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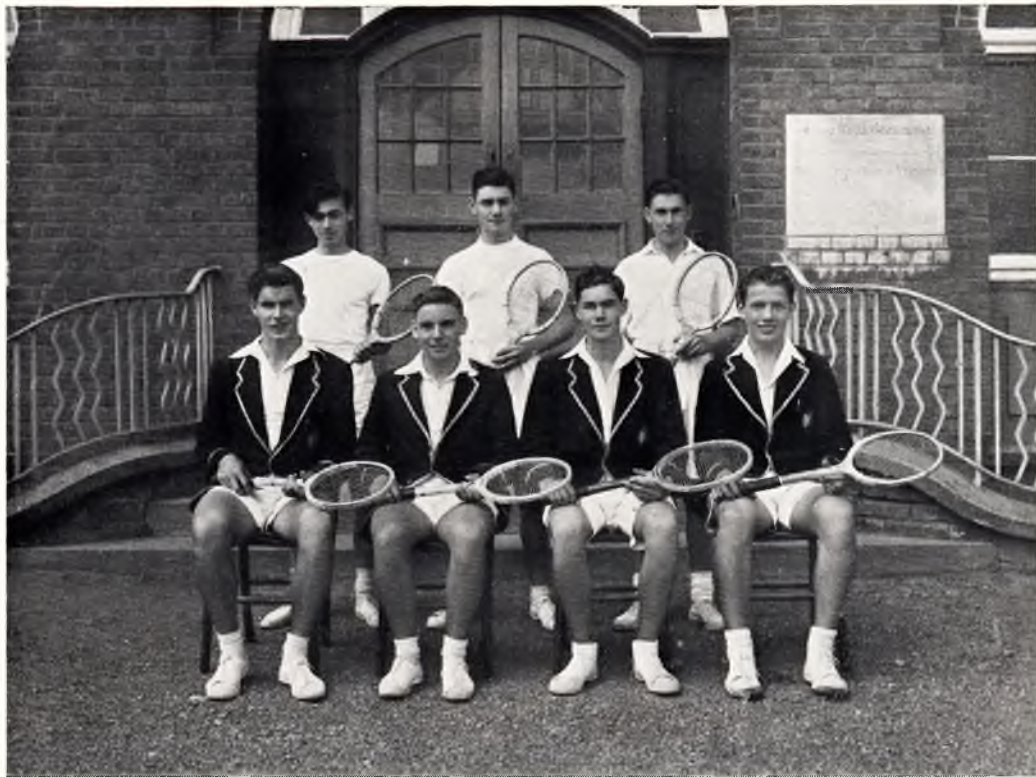
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*Standing* : BROOKS, J., CRUMP, D. J., C. G. EMMINS, ELLIOTT, P. W., J. W. PURSEY, J. D. DIXON.

*Sitting* : F. E. J. HAWKINS, R. C. WING, M. BRIDGES (Capt.), M. G. WALKER, R. C. ASHBY.  
DRAPER (Scorer).

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## EDITORIAL

The erection and unveiling of the new University Awards board in the School Hall brings a timely and deserved reminder of the high standard of education which we now enjoy, a standard which sets us on a level with our fellows from the Public Schools, and of the progress which we have made within recent memory. Gone are the days when every School Certificate won was faithfully recorded on the old black Honours Boards which once lined the main corridor, and had long since lost all meaning. Our Headmaster tells us that in his first year with us only one boy was entered for "Higher." Now, well within twenty years since those days of the distant past, the School expects at least three or four Open Scholarships to Universities every year. Between these times came the period of the war, now only faintly recollected by the oldest among us, when our numbers were heavily augmented by an invasion from Chiswick, and we were taught by women.

The academic successes of a school bring it deserved credit, but its reputation is equally enhanced by the distinction of its pupils in other fields of activity. J. E. Woodward, our rigger captain in 1947 and 1948, has, to the delight alike of the School and of Old Boys, capped his career on the rigger field and shed lustre on the School of his youth. At the recent inspection of the Combined Cadet Corps we were privileged to be visited by an Admiral and the American Air Attaché in London, and we are proud that the standard which we have shown in the Corps for many years has been upheld. It is interesting to recall that during the war our "708" Squadron was said to be the largest A.T.C. contingent in the country. The inspecting officer stressed the great value of this training, which many tend to regard as unprofitable.

With this year will probably pass from our number the last of the pupils who remember the School in time of war. We may assume, too, that the School has properly settled down by now, after the turmoil of the war and the considerable changes and improvements that have taken place since, involving the spreading of the boarders into three buildings, the building of the tennis

courts, and the final restoration of the Library to its proper function, to which the School has at last accustomed itself. The School life appears to be settled in the course it will follow during the coming years, and as such we seek to portray it in the *Wycombiensian*.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

### General.

The School Cross-Country finals took place on 12th March.

The annual School Confirmation Service was held on 24th March, and on the same day the new Honours Boards were unveiled.

The School Boxing Championships were held on 26th March.

The School Concert took place on 28th March.

A Student Christian Movement conference was held in Amersham on 2nd May. A party of senior boys from the School attended.

Two senior boys attended the "Weighing-in" of the Mayor at the Guildhall on 10th May.

The School Sports took place on 15th May.

On 16th May the film "King Henry V" was shown in the School Hall to about 300 boys.

On 20th May a number of boys from the School attended a concert given in Wycombe Abbey by the Boyd Neel Orchestra.

The House Music Competition took place on 30th May. Results were as follows: 1, Youens; 2, Disraeli; 3, Fraser; 4, Arnison.

Two coachloads of boys and staff from the School attended the "Antigone" at Bradfield College on 17th June.

The annual C.C.F. General Inspection was held on 19th June.

On 3rd July a party of boys attended a concert in the Town Hall by the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Three hundred boys enjoyed a trip to Southampton on 4th July. This is fully described elsewhere in this magazine.

Benjamin Britten's "Let's Make an Opera" was produced in the School Hall under the musical direction of Mr. Rainbow on 11th and 12th July.

The annual School Dramatic Society's production "Androcles and the Lion," by G. B. Shaw, was held on 14th and 15th July.

During July a party of Danish schoolboys from Korsfor spent a fortnight in Wycombe as guests of boys of the School.

On 14th July a party of 40 boys led by Mr. W. A. Rees, known as the "Olympic Society," went to Denmark and Finland for five weeks, during which time they will see most of the Olympic Games at Helsinki.

### **Congatulations to :**

J. D. Kape and P. P. Crowther on being awarded Flying Scholarships.

### **Staff.**

The School was very sorry to hear, during the term, that both Mr. Cowan and Mr. Rainbow were leaving.

Mr. Cowan, as head of the Modern Language department, has set an extremely high standard in the School, and there can be no better testimonial to his work than the large number of Modern Language Scholarships won to Universities during his time here. Rugby and boxing have benefited too from his enthusiasm. We congratulate him on his well-deserved appointment as Headmaster of the Central Foundation School, Cowper Street, London.

Mr. Rainbow leaves to his successor a musical school and a musical heritage that is all of his own making. So much praise has been expounded upon his work with the Gilbert and Sullivan operas and the choirs that we need say no more here. The pleasure and delight which he has given to so many boys will never be forgotten. His appointment as Lecturer and Director of Music at the College of St. Mark and St. John, Chelsea, is a timely recognition of his undoubted ability and an opportunity for Mr. Rainbow to take his rightful place in the musical world.

We also say farewell to Mr. Hayes, who has given invaluable assistance teaching chemistry and after leaving the regular staff continued to coach privately the G.C.E. (Advanced) candidates.

Mr. Harvey, who has been a member of the Modern Languages Staff for a term, finds to his surprise that his next appointment is at Mr. Cowan's new school.

Mr. Young, who also taught Modern Languages, left just too late to be noted in the last magazine. But let him not think we do not appreciate his steady and valuable work with us.

Lastly, Mr. Broadbent's all too short stay with us is to end, as he intends to return to New Zealand. His presence has been treasured by the scientists and on the field of sport.

To these six members of the Staff we extend our best wishes for their future.

We must also record our farewell to Miss Potter, the School Secretary, who has carried out her numerous tasks during the last two years with complete efficiency, and an unflinching charm of manner.

## SPEECH DAY

This year's Speech Day was held on the afternoon of Tuesday, 22nd July. Mr. J. T. Christie, M.A., Principal of Jesus College, Oxford, was the principal speaker and presented the cups and prizes, and the preacher at the Commemoration Service in the Parish Church, High Wycombe, in the evening was the Rev. L. B. Cross, M.A., late Chaplain and Fellow, also of Jesus College, Oxford.

The Headmaster, introduced by Mr. P. C. Raffety, J.P., began his report by expressing his great pleasure in welcoming the Principal of his old college, with which the School had established a strong connection in the large number of Scholars and Exhibitioners who had proceeded there. The preacher, too, was the Headmaster's former Chaplain at Oxford.

Two members of the Governing Body, Sir Cyriac Skinner and Lord Carrington, had retired, and in their place Miss Towerton and Mr. MacA. Bexon had joined the Governors and were present on the platform. This year we were saying farewell to three members of the staff, whose work with us had been invaluable. Mr. Rainbow, who had completely altered the musical life of the School, Mr. Cowan, the Senior Modern Language Master, whose enthusiasm had extended over a wide range of activities, and Mr. Hayes, whose stay had been cut short after only a year, during which time he showed boundless energy in the Chemistry department.

The past year had been one of moderate distinction, indeed of disappointment if the memorable heights reached in 1949 were hoped for; but perhaps we were getting to expect too much regularly. The Headmaster recalled as one of his happiest experiences a week during last December when he heard on one evening that three of his pupils had been awarded Open Scholarships at Cambridge, and, two days later, that John Woodward had gained the School's first International Cap.

He was thankful that at last the County Authority had agreed to set aside a larger sum of money annually for scholarships to Universities. This and other opportunities afforded by the welfare state had one disadvantage, a minor one, that some boys were admitted to the School whose parents did not appreciate all that the School offered. Such pupils—they were few—might be keeping out other more deserving scholars.

Visitors at the School would see little change in the premises since last year. The old Games Pavilion was the most disreputable part, and a new one was to be provided from part of the Old Boys' Memorial Fund subscriptions. Among the other School activities, the Rigger record was moderate. The cross-country team had a creditable number of successes, though they had been unable to



keep up to their exceedingly high record of past years. The cricket record, too, was sound, and the Junior Colts had distinguished themselves. The opera "H.M.S. Pinafore" was among the highlights of the year's achievements.

The Headmaster ended by appealing to parents for full support, both financially and by personal attendance, for the various School activities. We were living on the legacy of the past, but there were signs that the Grammar School heritage was appreciated by the country at large.

Mr. Christie then, after presenting the cups and prizes, stressed in his speech the responsibilities of parents in giving their children an upbringing equally as sound and thorough as that which they received at school. He warned his audience against the tendency to feel that education was so well organised that they could acquit themselves of all responsibilities towards their children. The value of school life was always supplemented by a pupil's home life. Academic success had its real value, but was not the whole of education; a pupil's real spirit was formed by his leisure thoughts, and it was the duty of both parents and the staff to guide the pupils' thoughts aright, not simply by precept, but by unconscious example. In this respect, teaching was the worst paid but best rewarded profession.

Mr. Christie concluded by comparing a child with a character in the hands of a master novelist: the character will need moulding and coaxing, and great labour will be spent upon it, and then suddenly it would spring into life. This was the parents' part, to give their children the foundations of a healthy life in every respect.

Votes of thanks were proposed by the Mayor, Councillor C. F. Ward, and seconded by Alderman G. H. Brocklehurst, and then tea was served in various parts of the School. The chemistry laboratory, the art room and the library were on show to visitors, and, as ever, we were fortunate in having perfect weather throughout the proceedings.

The day was rounded off by the Commemoration Service, at which the Rev. L. B. Cross, M.A., was the preacher.

This year's Speech Day was so crowded that it was suggested that another year there might have to be a separate prizegiving for the Junior School in order to accommodate all the parents who wished to attend. However, we do not wish such a memorable occasion to be spoilt by being, as it were given two performances.

The following prizes were awarded:—

#### GOVERNORS' CERTIFICATES

M. J. Banham, K. J. P. Westney, A. Kenyon, M. F. Booth, M. Bridges, D. J. Crump, R. C. File, C. J. Goodchild, E. Hall, P. C. S. Hall, K. James, B. C. Stevens, D. J. Thomas, M. G. Walker.

## SPECIAL PRIZES

- HEADMASTER'S PRIZE :— M. J. Banham.  
 GOVERNORS' READING PRIZE : M. A. Crowther.  
 GOVERNORS' CLASSICS PRIZE (presented by R. P. Clarke, Esq., M.A., B.C.L.) :  
     K. J. P. Westney.  
 GRAEFE CUP for best C.C.F. Cadet : J. R. Young.  
 HARTE CUP for A.T.C. (presented by Wing-Commander C. S. W. Harte) : Cdt./Sgt.  
     D. S. Blackshaw.  
 ART SHIELD (presented by A. Hastings, Esq.) : D. F. Sperl.  
 HOPE CUP (presented by Mr. and Mrs. W. Hope) : R. C. Ashby.  
 MARTI PRIZE FOR FRENCH (presented by Mrs. A. Marti) : K. James.  
 THORNE PRIZE FOR ENGLISH (presented by Mrs. G. Bayley) : B. K. Debenham.  
 WESTNEY PRIZE FOR MUSIC (presented by M. W. Westney, Esq.) : D. Hearn.

