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September, 1959

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EDITORIAL

In the course of his speech at Prize-Giving, Mr. Peterson referred to the snobbish attitude of many people who speak about 'the barbarian scientists'; at the risk of sticking my neck out I should like to consider the possibility that there might, after all, be a grain of truth in that phrase. Before I go on, however, let me say straightway that the majority of the scientists whom I have met have been extremely human and civilised, and no doubt most other people would say the same; this leads to what I would call a dangerous generalisation, that all scientists are nice, sensible people and that as long as our future is in their hands we have nothing to fear.

Members of the Headmaster's scholarship set will be quick to spot the fallacy in this argument, for 'the scientists whom I and most other people have met' are by no means the same as 'all scientists'. At the CACTM Schoolboys' Conference in Oxford last April, those present heard Dr. G. W. Series speak on 'Christianity in an Age of Science', a talk in which he particularly stressed the danger of the scientist, boxed up alone in his laboratory, treating people as things, as human units in a Plan, and not as fellow-beings. It is this, the boffin-type scientist, who, I feel, might merit the epithet 'barbarian'.

Some time ago, when the Russians had just launched Sputnik number one, Mr. Nehru expressed his consternation that technical progress was so far outstripping civilisation; while, on the one hand, the scientists were promoting such harmless (perhaps even beneficial) ventures as the projecting of satellites into space, on the other, they were still party to an absurd and vicious armaments race which could only be brought to an end by multilateral renunciation of nuclear weapons (I would not suggest for a moment that Britain should lead the way in disarmament for that would be to sign her own death warrant). The International Geophysical Year was an example of what 'human scientists' can do towards world peace, but such enlightened projects are more than cancelled out by continued tests of the latest weapons devised by the 'barbarians', whose existence seems to be bounded by formulae and totally alienated from human nature.

In Ancient Rome the emperor used sometimes to find it advisable to banish philosophers, astrologers, magicians and the like from the city if their ideas and prognostications seemed detrimental to his régime. Ever if it were practicable to banish the boffins, it would not be a course advocated by me; however, what I do suggest is firstly that the budding scientists in the School should not take themselves too seriously (certain non-scientists might well take a step in the other direction!), and secondly that the 'barbarians' should be let out of their laboratories from time to time and given an opportunity to breathe the Strontium 90 and gambol in the radioactive rain and feel that it's good to be alive

SCHOOL NOTES

It was with deep regret that we heard of the death of Sir Henry Benyon, Bt., Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire, which took place at Englefield House on 15th June. It will be remembered that Mr. Benyon (as he then was) was the guest of honour at our Founder's Day Celebrations in 1953.

We were very sorry to learn that continued ill-health had compelled Mr. H. J. Thomas to relinquish his seat on the Governing Body. Mr. Thomas, a former Chairman of the County Council, was nominated as one of the Council's representatives on the Governing Body in 1942 and he was Vice-Chairman, under Admiral Clifton Brown, from 1945 to 1957. We should like him to know how grateful we are for all that he has done for the School; and we send to Mrs. Thomas our very sincere good wishes in this trying time.

The election of Alderman E. E. Sparkes as Mayor of Abingdon enables us to welcome back to the Governing Body an old friend of the School. A contingent from the Sixth Form attended the Mayor-Making Ceremony in the County Hall on 20th May.

We offer our own welcome to the new Vicar of Abingdon, the Rev. J. H. S. Dixon, M.A., who returns to Berkshire after seven years' "exile" in the northern province at Huyton, near Liverpool. We look forward very much to having him as our Vicar and we hope that during his ministry the relations between Parish Church and School Chapel will become even more close and happy.

Mr. Dixon was formally instituted as Vicar of Abingdon with Shippon and Rector of St. Nicolas by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on the evening of 14th September. The Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban and two senior representatives represented the School.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Hillary on the birth of a son, Andrew Guy; and Mr. Phizackerley and Miss Baker on their engagement, which was officially announced on 22nd July.

It is with particular pleasure that we have just heard of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Helliwell, at Rugby (9th September).

This term we say good-bye to Mr. Pole, who is leaving to take up a business appointment where his interest in the communication of ideas will stand him in good stead; and also to Mr. Prosser who has stood in for Mr. Mark Williams for one year while awaiting a vacancy at Cuddesdon. To both, our warm thanks and good wishes.

We look forward to welcoming back to the fold Mr. Mark Williams, after his ordination at Michaelmas. Mr. Williams will serve his title at Dorchester so he will lead a busy double life.

We shall also welcome two new masters, Mr. P. F. Emms and Mr. M. R. Stevens. Mr. Emms, an Open Scholar of Magdalen College, Oxford, has just taken his Final Honours Schools in French and German. During his national service in the R.A.F. he successfully

completed the Russian Language Course, and he holds a commission in the R.A.F.V.R. as a qualified interpreter. So he will be able to help us if and when we introduce the teaching of Russian. Meanwhile he will lighten the burden on the overloaded shoulders of those who are teaching the more orthodox foreign languages. Mr. Stevens saw three years' active service in the R.N.V.R. during the war before going up to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he read History and English. He has since held teaching posts in Bermuda, Western Australia and Vancouver, and he will take over Mr. Pole's time-table pending the appointment of a permanent replacement.

