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CALENDAR, LENT TERM, 1958

January

Fri. 17	Term begins.
Sat. 25	1st XI v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (a).
Wed. 29	1st XI v. Windsor County School (a).
Thurs. 30	Cross Country v. Radley College and St. Edward's Sch. (a).

February

Sat. 1	1st XI v. St. Edward's School 'A' XI (a).
Wed. 5	1st XI v. Wallingford Grammar School (h).
Sat. 8	1st XI v. Abingdon Hockey Club (h).
Wed. 12	1st XI v. Radley College 2nd XI (a).
Sat. 15	1st XI v. Solihull School (h).
Sat. 22	1st XI v. Old Abingdonians (h).
	Cross Country Match v. Bloxham School.
Wed. 26	1st XI v. Hockey Association XI (h).

March

Sat. 8	1st XI v. Bloxham School (a).
Wed. 12	Athletics Meeting v. Bloxham School (a).
Sat. 15	Athletics Meeting v. City of Oxford School (a).
Wed. 19	Athletics Meeting v. Southfield School (h).
Thurs. 20	Field Day—C.C.F. and Scouts.
Sat. 22	Athletics Meeting v. Old Abingdonians (h).
Sat. 29	School Sports, 2 p.m.

April

Tues. 1	Term ends, 10.15 a.m.
	Summer Term begins Tuesday, 29th April, 1958.
	(Boarders return Monday, 28th April).

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January, 1958

SCHOOL PREFECTS

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I. A. Oliver (Head of Crescent House)
C. M. Dunman (Head of Dayboys)

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Secretary—D. G. Darroch.

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Secretary—J. A. Sheard.

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EDITORIAL

Modern man has a tendency to spend a large part of his time in a sitting position. He drives to work, sits down at his job, drives back, eats his supper, and occupies the most comfortable armchair in the house until it is time to go to bed.

It might be thought that the School's recent purchase of a television set was a concession to this sedentary tendency. In fact we are assured that its primary purpose is educational, and provided it is used intelligently we have no doubt that it will be a thoroughly worth-while acquisition both as a 'visual aid' and as an addition to our recreational activities. In any case, the School attempts to preserve the balance by such institutions as compulsory games and (for boarders) the Sunday walk. But an intimation of what might happen, were the School to pander to our natural instincts more, was supplied at the voting to decide whether the customary boisterous games should be held at the end of term in School House, or whether a film show should be laid on instead; the majority in favour of the latter was overwhelming.

The only comforting fact in this incident was that the minority consisted for the most part of senior boys while a few more abstained from voting. It is to be hoped that this points to a gradual change from sitting to doing as boys move up the School; and that the seniors are still capable of amusing themselves. We—the editorial we—are no more boisterous than the next man; but for our part we are glad to have Authority's assurance that next year we shall revert to the traditional form of entertainment and indoctrinate the younger members of School House into the mysteries of 'Brothers' or 'Sixes and Sevens'.

SCHOOL NOTES

As we go to press we have read with pleasure that the Queen has agreed that Berkshire, alone of counties, shall enjoy the right to call itself a 'Royal County'.

We record with regret the death, after a long illness, of Mr. Hugh Last, formerly Principal of Brasenose College, and for several years a Governor of this School.

We congratulate Mr. Howard Cornish, M.B.E., who represents Abingdon Rural District Council on the Governing Body, on his election as Alderman of the Berkshire County Council.

It did not pass unnoticed that our Chairman, the Admiral, was wearing an Old Cheam tie at the Governors' Meeting this term. If they make as good a man of Prince Charles . . .

Congratulations to Mr. P. W. Martin, Headmaster of Chipping Norton Grammar School, and formerly a member of our staff, on his appoint-

ment as Headmaster of Lincoln School; and to Mr. and Mrs. Royd Barker on the birth of a second daughter, Josephine Mary (29th October).

Once again we have the pleasant task of thanking parents and friends for services rendered to the School; and in particular Mr. N. Sheard for the very welcome gift of a piano: Mr. J. E. Mobbs (O.A.) for two new challenge cups for Athletics: Mr. O. C. Payne for the gift of three guineas to the Boat Club: Mr. R. A. Faies for an advance copy of his new book (dated 1958!) on 'Radioisotope Laboratory Technique' (written in collaboration with Mr. B. H. Parkes): Dr. Pratt for the gift of a magnificent model railway, on his departure to Australia: Dr. Munson for inviting a party of boys round to use his telescope: and Mr. Hyde Parker for making a new gnomon for the sundial in Lacies Court and for resetting it to an accuracy of a small fraction of a degree.

We thank also the Rev. T. M. Layng, C.B.E., M.C., (O.A.) for a copy of 'Water, Water Everywhere' by an American lady, Emily Kimbrough. This travel book deserves a paragraph to itself for it contains a nice reference to the School. Apparently the author's cruise up the Thames brought her to the village (*sic*) of Abingdon (may she be forgiven!) just as our Regatta was taking place. But let her speak for herself—

"We were moored in time to see a crew race between the pupils of a boys' school at Abingdon and their masters. A considerable crowd gathered on either bank and cheered enthusiastically. It was a mock race, we learned, providing 'a high time' for everybody. The masters wore little boys' sailor suits, the pupils stove-pipe hats".

The illustration, by Vassiliu, owes something to the imagination: but curiously the coxswain of the masters' "eight" presents an excellent thumb-nail caricature of Mr. Mortimer.

We are very grateful to the Headmaster of Southfield School, Oxford, for so kindly offering hospitality to our handful of December candidates for the G.C.E.

We congratulate (belatedly) Mr. Alston on (again belatedly!) taking his Master's degree at Cambridge. But we are sure he remains a bachelor gay at heart.

Mr. Antony Emery, who spent a meteoric term with us some years ago, is now teaching at Victoria College, B.C.

We look forward eagerly to the arrival of Mr. G. A. Smithson, who is taking up his duties as groundsman-coach early in the New Year. Mr. Smithson has played cricket in his time for Yorkshire, Leicestershire and England. He comes to us from a similar appointment at Caterham School and we can assure him that he will receive a very warm welcome—especially, we think, from the Bursar and those members of the staff

who have put in so much extra work on the grounds during the past two years. This is as good an opportunity as any of thanking them on behalf of the School.

We offer a welcome too to two student masters from the Oxford Department of Education who will be joining us in January—Mr. W. Robson, B.A., of Durham University and St. Edmund Hall, whose main subject is Music, and Mr. C. K. Saint, B.A., of Prince of Wales College, Jammu, and Hull University, who took an honours degree in Geography and is reported to be a first-class hockey player.

We are sorry that the tradition of a Cambridge resident student is being broken this year but we hope that this is only a temporary hiatus in the succession.

The School is deeply indebted to Dr. J. Howlett, of A.E.R.E., who has very kindly devoted an evening a week, throughout the term, to the task of bringing our senior mathematicians up to concert pitch.

During the past term we have again had the pleasure of welcoming many interesting visitors from at home and abroad. On 4th October we entertained six administrative officers from the Commonwealth who came to us under the auspices of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies—Mr. A. A. Farrah (Somaliland), Mr. D. George (Sierra Leone), Mr. O. V. Ikpa (Eastern Nigeria), Mr. E. O. Josiah (Kenya), Mr. R. A. Murray (Jamaica) and Mr. A. Samusi (Northern Nigeria). Later, on 13th November, we welcomed—and indeed pitch-forked into a Sixth Form Latin period—Professor A. Bose, who is head of the Department of English at Aligarh University, India.

On 21st September we were glad to see again an old friend in the person of Miss St. John who now holds an administrative post at Exeter University; and we were also pleased to welcome Mr. Bernard Mayes when he came down for a weekend in mid-term.

Other visitors included Mr. Gerald Knight, Director of the Royal School of Church Music (30th September) and Mr. J. Scupham, Director of Educational Broadcasting of the B.B.C. (16th October). Mr. Scupham's visit was of course connected with the Governors' decision that this School should take an active part in the experimental television broadcasts to schools and it was shortly followed by the purchase of a vast TV set which has been installed in the Lecture Room (Room 3). For us, educational programmes will start seriously in January. Meanwhile the set gave much pleasure to Oxford supporters on 10th December.

Perhaps the most noteworthy feature of the past term was the epidemic of "Asian 'flu" which smote us at the end of September. Its virulence may be gauged by the fact that at one time just half the School was away; and in the whole of School House only eleven boys

remained immune throughout. But it departed as quickly as it came, and we were able, with smug complacency, to claim that we were the School That Never Closed. A hearty vote of thanks to School doctors, house matrons, and those other ladies of the staff by whose help alone we were able to keep the show going.

The number of boys on the School Roll at the beginning of the Michaelmas term was 503 (Dayboys 318, Boarders 185). This is the first time we have topped the five hundred and it should mark the limit of our expansion.

We congratulate M. S. Bretscher on the award of a Minor Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Caius College, Cambridge; and B. D. Winkett on the award of the Abingdon Scholarship in Classics (carrying with it 'open' status) at Pembroke College, Oxford. It is especially pleasing to see a classicist reappearing in the lists and we hope that many of the Classical Sixth will emulate his example.

Congratulations too to P. D. Exon, whose Oxfordshire County Major Award (to Birmingham University) makes our final total of such awards for the year no less than 21: to P. J. Ford on the award of the Sixth Form Scholarship (known *pro hac vice* as the Bennett Scholarship) and on being chosen to play for the Berkshire Schoolboys' XV; to G. G. Ganf on being appointed Captain of the Berkshire Colts XV and of the Combined Colts of Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Sussex, and subsequently on being selected to play for the South East of England Colts; and to C. J. Bailey, who was the first boy in North Berkshire to qualify for the Duke of Edinburgh's silver award, which he received from the hands of Sir John Hunt on 11th December.

We note that several members of the School, sponsored by Mr. Vallance, are hoping to follow in Bailey's footsteps. It will be interesting to see how we can fit the Award into our scheme of things so as to get the maximum benefit from it.

On 30th September, Lt.Col. William Rose gave a lecture to the third forms on 'The work of Dr. Barnardo's Homes', with a film.

The fourth forms heard a lecture by Lt.Commander R. S. Smithwick on 'The work of the Royal Navy', also with a film, on 2nd October.

On 17th October the Rev. W. Gwynn-Jones, T.D., B.Sc., H.C.F., showed a film, on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society, to members of the fourth forms.

On the evening of the same day a Parents' Evening was held for the parents of all new boys, who were entertained—and edified—by the School documentary film 'No Tumbled House'.

The Rev. R. M. Jeffrey gave a talk to the Lower Sixth on 'The work of the Church in South Africa' on 28th October.

On 5th November a precedent was created when School House trooped out in force to let off their fireworks, collectively and individually, around a large bonfire on Waste Court Field.

On 9th November, a small party of boys saw Oxford University defeat the Australian XV in Oxford.

November 10th was Remembrance Sunday and once again the School was not only represented by a sizeable contingent but also supplied the buglers and a guard of honour for the ceremony at the Cenotaph. Later our two buglers, C. D. Loukes and J. R. N. Ogle, performed a similar office at the Remembrance Day Service at Sutton Courtenay.

On 15th November a large contingent from the School attended the Abingdon Drama Club's production of 'Deep are the Roots'.

The Ruridecanal Conference was held at the School on 20th November.

The half-holiday granted to the Corps at the request of this year's Inspecting Officer was taken on 21st November, when members of the School Fifteens and some of their supporters took the opportunity of going to see the match between Oxford University and Major Stanley's XV.

We were glad that some of the School visited the Antique Dealers' Fair which was held in the Corn Exchange from 27th to 29th November. It proved to be a fascinating exhibition of everything from suits of armour to paperweights.

On 2nd December we welcomed, on his first visit to the School, Mr. Scrivener, who has just taken over his duties as Regional Officer of the Headmasters' Employment Committee.

The intelligentsia of the School had a difficult choice to make on 5th December—as indeed had many citizens of Abingdon. Some went to the Christmas concert of the Abingdon Musical Society in the Corn Exchange, others, knowing the vintage reputation of the Recorder of Abingdon, chose to hear him give an illuminating talk on 'Crime and Punishment', in the Guildhall, under the auspices of the Friends of Abingdon. The latter had their reward in the merciless way in which the Headmaster, in the Chair, was repeatedly used as a convenient peg on which the Recorder could hang his aphorisms.

On 6th December, St. Nicolas' Church held its Eranos in the Roysse Room (you will find the word in Liddell and Scott). The highlight of the evening was the entertainment provided by Mr. Horrex and a company largely composed of members of the sixth form.

On the same evening others of the sixth form were enjoying themselves at the annual dance of St. Helen's School. Warm thanks from all who went to all who entertained.

