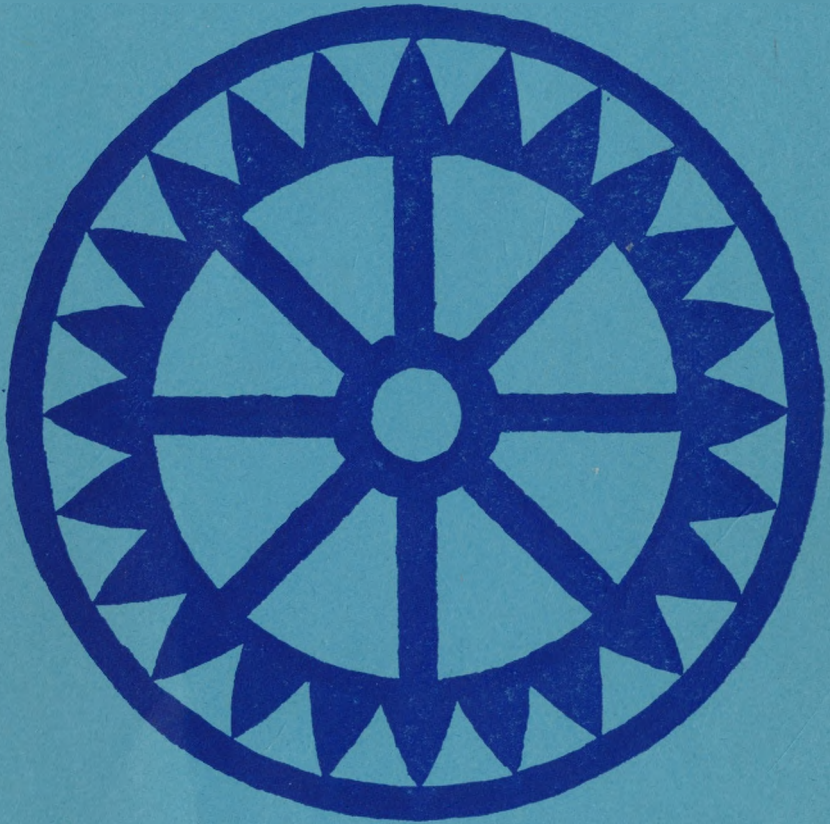


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THE TUCKER MEMORIAL ROOM



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EDITORIAL

But why cry out?

If there is fear,
Choke it;

If there is anger,
Soak it;

If there is love,
Cloak it;

And let it
Die in peace.

* * * *

The standard of articles since the last edition has gone downhill rapidly and become increasingly critical of the school and society. Hence they are more amusing but are becoming more unprintable. Keep this up and future editors will be forced, through lack of material, to print some of this valuable constructive criticism. This editor however is a moral coward and may want a reference, and so, despite the efforts of his assistants who are less obsessed by material considerations, has controlled himself.

Thanks to all unpublished authors.

ANDREW HAVARD.

THE TUCKER MEMORIAL ROOM

After various frustrating delays, the Tucker Memorial Room at last stands ready for its formal opening on Speech Day, Friday, September 27th, by Mr. Tucker's elder daughter, Mrs. Geoffrey Folley.

The Appeal for the Memorial Fund, launched three-and-a-half years ago, included the intention to provide:—

“A MEMORIAL BUILDING for the use of the Upper Sixth Forms, to serve in the day-time break and dinner-hour as one or more common rooms for senior boys, who have nowhere suitable to meet and talk together with boys who are perhaps specializing in other subjects. It will help to ease the transition from school to university . . .

At other times it will provide pleasant accommodation for inter-school debates, lectures and social activities, much needed . . . It will be available for meetings and social occasions held by the Old Wycombiensians Club.”

The financial result of the Appeal fell well below the £10,000 target hoped for, and the building now available therefore is on rather more modest lines than originally envisaged. Nevertheless it will make a worthy contribution to serving the needs set out in the Appeal, and it is intended that the Memorial Room shall minister precisely to the purposes quoted. Some £3000 was available, and the Memorial Fund Committee accepted the advice of the County Architect to erect the largest possible “shell” of a building that the money could provide.

The site eventually chosen was an area near the entrance to the Library. Till then it was a rather dreary wilderness of not very beautiful trees and shrubs, which first had to be cleared away.

Operations began in early March and progressed quickly. By June Messrs. H. Emery & Sons Ltd. had built the new single-storey building, styled to be in keeping with the Library and other adjacent parts of the old school building. It has greatly enhanced this corner of the School, and a screen of trees has been retained between the building and Hamilton Road.

The Memorial Room is entered from the main school corridor, through a small connecting vestibule provided with coat pegs. On the panel of the wall opposite the doorway will be mounted a memorial plaque, which is being presented by Mr. Emery and designed by Mr. Eric Janes. The inscription chosen for this plaque is: “Built in memory of a great Headmaster, Edmund Ronald Tucker, 1933-1964, by friends of the School. ‘Exegi monumentum aere perennius’.” (The translation of the Latin legend is: “I have wrought a monument more lasting than bronze.”)

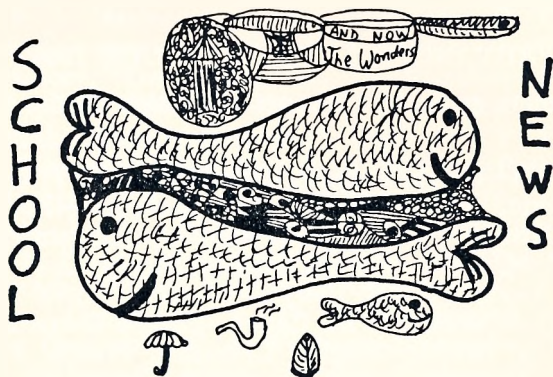
The floor area is 43 feet by 18 feet. Each of the end walls has one long window; the long wall looking out to Hamilton Road has five small windows. Apart from a coffee and refreshment bar in the left-hand corner, the floor space has been kept open to permit the greatest possible flexibility of use. Round three of the

walls runs an upholstered bench seat, and the furnishing and equipment of the room is being provided partly from a grant from Buckinghamshire Education Committee, and partly by gifts in kind from Old Boys and friends of the School.

Token use of the Room was made by prefects and third year Sixth Form boys during the last fortnight of the Summer Term. The day-to-day control of the Room will be largely in the hands of a representative committee of Sixth Form boys presided over by the Head Boy of the School.

Finally I should like to take this opportunity of thanking once again all those friends of the School whose generosity has made this Memorial possible.

M.P.S.



The dates fixed for this School Year are as follows: Autumn Term, September 5th to December 20th. Half-term will be from October 28th to November 1st. Spring Term, January 6th to April 2nd. Half-term, February 14th to 17th. Summer Term, April 21st to July 18th. Half-term, May 26th to 30th.

We said Good-bye in July to a number of masters. Mr. Mewse and Mr. Fry have retired. Mr. Mewse has been at the R.G.S. for 22 years, and in his capacity as Head of the Science Department has given the School sterling service. The equipping of our fine Science building was under his direction. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Three other masters have been promoted to senior posts. Mr. Poll goes to Ellesmere as Head of Geography; Mr. Millican goes to Norwich School as Head of Chemistry; and Mr. Lilley to Sutton High School as Head of Biology. We wish them every success in their new spheres.

Mr. Camp is going to research in Hospital Administration under the Sir Richard Stapley Education Trust. Mr. Goodenough is joining the Police Force. Mrs. Hill and Mr. Murphy who have been with us as temporary appointments have also left. To all of them, our best wishes.

We welcome this term Mr. D. Kenningham, B.A. (Oxford), who comes as Head of the Physics department; Mr. B. C. Lane, B.Sc. (Bangor), to teach Zoology; Mr. G. W. Heath, B.A. (Oxford), to teach Spanish and French; Mr. M. J. Morgan, B.Sc. (Wales), to teach Chemistry; Mr. J. F. Samways, B.A. (Southampton), to teach Geography; Mr. L. C. Garratt, B.Sc.Econ. (Cardiff) to teach Economics; Mr. D. McKnight, B.Sc. (Liverpool), to teach Chemistry; Mr. M. W. Cook, B.A. (Aberystwyth), to teach Geography; Mr. R. W. A. Humphris, B.A. (Lampeter), to teach English; and Mr. K. A. Hillier, B.A. (London), to teach History. We hope that they will all have a very happy and successful time with us.

ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS, 1968

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

P. J. Bedwell—Greek, Latin, Ancient History; N. P. G. Hunt—Greek, Latin, *Ancient History*; J. S. McBride—Greek, Latin, Ancient History; J. G. Berks—English Literature, French, *History*; P. M. Berks—French, German, *History*; C. N. Bloxham—*French*, German*; A. J. Bowyer—History, General Sociology; D. I. Clark—German; P. M. Colley—English Literature, Economics; P. R. Grafton—English Literature, French, *Economics*; A. D. N. Havard—*English Literature**, British Constitution; N. M. S. Hedgeland—English Literature, History, British Constitution; S. Jenner—English Literature, French; R. J. Martin-Fagg—British Constitution, Geography*; J. Morton—British Constitution, Economics, *Mathematics*; A. J. Newell—History; C. J. Palme—History, Economics; W. Paszkiewicz—English Literature, Polish; A. G. Pearson—English Literature, German; J. S. Thrower—Economics, Geography, Mathematics; J. J. Ward—French, History, Economics; P. S. Wright—English Literature, German; P. G. Darling—*German, History*; W. G. Barnett—French, Economics; C. J. Beal—English Literature, German, Spanish; J. M. Carter—French, German, History; I. S. Elliott—*French, German, Mathematics*; P. G. Jones—French; B. P. Llewellyn—English Literature*, French, German; P. Marcan—French, German*; I. R. H. Pattinson—English Literature, French, German; S. R. Pettit—French, German, Economics; P. M. Richards—French, *History*, Economics; P. N. Roach—English Literature, French; P. R. Savage—Economics, Mathematics; M. D. Singleton—English Literature,