This coming term will see quite a change-round in our house-tutors. Mr. Cooper is going out of residence at School House, though we hope that he will be able to stand in occasionally to help Mr. Mortimer. Mr. Horrex is handing over at Crescent House to Mr. B. C. Williams. Mr. Stevens will step into Mr. Pole's shoes at 12 Conduit Road.

The many friends of the Rev. F. W. Burgess, our former Chaplain and Senior Mathematician, will wish him well as he returns from his East Anglian parsonage to full-time school-mastering at the Royal Masonic School, Bushey.

We congratulate too Mr. R. D. Baynes, whom many Old Boys will remember as Lower Sixth Form Master, on his appointment as Headmaster of Richmond Grammar School (Yorkshire).

The Headmaster took a well-earned holiday over the week-end June 20th/21st in the Snowdon area; he returned with stories of hair-raising experiences on precipices, which the more sceptical of us were disinclined to believe until the production of two Australian eye-witnesses who gallantly backed him up against a barrage of questions at a very pleasant Prefects' Party on 18th July.

During the holidays Mr. Hillary has again been playing cricket for Berkshire and Mr. Smithson for Hertfordshire.

We are very grateful to Mr. J. N. Sanders (O.A.) who this year inherited the mantle which Mr. Bevir used to wear with such an air as Comptroller of the G.C.E.

Once again we welcomed the indefatigable Jean-Marie Lot, who rejoined us for the last month of the term—this time with two of his compatriots, Denys Denant and Rikki Genillon-Fricotelle. We much enjoyed this opportunity of strengthening the Entente Cordiale, and we are grateful to the parents who provided hospitality.

We should like to thank very much Mr. Stow, Lord Glyn, and Major Buckley, who sent us tickets respectively for the final rehearsal of the Trooping of the Colour; Henley Regatta; and the University Match and the Test Match at Lord's. We do not as a rule mention leaving presents, but the gift of five long-playing records from J. H. Thewlis is a very worthy exception.

The number of boys on the School Roll at the beginning of the Summer Term was 510, of whom 187 were boarders.

We congratulate D. Wiggins on the award of an Open Scholarship at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music, with the 'cello as his principal study. This is one of the five Open Scholarships awarded by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and there were 77 candidates in all for them.

Entrance awards this year were made as follows:

Open Scholarship: E. D. J. Hunter (Nevill Holt School).

Young and Summers Exhibition: J. R. Jennings (Abingdon School).

The work of J. J. Mackenzie in the examination was commended.

We congratulate the following who have been granted Berkshire County Major Awards (in some cases provisionally) since our last issue; more applicants remain 'in play'—D. H. Bragg, G. M. Crow, D. G. Darroch, J. J. Day, D. G. Morris, M. G. Yarkoff, and D. Wiggins; also R. S. Green and J. H. Thewlis (Oxfordshire) and R. Dickenson (City of Oxford).

Congratulations also to H. J. N. Wharton on the award of a Ewelme Exhibition; and to D. M. Spragg on being awarded his Civilian Pilot's Licence.

Two Parents' Evenings were held during the term, for Sixth Forms on 21st May and for Fourth Forms on 18th June.

On 28th April the School turned out in force to see the Royal Berkshire Regiment parade in Abingdon for the last time as such, before its amalgamation. The colour party marched across Upper Field before joining the parade in Park Road. It was especially appropriate that a former Head of the School, now Lieutenant D. A. Jones, should have the privilege of carrying the Colours. A photograph taken on Upper Field appears on another page. Subsequently the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban represented the School at a civic reception given to the officers in the Council Chamber.

On the C.C.F. Orders for 4th May a modest paragraph reproduced an excerpt from the London Gazette to the effect that 'H.M. the Queen has been pleased to approve the award of the Territorial Efficiency Decoration (T.D.) to Major S. C. Parker and Capt. C. E. T. Moore'. Congratulations!

A few boys attended a meeting sponsored by the Council for Education in World Citizenship on Tuesday, 5th May. The subject was 'The Modern Commonwealth'; and the main speaker was Dr. Madden of Nuffield College.

May 7th (Ascension Day) saw the choir carolling merrily from the Science Block roof at an astonishingly early hour. In the evening the R.A. Section of the Corps and the Military Band took part in a display in the town which was a feature of the Abingdon Youth Week.

On 8th May a party went to see the performance of 'Orlando' (Handel) in the Unicorn Theatre. Mr. Horrex, who took a leading part, subsequently figured prominently in favourable reviews in two of our contemporaries, 'The Times' and 'The Manchester Guardian'. The latter also printed on the same day a centre page article by the Rev. Bernard Mayes on 'More Ancient than Modern'. Local boys make good . . .

May 10th, Commonwealth Youth Sunday, witnessed an excellent turnout of the C.C.F. which included some very 'rarae aves'.