Our own Prefects' Dance in the Church Hall on 16th December was not quite a return fixture but there was a considerable 'common element'. We are assured by one of our guests who has experienced many such functions that it was a particularly well-organised and enjoyable evening. Of course no dance at which Mr. Eric Potter and his Orchestra were performing could fail to be a success (and this is not a paid advertisement).

The four plays read by the Play Reading Society this term were: 'Othello'; 'The River Line' (Charles Morgan); 'Crisis in Heaven' (Eric Linklater); and 'The Cocktail Party' (T. S. Eliot).

Saturday lectures during the term were as follows: 5th October—A. Oakman, Esq., on 'The M.C.C. Tour of South Africa'; 9th November—H. Evetts, Esq., F.Z.S., on 'Roe' (Deer, not fish!); 16th November—Dr. Glyn Daniel, M.A., Ph.D., on 'Archaeology and the Public', —while feature films were 'High Treason', 'The Importance of Being Earnest' and 'Geordie'.

On the last evening of the term, 18th December, the customary Boarders' Christmas Suppers were held; and once again this year we were able to run to roast turkey and plum pudding. Later, School House and Crescent House joined forces to see what in the event proved a somewhat disappointing film, 'Touch and Go'. But those who have dined well are not unduly critical, and we prefer to remember the dinner rather than the film. Next year we hope to shake our meal down rather more actively!

About twelve of our members played during the holidays in Mrs. Kitching's Holiday Orchestra—an activity that goes from strength to strength.

One minor change this term may be noted. The School has always cherished the tradition that its rooms should be named and not numbered. But such titles as 'Advanced Chemistry Laboratory Preparation Room' do become a little clumsy. It was not easy to find suitable names. (*Mon Repos?* Scarcely). So the rooms in the Science Block (alone) have been numbered, with the exception of the Boxall Room which continues to commemorate our most recent F.R.S. The main rooms are numbered serially from 1 to 6, and preparation rooms are distinguished by the addition of an "(a)".

The activities of the A.S.P.S. are recorded elsewhere; but we should like to say here what a good job they have made of the colour film of Abingdon, commissioned by the Civic Trust. We hope that the commentary will be added early in the New Year and that the School will have an opportunity of seeing the film before it is officially handed over to the Corporation.

The Headmaster has shown us two curious items that recently emerged from his morning mail. One of them was an envelope from a Government Department addressed to 'J. M. Mobbs, Esq., The Headmaster, Abingdon School'. (Gray Eminences usually keep their power hidden). The other was a request to him to 'bring to the attention of his young staff the enclosed programme for the second Conference of young Schoolmistresses'. No comment.

The photographs in this issue are by kind permission of Mr. Milligan and Mr. Griffin.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from the following Schools (to 19th December): Aldenham; Chigwell; Magdalen College; Oratory; Pocklington; Radley; Reading; R.G.S., High Wycombe; St. Edward's, Oxford; Solihull; Southfield; and also from R.N. College, Dartmouth; R.M.A., Sandhurst; and R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

—And lastly, but with especial pleasure, the receipt of a new form magazine, the '2X Times'.

"A.B."

My first introduction to "A.B." came before I took over at Abingdon, in the room which was shortly to be transmogrified into our bathroom. "This", said W.M.G. "is the School Architect, Mr. West": and there I saw that trim bird-like figure, looking just as he did when I last saw him a week or so ago. I felt those penetrating eyes sizing me up for a moment before he got down to details of waste-pipes and airing cupboards. Somehow "A.B." radiated quiet confidence. I knew immediately that the fabric of the School was in good hands.

But "A.B." was far more than school architect, far more than a loyal Old Boy. The Wests, like the Morlands and the Challenors, are the kind of family you can only find perhaps in the smaller English town—the kind of family that has made Abingdon what it is. "A.B." himself inherited a tradition of service. Though he never sought public honours, his interests were legion, from rifle-shooting to Rotary, from freemasonry to the Borough Bench, over which he presided with such kindly but unsentimental shrewdness. He was a friend of all good causes and was quite indefatigable in the service he rendered to the School. The Science Block of 1950 stands as the most obvious memorial of one who built soundly and well, but he took endless pains over the smaller and less spectacular problems with which he was confronted. Perhaps too it can now be revealed that he was one of the staunchest supporters of the project which enabled the School to enter into occupation of Lacies Court, and he himself subscribed handsomely to the loan fund that was floated for this purp se.

It will be hard to accustom ourselves to the fact that "A.B." is just not there when we look for him. But we salute the memory of one who served his fellow citizens to the end, and whose life remains an example of unselfishness and professional integrity. He had long known that death might come suddenly, at any time. But no one outside his immediate family could have guessed at this knowledge, for he deliberately carried on with his normal life; and he died in harness, as he would have wished. For him we cannot mourn; but we can and do offer our sympathy to his wife and his family, who have to bear the heavy burden of his loss.

J.M.C.

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A more formal record of the life of Archibald Buller West, who died on 31st December, 1957, will be found later in this issue.

Mr. Willis represented the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban, who were unavoidably absent, at the first part of the funeral service which was held in St. Nicolas' Church on 3rd January. Others present included the Vice-Chairman of the Governors, the President of the Old Abingdonian Club, the Bursar, and many other members of the Governing Body and of the Staff.

Morning Service in School Chapel on the first Sunday of term, 19th January, will take the form of a thanksgiving for the life and service of A.B.W.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL

(A nota by the Headmaster)

On the surface it has not been one of our best terms. At the beginning of it we disgraced ourselves by going down with influenza in a big way. In so doing we were merely one move ahead of most of the schools in the country, but this is not the kind of field in which we like to take the lead. Our university scholarship material was limited (but then we cannot always hope to have a vintage year such as 1956); and until the end of the season the performance of the 1st XV was disappointingly uneven. But there are many real, though less tangible, reasons for satisfaction. The first stage of the re-organisation of the middle-school curriculum has been successfully carried through and it does seem that the 'setting' of French and Mathematics in the fourth forms is going to work well. The big test will come next year when the fifth form curriculum is re-organised even more radically. Our new boys have settled down well, and somehow we have managed to assimilate our further increase in numbers without quite bursting at the seams. I have learned to be cautious of pontificating on such matters but all the evidence would indicate that we are not likely to go beyond our present level of round about the five hundred mark.

Now for bricks and mortar. The Science Extension has been in full use throughout the term—and very good use we are making of it. It is in the Science Lecture Room (Room 3) that we have installed the television set which represents our latest step forward in the march of progress. I assure parents that we shall do our best to see that it is used intelligently and that we do not all become addicts.

Our next project is designed primarily to improve existing amenities, though the full plan does provide for two extra class-rooms. Unfortunately the numbing hand of the Capital Issues Committee has prevented us from going straight ahead with the full project, so we are having to tackle it in stages. Plans for the first stage, which provides for a new lavatory block, a prefects' common room, and a new dormitory (which will enable an existing dormitory to be turned into a reading room for School House) will be considered by the Building Committee of the Governors in the middle of January, and we hope that work will start, at latest, during the summer holidays.

An even more urgent task is the adaption of Waste Court so as to provide accommodation for a married housemaster, for this has to be completed before Mr. Sewry takes over from Mr. Alston in September of this year. While rebuilding is in progress the architects are taking the opportunity of rebuilding the Conservatory as a proper day room and of making further minor improvements to the boys' side of the house.

Routine decoration and repair is limited by shortage of time during the Christmas holidays. One very obvious change will be seen in the installation of a new and dignified wall lamp above the main entrance of the School. As far as the new furniture of School House is concerned, we have received very helpful advice from a former Head of the House who is now in the business (so he can bring expert knowledge to bear from both sides of the fence) and I am just waiting for a convenient railway journey to pore over a mass of catalogues and quotations with which he has supplied me. But the first major improvement, the installation of individual lamps above each bed in Big Dormitory, will, I hope, be completed before term starts. No reading after lights out, of course . . .

Looking further ahead, it may be of interest to record that the Governors have agreed that when Mr. Gray hands over to Mr. Willis in 1960 Larkhill shall become a senior boarding house. Apart from other advantages, this will mean that we no longer have eleven-year-olds crossing Faringdon Road, which seems to become more and more busy, after dark. Waste Court, supplemented by the preparatory schools, should be able to feed what will then be three senior boarding houses.

As for the big Quatercentenary Appeal I will merely say that the Appeal Committee has already had its first meeting at which it was

heartened to learn that the Committee of the Old Abingdonian Club had pledged its full and unreserved support for the Appeal. More—very much more—later.

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And now I once again have the very pleasant duty of thanking the many parents, friends, and boys (past and present)—almost 700 of them in all—whose greetings, coming from all parts of the world, have done so much to make our Christmas a happy one. We shall display our cards from Old Boys in the School at the beginning of the term so that others may share in their good wishes. The remainder will have a new lease of life in a northern primary school. I wish we could thank you all personally for remembering us like this. We can't; but we can assure you that we are truly grateful.

I should like too if I may to say how touched we were by the many expressions of goodwill—not to mention the flowers and the fruit—that my wife received when she was laid up recently. It was very good of you. She was particularly sorry to be *hors de combat* for the School Play and the Prefects' Dance—not that *combat* is a fair description of either entertainment. I myself enjoyed the Dance immensely and I do congratulate those who organised it so well.

Lastly, a word of thanks to those volunteers—staff and boys—who have done such a very good job in transforming the kitchen of Lacies Court into a Library Annexe. From what seemed to be very unpromising material they have made an extremely serviceable and attractive Reading Room. And all without any fuss or self-advertisement either. It's things like this that have redeemed a disappointing term.

J.M.C.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Valete—left July, 1957

Upper Sixth Form Arts: W. W. Budden; D. S. Gerrard; I. J. Glenny; N. J. H. Grant; N. K. Hammond; M. G. Nichol; R. J. Paige; J. B. Robins; J. C. Spinks; B. E. Stacey; B. Westbrook; S. C. Woodley; A. E. Woodward; R. A. Worth; G. D. Wright.

Upper Sixth Form Science: N. A. J. Antrobus; H. C. Bowen; M. R. Dawn; P. D. Exon; M. R. H. Hill; B. P. Kibble; C. J. Marchbanks; B. E. Price; B. L. Smith; D. L. Southern; G. F. Wastie.

Lower Sixth Form Arts: A. G. Stevens; P. J. Walker.

Lower Sixth Form Science: J. Grosvenor.

Form Sixth General: J. Barnett; J. M. H. Becker; W. C. Broad; J. T. Buckland; M. D. Hardy; P. A. Smith.

Form 5A: J. C. Carr; R. B. Smith; M. H. Stanley.

Form 5S: D. H. Paley-Battersea.

Form 5E: A. E. Auchinvole; G. J. Brown; P. S. Candy; R. L. Elliott; N. D. Gray; R. M. Mackintosh; R. H. Morse; P. N. Pemberton; R. T. Russell; C. A. Scragg; M. J. A. Young; C. J. D. Wray (9th July).

Form 4A: G. C. Crow.

Form 4S: R. E. Leach.

Form 4E: E. W. Purbrick.

Form 3A: N. M. Parker.

Form 3X: N. K. A. Jamieson.

Form 3Y: R. Bingham; A. P. Blythe (19th Jan.); D. J. Dalton.

Form 2X: J. R. Gardner (5th July).

Salvete—came 19th September, 1957

Lower Sixth Form Science: E. W. Firth.

Form 4A: J. M. Bunce; R. S. Ogg.

Form 4B: D. Leather; C. R. Llewellyn; D. R. Pepler.

Form 4C: A. H. Lawson; M. D. T. Nash; T. M. Taylor (came 21st October); W. C. Warburton.

Form 3A: A. J. Cook; E. G. B. Joseph.

Form 3X: W. E. Cox (came 5th November); P. A. H. Dawson;

A. J. C. Leatham; G. T. Milford-Scott; A. J. Millard; M. H. Stevens.

Form 3Y: W. M. Jamieson; P. G. Sheard.

Form 2X: J. Fairlie; P. S. McK. Ramsey.

Form 1X: G. F. Bailey; S. J. Baker; A. K. J. Baptist; A. T. Barrett;

D. A. M. Bent; M. A. Bisby; P. J. F. Blair; K. J. Blewitt; D. Bobin;

R. D. Booker; J. Bowthorpe; J. Y. Candy; P. M. Chadwick; A. J.

Cheary; D. L. Clark; N. W. P. Coe; W. F. Collins; E. C. C.