French, History; G. M. Stephenson—*French, History, Economics*; P. A. Wagner—German, Economics; R. J. Waller—English Literature, French, *Economics*; J. R. Wheel—German, *History, Economics*; R. A. F. Woodman—*French**, History, Economics; C. J. Young—French, Economics, Mathematics; P. R. Bacon—Economics; G. C. Bates—Economics; A. J. Brzezinski-Andersz—English Literature; J. C. Capell—Economics; S. J. Clark—English Literature, Geography; M. J. Cole—English Literature, *Music*; K. Elias—English Literature, Economics, Geography; P. G. Engel—History, Economics, *Music*; M. D. Goldring—*Music*; B. M. Gwynett—English Literature, Economics, Geography; R. J. Harris—British Constitution, Economics, Geography; W. E. Harry—History, Economics, Geography; R. C. L. Hemming—Economics, Geography; D. H. Holmes—English Literature; A. R. Hood—Economics, Geography*, Mathematics; R. W. Huggins—English Literature, Economics; J. P. Kneller—Art; R. T. Mackie—History, Economics, Geography; P. J. Mayles—*Economics, Geography*; D. C. Mills—Economics, Geography, *Art*; A. N. J. Pearson—*English Literature**, History, Geography; M. D. Saunders—Economics, Geography; M. Schlaefli—History, Economics, Geography; G. P. Smith—History, *Economics**, *Geography*; P. J. Smith—*History, Economics, Geography*; R. B. Stevens—French, Economics, Geography*; C. A. Stocking—History, Economics, Geography; P. D. Thomson—English Literature, History, Economics; P. G. Vernon—Geography, Mathematics, Music; A. S. Vincent—History, Economics, Geography; C. A. Weyer—Economics, Geography; B. G. Wood—English Literature, *Economics, Geography*; C. A. Worboys—Economics, Geography, Art; H. Barker—Chemistry, *Botany, Zoology*; B. Basse—Chemistry; N. R. Bedell—Zoology; R. J. Davis—Chemistry, Botany, Zoology; P. R. Dean—Physics, Chemistry, *Biology**; C. M. Feek—Physics, Chemistry, *Biology**; G. F. Johnson—Physics, Chemistry, *Botany, Zoology*; P. D. Knight—Chemistry; A. B. Newitt—Chemistry, *Botany*; S. M. Perfect—Botany; M. J. Samways—Chemistry, Botany, Zoology; G. A. B. Shelton—Physics, Chemistry, *Biology*; S. E. Toms—Physics, Chemistry, Zoology; J. Aldred—Mathematics, *Physics*; K. J. Chamberlain—Economics, Mathematics; J. M. Cunliffe—Physics, Chemistry; R. J. Elvery—Mathematics, Physics; A. D. Hamlyn—Mathematics, *Physics, Chemistry*; J. E. Keep—*Physics*; R. A. Ledingham—Physics; A. Leech—Mathematics; V. F. Power—Mathematics, Physics; A. L. Selby—Mathematics; T. E. Smith—Mathematics, Chemistry; A. J. Weiss—Mathematics; A. M. Ames—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry; A. Arbaney—*Mathematics**, *Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry**; B. D. Baddeley—*Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; D. J. Clare—*Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics*;

Chemistry; T. G. Cowell—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; D. Dixon—*Physics*; J. N. Elderkin—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; P. H. Fraser—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; C. P. Gilson—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; C. J. Hoyle—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; P. F. J. Juniper—*Geography, Mathematics, Physics*; A. P. Le Messurier—*Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics*; A. D. Manecki—*Physics*; D. E. McColl—*Mathematics*, Further Mathematics*, Physics, Chemistry*; D. H. Morris—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; M. T. Perks—*Mathematics, Physics*; J. H. N. Powell—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; C. P. Radley—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; A. J. Rollins—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; D. R. Trent—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; J. B. Smith—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; J. N. Woolley—*Mathematics*, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; A. L. Worley—*Mathematics*; G. M. B. Arnold—*Economics, Mathematics, Physics*; A. Boreham—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry**; M. Coysh—*Mathematics, Physics*; D. R. J. F. Crees—*Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; T. F. Dean—*Economics, Mathematics, Physics*; A. D. Dickson—*Physics, Chemistry*; R. M. Eley—*Physics*; N. R. Evans—*Mathematics, Physics*; M. Farnsworth—*Physics, Chemistry*; S. W. Gundry—*Economics, Mathematics, Physics*; J. L. Hendry—*Economics, Mathematics, Further Mathematics*; S. D. Hoath—*Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics*; J. T. Hughes—*Economics, Mathematics*, Further Mathematics*; B. J. D. Kerr—*Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics*; D. P. H. Laxen—*Geography, Mathematics, Physics*; W. A. Limbrick—*Economics, Mathematics, Physics*; G. R. Martin—*Mathematics, Physics*; P. G. Nicholls—*Geography*; L. J. Redican—*Chemistry*; P. C. Searles—*Economics, Mathematics, Physics*; B. Syms—*Mathematics, Physics*; D. A. Tумman—*Physics*; T. S. Wills—*Economics, Mathematics, Physics*; I. A. Willsher—*Mathematics*; S. W. David—*Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics**.

ORDINARY LEVEL, 1968

(Number in brackets indicate subjects passed)

D. G. Barker (8); A. W. Bassett (5); D. J. Brown (6); C. Cannell (7); P. M. J. Costello (8); P. Darvill-Evans (5); A. D. Day (8); J. O. Doughty (7); A. Glenister (8); G. P. Jobson (6); S. A. John (7); I. Johnson (7); P. H. Jones (7); S. E. Jones (7); N. J. Moon (6); A. R. Morley (5); P. G. Morris (8); M. S. Newton (5); A. J. Reiss (9); B. D. Rowland (8); R. B. Simons (7); J. M. Staggs (7); R. P. J. Staynor (8); D. C. Stevenson (8); J. M. Stonham (6); J. A. Tiller (8); J. W. R. Walne (6); B. M. Wise (7); G. S. Wye (7); R. S. Bell (6); M. E. Blaxland (5); A. C. H. Bolton (7); C. J. Chamberlain (7); R. M. Cole (7); P. H. J. Davies (7); M. G.

Dawe (7); J. C. Dixon (7); R. W. Elvery (8); I. M. Fairley (6); A. P. Gee (7); C. D. Hardy (7); M. S. Jay (5); J. S. Kirkwood (5); D. R. Lishman (6); G. C. Lunn (5); S. K. Mayo (7); M. K. Miller (6); D. J. Moore (6); I. M. Orme (5); M. W. Picher (5); D. R. Pugsley (7); P. W. Robinson (7); G. D. Singleton (6); C. J. Tipney (5); L. D. D. Tracey (6); J. R. Trayhorn (6); G. J. Wolstenhulme (5); J. Woodhouse (7); S. L. Wright (8); P. L. Albrighton (5); C. J. Andrews (7); G. K. Biggs (7); P. N. E. Collins (8); C. M. Connolly (7); M. R. Daniel (5); A. J. Evely (5); J. G. Gunning (6); P. J. Ham (6); R. P. Hipgrave (8); M. D. Horswell (5); A. R. Jackson (6); R. J. Robinson (8); L. B. Starling (6); C. C. Woodbridge (8); A. Woodward (5); P. N. Farnsworth (8); S. K. W. Grigson (8); M. J. Hollis (6); G. L. Jarman (6); A. E. Kramek (7); A. N. Lee (6); R. C. Leegood (8); R. J. Long (8); A. R. Miller (5); G. R. Parkins (7); D. J. Strange (6); K. J. Anderson (6); A. R. Blundell (7); M. F. Chivers (5); P. L. Clarke (7); C. P. Cobb (7); J. C. Cook (6); P. C. Ellingham (5); J. W. Everett (8); P. T. D. Hamblin (5); M. A. J. Kusmidrowicz (7); D. J. Morris (6); C. G. Nash (5); D. J. Peterson (7); K. V. Pickering (9); J. D. Tomlinson (6); K. L. Williams (8); T. R. Webb (7); G. P. Angel (5); M. P. Oxlade (5); G. R. Peatey (5).

GEOGRAPHY FIELD WEEK

Someone once said that every one is a geographer. About forty members of the sixth form who claim to have special powers in this field emigrated to the Isle of Man for a week in April.

Having persuaded the evergreen and patient Mr. Poll to leave his kilt at home for reasons of national safety, the party set forth on their travel. With the arrival of the group in the early morning at Liverpool, the dockside gained a clique of bedraggled intelligentsia who baffled the indigenous population with their mere presence. Several hours later, we arrived at the Park (hotel) in Ramsey, I. of M. The only company we possessed were some Irish tap dancing opera singers.

When the party had recovered from the scintillating journey, the plans were evolved for the ensuing week. For the first few days we were driven to various points of interest by the effervescent Mr. Agostini and his wonder coach. Unperturbed by falling slates, the courageous members battled around Little Ness and subsequently Langness—a tombola of esteem. The natural arch nearly had an artificial death as numerous geological hammers and boots pounded upon it.

The next day, Scarlett Point with its Basalt intrusions was blessed with our company. Here the expedition also examined Limestone synclines which were endowed with crinoids and corals of considerable size.

A visit to the Isle of Man is not complete without a trip to Kione Y Ghoggan and its splendours. During our study of the Sugar Loaf Stack and the Anvil many examples of natural beauty nearly toppled over the cliffs when attempting to defy Newton's Law of Gravity. However, these persons were suitably restrained and we continued our tour. Blue Point (a raised beach) and White Strand (inclined strata in red sandstone) completed the list of places we visited as a group.

We were then divided into smaller sections and were allowed two or three days to study projects of our own. Some revisited Castletown Bay for further notes. Others used great muscular strength and intellectual prowess in tracing rivers up their valleys. This year J. Clarke took the "bogging" prize for his expertise in crossing the treacherous peat bog terrain adorning the higher areas of the valleys. The final day was taken up with village studies which included both the economic and social aspects of the lives of the inhabitants.

We departed the following day laden with sandwiches and relics of the Isle. During our stay we had constant reassurances of the Manxmen's friendly attitude towards us (especially in our evening wanders) and only hope that one day we can return.

Once again our thanks to the encyclopaedic brain of Mr. Poll and the native knowledge of Mr. Millican.

PETER R. B. PING.

SUMMER CONCERT

ST. NICOLAS — *Benjamin Britten*

For the Summer Concert this year St. Nicolas by *Benjamin Britten* was chosen. For some this revived memories of its performance in the Old School Hall as part of the Quatercentenary Celebrations in 1962. It is an inspiring work and although modern is not too modern in its musical idiom, and in fact uses two fine old Hymns to round off each part and bring in the voices of the audience to swell the volume of sound. A third Hymn was used to open the Concert, a vigorous arrangement of "Turn back, O man, forswear they foolish ways". The first verse, for treble voices and String accompaniment, had an ethereal quality and was clearly sung by the younger members of the School Choir: the second verse for unaccompanied Choir was sung with very pleasing tone and balance: the third for Orchestra, Unison Choir with Descant was a thrilling sound.