Handel was again patronised on 14th May, this time in the Corn Exchange where 'Saul' was performed.

Mr. B. C. Williams and four boys spent 24 hours under canvas over the week-end of Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th May as training for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

On 4th June a party of middle-school boys accompanied Mr. Sewry to the Careers Exhibition in London.

The Oxford Diocesan Missionary Festival was held in Abingdon on 1st July, and members of the School attended various items of the day's very full programme. On the same day some middle school boys heard a talk on 'Careers in the Civil Service' given by Mr. Llewellyn Jones, one of Her Majesty's Inspector of Taxes.

An exhibition of heraldry in the County Hall, opened by Portcullis Pursuivant (Mr. A. C. Cole), on 18th June, was visited in turn by most forms of the School.

On 11th July the School provided not only the narrator (in the person of the Chaplain) but also four buglers for the production of 'Noye's Fludde' at St. Helen's School.

Members of the First Eleven were given leave to go up to Lord's for the day on 16th July.

Once again the Annual Inspection of the Corps, held on 17th July, was a great success and we understand that it earned the Corps a very satisfactory report. Perhaps the most memorable thing about it was the unorthodox and stimulating way in which the inspecting officer, Brigadier Burges, subsequently addressed the contingent.

On 18th July some twenty volunteers attended a Civil Defence Exercise at Culham Aerodrome in order to provide 'cannon fodder'. They returned in high spirits sporting compound fractures, ghastly cuts and broken arms, and covered with a liberal amount of blood. Apparently they ate an excellent lunch with a man whose stomach was visibly hanging out.

On 21st July a small party visited the Meteorological Establishment at R.A.F., Abingdon.

By kind invitation of the Warden, some members of the Classical Sixth attended, and much enjoyed, the Radley College production of Aristophanes' 'Frogs' on 22nd July.

The House P.T. Competition was held on the morning of 23rd July, the Challenge Cup being retained by Reeves. We are very grateful to Mr. Angus McDonald, of Larkmead School, who very kindly adjudicated for us.

After the usual boarders' suppers on the last evening of the term, 27th July, the two senior houses joined together in the Gymnasium for party games. On this occasion these were organised, and very well organised, by the heads of the houses, the Headmaster, Mr. Talbot, and the remainder of the staff being regarded as guests—and indeed being invited to take an active part in some of the items.

Despite the difficulties of the Summer Term, the Play Reading Society has continued to flourish and has had regular Sunday evening meetings in Lacies Court.

Our own bell-ringers rang for us at the School Services in St. Helen's Church on the first day of term and again on Founder's Day. Congratulations to K. R. Duly who was mainly responsible for organising our campanologists.

Now that the Building Club has almost completed the Fives Court, it has turned its attention to new ventures. The construction of a soakaway on the gravel is one of the duller and less romantic projects it has in hand.

The holiday activities of members of the School, both masters and boys, beggar description. Apart from the official Corps Camps, a party of a dozen juniors again accompanied C. J. Redknap to the Welsh Schoolboys' Camp in Pembrokeshire. A. G. Dillabough went on a School Works Course with the Bristol Aeroplane Company. No less than six boys attended Outward Bound Courses—J. R. Morse and M. D. T. Nash (Moray), C. F. Johnson (Eskdale), K. N. Haarhoff and M. P. Cross (Aberdovey) and J. R. N. Ogle (Ullswater). And a select contingent from the School made an expedition north of the border for the Edinburgh Festival.

Old friends will find with regret that a School calendar is no longer printed at the beginning of the magazine. The plain fact is that the activities of the School are now so multifarious that a selective calendar is of little use, a comprehensive one is impracticable. Those who want to keep *au fait* can obtain a copy of the full Calendar/Diary for the term from Mr. Willis for 1s. 9d. (post free). Meanwhile we can state, for the purposes of the record, that term starts on Friday, 18th September, and ends on Friday, 18th December. There will be a half-term break over the weekend of Sunday, 1st November. The O.A. Rugger Match and the O.A. Dance are on Saturday, 28th November.

In order to shorten the proceedings on Founder's Day, certain 'non-academic' trophies that normally figure on the Prize List were held over until the last day of term, when they were presented at the Final Assembly together with the various house cups. Honour where honour is due: and we congratulate the winners of the following awards:

Cricket—

The Fletcher Cup for the highest batting average in the 1st XI—
D. G. Morris.

The Morris Cup (presented by Mr. T. G. Morris, father of the
present Captain of Cricket, and awarded this year to the best
all-rounder)—D. M. Goodwin.

Tennis—

The Buckley Cup for the winner of the Open Singles—D. H. Bragg.

Shooting—

The West Cup for the best senior shot—P. J. Ford.

The Darbeshire Cup for the best shot under 16—M. S. Ford.

The Crow Cup for the highest scorer at Bisley—P. J. Ford.

The Initiative Cup was this year awarded collectively to the Skye Group, and the Fourth Science Times Cup, for the best piece of creative writing produced during the year in Middle School, to A. J. Millard.

