recently left to study Engineering at University. We wish all those taking public examinations this summer the best of luck and hope the results will exceed the highest expectations.

D. H. NICHOLLS.

25th HIGH WYCOMBE SCOUT GROUP

After a highly successful term in which the group won several trophies, it settled down to a more regular routine with the admission of six recruits. At Half-term, we were very sorry that Mr. Harvey had to leave the troop to concentrate on writing a thesis ; he had been an active and encouraging Scoutmaster and we are sure that the whole group will join with us in thanking him for devoting so much of his time to us. However, the enthusiasm of the Scouts remained and was boosted by the investiture of D. W. Lewis and R. C. Hill by the Senior Scouter. Six scouts gained the First-Aid badge, but the greatest praise and congratulation must, of course, go to E. L. Barrett, who gained the Queen's Scout Badge, the highest proficiency award in Scouting.

J. CAWSON and S. C. TOMES.

ARNISON HOUSE

We welcome as house masters this year Mr. J. W. Pursey and Mr. J. Rowland, both encouraging supporters of the house. The departure of A. M. Fowler, our amiable vice-captain, at Christmas was a great loss to the house ; M. R. Pattinson was elected to replace him and has proved to be a worthy successor.

House activity so far this year has been confined to Basketball and Boxing. Although our Basketball teams fought with spirit and enthusiasm under the leadership of J. H. Dawes, they lacked the essential skill, and Arnison was placed at the bottom of the table. In contrast, the Boxing is progressing very favourably ; a good entry, particularly from the Junior School, gave us the lead from the start. Prospects for the Cross-country and Rugby are encouraging, and I should like to thank those members who, by their attendance at trials and practices, have helped to increase house spirit and talent.

Arnison was champion house last year, but we are far from content to rest on our laurels ; with the full support of every member of the house, there is no reason why we should not go on to repeat our success this year.

R. D. SMITH.

DISRAELI HOUSE

At the beginning of the year we lost Mr. J. W. Pursey to Arnison House, but Mr. E. J. Perfect took over and has been very ably assisted by Mr. I. H. C. Waters.

The house put up a fine struggle in the Basketball competition, and came third in the final order. Splendid efforts were made by M. D. Coward and A. E. Dingle in the senior team, and the junior team also deserves great credit for its showing. In the house Rugby competition we were less fortunate and were, in fact, soundly beaten but not disgraced, by King's in spite of some hard work by G. R. Packman and J. A. Johnson.

Although the thought of the Boxing competitions seems to terrorise most boys, we had a reasonable entry. The juniors have been progressing very well ; notably C. J. G. Allen, R. S. Briggs, D. M. Rea, S. E. Kurrein, M. J. Perfect and I. P. Butler. The main school has been less fortunate, but C. R. Allen, A. E. Dingle and R. C. Harding have won their first bouts ; G. R. Packman and P. Rogers have yet to fight.

R. L. Smyth and J. H. Temple have both played well in the Badminton tournament, but so far we have not won a match. Our prospects for the rest of the year appear hopeful, however, especially in Cross-country and Chess, and with the continued help of every one of its members, the house should climb to great heights in the final placings.

N. C. GRAVETTE.

FRASER HOUSE

Despite losing both house masters and the chief house officials at the end of last school year, Fraser is still a force to be reckoned with on almost every sporting front. With the departure of Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Baker, the house welcomed Mr. Skipp and Mr. D. G. Jones, both of whom are clearly ardent partisans of Fraser.

Few competitions have so far taken place. The one event that has been decided, the Basketball, we were fortunate enough to win ; this was as much a triumph for M. D. Humphries as for the house, because it was he who dominated game after game and often won matches off his own bat. So we certainly started off on the right foot ! At the time of writing, the Badminton and Boxing competitions are well under way, and we should be able to give a good account of ourselves in both.

The future, too, looks bright. We shall have strong teams to represent us in Rugby, Cricket and Athletics, and we hope to retain all three of these titles. But what is most cheering to the older members of the house is the determination of such comparatively young people as Priestley, Casbeard, Forrester and Fewtrell : the last named, especially, seems to be able to adapt himself with success to every house and school activity.

Fraser last year lost the house championship by one point. If we all do our little bit, if we support when not actually playing ourselves, we can surely improve on last year's performance. In house competition it is usually the mass, not the gifted individual, that succeeds and wins the titles. So let us all pull together and ensure ourselves that first place.

C. D. WALLER.

KING'S HOUSE

We were unfortunate to lose D. A. King, our house captain, at the end of the Christmas term ; his services, especially in Athletics, will be sorely missed.

The house finished second in the Basketball competition, which is the only inter-house event to be completed as yet. P. J. Yates must take a great deal of credit for this very pleasing result, made possible only by his unfailing enthusiasm ; we finished only two points behind the winners. We seem assured of winning the Badminton, for the second year in succession, as our team of R. H. Saunders (capt.), D. H. Nicholls, R. P. Browne and R. R. Shoosmith, all school Badminton colours, has gained maximum points from the first three matches and looks like winning the remaining two. Our chances in the Boxing are poor owing to a severe lack of support from the Senior School ; the Juniors have entered in large numbers, however, and we are very grateful to them. We have high hopes of doing well in the Rugby ; our senior team, in the capable hands of J. S. Simpson, has already won its first round match convincingly, and the Colts, under D. G. Orchard, stand an excellent chance of winning this year. P. J. Yates and R. P. Browne will captain our Cross-country and Chess teams respectively this term.

In finishing, let me stress how essential it is for every house member to be ready to participate in any house event, however meagre his contribution may seem to him. There are still many house competitions to come ; let us, therefore, not be content to rest on our laurels, but let us press on and aim for the House Championship.

W. E. SHACKELL.

QUEEN'S HOUSE

At the end of last school year, we lost Mr. Edgington in addition to losing several other mainstays of the house. Our remaining housemaster, Mr. Curry, has ably carried on his work during our second year and has recently been joined by Mr. Roberts.