## FORM PRIZES

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| <p>Form II A :<br/>             1st { C. S. J. Mardell<br/>                 S. C. Williams<br/>             2nd J. M. Keeling</p> <p>Form II B :<br/>             1st D. A. Scott-Kiddie<br/>             2nd R. J. Collett</p> <p>Form II c :<br/>             1st C. J. Date<br/>             2nd J. M. Turner</p> <p>Form III A :<br/>             1st P. M. Slotkin<br/>             2nd A. F. King</p> <p>Form III B :<br/>             1st B. P. Bowers<br/>             2nd I. P. Roe</p> <p>Form III c :<br/>             1st B. G. Cornwell<br/>             2nd M. V. J. Hayward</p> <p>Form IV x :<br/>             1st B. R. Wright<br/>             2nd { J. W. Harding<br/>                 M. A. Lewin</p> <p>Form IV A :<br/>             1st F. Cooper<br/>             2nd K. F. Biggs</p> <p>Form IV S :<br/>             1st D. L. Godley<br/>             2nd M. J. Smith</p> <p>Form IV SHELL :<br/>             1st M. Deitchman<br/>             2nd D. P. Hall</p> <p>Form V x :<br/>             1st C. R. F. Maunder<br/>             2nd D. N. Crowther<br/>             3rd G. Warner</p> <p>Form V A :<br/>             1st D. A. Price<br/>             2nd A. J. Sallows</p> | <p>Form V s :<br/>             1st D. J. Gittins<br/>             2nd W. R. Weston</p> <p>Form V SHELL :<br/>             1st J. E. Batt<br/>             2nd F. J. Iremonger</p> <p>Form VU A :<br/>             1st I. C. Birch<br/>             2nd C. F. Regan<br/>             2rd M. J. Garratt</p> <p>Form VU S :<br/>             1st A. J. Gordon<br/>             2nd W. A. Booth<br/>             3rd C. Ford</p> <p>Form VU SHELL :<br/>             1st R. E. A. Hester<br/>             2nd B. C. Bernet</p> <p>Form VI r :<br/>             1st A. R. Dale<br/>             2nd B. R. B. Hatfield<br/>             3rd A. G. Rushby</p> <p>NEATNESS PRIZES :<br/>             VU N. E. Smith<br/>             V C. R. F. Maunder<br/>             IV B. R. Wright<br/>             III R. Sayer<br/>             II R. G. Saunders</p> <p>SPEECH PRIZES :<br/>             VI P. P. Crowther<br/>             VIr and VU L. Glenn-Hill<br/>             V M. G. Jackman<br/>             IV P. A. Chamberlin<br/>             III P. Read<br/>             II S. C. Williams</p> <p>HANDICRAFT PRIZE :<br/>             C. W. Baker</p> <p>MUSIC PRIZE :<br/>             B. C. Stevens</p> |
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Form VI—1ST YEAR :

Greek	G. D. B. Jones
Latin	G. D. B. Jones
French	R. D. Barwell
German	R. E. Lomas
English	P. Windsor
History	D. Rear
Economics	P. W. Elliott
Geography	G. Sherlock
Chemistry	B. K. Johnson
Physics	D. J. Griffith
Mathematics	M. O. Simmons
Botany, Zoology	R. A. Mann

Form VI—2ND and 3RD YEAR :

Greek	D. J. White
Latin	D. A. Hester
Classics	K. J. P. Westney
Ancient History	M. A. Crowther
Modern Languages	M. G. Walker
French	B. Sinnatt
German	P. Kirwan
English	{ D. F. E. Hill G. R. Smyth
Spanish	R. J. Handscombe
History	{ D. H. Bolton B. Sinnatt
Geography	P. C. S. Hall
Economics	D. F. E. Hill
Chemistry	A. Kenyon
Physics	B. A. Knock
Botany	A. Reynolds
Zoology	R. J. Kipping
Mathematics	{ P. W. James C. J. Goodchild

### SCHOOL CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The Confirmation Service at St. Francis' Church, Terriers, was held on Monday, 24th March, 1952, when 23 boys were confirmed by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

The Vicar of Terriers (the Rev. E. W. Shaw) and the Vicar of High Wycombe (the Rev. Evan Hopkins) assisted at the Service.

The Bishop in his address reminded those who were being confirmed that they would be promising to be loyal members of the Army of Christ. From their Leader they would receive the gifts strength, courage and perseverance to enable them to fulfil those promises. The Bishop advised each confirmer to take as his motto "The Lord hath called me," and to inscribe it on the flyleaf of his Holy Communion Manual as a reminder of that service and of the solemn promises that he had made.

To emphasise the importance of loyal service to Christ the Bishop drew an example from Shakespeare's "Henry IV," Part II. Mouldy and Bullcalf, who had been called to serve their king, yielded to the temptation of avoiding that duty by bribing the recruiting sergeant, but Feeble proved his staunchness and loyalty by accepting his call with the words "No man's too good to serve his prince." "Those words of Feeble's," said the Bishop, "unconsciously express the whole spirit of the Christian's way of living to the glory of God and to the well-being of all around him. Going to Church on Sundays is for the purpose of thanking God publicly for His gifts, of promising to serve him better, and of inspiring others to go by that Witness."

The following boys were confirmed :—

R. B. M. Ashby	M. J. Green
J. R. Austin	T. G. D. Klemperer
J. A. Barwell	M. J. Knight
D. J. Bloxham	R. A. Mann
C. G. Burrell	C. Minter
R. G. Clapton	E. G. J. Oliver
M. A. Crowther	R. F. Sainsbury
D. J. Crump	A. J. Sallows
J. D. Dixon	J. K. S. Tagg
J. L. Fellows	R. C. Todd
D. J. Gittins	A. J. C. Wright
T. J. Gowan	

G.G.B.

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## THE UNVEILING OF THE HONOURS BOARDS

On Monday, 24th March, at 2.30 in the afternoon, the Bishop of Oxford unveiled at a short ceremony the two long-awaited Honours Boards. The Chairman of the Governors introduced the Bishop and said how fortunate we were to have him at hand that day (as he had officiated at the School Confirmation Service in the morning).

The Bishop congratulated the School on such a fine record, both past and present, a monument to the great achievements of many boys gone before and a few still present, and an incitement to those who follow to work hard after their fashion. These boys, he said, had equipped themselves in the best possible manner for their coming life, which should be the object of all the boys at school. He then unveiled the two boards, one of which was complete, the other having as yet only four successes.

The former Chairman, Alderman Healey, proposed a vote of thanks and said how glad we were at last to have the Bishop with us in person. He said he always tried to attend the School's functions, and was particularly happy to be present. The Headmaster then added a few words of thanks, and the assembly was dismissed.

K. J. P. WESTNEY.

## THE BOARDING HOUSES

### School House

This term the House has been pervaded by the fever of preparation for examinations, notably the G.C.E., but also internal papers, and we are all at present awaiting the results of our attempts with varying degrees of anxiety. I think, however, that we ought to have done better than of late, for, though this may seem a very strange thing to an earlier and hardier race of boarders, members of the House have even on occasions been top in form and an increasing number has been noticed taking part in the more cultural and intellectual activities of the School.

Proof of this is offered by the achievements further afield of some of our old members. We are very glad to be able to congratulate J. B. Ware on gaining a *First* in Mathematics in the first part of the Tripos, and H. S. Platt for passing through the first year of his medical course at University College, London.

A very large number of School House boys have been rehearsing "Androcles and the Lion," and it is rumoured that the male chorus in the next opera will absorb our entire Senior Choir.

The Scouts this term have been very active and sent three teams to compete for the Hughes Trophy, which they won for the first time last year. Mann and Burt, last year's holders, again won the trophy by a margin of three marks over our second pair, Sainsbury and D. N. Crowther. The third pair, however, hampered by an aged, almost senile member who had been called out of semi-retirement to make up the numbers, could only, despite all their guile, tie for last place, seven and a half marks behind the winners.

This term has again brought its quota of foreigners. We had an American, Duncan Bennet, to stay for three days, in which he made a great mark on this conventional establishment. Now we are about to say goodbye to a group of Danes, who are here on an exchange visit. We hope that they have enjoyed their stay.

In sport, we have again gained a 1st XI Colour, in the form of Dixon, who has had a very good season, and Samsbury has captained the Colts excellently throughout the term. Wright, Smithers, Faulkner and Todd have also played for one or other of the junior teams.

None of our members particularly distinguished himself above the rest at the General Inspection, but we offer our sincerest congratulations to P. P. Crowther for gaining a Flying Scholarship. We hope that many more boarders will follow his lead in this direction.

Soon we must, however, all say goodbye to each other. The School's boarding system makes it necessary for most of the juniors

to move to the other Houses at the end of each year, and we have in addition a few people leaving. We hope that these will continue our tradition in the future as well as they have been maintained in the past.

M. A. CROWTHER.

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### **Tyler's Wood House**

This term has seen the House active both in the field of work and of sports. Several members of the House have sat for the General Certificate of Education—Ordinary (!), Advanced (!! ) and Scholarship (!!!) levels, and are now awaiting the dreaded post card, due some time in August—we wish them all the very best of luck. We offer our congratulations to B. Sinnatt, P. W. Elliott, A. Gordon, B. Bernet, M. V. J. Hayward and D. Scott-Kiddie, who have all been awarded prizes for the year's work. We hope that they, as well as the others, will continue to maintain a high standard of work in the House.

P. W. Elliott, I. T. Johnston and J. P. J. Edwards have played regularly for the School cricket teams and achieved considerable distinction in some of the matches. Others took part in the School Sports ; our congratulations to A. Gordon for representing Bucks County in the All-England Sports at Bradford for the second consecutive year.

We were visited this term by D. M. Phillips, who is finding his Law interesting at London University. A. C. Emary, D. Davis, B. J. Edwards, P. J. King and R. M. Cowley have also re-visited us and are quite "men of the world" now. P. Groom is also a frequent visitor and we hope that they will all come and see us again.

We are sorry to lose P. W. Elliott, who will be graduating into the prosperous realms of finance, and P. J. Webb, who will, we hope, ascend to fame in architecture. P. Verhoeft and S. W. Stock are going first to their National Service. We wish them all good luck and hope that Tyler's Wood and the School will have done much in shaping them for their future careers.

A. HUSSEIN.

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### **Uplyme House**

Since the issue of the last magazine no one in this House has distinguished himself notably in School activities. Indeed members of the Junior and Middle School appear largely to have a lack of interest in School activities in general. However, we have carried on in our usual amiable manner, and managed to rediscover that House spirit at the end of the term.

We congratulate P. S. Reader on passing the first part of his examination for Sandhurst. We wish him all the best in his coming interview. Also we congratulate Sallows for playing in the School Colts XI and 2nd XI. This term we say farewell to Reader and wish him the best for the future. Baker will take his place as Prefect.

Finally, we wish all old Uplymers the best of luck and hope that where possible they will come and visit us in the near future.

E. HALL.

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### KITTY AND FENN

“ Oh, come, my Kitty, oh come thou then,  
    (The soft, sweet scent of the limes-O).  
Oh, come, fair Kitty, thou lov'st thy Fenn,  
Lov'st him more than other men ?”  
    (The valley church sends up its chimes-O).

“ What dost thou ask if I love thee for ?  
    (The soft, sweet scent of the limes-O).  
I love thee, yet since thou art so poor,  
There's a soldier-lad I love much more.”  
    (The valley church sends up its chimes-O).

“ Oh, Kitty, I lov'd thee true to the end,  
    (The sad, sweet scent of the limes-O).  
I used the only way, best friend,  
Thy fatal fickleness to mend,  
For us is the solitary chime-O.”

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### “ODI PROFANUM VULGUS ET ARCEO”

I blew up bubbles into the air.  
They rose, they sank, divided, pair'd,  
In pinks and greens I saw a tree,  
Through blues and yellows I laughed at me.  
Reflected windows played a game,  
A bevelled face was not the same,  
A myriad bursting, show'ring globes  
Transported, gave me magic robes,  
And even as one burst, I said,  
“ That's a real man that is dead.”

AMADEUS.

## ANDROCLES AND THE LION

"Androcles and the Lion" had a rather less obvious appeal than either of the Dramatic Society's previous productions. It is also far more difficult to produce successfully and to act in. The characters in "Ten Little Niggers," "Maid Marten" and Gilbert's operas tend to be stock comic or melodramatic types. With them the actor can make up for with enthusiasm what he lacks in skill. The characters in "Androcles" on the other hand give expression to G.B.S.'s ideas concerning persecution and martyrdom, and can only be reproduced by considerable thought and dramatic skill. Nor, on this occasion, was enthusiasm the only attribute necessary in the producer. "Androcles" was not an easy play to produce, and Mr. Runswick and the Society deserve praise even for attempting it.