The first half of the Concert was in the nature of a Serenade, and appropriately opened with the Serenade from Haydn's

String Quartet in F followed by the Finale from the Lark Quartet by the same composer. These were played by a Quartet led by Margot Macgibbon. We are most grateful for their playing and for their coming to lead each section of the String Orchestra. There followed Piano Solos by Peter Vernon and Michael Cole, and some Folk Song arrangements for Wind Trio, and a Quintet played by Andrew Havard, Malcolm Goldring, Michael Cole, Peter Vernon who were joined for this item by Peter Watts who left in the Summer of 1967. We are sorry to say goodbye to the other four players who have taken a most active part in the musical life of the school, with work of a very high standard on many occasions.

In St. Nicolas the Choir sang throughout with confidence combined with sensitivity and understanding. Perhaps words could have been more clearly articulated and at times the rhythm was a little lacking in crispness. The journey to Palestine and the storm were most dramatic, and each section of the Choir sang boldly. The difficult unaccompanied passages in the last but one Chorus were extremely well sung and with perfect intonation. The solo part of St. Nicolas was sung by Mr. David Flinders who had mastered its difficulties with expert skill. The Orchestra of Strings, Organ, and Percussion added considerably to the vividness of the performance and played throughout most competently.

As a background to the Choir the Art Department had created some very effective and beautiful stained glass windows which gave the perfect atmosphere for this work. All concerned must be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL SURVEY OF PUBLIC OPINION IN HIGH WYCOMBE ON THE RHODESIAN SITUATION

SUMMARY OF THE SURVEY

1. The survey was carried out on July 12th, 15th and 16th, 1968 by C. A. Weyer (6M2W) on behalf of Mr. J. Goodenough of the Economics Staff. Lest the well known "pro-Smith" views of the former led to (unjust) accusations by "anti-Smith" boys (especially in the 5th forms) that the survey was in any way unfair R. T. Mackie acted as a neutral observer. Previously all the questions were submitted to the headmaster, and all met with his approval.

2. Areas representative of all social classes were chosen, but on the whole persons in lower class districts were found to be more reluctant to answer the survey. Several hundred houses were called upon altogether.

3. About 8 per cent of the poll consisted of immigrants; this percentage would have been higher but considerable language difficulties were encountered among those from Asia. "Anti-Smith" feeling among immigrants was found to be greater than among the rest of the population.

4. There was a considerable amount of apathy among many people.

5. The vast majority of people wanted talks with Rhodesia to re-open, and were against the use of force under any circumstances.

6. A large majority of people had little faith in trade sanctions, and many people wanted them stopped.

7. Finally the survey revealed that a very large number of people were quite prepared to see little or nothing done to bring Ian Smith's rule to an end, even if they were against him.

The actual results of the survey (expressed in percentages) are shown below.

1. Do you think that Ian Smith had any right to declare U.D.I.?

Yes	No	Don't know
26.6%	54.2%	19.2%

2. What do you think should be done about Rhodesia?

Nothing	Negotiated talks	Economic Sanctions	Force
17.2%	64.7%	12.4%	5.7%

3. Do you think that talks should be re-opened on the basis that either side has won or lost?

Yes	No	Don't know
76.2%	19.1%	4.7%

4. Do you think that Sanctions are an effective measure?

Yes	No	Don't know
13.4%	71.4%	15.2%

5. Do you think that Sanctions ought to be:

Stopped	Retained	Increased?
50.5%	29.5%	20.0%

6. Do you think that Force should be used against Rhodesia?

Not under any circumstances	If all else fails	If law and order breaks down	Yes definitely	Don't know
73.4%	4.7%	11.4%	6.7%	3.8%

7. Are you satisfied with the U.K. Government's handling of the situation?

Yes	No	Don't know
19.1%	60.9%	20.0%

8. Do you support the present Rhodesian Government?	Do you sympathise with it?	Are you opposed to the present Rhodesian Government?	Don't know
6.6%	30.5%	49.5%	13.4%

C. A. WEYER.

WOBURN ABBEY 1968

For the weekend July 6th/7th, the Duke of Bedford threw aside normality and combined his astute talents for collecting revenues with those of Melody Maker. The result was the second "Annual" Music Festival. To gather the crowds, the organisers booked a formidable assemblage of performers. Because of this, entry prices were correspondingly high—a £2 weekend ticket (for all four shows) was the best buy.

As I clambered off the "Woburn Special" bus, I was immediately confronted by the sight of innumerable people of various colourings, sizes and shapes all happily wandering around Woburn Village (about a quarter-of-a-mile from the Abbey Gates). The General Food Shop (closed Sunday) was the major retreat, most people leaving the establishment laden with loaves of bread, cheese and cakes. The four pubs were doing a roaring trade in both beer and glasses. By the Saturday evening they all claimed to be "sold out." I have subsequently been informed by one of the indigenous population that the "sold out" idea was just a facade to avoid overwork. However, I wish they had been more monetary-minded, for beer (Flower's Keg) in the Festival enclosure cost 4s. per pint—a large sum by any standards.

Whilst on this important subject, the other essential of life (Food) was also very expensive. Once the shop had closed only sandwiches at 2s. to 3s. and "Hotdogs"—2s. or more—were available. The price of survival was therefore extremely high if one had forgotten to bring supplies from one's native homestead.

Having trundled from the village to the Abbey grounds, I discovered the Laws of Newton: Tents cannot be pitched successfully on steep inclines. But this was a special occasion and I withstood the pains of sliding out of the tent every half-hour during the night. (Who said that this week-end would not be educational?)

Once base was finished, I entered the enclosure to behold people from another life. Everyone was happy! Bright colours, long permed hair, gay clothes and friendly faces adorned the music arena. The number of admirers varied; Jimi Hendrix collected about 12,000; John Mayall roughly 6,500 and all these folk were exhilarating company. NO FIGHTS occurred and the recruited peace-keepers did not interfere with anyone. Perhaps this was a lesson in self discipline and crowd control.

The Saturday night and rainy Sunday saw the construction of many bonfires around which the more musically minded of us entertained the others.

Overall, this was a week-end of excitement and pleasure. Fortunately, the former aspects overrode the effects of the high prices and lack of facilities. Duke of Bedford, please take note.

P. R. B. PING.

The candle by my bedside
blew out
in a gust of wind,
And in the distance
I heard your rippling
footfall,
Like a field of breeze-blown
grasses.

Your arms of velvet now come
to enfold me,
my shadow I can find
no more,
And softly creeping
softly seeping
I know you have come to claim me.

Your fingers slip the latch
undone,
I could not bear to lock it.
And like the sound of
falling leaves
your cloak swirls through the
room
and
fills the air with
unknown perfumes,
from the isles of dawn
and vales of night,
where I have never been.

Where are we bound?
I whisper through your
smoky hair
But the answer that you gave me
I never understood,
And beneath the blanket of the
sky
Where silently the black bats
fly
I lie content, as
Your perfect stillness
fills me,
O enchantress of the night.

I tried to dive beneath
your eyes
Into those deep, dark pools,
But all I found was a
pure white shell
and a tatter of your
cloak.

The grass in cold and
damp,
The night has passed, like a
half-forgotten
dream.

I tried so hard
I tried in vain
to find an answer to
your question,
And now daylight strikes my
ageing face,
And I know
I must
start my wanderings
in search of whence
you came.

P. J. R. SEALEY.

PRIVILEGED?

In these days of the so-called “permissive society”, when student power is on the upsurge and the Young Liberals are proposing strikes as a necessary expedient to draw attention to the conditions in some secondary schools, it does not seem an inopportune moment to pose the question “Should people in the sixth-form be considered responsible?”

At present, although those in the sixth-form have such dubious privileges as being allowed to walk along the main-school corridor in the lunch hour and using the science-block cloak-rooms in the same restricted period, they are still not considered responsible enough to go from place to place without having to contend with that omnipresent list.

This continual checking up and the pursuance of absentees, seems irritating and time-wasting to all concerned and credits no-one with any sense of responsibility at all. People have, more often than not, a perfectly good reason for being absent from, for example, the library and the immediate despatch of some honest fellow to try and discover the whereabouts of the offender and for his subsequent interrogation is nothing less than trivial. In reality he would probably be better away from the library, for, despite all claims made to the opposite effect, it does not really possess an atmosphere conducive to good work, and, in this respect, it would seem reasonable to allow those with nothing but library periods to attend until four o'clock, to return home where they would inevitably do far more work.

This last statement may be disputed, but considering that people are in the sixth-form on a voluntary basis and are working solely for themselves, it is they who will have to face the consequences of too little work. As it is, most people spend their time in the library reading newspapers and periodicals or else producing work requiring a minimum amount of concentration.

A similar argument can be put forward against three compulsory games periods per week. I know few people who are particularly dedicated to the game in which they participate on Wednesday afternoons and most are continually trying to escape the energetic pursuit in question. A voluntary system of games is the obvious way out of the dilemma. The vast majority of people would still participate in something and would necessarily be keen and exceptionally interested. Despite all demands of health, is it really likely that those opting out would become the sedentary, physical wrecks that all energetic games-masters have such a horror of?

It is usually suggested that these are the very same characters who are ruining their lungs smoking behind time-honoured refuges like the cricket screen and the old pavilion. One cannot deny that this problem exists—after all, when one can legally buy cigarettes at sixteen and illegally before that, the natural outcome is a fairly large section in the upper school who smoke, the proportion in the upper sixth-forms being probably as high as 30 per cent.

The only way to solve this age-old problem of smoking on the quiet is to bring it out into the open by allowing people to

smoke in the new sixth-form common room, fast taking shape in the space formerly occupied by those ancient stunted shrubs near the library. This is not a particularly revolutionary suggestion; even that haven of conservatism, Eton, has somewhere where pupils can drink the products of the local brewery and beside this the legalisation of smoking seems a trivial reform.

The idea has, in any case, been adopted in several schools throughout the country, with the provision of various safeguards, namely that parents are obliged to give written permission for their son to smoke and that smoking should be restricted to one place only. There are, doubtless, many objections that can be raised against such a scheme but one must accept that many people do smoke despite the Headmaster's declarations that it is a filthy and juvenile habit; unfortunately it is also a fact of life. The prompt adoption of such a scheme would be a triumph for liberation, or rather, realism, in a country in which the keynote of education is reaction.