However, despite our losses and initial fears, we have kept up with the other houses. House spirit and the "I belong to Queen's" feeling is increasing as the house becomes older. The junior and senior Basketball teams both played keenly although neither finished really well in the league table ; the junior teams lacked talent and the senior teams height. The recent addition of R. Watanangura has bolstered up the Badminton team which, under the direction of R. French, is now top of the table with one match left to play ; it has lost only to King's, who seem to have a monopoly of the school team anyway. What hopes we had of beating Youens in the Rugby knockout were dashed by the absence of two vital members of the team. A. Ralley, the School Rugby captain, set us a fine example ; everyone gave of their best, in particular Dronfield, Wood and young Collins. We fell off rather in the second half and rather undeservingly went down 18—0. There was a good response for the Boxing, which was particularly pleasing in that it was achieved without any coercion at all. At the time of writing we are at the top of the table fighting it out with Arnison. The Cross-country is soon to be held and we are expecting to do well in the seniors and junior colts ; as with last year, there is a lack of talent in the colts and senior colts which is rather worrying.

With most of last year's successful music team with us, we are looking forward to winning this event again, and on the whole coming higher than fourth, which was our position last year, in the overall House Competition.

D. P. MAY.

YOUENS HOUSE

We began the year with a completely new committee, our House Captain, S. A. Leader, having left, together with many senior members. Our vice-captain, B. L. White, also left at Christmas ; his successor is E. Holdship.

During the Christmas term, the Basketball competition took place in which we finished fourth. Our undistinguished showing was indicative of the lack of outstanding players, apart from A. A. Perfect, who was a tower of strength. In the first round of the Rugby, we defeated a weakened Queen's side 18—0 ; the three-quarters handled well in adverse conditions, and the pack performed up to expectations. This well-balanced team should do well in the coming rounds. The present position of the house in the Boxing gives no cause for satisfaction ; if only fifteen entries is all the senior school can provide, then it does not say much for the house spirit of certain boys. Badminton is another activity for which we have no recognised players, so our present

third place is no mean feat. The Cross-country is yet to come, and we must improve on last year's failure.

As for next term, we have every chance of winning the Cricket with three of the six returning 1st XI colours to form the backbone of what should be a very good side. Also the Athletics cup is by no means out of our reach; a large entry will be expected, and, we hope, realised.

A. W. FOUNTAIN.

CHESS CLUB

Senior Team—Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 4

Junior Team—Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 2

There have been more fixtures this school year than in the past. Two additional fixtures have been arranged with Slough Grammar School and we have had an exciting and triumphant match with Eton. We also entered the *Sunday Times* National Tournament, in which we reached the semi-final of zone J. Since February we have been without one of our best players for many years, M. D. Coward, who will soon be taking residence at Leeds University.

Two members of the senior team have been selected to play for the County in both correspondent and tournament Chess, and we wish them every success. Mr. Johns, a student teacher from Reading University, gave a very interesting talk on chess openings at one of our daily meetings, and we hope that perhaps other masters or boys will give similar talks in the future.

The following boys play regularly in the senior team: J. P. Baker, G. H. Cunnold, R. P. Browne, A. T. Ludgate, D. R. Cox.

J. P. BAKER.

BADMINTON REPORT

Although, at the time of going to print, seven matches have still to be played, the School 1st VI can claim to have enjoyed a successful season, for, up until the time of writing, thirteen matches have been played, of which ten have been won.

Of the three matches which were conceded to our opponents, the heaviest defeat was at the hands of Wycombe Oakley, who won by $7\frac{1}{2}$ matches to $1\frac{1}{2}$. Even so, the School did not disgrace itself against this, the premier local club, and should do far better in the replay of the future return match. Although we were beaten by a strong R.A.F. Apprentices team from Halton, the School gave its best performance so far this season. Our third defeat was somewhat unfortunate as it came in the first match of the season. A young and inexperienced R.G.S. team found

itself floundering helplessly against a strong R.A.F. side from Medmenham at Henley. However, this defeat was avenged a month later in the School Hall.

All of the School's victories were by very wide margins except in the match with the Union Baptist Club, who lost the odd rubber in nine, to a team which included two very young boys, R. Fewtrell and M. Mason, who, although they lost all three of their rubbers, show great promise for future seasons.

The team is indebted to Messrs. M. M. Davies, H. W. Johnson, R. Pattison and J. W. Pursey for playing for the school during the autumn term, when the first VI was hit by injury and illness. I know that I am writing for the whole team when I thank Mr. H. W. Johnson for giving up so much of his time for the benefit of all the boys in the School who are interested in the game.

The following were awarded their half-colours : R. P. Browne, J. K. Bonnett, P. Eio, K. R. Miller, D. H. Nichols, R. H. Saunders, R. R. Shoosmith and R. S. Watanagura.

Other boys who have represented the School were : R. T. Summerton, R. A. Fewtrell and M. Mason.

R. H. SAUNDERS.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

v R.A.F. Medmenham	... ..	Away	Lost	2 —7
v Holmer Green B.C.	... ..	Home	Won	8 —1
v Loakes Park B.C. (High Wycombe)	... ..	Home	Won	7½—1½
v Union Baptist B.C. (High Wycombe)	... ..	Home	Won	5 —4
v R.A.F. Medmenham	... ..	Home	Won	7 —2
v Newland Park Training College	... ..	Home	Won	7½—1½
v Jacksons Millboard Co., Bourne End	... ..	Away	Won	6 —3
v Old Boys VI	... ..	Home	Won	7½—1½
v Wycombe Oakley B.C.	... ..	Home	Lost	1½—7½
v Jacksons Millboard Co., Bourne End	... ..	Home	Won	6½—2½
v R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton	... ..	Home	Lost	3 —6
v Watford G.S.	... ..	Away	Won	6 —3
v Newland Park Training College	... ..	Home	Won	6 —3

BASKETBALL

The School team started at the beginning of the year with only one colour returning. However, after an early set-back by their defeat at Halton, the team soon showed its worth, and ably captained by M. D. Humphries, went on to defeat some very good sides, playing some good and intelligent basketball. Notable wins were against Pegasus (Watford) and a double over Watford Grammar School.