In fact the production achieved a considerable measure of success, and several actors either enhanced or made their reputations. The more stock characters were played by the more experienced actors. M. J. Banham once more took upon himself the part of the whimsical snob and in his hands the Emperor came convincingly and amusingly to life. His scene with the lion of M. O. Simmons, whose alternate ferocious roars and almost human purring made him a firm favourite with the audience, formed the climax of the performance. In contrast, A. Kenyon, looking magnificent in the part of Ferrovius, was suitably heavy and serious, and far from ranting through the part—as a lesser actor might—reproduced in full the internal conflict which moves Ferrovius throughout the play. Of the other Christians, C. J. Goodchild succeeded in persuading us that he can play parts other than old women. Suitably decorated with grease-paint scabs, he gave a persuasive performance as Spintho, the debauchee. C. P. Keeling's lack of stature fitted him for the part of Androcles. He gave a thoroughly competent rather than brilliant performance, and the producer is to be congratulated upon never letting the scenes between the two title roles degenerate into mere farce. These main parts were backed up by competent performances in all the smaller parts, among which Megaera, Lentulus and the Centurion were particularly well portrayed by R. B. M. Ashby, J. C. Colver and D. J. Crump.

There remain Lavinia and the Captain, played by N. P. A. Thomas and R. Kipping. Both are difficult parts. Both have to utter long intellectual arguments about persecution and martyrdom and yet still retain their characters as a handsome, proud, attractive Roman Captain and a beautiful and attractive Christian martyr. Neither was wholly successful and yet both may feel pleased with their performances. Kipping is not a natural actor, and the inability to alter the tone of his voice caused some of his speeches to fall dead



on his hands. To compensate for this he spoke clearly and looked the part of the handsome captain. Thomas, on the other hand, did not look a Lavinia. What is a difficult part for a woman is well-nigh impossible when entrusted to a boy. Yet it was only physical difficulties which defeated Thomas. His voice, though often having an irrelevant plaintive tone, is strong and clear, and he spoke as if he understood the implication of his many quite intellectual speeches. He is already a very good actor.

These many actors united to form a satisfying performance. It was perhaps a measure of the success of the production as a whole that most of the audience went away complaining that the play was too short.

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B. K. DEBENHAM.

### SCHOOL CONCERT

The programme is the only consolation for those who arrive early at a concert, while other more fortunate or less considerate people are still drifting in, squeezing past, or indecisively hovering. It is for all a promise and a guide. Those of us who were in the School Hall for the concert found promise of an evening's varied entertainment of a consistently high quality; a guide to which we could confidently refer for all the information we needed. In the pleasurable moments of anticipation spent in looking through the items it was easy to see that, if there was a theme common to the whole evening's music, it was joy. Not only the transcendent delight of Schubert's "Trout Variations" but the more lighthearted students' songs and the opera seemed to promise that, whatever happened, cheerfulness would keep breaking through. The Hall, with newly-raised honours boards flanking the stage, looked informally ready for anything, as though ready to do its poor best acoustically.

The School orchestra began with "The Doge's March," by Rosse, and soon were able to convince the audience of their assurance.

It is no doubt a confession of weakness, but I could not help trying to imagine where the Doge's procession was marching: round and round the Square of St. Mark's? The "Air and Rondo" by Purcell which followed did not suffer from the hesitancy which almost inevitably affects the first item. The invigorating music was being clearly and sensitively played by a well-balanced orchestra. The promise was already fulfilled.

The assembling of the Junior Choir always has the bewildering effect of an optical illusion. Long after there appears to be a full gathering more and more small figures flow steadily into view. It seems impossible that so many can be trained as a simple choir.

The three Schubert songs which were chosen for the concert showed the choir equal to the demands of their conductor. It was pleasant to hear the words clearly, even though the translations sounded strange at times. By a happy arrangement the last of these songs, "The Trout," was followed by the variations on it from the Piano Quintet, Op. 114. This was a virtuoso performance, and in many ways the most memorable part of the evening; certainly the most exciting part.

The Sixth Form Chorus thought it advisable that they should be heard before they were seen, and first made themselves known as singers of a fairly restrained "Gaudeamus Igitur." But they soon showed that they were not afraid to appear in their true colours, and sang "Come, Landlord, Fill the Flowing Bowl," "Vive la Compagnie" and a "Rover Shanty." They expressed their sentiments on wine and woman with determined conviction and infectious gaiety. Perhaps more to the present purpose, they expressed themselves in a way that was satisfactory musically.

The Chamber Music Group were performing for the first time, and it was unfortunate that they did not give a just impression of themselves. They are an enterprising quintet and, as we know from their rehearsing, very capable. It is to be hoped that there will always be such a Chamber Music Group in future concerts, although the chance combination of instruments involves the players in many difficulties when they are looking for suitable music. Another new feature of the concert was a performance of music by Handel and Bach by five members of the Recorder Society. These five juniors gave a most enjoyable recital.

The centre-piece of the concert was the "pocket opera," "The Housemaster's Nightmare," by Mr. Rainbow himself. This turned out to be a highly moral, if implausible, story of how certain boarders outwit their housemaster and exact special privileges from him. There are many worse school masters than Marmaduke, but surely few who would so readily admit their shortcomings. The casting was good, and Marmaduke, his wife, and the judge might almost be thought to have found their vocations in life. It would, however, give a completely false impression if it were suggested that "The Housemaster's Nightmare" was merely a crude burlesque with musical accompaniment. Not only were the characters—the master, his wife, the prowling boarders—given distinctively characteristic music, but we heard an overture that was most enjoyable and which, to judge from a single hearing, had a satisfying unity of its own. The opera was cleverly devised, wittily composed and well performed.

We know that to appreciate Haydn's "Toy Symphony" fully a performance must be seen as well as heard. We shall not soon

forget the seven ill-at-ease soloists struggling with varying degrees of success with their strange instruments. The indefatigable rattler and the ingenious cuckoo, who was able to produce variations even on his simple call, earned special distinction.

Finally, the School Chorus with the Orchestra brought the concert to a fitting close with the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Beethoven's "Mount of Olives." It was only when the concert had ended that it became evident how cleverly the whole programme had been arranged.

To many of those who took part in the concert, and who worked so devotedly to make it possible, the above impressions may seem too uncritical. Music is a serious, as well as an enjoyable, activity at this School; it is inevitable that the highest standards should be aimed at and complacency detested. There were few musically discordant moments during the evening, and nothing else that was in any way discordant. What was above all evident was the large number of boys who clearly showed their own delight in music and their ability to give, to others, enjoyment. It is to those who are making this possible that we owe our greatest gratitude, and most of all to Mr. Rainbow, whom we shall miss so much.

E. J. P.

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### THE GREEK PLAY AT BRADFIELD, June 1952

A party of boys from this school was privileged to attend a performance of Sophocles' "Antigone," which returned after an absence of twenty years to the exquisite Greek theatre set among the woods of Bradfield. Though now a contribution more to scholarship than to drama, nevertheless the tragedy did succeed in holding the audience's attention throughout. The actors adopted very successfully a sustained seriousness which had a truly effective quality, attempting neither a formal nor an impassioned delivery. Antigone, played by P. J. A. Coldstream with remarkable sensitiveness both to words and character, did not fail to move with her tenderness, loyalty and piteous affection. The impressive performance of Teiresias, the blind prophet, held us enthralled and vied with that of Antigone for first place. The rustic guard was an almost comic foil to a Creon vigorously portrayed by C. K. H. Woodhouse. The latter gained increased admiration when we discovered that he had no previous knowledge of Greek. The chorus was well up to former standards and Cecil Bellamy produced with a sure and imaginative touch.

May I express my most sincere thanks to those who made this memorable visit possible.

G. D. B. JONES, VIC.

## C.C.F.

### Army Section

For the first time in the history of the School, the annual Inspection of the C.C.F. was carried out by an Admiral.

Rear Admiral Lees inspected the contingent on June 21st, and in a few nautical words congratulated the Cadets on a very good turn-out and on the excellent spirit which he felt existed in the Corps.

At the time of going to press three officers and seventy-three cadets are enjoying camp with the Guards at Pirbright. In spite of the absence of many boys at the top end of the School the contingent mounted a highly creditable guard, and the N.C.O.'s present have done excellent work in maintaining a good spirit throughout.

It is pleasing to learn that many cadets are getting their commission within a few months of leaving the contingent. We should be delighted if on some occasion some of these ex-cadets would come to camp with us and pass on the benefit of their experience to those following on.

R.P.

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### Naval Section

The even tenor of our way was greatly disturbed by preparations for General Inspection. Our first inspection was, appropriately enough, made by an Admiral. During the afternoon the Masters' common room suffered perhaps more than any other part of the School. The officer I/C section, ably directed and assisted by Mr. Benson, managed to produce sufficient rope to hang not only himself but also the rest of the staff. Whippings, eye-splittings and heavings of tackle proceeded apace and we were able to produce a very presentable rigging of sheer-legs on Inspection Day.

Meanwhile P/O Booth led his training group in the production of a hand lead and line, and all passed off in a most satisfactory manner. The section is to be congratulated on a smart turn-out.

Fifteen of our cadets proceeded to annual training on Friday, 18th July. This, our first annual training, is to be on H.M.S. *Berry Head* at Sheerness. It is hoped that all cadets will enjoy their training, and that the experience will assist them in all ways.

We hope to welcome Mr. J. B. Benson into the section next term.

T.E.H.

## R.A.F. Section

For 26 cadets of the R.A.F. Section, who have just returned from R.A.F. Station, Cottesmore, it is certain that this summer camp will be amongst their happiest memories. By good fortune, the amount of flying enjoyed by cadets was quite unusually large. While most cadets spent between four and five hours in the air, some obtained as much as seven hours flying in Ansons and in Prentices. A Lincoln, a Washington and a Meteor Jet were amongst aircraft which paid special visits to the camp. There was an enjoyable "escape and evasion" exercise in which cadets acquitted themselves well. The weather was good, there was ample recreation and the food was excellent in quality—and in quantity.

The first full-day visit of the unit to an R.A.F. station also took place during this term. Two coach-loads of cadets made the long journey to R.A.F. Station, Lyneham, where the warm hospitality of the station personnel and a flight of about an hour in a Hastings aircraft made the journey well worth-while. This is a visit we hope to repeat.

Another event of importance during the term was the Annual General Inspection, which took place on 19th June. The special care given to personal appearance and smartness on this important occasion did not go unrewarded. The congratulatory remarks of the Inspecting Officer were very satisfying to all concerned.

Since our last report the series of Flying Scholarship awards has been continued. Sgts. D. S. Blackshaw and R. Chambers have now completed their training and have been awarded their Pilot's Licence. Cpl. T. D. Kape has also successfully completed his course of training. Cadet P. P. Crowther has been awarded a scholarship and is about to begin training at the Flying Club at Kidlington. Cadet P. P. Crowther was one of five cadets who passed the Proficiency Examination in March.

The Primary Glider is now being used for training purposes and its airworthiness was demonstrated on the School field by Flight-Lieutenant White during the General Inspection. Cpl. J. D. Kape has recently gained the distinction of being awarded his "C" Certificate for gliding—an unusual feat amongst cadets, on which he is warmly congratulated.

We are very glad to welcome Pilot Officer J. G. Lloyd, who now joins the unit as an officer and who has already done a great deal of work for us. Sincere thanks are offered to the Civilian Instructors, Mr. A. D. Leggett and Mr. J. C. Butterfield, who continue to give their time freely to the unit. We may look back with satisfaction on what has been a highly successful year for the unit.

E.M.

## HOUSE REPORTS

### Arnison House

Arnison House started the summer term in the best possible fashion by winning the Athletic Sports with an exceedingly comfortable margin of points. The title of Sports Champions is probably the most coveted of all in inter-House competitions and so we can be doubly proud of holding it. Four boys deserve special praise for their efforts in the Sports, namely Small, Snapes, K. C. Jones and Squires. Individually they amassed many valuable points. But in this event every point and every entry is a valuable one, and great praise must be given to all who entered, for even the "also rans" play a vital part.

The cricketers reached the Final via an easy win over Youens, but were beaten by a gallant Disraeli team even after scoring 187, which most of the deck-chair critics agreed was a winning total. Dick Wing guided his team well, but unlucky fielding errors and poor eyesight cost us too many runs. Bridges and Thomas of Disraeli deserve our congratulations on their fine winning stand. The Tennis team, composed of two tennis players and four gamesmen, beat Youens in the first round of the House tournament, but had to concede victory to Fraser in the final. In many respects we were unlucky, for Wing and Bristow were both unfit and unable to complete the match, but by that time Fraser looked to be comfortably home.