One award calls for more detailed mention. D. G. Morris was presented with a bat by the Masters' Common Room in recognition of his services as Captain of Cricket. This presentation is not an innovation so much as the happy revival of an old custom which lapsed in 1942 as a result of war-time restrictions.

We are very grateful to the Proprietors of the West Anglia School of Motoring, who kindly presented a 'Scholarship' at the end of term which carried with it a complete course of individual tuition. C. J. Redknap was the fortunate recipient of what we dare to hope will become an annual award.

Details are given on another page of the triangular athletics match against Pocklington and Stamford, held at Stamford on what must surely have been one of the worst and coldest days that the wayward month of May has ever produced. Here we shall merely say how glad we are to have established contact in this way with two northern schools each so nearly comparable to ourselves. We hope this match will become an annual fixture and we look forward to welcoming our northern rivals to Abingdon next summer.

One 'old member' of the School to which we have recently said farewell is the elm stump on the gravel. Its removal was a major operation, for which we are indebted to the trio who are seen leaning against their adversary on another page.

We should like to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from the following schools (to July 28th): Aldenham; Henley Grammar; Magdalen College; Radley College; Royal Grammar, High Wycombe; St. Bartholomew's, Newbury; St. Edward's; Stamford, Lincs.; Windsor County; and also from Britannia R.N. College, Dartmouth; and Ashbury College, Ottawa, Canada.

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THE SCHOOL PROPERTY — AND OTHER MATTERS

(A note by the Headmaster)

There is still much to be done in the last fortnight before the School re-assembles. But if all goes well the boarders of School House will return to find themselves provided with adequate changing-rooms and drying-rooms and plenty of showers, and with a first-class reading room. Two hide settees, the first instalment of the new furniture, arrived today and are now *in situ*, swathed in dust-sheets, while the decorators work around them. Study Corridor already presents a New Look, with its light walls and many-coloured doors. End Study has also been completely redecorated. In the new block proper there is a large new dormitory (as yet unnamed) and two ranges of basins and sanitary accommodation (one on each floor). The School Prefects will at last have a room consonant with their dignity. And—a sign of the times this—a telephone booth is all ready for equipment by the G.P.O. The architects and the builders have done a fine job of work. We are grateful to them, and also to Messrs. Millard of Basingstoke, who have gone to endless trouble over the provision of suitable furniture. It has been a great help to us to have this side of the business handled by someone who as a former head of School and School House can speak with authority of consumer requirements.

Now that the new wing is almost completed the Governors have been able to push ahead with their next project, which will take the form of a single-story block of four class-rooms, extending eastwards from the entrance hall of the Teaching Block across the old tennis court, with a slight curve to the north. We hope that work on the site will start in the late autumn. The Governors have also approved of two further projects—a block of four houses for staff to be erected to the north of Glyndowr, fronting on to the Faringdon Road, and a proper School Shop, to the north of the Jekyll Garden, which will replace the existing Tuck-Shop—and not before time! The class-rooms and the School Shop will form part of one integrated plan, and the architects have laid them out in such a way that they may some day be joined together by a further three-story block running (if we remember our compass aright) from N.N.W. to S.S.E. Although contemporary in design and construction it is hoped that they will enhance rather than diminish the amenity of Lacies Court. Indeed, that has been one of the main considerations of the architects throughout; and speaking for myself I am pretty sure that the lengthy conferences and the abortive draft plans which have taken up so much of our time during the last year will prove in the event to have been well worth while. The "artist's impression" of the new Shop, reproduced in this magazine, will give some idea of what the architects have in mind. It will be very exciting to see their ideas given material form in the next year or two.

The class-rooms and the Staff houses will be built from School funds. The Governors have decided that the 'Shop' shall be the first-fruits of the Quatercentenary Appeal. Its erection will not in any way prejudice the primary objective of the Appeal, which remains the conversion of Big School into a new Library. But this is the kind of job which calls for very careful planning and in any case it cannot be put in hand until we have the new class-rooms available to replace Big School.

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It is now common knowledge that we shall shortly be changing over to the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Examinations Board. There are sound educational reasons for this transfer, though it is with mixed feelings that we say good-bye to our friends of the Oxford Delegacy with whom our relations have always been—and still are—of the friendliest. But we shall have to do rather better at 'A' level than we did this year. Perhaps our present drive to raise standards of achievement all round will soon begin to show results. Certainly the marks at 'O' level were much more encouraging. It was particularly pleasant to find boys in the 'C' stream getting up to six passes. And of course Keith Haarhoff deserves especial congratulations on winning a State Scholarship at an almost indecently early age.