Of the three sides who represented the school, I must mention the enthusiasm of the junior side, who, despite their

defeats by Hatters Lane, have shown skill and understanding which bode well for future years.

Congratulations to M. D. Coward, A. A. Perfect, C. R. S. Wood and P. J. Yates on gaining their colours. Other boys who have represented the first team are : V. W. Punton, M. D. H. Priestley, J. H. Dawes, A. W. Dingle and R. A. Fewtrell.

G.R.J.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton	...	Away	Lost	21—27
Slough Grammar School	...	Home	Won	65—37
Watford Grammar School	...	Home	Won	47—28
*Hatters Lane	...	Away	Lost	38—110
Newland Park College	...	Home	Won	66—20
R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton	...	Home	Lost	51—67
*Hatters Lane	...	Home	Lost	35—36
Pegasus (Watford)	...	Away	Won	28—27
Pirates (High Wycombe)	...	Away	Lost	20—77
Stoneham	...	Away	Won	64—32
*Slough Technical	...	Away	Won	33—18
†Langley Grammar School	...	Away	Won	28—26
†Watford Grammar School	...	Away	Won	32—11
Watford Grammar School	...	Away	Won	39—31

* Under 15 Fixtures

† Second Team Fixtures

RUGBY

2nd XV

Played 14, Won 5, Lost 8, Drawn 1.

With only one match still to play, the team's record does not look too impressive. However, the defeats have by no means been overwhelming and some very good victories have been gained, especially those against Watford and St. Benedict's at the start of the season. After this the team ran into a bad patch and lost five consecutive games—mostly the result of bad tackling and unwillingness to fall on the ball.

This year's captain, P. M. Dronfield, has proved himself not only an excellent scrum-half, but a very popular leader. The result of his efforts has been a very happy side, which has enjoyed its rugby. The pack (well led early on by R. Ward and latterly by R. A. O. Stockwell), though light, has been very mobile and quick in the loose. Its fault has been failure to tackle low. E. Holdship has hooked very well.

The three-quarters have always been dangerous in attack—especially after being reinforced by the return to rugby of K. R. Miller and J. C. Comer, but, like the pack, have not tackled

decisively. The one exception has been J. C. Bowman, whose defensive work has been outstanding. The full-back, C. R. S. Wood, has always thrilled with his "last-ditch" tackling, and of the three-quarters P. J. Clark and R. P. Williams have played several good games for the 1st XV.

It is pleasing that so many of last year's Colts have played well enough to demand a regular place in the side. Of these, C. N. Tone, a very hard-tackling wing-forward, has been unlucky not to have had a chance in the first team.

Team : C. R. S. Wood, J. Dawes, K. R. Miller, J. C. Comer, J. O. Smith, J. C. Bowman, R. P. Williams, P. J. Clark, P. Bowler, P. M. Dronfield (capt.) R. R. Parsons, E. Holdship, R. Ward, R. A. O. Stockwell, J. E. Steward, M. R. Pattinson, A. J. Riley, G. Stossler, M. Holland and C. N. Tone.

3rd XV

The 3rd XV were not able to repeat their outstanding performances of last season. Out of the nine matches played, one was won, seven lost and one drawn. These disappointing results were mainly due to the back division, which rarely looked like scoring tries. Far too often the three-quarters were tackled in possession of the ball and even lost ground in attack. The forwards on occasions played well, particularly in the second match against Sir William Borlase's School.

Coppock, and in his absence Dupond, captained the side.

The following were awarded 3rd XV stockings : A. Fowler, C. Griffiths, N. Hailstone, A. Perfect, B. Torrens-Burton, C. Brown, R. Layton, R. Beavis, A. Coates, P. Bowler, A. Hope, R. G. Saunders, I. MacWhinnie, C. Dupond, D. Collins, R. Haslam.

JUNIOR COLTS (Under 14)

The side played inconsistently this year, reaching the heights with a win against Watford Grammar School at home and the depths when they lost to Southfield away.

The side was captained by Packman, who played well throughout the season. Players who showed great improvement were Horley, Solomon, Harris and Newman.

The following boys have played for the Junior Colts this season : Packman, Solomon, Dorkings, Malec, Hamilton-Eddy, Thompson, Lane, Sifton, Ham, Newman, Harris, Mateer, Ferguson, Austin, Brain and Blythen.

COLTS (Under 15)

Won 4, Drawn 0, Lost 6

The season was not very successful since we lost more games than we won—and often by a wide margin.

The chief reason for this was the team's lack of size and weight as compared with its rivals. This was especially true of the three-quarters, so that their tackling—Orchard and Whitwham apart—became woefully weak. Many combinations were tried, but the individual skills of the players could never compensate for this over-riding weakness.

The forwards all tried hard and were well led by Mason, who also proved to be a skilful hooker. Davies and Rogers were two solid props; and Rothwell and Pass were lively loose forwards. Fewtrell proved to be a popular captain.

The following have played for the side : Orchard, Forrester, Fewtrell, Everitt, Fone, Shackell, Spittle, Seale, Whitwham, Davies, J. A., Mason, Rogers, Fountain, Hickman, Rothwell, Pass, Davies, J. M., Harding, Wilson, Bevan.