Crouch; J. W. Dickinson; E. J. Dorling; A. G. Fairlie; C. C. Ford;

P. Fry; T. Furneaux; R. A. Hall; P. J. Hardwick; B. Havelock;

P. G. Henderson; A. R. L. Hewison; D. D. Johnson; T. R. Morris.

Form: 1Y: R. J. M. Evans; D. Hayward; D. G. Hilleard; P. G. James;

P. N. Jenkins; A. E. Johnson; M. F. Kitto; R. D. Lord; B. Marks;

V. A. Mars; I. G. Moore; D. J. Munson; I. Nayler; R. J. Ormerod;

N. Pullen; A. G. Roberts; A. G. Rowson; J. A. Rozier; D. R. Sheard;

M. S. Southern; R. L. Staniland; F. J. Stiff; F. M. Sutton; C. P.

Trinder; J. L. Walton; S. L. A. Walton; P. A. Wedgewood; H. J. N.

Wharton; A. F. G. Wiggins; A. R. Williams; A. W. Willis; M. P. S.

Wood.

CHAPEL NOTES

This Term we welcomed our new Chaplain. Mr. Phizackerley has already done much to increase the impact of the Chapel on the general life of the School, and we hope his stay with us will be both pleasant and profitable.

Two salutary developments we already owe to Mr. Phizackerley. Early celebrations are now held on all the red-letter days of the

Calendar: and on all other weekdays Mattins is said in Chapel at 7.30 a.m. Even though the attendance at this service is naturally sparse it is good to hear the bell ring and to know that the daily office is being said for the whole School.

On the second Sunday in Advent, 8th December, the Bishop of Oxford conducted a Service of Confirmation in the School Chapel. The confirmed were:

J. M. Beere; M. Bett; J. Brimble; R. F. W. Budden; J. P. G. Butt; R. S. Capstick; C. M. Davis; N. V. Gagen; J. B. Goodman; A. Grant; M. K. Henson; R. T. Hook; E. G. Jones; C. Knight; R. Knight; R. A. Lucas; G. M. McPherson; I. A. D. Martin; R. H. Meakins; M. R. Mole; R. C. H. Moorshead; J. R. Morse; R. K. Paige; T. J. Pegram; D. C. Pollard; R. D. Pratt; D. A. Robey; R. L. D. Smith; M. J. Stockwell; A. G. Stuart-Lyon; M. G. Ticehurst; J. T. Utin; K. A. R. Vines; M. A. Wade; P. J. L. Webb; M. P. Westwood; R. C. White; D. H. Williams; C. R. Winfield; A. P. H. Wood; K. M. A. Wood; and C. A. B. Spackman (presented by the Vicar of Benson).

After the service the candidates and their parents were invited to meet the Bishop over a cup of tea in the School House Dining Hall.

The Headmaster preached at the School Service held in St. Helen's Church on the first day of term, 19th September.

Our own Harvest Festival was celebrated on 28th and 29th September, and the produce was as usual sent to Dr. Barnardo's Home at Oakley House.

The School was very well represented at the customary service of Holy Communion held in St. Nicolas' Church on 15th October to commemorate the birthday of John Blacknall.

As we forecast last term, the latest increase in our numbers meant that even two Chapels were not enough. A special service has therefore been instituted in the Music Room for the two first forms, concurrent with Senior Chapel, which now covers only the fifth and sixth forms. The remainder of the School attend Junior Chapel at 9.15. On the whole the new system seems to work very well. Certainly no more practicable alternative has been suggested.

This term the Chapel has been equipped with red, white and purple burses and veils so as to complete our range of liturgical colours. Two of the donors, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Williams, we can (and do) thank here. The third remains anonymous, as does the donor of the collection bag used by the first forms.

The Choir sang an Introit 'O come, ye servants of the Lord' (Christopher Tye) on 20th October and an anthem 'O praise the Lord'

(Greene) on 17th November. A report of the Service of Lessons and Carols by Mr. H. H. Fowler follows these notes.

During the Lent Term we look forward to hearing the following outside preachers:

February 2nd—J. L. Cain, M.A., Headmaster of Wallingford Grammar School.

February 9th—R. S. Stanier, Esq., M.A., Master of Magdalen College School,

February 23rd—Rev. L. P. Smith, M.A., of Culham College.

March 16th—C. R. Allison, Esq., M.A., Headmaster of Brentwood School.

The preacher at the School Service on 17th January will be the Chaplain.

We gratefully acknowledge the gift of several hymnbooks and psalters presented by parents of this year's confirmands; and especially a gift of £5 for the same purpose from Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jones.

The collections for the British Legion over the weekend of Remembrance Sunday amounted to £9 13s. 0d., while the proceeds of the Alms Box during the first half of the term went towards the cost of the wreaths for the Memorial Tablets. The contents of the box for the second half of the term are being devoted to the Abingdon Church Extension Project. The collection at the Service of Lessons and Carols, amounting to £15 16s. 0d., was divided equally between St. Helen's Church Funds and the Church of England Children's Society. The latter organisation received also the collections made by the Brass Band and by the carol parties during their tours of the town on the evening of Sunday, 15th December, amounting to £6 5s. 0d. St. Helen's Church had previously benefited from the collection taken at the terminal service on 19th September, which came to some £5. The retiring collection at the Confirmation Service, which amounted to £10 18s. 0d., was divided between the Chapel Furnishing Fund and the Bishop's List of the Diocese of Oxford, which also received an ordinary weekly collection of £4 13s. 2d. Other weekly collections allotted to outside charities were as follows:

The Hostel of God—£7 9s. 5d.

The South Lopham Church Restoration Fund—£7 14s. 6d.

Summerfield Children's Hostel—£5 9s. 3d.

The Chapel Council held its fourth meeting on 21st October when it discussed such diverse matters as the arrangements for morning services and for the Sunday evening services, the choice of hymns, the allocation of collections, and its own composition. It concluded by electing J. H. Thewlis as its representative on the Chapel Committee to fill the vacancy caused by M. S. R. Broadway's assumption of an 'ex-officio' seat.

Christenings

On Sunday, 1st December, by the School Chaplain, Michael John Bett, Jonathan Titley Utin, and David Haydn Williams.

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Once more I take up my pen and write my impressions of the very enjoyable Carol Service given in St. Helen's Church on 17th December by the Abingdon School Choir under the direction of their able Director of Music, Mr. E. H. F. Sawbridge. Speaking as a member of the Congregation it was a pleasure to hear some very good singing from the Choir, and also some good reading from the various people who read the nine lessons appointed, because that part of the Service is just as important as the singing.

I congratulate the choir on their singing. The "Coventry Carol" was beautifully sung; there was at times a tendency to flatten, especially in the Berlioz's "L'Adieu des Bergers" but this was only a minor blemish, as the light and shade of this difficult composition was very well managed. Dean and Mr. Cooper were very able soloists in their respective parts. The Congregation too had a generous share in this Service and I am sure enjoyed themselves. I must congratulate John Thewlis on his Organ accompaniments; his playing was very rhythmical and he proved himself a worthy successor to Roger Packer (who was in the Congregation). Well done, all of you.

Order of Service

Introit	Once in Royal David's City	<i>Congregation</i>
	Bidding Prayer	
Lesson 1	Man's Fall from Grace (Genesis III 8-15)	<i>A New Boy (D. Bobin)</i>
Carol	Ding, Dong! merrily on high	<i>Choir</i>
Lesson 2	God's promise to Abraham (Genesis XXII 15-18)	<i>A Chorister (R. S. Ogg)</i>
Hymn	In the bleak mid-winter	<i>Congregation</i>
Lesson 3	Isaiah foretells the Prince of Peace (Isaiah IX 2, 6, 7)	<i>Head of Dayboys (J. M. Mobbs)</i>
Carol	Unto us a Boy is Born	<i>Congregation</i>
Lesson 4	Micah foretells the Messiah's Birth (Micah V 2, 3, 4)	<i>Head of Crescent House (I. A. Oliver)</i>
Carol	The Coventry Carol	<i>Choir</i>
Lesson 5	The Annunciation (Luke I 26-33, 38)	<i>An Old Boy (M. J. Brackley)</i>
Carol	Quittez Pasteurs	<i>Choir</i>
Lesson 6	The Birth of Jesus (Matthew I 18-23)	<i>A Parent (Dr. C. E. Ford)</i>
Hymn	While Shepherds Watched	<i>Congregation</i>
Lesson 7	The Angels appear to the Shepherds (Luke II 8-16)	<i>A Master (Mr. K. G. Hasnip)</i>
	Recitative and Chorale from Bach's Christmas Oratorio	<i>Choir</i>

Lesson 8	The Adoration of the Magi (Matthew II 1-11)	
	A Governor (Mr. G. R. F. Bredin)	
	L'Adieu des Bergers ("L'Enfance du Christ")—Berlioz	
		Choir
Hymn	Angels from the Realms of Glory	Congregation
Lesson 9	The Word Eternal (John I 1-14)	The Headmaster
Hymn	O Come All Ye Faithful	Congregation
	Prayers	
	The Blessing	

TWELFTH NIGHT

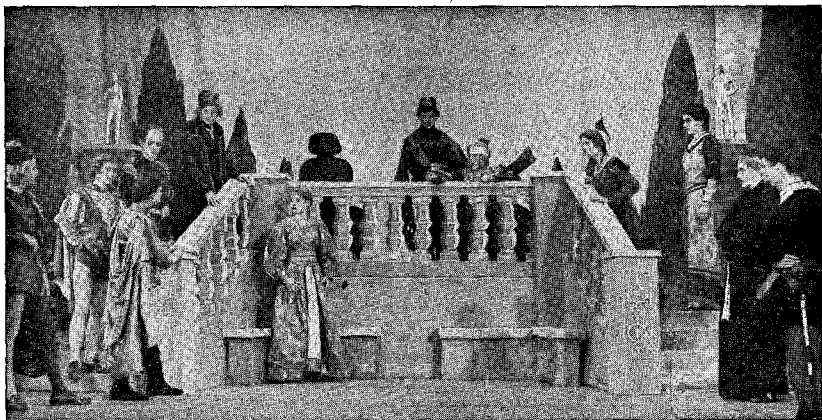
The School Play, "Twelfth Night", was performed in the Corn Exchange on the evenings of 12th, 13th and 14th December. We would thank very much Mr. A. K. Boyd for the appreciation below.

The programme told us that *Twelfth Night* "is all comedy, without a hint of tragedy". Not all producers think so: some bring in a note of tragedy with the immolation of *Malvolio*. But this producer was right. He treated the play as a light-hearted Christmastide frolic irradiated by the lyrical beauty and romantic idealism which Shakespeare could blend effortlessly with knockabout comedy. As such it came off. There were faults inevitable with a cast whose voices have not yet reached their full range—a lack of light and shade and of vocal colour in the speaking of the verse; but these blemishes were redeemed by the general integrity of the acting. Nearly all the characters were whole people, believing in themselves and compelling us to share their belief.

The effect of the play was enormously helped by the really excellent setting provided by Mr. G. H. Cooper and his assistants. I have seen in professional performances of *Twelfth Night* many far worse, and none better. (There was that Old Vic setting of a few years back, when the action took place in what looked like a dockland street!). If Shakespeare is to be acted with scenery, this is the kind of scenery to use. It was full of atmosphere, and the right atmosphere. The basic set was a delight to the eye, and the minor scenes were appropriate and swiftly set. There was none of the absurdity which so often accompanies these "permanent sets" (as when a recent *Polonius* gave intimate instructions to *Ophelia* on a harbour quay, surrounded by hawsers and anchors). The stage was excellently lit, the costumes full of colour and well chosen. Visually, the scene of nocturnal revelry was the best of all.

For dramatic purposes the set must have been a producer's dream, and it was admirably used. Only two scenes, I thought, fell short of their best effect: in the letter episode there seemed to be a fear of boring if the conspirators did "no more than was set down for them"; and in the prison scene it was disillusioning that *Malvolio's* voice came from the wrong quarter and his face did not appear behind those bars. Technical difficulties, I know; but bigger ones were overcome.

Of the various characters, George Darroch as *Orsino* was reposeful and well spoken, and grew to his wider opportunities when they came. The brunt of the comic business was ably borne by Jonathan Foster and Edward Jouault as *Sir Toby* and *Aguecheek*. Foster's performance was vigorous and full of attack—a well rounded portrait. It was strange that so seasoned a toper should be almost incapacitated when only "half drunk", in daylight; and in the midnight revels many of his lines were lost in vocal confusion. Jouault's *Sir Andrew* was an excellent performance. Anyone (more or less) can speak a comic line; but it needs a true comic to think comic thoughts and convey them to an audience. This *Sir Andrew's* comic thoughts positively fell over each other. Possibly he overacted a little—but it is not easy to overact that matchless nincompoop. Christopher Loukes as *Feste*, looking very young for his job, lacked the variety of inflection which the part needed, and his restlessness had no point or meaning (in contrast, the restlessness of *Feste* was always eloquent). He was much better singing than speaking, and his last song provided the right finale. Mark Rhys's *Fabian* (whose costume struck an odd Muscovite note) had character and provided much needed ballast for the unstable knights.