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Again this term I have found amusement and pleasure in the varied literature which has been produced unofficially in the School. My warm thanks to the Editors of *Gryphon*, *1-X Times* and the *Model Boat Club Magazine* who have so punctiliously fed me with complimentary copies. I think I have identified Grahamstein and Timbolonski, whose rich and original vein of humour shows no sign of exhaustion. Some day perhaps they will find an opportunity for their satire in the pages of the *Abingdonian*. Presumably because of the distractions of the examination, *Octopus* has appeared rather less regularly this term. Whether it will survive the departure of its main—if not its only—begetter, I do not know. If it does not, then the Editorial on the 'Freedom of the Press' which appeared in the Founder's Day issue (no. 25) forms a fitting valedictory. At its best (and it is by its best that I shall remember it) 'Octopus' reached a higher standard than any other unofficial school newspaper that I have known. I shall miss its pungent editorials—and Uncle Roger's Korner too. The enterprise of the Editors in providing an 'Octopus' Rest Room on Founder's Day was appreciated by many foot-sore and weary visitors.

Now for the *Literary Magazine*, which for obvious reasons the Editors of the *Abingdonian* cannot say much about. I thought the general standard was good. The prose contributions, including some from Lower School, were straightforward and muscular. Andrew Millard's verses again indicated real creative imagination. The Editor's contributions in his own name did not perhaps show him at his best. I should have liked to have seen again his prize-winning poem on

'Dreams' to compare it with Peter Wintle's and John Sheard's, both printed herein. Of the two, I think the latter just had the edge on P.W.'s. I have two general criticisms—one of them very minor. It is a good thing that such a symposium should be representative of the whole school; but one might have expected rather more contributions from the sixth-form English specialists. And while the Editor this year overcame his coyness so far as to publish a table of contents it would have been helpful if the authors' names too had appeared in it. Congratulations to all concerned—not least to the Printer who produced, as always, a fine piece of work, at a time when things must have been very difficult for him.

J.M.C.

THE QUATERCENTENARY APPEAL

By Founder's Day the Appeal Secretary's calculations were able to assure us that we had just reached a total of £21,000. That is a very gratifying achievement for the first year—but it still leaves a terrifying gap for us to bridge before 1963. We have to remember too that on the one hand only some £6,000 of this total is in hard cash; and conversely that if we want to have any buildings ready for opening in 1963 we shall have to start building them—and start paying for them—long before that date. Indeed the Governors very much hope that the new school shop will be constructed within the next two years; and that the swimming bath and the reconstruction of Big School will follow as soon as possible. That is why we do beg any parent, Old Boy, or 'plain friend' of the School who is still just thinking about the Appeal to translate his good will into action as soon as possible.

As a matter of interest, this total of £21,169 is made up as follows:

Single donations	...	...	...	£4,112
Covenanted subscriptions (including estimated repayment of income-tax £6,052)	...	...	...	£16,643
Other annual subscriptions	...	...	...	£414

A fourth list of subscribers follows. To all of them, our very warm thanks—as too to the many parents who responded (to the extent in all of £248) to our ploy with the bills last term. We are renewing this time our appeal for the odd shillings and the odd pounds in the hope that parents will get into the habit of rounding off their cheques in this way.

Finally, a word of gratitude to David Griffiths for the attractive water-colour of a possible school shop, based on the architects' draft plan, which was displayed in the Entrance Hall on Founder's Day. A reproduction of it in black and white appears on another page.

J.M.C.

APPEAL FUND

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VALETE ET SALVE

Valete—left 31st March, 1959

Upper Sixth Form Science: D. E. Camplin, D. Cook, C. D. Loukes.

Lower Sixth Form Science: T. I. Morgan.

Form Sixth General: D. W. Haynes (left 11th Feb.).

Form 5B: I. J. Cockburn (left 19th March).

Form 5C: M. R. Corps, J. A. Whiteford.

Form 4A: R. J. Hutcheon.

Form 3A: J. M. Gunn.

Salve—came 28th April, 1959

Form 3X: M. H. Tarran-Jones.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Results at the 'Advanced' Level of the recent General Certificate Examinations, which are appended, were disappointing. The number of subject-passes (84) fell below last year's record total and a number of boys who ought to have got distinctions just failed to do so. Congratulations however to K. N. Haarhoff on the award of a State Scholarship—so soon after his sixteenth birthday!

Conversely the 'Ordinary' Level results were, over-all, much more pleasing, and promise well for the future. The number of subject-passes, some 520, was about 135 in excess of last year's figure, itself a record. It is true that some part of this increase is due to the new organisation of the middle-school curriculum which enables intelligent boys to clear certain subjects at an earlier stage, so that in effect our successes are this year spread over more than one age-group and are to some extent gained at the expense of the future. There was also rather less 'by-passing' than in previous years. When all allowance is made for these two factors however there still remain grounds for modest satisfaction, in spite of the inevitable disappointment over certain individuals.

ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS

(Distinctions are marked with an asterisk)

Four Subjects: A. P. Haynes (G, L, AH, Mus*); K. N. Haarhoff (Pure M, App M, Ph*, Ch*).

Three Subjects: P. A. Bretscher (Pure-and-App M, Ph, Ch*); J. J. Day (E*, L, F); E. W. Firth (Pure-and-App M, Ph, Ch); P. J. Ford (Ph, Ch, Bio*); G. L. Griffiss (Pure M, App M, Ph); R. W. Harvey (G, L, AH); G. S. Howlett (Pure M, App M, Ph); E. F. Lier (Pure M, App M, Ch*); A. F. Pritchard (Pure-and-App M, Ph, Ch); R. G. Simmonds (Pure-and-App M, Ph, Ch); J. H. Thewlis (Pure M, App M, Ph).