BOAT CLUB

First of all I must thank Mr. D. C. F. Edginton, who has left, for his leadership during the last three years, and also S. A. Leader, our last captain, who has also left us. They will both be missed. We were very fortunate, however, to have a new master, Mr. B. C. N. P. Leighton Jones to take over where Mr. Edginton left off. Since September our numbers have increased considerably, and I do not think that our membership has ever been so large, or so enthusiastic. The club has now been allowed to continue rowing the whole year round, and it is hoped that with the increase in practice the standard will improve in this coming season. We intend to enter several more events than we have done in the past, and already our Under 17 crew is beginning to show promise. I must, in conclusion, express our thanks to Marlow Rowing Club, without whose help we would not be able to function.

R. J. COPPOCK.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Once again the School 1st team have had a reasonably successful season. D. Cox, in his second season as captain, has made a good job of organising teams and giving us confidence.

Apart from D. Cox and P. Yates, the rest of us have trained spasmodically and this has been apparent in our lack of depth as a team—consequently the only occasions when we have “packed” well is against weak opposition or at the beginning of a race! D. Cox and P. Yates especially have had an excellent season, while D. May, T. Coleman and I. Cocking have always been consistent. C. Weston, making up the scoring six, has also ran well, especially as he is still a Colt. Times over the home course have been as good as ever, with the first four or five usually breaking 20 mins.

The fixture list has been quite full, especially in the Autumn term. In addition to our usual opponents we had an interesting race against Abingdon G.S., and besides beating them we broke their two-year unbeaten home record. In the Exeter College match at home, Yates was just beaten by a full University winner and returned a creditable 18 mins. 45 secs. in wet conditions. Another new fixture was the Guildford Relay in which we were 4th. We were soundly beaten in the annual triangular match against Wycombe Phoenix and Vale of Aylesbury, Old Boy “Tich” Redrup winning for the Harriers as usual—still it was good to see old faces. We came 4th in the Bucks Youths’ Championship, the team being weakened by age restrictions. Yates ran well to come 1st and Cox 5th in the Junior. After going to Watford full of confidence we came away soundly thrashed, though Cox and Yates won by 200 yards. However, we had our revenge in the Ranelagh Schools Cup, beating them and coming 4th, Yates running well to come 4th and Cox 14th. Our attempt in the Southern Counties was rather pathetic owing to our arriving there less than 10 minutes before the starting gun. Once again Yates did very well in coming home 17th out of a field of several hundreds.

The 2nd team has not been particularly outstanding this season, tending to lose rather than win, and generally relying on Colts to make up its number.

C. Weston has had an excellent season for the Colts, making a habit of coming home first. Culley has been consistent, but as a team they have also lacked depth, although they have just about broken even on their results.

For the Junior Colts, S. Charlton has run very strongly throughout the season, being beaten only once. Brown and Beasley, who are both in the first year, have also ran well considering their age.

We are all indebted to Mr. Shepherd for his never-failing enthusiasm in looking after the teams, even though sometimes he must become fed up with waiting for us to return from a

“ Hare and Hounds ” on Wednesday afternoons, or wonder if it is really worth giving up Saturdays for us. Let me say on behalf of all that we do appreciate it.

The following have run for the 1st team : D. Cox, D. P. May, P. Yates, I. Cocking, T. Coleman, A. MacD. Fowler, M. G. Smith, R. H. Lynch, W. Bailey, E. W. Burrows.

D. P. MAY.

SUMMARY OF 1st TEAM MATCHES

Run 13, Won 10

Army Apprentices, Arborfield	Away	Won	38—44
Newlands Park College	Home	Won	21—73
Vale of Aylesbury A.C.	Away	Lost	54—26
Bishopshalt School	Away	Won	38—41
Harrow County School	Away	Won	33—45
Abingdon Grammar School	Away	Won	33—46
Exeter College	Home	Won	27—59
William Ellis	Home	Won	21—66
R.A.F., Halton	Home	Lost	46—37
Keble College	Away	Won	37—42
Culham College	Away	Won	23—35
Watford Grammar School	Away	Lost	33—51
Nautical College, Pangbourne	Away	Won	38—41
Wycombe Phoenix and Vale of Aylesbury	Home	Lost	3rd
Emmanuel and Haberdashers Askes ...	Home		2nd
Bucks Championships	Away		4th
Ranelagh Schools	Away		4th
Guildford Relay	Away		4th
Aylesbury Relay	Away		7th

INTER-BOARDING HOUSE SPORT

For the first time in many years an organised list of inter-boarding house sports fixtures was drawn up by the senior prefects of the three houses. During the Autumn term, the Badminton, Basketball and Rugby games were played off, with the Spring term reserved for the Soccer matches.

The low average age of School House and the numerical inferiority of Uplyme forced these two houses to combine against the might of Tylers Wood in both Badminton and Rugby (with little effect), but they were prepared to chance their luck as separate parties at Basketball and Soccer.

Rugby

Our thanks to Mr. M. M. Davies for refereeing the four matches, which were all well fought. The senior match between School House and Uplyme, in particular, was a very lively affair although it was played in a fog through which it was just possible to discern the two goalposts from the centre of the pitch.

Seniors : VI Form and V Uppers

School House and Uplyme ...	3	Tylers Wood ...	39 (15 a-side)
School House ...	6	Uplyme ...	6 (7 a-side)

Juniors : V Forms and under

School House and Uplyme ...	5	Tylers Wood ...	11 (7 a-side)
School House ...	23	Uplyme ...	0 (7 a-side)

Basketball

Each house agreed to produce a first and second team. School House were forced to search among the fourth forms to complete their two teams, and although they had great talent there, the final results go to show that a good big 'un is always better than a good little 'un.

Tylers Wood beat Uplyme	}	Results were the same for first and second teams.
Tylers Wood beat School House		
Uplyme beat School House		

Badminton

Each match consisted of six games, two doubles and four singles. Tylers Wood were again superior to a School House/Uplyme combination.

Tylers Wood beat School House/Uplyme ...	5—1
School House beat Uplyme ...	6—0

Soccer

At the time of going to print, these matches were imminent. No teams had been announced, however, so that we could not even guess at the results.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship has had its best year since its foundation, this year. Attendance at meetings has averaged between 25 and 30 and great enthusiasm has been shown for all activities in spite of counter-attractions offered by other Societies. We were specially glad this year to notice that meetings were attended not only by sixth-formers, as was often the case in the past, but by a number of boys from the Junior School as well.