John Saywell's *Malvolio*, looking strangely like a bearded Richard III, was interesting and accomplished, yet not quite on the mark. The humour of the comic plot demands a functionary of hugely inflated dignity, who first destroys that dignity by appearing in his night-shirt, and then (intolerable outrage!) is unceremoniously "ragged". But this *Malvolio* was born to be ragged; he lacked presence, and underlined the fact by a laughable infirmity of speech: too hollow a man, one felt, to be a worthy opponent for *Toby* and Co. Here was obviously a real actor, with a gift for comedy; but what he gave us was hardly a full-size *Malvolio*.

Of the ladies, Randell Moll as *Olivia* had surely aimed at the "smooth, discreet and stable bearing" which *Sebastian* imputed to her; this he notably achieved, together with some very genuine feeling. Robert Capstick as *Viola* had a very pleasant speaking voice and gave an attractive performance; he was a little static, and inclined to render his best known speeches as purple patches. Peter Loukes as *Maria* had the audience firmly with him in the anti-*Malvolio* movement, but he lacked some of *Maria's* mischievous vitality, and audible laughter was badly needed.

In smaller parts Jeremy Kingston did well as *Sebastian*, and Peter North made a forthright *Antonio*. It would have been good to hear Robin Dickenson, the *Priest*, in a longer part. The minor characters in general insisted on being live people, and formed part of the action, or merely decorated the stage, as the occasion required.

A word of praise—though it be from a non-musician—for some very pleasant music discoursed by Mr. E. H. F. Sawbridge and his orchestra. It was finely adapted to both the moods and the mechanics of the play—and what can a producer ask more of a musical director? The work of the back-stage staff was first-rate; and there was a good standard of make-up. A final comprehensive tribute must go to the producer, Mr. L. C. J. Griffin, for a gay, thoughtful and highly efficient production which was decidedly Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, and consequently "What we Willed".

RUGBY FOOTBALL

At the commencement of the season, prospects seemed extremely good. Potentially, we had a very strong Fifteen as we were able to call upon most of last year's all conquering Under 15 side as well as some seven of last season's First Fifteen. Nothing, however, is as unpredictable as ruggar and in actual fact the season developed into one of the poorest of recent years.

It is difficult to explain this adequately. The influenza epidemic undoubtedly interfered with both training and games, but no more so than at most other schools. More likely causes were, perhaps, the unfortunate loss of form by the Captain, who never properly recovered from a leg injury received during early training, injuries to Fitzsimons and Costley, and more especially the inability of many of the younger potential to face up to the tougher playing conditions of the Fifteen—and here we may see the great disadvantage of having had a star player, Ford, in the Under 15 team last season. The habit of leaving things to the star had very obviously become second nature to many of those who ought to have provided keen competition in the side.

First Fifteen match results show both heavy defeats and big victories, indicative of the inconsistency of our play and of the absence of staying

power in the face of really determined opposition. The pack, in particular, was not always well led and was rarely sufficiently active and it did not, except on occasion, give much service to the backs, all of whom deserved, as they were able to show against Bloxham and Windsor, a better fate.

This season's experience has convinced us that something must be done to fill in the gap between Under 15 and senior rugby. Therefore, from the beginning of next season we are fielding an Under 16 Fifteen instead of a 3rd Fifteen. It is hoped that such a move will not only supply a long felt need but also have beneficial results on future 1st and 2nd Fifteens. A couple of 3rd Fifteen games will, however, be retained to provide an incentive to seniors unable to make either of the senior teams.

Phipps, at scrum half, has been the most consistent player this season, although Ford and Ganf show great promise for next season. Dunman was, perhaps, the most improved player during the term.

During the season, the following colours were awarded: Full Colours—Costley, Dunman, Peedell and Phipps; Half Colours—Ford P. J., Ganf, Hampson, Kent, Paxman and Saywell.

The final arrangement of the Fifteen was as follows: Trenaman; Saywell, Fitzsimons, Ford, Ganf; Peedell, Phipps; Foden, Kent, Dimond, Scott-Taggart, Hampson, Thistlewood, Dunman, Paxman.

The following have also played: Lees (10 times); Costley (9 times); Camplin (4 times); Bretscher, M. S., Hamilton, Milne (3 times); Kandiah, Morris, Wyatt (twice); Aitchison, Jouault and Maloney (once).

D.O.W.

1st FIFTEEN CHARACTERS

G. DIMOND (*Captain, Colours 1956*). *Front row forward.*

Extremely fast about the field, he can play a most effective game. An injury to his right knee seriously affected his play for a large part of the season and resulted in a loss of confidence. At the end of the term, he was beginning to recover his old form. Administratively, he was of much assistance.

(D.O.W.).

A. J. COSTLEY (*Secretary, Colours 1957*). *Wing forward.*

A fearless and hard-working player, who was undoubtedly the best forward until forced to retire for the season through injury in mid-term.

C. M. DUNMAN (*Colours 1957*). *Lock forward.*

A greatly improved player who has been especially good in line-outs and forward rushes.

I. R. PEEDELL (*Colours 1957*). *Stand-off half.*

Inclined to be inconsistent, but nonetheless a very intelligent and sometimes quite brilliant player. Defence is sound and kicking in attack and defence excellent.

W. J. PHIPPS (*Colours 1957*). *Scrum half.*

A thoroughly reliable and skilful player whose courage has, on occasion, been invaluable behind a poor scrum.

FITZSIMONS, P. E. J. (*Half-Colours 1956*). *Right Centre.*

Knee trouble kept him out of the side during mid-season, and only in the last four games was he able to make effective use of his natural skill. Potentially, he is a very good player.

FODEN, A. J. (*Half-Colours 1956*). *Front row forward.*

He has led the scrum with enthusiasm if not always very effectively. On occasion, too, he has played very well although not quite up to last season's standard.

SCOTT-TAGGART, R. B. (*Half-Colours 1956*). *Second row forward.*

A hard working player in tight and line-out, but still not sufficiently quick in the loose.

THISTLEWOOD, A. W. (*Half-Colours 1956*). *Wing forward.*

Playing at centre for the first half of the season, he was very good in attack but shaky in his tackling. Later, as wing forward, he proved a vigorous, effective player.

TRENAMAN, R. J. (*Half-Colours 1956*). *Full back.*

His positional play remains slow but improved during the term, whilst his excellent tackling was an inspiration on many occasions.

FORD, P. J. (*Half-Colours 1957*). *Left Centre.*

A very promising player with much natural skill and plenty of determination, at present he tends to hang on to the ball too long and attempts to beat too many men.

KENT, G. L. (*Half-Colours 1957*). *Hooker.*

His hooking has been consistently good often in spite of poor support from his pack and he shows promise in the loose.

SAYWELL, J. A. T. (*Half-Colours 1957*). *Wing threequarter.*

He has speed but does not run with sufficient determination; in defence he tackles well.

HAMPSON, P. M. C. (*Half-Colours 1957*). *Second row forward.*

A latecomer to the side, but a much improved player, particularly useful in the line-out.

PAXMAN, A. P. (*Half-Colours 1957*). *Wing forward.*

He can play well either at centre or in the pack, possesses a very useful kick and tackles effectively. He tends to be slow in recovery.

GANF, G. G. (*Half-Colours 1957*). *Wing threequarter.*

As Captain of the Under 15 team, he was not always available, but when he played his hard-running and vigorous tackling were very impressive.

LEES, D. S. *Second row forward.*

Good in the tight, he is too prone to weak play in the loose and must be more active.

G.D.

FIRST FIFTEEN MATCHES

v. D. O. Willis' XV (h). Wed., 9th October. Lost 0—37.

This game proved quite a formidable opening to the season, the team which Mr. Willis led onto the field having been selected from County, Greyhound, club and college players. Against the weight and skill of such opponents, the School, although in no way disgraced, did not show up particularly well. The School backs saw little of the ball and were opposed by very fast wing threequarters who received far too much of it.

v. Reading School (a). Wed., 16th October. Lost 6—11.

A good game in which the School played well against a heavy pack on a sticky pitch. Poor tackling and inability to settle down quickly enabled Reading to score their 11 points before half time with only 3 points from a penalty by Ford in reply. Second half play, however, was much better and Fitzsimons scored a good try.

v. Pembroke College (a). Sat., 19th October. Lost 6—19.

Pembroke fielded a heavy and useful side and the result was really quite flattering to the School. In the first half, ineffective defensive play enabled the College to build up their score, but after half time more spirited play by the School pack took advantage of fatigue in the opposition and the game became very even. Hamilton scored a try from a short penalty kick ten yards from the Pembroke line and later in the game Ford kicked a penalty goal. Pembroke did not score in the second half.

v. Solihull School (a). Sat., 26th October. Lost 0—25.

This game proved the beginning of a serious falling off in the School play. We were outplayed to good purpose throughout the first half and had it not been for excellent defensive play by Trenaman at outside half, Solihull might well have scored more points. Better play by the School pack in the second half came too late especially as rain made the ball very difficult to handle.

v. Radley College 2nd XV (h). Wed., 30th October. Won 28—17.

Some changes in the School pack produced good results in the tight scrumming and the backs received plenty of the ball. This was quickly reflected in a mounting score. Unhappily, the School forwards were

slow in covering and defensive play so that Radley, too, were able to score on more than one occasion. The School tries, two of which were converted, were scored by Dimond (2), Paxman (2), Peedell (2) and Thistlewood (2).

v. Magdalen College School (h). Wed., 6th November. Lost 0—33.

For the first fifteen minutes, the School played well, but thereafter they allowed the M.C.S. pack to dictate the play. This proved fatal and by dint of hard running and excellent backing up, M.C.S. inflicted a severe defeat upon the School team which had become very dispirited before the end of the game.

v. Bloxham School (h). Sat., 9th November. Won 46—3.

Bloxham were considerably weaker than in past years and this game proved something of a field day for the School. However, it was good to see that the School pack could play with success and give their backs plenty of chances to score. The high score included tries by Ford (5), Thistlewood (2), Trenaman and Paxman.

v. St. Edward's Sch. 2nd XV (a). Wed., 13th November. Lost 5—6.

Playing against a heavier and well drilled pack, the School saw comparatively little of the ball. The pack did not play well in the loose but the School backs used their few chances to good advantage with good kicking and passing movements. From one of these, Thistlewood scored a neat try and this was converted by Ford.

v. City of Oxford School (a). Sat., 16th November. Won 17—6.

This game witnessed a partial recovery of form and after a shaky start the School forwards settled down to their best game to date. Well placed kicks and fast following up enabled Thistlewood to score two good tries whilst later in the game Peedell scored an excellent try after a break through. C.O.S. were somewhat slow in attack, and the School defensive play, at fault in so many matches this season, was fortunately not severely tested.

v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a). Sat., 23rd November. Lost 3—33.

Badly shaken by a try scored by R.G.S. within minutes of the kick off, the School played badly for what proved to be a vital ten minutes—and this time, it was the backs who were at fault. Against R.G.S., such faults as high tackling and watching the man invite trouble and a solitary penalty kicked by Ford could do little to stem the flood of defeat. Before the game ended the School were playing most dispiritedly.

v. Southfield School (h). Wed., 27th November. Won 8—6.

This game began well, some spirited forward play resulting in a quick heel and a good passing movement from which Ganf scored on the wing. The try was converted by Ford. As the game continued, the School pack gradually allowed Southfield to dominate the loose and line-out play and this might well have meant defeat but for a penalty kicked by Ford towards the end of the match. The School were lucky to win whilst Southfield's excellent line-out work deserved reward.

v. *Old Abingdonians* (h). Sat., 30th November. Won 11—8.

The O.A. team was a strong one and it was therefore gratifying to see a miraculous return to form by the School. Determined tackling and speed about the field had the Old Boys at a disadvantage from the beginning of this game. The School scored first through Ganf and followed it up by a second try from a line-out by Dunman: this was converted. The Old Boys, who had meantime settled down, then scored a penalty goal so that the score at half time was 8—3. In the second half, the Old Boys continued to press and scored through Cope, but a School rally resulted in a penalty goal and this confirmed the victory.

O.A. XV: Carter, N.A.; Paige, Cherrill, Cope, Langton; Brackley, Free; Emmett, Candy, P. S., Rockall, Rich, Wastie, Olscher, Buckland, Broad, W. C.

v. *Windsor County School* (h). Sat., 7th December. Won 23—0.

This spirited and open game was a good end to the season, the School playing well throughout. Obviously inspired by their victory over the O.A.'s, the School maintained constant pressure and Windsor were run off their feet for much of the game. Tries were scored by Ganf (2), Fitzsimons (2) and Peedell. A.J.C.