These proposals probably seem amazingly arrogant but it should be re-emphasized that they are nothing more than realistic. The sixth-form is supposed to be a transitional stage between the restrictions of middle-school and the much greater freedom supposedly enjoyed at university; at present restrictions are such that the sixth-form hardly serves to effect any transition. There are, no doubt, some superficial legal problems which demand a certain amount of compulsory physical education per week just as they demand that ludicrous institution "Religious Instruction" should be preserved. When all is said and done, however, it is certain that within their admittedly limited sphere of action, Britain's schools could introduce substantial, badly needed changes which could revolutionize the present system of sixth form education.

P. M. RICHARDS, 6M2J

STORM

Hot horned lightning leaping intermittently across
the hushed hoar heaven,
Swiftly followed by thrall thunder, its fell fierce
Voice shattering sheltered dreams,
Whistling whining wind shrieking and shuddering
as it makes its way through pine and fir
Sky, black, bleared and cold, seeming to be
repeatedly ruinously riven across itself,
Furtive, frightened moon vainly vying with the
lightning to lighten the landscape,
Dark, dismal clouds close-clustered, sombre and
sable in the bitter breeze,
Night comes as Nemesis on Man, wreaking violent
vengeance for nature,
On this fell night, a night of storms.

A FLITTY MOTH AM I

When evening spreads her shadowy wings,
Beneath the dusky trees I fly,
Into the scarlet sky,
Hushed by a mist of woody smoke,
I pass the murmuring heavens by.

Without the slightest care,
I float away, unmindful of
Those uncouth days of patience, there
Upon the earthy ground.
Exposed to peril, on some leaf
I slowly crawled around,
But patient toil has had its day:
In Paradise I drift away.
A flitty moth am I.

ADAM HARDY.

THE DARK DANK DAWN

Black and misty shadows 'neath a
Black and mighty heaven with
A greyness and a haze that hide
A black and boiling sun.

White is grey and grey is black
And dark mist surrounds everything
Even as the light of dawn
Is stifled in awakening.

Tortuous and writhing,
War-torn trees reach up
Burnt out far too early
To be avenged by dawn.

TIM LOWE.

A STUDY IN EMANCIPATION

She was the last to arrive as usual, her nose in the air. She threw her bag down by the side of the track and went off to warm up.

Sheila fascinates me, not because she's pretty, but because of her utter contempt for her fellow sprinters. When I'm waiting for my race I usually chat with my opponents, size up the opposition so to speak. But not Sheila, she just stands there without an ounce of emotion on her cold stoic face.

Our races are sorted out, Sheila's to go first. She takes off her tracksuit and places her blocks.

"On your marks", comes the voice.

Sheila, still looking contemptuous of her opponents, walks up and gets down on her blocks.

"Set".

"Crack!"

Even if you had never heard of Sheila, you could have predicted her to win just by watching her start. She crashed out of the blocks and round the bend, her great muscular arms and legs driving powerfully.

She won by 30 yards.

That evening all the young sprinters went home in a group. She went by herself. To them she was a "frigid crumpet".

To her they were "inferior".

IAN ORME.

THE LOST VILLAGE

The turquoise smoke of incense
Traced the sunlight of the dawn
And awakened the death of night.
Aeolus, the champion of the mephitic township
Slunk away across Pias's plateau.
Meanwhile, the aged Peruvian hills absorbed no more
For the flowerised pipes were peaceful;
And the wrought bells tolled
As the dust danced on the barren hillsides.
The lonely minds crossed the beauty of the morning—
And brazen thoughts of life were concealed.
High above, Satan plunged through Baal's shield
And snatched up the disciples of Feter.
Nirvana raged, and Jupiter whined deeply
As the cankerous volunteers drank the feelings of fire.
Hours later, when the valleys were green,
And the sun had dissolved the smoke,
The congress of dead thoughts took place.
The sinners of the futile woods repented,
And whilst their host feasted they fled,
To arrive in the evening of their lives—
Returned to the very moment of motion.
Throughout the night, pillars of haze
Obliterated the darkness of the day to come;
Fire-birds skimmed the tranquil hours to dawn,
When once more the village lived in imagination.

PETER R. B. PING.

SUMMER

The sleepy summer days drift on,
The blood red sun goes down
To rise on yet another day
And place a crown on dawn.

The things once green are parched for rain,
The earth is turned to dust.
The shimmering air portrays the heat,
And all life droops athirst.

W. H. BARNSFIELD.

NOSTALGIA . . .

And then the snow came . . . The snow came . . . I say, do you hear me best-beloved? . . . Yes, and then the snow came, the snow which was ever coming, ever coming and then one night suddenly on its shimmering white tiptoes, sprinkling its white powder over the shivering earth it came.

Yes, O best-beloved, sitting around roaring fires, sweet cooking chestnuts, ancient toms of knowledge and fine strains of music from another time one forgot all the secrets of nature on that cold, January night. Sitting around fires in the bitter early days of the year, thinking of warmer, sunnier lands, one stares into the red glowing embers of the fading hearth fire . . . They twinkle and smile back at us: they seem to know all—and they smiled at *me*, best-beloved—but I searched into them in vain—they could not tell me aloud the secrets of future time which they knew. Glowing from blue to yellow—forming a whole small world into which one is involuntarily drawn . . . And then the buses too . . . Riding on buses just for the fun of it—riding on buses at night. To be welcomed whole-heartedly into a warm and reluctantly empty bus in the sharpness of a mid-January night. At times a feeling of obsession like fascination as one sits under the bright neon lights, peering out at the sparkling illuminations in the piercing blackness of a mid-January night . . .

Quick, draw your armchair nearer, best-beloved . . . watch the glowing embers as they fade away to a distant land of rest and oblivion. Come closer, come closer, best-beloved.

Somnia creeps up and upon us—a little black cat sits dozing and meanwhile the veiled lady of snow shakes her large powdered garments ever quicker, ever quicker . . .

THREE PEOPLE

Polluted cobwebs and days of migraine
Rule this house of our dismal future;
The shiny rainstorms wet only themselves,
Why must obscurity mean the end?
Perhaps somewhere, in a plane of love
A minute ray of thought will fall.
Glutamuara, glutamuara, where are you?
The wax of internal consideration is gone,
And the blindness of mind is thick with arrogance,
And of survival, and of death.
As I open an aperture to your feelings
Grasp a flashing bond,
Let it chew upon an idea for an hour,
And then explode a thought:
With faith your eyes will lower;
At last you believe in yourself.
Remember a fright and think;
Many are already equal
Which ever way you look at them.

PETER R. B. PING.

ONE DAY'S DILEMMA

Wind's breezes floating free, people running on the beach, towards a space where there is joy on our faces, and we drift past the headlands out on the tide. The sea sucks back leaving the sand fresh in the moon and morning dew. I sit on a dune, alone, the only person alive, but for two dogs who don't see me.

Suddenly the happiness I never knew returns, as I notice a wave rolling up the beach, in a despairing gasp, pale ice phosphorescent blue, in the dark at the end of time, which is now without end. A tear forms transcendent in paisley, as I creep back to my real place, where a grass-munching goat will live tomorrow.

Voices come out of the light into the dark, where I am, perhaps talking about me, not mentioning me by name. An urge to dance round the first glow worm that I found in France overpowers me and I remember sensations that are not English. The memory of a stone-strewn windy hill is strongest in my mind, with the desire to dive endlessly into the clear cutting sea, and spend the rest of my life as a seagull, soaring above men, or a seal puppylike innocent, like a baby in the world's arms, contrasting an inexplicable want to run down the valley and climb the opposite pinnacle, higher than mine. I do nothing, because in

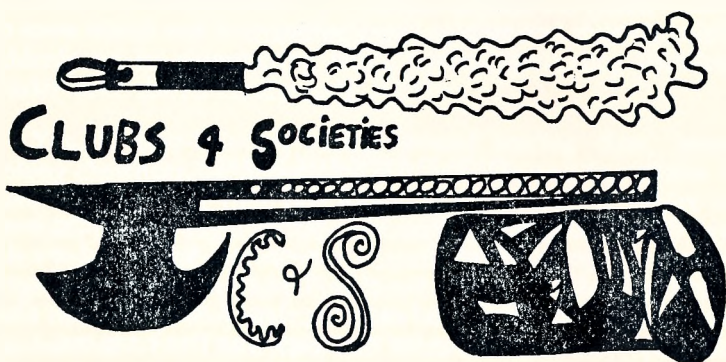
my straight-jacket of convention, with my distant friends, I cannot.

The camera fades out on a long-distance, curving shot leaving me sitting on the beach in the dark before sunset, with my empty suitcase, isolated, cold. A girl asks me what I'm talking about. What am I Tolkien about?

DAVE HALL.

Time is the tide of love
and the sea—swinging moon
pearl in a second ocean
shifting in the sky
as does a grain of sand
over a sea floor
washed by time, the tide of love.

CHRIS DAINTY.



ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

The Astronomical Society has now been in existence for a year. It has been a trial year, sometimes rewarding, mostly disastrous. It seems clear now that we cannot do much to help this hobby inside the school, only promote it *outside*. This will be our aim from now on.

The 6-inch reflector is now in the final stages of fine grinding and should be completed by the end of September. This term we hope to make a start on the equatorial mount and tubing.

A quarterly newsheet has been innovated, the next edition to appear in October. It contains lists of double stars, nebulae, interesting groups etc., and is of use to all members, with or without telescopes.

Finally my thanks to Mr. Fry for his help, and to Mr. Willmot of Chairborough Road for his kind contribution of glass and abrasives.

IAN ORME.

CAR CLUB

Car club activities have been somewhat limited this term because of the exams, but the two films which were shown were well attended by junior boys and some sixth-formers.

We look forward to greater things next term, especially with the coming of speech-day; the committee are always open to suggestions regarding activities for the coming year.

We hope that the club will continue to prosper without the guidance of Mr. Goodenough who has given his expert advice and encouragement since the club was formed.

D. PRIOR.

FOLK, JAZZ AND BLUES SOCIETY

The highlight of the society's activities was the Pop, Folk and Blues concert at the end of term. The main attraction of the show was the "Orphic Sunset" who, it is rumoured, cut out an engagement at "Middle Earth" to appear for us. Their music ranged from "Jumpin' Jack Flash" to an own composition, originally named "Sunset Raga". At the end of their performance the bass guitarist became so enthusiastic that he assaulted the microphone, while the lead guitarist produced strange feedback noises.