The committee decided as a result of a hint by Mr. Curry to have an additional meeting each week for Bible study and discussion. The normal Tuesday meetings have continued throughout the year and we would like to thank the masters and visiting ministers who have helped to advertise these meetings. We have also been able to show three "Fact and Faith" films and must once more thank Mr. Curry for his work in obtaining them.

P. B. NEWITT.

OLD BOYS' CLUB

Births

- GRACE, B. W. (1936-43). On December 8th, 1959, at Eltham, to Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Grace, a second son.
- GRANT, R. (1932-39). On January 25th, 1960, at Horsell, Woking, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Grant, a second daughter.
- MACKRILL, M. J. R. (1938-45). On December 10th, 1959, at Claremont Nursing Home, Sheffield, to Dr. and Mrs. M. J. R. MacKrill, a daughter.
- PRIOR, J. K. (1934-40). On November 21st, 1959, at Buckfield, Sussex, to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Prior, a second daughter.
- MILLBOURN, J. E. (1939-45). On August 28th, 1959, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Millbourn, a son.

Marriage

- DUNN—FOUND. On September 12th, 1959, at the Parish Church, Beaconsfield, L. E. Dunn (1948-54) to Miss Audrey D. Founds.

Deaths

- A. W. FOXALL (1954-57). On January 8th, 1960, at Caerwent, A48, in a collision on his motor cycle with a stationary lorry, aged 18 years.

After obtaining his G.C.E. at the R.G.S. he joined the staff of the Wycombe Rural District Council as a junior in the Treasurer's Department. He took a leading part in the affairs of Hughenden Valley Youth Club.

- J. S. MILES (1943-48). In the second week of February, 1960, drowned in Sarawak, North Borneo, in an attempt to rescue a colleague, aged 27 years.

After completing his National Service, Miles was employed as a design engineer in a Maidenhead food products firm; he was a keen member of the Penn Motor Club. In 1958 he went to North Borneo to work in the drilling department of the Shell International Company in Sarawak; he took his wife out with him. Although he could not swim, he plunged in the darkness in a courageous rescue bid. Both men were lost in the flood current.

OLD BOYS' NOTES AND NEWS

G. W. ADKINS (1906-08) is at present very much in the news and still follows the successes of the R.G.S. He has been elected Associate of the Royal Photographic Society and one of

his pictures has been selected for inclusion in the annual review of the world's photographic art, Photograms 1960. His total, 21, of medals for annual championships and exhibitions with the E.M.I. Camera Club, is the highest in the club. He gave a one-man show of his works at the request of the Southall Photographers' Society, and is on the panel of judges and lecturers of the West London Photographers' Association.

P. J. AGAR (1947-53) is on H.M.S. *Lochfyne* in the Persian Gulf. He went out in June last year and expects to be back this May.

E. G. BARRATT (1949-54) has passed the final examinations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

R. D. BARLOW (1935-40) has been appointed Chief Accountant to William & Bain & Co. (S.A.), an engineering firm. He went to South Africa at the end of the war, after serving as a Major in the Indian Army. Barlow has been connected with engineering ever since he arrived in Africa. He has been director of various companies with insurance interests and has been engaged lately in business management consultancy. He lives in Johannesburg, is married and has three children.

V. A. BENNETT (1919-25) is fairly confident he will be at the 1960 Re-union.

All O.B.'s who met Mrs. Bennett (Maxine) when they last visited England were shocked when they heard of her unexpected death towards the end of 1959. Knowing she was going to a party, Duncan, their eldest son, went to her room to say it was time they went, only to find her dead in bed. The O.B. Club wish to express their deep sympathy to Bennett and to his sons, Duncan and Ian.

E. T. C. BRITNELL (1932-39) has been elected a member of the Royal Society of Health.

B. C. BURROWS (1947-52) is working as a Rolls-Royce representative at the "Sud Aviation" plant near Toulouse, on the French turbo-jet airliner, the Caravelle. He went the 700 miles there in a "Minor" and hopes that his experience will be most valuable to his studies for Grade I Mech E.

J. H. COLLAR (1948-55) is now a Lieutenant in the R.A.S.C. and will miss the Dinner because he has been posted to the 17th Gurkha Division in Malaya. He hopes very much there are some O.B.'s in that part of the world.

A. DODGSON (1913-18) is quite aware that retirement is drawing nearer but finds that his Swedish grand-daughter helps to keep him young.

R. GITTINS (1947-54) has finished his graduate apprenticeship with the G.E.C. at Erith and is working in the Power-Plant Division; he has started in the Contrasts Department. When

he wrote in November he was looking forward to the "Mikado" (he booked four seats at four shillings) and to seeing progress on the new laboratories.

H. C. HICKMAN (1939-46) works at Vickers-Armstrong Aircraft, Weybridge, testing weapon and aircraft control systems. All the time he has lived at Guildford, the one and only O.B. he has met is H. H. Lee.

C. G. KEEN (1948-55). When he left the R.G.S. he went to the Wycombe School of Art and then to the Leeds College of Art, where he gained his art teacher's certificate. He started his National Service and was granted a Commission in the Royal Army Education Corps, after passing through the Mons Officer Cadet School. Now Second Lieutenant in the R.A.E.C., he is Regimental Education Officer to the "Skins," Fifth Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in Germany.

J. E. KIMBER (1920-27) hopes to make the O.B. Dinner, his first since leaving High Wycombe for Liverpool nearly 22 years ago.

J. A. C. KING (1925-33), as President of the High Wycombe British Legion Club, declared open their new ultra-modern lounge-bar, where for the first time members will be able to entertain their wives and friends.