Two Subjects: D. H. Bragg (E, H); A. J. Costley (Bot, Zoo); G. M. Crow (E, H); D. G. Darroch (E, H); A. W. Foden (Geog, App M); R. S. Green (G, L*); G. W. Jones (Ph, Ch); P. Kandiah (E, H); I. J. Kirby (Pure M, App M*); T. A. Libby (G, L); D. G. Morris (E, H*); A. F. Selwood (L, F); J. A. Sheard (E, H); T. I. Silvey (Pure-and-App M, Ph); S. M. Womar (Ch, Bio).

One Subject: I. C. Attree (Bio); R. J. Baldwin (Bio); R. A. N. Bolton (Ch); T. Davies (Ch); P. R. Davis (Pure-and-App M); R. Dickenson (E*); D. T. L. Eke (H); J. Fry (Ch); A. L. Howell (Ch); D. S. Lees (Ch); N. G. Mackenzie (A); M. A. C. Stockwell (Ch); R. C. Watts (Pure-and-App M).

J.M.C.

CHAPEL NOTES

It is not inappropriate in these notes to add our own congratulations to the Chaplain on his recent engagement. We know that despite the claims of married life he will continue to serve the Chapel and the School as faithfully as he has always done.

We should like to thank all those who have preached in Chapel this term. We especially looked forward to our American preacher, the Rev. Charles Stires, Ph.B., B.D., Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, New York, and we were in no way disappointed. Those of us who were lucky enough to meet him and Mrs. Stires in the Headmaster's drawing room on the Sunday evening learnt much of the American way of life, and a good deal about our own country too. It is interesting to record that his visit once again provided us with an opportunity of having the Communion celebrated in the Chapel according to the American Order.

Visiting preachers during the Michaelmas Term will be as follows:

October 4th—H. G. Mullens, Esq., M.A., Headmaster of the Royal Masonic School, Bushey.

October 18th—G. Talbot-Griffith, Esq., M.A., late Headmaster of Oakham School.

October 25th—Rev. L. P. Smith, M.A., of Culham College.

November 15th—Rt. Rev. A. G. Parham, M.C., M.A., Assistant Bishop of Oxford.

November 25th—Rev. E. L. King, M.A., Headmaster of King Alfred's School, Wantage.

The Lord Bishop of Oxford will hold a service of Confirmation in the School Chapel at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 6th December.

We are very grateful to the anonymous donor who has presented to the Chapel a new altar frontal, and we look forward to the day when we can show off the full complement of four; also to Mrs. Bevir for the presentation of a baptismal shell in memory of her husband; and to the editors of the 1X Times for a kind donation to Chapel Funds.

During the term the choir sang the anthems, 'Jesu who didst ever guide me' by Bach; 'Oh Saviour of the World' by Goss; 'O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness' by Travers; 'Who can express the noble acts of the Lord' by Wesley; and Mozart's Ave Verum and Brahms' 'How lovely are thy dwellings fair' at the Founder's Day Service.

We were all deeply grieved to hear of the sudden death of Dick Comben. The first part of the funeral service was held in the School Chapel, which he had looked after so well, on Friday, 12th June. We shall always remember him for his gentle, kindly ways and his cheerful willingness, and we offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Comben and all his family in their grievous bereavement.

At Morning Service on Sunday, 3rd May, the Chaplain dedicated the new hymn-boards presented by his friends in memory of Rupert Sladden. We were very glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Sladden and Rupert's two brothers to this service. Later in the term, on Old Boys' Sunday (14th June), came another dedication, of the simple bronze tablet which the Old Boys have had installed in the Chapel in memory of that very great gentleman Bill Bevir.

Despite a small attendance (perhaps the imminence of the examinations had something to do with this), the Chapel Council held a lively meeting at Lacies Court on Thursday, 25th June. The Chapel Council can play an important part in that it provides the Chapel Committee with an opportunity to report on its activities and also gives the ordinary boy a chance to express his feelings and ideas regarding the Chapel and the School services. One topic which did arise this time was what the School should do to help in World Refugee Year. This is under consideration and we hope some definite policy will be decided before next term.

The Headmaster will be preaching at the School service in St. Helen's on the first day of the Michaelmas Term. Last Term we experimented by seating the choir in the choir stalls. This greatly improved the singing and the responses and at last we think we can say that we have reached the best solution of this particular problem.

With the new oak pews the East end of the Chapel is beginning to look very lovely and the Chapel Committee is now seriously thinking of a fitted carpet for the apse, which might subsequently be continued down the aisle. But first we must complete the establishment of proper kneelers—a less exciting but very necessary project.