The Music competition again did not bring much success to us, and for the second consecutive year we came last, although only 50 marks behind the worthy winners. On the whole, though, we have enjoyed a most rewarding year and can now produce plenty of laurels of our own winning in reply to any other House's taunts. We owe a great deal to the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. Eldridge, who has, assisted by Mr. Leggett, carried on the high standard set by previous Arnison House Masters. Next year, I am told, we are going to win the Rugger!

M. J. BANHAM.

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### Disraeli House

The end of the School year shows the House still improving. This improvement was shown by the excellent entry for the Boxing competition, in which we obtained a lead which determined the result of the competition before the finals were actually fought. In the Music and Athletic competitions the House failed to distinguish itself, but plenty of hard work was put in by all who took part, especially in the Music competition. B. K. Johnson did well to

break the School high jump record and also to become joint holder of the Colts Athletic Cup with R. Small.

Drawn against Fraser in the Tennis competition, we lost, winning only one game, with a team containing, except for B. K. Johnson, no recognised players.

The highlight of the term was the success of the cricket team in beating Arnison in the final after winning against Fraser earlier in the term. The scoring of the necessary 188 runs for victory was made possible by M. Bridges, the School cricket captain, who scored a century, in which he hit eighteen fours. C. Ashby also did well to take six wickets.

Whether Disraeli House wins the competitions or not, as long as everyone continues to pull their weight and as long as the present excellent spirit continues, we can look forward with confidence to the future.

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D. J. THOMAS.

### Fraser House

It was felt that Fraser's best chance this term was in the Tennis competition. We were not disappointed. Both Disraeli and Arnison fought gallantly, but our team, which included the School singles champion, R. B. M. Ashby, and the runner-up, J. P. Osborne, proved its reputation, and won the competition. But in spite of our Tennis success, Fraser cannot look on the summer term with any great satisfaction. Of the four main Inter-House competitions held during the term (Cricket, Athletics, Music and Tennis), each House won one. This may be conducive to House competition, but at the same time it represents a decline of Fraser, for last year we won every competition of the summer term, except, oddly enough, the Tennis.

Our Cricket XI was young, and only had the experience of a few 2nd XI and colts colours. Considering this, our performance against the eventual champions, Disraeli, was quite creditable, and certainly better than Arnison's in the final. Nevertheless, a little more keenness in the field might have turned the scales in a close game. Later in the season J. D. Dixon and I. T. Johnston showed good form, both scoring fifties for the School 1st XI, and with some promising Colts coming along, we have greater hopes of next year.

More disappointing were the Sports. R. I. Garratt's achievement of winning every single Senior running event from 100 yards to the Cross-Country deserves our heartiest congratulations, but his fine performance was contrasted with the element of apathy, which was all too evident in the main body of the House, which with greater effort could have won the Sports.

To a lesser degree the same criticism can be applied to the general enthusiasm for the Music competition. The soloists played and sung to the best of their ability, but the choir was rather small, and under-rehearsed, and did not prove the winning factor—as it did last year.

Having won the Tennis, and been runners-up in the Sports and Music, the term has not been entirely unsuccessful, but too much has depended upon the few, when the many could have maintained the complete ascendancy to which Fraser has become accustomed. Let us hope that next year will see the revival.

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R. C. FILE.

### Youens House

The last term was one of mixed success for the House. We won both the Senior and Junior Cross-Country championships, the Music Shield, and were third in the Athletics. The results of the Cricket and Tennis were not so encouraging, but on the whole we can be pleased with our efforts. The House spirit in the Junior School has been good, unlike that of the Upper School.

The Senior Cross-Country race was won easily. Barrett, our captain, has been enthusiastic and encouraging. Twice after School he has trained the Junior and Colts teams. We selected our runners after a trial race carefully. In this way, hidden talent was found, for it is not always the good track runner that is the good cross-country runner.

The Athletics took place at the beginning of last term. We were unfortunately beaten into third place by Fraser, who obtained one point more than us. R. C. Jones, who is only just fifteen, should be congratulated on winning the "Open" Javelin with a record throw. Our relay teams were very good and we won four of the relays out of six.

Arnison beat us much too easily in the Cricket owing to a lapse in the fielding, when both Wing and Walker were dropped. Afterwards they took hold of the bowling and scored freely. Arnison's bowlers were good and only R. C. Jones and Hanna defied them.

After the other three Houses had held the Music Shield in turn, we have at last won it. Crump and Fellows worked hard and conscientiously in training the choir, which obtained the most points for the ensemble. Rance, too, deserves praise for his able piano playing.

Tennis has been weak and Arnison beat us quite convincingly. Although they lost the team played hard, Hester, the captain, and Crump giving Kipping and Wing a difficult match.

This term we start the Rugby; let us show Fraser that we can beat them.

R. LUDLAM.



## SCHOOL SOCIETIES

### The Twentieth Century Opinion Society

The Society this term has been compelled by examinations to curtail its activities somewhat, but in spite of this, it can still lay a very strong claim to have been the most active Society throughout the year.

We opened the term with a session of snap debates, which were not very well supported, and at which the standard of oratory was extremely low, and we have just ended our programme with a most enjoyable inter-schools debate and social at Slough.

The highlight of our activities, however, was our debate with Wycombe Abbey Girls' School. They chose the motion, which was that "The Emancipation of Women Was a Grave Social Error," and we spent our time feverishly looking up all the details and argument which were involved in this question. The debate was held in the Library at the Abbey, in most pleasant surroundings, and we must here express our warm gratitude for the cordial welcome given to us.

A. Kenyon and Miss Klara Kahn were the speakers for the motion; Miss Sally Marriott and M. A. Crowther opposed the motion. First Kenyon, as proposer, made a competent speech, and he was answered by Miss Sally Marriott, who, though her points were perhaps a little disjointed, made a fine speech. Miss Klara Kahn then made an amusing and spirited speech; we all realised how difficult it is for a woman to speak against her own interest, and Miss Kahn did this to the very best advantage. Time was by now becoming short, but Crowther managed to make the final reply for the opposition without omitting too much of his material.

The debate was then opened to the floor, and Bright distinguished himself in the ensuing exchanges, and Kenyon, who in his speech had criticised English cooking as opposed to French, was described by one of the girls as "hardly the type who could exist on a fluffy omelette."

The summing up was brief, and after this a vote was taken, the motion being defeated by 33 votes to 27. We then enjoyed some very welcome refreshments and were shown round the new library, which boasted a card index even finer and larger than ours!

I feel sure that those who took part in this debate enjoyed it immensely, and were extremely grateful to Wycombe Abbey School for their hospitality. It is hoped that further debates will be arranged with them in the future.

M. A. CROWTHER.

## Science Society

The retirement of the present Secretary, after two and a half years in office, is at last in sight as this term ends. Also retiring are P. B. Gillard, the invaluable Assistant Secretary, C. J. Goodchild, the Treasurer, and three of the Committee members. To fill the gap and avoid delay next term, a General Meeting was held on 26th May, when R. D. Owen, the only surviving Committee member, was elected as next year's Secretary-cum-Treasurer; three other Committee members will be elected in September.

Our activities this term have been slightly hampered—as usual in the summer term—by the examinations, and most of our events had to be squeezed into the first half of the term.

Two of the termly quota of three films were of high quality: one on the extraction of penicillin from the mould-cultures, the other on the principles and uses of the electron microscope. The third film, "This is Salt," had a poor commentary and background music, which made it less successful.

On 5th May a party of two Masters and twenty-four members visited Rothamsted Experimental Station, where they inspected the field experiments and saw the effects of various fertiliser treatments on crops and soils. The commercial printing section of Harrison & Sons Ltd., of Wycombe, was seen by twelve members on 16th June; they duly admired the photography and etching, and marvelled at the cleverness of the operator of a complicated double-typewriter-like machine which punched holes in a roll of paper, which, in turn, caused another machine to set up the type—"rather like a pianola!" it was said. The final excursion took place on 28th July to the Radiochemical Centre at Amersham, with a carefully "seeded" party.

Owing to pressure of work for the examinations, the Assistant Secretary was unable to arrange any meetings of the Natural History Section, but it is hoped that the new Secretary will start it up again next term.

The only lecture-meeting this term was on 14th May, when C. J. Goodchild read a London Transport Lecture on "How London's Tube Railways are Built"; the accompanying film-strip did little to illustrate the various points.

After a long absence, membership cards are at last available again, and there should be no shortage in future, as a special block has been cut for printing them.

Since the subscription was proposed in March, 1949, and the membership and activities of the Society thus put on a regular and definite basis, there have been twenty-four excursions to various factories and laboratories, three of these being visited twice. It is

now becoming more difficult to select suitable places for visits within measurable distances from Wycombe, so suggestions will be cordially welcomed by the Committee.

In conclusion of this report, I should like to place on record my thanks to the Chairman, Mr. Mewse, for his ready help and advice at all times during my period of office. Also to the Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer and Committee members—past as well as present—and finally to the ordinary members for whom the wheels go round.

A. REYNOLDS.

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### Music Society

We continued our weekly record programmes throughout the summer term, and although the audiences, as usually happen during the warm weather, were smaller, the programmes chosen showed a marked variety. Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto was played at the first meeting, followed next week by Beethoven's Fourth Symphony, especially welcome as it is one we do not hear during our course of Beethoven symphonies at School.

Where possible, members have presented programmes of their records themselves. We are grateful to R. C. File for lending us his recording of "The Yeomen of the Guard," the opera which the School means to produce this year. C. J. Goodchild let us hear a programme, "mainly of music for wind instruments," including a Mozart Divertiment and Carl Nielsen's "Serenata in Vano." On the following week K. J. P. Westney brought Debussy's "La Mer," and ended the programme with the final movement from Ibert's "Escales."

On the last week Mr. Rainbow, as it was his last meeting with us, kindly presented a programme of his favourite records. This was so popular that we had the largest gathering of the past year. We heard a wide choice of music, ranging from Sibelius to Gibbons, not forgetting a Mickey Mouse record, and including parts of Mozart's Requiem. This programme provided a fitting and happy conclusion to Mr. Rainbow's long association with the Music Society.

As a note of advice for the future, I may add that the main thing needed to keep this Society flourishing, even if only for a small number, is an active interest on the part of all members. In the Society's early days we used occasionally to hear "live" recitals by boys and members of the staff. We since have become large dependent upon recorded music for our programmes, yet in this there are ample opportunities to offer interested and varied weekly programmes, provided that members show some personal exertion and initiative.

K. J. P. WESTNEY.

## Chess Club

The Chess Club has continued its regular lunch-time meetings throughout the summer term, and can easily claim to be the best-attended School Society, with a wide following of boys of all ages. In addition to their regular meetings, a number of matches have been played against other schools.

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## A TRIP TO SOUTHAMPTON

Towards the end of the summer term, a welcome break in the bustle of the examinations was made by a trip to Southampton Docks which was taken by a large number of boys accompanied by several masters. A steamer trip round the docks and tea were provided, and a most interesting time was had by everyone. A special train was run from Wycombe, and the journey was both comfortable (in spite of the rather dubious drinking-water supplied) and swift. This train took us right into the docks, and even while we were still in it we could see the masts and funnels of ships, which gave promise of an entertaining time to come.

On leaving the train, we passed along the dockside, skilfully avoiding the various ropes, bollards and goods trucks. We first saw a troopship, the *Empire Medway*, and then a liner, the *New Australia*, in the King George V dry dock, one of the largest dry docks in the world, which could hold a 110,000-ton ship. Unfortunately, neither the *Queen Elizabeth* nor the *Queen Mary* was at Southampton, but we could estimate their size by seeing the huge spare propellers which were kept for them behind a power-house. When we had seen these, we boarded a pleasure steamer, the *Balmoral*, and went for a long trip round the docks and Southampton Water. We first sailed the length of the new docks, and many of us enthusiastically photographed the liners and troopships lying alongside the quays. On the way, we saw part of the town of Southampton, with its old walls and memorial to the Pilgrim Fathers, who started from here on their voyage to America (if we can believe the gentleman who was giving us a running commentary on the loud-speaker). We then rounded the old docks, seeing a Norwegian tanker and two flying-boats, and sailed up the river Itchen, looking into the Empress Dock: our ship then turned and steamed down Southampton Water towards Calshot.

As we passed down this estuary, we saw an old castle and the Royal Victoria Hospital on the banks, and several more flying-boats riding at anchor or drawn up on slipways. The banks were flat and tree-lined, as they had been further upstream before the new docks were built. We rounded Calshot Spit, where the Coastal

Command flying-boats are stationed, and circled the Calshot light-ship, giving three cheers for its crew. From here we could see Cowes Roads and the hills of the Isle of Wight, to which Southampton owes its sheltered position and double tides. We then returned up Southampton Water, drawing close to the shore on the way to view the oil-tankers at Fawley, visited the Ocean Dock, where the *Queens* berth, and finally landed at the southernmost point of the docks and proceeded to a large canteen for tea.