SECOND FIFTEEN

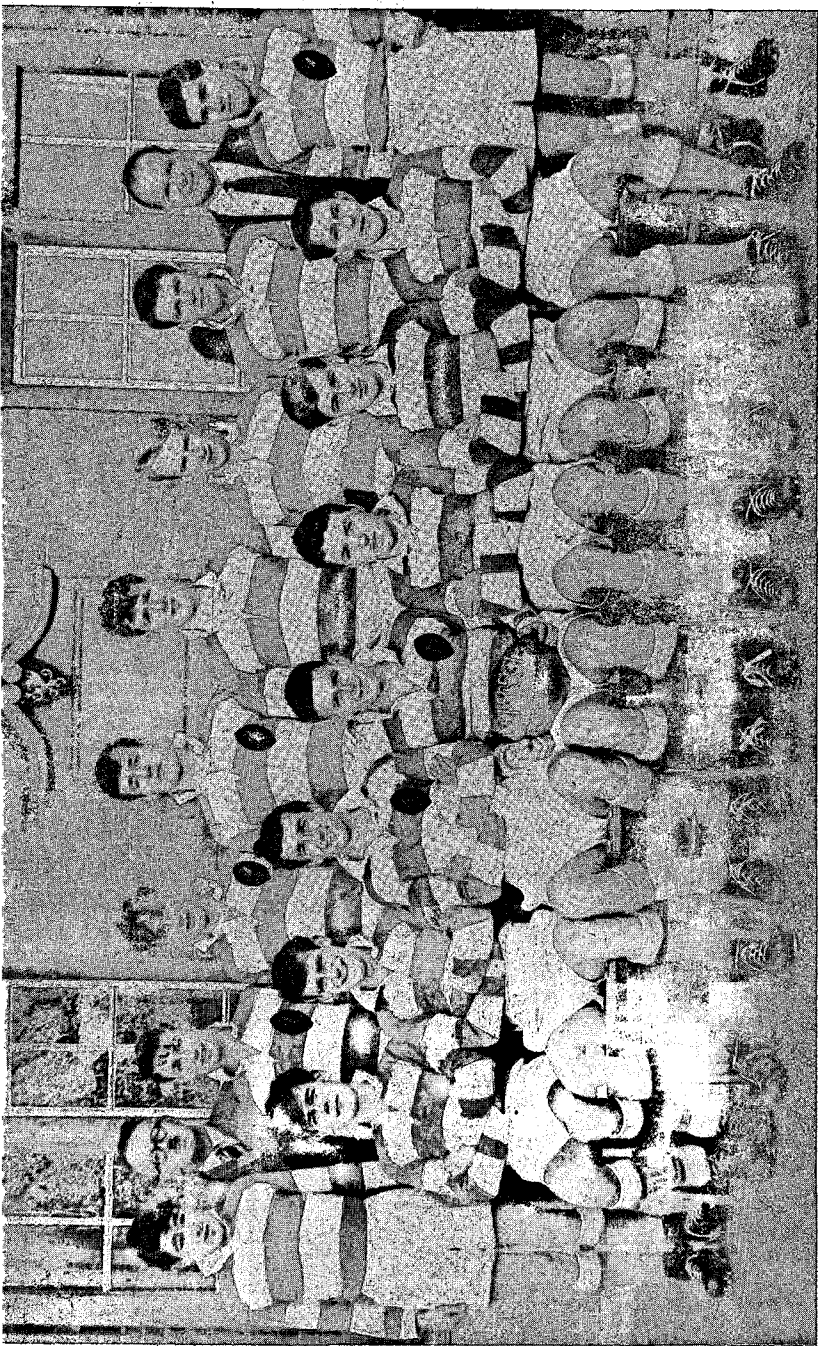
This season, the 2nd Fifteen has been a young side and in retrospect can claim to have done reasonably well. Two heavy defeats at the hands of the Oxford Colts and Thame 1st XV were not unexpected, but otherwise, apart from a poor match against R.G.S., High Wycombe, all games have been keenly contested and there is considerable promise for next year. Of the backs, Cross was outstanding at outside half and combined well with Morris at scrum half; in the forwards, Campbell, Hamilton and Wyatt promise well whilst Camplin shone as a line-out forward. A number of players turned out on occasion for the 1st Fifteen.

The final arrangement of the team was: Baldwin; Maloney, Le Voi, Simpson, Milne; Cross, Morris (Capt.); Campbell, Jouault, Dickenson, Redknap, Hamilton, Wyatt, Camplin, Exon.

Also played: Hampson (4 times), Rhys (3 times), Aitchison, Bragg, Cork, Darroch, Kandiah, Kingston, Paxman, Womar (twice), Farrington, Fitzsimons, Longworth, Utin (once).

Results.

v. Oxford R.F.C. Colts (h), Sat., 19th October.	Lost	3—25
v. Henley Grammar Sch. 1st XV (a), Wed., 23rd Oct.	Lost	6—18
v. Solihull School (h), Sat., 26th October.	Won	18—9
v. Radley College 3rd XV (h), Wed., 30th October.	Lost	5—16
v. Magdalen College School (h), Wed., 6th November.	Won	9—6
v. Thame Grammar Sch. 1st XV (h), Wed., 13th Nov.	Lost	0—27
v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a), Sat., 23rd November.	Lost	0—17
v. Southfield School (h), Wed., 27th November.	Lost	5—9
v. Windsor County School (h), Sat., 7th December.	Won	18—3



FIRST FIFTEEN, 1957

THIRD FIFTEEN

Also a young side, the 3rd Fifteen fared better than its immediate senior in that it was not so regularly required to furnish players for more senior sides. The team, well led by Foster, developed a good spirit and enjoyed its games. Several players promise well for next season and may well make the 1st Fifteen eventually.

The team's final arrangement was: Womar; Utin, Bragg, Gardner, Johnson, C. T.; Longworth, Denniford; Darroch, Crow, Farrington, Meakins, Gibbs, Foster (Capt.), Rhys, Harrington.

Also played: Aitchison, Antrobus, Camplin, Clark, Cork, Le Voi, Morgan, T. I., Morris, Simpson and Wyatt.

Results

v. Reading School (h), Wed., 16th October	Won 15—6
v. Radley College 4th XV (a), Wed., 30th October.	Won 8—3
v. Magdalen College School (a), Wed., 6th November.	Lost 3—14
v. City of Oxford School (a), Sat., 16th November.	Won 21—6

'UNDER 16' FIFTEEN

One game at this level was played against Pangbourne Nautical College (a) on Sat., 16th November. The team was almost the Under 15 team of last season except for Ford and Kent who were playing for the 1st Fifteen, but Pangbourne proved too strong and won a good game by 17 points to 5 points.

The team was: Milne; Johnson, C. T., Cross (Capt.), Utin, Corps; Tuck, Morgan, T. I.; Campbell, Barrett, Lewis, B. M. J., Hamilton, Farrington, Kandiah, Dillabough, Wyatt.

'UNDER 15' FIFTEEN

Not an outstanding team this season, the 'Under 15' Fifteen has nonetheless played a number of good games. They began well by inflicting a heavy defeat upon Reading but thereafter had to be content with a series of hard fought matches in which their opponents always seemed to have the edge on them. Chief weaknesses were bad tackling and lack of thrust among the backs and slowness about the field in the forwards. An exception to this criticism is Ganf, the Captain, whose hard running and tackling set a fine example. Incidentally, it must be noted that for the first time on record, the Under 15 Captain not only played for the 1st Fifteen whenever possible but received his half-colours for doing so. Haarhoff was, perhaps, the best player amongst the forwards.

The team was as follows: Long; Robey, Ganf (Capt.), Matson, Hossent; Riddick, Hurd; Mackenzie, Stockwell, Houghton, Haarhoff, Carpenter, Booth, Whitton, Henson, M. K.

Also played: Bampton, R. J. C. (5 times), Goodwin (4 times), Gerring, Lawson, Nurton, M. D. (twice), Bampton, R. W. J., Luker and Nash (once).

Results

v. Reading School (a), Wed., 16th October.	Won	34—0
v. Henley Grammar School (a), Wed., 23rd October.	Drawn	3—3
v. Solihull School (a), Sat., 26th October.	Lost	3—16
v. City of Oxford School (a), Wed., 30th October.	Lost	0—10
v. Thame Grammar School (a), Wed., 13th November.	Lost	3—9
v. Southfield School (h), Sat., 16th November.	Lost	3—6
v. Magdalen College School (h), Wed., 20th November.	Lost	6—13
v. Stoneham School (a), Sat., 23rd November.	Lost	3—16

'UNDER 14' FIFTEEN

A record of 107 points for and only 32 against is sufficient indication that the Junior Fifteen has had another good season. This time there has been no 'star' player but the side has been very well balanced with a really good pack in the making and some determined thrust in the threequarters.

The final arrangement of the team was: Hook; Smith, M. J., Ford, M. S., Davis, Talbot; Nelson (Capt.), Moss, I. W.; Rosevear, Budden, Pegram, Winfield, Hall, P. J., Marsh, Pollard, Wood, K. M.

Also played: Watts (3 times—until injured), Williams, A. J. (once).

Results

v. Reading School (h), Wed., 16th October.	Won	13—3
v. Solihull School (h), Sat., 26th October.	Lost	5—22
v. City of Oxford School (a), Wed., 30th October	Cancelled	
v. Bloxham School (h), Sat., 9th November.	Won	27—0
v. Magdalen College School (h), Wed., 20th November.	Won	50—0
v. Stoneham School (a), Sat., 23rd November.	Won	12—6

VACATION RUGGER

The School was represented in the County Schoolboys' Trials on Friday, 20th December by Ford, P. J. in the Senior game and Ganf and Haarhoff in the Junior game. Subsequently, Ford was selected to play at centre against Sussex at Worthing, whilst Ganf was made Captain of the Under 15 side against Oxfordshire on 27th December and against Sussex on 1st January. Newspaper reports described Ganf's performance against Oxfordshire as outstanding. Later, on 4th January, he captained a combined Oxon-Berks-Sussex XV against London Counties on the University Ground, Iffley Road. As a result of this game, he was selected to play for the S.E. Region against the S.W. in February.

D.O.W.

RUGGER HOUSE MATCHES

As a further amendment following upon the re-organisation of the Athletic Houses, there was only a Senior inter-House knock-out competition this term. The Junior competition for the Robinson Cup,

which last Michaelmas was played at 'Under 14' level, will henceforth be played at that level in the Lent Term. The senior competition for the Lin Cup provided much keen play. On Wednesday, 20th November, Tesdale managed to defeat Blacknall after a fierce struggle 6—3 but the Reeves-Bennett match ended in a draw, 3—3. This necessitated a replay on Thursday, 5th December, which resulted in a 6—3 victory for Bennett. In the final on Monday, 9th December, Bennett proved the victors winning a first class game by 3 points (one try) to nil.

To round off senior rugby for the season, the Dayboys v. Boarders fixture was revived. Played on Saturday, 14th December, it gave the boarders an 11—6 victory and proved a most enjoyable game.

The 'Under 14' League, again played on Wednesday afternoons, was as keenly contested as ever. Here again, Bennett House showed their superiority at rugby, only Blacknall House being able to offer them real opposition. The League results were:

Bennett beat Tesdale (14—3), Blacknall (6—5) and Reeves (25—6).

Blacknall beat Tesdale (6—3) and Reeves (12—0).

Tesdale beat Reeves (31—6).

D.O.W.

CROSS COUNTRY

Several innovations were made for this year's inter-house cross country races. The runners lined up at the west end of the playing fields near Caldecott Gardens, and ran across the field, along the road to the boathouse and then round the old courses in the opposite direction, finishing just before the Round House. There were three separate races—Senior, Intermediate, and Junior—and the method of scoring was changed to that usually practised in cross country races. This gives considerably more incentive to those boys who are not so gifted, as nearly every runner can influence the result.

In the absence of M. S. Bretscher, last year's winner, the senior race developed into a tussle between Sheard and Harvey. The former obtained an early lead, but Harvey closed the gap along the road, and they finally breasted the tape together. Of the Intermediates both Duly and Cross caught the judges napping by coming in behind only a dozen seniors even though the Intermediate race started nearly a minute after the Senior one. In all 268 boys ran, and only the last boy in each race failed to affect the final scores.

Details of the House Competition:

Senior: 1st—Bennett (859); 2nd—Tesdale (1031); 3rd—Reeves (1161); 4th—Blacknall (1306).

Intermediate: 1st Blacknall (475); 2nd—Tesdale (604); 3rd—Reeves (641); 4th—Bennett (685).

Junior: 1st—Reeves (541); 2nd—Bennett (587); 3rd—Blacknall (600); 4th—Tesdale (648).