The collection at the Founder's Day Service amounting to £36 3s. 3d. (again a record figure) was divided between Dr. Barnardo's Children's Home at Oakley House and the funds of St. Helen's Church. The latter also received the collection taken at the terminal service on the first day of term (£5 16s. 6d.). The collection of £4 0s. 2½d. taken at the School Service on the Sunday evening after Founder's Day was given to St. Nicolas' Church; and the contents of the alms box (£1 6s. 4½d.) were devoted to the Chapel Furnishing Fund.

Collections allotted to outside charities have been as follows:

Easter V—Church of England Children's Society	£9	2	0
Trinity I—Additional Curates' Society ...	£8	3	6
Trinity II—British Council of Churches ...	£7	13	6
Trinity IV—Northcourt Church Appeal ...	£5	18	4
Trinity V—S.P.C.K.	£7	1	10
Trinity VIII—Royal National Lifeboat Institution	£8	11	8

We were very pleased to hear that Martin King, who was Secretary of the Chapel Committee last year, recently attended a C.A.C.T.M. Selection Conference which recommended that he should be accepted for training for the Ministry.

Lastly, let us thank all those who have put so much voluntary service into the Chapel during the past term: and in particular Patrick Wyatt for the beautifully-lettered cards which he prepared for the new hymn boards.

T.A.L.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Were the School insured against wet Founder's Days, the insurance companies would have accumulated a fat profit over the years, and would no doubt have gazed in a contented way at the brazen skies which favoured us once again on Saturday, 25th July. Although the timetable was slightly (and successfully) altered the day's bill of fare remained the same. First there was the service at St. Helen's Church, where we were fortunate to secure as our preacher Bishop Allen, formerly Principal of Ripon Hall and now Bishop of Derby. He based his sermon on two texts—one the well-known "Crabbed Age and Youth", and the other from the 1st Epistle General of St. John, Chap. II v. 14: "I have written unto you fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." His theme was the relationship between youth and age, between vigour and more mature experience; this was the problem of the age, he said, and inferred that, in the case of those to whom St. John was writing, the partnership was a successful one. The answer lay in "him that is from the beginning", "the word", a fellowship in Christ where youth and age freely lent their vigour and experience to one another.

In the afternoon the Prize-Giving was held in the Corn Exchange; for the decorations we once again thank a willing band of helpers under Mrs. Willis. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Cobban were "at home" on Upper Field to the accompaniment of the Brass Band and (for the first time)

with the assistance of outside caterers. In addition to the multifarious exhibitions, two literary creations were on sale, while a third was advertised. Once again too we were treated to a new film by A.S.P.S.—“Three’s a Crowd”—which was supported by John Becker’s delightful colour film of Abingdon “This is Your Town”, made last year for the Civic Trust. Special mention may be made of the “Rest Room” in the New Teaching Block sponsored and tastefully furnished by the Editors of “Octopus”, which offered a welcome haven for those exhausted by the “arduous training” course provided by the other exhibitions.

“An Evening Entertainment”, of which a critique appears elsewhere in this magazine, rounded off a very successful day.

On the evening of Sunday the 26th, the Headmaster preached at the statutory service in St. Nicolas’ Church. On such an occasion, he said, one’s dominant thought was the fact that many boys were about to leave the School for the last time. The end of a boy’s school career he described as “a milestone that comes in a pretty tricky turn of the road”, but he pointed out that just as most roads were little different each side of a milestone, so the movement of the adolescent from boyhood to manhood was ‘not a sudden transition, it’s a continuous process.” Juvenile delinquency and the instinct to revolt against “the establishment” were nothing new, and things which most people grew out of. The danger today was not the “Teddy boy”, but the highly-polished, self-sufficient young man who thinks he knows all the answers. He hoped that those who left the school would not be standard Public School products, but people with a sense of humour and initiative, which he described as “the urge to strike out for yourself.” Above all, however, he stressed the necessity of “personal integrity” which had as its basic ideals the teaching of Christ—“the compass which will guide you through the turbulent waters of adolescence.”

PRIZE-GIVING

The accent this year was on brevity and much mirth was caused on and off the platform by the ostentatious self-discipline employed by the speakers in limiting their time; moreover a welcome break in tradition came with the lapse of the “cheers” which have always made people a bit self-conscious in the past.

The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. C. G. Stow, opened the proceedings by welcoming the parents to the prize-giving, and then called upon the Headmaster to present his (curtailed) report.

In his speech the Headmaster welcomed the Mayor and the new Borough members of the governing body; and then proceeded to fill the unforgiving twenty minutes with as much wit and information as

anyone could wish for. He reviewed the athletic and academic achievements of the year; and went on to say that every effort would be made in the coming year to raise the intellectual standard of the School, and in connection with this the School would be changing over to the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board for the G.C.E., which would offer a more stimulating challenge to boys. He then recalled some of the events of the year he remembered most vividly. He spoke of the state of the Appeal Fund and said how touched he was by the generous response from parents, but there was still a long way to go before the target was reached. He outlined the recent and future developments of the School, stressing the potentialities and advantages that a direct grant school such as Abingdon possessed. He concluded his speech by expressing his thanks to the Governors for all their understanding and support, and to all those who had helped him throughout the year.