After tea there was a rush back to the dockside to see a large American troopship, with its attendant tugs, steaming slowly up the River Test to the new docks. It was hoped that we would see the liner *Georgic* arrive, but it was discovered that she would come after we had left, so after some undecided walking to and fro we visited the Ocean Terminal, a very long building, which receives the passengers from the *Queens*, and walked along the promenade on the roof, admiring the great cranes and the telescopic gangways, and the view over Southampton and the docks. By this time, nearly everybody was feeling rather tired, so we were not altogether sorry to return to our train.

The journey back was as comfortable as the journey out had been, and by eight o'clock we were back in Wycombe. Throughout the day the weather, in spite of a pessimistic forecast on the wireless, had been perfect, and all the arrangements had proceeded without a hitch. We must thank the railway company, the dock officials at Southampton, and the captain and crew of the *Balmoral* for a most pleasant and instructive day. It has been suggested that this outing may be made an annual event. We certainly hope that this will be done, and that we will enjoy the future trips as much as we enjoyed this one.

D. A. HESTER, VIC.

(See the photographs which accompany this article elsewhere in this issue.—EDITOR.)

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## A LETTER FROM OXFORD

Oxford—a name that probably conjures up a wider variety of visions in the minds of different people than any other place of its size in the world; for Oxford is not a large city, as cities go, when one remembers that its population is nearly five times smaller than that of Sheffield. But then, of course, Oxford is not an industrial city, despite the existence of the Cowley Motor Works, which has added tens-of-thousands to the population since the beginning of the century and created a major problem for the town-planner. It is primarily a university city and (what is too often forgotten) an important county-town; indeed, its function in the latter sphere

goes a long way to explain the presence of a multiplicity of motor and other vehicles, which make it a close rival of Birmingham to the distinction of being one of the busiest of English cities from the traffic point of view.

However, this letter concerns Oxford, not as a county-town, but primarily as a university town, and that for two reasons : firstly, because I consider that that is the most important role it has to play in our national life (but then, of course, I am prejudiced) ; and secondly, because I like to think I know quite a lot about the university, whereas I am quite sure I know nothing whatever about Oxford as a county-town (I hasten to add—apart from the fact that it possesses one of the ugliest town halls I have ever seen).

You must not expect me to indulge in frivolous controversy on the subject of which is the greater university—Oxford or Cambridge ; they cannot be compared, without digressing into a disquisition on the relative merits of the various faculties at each—an essay I am not prepared to make. Are not the Bodleian and the Fitzwilliam (perhaps Messrs. Goodchild and Reynolds will correct me, if I am wrong) above such squabbles—why not we too ? Is it not more interesting to learn something of the life at Oxford, either by hearsay or experience, than to wrangle over their relative merits ?

Life at Oxford is distinguished by almost every epithet in the English language, with the sole exception of " boring " : there are indeed many bores there, many who believe with Voltaire that the secret of being a bore is to tell everything, but their talents are always lavished on their friends, never on themselves. Talking is indeed the most practised of the arts at Oxford, whether it means discussing Proust or Oscar Wilde over a late cup of coffee in a friend's room after spending the evening punting up the Cherwell to a favourite undergraduate rendezvous—the " Vicky Arms " (I can't say that the undergraduate of 1952 has much respect for the last vestiges of " Victoriana "), or writing a short story for Oxford's most popular undergrad. magazine—the *Isis* (for *Isis* short stories are rarely anything more than fossilized conversations).

I trust I have not misled you—there are other pastimes at Oxford—such as eating, drinking, and rowing, for example. The former can only be indulged in relatively mildly (Oxford society has shown a notable lack of gourmets and gourmands recently, I am told), but the stringencies of the rationing system (long live Major Lloyd-George) are overcome very simply by availing oneself of a cheese-omelette deliciously cooked and at the not unreasonable price of 2/3, or a Chow-fan (not to be confused with a Chow-steak or -cutlet) at the still more reasonable price of 1/9 at a quaint and ancient restaurant, called by the very undignified name of " The Stowaway," just off the High Street. As for drink—if one is not an addict of H<sub>2</sub>O, one can always procure liberal supplies of orange-

squash at the college buttry. I believe there are other drinks on sale, such as beer, cider, etc., but if taken in large quantities, I am told these have a peculiar effect on the head—and on the stomach too. Rowing, of course, is to be indulged in by anyone who is foolish enough to imagine he can swim, when he can't; or thinks he has the muscles of Carnera, when he would probably not qualify for the fly-weight championship at school. The greatest danger on the river—apart from the cox—are Salter's steamers, which wallow up and down the Isis like so many leviathans without the least regard for (our) life and limb.

I regretfully come to the end of my letter with the injunction that if *you* ever come to Oxford, it would be as well to adopt the Boy Scout's motto—at least temporarily—for it is by no means easy when you first come up to steer a clear course between the Scyllae and Charybdi of (what a comprehensive phrase!) "life at Oxford."

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N. E. FILBY.

### THE THIRD PARIS CULTURAL HOLIDAY— EASTER, 1952

This course, organised so well by Miss Williams, of Huntingdon Grammar School, was attended by three members of the Sixth Form. In all, there were nearly six hundred students—four hundred girls and a hundred and ninety boys. Every county in England, in fact, was represented at this large gathering.

When we arrived in Paris in the early hours of the morning we were taken by coach to the College Stanislas, while the girls were taken to lycées near the Sorbonne. It was with great interest that we entered this old school, for Anatole France, the author of one of our "set books" had been educated there. In the "Livre de Mon Ami" our interest was evoked by the allusions to this school which was to be our home in Paris for ten days.

The principal purpose of this continental holiday was a series of lectures at the Sorbonne on the French Literature set for Higher School Certificate. The professors from the Sorbonne discussed in French a very wide range of authors and their works. There were, perhaps, two outstanding lectures. The first was a lecture on Victor Hugo by Daniel Mornet. It was a great pleasure to listen to a person of such literary repute. The other lecture was on Racine's *Britannicus*. During the lecture, an actress of the "Comédie Française" enacted several of the principal speeches from the play.

The course was well balanced by many sight-seeing tours through Paris. A visit by coach to the magnificent Palace of Versailles was but one of the highlights of the holidays. Every

student was allowed one complimentary ticket to the "Comédie Française." Our group saw "Les Femmes Savantes," by Molière and "Un Caprice," by Musset. We were officially entertained by the City of Paris in the ornate Hôtel de Ville. Here, in the vast Salle de Fêtes, we stood and sang that very moving hymn "Jerusalem" for the benefit of the B.B.C., who were recording the event.

At the end of the holiday we gathered in the Sorbonne to hear speeches by the various representatives of the sponsoring organisations and the results of the essay and oral competitions. R. Handscombe and D. Simons won prizes, in the form of books for their essays. The last official item on the programme was gone through—the holiday was at an end.

Inside ten days, we had been given a very comprehensive picture of Paris and could understand something of its cosmopolitan character.

It is our duty to thank Mr. Cowan sincerely for making all the arrangements for this most instructive holiday.

I. J. MCCREERY, VI.

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## ONE WAY OF SPENDING ST. GEORGE'S DAY

I am not in the habit of rising before a quarter past eight in the morning—ten minutes later on School days. On St. George's Day, however, I dragged myself out of bed at half-past six, and strolled down to the beach. As I was staying, as a member of the National Youth Orchestra, at a boarding-school in Bournemouth, this was no particularly difficult achievement. We had already spent an exhausting week rehearsing four works for the concert. The concert day had now arrived, and we all went down, in staggered formation, on to the sands, presumably in the hope of finding inspiration from the onrush of waves from the Channel.

After an hour and a half on the beach and cliffs, including three minutes in the cliff lift, the knowledge that breakfast was imminent prompted us to return to the school, where we were met by the inevitable tea, toast and haddock. After breakfast, we collected our instruments and music, and rode, in a fleet of coaches, to the Winter Gardens, where we were to play that evening.

To the uninformed observer, it must have seemed as if we were 120 young people in the process of being hypnotised, for we spent several minutes sitting silent in the coaches, until some master asked us, "What is the first rule on concert-day?" to which we roared back with one voice, "Never get out of the coach until you are told!" The coaches took us into the centre of Bournemouth, and we had to wait for about half an hour on the coaches outside the



Winter Gardens. We were then told to get out; obediently we filed out, and walked—or, in the case of those carrying 'cellos—tottered round to the back of the Hall. We rehearsed solidly—Sir Adrian Boult would say densely—from about 10.30 to 12.30; experienced members always say that rehearsals on the day of the concert are the hardest of all, and, indeed, for my part, I was finding it difficult to remain awake. All the tricky solos where trouble had been found at earlier rehearsals, went wrong, and Sir Adrian, our conductor, would either stop and work at them or dismiss them, warning us not to do that on the night. At the end of the rehearsal, Miss Railton, who founded the orchestra, read out a list of those members of the orchestra who had won badges; which are the equivalent of 1st XI or 1st XV caps.

We went back to the school for lunch and were told to rest from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock. This meant cards for some and sleep for others. At four, we all dressed in our uniform—dark suits for the boys, white blouses and dark skirts for the girls—and ate a light salad tea.

We waited in our coaches outside the school, as the staff went by, resplendent in evening dress. When a particularly popular coach went past, such as "Ernie" Hall or "Duggie" Cameron, we cheered heartily. Then came a great surprise for the boys—our housemaster was a clergyman!

We drove to the Winter Gardens, went up on to the stage and played. Miraculously everything—save a few horn notes—went perfectly, and before long we were finishing Brahms' 1st Symphony, and were greeted by rapturous applause.

All that happened back at the school after the concert stands to our discredit. Dozens of buns were rushed upstairs for midnight feasts. A horn-player who had to be up at 6 next morning to travel to London, found his room empty save for the frame of his bed. After hours of ragging and feasting, we went to bed, very tired and rather bad-tempered, yet elated by our achievement of the evening.

C. L. HORTIN (VIM).

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## SHORTENILLS COURSE ON FRANCE AND THE FRENCH July 14th-18th, 1952

It was refreshing to find at last a course for Sixth Formers which avoided world problems and treated an interesting subject, but it was also surprising to see the lack of response from R.G.S. boys. This French course was something of a novelty, but it was a resounding success.

About forty-five students from five different schools attended the conference, and at first the boys tended to keep timidly separate

from the crowds of girls, who outnumbered them two to one. As soon as Mr. Harvey sorted us out into study groups—with not more than three from one school together in any group—and seated us at the meal-table in these groups, all the shyness vanished, in some cases more quickly than others.

In spite of the fact that we had to work quite hard, plenty of opportunity was afforded for entertainment—films (including an exciting and enlightening “*Journal de la Résistance*,” showing the Parisians liberating their city), French songs, a social evening and entertainment by students. As usual, there was little male support for dancing, but several lively games ensured the success of the social.

On Thursday evening we entertained each other with drama, poetry and singing. The R.G.S. contingent’s rendering of “*Rosalie*,” by Max Maurey, though hardly a professional effort, was certainly the most entertaining. McCreery as M Bol was the star of the show; he had his audience in fits of laughter. His wife (K. James) wore a very elegant costume and their maid Rosalie (M. A. Crowther) had an enchanting new hair style. The costumes and make-up were masterpieces of ingenuity.

Sport was indulged in whenever the opportunity presented itself; the tennis court was in great demand, notably for mixed doubles early in the morning, though most matches ended with a search for lost balls beneath our neighbouring dormitory. Table-tennis was hardly given a rest, and it is with shame that I admit that we allowed Mr. Harvey to win most of the round-the-table tennis matches. Several of the more energetic students utilised the running track, and a team of R.G.S. boys beat a High School team 7—1 at netball. Nevertheless, the staff decided one evening that we needed a break from work, so they organised a ramble through the neighbouring woods and fields.

The primary aim of the course was, however, to learn about different aspects of France. As far as possible a French atmosphere and background were created—French films and posters, French songs, *Vingt Questions*, and several charming French people on the staff all contributed to this end, and all the lectures were, of course, in French. We were given a wide choice of study subjects, and each group of from four to seven students had a leader who did most of the work while the rest of the group chattered. After doing much interesting research, we suddenly realised on Thursday afternoon that we were required to report on our findings, so several of us started work at 6 a.m. on Friday. When the reports were finally written, we handed them to other members of the group to read out (so that they could take the blame for any grammatical or factual errors). Probably the most interesting thesis of all was that of

Smyth's group on the French character : he breezily reeled off traits of character which rather amused our French staff and lecturer.

Everything contributed to our enjoyment of the week's course. The staff were, as usual, very helpful and tolerant, and appeared to enjoy themselves quite as much as we did. There can be no complaints regarding the quality or quantity of the food, though some students suddenly discovered that it does not miraculously appear when needed, but that there are certain menial tasks connected with its appearance. If a similar course is arranged at a future date, it should not be missed, especially by anyone who takes French as a main subject, for the course covered precisely those subjects regarding France which time does not allow us to include in the School curriculum.