M. LACEY (1947-55). Now a Flying Officer, is about to leave the R.A.F. Technical College for his first Production Officer post. He graduated from Imperial College, London, in July, 1959, after a three-year engineering course.

J. P. MARTIN (1938-43) is hoping that his latest move will be permanent. He has been appointed manager of the new branch of Barclays Bank D.S.O., in Points-a-Pierre, Trinidad, West Indies.

THE REV. G. W. McAVAN (1929-37), Warden of St. Andrew's, Rose Hill, Mauritius, was installed as Canon of St. James' Cathedral, Mauritius, in December, 1959.

C. MORRIS (1914-19) and his son were as usual very successful competitors at the End-of-Harvest Show organised by the Royal South Bucks Agricultural Association. They were runners-up for the King George VI Trophy for the best cultivated farm of more than 50 acres and won the President's Cup for most points in the corn, hay and stubble.

R. D. MITCHELL (1948-56) turned down a college place he had been offered, to enter the world of industry by joining the Esso Petroleum Company. This made him vulnerable to National Service, but he is quite happy about the course of events. He is in touch with "Bill" North, who, it appears, will arrive in Northern Rhodesia in time for possible excitement.

P. W. H. NORTH (1949-56), after graduating at Reading University, is doing a one year's course at Selwyn College, Cambridge, before going to Northern Rhodesia as a District Officers' Cadet.

A. J. REDRUP (1947-51) won the individual championship in the Bucks Cross-country Championship and reversed last year's result to regain the junior title. In the North of the Thames race he came second to John Merriman, who later won the Southern Cross-country Championship, in which Redrup pipped Gordon Pirie into twelfth place—9½ miles in 51 minutes 10 seconds. Paying for four dinner tickets, he wrote that one was for himself, one for Norman Perfect, who has just become Assistant Hon. Treasurer of Wycombe Phoenix Harriers (to assist another O.B., Ron Lord), the third ticket was for Keith Cattermole, who is contemplating matrimony later this year, and the fourth was for Mick Clarke, a Wycombe Hockey Club stalwart. Redrup is also contemplating getting married in September and is at present on a Works Study Course at Cranfield College of Aeronautics.

J. N. ROBINSON (1928-33) is in the last year of his service as W.O.I. (Cdr.) in the Army and became a life member of the O.B.'s. Club—26 years after leaving the R.G.S., as he writes. He was kind enough to offer professional advice to the cadets of the C.C.F. after seeing the Corps at its Inspection. He has always looked forward to getting the *Wycombiensian* and hopes to see more of O.B. activities when he is "on the dole."

P. N. ROGERS (1948-53), President of Leicester University's Biological Society, has spent four weeks studying the colonisation of soil exposed by receding ice high up on two Norwegian glaciers, where he led a party of 23 students, a number of whom were swept downstream and had to be rescued. Rogers hopes to become a University lecturer.

G. E. ROLFE (1919-22) is the new President of the Rotary Club of High Wycombe ; he succeeds another O.B., L. G. Baker (1914-18), who thanked members for their support during his term of office.

J. SALMON (1925-31) has been appointed President of the Dartford Rotary Club. A local Dartford paper publishing the news, gives a short account of his various activities. Since leaving the R.G.S. he has been a paper maker in Bucks, Bristol and Dartford, where he has been since 1947, after six years in the R.A.S.C., mentioned in despatches, and demobilised as Captain. He has held important positions in the Parish Council, Dartford Football League and the Darenth and Stone Hospital Management Committee. Unfortunately the only news he sent was that his father, also an O.B. of the School, was in hospital with a serious bout of bronchitis—he was getting better.

J. A. SAUNDERS (1943-50) has left his job as Export Manager to Richard Hill Ltd., of Middlesbrough, to become Overseas Liaison Manager of Dodswell & Co., City Merchants. He hopes to travel overseas a lot, opening up new markets. He has met Neil Honour and Ian Waters several times and would like to see any O.B. at his London address, 38 Pembridge Villas, W.11.

R. SYRETT (1944-48) has regained his place as a back-row forward in the England International Rugby team for 1960. He already holds seven caps and has many representative honours to his credit—London, Middlesex, Barbarians—and has played in Italy and Roumania.

D. W. TANNER (1940-45) has been awarded the D.F.C. for his flying exploits in the Aden and Oman campaign. D. B. BATCHELOR (1950-53), who lost his life there, was a most able and proficient member of his Flight. At present Tanner is responsible for over 100 Boy Entrants (15½—17½) during their 18 months' training in the R.A.F. at St. Athan, Glamorgan. He recently met Flight Lieutenant R. CHAMBERS (1947-52), engaged on similar duties at Bridgnorth. Tanner has a daughter born on September 13th, 1958.

I. M. TOMES (1951-58), after 18 months at Sandhurst, has been made a Senior Under Officer. He leaves Sandhurst in July to join the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in Hong Kong. M. E. LEDGER (1951-58) is still at Sandhurst, but D. C. WILLATTS (1950-57) left last July and is now at the R.M.C.S., Shrivenham.

B. O. WELLER (1906-10) is very proud of his first grandchild, a boy born on January 9th, 1960, to his son, P. H. Weller.

R. WHITE (1939-45) has just taken up an appointment as Lecturer in Chemistry at Sir John Cass College, London, and he is attempting to raise funds in support of a research project.

H. A. WHITELEY (1927-29) has started a new business and all tourists will be welcomed at 16 Bagdale, Whitby, Yorkshire.

R. WHITING (1936-39) enclosed in his letter a booklet about "Outward Bound," with which he is taking an active part. Although boys from the R.G.S. have been on the course, they must have been before his time. He finds his two years there quite a change from his previous eight years as Deputy Registrar of the Diocese.