Chris Dainty sang some folk songs very effectively, especially "The Ballad of Hollis Brown". Alastair Pearson and Mick Rose played some of the former's own compositions, and Rose showed that the recorder can be effectively played in conjunction with the guitar. The "blues" was provided, rather shakily in parts, by Trimmings, Cavey and Whiting. Trimmings's fine vocal powers were not audible however, as someone had omitted to plug the microphone in.

Contrary to expectations, the organisation of the concert was tolerably good. The curtain was admirably operated, the change-over between artists was quick and efficient, while the equipment worked without assailing the audience with loud unwanted feedback, as so often happens.

All in all, the concert was a success and most of the audience (I hope) enjoyed it. Finally, I would like to extend thanks to

Broadway for his subtle lighting; to the "Orphic Sunset" and Mr. Lingard for use of equipment; to the performers for making the concert worthwhile; and to the audience for tolerating the din.

M. CAVEY.

FORUM

Since the last report Forum has not been exceedingly buzy, and apart from the Forum Quiz, won by 6B, the frenzied efforts of the committee have resulted in only two W.A.D.S. debates and a number of films.

(We hope that in future editions of the school magazine, Forum reports will be printed with the amount of appreciation that they undoubtedly deserve.—EDITOR.)

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

After a period of inactivity the Natural History Society resumed its activities in the latter half of the Summer Term. Three films were shown during this period, two of which were well supported. Of the two, "Food or Famine" was particularly interesting and gave an insight into some of the major world food problems.

Next term we hope to invite outside speakers to talk to the Society on varying topics, as well as continuing our film shows. We hope the Society will continue to gain support particularly from Lower and Main school boys, for without this support the society would find it difficult to continue its existence.

Also I should like to thank Mr. Lingard for his help and encouragement in getting the society back on its feet again.

P. M. STOKES (Secretary).

UPLYME HOUSE REPORT

This past term has seen Uplyme in a state of near chaos as plumbers, electricians, carpenters and bricklayers roamed freely about the house, stirring up the dust of many generations. We shall see the final result next year, but it is assured we shall be warmer, drier, healthier and happier.

This term, we bid farewell to many old friends, notably our House Tutor Mr. Millican. We thank him for all he has done for us and hope he will be happy in his new school at Norwich. We welcome Mr. Holt who has come to take over the post.

TYLERS WOOD

As usual exams have taken their toll of activities, and text books and revision have been the vogue of this term. The usual cricket match with Uplyme, which resulted in a win by Tylers was played and there have been enterprising table tennis matches with the High School.

It is with great regret that we all wish Mrs. R. Blythe farewell. Matron is an unknown term among the members, although names refer to the same. Whatever name is applied, the person remains the same, ever present to supply elastoplast, cotton, to sort out laundry problems, and timely to remind people of personal appearances.

Few people realize how hard our matron has worked since she began her devoted service over twenty years ago. We all wish Matron health and every happiness in her well-earned retirement.

Mr. Poll is taking up a post elsewhere, and Mr. Hancock will be House Tutor next term. We wish both every success in their several appointments and welcome Mr. Hancock to our Elysian fields.

Well, Tylers Wood will continue to exist—despite the absence of Matron, Mr. Poll, Bowyer, Feek and myself. So ends an era!

ROGER MARTIN-FAGG.



The Summer term was to some extent disappointing. Perhaps it was the absence of an annual inspection which provided a lack of stimulus, perhaps the absence of a summer term Speech Day contributed to this as well. Certainly the earlier start to G.C.E. examinations restricted training at a time when the weather was most suited to out-door exercises, and the consequent lengthening of the post examination anti-climax did nothing to improve the situation though happily it did provide an opportunity for some enthusiasts to reduce the stock of paint, green, G.S. and improve the appearance of the C.C.F. vehicles quite considerably and make a considerable contribution to maintenance and preparation of the equipment for camp.

The Naval Section were quick to take advantage of the absence of ceremonial parades usually so prevalent in the summer term and week after week saw them embarking by coach for the river at Bisham where practical boatwork under the expert eyes of professional instructors proved to be very popular.

The Army Section, a long way below the strength of former years, is not below former standards of efficiency but it has become "top heavy" with N.C.O.'s who have few recruits to instruct and who are now turning their minds to acquiring the further skills of M.T., Signals, Advanced Infantry, etc. in place of instructional techniques. This change whilst not without some benefit is to be regretted for the lack of opportunities of responsibility of which there is no shortage in a big contingent.

The R.A.F. Section has functioned with its usual activities, Gliding, Air Experience and Field Work have again been very popular and there has been no shortage of flying scholarships gained by those intent on learning to fly.

Many will regret the departure of Pilot Officer K. D. Millican who energetically took on Command of the Section after the long term of office of Sq.-Leader E. Mewse, his scientific knowledge atoning for his lack of experience in R.A.F. skills.

Morale generally is high in the C.C.F. and those who cannot take the discipline of it quickly find a way to an easier life elsewhere; but a hard core of efficient and enthusiastic cadets remain to enjoy the facilities and many worth while activities which all three sections continue to provide.

R.P.

ARMY SECTION CAMP 1968

As in some former years, Summer Camp this year was held on a civilian camp site in a small village, nay hamlet, bearing the unlikely name of Sheepstor, on the very edge of Dartmoor. The fact that this was a "greenfield site" meant that the ordinary job of the advanced party was considerably increased as they had to erect all the conveniences and necessities which were to serve the camp throughout the week. As usual they did their job quickly and efficiently pausing only for sustenance and strong tea supplied as always by the venerable and indefatigable Bill who produced a brew up and a fried egg sandwich within minutes of the essential items being unpacked.

The arrival of the rail-party less than twenty-four hours later momentarily caused a hold up in the proceedings but when the whole of the camp was erected, training started promptly in the form of education for the novices on the use of the "Silva" compasses. These proved, as before, to be a godsend for those who could use them properly and at the same time a continual source of frustration for those who could not.

Training began in earnest with a short but exhausting map reading exercise round the neighbouring hills and/or bogs, woods, streams, etc. (depending on the map reader) and back to camp. This was followed by something on a much larger scale an "escape and evasion" exercise in which a handful of "escaped prisoners" (the W.O.'s and Senior N.C.O.'s) were relentlessly pursued across the Moor by four marauding parties whose ultimate objective, eventually, became survival from and evasion of those terrible twins—sunstroke and exposure. After a trek of 12—15 miles (depending on the map reading) an overnight peace treaty between prisoners and enemy was agreed at the bivouac site and was succeeded the next day by an assault at which the majority of the prisoners were "massacred" by a four pronged attack. This whole exercise was entertaining and successful not least of which was the preparation and cooking individually of sirloin steaks with onions and saute potatoes which constituted our evening meal at the bivouac area. At least the food was good if not the cooking.

Comparative relaxation followed this arduous exercise. A morning of football, cricket and softball was followed by another infantry exercise during the afternoon. We then spent a profitable day on the range firing the bren "live" as well as .303 rifles and then descended to the beach at Tregantle for relaxation in the sun before the journey home.

The usual initiative tests took place the day before we left. This year the customary rivers, piranha infested swamps, bottomless chasms, etc., claimed surprisingly few victims. Either the cadets are becoming more intelligent or the tests easier. I think the latter is more probable.

The last day or so of camp was no less eventful than the first few. The slight mishap which befell yours truly not only lengthened his stay in the West Country by a few days but provided a contribution to his education by regular Army soldiers. The mishap also provided an initiative test in the form of how to get an injured man into a landrover without making him scream too much. The C.O. and Cadet S/Sgt. Huggins also had an unpleasant surprise when the trailer snapped off from the landrover on the way home.

The remainder of the camp, however, had been without accidents and indeed had been on several occasions very amusing. Prizes for the funniest sights of the week must go to those who participated in a water fight at the mountain stream, by the camp; to Huggins, Broadway, Clarke and Pattinson for their attempt at catching a fish with a 12ft. signals aerial, a piece of string, a safety pin and a lump of raw meat and to Cpl. Boreham who I am led to believe was suspended during the initiative tests base over vertex,

ten feet from the ground, practically by his bootlaces. Thus the camp continued in its amusing way.

As well as thanking Bill for his excellent food and Walter for his contribution, and the fun he provided with the farmer's children, we would like to propose a special vote of thanks to the officers for their hard work and organisation which was so apparent. The good-natured way in which they went about their work was reflected well in Capt. Davies' tuneful early morning song for which we thank him.

This cheerful and friendly atmosphere which contributes so much to the enjoyment of camp (undoubtedly the best part of the C.C.F.) was again prominent in making Sheepstor 1968 surely one of the best camps to date.

I. R. H. PATTINSON.

CRICKET 1968

Master in charge: B. Poll.

Captain: P. Colley.

Vice-Captain: S. Gamester.

Colours: A. Hewitt, P. Berks, D. Ikin, K. Chamberlain, A. Pearson.

The cricket season of 1968 was dominated by the capricious English weather which dampened both our pitches and our spirits. In all, six matches were affected by the rain and only nine games were actually played. Nevertheless, in these matches the team showed some great promise, which makes the lack of games even more frustrating.

The opening pair of K. Chamberlain and A. Turner was generally sound, their most notable stand being 72 in 55 minutes against R.G.S. Worcester. Turner, however, must gain in confidence before he can consistently make good scores. Chamberlain was a sound, reliable batsman and made a good 67 against the Masters' XI.

A. Newitt has not really found his form this season but has occasionally shown glimpses of his true capabilities. S. Gamester's flamboyant hard-hitting batting earned him 49, 63 not out and 75 in the first three matches which were all very good innings. Unfortunately this was followed by a run of low scores but he gave the other batsmen a good example of aggressive batting.

D. Ikin is the best young batting prospect we have had for some time and if he fulfils his potential he should develop into a fine player.

A. Pearson has been the biggest "find" of the season. Graduating from the dubious honours of Seer Green C.C. he has been

the most useful all-rounder. His innings against Emanuel on a poor wicket was worth 50, and he has bowled very well on occasions. His slipfielding has also been excellent.

P. Brown has kept wicket well although his batting has been disappointing. Wood has deputised for him with determination. W. Jarvis played well in the first match but has not found his form since.

Of the bowlers P. Berks regained his lost form and bowled very well towards the end of season. T. Smith also bowled well on occasion and C. Thorne shows promise for the future.