Combined Result: 1st—Bennett (2131); 2nd—Tesdale (2283); 3rd—Reeves (2343); 4th—Blacknall (2381).

The first ten home in the Senior race were: Sheard and Harvey (23 mins. 15.4 secs.); Scott-Taggart; Eke; Paxman; Jones, G. W.; Rowles; Peedell; Kirby; Mobbs.

The first ten home in the Intermediate race were: Duly (24 mins. 40 secs.); Cross; Evans, D.; Bett; Booth; Shepard; Bampton, R. W.; Sladden; Kelly.

The first ten home in the Junior race were: Smith, M. J. (17 mins. 11.3 secs.); Davis; Nelson; Hutchinson; Millard; Stevens; Day; Wood, K.; Bowker; Turnbull.

It is hoped to arrange some cross country matches against other schools for next term, and a suitable 4-mile match course has been found between Wootton and Sunningwell over varied ground including several hills and ploughed fields. Circuit training in the gym will help to build up the all-round fitness which such a course demands.

R.H.B.

(To Mr. Baker—"R.H.B."—who has just taken over the organisation of cross-country running, we wish all good fortune in his attempt to give a new status to what has hitherto been perhaps the Cinderella of our sporting activities. Already his enthusiasm has had marked results.—Ed.).

MINOR GAMES

Fives has made much progress this term. A Senior House Competition was organised for the first time and was won by Blacknall after some exciting matches. A Junior Singles Competition has also been completed and play has been further stimulated by a fives ladder. In fact the booking list has been full for most of this term. We are grateful to Mr. Vallance for his general help and especially for what he did in connection with painting the fives court, and coaching the juniors. The latter will no doubt prove most valuable.

Tennis has been played on the hard court when weather has permitted and some junior tennis trials have been held. Some useful senior tennis practice has taken place when there has been a free week-end, and it is hoped to arrange for further practice next term.

Senior House Fives Competition

1st Round: Blacknall beat Tesdale 2—1; Bennett beat Reeves 2—0.

Final: Blacknall beat Bennett 2—1.

1st pairs: Kirby/Thewlls lost to Phillips/Yarkoff 15—10; 13—15;
6—15.

2nd Pairs: Cross/Utin beat Bampton, R. J./Bampton, R. W. 15—4;
15—14.

Single: Kirby beat Phillips 15—4; 15—12.

Junior Singles Competition

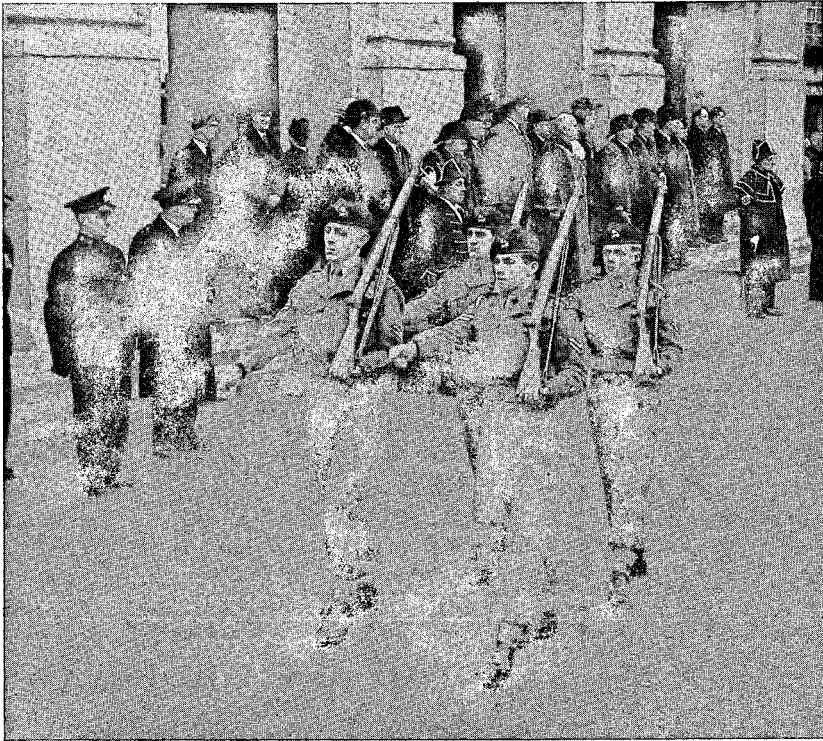
In the Final: Veysey beat Marsh 15—7; 15—4.

N.G.C.N.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Overall strength has increased this term from 287 to 306 O.R.'s. It is very satisfactory that there has been no falling-off in the number of recruits, which has again exceeded 70.

Field Day, on 8th October, was held in spite of the ravages of 'flu: the Unit paraded at about half strength but the programme was carried through as planned. For the first time it had been decided to train by Companies, using quite separate areas. This had been laid on so as to allow more space for approach marching and deployment. In the event it was perhaps unnecessary, but at least those who went out got "good



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value for money". A depleted body of Sappers visited the School of Military Survey, where they had a quick look at the complicated processes of map-making, while the R.A. Section ran their own exercise based on unit lines.

For Remembrance Day, we again provided the Guard of Honour and buglers at the Cenotaph, besides turning out a Contingent some 80

strong, headed by the Band. The standard of turnout and marching was good, while the Guard and buglers acquitted themselves with honour. Our thanks are again due to Lt. Helliwell, who trained them, and commanded them on parade.

15 Travelling Wing visited the Unit four times, to give instruction to the N.C.O.'s Cadre; and assistance has again been given regularly by the School of Military Survey. Next term, it is proposed to branch off into Survey work, instead of Field Engineering as hitherto. This training, it is thought, is likely to be more interesting, and perhaps of more direct value, to post Cert. A Cadets. It will mean, too—for the future—that 2nd year training will be available. O.U.O.T.C. is now again providing a very valuable R.A. instructor, and the small Signal Section is functioning on a more satisfactory basis.

Possible changes in training policy and exam. syllabus are still under discussion at the War Office. It is early days yet to guess what forms these will take; for the present, however, it is clear there will be no changes affecting those Cadets who are now preparing for Cert. A.

The following Senior promotions were made this term: to be C.S.M.i/c—Sgt. Broadway, M. S. R.; to be C.Q.M.S.—Sgt. Mobbs, J. M.; to be Sgt.—Cpl. Dunman, L/Sgt. Winkett.

Guard of Honour were: Cpls. Harvey, Wintle; L/Cpls. Ford, Phipps. Buglers: L/S. Loukes, Ogle.

S.C.P.

Royal Naval Section

There is little to say about the Michaelmas term, which was spent mostly in preparation for the Proficiency Tests and Able Seaman Examination. An enjoyable Field Day was spent at the Sea Cadet Boating Station at Surbiton, where we took to the boats, and, despite very calm conditions managed to do a little sailing.

At the end of the term, we had to say goodbye to one or two members, among them Instructor Cadet C. K. D. Cobby, who has done a great deal for the section, and to whom we wish the best of good fortune at Dartmouth.

L.C.J.G.

SCOUTS

34th North Berks

As usual this term has been largely occupied with enrolling new members to the Troop and training them for their Tenderfoot tests. As a result of the Asian 'flu at the beginning of Term we started badly, but by half-term almost all our vacancies had been filled. Partly on account of this, it was decided to hold Field Day in the School grounds, which had the added advantage of enabling us to check all the equip-

ment back from Camp. We soon found that our large store tent will need extensive repair before next Summer Camp!

As a result of the Baden-Powell Memorial Appeal, which is intended for building a centre for Scouts from all over the world in London, the School as a whole was able to send a cheque for £15 to the fund—a worthy effort in a good cause.

On Remembrance Sunday our S.M. was chosen to lay the Local Association wreath at the ceremony at the War Memorial—a token of recognition of all the good work Mr. Williams has done for the Association in the past year.

K.G.H.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

The transformation of the old kitchen at Lacies Court into a Reading room, to be known as the Young Room, has been completed with pleasantly surprising results. We repeat our thanks to John Longworth and his assistants for their patient and skilful work of decoration which will make this final addition to the Library "Suite" a cheerful and comfortable place for relaxation. The increased grant made by the Governors has enabled us to make considerable purchases in all sections, and we thank the following very warmly for gifts to the Library: Geoffrey Bosley, O.A., for a number of pharmacopœial and other scientific books; R. A. Faires and B. H. Parkes, the authors, for *Radioisotope Laboratory Technique*; the Trustees of the Duke of Edinburgh's Study Conference for the *Report on Human Problems of Industrial Communities*; D. O. Willis for *The Chaucer Handbook*; G. M. Helliwell for *My Word, Timothy*; Mrs. David Green, W. A. Rudd, W. H. Stevens, O.A., and various industrial organisations for periodicals; and N. K. Hammond for a 'leaving book', *Tudor Constitutional Documents*.

G.F.D.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSÉ SOCIETY

At its first meeting on 16th October the Headmaster welcomed twelve new members: M. S. Bretscher; C. M. Dunman; A. J. Foden; P. M. D. Gray; R. S. Green; M. Q. King; J. M. Mobbs; I. A. Oliver; J. A. T. Saywell; R. B. Scott-Taggart; J. A. Sheard and J. H. Thewlis. Subsequently Mr. K. G. Hasnip read a paper entitled "Some common Anglo-French misconceptions" in which he drew the commonly accepted caricatures of the 'typical Englishman' and the 'typical Frenchman' and then showed the fallacies in each. Discussion was slow to get under way but later the new members warmed to the subject and some brisk exchanges took place on the relative merits of the French and British systems of education.

On the 13th of November the Society heard an erudite paper by P. M. D. Gray on "Some revolutionary concepts of Modern Science". The author discussed wave theories, the predictability of the path of an electron, the basis of Quantum mechanics, and Einstein's theory of relativity. There was heated argument even over refreshments whether or not man's metabolism would slow down in a fast moving space ship: afterwards however, the members settled down to a more sober discussion on whether or not an electron consists of matter.

At the last meeting of 1957 on 27th November, J. A. Sheard read a controversial paper on "Dreams" in which he enquired into the divisions of the mind, the collective unconscious, and the nature, purpose and interpretation of dreams, quoting extensively and criticising the views of Freud, Jung and Adler upon the subject. The ensuing discussion was serious but lively and the possibility that dreams might have no significance at all was hotly debated. Such a subject naturally lent itself to personal reminiscence and pious invention of suitable portents.

The Society would thank the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban for their continued hospitality during the term.

M. S. R. Broadway, the only other surviving member of the Society from last year, has been appointed Secretary on the departure of the writer. B.D.W.

THE TURNOR SOCIETY

Four meetings have been held this term. At the Annual General Meeting officers were elected for the year as follows: President—The Headmaster; Chairman—J. A. T. Saywell; Honorary Treasurer—D. O. Willis, Esq.; Secretary—R. Dickenson; Committee—C. M. Dunman; J. M. Foster; L. T. Harrington.

On 4th October Mr. Laurence Jones spoke to us about "The Preservation of Ancient Churches". His extremely interesting talk brought to our notice the very great burden imposed on those responsible for the maintenance of the historic churches of our country, and urged us to ease this burden.

At our third meeting Mark Dunman gave us an eye-witness account, accompanied by excellent coloured slides, of his visit to the Moscow Youth Festival this Summer. This most interesting meeting eliminated many of our false conceptions of Russia and the Russians!

The Secretary spoke about "Albert Schweitzer" at the last meeting. He traced Schweitzer's early life, and outlined his work in building up his hospital at Lambaréné.

Attendance at meetings this term has been encouraging. Next term we hope to have the added attraction of more outside speakers.

R.D.

LITERARY SOCIETY

At the first meeting J. A. T. Saywell read a paper in which he discussed the place of the British seaman in English Literature from Chaucer to Marryat, and did so very ably.

R. S. Green introduced Dylan Thomas' "Under Milk Wood" on gramophone records at the second meeting. Everyone was able to find something in this magnificent work.

A play reading of Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman" came next. J. A. Sheard, R. S. Green, R. M. Kennedy and R. B. Scott-Taggart ably filled the leading rôles. Whether or not the play lends itself to reading is debatable, but those who read the longer parts certainly found it enjoyable.

At the last meeting the Society was privileged to have as a visiting speaker Mr. Robson of Lincoln College, who spoke about "Hamlet". Everyone was interested by his objective approach to the minor characters; discussion afterwards, however, was not as lively as it might have been.

The Society would thank those who have been their hosts this term, particularly Mr. and Mrs. Helliwell who twice provided generous hospitality.

R.B.S.-T.

DEBATING SOCIETY

At the first meeting the Society elected the officers for the coming year. C. M. Dunman was made Chairman, J. A. T. Saywell Secretary and J. M. Foster, A. P. Paxman, and R. Dickenson were appointed Committee Members.