K. JAMES (VIIM).

### STAFF GOLF FOURSOMES, 1952

An unusually large entry of sixteen masters was paired off by the Russian (open ballot) system of drawing lots and handicapped in the light of experience of past competitors. Two masters took instruction in the art of golf in order to play in the competition, and two new members of the Staff claimed to be able to play already. All pairs showed a fine combative spirit, and one splendid match began with two air-shots and a slipped cartilage. One of the winning pair was warned (on and off the course) against missing his tee shots on purpose, and retaliated by hitting them straight down the fairway, not altogether a welcome change. The final was closely fought for most of the way round, but in the end Mr. P. L. Jones' putting proved too good for the conversationally stronger pair. Mr. Benson has embellished the old trophy and made a magnificent plaque for it with a Latin inscription.

#### **Results** (handicap in parenthesis)

*First Round* : S. Morgan and J. G. Lloyd (6) beat G. G. Browning and H. W. Johnson by 4 and 3 ; C. M. Haworth and J. P. Cowan (6) beat T. E. Hood and W. A. Rees (15) by 5 and 4 ; R. Pattinson and P. L. Jones (scratch) beat A. S. Hett and J. B. Benson (18) by 7 and 6 (technically known as a "dog-licence") ; H. Scott and R. Howard (12) beat H. F. Broadbent and M. M. Davies (15) by 3 and 2.

*Semi-Finals* : Haworth and Cowan beat Morgan and Lloyd 1 up ; Pattinson and Jones beat Scott and Howard by 4 and 2.

*Final* : PATTINSON and JONES beat Haworth and Cowan by 3 and 2.

C.M.H.

## THE STAFF MATCH

Correctly judging that Mr. Morgan could be relied on for a tea-time declaration, the School captain put the Masters in to bat on a good wicket under a smiling sun. Runs came freely from the start, and there was a good deal of hard hitting and much breathless shouting of "Wait" and "No" and "That's enough." In the prevailing atmosphere of good will, Bridges refrained from using his slow leg-spinner—or does he subscribe to the ancient heresy that fast bowlers give away less runs? Mr. Johnson was, very appropriately, our top scorer, and among many fine shots he hit a couple of juicy sixes. There were no humiliating ducks.

The Masters bowled away rather fruitlessly, while Walker and Wing hit the all too frequent loose ball for runs past an embarrassed field, until Mr. Pattinson caught Walker splendidly off a lofted drive. Hawkins, with the thoughtless cruelty of extreme youth, played tip-and-run, indeed all too often it was tip- and-two-or-three runs ; we admired his courage and ingenuity in dealing with an ugly fusillade of bumpers from Mr. Haworth, who had found a spot a few feet in front of the bowling crease. When he was out, wickets began to fall, but runs came quickly with Wing still going strong until he was run out just when he must have been beginning to have thoughts of a century. The later batsmen went for the runs with varying success ; but it was a touch-and-go finish for nine wickets were down before Ashby drove the winning four off the persevering and untiring Mr. Davies.

Four hundred and forty runs in four and a quarter hours. Most enjoyable.

C.M.H.

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## CRICKET CLUB, 1952

### Review of the Season

"The cricket this season has been good but not outstanding except for the under 14 side which scored over 200 runs on several occasions." This extract from the Headmaster's Report on Speech Day is a good description of the season.

The 1st XI started off with a young and inexperienced team and it was to be expected that the earlier results would not be a true reflection of the capabilities of the side. The team had batsmen down to No. 9, but so often the first four batsmen failed to score and the tail-enders were expected to make the score respectable. As the season progressed the younger members gained confidence and the scores improved. J. D. Dixon, in his first season for the XI, improved rapidly and towards the end could be relied upon to

open the innings and provide a good, stylish start. M. G. Walker, who scored a century against Amersham, did his best as a No. 1 batsman, but would have been of much more use to the School at No. 4 or 5, where his desire for quick runs would have met with much greater success against an old ball and bowling off its peak. R. C. Wing did great work at No. 3 and, in the words of the team, "is a steady old bat." F. E. Hawkins, who was removed rapidly from the under 14 side of 1951, often stemmed the tide when wickets were falling fast, but usually gave his wicket away when he was all set for a big score by over-indulgence in his favourite hook shot. His wicket-keeping reached the heights and depths with amazing regularity. The captain, M. Bridges, so often faced with nothing short of disaster, controlled his natural desires to go for the bowling and carried the score along. His best innings was in the Final House Match, when his score of 103 not out won the game for the weaker House. A word of praise must be given to Johnston, I. T., who was an occasional member of the XI until he found his real form. He went in at No. 6, when the side had lost four quick wickets for 3 runs against Leighton Park School, and scored a magnificent 54 not out. This was undoubtedly the best innings of the School season.

The bowling improved rapidly as the season progressed and when Bulpett, T., had recovered from his accident he used the new ball with great success. R. C. Ashby—another member still under 15—was the spearhead of the attack throughout the season and he bowled very well indeed. The two spinners—M. Walker and J. W. Pursey—provided good variation. After the powers that be had been convinced that a leg-spinner is a very useful man on a dry wicket, Pursey bowled magnificently throughout most of the games instead of waiting in the field while the captain prayed for rain!

The fielding was either very good or poor, with no half-way stage. The greatest fault was, without doubt, the lack of anticipation shown by the majority of the XI.

The thanks of the Club must go again to the members of the Staff who have coached and umpired the other XI's, and to Mr. Howard and Mr. Hills, who have once more umpired the 1st XI with such care and attention that both bowlers and batsmen alike have been able to play with the utmost confidence.

P. Draper, the official scorer, has excelled himself this season. His batting times and score charts combined with the reports from the umpires have aroused considerable interest in School Cricket, although it would have been extremely gratifying to the team to see a few of the many boys who have read the reports supporting our all too few spectators. These regulars have been so few that they have also become regular tea-members!

The wicket, thanks to the care of Mr. Beeson, have again been completely true.

Finally, gratitude must be expressed to Mrs. Freeman and the Dining Hall staff for the excellent teas, made smaller by order of the Master in charge, in spite of protests from the teams and the canteen staff alike, in order to shorten the tea interval.

H.W.J.

1st XI Colours have been awarded to : F. E. Hawkins, R. C. Ashby, J. D. Dixon, J. W. Pursey, T. R. Bulpett, C. G. Emmins.

#### First XI Summary of Matches

Played 21, Won 8, Lost 8, Drawn 5

- May 7 v. Borlase, Marlow (Away)—Won by 95 runs.  
R.G.S. 130 for 5 (dec.) (R. C. Wing 31, Crump, D. J., 26, M. Bridges 41 not out), Borlase 37 (Emmins, C. G., 4 for 14, M. Bridges 4 for 6).
- .. 10 v. Watford G.S. (Home)—Lost by 8 wkts.  
R.G.S. 73 (M. G. Walker 26, R. C. Wing 26), Watford 75 for 3 (Pursey, J. W. 2 for 17).
- .. 14 v. Amersham G.S. (Away)—Won by 4 wkts.  
R.G.S. 51 for 6 (R. C. Wing 30 not out), Amersham 50 (Pursey, J. W., 4 for 22, Emmins, C. G., 3 for 4).
- .. 17 v. Abingdon G.S. (Away)—Won by 30 runs.  
R.G.S. 79 for 6 (dec.) (J. D. Dixon 24 not out), Abingdon 49 (R. C. Ashby 6 for 13).
- .. 21 v. R.A.F. High Wycombe (Home)—Won by 40 runs.  
R.G.S. 135 for 5 (dec.) (F. E. Hawkins 20 not out, F. E. Beeson, Esq., 68 not out), R.A.F. 95 (R. C. Ashby 5 for 35, M. G. Walker 3 for 7).
- .. 24 v. Bishopshalt School (Home)—Lost by 5 wkts.  
R.G.S. 76 (M. G. Walker 34), Bishopshalt 79 for 5 (R. C. Ashby 4 for 31).
- .. 28 v. Windsor County Boys School (Home)—Drawn.  
R.G.S. 115 for 9 (dec.) (F. E. Hawkins 32, Pursey, J. W., 26 not out), Windsor 110 for 7 (M. G. Walker 3 for 25).
- June 4 v. Royal Masonic School (Home)—Lost by 74 runs.  
Royal Masonic 170 for 5 (dec.) (R. C. Ashby 3 for 42), R.G.S. 96 (F. E. Hawkins 28).
- .. 7 v. Reading School (Away)—Drawn.  
Reading 118 (M. Bridges 6 for 29), R.G.S. 71 for 9 (F. E. Hawkins 22).
- .. 11 v. Culham College (Away)—Lost by 2 wkts.  
R.G.S. 90 (J. D. Dixon 30), Culham 93 for 8 (F. E. Beeson, Esq., 4 for 36, R. C. Ashby 3 for 36).
- .. 14 v. Amersham G.S. (Home)—Drawn.  
R.G.S. 176 for 1 (dec.) (M. G. Walker 100 not out, R. C. Wing 50 not out, J. D. Dixon 22), Amersham 68 for 1.
- .. 21 v. Southfield School, Oxford (Away)—Won by 8 wkts.  
Southfield 57 (Emmins, C. G. 7 for 21), R.G.S. 58 for 2 (R. C. Wing 20 not out).
- .. 28 v. High Wycombe "A" XI (Home)—Drawn.  
R.G.S. 159 for 8 (dec.) (J. D. Dixon 58 not out, M. G. Walker 44), Wycombe "A" 131 for 3 (R. C. Ashby 2 for 28).

- July 2 *v.* R.G.S. Staff (Home)—Won by 1 wkt.  
R.G.S. Staff 220 for 6 (dec.) (R. C. Ashby 3 for 89), R.G.S. 221  
for 9 (R. C. Wing 84, F. E. Hawkins 38, M. G. Walker 31).
- .. 5 *v.* Slough C.C. Wednesday XI (Home)—Won by 5 wkts.  
Slough C.C. Wed. XI 130 (Pursey, J. W., 5 for 13), R.G.S. 134 for  
5 (F. E. Beeson, Esq., 82 not out).
- .. 9 *v.* Newbury G.S. (Away)—Lost by 4 wkts.  
R.G.S. 95 (M. G. Walker 32, F. E. Hawkins 22), Newbury 97  
for 6 (Pursey, J. W., 5 for 38).
- .. 12 *v.* Leighton Park School, Reading (Home)—Lost by 6 wkts.  
R.G.S. 119 (Johnston, I. T., 54 not out, Bulpett, T. R., 25),  
Leighton Park 120 for 4.
- .. 14 *v.* Dunstable (Home)—Drawn.  
Dunstable 134 for 9 (dec.) (Pursey, J. W., 3 for 46), R.G.S. 43 for 4  
(R. C. Wing 29 not out).
- .. 16 *v.* Wycombe Wednesday (Away)—Lost by 106 runs.  
Wycombe Wednesday 204 for 6 (dec.) (J. W. Pursey 4 for 56),  
R.G.S. 98 (H. F. Broadbent, Esq., 32).
- .. 19 *v.* R.G.S. Old Boys (Home)—Won by 5 wkts.  
Old Boys 90 (M. G. Walker 4 for 21, J. W. Pursey 5 for 24), R.G.S.  
91 for 4 (J. D. Dixon 37, Johnston, I. T., 21 not out).
- .. 23 *v.* Bucks County Colts Trial XI (Home)—Lost by 56 runs.  
Bucks Colts 147 for 9 (dec.) (M. G. Walker 4 for 47, J. W. Pursey  
3 for 41), R.G.S. 91 (T. R. Bulpett 17).

### FIRST XI AVERAGES

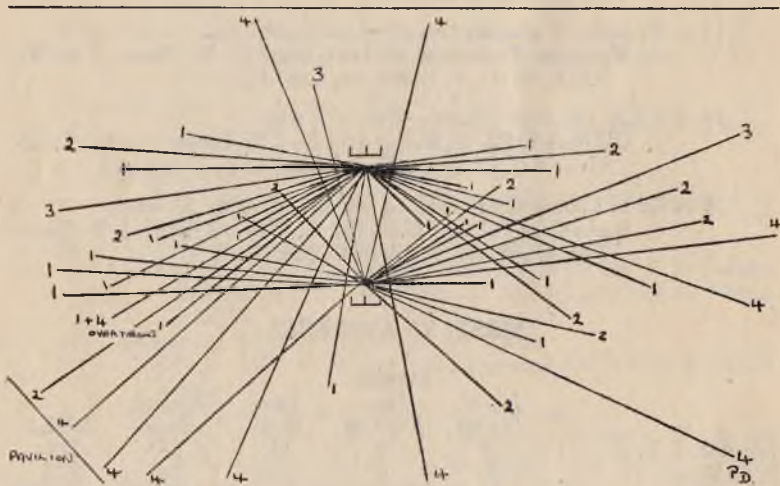
	<i>No. of Innings</i>	<b>Batting</b>		<i>Total Runs</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
		<i>Times Not Out</i>	<i>Times</i>			
Johnston, I. T. ... ..	9	4	123	54*	24.6	
R. C. Wing ... ..	20	4	374	84	23.4	
M. G. Walker ... ..	21	1	316	100*	15.8	
F. E. Hawkins ... ..	17	3	219	38	15.6	
J. D. Dixon ... ..	17	2	227	58*	15.0	
M. Bridges ... ..	15	1	132	41*	9.2	

	<i>Overs</i>	<b>Bowling</b>		<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
		<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Times</i>			
M. Bridges ... ..	70	15	124	14	8.9	
J. W. Pursey ... ..	122.2	14	371	34	10.9	
R. C. Ashby ... ..	208	43	475	35	13.5	
C. G. Emmins ... ..	128.2	26	295	21	14.0	
M. G. Walker ... ..	154.3	29	408	26	15.7	
T. R. Bulpett ... ..	71.5	11	193	9	21.4	

**Catches :** C. G. Emmins 8, M. G. Walker 7, J. W. Pursey and T. R. Bulpett 6,  
F. E. Hawkins 4.

**Stumpings :** F. E. Hawkins 15.

*M. G. Walker's 100 not out  
v. Amersham*





## SECOND XI

Judging by the results, this has been a most successful season. To win eight out of fifteen matches and draw two is an analysis of which any team might be proud.