P. COLLEY.

Averages for Season 1968

Batting

<i>Name</i>	<i>No. of Innings</i>	<i>Times</i>		<i>Total Runs</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
		<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Out</i>			
S. Gamester	9	1		228	75	28.5
D. Ikin	9	2		187	54	26.8
P. Berks	4	3		22	91	2.2
K. Chamberlain	9	0		182	68	20.21
A. Pearson	8	2		117	33	19.3
A. Newitt	8	0		102	46	11.3
L. Thorne	2	0		22	12	11
P. Colley	5	0		30	18	10
A. Turner	9	0		80	40	8.85
W. Jarvis	4	1		26	22	8.6
B. Wood	4	1		6	6	2

Bowling

<i>Name</i>	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
P. Colley	70	21	127	20	6.35
A. Pearson	96	24	230	15	15.3
P. Berks	70	23	190	12	15.8
S. Gamester	55	6	191	9	21.2
T. Smith	33	2	112	4	28

Catches

Gamester 4, Pearson 4, Turner 3, Chamberlain 2, Ikin 2, Jarvis 2, Colley 2, Smith 2, Berks 1, Newitt 1, Thorne 1, Thrower 1
Total 25.

Wicketkeeping: P. Brown: *No. of Matches* 4, *Catches* 5, *Stumpings* 1, *Byes* 11.

B. Wood: *No. of Matches* 4, *Catches* 2, *Stumpings* 1, *Byes* 11.

CRICKET

The 1968 cricket season will long be remembered as one of the wettest on record with no start possible in six matches. This was unfortunate because this year's 1st XI contained a great deal of potential and we were looking forward to a successful season.

In the matches that have been played the batting has generally been good to watch and of a high quality. Gamester, Ikin, Chamberlain, Pearson and Turner have all played several memorable innings.

The bowling has been hostile and quite effective, with Peter Colley again the most penetrative bowler. Pearson, Berks, and Smith, although lacking accuracy on occasion, have provided good support. Gamester, the only spinner in the side has not had the same bowling success as last year mainly because the wickets have been too wet for his particular type of bowling.

The fielding has generally been sound but not brilliant with Gamester the outstanding individual in this department.

Brown and Wood have shared the wicket-keeping duties and both have been competent if not outstanding.

Peter Colley has captained the side for the last two seasons very efficiently and Gamester has done well in Colley's absence.

A very unlucky cricketer this season has been Leslie Thorne. A cricketer of immense talent, the wet season did not enable him to secure a regular 1st XI place until the end of the season. He should score a great number of runs in the next two seasons ahead of him.

Finally, as this is my last season with the 1st XI I should like to thank both past and present members of the team for all their cooperation and wish them all, every success, both on and off the field, in the future.

My thanks are also due to both Ivor Atkins our groundsman who has coped magnificently with this very tiresome English summer and to the members of staff who have helped so generously with the umpiring.

BRIAN W. POLL.

COLTS

Played 5, Won 2, Drawn 1, Lost 2

In the worst summer for school cricket in the writer's memory the Colts were reduced to four games with other schools, one of which had to be rearranged and another had to be aban-

done mid afternoon. Even within this framework it was a very mixed season. In some ways the team did well. The only school to beat them (St. Benedict's) did so by the narrow margin of five runs. No opponents reached a total of 80. The bowling was generally good and Johnson's leg-spinners were quite excellent at times. The fielding was enthusiastic and tidy. Howland was certainly a better wicket-keeper than any the opposing sides possessed, and even the running between the wickets was good by Colts' standards (very low in this respect).

So much for the praiseworthy and the rosier light. There was, alas, a fundamental weakness—the batting. Colts' teams almost inevitably depend upon a few prematurely talented batsmen and for the first time in very many years we did not have even one. Newton came from the Juniors with some repute but even with a 41 in the last game he only just salvaged it, eight being his next best score. Howland played competently on a couple of occasions, and brief glimpses of promise were seen from Staynor, McMillan and Stone, and Glenister was a rather good No. 10.

The appalling fragility of the batting led to the ultimate indignity of a defeat in the match arranged against the Junior Colts, limited to 20 overs as a suitable handicap (quite unnecessary as it transpired). The wickets steadily tumbled to vigorous but unexceptional under-14 bowling. The Juniors only required four batsmen to pass the Colts' score, and three of them looked distinctly better than any Colt on that afternoon.

Johnson proved a mature captain and is to be especially congratulated on his remarkable performance against Emanuel when he fully deserved the nine wickets he took at the small cost of 16 runs.

Averages

Batting

<i>Name</i>	<i>No. of Innings</i>	<i>Times</i>		<i>Total Runs</i>	<i>Average</i>
		<i>Not Out</i>			
Newton	5	1		61	15.3
Howland	5	2		45	15.0

Bowling

<i>Name</i>	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Johnson	41	3	110	22	5.0
Glenister	30	13	37	7	5.3

Stumpings—Howland 7.

The following played regularly: Johnson, Newton, Howland, Glenister, Stone, John, McMillan, Staynor, Reiss, Vernon, and Costello.

Colts' Colours were awarded to: Johnson (1967), Newton, Howland, and Glenister.

JUNIOR COLTS XI

Played 4, Won 1, Drawn 1, Lost 2

Matches against Sir William Borlase, Watford Grammar and St. Bartholomew's Grammar Schools were not played because of bad weather. One match—against the School Colts' side—was won to give some consolation for a rather disappointing summer.

In a drawn match against St. Benedict's, Hutcheon bowled well to take five wickets quite cheaply and G. Long was in the van with bat and ball. Ing, the next highest scorer was unlucky in the following encounter with Abingdon School, to catch a ball in the face while batting. Brooks proved a useful run-scorer on this occasion but the team went down to some accurate bowling by their opponents.

A re-arranged fixture very late in the term against Emanuel School gave some much-needed match practice but no-one struck form: this was the second defeat. Simson has played a straight bat and promises well as an opener for next season, Cliff and Floyd have shared captain's duties quite efficiently and Costello got in some useful experience with the ball against Abingdon.

Saunders, an all-rounder, has been usually available and "Chiz" (as keen as ever) has, with Fry and Planas, gained in confidence over the term. Glenister of IA has played on one or two occasions as has Long of 2x.

G.L.C.

TENNIS

The tennis team has had a very successful season, having lost only one match. Our success has been largely due to the partnership of Ian Johnson and Richard Simons who hold the enviable record of being unbeaten all season. Jeremy Ward and Trevor Smith played regularly as first pair but were unable to attain their top form.

Our star player, Guy Johnson, played very well throughout the season and formed good partnerships with both Graham Leatey and Graham Maynard.

Ian Johnson and Richard Simons are this year entering the Thomas Bowl Competition in the hope of winning it, having been eliminated last year in the semi-finals.

Jeremy Ward and Trevor Smith, and Guy Johnson and Graham Maynard will play in the Youll Cup.

Finally I should like to thank Mr. H. W. Clark for all his hard work and words of advice.

1st XV tennis colours were awarded to: T. E. Smith, I. Johnson, R. Simons.

2nd XI tennis colours were awarded to: Johnson G, Peatey G, Maynard G.

JEREMY WARD.

SWIMMING CLUB

This year's summer activities were somewhat restricted by the appearance of G.C.E. exams in the middle of the term, and swimming was no exception. The fact that the school pool leaked proved a further source of frustration, for it meant that there was no swimming at school until after Whitsun. As a result only two swimming matches took place, one against Sir William Borlase, the other against Watford Grammar.

The match against Borlase was reasonably successful, despite the fact that we lost, for the result depended upon the last two relays. We also lost against Watford, but the senior age-group put up a good fight, only conceding victory by a couple of points.

On the other hand we met with a deal of success in the Wycombe and District Schools gala, winning the overall trophy.

After the District Gala came the Bucks Schools Gala in which David Tinn and David Basterfield swam very well, coming first and second in the intermediate 10 metres free style.

As a result of the Bucks' Schools Gala R. Walker, D. Tinn, D. Basterfield and R. Moore have been chosen to represent Bucks in the Division 7 gala at Amersham on September 28th.

R. J. WALLER,
Capt., Swimming.

BOAT CLUB

In spite of being heavily handicapped earlier in the season by illness and injury, the Boat Club has had a fairly successful season. Although rowing in a higher class than before, the 1st XI gave a good account of themselves, finishing 3rd in the Abingdon Fours Head of the River race, and being runners-up at Marlow Regatta. They also had the added satisfaction, a week after Marlow, of defeating the Marlow winners, Wellington College. On the final assessment, they can probably claim to be the third fastest school four in the country—no mean achievement.

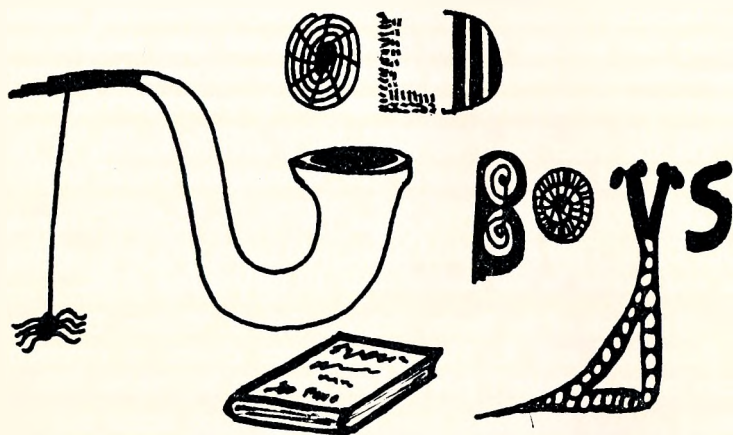
The other crews had an even better year, as far as results go: the 2nd IV reached two finals, and at last won the Novice Fours

at the JTR regatta; both of these being achievements never before attained. The 3rd IV also reach a Final, and won several races, (yet another personal best) which gives great cause for satisfaction, when one realises that both 1st and 3rd IV's are returning "in toto" next year.

This promises well for a very successful season in 1968-9, provided everybody puts himself out for the Club, and works all through the season—promises that were sometimes sadly lacking this year, as regards some of the less distinguished members of the club.

As a closing remark, tribute should be paid to D. P. O'Hanlon who has been a conscientious and responsible Captain of Boats, in spite of illness early in the year.

I.A.B.



Marriages

BRADFIELD—HARRISON. On May 18th 1968, at St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Hughenden, D. W. Bradfield (1950-56) to Miss Maureen Harrison.

BRIDEN—GILLMORE. On July 20th 1968, at St. Phillip's Parish Church, Pennfields, Wolverhampton, J. C. Briden (1949-57) to Miss Caroline Mary Lois Gillmore.

DIXON—FOXALL. On July 20th 1968, at High Wycombe, A. H. Dixon (1958-63) to Miss Susan Foxall.