The first debate, which the President was pleased to attend, was "That in the opinion of this House cigarettes should be placed under the Dangerous Drugs Act". The Secretary, supported by J. M. Foster, proposed the motion and was overwhelmingly defeated by B. D. Winkett, seconded by A. P. Paxman. Most members seemed to have arrived at their conclusions before the debate began.

The remaining three meetings were devoted to a Public Speaking Competition in which J. Kingston, R. T. Moll, J. M. Mobbs and the Secretary, with their Chairman, reached the final round. More junior members entered this year in a competition which produced many good speeches on subjects varying from "The Little Lemon" to "English Cowards". The Judges—all of whom we hereby thank—awarded the prize to J. M. Mobbs and his Chairman, R. Dickenson.

The Society takes this opportunity to thank John Mobbs for his active part in debates, and hope that he will not conceal his talents now that he is leaving us.

J.A.T.S.

MUSIC SOCIETY AND SCHOOL MUSIC

There were three Gramophone Programmes this Term, and members also read the dialogue, with members of the Play Reading Society, in "Ruddigore", on Sunday evening, 17th November.

A. P. Haynes (Trombone) and J. J. Day (Piano) organised an informal recital in which the principal work was the Rimsky Korsakov Concerto.

Mrs. Woolley and Miss Rowlands played Flute and Harp respectively in an unusual and very pleasant recital on 26th October, which—*inter alia*—included works by Jean Loeillet, Bach and Désiré Inghelbrecht.

St. Helen's School and Our Lady's Convent joined us in the Church Hall on 12th October, to hear the Loveridge-Martin-Hooton Trio, which showed exquisite skill and versatility in works by Haydn, Beethoven, Dvorak and Schubert.

Mr. Gerald Knight, Director of the R.S.C.M., paid us a visit on 30th September, and Mr. Anthony Cæsar, Precentor of Radley College, adjudicated the Organ and Piano Sections of the House Music Competitions, the winners of which appear below. C. J. Dean distinguished himself and the School by becoming Senior Chorister at Addington Palace in the Christmas Holidays.

Parties visited the Abingdon Musical Society's Orchestral Concert, and the R.P.O. (under Krips) and the Stuttgart Chamber Orchestras in Oxford.

We would acknowledge with gratitude our indebtedness to Mrs. Hedger for her help especially in rehearsals for Haydn's "Creation" to be performed in March.

Our thanks to J. A. T. Saywell too for the following critique of the Band and Orchestral Concert, held on Sunday, 1st December.

M.Q.K.

After a somewhat ragged start to the programme the Senior Orchestra settled down to give an excellent performance of Hadyn's Minuet and Trio from his 101st Symphony. This item was one of those which stood out in what proved to be a concert of high standard. The strings managed to bring out the full beauty of the piece.

The soloists each gave good performances. J. J. Day, a very able pianist, should have asserted himself more. D. Wiggins proved himself master of his instrument and, like Day, executed the Allegro passages with skill as well as speed.

The Band, a pleasant change, has its weaknesses and a little more expression would have helped. The playing of the Junior Orchestra was splendid despite the absence of the Conductor—who had exchanged

baton for bow—and their keenness and determination was reflected in the 'Palm-Court-Hotel' atmosphere they immediately created.

A similarly vigorous interpretation of three Waltzes by Schubert concluded two most enjoyable hours.

The programme was as follows:

	<i>Senior Orchestra</i>	
	<i>The Queen</i>	
Overture "Occasional"		<i>Handel</i>
Minuet and Trio from "The Clock" Symphony		<i>Haydn</i>
First Movement, Piano Concerto in D		<i>Haydn</i>
(Soloist: J. J. Day)		
Second Movement, "The Great" Symphony		<i>Schubert</i>
Hungarian Dance No. 5		<i>Brahms</i>
	<i>Junior Orchestra</i>	
Dream Waltz		<i>James Brown</i>
	<i>The Band</i>	
Suite, "A Summer Day"		<i>J. A. Greenwood</i>
	<i>Senior Orchestra</i>	
'Cello Concerto in E Minor		<i>Vivaldi</i>
(Soloist: D. Wiggins)		
Three Waltzes		<i>Schubert</i>
		<i>J.A.T.S.</i>

House Music Winners

Organ (Senior): J. H. Thewlis (Bl).

Organ (Junior): P. D. Hossent (R).

Piano (Senior): J. H. Thewlis (Bl).

Piano (Inter.): J. B. Goodman (Bl).

Piano (Junior): F. A. Bisby (R).

The Woodwind, Brass and String Sections will be adjudicated by Mr. John Russell on Sunday, 9th March.

Points to date are:

Blacknall 24; Tesdale 18; Bennett 17; Reeves 16.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

At the Society's first meeting of the term two films were shown: "Measuring Craftsmanship" and "Grease", both of which were most interesting despite such titles.

At the next meeting P. M. D. Gray gave the first talk in a series of three entitled "How your wireless set works". This talk was accompanied by several experiments including one in which a neon tube held in mid air was lit by short waves.

The last meeting was a repeat of the second, and we hope that P. M. D. Gray will complete his series next term. I.A.O.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Our latest film, "Into the Dark", is now under production and we are hoping that its release will be sometime in May, 1958. All of this film is being shot on locations outside the School, which range from private houses to the streets of Abingdon. We have also been shooting at night—a difficult undertaking even when the technicians do not have to hold the lights to prevent them from being blown over by the gales.

A technical innovation, which we hope will make the standard of "Into the Dark" higher than that of previous productions, is the introduction of Rushes, a system which will greatly facilitate editing and will save our negative from unnecessary scratching.

This term the reflector lamps given to us by Mr. Gray have been built into a spotlight battery which is most effective. We should also like to thank Mr. S. J. Barrett for some new tracks for our dolly.

Meanwhile work progresses steadily despite normal setbacks, and failing a major catastrophe the film should be ready on time.

C.T.D.

FILM SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term was held on the 11th October when the Headmaster was unanimously elected President and C. T. Denniford Vice-President. Mr. Horrex played some of the sound track of "Richard III". The next three meetings comprised successive extracts from this sound track. On 6th December extracts from a 1911 silent Thanhouser production "Romeo and Juliet" and Carol Reed's "The Third Man", made in 1948, were shown.

P.P.W.

THE FORUM

At a general meeting, held on 27th September, 1957, the following officers were elected: President—The Headmaster; Treasurer—D. O. Willis, Esq.; Secretary—R. Dickenson; Committee—L. T. Harrington; J. A. Longworth, J. Kingston; C. Pollard; J. S. Kelly.

The second meeting was a discussion of subjects put forward by the Secretary, ranging from "Sputniks" to Folk Masses; and the final meeting, to which we were pleased to welcome our President, was in the form of an "Any Questions". The panel—B. D. Winkett, J. Longworth, T. A. Libby and R. Dickenson—answered questions on varied subjects with ease and sincerity.

The Society is now finally established, but we would welcome more vocal support from the younger members in future.

R.D.

JAZZ CLUB

Brief though our report may be it is something that we have succeeded in gaining recognition by the 'Abingdonian'. The club has not been very active this term, and we have had only two meetings. At both of these a selection of traditional jazz records was played. It is hoped that next term members will be more willing to give talks on various subjects as well as listening to records.

J.A.S.; J.M.F.

FIELD CLUB

This term saw the inauguration of the new-style Field Club, redesigned as a Junior Skye Group. The first meeting was held in Bagley Woods where the members spent a highly enjoyable and profitable afternoon. The next meeting, at which C. M. Dunman gave an illustrated talk on "The 1957 Expedition to Skye", drew a large and appreciative audience. R. S. Green's authoritative lecture entitled "An Introduction to Ornithology" concluded a successful term's activity.

S.H.F.

JOINT CLUB

The first meeting of the term consisted of dancing and games in Lacies Court, where we welcomed many new members. Everyone enjoyed themselves, and all joined in the games with commendable energy. It was agreed that this was a good start to the year.

The next meeting was held at St. Helen's and the evening was devoted to dancing reels. We were taught many dances which were great fun, but for this type of entertainment those of us who were physically fit had a considerable advantage.

At the final meeting in the School gym. we attended a film "The Importance of Being Earnest" which all enjoyed, and adjourned to Lacies Court for refreshments and a few dances.

M.S.R.B.

HOLIDAY CLUB

During the Summer Holiday the Club's activities consisted of a tennis match and a cricket fixture. At cricket we were the guests of Boars Hill Cricket Club, but what promised to be an entertaining game had unfortunately to be abandoned, through rain, after twelve overs. We are again indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Nurton. We were more fortunate at tennis overcoming both the wind and the Wootton Tennis Club.

Activities for the Christmas Holidays include a football match, a rucker match, unprecedented in the history of the Club, and a social evening, by now an annual event.

I.R.P.

O.A. NOTES
OXFORD LETTER

Sir,

No one, certainly, could accuse your correspondent of displaying what Juvenal once defined as 'insanabile scribendi cacoethes', but two factors have made him break a silence, described by one of his predecessors as 'no sleep of death but merely a prolonged coma'. First is the welcome increase in numbers of Abingdonians at Oxford, and secondly the recent and disturbing tendency of many Abingdonians to obtain scholarships at the other place. Such deviationists must learn what they are missing.

As to our members, John Lockhart-Smith is now the senior, and takes his Finals in Agriculture this summer. He is nominally at B.N.C. but intending visitors are usually directed to a cowshed in an inaccessible part of Boars Hill. He sometimes appears in public riding one horse and leading another—obviously a cunning precautionary measure. He also owns a car whose appearance and vintage are well suited to his farming aspirations.

John Westall, at St. Peter's Hall, regards approaching Finals with some dismay, and eschews the coffee-bars of happier days, but has found time to coach the Long-distance VIII. Michael Jones, newcomer to the Hall, was thrust into the 3rd VIII but proposes to concentrate next term on P.P.E. Mods.

Pembroke has received no new blood. Norman Shurrock in his third year, suffering 'Greats', spends too much time examining local railway operations and occasionally accompanies some goods train over a long-disused branch line. Michael Enser, when health would allow, has continued to support the Boat Club; and Dick Stevens wields a hockey stick to some effect. Tom Glucklich at St. Catharine's combines advertising activities for the *Cherwell* with some light-hearted hockey, and still finds time for the pursuit of studies in Modern Languages.

Of our other freshmen, Roger Marchbanks at Magdalen, reading biochemistry, congratulates himself on having taken prelims prior to his arrival, and refuses to submit to the tyranny of any sport—so far. Bryan Kibble is at Jesus, and turns to chess for relaxation from his diligent labours in the Physics Labs. Bill Budden, renewing a long-dormant connexion with St. Edmund Hall, dispenses hospitality to those visitors fortunate enough to find him in, after a long climb and careful search of the attics. He holds the record in having four women tutors in Geography: for male company he turns to rowing and stroked the 2nd VIII last term.

And now, sir, in case another spell of coma should supervene I hasten to convey to the School and the *Abingdonian* the good wishes of all 'olim alumni' for progress and prosperity in 1958; and I am happy to remain,

Your Oxford Correspondent.

BIRTHS

JACKSON. On 25th April, 1957, to Margaret, wife of Robert F. Jackson (1939), a son, Andrew Forbes.

McPHERSON. On 29th September, 1957, at Tripoli, Lebanon, to Marjorie, wife of James McPherson (1933), a son, Andrew.

RICH. On 28th June, 1957, to Gillian and John Rich (1947), a son, Martin John.

SCOTT. To Jeanne, wife of Peter A. S. Scott (1943), of Heatherstone, Grove Road, Newbury, a son, Christopher John.

MARRIAGES

ACKLAM-HENDERSON. On 22nd April, 1957, Robert Acklam (1951), to Elizabeth B. Henderson, of Portobello, Midlothian.

HILTON-STONE. On 9th November, 1957, at East Hendred Church, Malcolm J. Hilton (1953) to Marion K. Stone.

IRELAND-KEMPTON. On 19th October, 1957, at Woking, Surrey, John W. R. Ireland (1951) to Janet Kempton.

RABSON-SHIRLEY. On 24th August, 1957, at Radley Church, David Rabson (1950) to Miss A. Shirley.

DEATH

WEST. On 31st December, 1957, at his home, 2 Norman Avenue, Abingdon, Archibald Buller West (1895-1901), aged 72.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the sudden death of A. B. West. With his younger brother, J.L., he was at the School in the early years of Mr. Layng's headship, and on leaving followed his father's profession of architect. After qualifying he served in Public Works Departments in such diverse places as Hong Kong (1909), British Columbia (1913) and Fiji (1916). In World War I he served in the Fiji Contingent and later the K.R.R.C., and after the war he returned to Abingdon and joined his father's practice; and on the latter's death in 1932 became principal. In 1940 he was made a Justice of the Peace for the Borough and had for several years been Chairman of the Bench. He never stood for the Council, but served the community well in less obtrusive ways. He was a Governor of Christ's Hospital since 1935, Chief Warden and A.R.P. Controller in the last war and Vice-President of the Berks, Bucks and Oxfordshire Society of Architects. He had a particular interest in rifle shooting and was a regular member of the British Legion team which won many County and National trophies.