The main cause of such success has been the ability of some member of the team to produce a fifty or four quick wickets when needed. If the recognized batsmen failed, number seven or eight, even a number nine batsman, made the necessary runs. Practically all members of the team have bowled and obtained their wickets. It is a pity the same credit cannot be given to the fielding. At times, such as the Royal Masonic match, it has been good. But more often it has been casual, and too often abominable. Pilgrim alone can be congratulated on consistently good fielding.

File has proved an excellent captain, and has played many valuable innings in point of time. Stevens has brightened any match he has played in, and in his memorable innings at Windsor showed that even he can play cautiously when that is necessary. His change bowling has almost always broken stubborn partnerships, showing the value of accuracy. Of the other batsmen, Elliott has shown us style, Johnson, once he gained confidence, some delightful strokes, while Hawes, Garratt and Pilgrim have made runs by varying methods.

The brunt of the opening attack has been borne by Uphill and Eales. Uphill has bowled very steadily, while Eales has taken the more wickets. Pilgrim has provided the slower stuff and bowled well. Hawes and Garratt have proved very useful change bowlers.

But the supreme merit of the team has been its ability to find someone to pull it out of the awkward positions its early casualness has too often placed it.

The team for the photograph included File, Stevens, Johnston, Hawes, White, Garratt, Bulpett, Uphill, Bignell, Eales, Griffiths, Hanna; and Inglis, who has scored most competently. Colours were awarded to Hawes, Garratt, Bulpett, Uphill, Bignell, Pilgrim and Eales.

J.G.L.

### SECOND XI AVERAGES

Played 15, Won 8, Lost 5, Drawn 2

				<b>Batting</b>			
				<i>No. of</i>	<i>Times</i>	<i>Total</i>	
				<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Average</i>
Elliott, P. W.	...	...	...	7	2	140	28.0
Pilgrim, R. G.	...	...	...	10	4	108	16.8
Stevens, B. C.	...	...	...	12	0	159	13.3
Hawes, T. E.	...	...	...	12	2	118	11.8
File, R. C.	...	...	...	11	0	128	11.6

<b>Bowling</b>							
				<i>Overs</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Stevens, B. C.	...	...	...	80	175	25	7.0
Pilgrim, R. G.	...	...	...	44	130	14	9.2
Hawes, T. E.	...	...	...	50	111	10	11.1
Eales, J. E.	...	...	...	111	259	20	12.8
Uphill, T. E.	...	...	...	96	235	14	16.6

**Catches :** Stevens and Uphill 7, Pilgrim 5.

## COLTS XI

A very strong side on paper, was somewhat weakened by the loss of Hawkins and Ashby to the 1st XI and Uphill to the 2nd XI. The Colts side which finally emerged was still capable of winning most of its matches. But potentialities were too seldom realized. Several members of the team showed in some one game what they were capable of, but could not find consistent form ; too often one boy's score alone—and not always the same boy—prevented the batting from being quite ineffective.

The side was strong in bowlers.

Fielding was usually good and keen, and those who, like Price and Easden, never came off with the bat, distinguished themselves in the field.

L.J.A.

Colts' Colours have been awarded to Jones (R. C.), Olsen, Bristow, Taylor, Sallows and Wright.

### COLTS XI AVERAGES

Played 8, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 3

#### Batting

			<i>No. of Innings</i>	<i>Times Not Out</i>	<i>Total Runs</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
Sainsbury	...	...	8	2	148	51*	24.6
Edwards	...	...	8	2	75	21	12.5
Wright	...	...	6	1	60	43*	12

#### Bowling

			<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Bristow	...	...	45.2	26	39	14	2.77
Sallows	...	...	58	31	54	12	4.5
Olsen	...	...	72.3	31	100	17	5.88
Taylor	...	...	38.1	2	99	10	9.9

**Catches :** Edwards 6, Sainsbury, Sallows, Jones and Olsen 2.

## JUNIOR COLTS XI

This has certainly been a very remarkable season. Only one match lost and that by a very narrow margin. And even in the low-scoring matches at the beginning of the season the measure of superiority was very marked. This superiority is best demonstrated by the fact that during the season 1,063 runs were scored at an average of 11.55 per wicket against 407 by opponents at an average of 4.07. The greatest single factor in this success has been the willingness of this side to attack with the bat and in the field. And it is this which has made them so enjoyable to watch. The top batsmen were always ready to make strokes, while the tight-set field when Squires bowled cast doubt and anxiety into the opponents.

It was in the last few matches of the term that the peak was reached. Then the 200 mark was twice reached, one match indeed being won by 201 runs. This is something very unusual for an under-14 side.

Early-season doubts about the batting were quickly set at rest by the dependability, and indeed quality, of Smithers and the emergence of Harvey as a batsman of exceptional promise. Later in the season Squires and Austin also scored runs in fine style. But whenever the early batsmen failed there was always someone lower down in the order to make useful scores.

Squires' bowling was perhaps the really outstanding feature of the season. He never once failed to take a wicket in his opening spell, and on occasions he swept the opposition aside. He bowled very fast for a boy of his age and with unusual command over length and direction. Faulkner was reliably steady, while Briden, after a disappointing spell in mid-season, was bowling better than ever at the end.

In the field Briden set a fine example of nimble alertness, with Harvey and Squires also very reliable. But there were rather too many examples of slowness and lack of anticipation amongst others. The other feature that marred the season was the number of run-outs. Smithers was a victim three times, which must have had a considerable effect on his aggregate. A short run is never worth while if there is the slightest risk.

Finally, may all those who have played for the team continue in that spirit of gay adventure and attack which has characterised their play this season.

*Team :* Briden (Capt.), Smithers, Squires, Harvey, Austin, Faulkner, Evans, Hares, Richardson, Glenister, Small.

*Also played :* Babb, Stokes, Todd.

F.S.E.

## JUNIOR COLTS AVERAGES

Played 10, Won 9, Lost 1

<b>Batting</b>							
			<i>No. of</i>	<i>Times</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Highest</i>	
			<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
Harvey	...	...	10	1	197	72	21.89
Smithers	...	...	10	0	151	40	15.1
Hares	...	...	7	4	43	17	14.33
Austin	...	...	10	1	123	45	13.67
Squires	...	...	10	0	126	66	12.6

<b>Bowling</b>							
			<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Squires	...	...	66.4	24	86	40	2.15
Faulkner	...	...	61.3	26	81	21	3.86
Small	...	...	17.4	5	28	7	4
Briden	...	...	42	13	119	20	5.95

## LAWN TENNIS CLUB

**Summer Term, 1952**

Played 11, Won 7, Lost 4

*Captain* : R. A. KIPPING.

*Secretary* : R. B. ASHBY.

Slow but very steady progress has been made this season in the standard of our tennis. With the years we hope to achieve what the Rugby team finally did—that is, beat the Masters!

The first pair, Ashby and Osborne, were most consistent and always played tennis of a high standard when up against good opposition; Kipping and Hester were erratic but at times played fine attacking tennis. The third pair was rather weak, except when Johnson was free from his athletics and able to play. Monks and Wheeler, however, were keen and will undoubtedly improve.

Colours were awarded at the end of the season to J. P. Osborne and R. E. Q. Hester.

We should like to thank Mr. Broadbent for all the help he so willingly gave us. His enthusiasm and cheerfulness will be missed but we do wish him every good fortune in his coming expedition into the Australian bush.

## SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Senior Singles Final

Ashby beat Osborne 6—4, 6—4

### Junior Singles Final

Dunningham beat Dixon 6—3, 6—1

### Senior Handicap Doubles

Osborne and Hester beat Banham and Bristow 6—3, 6—1

## TRIESTE

To the average Englishman, for whom this city is merely a name, the word Trieste conjures up visions of a sun-washed pink-roofed town, houses with vine-covered verandahs and ever-blue skies, where the blue Adriatic washes the golden shores of Italy. To others perhaps more romantically minded or those whose minds are influenced by films on this subject which have appeared from time to time, there is a picture of a dark, mysterious, continental city, a hotbed of international intrigue, where in secluded cafes, to the accompaniment of stringed orchestras, beautiful political adventuresses in the pay of an unfriendly Eastern Power, beguile military secrets from fat, foolish and infatuated Staff Officers.

But to the British soldier stationed in Trieste, far from home, the picture is entirely different.

Trieste is something entirely new and strange in the experience of the average National Serviceman coming abroad for the first time. The food is different, the people are hot-blooded, excitable 'Vino-Vampires,' who love strong, garlic-tainted meats and spaghetti washed down with a litre or so of coarse red wine.

There is little sport, although the more than adequate swimming facilities do to a certain extent compensate for the lack of turfed football pitches. After a while the soldier feels hemmed in by the bleak, eroded limestone hills which surround the sprawling city on three sides. Small wonder that some of the troops stationed here dislike the city and are glad when it is their turn to board the 'bus which will take them, on the first stage of their journey home, to Villach.

And yet many soldiers do not take advantage of the splendid opportunities offered them. Within easy reach are Venice, Padua and Verona on the one hand, and the beautiful Dalmation coast on the other, while to the north are the Dolomites and the Italian Tyrol.

What then of the history of this strange town which so many dislike? It makes interesting reading.

In 27 B.C. Trieste and the surrounding countryside became part of the Roman Empire. We find relics of a Roman past in Trieste today. The ruins of a small Roman arena still exist in the centre of the city opposite the modern and pretentious Allied Military Government building, a striking contrast of old and new, and on the hill which dominates the whole of the city next to the Castle and Cathedral of San Guisto, the Patron Saint of Trieste, stand stone pillars upon a marble floor. This is all that remains to mark the site of what was once a Roman temple to the God Apollo.

In the 6th century, when the Slavs poured into Southern Europe and the Balkans, it came about that a distinct race, the Slovenes, settled in the bare limestone hills around Trieste, and to

this day the areas settled by the Italians and the Slovenes are clearly defined : the Slovenes live in the small villages and in the remote suburbs of the city, while the Italians live in the towns and along the coast.

In 1713, under the Treaty of Utrecht, Trieste became part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Austrian efforts to develop the town were assisted by the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869. The Empire was "land-locked," and Trieste had its "Heyday" as its main outlet to the sea. Nearly all the impressive buildings in Trieste date back to the period of Austrian rule. The docks, the sea-front and the great "Piazza-Unita" (the Tito Square of the Soldier), with the Lloyd-Triestino building and the Palace of the Governor, now the Allied Military Permits Office, relics of a great and prosperous past.

The beautiful castle at Mirimare, which every soldier coming into Trieste must see, was built by Maximilian, who later became the ill-fated Emperor of Mexico. Tradition has that all who live in the Castle will meet with a violent death—and it is a strange fact that few of its occupants have ever died in bed. It is now the Headquarters of the American Forces in Trieste.

After the First World War Trieste became Italian for the first time, but it did not remain Italian for very long.

In 1945 Tito marched into Trieste and treated the Italian population with great severity. The Western Allies marched in 48 hours later. At first there was great tension between the two factions, but after negotiations Marshal Tito finally withdrew his forces from the city itself.

The Free Territory came into existence in 1947 and will remain until such time as its future is decided by Italy and Yugoslavia. What of the future of the city?

The results of the Elections held in May of this year showed an overwhelming majority of the people in favour of the return of the Free Territory to Italy.

But the issue is not as simple as that. The arguments for and against are so obscured by national feeling and racial and cultural bitterness that it is almost certain that no decision will be reached in the very near future.

And so the Villach 'bus will still continue to run, the Via Rossetti will still be patrolled by the Military Police waiting for the stragglers returning to barracks, the small field at Prosecco will continue to be the arena for the most un-Italian of games—Cricket!

DAVID J. WOOD,  
Sergeant, Royal Army Educational Corps,  
British Element Trieste Force, Trieste.  
July 6th, 1952.

## OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB

The Annual Dinner was held at the Tavistock Restaurant, Charing Cross Road, on Saturday, March 22nd, 1952. Exactly 150 Old Boys attended, a record for the occasion.

The President of the Club, Mr. Tucker, was in the chair, supported at the top table by Mr. Arnison, Mr. Brand, Mr. Bartle, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Thetford, and Senior Old Boys, two of whom, G. H. Baker and J. W. K. Taylor, are Governors of the School. The Rev. A. M. Berry was prevented from coming at the last minute by a faulty dynamo. It was the first reunion he has missed for very many years.

The Guest of Honour, J. E. Woodward, was proposed by Mr. Haworth. The Headmaster responded to the toast of The School and Club, proposed by G. H. Baker.

The entertainment was supplied by two Old Wycombiensians. H. A. Whiteley came all the way from Bridlington and fully deserved the encores demanded, while A. W. Bradley found time off from producing at Wycombe Repertory Theatre to entertain the audience with yarns and monologues.

Speeches were short by request, and although formal proceedings were over early, there was hardly time to meet all former friends and enemies, but a good time was had by all and definite promises made to meet again at the next Reunion.

### The Annual General Meeting

Mr. Tucker, the President of the Club, presided at the Annual General Meeting held in the Art Room at 6.45 on Saturday, June 28th, 1952. Thirty Old Boys attended. The President gave a summary of what had been done with regard to the War Memorial, and it was decided that Sunday would be the best day to hold a Service, the exact date to be fixed by the committee. It was also decided that £50 should be subscribed towards the Memorial from the Club's money in the Savings Bank.

In his report the Secretary drew attention to the difficulty in obtaining replies to the various circulars sent out; considerable anxiety was caused by delay in answering, especially for the Annual Dinner, when a guarantee had to be made as to the number attending. Last Dinner the number guaranteed was 40.

The officers elected for 1952-53 were:—

*President* : E. R. Tucker, Esq.

*Chairman* : R. W. Bartlett, Esq.

*Vice-Presidents* : Messrs. G. W. Arnison, W. J. Bartle, H. G. Brand, W. H. Healey, P. C. Raffety, Col. L. L. C. Reynolds.

*Committee* : Messrs. L. B. Barnes (1924-30), A. G. Duckering (1941-47), P. S. Groom (1942-49), S. E. Hands (1915-20), H. C. Hickman (1934-38), H. H. Lee (1929-35), J. P. Lord (1934-38), J. K. Prior (1934-40), G. C. Rayner (1937-44), N. H. Theed (1912-19).

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer* : P. L. Jones, Esq.

*Assistant Hon. Secretary and Treasurer* : H. W. Johnson, Esq.

*Hon. Auditor* : A. E. Franklin Hole, Esq.

### Summer Supper

This was held in the School Dining Hall immediately after the Annual General Meeting. After the success of the previous one, the first of its kind, it was hoped that this would be even more successful. Unfortunately, although over 90 had promised to attend, only 80 turned up as against 88 last year, with the result that a small financial loss will be incurred. This loss can be arrived at by those so inclined from the following facts : careful calculations of labour, cost of food, etc., proved that if 100 attended the cost would be 5/9 per head ; tickets were 6/- each, and 80 paid ! Those present partook of very generous helpings of cold ham, new potatoes, lettuce, tomatoes, spring onions, salad, raspberries and ice cream, biscuits, and three kinds of cheeses, and coffee, all prepared by the School Canteen, under the management of Mrs. Freeman.

There was no top table and no speeches ; drinks were plentiful, and all voted that it had really been a most successful reunion, especially for those who could not attend the dinner in London.

### Old Wycombiensians' Rugby Union Football Club

#### TEAM RECORDS FOR THE 1951-52 SEASON

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
1st XV ...	33	19	—	14	351	183
"A" XV ...	27	21	1	5	306	135
Extra XV ...	23	15	2	6	312	118
"B" XV ...	17	9	2	6	152	139
Colts XV ...	2	2	—	—	29	11
Total ...	102	66	5	31	1150	586

### Death

G. P. PEACHELL (1895-1905). On May 15th, 1952, at High Wycombe, Gerald Percy Peachell (Mus.Bac.), late Headmaster, Elmhurst School, South Croydon, aged 64 years.



## Marriages

DARVILL-EVANS—BIRCH. On May 31st, 1952, at High Wycombe, Peter Anthony (1931-37), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Evans, to Miss P. J. Birch.

GLENISTER—SOMERVILLE. On May 17th, 1952, at Davyhulme, Manchester, Frank (1935-43), younger son of J. F. H. Glenister (1901-07), and Mrs. Glenister, to Miss J. Somerville.

STONE—HEALER. On August 6th, 1952, at Chester-le-Street, R. N. Stone (1941-42), younger son of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Stone, to Miss Margaret Healer.

## Births

S. J. STEVENS (1935-40). On March 10th, 1952, at Newport, I.O.W., to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Stevens, a daughter.

A. E. JEFFRIES (1928-34). On May 2nd, 1952, at Beaconsfield, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jeffries, a son.

C. H. SECKER (1935-39). On July 6th, 1952, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Secker, a daughter.

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Mr. Arnison is moving in mid-September from 1 Caledon Road, Parkstone, to "Derrymore," 5 Birchwood Road, Parkstone, Dorset. His new home is more roomy and he hopes warmer than his present abode. He hopes to keep the same telephone number—Parkstone 2804.

## OLD BOYS' NOTES AND NEWS

F. E. J. BLOMFIELD (1923-33) happened to be on leave from India when he heard of the Summer Reunion. He looked happy, healthy and prosperous.

J. CANTY (1944-45) was very pleased to get the School Magazine at his estate in Malaya and to hear that an O.B. (L. J. Glasspool) was manager of the Ceylon Latex Factory. He has not yet been before the Selection Committee for his commission in the Volunteer Corps. He is quite contented in spite of the falling price of rubber.

E. A. JACKSON (1945-49), when he has finished his four weeks' motor cycle course at Aldershot with the Royal Military Police, will return to Inkerman Barracks to finish his eighteen weeks' course.

L. T. GIGGS (1936-42) has moved from the Lambert Arms to 43 Court Mansions, Harefield Road, Uxbridge, where he hopes to have more freedom. Whatever he is doing he will do his best to turn out for the Old Wycombiensians during the coming rugby season. He writes that F. B. KELLY, who was teaching in Scotland, has been recalled to the Navy and is now on a minesweeper at Malta. E. A. RESEIGH also has been recalled but has managed to stay in England.

S. R. GOULBORN (1928-34), after a prolonged and rather mysterious illness, due it appears to some unknown bug, was sufficiently recovered to be present at Speech Day ; he is not, however, Al yet, but hopes to be after a fortnight's holiday.

F. R. KAY (1925-33) will be with the Sarawak Oilfields Company in Borneo for at least another six months. He is looking forward to attending the Annual Dinner.

M. J. R. M. MACKRILL (1938-43) found it impossible to come to the Reunion from Malaya, where he is a Medical Officer in the R.A.M.C.

D. A. SAINSBURY (1943-48) also could not attend ; he is unfortunately waiting to go to hospital for an operation on his knee.

JACK THEED (1914-21) is still another O.B. who was unable to attend for medical reasons. He came out of hospital, as he says, "rather prematurely according to nursing standards but more acceptably." He is afraid his recovery will be rather slow. If he had been well, Theed would have proposed "The School and Club" at the O.B.'s Dinner. He has been "booked" to do it at the next Reunion.

D. F. WILLIAMS (1927-33) writes to correct his years at School, which was put down as (1937-43), and his office staff were highly amused by the address on the envelope, in which he was described as Quantity Surgeon. (A boy in IVA has been severely reprimanded for this, in spite of his protest that it was due to somebody's bad writing!) Although engaged on a very large building programme, Williams finds time to play tennis and golf and to cultivate a small plantation of bananas, pineapples and coffee. He often sees the Rev. GORDON McAVAN, who is head of St. Andrew's School, Rose Hill. McAvan works hard and is popular and much respected by the natives of Mauritius.

F. WOOSTER (1923-27), enclosing £3 3s. 0d. to become a life member of the Club, states that his elder brother, A. W. Wooster, died during the war from a fall. He was coming off duty at Cannon Row when he must have tripped over something in the dark, fell on his head and died within an hour. Wooster enclosed also a photograph of his 15th-century hotel, expects a busy season and hopes that Old Boys will visit his place if anywhere near Sedlescombe.

D. J. WOOD (1944-50) sends us an interesting account of life in Trieste with the Royal Army Educational Corps, which is printed in this issue of the Magazine.

V. A. BENNETT (1919-23). On June 23rd a tall young man arrived from New York to spend a few days with Mr. Tucker. He was Duncan, the elder son of V. A. Bennett ; it was obvious from his accent that he had had very little to do with the Home Country before. Bennett himself is visiting England with his wife and

younger son in July when he says he will be seeing the Taylors and as many Old Boys as he can.

W. A. MALLABURN (1943-48), stationed with the Somerset Light Infantry around Dusseldorf. Mallaburn looks forward to and thoroughly enjoys the School Magazine. He has not yet met an Old Boy, but has heard that B. Simpson is somewhere in Germany with the Royal Military Police. He says he will definitely be present at the 1953 Reunion.

J. N. ROBINSON (1928-33), writing to Mr. Arnison, gives a resumé of his Army life since he helped to restore the Dodecanese Islands to Greece in 1946. After Greece he was near the Suez Canal till 1948, then after three months at Bicester he went to Trieste, where he thoroughly enjoyed himself. Now, after spending a short time at Feltham, he has a steady job on Singapore Island. He has no trouble in ordering the Malays, Indians and Chinese about because they all understand English. He thinks he is the first Old Boy to be a warrant officer Class I in the Regular Army.

L. D. J. OXLADE (1918-24) has been appointed Headmaster of the L.C.C. Beverley School for Deaf Children at Greenwich. Before his appointment Oxlade, who was trained at Culham College and Manchester University, was Senior House Master at the L.C.C. Residential School for the Deaf at Rayners, Penn.

G. BURCH (1910-16) won at the Royal Windsor Rose Show the Osborne Challenge Trophy, in open competition among amateurs for the best nine scented roses and was congratulated by the Duchess of Gloucester. Burch has won this trophy five times, and in the National Rose Show he won first prize with six roses of one variety—*Llenineuss*, a light pink rose.

P. J. CARTER (1942-47) has gained his B.A. with first class honours in Languages at Reading University.

D. C. CHURCH (1941-47) has gained a teachers' diploma, with distinction, in Reading University.

D. A. COLLINS (1941-47) has been appointed to a three-year research Fellowship in nuclear chemistry at an American University.

R. N. STONE (1941-42), after gaining an honours degree in Physics and a diploma in Education at Durham University, has been appointed to the Staff of Tadcaster Grammar School, where he will have as Headmaster Mr. Bicknell.

W. H. E. TIMMS (1905-11) has been elected Chairman of the Education and Economics Committee of the Bucks Executive of the National Farmers Union. Timms will now be able to attack at close quarters the Bucks Education Committee's refusal to meet the full demands of the farmers for child labour for harvesting.

## PURELY IMPERSONAL

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*As an innovation the Editors have decided to introduce a page of small advertisements. Please do NOT mention this magazine when replying.*

BARGAIN—15 assorted volumes of English Classics in slightly soiled condition, complete with elaborate card-filing system. Owner fleeing abroad. Box 17.

HOW TO STOP SMOKING—Amazing cure! Start Drinking. For further details apply Box 17.

TO LET—The Classics Room. Owner leaving. Box 17.

FOR SALE—£1150, or nearest offer. Open Maths. Scholarship, Cambridge, 3 years. Apply Box 289.

FOR HIRE—The School Cry. Useful abroad. Apply Box 17.

FOR SALE—Bulldog. Will eat anything. Particularly fond of boys. Apply Box 17.

FOR SALE—Reputation. Owner going to Leeds. Box 17.

OFFERS—3 dozen tennis balls. Apply 60 Amersham Road.

LOST—1 small boy. Last seen 1.20 on Friday entering the Prefects' Room. Contact Box 17.

WANTED—Another box. Suggestions to Box 17.

THE FOOTFAULT—Explained and illustrated. Apply any member of the School Tennis Team.

FOR SALE—Stories, tall. Apply Biology Lab.

COME BACK, GIBBONS. A.C.H. Box 17.

LOST—No. 4 Platoon, B. Coy. Last seen marching towards Terriers. Box 17.

WHICH Mayo has the Home Perm? Solution, apply Box 17.

TO LET—1 Library chair. Sitd. und. clck. To lt. fr. the durtn. Aply B.K.D. (Box 17).

LOST—1 Kleptomaniac. Sentimental value. Reward. Apply Box 17.

MISS P, MISS P, How we miss you. All at Box 17.

SPEAK FRENCH like a native. Apply Umbraga Bomba.

JUMBLE SALE—Assistant Masters' Association announce their next jumble sale of mortar boards, gowns, academic regalia, etc.

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C.C.F. INSPECTION, June, 1952



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