PANTER—COLLYER. On July 13th 1968, at Leavesden Road Baptist Church, Watford, M. E. J. Panter (1956-63), to Miss Rosemary Collyer.

PRATT—WICKISON. On August 3rd 1968, at Wolvercote, Oxford, A. M. Pratt (1956-63) to Miss Elizabeth Wickison.

- PRIESTLEY—BURROWS.** On March 30th 1968, at St. Bridget's Roman Catholic Church, Isleworth, Middlesex, M. A. C. Priestley (1958-64) to Miss Judith Mary Burrows.
- TOMES—MEYER.** On August 16th 1968, at St. Marien, Oberwinterthur, Switzerland, Capt. I. M. Tomes (1951-57) of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers to Miss Verena Meyer.
- WARDE—WILLIAMS.** On June 8th 1968, at the Tennessee Church of Christ, U.S.A., W. D. Warde (1953-62) to Miss Mary Jane Williams.

Births

- BONE J. R. (1952-57).** On April 25th 1968, at Fulford Maternity Home, York, to Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Bone, a daughter, Jacqueline.
- SAUNDERS, R. H. (1956-59).** On June 5th 1968, to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Saunders, a daughter, Michele Anne.
- STANNERS, G. W. (1934-1942)** to Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Stanners, at Redditch, by adoption, sister for Christopher, **JENNIFER FRANCES**, born 29th August, 1967

Deaths

- H. R. GUEST (1925-27).** On April 7th 1968, in New End Hospital, N.W.3, aged 57 years.
Horace Reginald Guest, Pat Guest, Junior, died suddenly in hospital but for years he had borne many illnesses with great courage and was respected by all who knew him. He served in the Merchant Navy and for many years he had been Group Engineer at the Army and Navy Stores Ltd., Victoria Street, London. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Margaret Guest who lives at 3/43 England's Lane, London, N.W.3 and a daughter. Mrs. Guest wrote giving the news of her husband's death and also informed the Club of her brother-in-law's death.
- R. I. GUEST (1919-23).** Suddenly in June 1964 in Hamilton, Ontario, aged 55 years.
Robert Ivor Guest, Pat Guest Senior, emigrated 21 years ago and was for many years with General Motors. He married a Canadian nurse and has three sons who are now all at University.
Mr. P. L. Jones knew the two Pats. well. They were typically Irish and very popular. They were loyal to the Royal Grammar School and especially to the Staff.
- B. H. HART (1955-59).** On July 21st 1968 in a gliding accident at Booker aerodrome, aged 24 years.
Bryan Horace Hart, younger son of Mrs. Evelyn Hart, of

5, Brands Hill Avenue, High Wycombe and the late Mr. A. M. Hart (1921-24) left the Royal Grammar School at the age of 16 and joined the firm of Messrs. Winter-Taylor, Woodward and Webb. He obtained honours in the final Law Society Examinations in October 1965 and was admitted a solicitor in 1966. He was on the threshold of a very promising career. In addition to gliding, his other interests included rifle shooting, fencing and motor cars.

We extend to his mother our deepest sympathy.

N. R. HAWES (1919-28). On June 16th 1968, suddenly at his home, The Villa Rose, Loughton, North Bucks, aged 59 years.

Norman Rhys Hawes left the R.G.S. to train as a teacher at Culham College. In 1933 he came to Holmer Green as a master and later became the Headmaster. In 1941 he was chosen to be the first County Youth Organiser and in 1945 became Education Officer to the North Bucks Divisional Education Executive. He was very respected in N. Bucks and tributes came from everywhere for this "warm, friendly involved human being". For his Memorial Service in the Radcliffe School, Wolverton, all schools in the division closed for the half day and almost every teacher was present. He had a distinguished sporting career at the Royal Grammar School and later played regularly for the High Wycombe Cricket Club and captained the first eleven for some time. He also played for Bucks in the Minor Counties' Championship. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Hawes.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

BLAKESLEY, J. F. (1957-61) is now working in Melbourne for the Board of Trade and expects to return from Australia in about two years.

BRIDEN, J. C. (1949-57) is leaving Birmingham University, where he held a Research Fellowship, to take up a post as Lecturer in Geophysics at Leeds University in September 1968.

CALCUTT, R. J. S. (1959-66), HELYARD, R. D. (1964-66) and TELFORD, A. H. (1959-66) have just completed the course at the College of Air Training, Hamble, Southampton and are joining B.O.A.C. as qualified pilots. The Vice-Principal at Hamble in his letter hoped that this news of the success of three Old Boys would encourage other students of similar calibre to consider making civil aviation a career.

- DARVILL, K. (1960-67) is at present sleeping regularly every weekday between 7.50 a.m. and 8.50 a.m. on a crowded train to Marylebone, to slave at an accountant's desk for little reward. Nevertheless he has found his first year in the "wide world" one of the best in his life and is eagerly awaiting the next.
- DAVIS A. J. (1955-60). Last year he took up the post of Assistant Engineer (Bridges) in the Warwickshire Sub-Unit of the Midland Road Construction Unit.
- DAWES, J. H. (1954-60) resident in Melbourne, works as Weeds Adviser in the Department of Agriculture, Naracoorte, S. Australia. He gives a weekly T.V. broadcast advising on weedkillers, controls etc. He has made contact with E. G. MANN (1953-57), a dentist in Lawrie Terrace, Waikerie, S. Australia 5330, and T. W. ABDALLAH (1946-53) in Melbourne.
- DIXON, A. H. (1958-63) has just received an Honours degree in Engineering at Leicester University. Some people said he spent too much time taking parts in the "Mikado", "Gondoliers", "Orpheus in the Underworld" and "Trial by Jury" and also joining in the life at the Anglican Chaplaincy but he thinks it was time well spent. He met his wife through the Chaplaincy at Leicester but had he gone to the combined dancing classes with Wycombe High School some years ago, he would have met her earlier. Dixon is taking up an appointment as Graduate Engineer with the B.B.C. in September.
- DRAYTON, P. C. (1956-62) is now teaching music at New College School, Oxford. He has composed a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis which was performed at Evensong in New College Chapel on May 11th last. He also produced Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" there at the end of the summer term.
- FAIRLEY, N. C. (1957-62) finished his Signals Course at Blandford (an extra seven bob a day now) and was posted to Germany in May.
- FARMER, P. B. (1957-63) is to be congratulated on his 1st in Chemistry at Lincoln College, Oxford. He remains there to do a D.Phil. He continues to do well at tennis and best manning—he officiated in this capacity at the weddings of Panter and Pratt.
- FERGUSON, R. I. (1963-64) is another of our Old Boys who gained a 1st, with Distinction in Part I, Geography at Jesus College, Cambridge. This "with Distinction" is not often given.

GRIFFIN, P. (1930–35) won the top award for tape recording in the advanced technical category of the British amateur contest a year ago. Recently he did even better—he won the technical category again and also won the “Tape of the Year” award, the highest in the tape recording field. Combining his talent as a musician and his skill in recording, he produced a multi-track recording of guitar music which brought him the award presented to him at the annual Audio Fair in London.

HANDS, S. E. (1918–20) is President of the High Wycombe Rotary Club for the coming year.

HANDSCOMBE, R. J. (1945–53) after University spent a year at the English School in Istanbul and then three-and-a-half years as Associate Organiser of Research on the Nuffield Foreign Language Project. He visited the School this summer with his wife just before leaving for Toronto, where he is to take up an appointment as Associate Professor of English at the New York University there.

HANNANT, M. (1962–66) is a faithful Old Boy although he is in the 1st year 6th at Chipping Norton School doing “A” Level in English, French and History. He has just been elected Head Boy of the School for 1968–69. His brother **P. HANNANT** (1961–66) is in process of completing a year’s practical farming and has a provisional place at Shuttleworth College next term providing he gets a pass at “O” Level Chemistry.

HEDGELAND, D. R. S. (1959–66) at Selwyn College, Cambridge doing Mechanical Sciences has just done sensationally well at the end of his first year. **C. J. MYERSCOUGH** (1957–63) now a don at Churchill College called in at the School recently and was obviously quite impressed by Hedgeland’s performance. To impress Myerscough is an achievement. Hedgeland continues to shoot very straight as well. He has a Rolls-Royce Scholarship and they are so pleased with him that they’ve bumped up his expenses allowance.

HIGHFIELD, R. A. (1961–64) flew back from East Africa recently and visited his old primary school at Tylers Green. He has completed a navigation course at Hamble and is now an officer cadet in the Merchant Navy concerned with supplying the tanker fleets in the Persian Gulf.

HOLGATE, M. J. “Slim” (1961–67) and his friend **A. P. D. HOGG** (1960–67) were seen by the Hon. Sec. last Easter preparing to hitch to Australia. Holgate promised to write and

did—from New Delhi where he and Hogg were sweating it out in the Y.M.C.A. Hostel in a temperature of 110° F. and humidity 80 per cent. The two boys left England at the end of May determined to reach Australia the cheap way. They hitched to Istanbul, took a train to Erzurum and a 'bus from there to Teheran (total cost £6 10s. 0d.). From Teheran their route was via Meshed to the Afghan border, to Kabul and then to Peshawar in Pakistan—all by local 'bus services and very cheap. They went by train from Peshawar to Lahore (10s.), by 'bus from Lahore to the Indian border (2s. 6d.), and from the border to Delhi by train (10s.). With 50 per cent student reductions in Turkey, Pakistan and India in all trains, their journey so far has cost not much more than £12. They hope to reach Australia either by boat from Madras via Singapore to Sydney (rather expensive) or to go via Indonesia and get a cheap flight to Darwin from New Guinea or Bali. Holgate found the scenery of the Khyber Pass most impressive. He has never seen anything more beautiful than the Taj Mahal. Kabul is the worst city he has ever been to—a glorified village with mud huts, open sewers and an overpowering stench. An unpleasant experience was when their 'bus broke down in the middle of the Great Persian Salt Desert in a temperature of 120° F. They had a four hours' wait in a 'bus filled with humans, sheep, goats and chickens. He promised to write again when he reached his journey's end.

HOMER, A. D. (1959–64) has kept up the high standard of our Cambridge results this summer. He gained a degree in Mechanical Sciences with Honours.

HORLEY, D. G. (1957–63) changed from Chemical Engineering to Civil Engineering at Birmingham University and has just gained his B.Sc. with honours. He is remaining to do a Ph.D.

JOISCE, J. (1963–65) writes briefly to say that he has completed an Honours B.A. Degree at Leeds.