As son, brother and father of Old Abingdonians he was in a particular sense one of us, and his loyal support and engaging company will be sadly missed. To Mrs. West and her family we offer our sincere sympathy.

In 1951, thanks to the generosity of a number of Old Boys who made gifts or loans for the purpose, the School was enabled to acquire the whole Lacies Court property. To them the School will be for ever grateful, for the opportunity could never recur, once missed, and the property has proved of inestimable value. It is therefore very pleasing to be able to state that all the loans, with the exception of a conditional one not due for repayment for some years, have now been repaid, and in 7 years instead of the 20 years fixed as the maximum term. We hope the lenders feel as much satisfaction as we do over the transaction.

Herbert Young, after whom the new Library Reading Room has been named, was another of the School's benefactors. He was a boy at the Old School in the 60's under Dr. Strange and won an Open Scholarship in Mathematics to Queen's College, Oxford, and subsequently gained 1st Class Honours in Finals. It was in 1895 that his gift of £500 coupled with the sale to the School on most generous terms of part of Lacies Court by Rev. G. E. Summers, endowed what are now known as the Young and Summers Scholarships.

In reply to a question in the House on 27th November, concerning the absence of the Governor of Cyprus, Mr. Lennox-Boyd said that "he could not agree that a gap of one month between the departure of one Governor and the arrival of another, with a deputy Governor of such experience as Mr. Sinclair was in any way unwise". Let us add, what Mr. Lennox-Boyd did not say, that this is George Sinclair, who left us in 1931.

On 5th November last, Hugh Lunghi (1939) appeared on B.B.C. TV programme "Tonight", with 11-year-old Sharik, believed to be the only specimen in this country of the same breed as the Sputnik dog. Many Old Boys must have met this cheerful little animal, which he acquired in Georgia and brought back with him when he returned from Moscow.

Colin Ronan (1937), another broadcaster, appears in B.B.C. "The Sky at Night" programmes. He is Scientific Officer of the Royal Society and runs the historical section of the British Astronomical Association. He has recently edited the Royal Society's film for the I.G.Y. entitled "Hailey Bay".

Heartly congratulations to Peter Thompson (1953), of the Oxford School of Architecture, who won the First Prize of £50 at the Royal National Eisteddfod for a design for a Holiday Village in North Wales. There were 99 entries.

Jim McPherson (1933) of Iraq Petroleum Co. has moved from Homs to Tripoli. Life is easier than it was during the Suez crisis but can never be very comfortable in a police state, as Syria is at present.

Peter Richardson (1950) has now qualified and is doing a spell as a House Physician at London Hospital.

John Sansom (1945) has moved to the Provincial Secondary School at Katsima in Northern Nigeria.

Of our agriculturists, Charles Owen (1954) is at Cirencester where he will be joined by Pat Sarsfield-Hall (1955) next September. Richard Paxman (1954) is at Seacle-Hayne College, Newton Abbot, John Greenaway (1952) at Swanley Horticultural Institute and Nicholas Moseley (1956) at the Berks Institute of Agriculture.

Michael Brackley (1954) is at Culham College. David Free (1952) who is taking his Dip.Ed. Course at Reading University is doing his term's teaching practice at High Wycombe.

Robyn Grant (1950) is now in Bombay, as Assistant Divisional Manager for Jensens'.

Garth Round (1951), having obtained his Diploma at Loughborough College, has taken a post as Civil Engineer with Robert Douglas (Contractors) Ltd., of Birmingham.

Richard Griffith (1955) has secured a post with Cooper, McDougall and Robertson, and John Hines (1954) with James Hargreaves Ltd.

Philip Song (1955) is at the Clarendon Press, Oxford and Jim Page (1955) after completing his service is at Lloyd's Bank, Wallingford.

B. L. Smith has been rowing in the St. Mary's 2nd VIII and Peter Lay hopes to be in the Durham University VIII again this summer.

D. W. Howard (1956) is at the Oxford Technical Institute studying catering.

The Services

We congratulate David Jones (1955) on passing out 5th in the order at R.M.A. Sandhurst, last month. He is joining R. Berks.

We were glad to see Lt.Col. A. T. Hatfield, R.A.O.C. (1927) and Mrs. Hatfield at the Dance. He is stationed at Bicester.

Sqdn.Ldr. S. P. Austin (1929) is at H.Q. Technical Training Cmd., Brampton.

Peter Simmonds (1955) at Dartmouth R.N.C. received favourable comment for his "admirable performance as the polished courtier", in the College production of "Richard of Bordeaux".

Of our Gunner Officers, R. F. Hamer (1950) is in Malta, enjoying the polo: A. W. Riggott (1950) has returned to his Regiment in B.A.O.R. after a course at Larkhill where he crossed hockey sticks with Alan Bush in the R.M.A. Sandhurst team. R. A. Clay (1948) is at Carlisle and Michael Hudson (1954) at Barnard Castle.

Of those recently commissioned to the Royal Berkshire Regt. C. P. B. Blake is attached to Ghana Regt. at Kumasi and David Heavens (1951) at Sierra Leone. David Emmett is probably bound for Cyprus.

Lt. Hugh Leach, R.T.R. (1953) is at Homs, Libya, David Dunkley (1956) is in Intelligence Corps (not R. Berks) and having a very enjoyable time in Cyprus learning modern Greek, to qualify as interpreter. He was able recently to have a most interesting leave in Lebanon.

Robert Acklam (1951), Fleet Air Arm, now married is at R.N.A.S. Abbotsinch.

Robert Gammack is at Cranwell, P.O. John Nichols (1955) at Halton, and Kenneth Painter in Port and Travel Control Group in Cyprus.

Ian Ashworth (1955) is a Paratrooper in Lt. Regt., R.A.

Neville Grant and George Nichol are at Eaton Hall.

To the best of our knowledge the following are *in statu pupillari* at Universities and Medical Schools:

Oxford

Pembroke—N. J. Shurrock; M. B. Enser; W. N. R. Stevens.

Brasenose—C. J. Lockhart-Smith.

Jesus—B. P. Kibble.

Magdalen—R. M. Marchbanks.

St. Edmund Hall—W. W. Budden.

St. Peter's Hall—J. Westall; D. M. P. Jones.

St. Catherine's—T. C. Glucklich.

Cambridge

Caius—T. M. J. Kempinski.

Jesus—S. C. Woodley.

Pembroke—R. E. J. Packer.

London

King's—G. F. Wastie.

L.S.E.—N. K. Hammond.

University—J. M. Thistlewood.

Birmingham—P. D. Exon; C. J. Marchbanks; B. E. Stacey.

Durham

King's College, Newcastle—P. J. Lay; P. C. Lovegrove.

Hull—J. C. Ivatts.

Reading—D. Free.

Sheffield—J. Furby.

Southampton—J. D. Hall; C. Hiles.

Medical Schools

Guy's—J. A. Howard; P. O. Older; M. C. Rallings.

London—P. C. Richardson.

Middlesex—P. G. Cope.

Royal Veterinary College—J. J. Swainston.

St. Mary's—B. L. Smith.

Queen Mary's College—G. W. Crockford.

St. Andrew's—M. A. C. Heavens.

Edinburgh—G. S. Strachan.

Of those who left since last July, apart from those at Universities or doing National Service, we have the following news:

J. B. Robins and J. C. Spinks are Administrative Cadets in Northern Rhodesia.

L. J. Glenny is articled to a firm of Estate Agents at Wickham.

M. R. Dawn is with De Havillands at Hatfield and B. E. Price with the same concern at Bournemouth.

R. A. Worth is in Executive Branch of Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

G. D. Wright is teaching at Upcott House School, Okehampton.

M. D. Hardy is articled to Dunster & Morton, Accountants.

G. J. Brown is at A.E.R.E., Harwell.

A. G. Stevens is with Bullingdon R.D.C., Oxford.

M. H. Stanley is in Engineering Dept., Oxford Corporation.

H. C. Bowen is with I.C.I. for a year before going up to Pembroke.

P. A. Smith is temporarily with Pavlova Leather Co., Abingdon prior to entering Teachers' Training College.

C. J. D. Wray is at Italia Conti Stage School, London.

Colin Scragg is in Metropolitan Police.

John Barnett is at Oxford School of Architecture.

N. A. J. Antrobus is doing a sandwich course in Mech.Eng. with Esso Petroleum.

J. M. Becker is with 20th Century Fox as Assistant Editor at the Gate Recording Studios, Boreham Wood.

B. M. Lifson, who returned to U.S.A., is at Minneapolis High School and continues his literary activities in the School magazine.

M. J. A. Young is at Derby College of Technology.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

The Annual Dance held on Saturday, 30th November after the Rigger match was again a very successful and enjoyable function. The company was greeted on arrival by the President and Mrs. Bury, supported by the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban, and after a preliminary glass of sherry dancing continued till midnight. With such a gratifying attendance the floor space was at times rather crowded, and next year it is intended that bar and buffet rooms shall be separate. However the Dance Committee are to be congratulated on work well done.

There was a large attendance of Old Boys at Chapel on the following morning, and the number who enjoyed Mrs. Cobban's hospitality at coffee after the Service reached the significant total of 63.

The dates for 1958 fixtures are as follows:

Hockey Match—22nd February.

London Dinner—14th March.

Athletics Meeting—22nd March.

Old Boys' Day—14th June.

Rigger Match and Dance—29th December.

By the good offices of Stanley Paige, the London Dinner will again be held at the Constitutional Club, Northumberland Avenue. A coach

has been booked to carry the Abingdon contingent and all who would like a seat are asked to notify George Duxbury as soon as possible.

Old Abingdonian Trust Fund.

We acknowledge gratefully an increased Covenant from J. D. Wood, renewal from J. Graff and new Covenants from T. C. Glücklich and J. B. Rich. Further repayments have now reduced the balance of liability for the Pavilion to some £350 which is a most satisfactory state of affairs. Our thanks to all contributors.

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REVIEW

As we go to press we welcome an advance copy of "Historic Abingdon", a collection of seven articles by A. E. Preston and A. C. Baker, originally published in various periodicals between 1922 and 1954, and now edited by M. Baker and A. K. Boyd and published by the Abbey Press (price 5/-).

To the layman, perhaps the most interesting article is the longest, on Abingdon's Fairs and Markets, by A. E. Preston, which was first printed in the "Abingdonian", in serial form, between 1922 and 1924. It is noteworthy that over thirty years ago the question of moving the "annual Michaelmas nuisance" (sic) was already much in the air; but for good or ill it still holds its ground—quite literally.

All of the articles however deserve to be rescued from limbo, and we commend this book to all lovers of Abingdon. It is good to know too that a further collection of Miss Baker's occasional writings is already in hand.

J.M.C.

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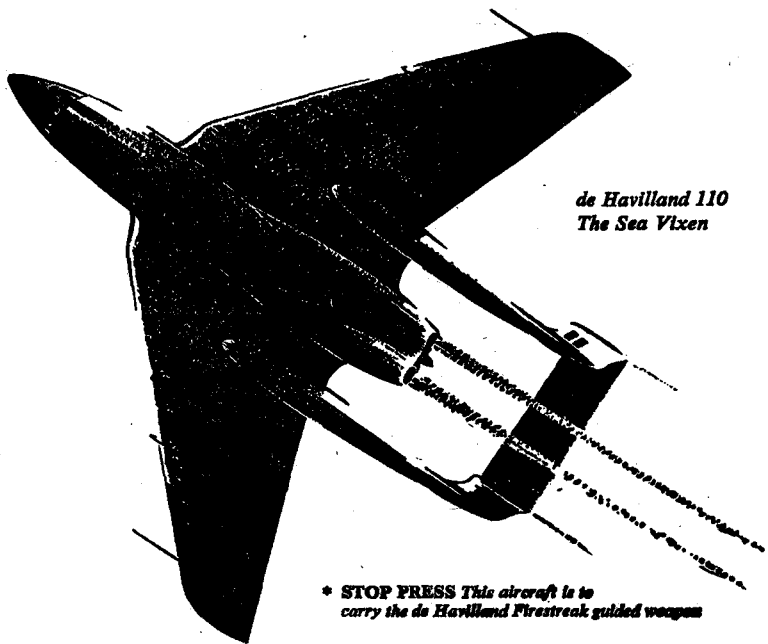
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