D. C. WILLATTS (1950-57) has been appointed to a commission on leaving R.M.A., Sandhurst.

T. C. WILLIAMS (1947-52) unfortunately has to return to West Africa on March 4th. He will be Manager of the Port Loko Branch of the Bank of West Africa Limited—his third

branch and his third tour of West Africa. His wife returns to Sierra Leone on April 4th with their son, born on February 19th, 1960, the same day as the new young Prince.

P. J. WOODS (1951-54) joined the Royal Artillery in October, 1959, at Oswestry. In the same squad was THOMPSETT (1948-53), and both together with J. A. COX (1949-55) are now at the Mons O.C.S., Mons Barracks, Aldershot.

D. E. WILSON (1940-45) has been awarded the Governors' Commendation by Sir Hugh Foot, Governor of Cyprus, for his part in the campaign against EOKA Terrorists. Wilson, a Scotland Yard C.I.D. Officer, was transferred from Metropolitan Police to the Cyprus Police Force. He served them for two years and returned in July last. He is a keen member of the Wycombe Motor Cycle Club.

V. F. WOODWARDS (1939-44) works as a Section Leader in the main Drawing Office of Broom & Wade Ltd. He is one of many R.G.S. O.B.'s of all ages holding responsible posts in that well-known firm.

W. A. COLE (1928-34), who now lives at Oxted, has recently renewed contact with P. D. MITCHELL and P. W. REDWAY. Cole holds a management position in the London Divisional Office of Shell Mex & B.P. Ltd. and in charge of their specialised distributors in the Greater London area. He takes an interest in local affairs, including the Scouts. He is married, has a daughter of 10 and twins, a boy and girl of 6.

J. G. STEVENS (1930-36) is stationed at Osnabruck as Major i/c Infantry Brigade Group, O.F.P.

R. N. STONE (1937-42), when he left the University, became a Physics Master at Tadcaster Grammar School with Mr. Bicknell, his Headmaster. He then went into industry and finds his experience there very useful in his new post as a Lecturer in Physics at Sunderland Technical College and he likes it very much and hopes to call his new home, now known as "Site 15" ! "The Chilterns."

N. S. KROHN (1954-58) has just left the insurance job in London and is doing a year's practical farming before going to an agricultural college. He has seen quite a lot of R. P. G. OWEN (1951-57), who has left on a world cruise in a P. & O. liner as a Junior Assistant Purser ; R. C. HACKETT (1951-58) is doing well in insurance in the City ; R. C. TODD (1948-57) has an expensive flat in Knightsbridge and working hard at medicine in a London hospital ; D. BOND (1951-58) is doing well at London University studying engineering.

R. P. G. OWEN met while in Melbourne, Australia, Tim Abdallah. They had dinner together and the next day Owen was shown round Abdallah's tie factory. R. P. G. Owen is on the S.S. *Himalaya* on his first trip as a Purser. He is on an around the world cruise.

E. L. CRAYFOURD (1935-41), after a long silence, is coming to the Dinner and says he was married in 1949, has two sons, 9 and 6 years old, and a daughter of 4 years. He is an accountant with "Guinness."

P. N. GALLOWAY (1950-58) is reading Maths. and Physics at Queen's College, Dundee, and with him are two other O.B.'s, RICHARD LUDLAM and JOHN KING.

J. E. MILLBOURN (1935-45) has become a partner in the famous firm of Whatley, Hill & Co., Estate Agents.

B. J. EDWARDS (1944-51) showed J. R. Saunders round the most impressive building of Lloyds, where he is an Insurance Broker.

OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB

Annual General Meeting

Many of the fifty O.B.'s had to stand when the President, Mr. E. R. Tucker, took the chair at the A.G.M., held at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday, March 19th, 1960, in the Residents' Lounge of the Red Lion Hotel, High Wycombe.

Discussing the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, it was disclosed that the 2nd O.B.'s Dance, owing to bad weather, had incurred a small financial loss ; it was decided to persevere : for the small sum of 5/- and the sumptuous meal provided, it could with more publicity be a great success.

The new O.B. tie, at prices from 11/6 to 18/6, was popular and could be obtained at four High Wycombe shops, all run by O.B.'s of the School.

The Auditor, A. E. Franklin Hole, explained the financial statement for 1959 ; it was left to the Committee to find ways and means to deal with the now recurring deficit, this year of £13 1s. 10d.

The Secretary stated that under one-third of the Life Members had so far responded to the appeal for 1959 for a voluntary levy of £2 2s. 0d. Of those paying their annual fee through Bankers' Orders, one-half only had instructed their bankers to increase the fee from 5/- to 7/6.

H. W. Johnson (1930-37), Secretary of the newly-formed O.B. Cricket Club, reported that the start had been very promising, the £20 borrowed from the O.W. Club had been repaid, fixtures were very satisfactory and it was hoped to run two or more XI's exclusively for O.B.'s of the R.G.S.

The President gave details of the proposed swimming pool : 75 feet by 15 feet, heated when necessary, it would cost about £4,500. An appeal to the O.W. Club was not contemplated ; it was felt that with help from the County it could be met by an appeal to the parents of boys in the School at present. The parents were in favour of the project and their sons would be the first to benefit. The Headmaster was going to make a special appeal to those hundreds of boys who, as a result of their education at the R.G.S., had succeeded in gaining well-worth scholarships to the Universities.

It was decided to discuss a special Annual Dinner in 1962, when the Club, founded by Mr. G. W. Arnison in 1912, would be celebrating its golden jubilee.

Two members of the Committee, finding it difficult owing to distances and business to attend meetings, resigned. A. Harcourt (1943-51) and T. Hyde (1945-51) ; the two O.B.'s elected to replace them were J. E. Brooks (1947-53) and F. E. J. Hawkins (1948-56).

Thanks were expressed to the President for his support and generosity, to the Committee for their faithful attendance and energy, to the two Secretaries for their hard work and to the Auditor for his scrutiny of the finances.

The Annual Dinner

If all had been able to turn up, over 200 O.B.'s would have been at the Dinner held in the Georgian Room of the Red Lion immediately after the A.G.M. on Saturday, March 19th, 1960.