JONES, G. D. B. (1947–54) seems to be quite tireless. He has just completed a successful exploratory dig at Carmarthen (in the middle of a car park) and this summer goes to Benghazi in Libya to do a rescue dig for a colleague who is unable to carry on and finish the job.

KNOX, A. J. (1958–64) is at Edinburgh University and at the end of his second year he failed his electrical engineering examinations. To keep his hand in he spent six months doing a H.N.D. course at a Technical College up there and when he wrote in July he had just heard that he's got through his

exams this time. He starts his 3rd year in October and doesn't think he'll have any further difficulty. He wrote in the middle of six months practical training with the National Coal Board. It is useful and informative and provides many unusual experiences. When one has installed a telephone system under pouring water 3000 ft. under the surface of Scotland, one can appreciate some of the problems.

LAWS, W. H. N. (1958-65) hasn't written this term—he was busy gaining a very good honours degree in Japanese. His trip to Japan obviously paid dividends. It is rumoured that he will now represent British firms in Japan.

LEVIN, D. S. (1961-67) wrote from Helsinki where he went with a youth orchestra and stayed on to work in a shipping office. He has a friend with a week-end cottage in Lapeeranta not far from the Russian frontier. It is by the lakeside, has its own sauna bath (fired by a wood stove) and one simply jumps into the lake to cool off. His friend has a yacht and a 50 m.p.h. speedboat. He finished in June and hoped to hitch back through Germany, Austria, Jugoslavia, to Greece. He thought of going to Lapland but apparently the mosquitos are very bad. What impressed him greatly was that one could be in the centre of virgin forest just a quarter of an hour's car ride from Helsinki.

MACREADY, L. (1955-62) has been included in a squad of 24 players named by the British Hockey Board, from which the Olympic party for Mexico will be chosen. He plays in the full-back position.

MORRISON, M. F. (1960-67) is enjoying his classics course in London. He lived at first in a Hall of Residence but then moved out to digs in Wembley where he found it much quieter. Cross-country running is still his sport in winter and he trains in Regent's Park. He is the fixture secretary. He toured Greece last summer with a group of Christians and found it helped immensely with his studies.

OLIVER, A. J. (1959-66) helped to build up our record crop of 1st's this summer. He gained a 1st in Geography at Cambridge.

ORCHARD, D. G. (1956-62) is back from his year at Notre Dame University, Indiana. He is returning to Sheffield to do research for a Ph.D. in Chemistry. Before leaving he toured the U.S.A. with an American friend and was in Los Angeles on the night Robert Kennedy was killed. He spent some time in Hawaii and it was quite as wonderful as it's supposed to be.

He will be rejoining his tennis partner P. J. MOORES (1957-63) at Sheffield. Moores has just completed an Honours Degree in History and is staying on to train as a teacher and gain a Teaching Diploma.

PAINE, R. W. (1952-60) writes from P.O. Box 2495, Kitwe, Zambia where he has taken up his civil engineering appointment. He has been joined by his wife and two children and expects to spend two to three years out there. He would very much like to see any Old Boys travelling in the area (but asks them to drop him a line first for directions).

PANTER, M. E. J. (1956-63) got his degree in Food Technology. at Reading University and is now working for the Spiller's group. His recently acquired wife he met at university and by now no doubt she knows her calories.

PETTITT, P. B. (1940-48) took up a position in July as General Sales Manager, Broom and Wade (S.A.), (Pty.) Ltd., P.O. Box 72, Isando, Transvaal. After spending 15 years with Broom and Wade, two years ago he left to join Claude Fenton (Sales) Ltd. as Managing Director and then after a while left there to join a company called Typower Ltd. at Brighton. He will be living in Johannesburg with his family and is interested in making contact with Old Boys out there.

SIMPSON, P. (1959-66) has now finished his second year at Oriel College, Oxford and has changed from Classics to Law, in which he feels more at home. He reports on D. J. BROWNING (1959-66) also at Oriel and now Secretary of the Boat Club, S. I. CHORLEY (1958-66) very occupied with Law and his music, E. J. STONHAM (1958-66) continuing with Classics as is K. N. SIMONS (1958-66). Apparently C. M. HOOD (1958-65) visits Simpson from Cambridge frequently and at this moment Hood is very naturally thrilled with his 1st in Mechanical Sciences.

SLOTKIN, P. M. (1950-57) went to Cambridge to do Modern Languages and transferred to Oxford later, where he completed his degree at Jesus College. We heard recently that he is now married and very happy in his work as a free-lance translator.

SWORN, C. H. (1958-64) continued his distinguished progress at Churchill College, Cambridge and this summer gained a 1st class Honours Degree in Physics. He will remain at Cambridge working for his Ph.D. in the Metal Physics Group at the Cavendish Laboratory. His subject is: "Dislocations in crystals by X-Ray topography". The Senior Tutor at

Churchill wrote the Headmaster a very gracious letter. He stated that Sworn had completed his unbroken record of distinction in his undergraduate career. With C. J. MYERSCOUGH (1957-63) elected to a Junior Research Fellowship, the Old Boys of the R.G.S. have made a mark on the College which will be hard to beat.

THOMSON, E. A. (1957-63) has just been granted a 1st Class Honours Degree in the School of European Studies at the University of East Anglia and a special University prize for the best performance in literary studies. He has spent three years at East Anglia and one year at Munich University and he now hopes to go to Westfield College, London, to do research into the German novel.

WADSWORTH, M. E. J. (1953-59) is working for the Medical Research Council. His field is social medicine and he is specialising in criminology. He is married with a daughter.

WARDE, W. D. (1953-62) wrote in June from Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. He had just completed his M.Sc. in Statistics and is currently an instructor in the Computing Centre at Tallahassee. He was married recently—his wife is completing an M.A. degree in Latin American History. In September he will be moving to Iowa where he will be working for his Ph.D. in Statistics at the Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50010. He is Treasurer of the International Club at Tallahassee, with 200 students from abroad, mostly Indians and Chinese. He has taken up judo and advanced to brown belt rank.

WINDSOR, P. (1952-53) is now Reader in International Relations at the London School of Economics.

WINTER, D. A. (1914-22). Dr. Winter expects to retire at the end of next November and in anticipation has moved to West Worthing in Sussex. At the moment he is busy inducting his eventual successor into the mysteries of patents, trade marks and registered designs as well as into the various technologies and techniques of matters associated with the design of cooking, water heating and space heating appliances, using gas, electricity and solid fuel. After 38 years with Radiation Ltd. his very considerable background of knowledge is especially valuable now when the new technologies of using natural gas are pressing hard upon us. A close colleague is N. BARNES (1918-26) who is now Group Technical Manager co-ordinating the efforts of the development sections in each of the associated eight works. N. Barnes was a leading light in forming the once-active Old Wycom-

biensians' Rugby Club. Dr. Winter has also looked up a contemporary of his, M. G. EVANS (1916-23) at the Patent Office where he has officially retired but is helping out on a consultancy basis.

He read in the last edition of the magazine with sorrow but no real surprise that the old stalwarts W.J.B., A.M.B. and J.E.J. had died. For Mr. Bartle he used to attend to his hens on the allotment he cultivated, on what is now the cemetery extension, during the summer holidays when W.J.B. sojourned in his beloved Norfolk. The Rev. A. M. Berry held the respect of all for his exertions in and out of school—as umpire and referee at cricket and soccer but especially for his efforts in studying as well for his London B.A. as an external student and for his ordination in holy orders—a considerable feat even for anyone not burdened with every day teaching. On the lighter side Mr. Berry's tales of Guernsey cabbages and his impositions of cubes and for the latter his method of checking by "casting out nines" also remain with Winter.

Mr. J. E. John was one of the "dauntless three", the others being the late Mr. J. A. Hurn, who taught Winter science and maths. up to Inter Science level and Mr. P. L. Jones who is happily still with us (very much so). As fellow countrymen it was only to be expected that they excelled individually and in combination at Rugby football although at Soccer they were no mean exponents.

The School does appreciate it when an Old Boy just before his retirement looks back on his schooldays and masters with such happy memories.

WINTER, P. E. (1960-67) earned himself some money in the early summer working for Bells Repco who make convector heaters in Tylers Green and is now on his travels in Europe—from Paris to Rome and Italy, back to the Alps to climb at Chamonix and then to Greece.

WOOD, P. M. (1957-64) gained a 1st in Natural Sciences and is staying on at Peterhouse, Cambridge to do a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry. His brother D. M. WOOD (1959-66) had a 1st in his first year examinations in engineering and has just completed four weeks with Broom and Wade, High Wycombe, where he met R. J. PECK (1959-65) who works there now. Mrs. W. L. Wood who taught maths. at the R.G.S. from 1956 to 1964 has now got her Ph.D. and is on the staff of Reading University. What a family!

The English Public Schools Association c/o A. W. Barr & Co., 27th Level, Australia Square, Sydney 2000, 'Phone: 27-8562, wrote to the Headmaster in May to draw the attention of

present and Old Boys of the R.G.S. to its existence. The Association exists primarily to bring together into social and sporting contact Old Boys of Public Schools in the British Isles who have settled in New South Wales.

Just before going to press, the Hon. Sec. was informed of two more Old Boys who have just gained 1sts in their final honours examinations.

MULLICK, R. H. (1959-64) gained his first in Electronic and Electrical Engineering at Birmingham.

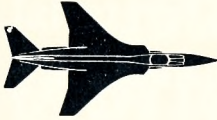
CAWSON, A. (1958-63) gained a first in Arts at Sussex University.

BUNCE, S. W. (1956-62) has just completed his final accountancy examinations with success and is now working for H. & J. W. Aldridge Ltd., Wycombe Marsh.

CHARLTON, S. C. (1957-63) gained a B.Sc. degree with honours at Leeds University this summer.

HICKOX, R. S. (1959-65) has just completed his first year at Queens' College, Cambridge where he is reading for a music degree. Already he has passed the examination for Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists and its choir training diploma.

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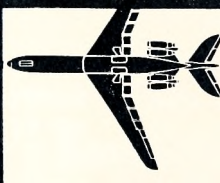
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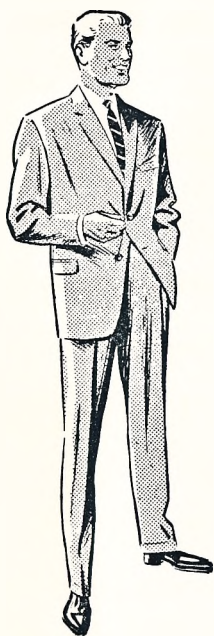
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