The Headmaster, Mr. E. R. Tucker, presided, supported at the top table by the Rev. A. M. Berry, Mr. G. H. Grant and Senior Old Boys, four of whom are Governors of the School.

All present wished to convey to Mr. G. W. Arnison their regret at his absence owing to illness and their wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery.

Speeches this year were cut down to two.

R. F. Emery (1927-33), proposing " The School and Club " in an entertaining speech, seemed amused that as the Old Boy responsible for the building of the new Science Block he had caused more chaos and interference to the School than when he was a pupil there.

With 100 boys leaving each year, he drew attention to the low and unsatisfactory membership of the Club. The success of the recently formed Cricket Club, the rumours of a new Rugby Club exclusively for O.B.'s, and the recent successes in International Rugby and Cross-country running should, he thought, be an inducement to support the Club, but best of all would be the formation of a Sports Club, which had proved such a success in many Public Schools.

In his reply, the President also drew attention to the recent International sporting successes of O.B.'s. Only that afternoon on television R. E. Syrett, as usual on the ball, was seen scoring England's first try against Scotland. A. Redrup was often seen, in spite of his lack of inches, well up to such world-known cross-country giants as Pirie and Merriman; four boys—D. Currell (1947-52), R. H. Hedley (1953-56), A. J. Watters (1952-57) and P. J. Yates (still at R.G.S.)—enabled Wycombe Phoenix Harriers to come 2nd in the All-England Junior Cross-country Championships. Other recent honours: F. W. Essex (1927-34), C.M.G. for service in the Dominions; C. Morris, Chairman of the Wycombe Rural District Council.

The importance of the swimming pool to the School (details given in the A.G.M. notes) prompted two O.B.'s to give £100 each to the funds. One was V. A. Bennett, who scheduled his European business trip from his well-known New York establishment to coincide with the Re-union; the other preferred to remain anonymous.

The new Science Block would be bang up to date and would stand comparison with any in the country; its capacity would be tested by the 180-odd sixth-formers anxious to benefit from it.

The new hall and form rooms to replace the huts at Uplyme would by 1962 complete the building programme for R.G.S. of 1,000 pupils. The official proceedings ended at 9 p.m., but not the real purpose of the function. That went on for hours.

OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB

Secretary's Report, Season 1959

There can be no doubt in the minds of all playing members that the 1959 season, the first season of the Club, has been an unqualified success. Games lost and won, batting averages, bowling figures and catches made or dropped are of no account and will not be published. Let it only be said that some games were won which should have been lost and that some were lost which should have been won and that the leading batting average

was 168. All that mattered was that everybody connected with the Club, whether as the oldest playing member, or the sweetest lady scorer, and there were quite a few who have qualified for this distinction, the most experienced " Cardinal." and even the one " Guest " player of the year from Holland, all had as enjoyable a season as any could wish for. Even in the matters of the heart, two members are now married, three or four engaged, one or two disengaged and by the time this report is out our captain will have become a proud father, as indeed, did our Vice-Captain and Hon. Treasurer, during the season. Our congratulations to all of these members.

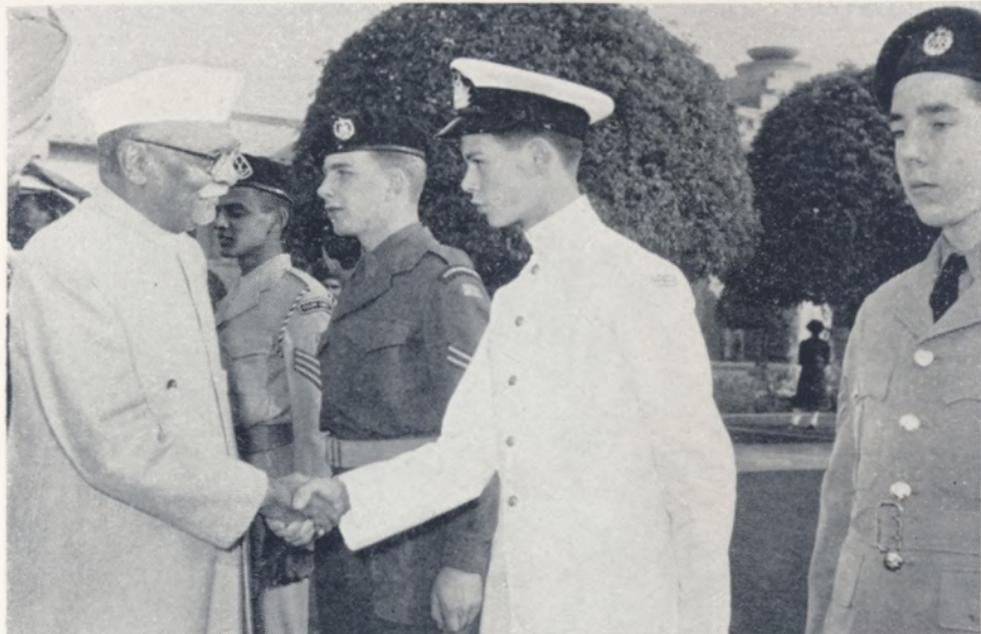
There was no doubt in the minds of the Founder Members that the Club had wonderful potentialities. It started off with two great assets. All playing members knew each other from schoolboys and all could play cricket. The final result depended upon how the game was played on and off the field. The first year has carried out to the full the most important rule of the Club—" the object of the Club shall be for the promotion and practice of the game of cricket and good fellowship." The members intend to keep it that way.

The Committee is to be congratulated on its idea of giving senior members of the School 1st XI a certain number of games. All available members who left School in August have since joined the Club. Two XI's are being run on some Sundays in 1960.

Many clubs thank certain members for work done. This Club has no intention of following this example. Instead, all Officers thank the Club for being allowed to work for the common good.

H. W. JOHNSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

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