Mr. Stow then welcomed Mr. A. D. C. Peterson, O.B.E., M.A., the Director of the Oxford University Department of Education, and asked him to present the prizes.

When he had distributed the prizes, Mr. Peterson congratulated the prizewinners and asked the Headmaster if the boys could bear to leave their work for an extra half-day in their honour. He expressed his pleasure at being asked to present the prizes and then went on to say a few words on education. He said how vitally important it was that we should take education more seriously and, even if the politicians would not take the initiative, we ourselves should do all in our power to support our schools and ensure for our children a good, balanced education. He pointed out the dangers of specialisation at too early an age and stressed the necessity for co-operation with the universities to secure a broad education for the young people of today. Speaking to the prizewinners, he said that it was primarily for them to plan their education and to keep alive as many interests as possible, and to break down the barriers between Arts and Science.

Mr. Stow then thanked Mr. Peterson and the proceedings ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE PRIZES

THE ENDOWED PRIZES. The Morland Prize (presented by Messrs. Morland in memory of W. T. Morland, O.A., and awarded for all-round merit)—A. J. Costley; The Thomas Layng Reading Prize—E. C. R. Evans; The Smith Chemistry Prizes—P. J. Ford, K. N. Haarhoff, C. T. Pollard, C. G. Purnell; The Ball Science Prize—G. S. Howlett; The Bevan Essay Prize—R. W. Harvey; The Bevan Scripture Prizes—R. C. Luker, R. S. Ogg, K. W. R. Dixon, D. R. Brown, P. G. James, K. G. Robbins; The Henderson Cricket Prizes—D. G. Morris, J. M. Bunce, G. J. Bailey.

THE SCHOOL PRIZES. The Mayor's Prize for Service to the School (presented by Ald. E. E. Sparkes, J.P.)—J. H. Thewlis; The Headmaster's Prizes—A. J. Foden, C. J. Redknap, P. P. Wintle; The Old Boys' Prizes: English Verse—R. S. Green, English Essay—G. M. Crow, English Composition—R. S. Green (Editor of 'The Abingdonian'); The Van Wagenen Essay Prize (presented by Colonel R. W. Van Wagenen, Dean of the American University, Washington, U.S.A.)—P. J. V. Willis; The Prize for Character (presented by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ellis)—R. R. Bailey; The Prizes for General Achievement (presented by H. Cornish, Esq., M.B.E., J.P.)—P. J. Ford, D. G. Morris; C.C.F. Prize—J. H. Thewlis; Seamanship Prize (presented by Lt.Cdr. K. W. Copley, D.S.C., R.N.)—D. E. Camplin; The Junior Reading Prize (presented by C. C. Woodley, Esq., O.A.)—A. W. Foster; The Music Prizes: Senior—J. H. Thewlis, D. Wiggins; Junior (presented by Miss Sheldon Peach)—A. H. Fairlie; Choral (presented by the Director of Music)—J. H. Thewlis, S. A. J. Richardson; Pianoforte (presented by H. H. Fowler, Esq., A.R.C.O.)—J. J. Day, J. B. Goodman, Brass—R. G. M. Johnston; The Art Prizes—D. J. Griffiths, C. P. Wyatt, A. T. Barrett; The Handicraft Prizes—C. R. Scott, J. Bowthorpe.

THE FORM PRIZES. Sixth Form (Upper): History—D. G. Morris; Biology—P. J. Ford; Mathematics—I. J. Kirby; Physics—K. N. Haarhoff; Sixth Form (Lower): Classics—R. C. Luker; English and History—J. S. Kelly; French—R. T. Moll; Mathematics—R. W. J. Parsons; Science—R. W. J. Bampton; Sixth Form (General)—D. Wiggins; Fifth Forms: Classics—J. M. Bunce; English—M. R. Mole; Geography—R. Allison; Biology—A. M. Q. King; French—A. A. Venn; Physics and Mathematics—G. C. H. Phillips; General Achievement—T. M. Taylor; Fourth Forms: French—T. A. Marsh; Mathematics—C. J. D. Bailey; Form 4A—T. H. Day, R. A. Lucas; Form 4B—R. W. Ellaway; Form 4C—G. C. Stone; Form 3A—D. R. Brown; Form 3X—K. J. Lay; Form 3Y—I. A. Walkinshaw; Form 2X—P. G. Henderson; Form 2Y—J. L. Walton; Form 1X—P. H. Davis; Form 1Y—S. N. Pearson.

AN EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

In place of the light operas of the last two years, a return was made this summer to the Evening Entertainment. Performances were put on on both the Friday and the Founder's Day evenings. We are grateful to Mr. Griffin, chief producer, to Mr. Sawbridge, musical director, and to those ladies of the staff who not only helped so much in the training of the choir and the orchestra but also took their places as leading members of the orchestra on the evenings concerned. Our thanks too go to Dr. E. G. Phillips, a parent, to whom we are indebted for the critique of the entertainment which appears below—

"The news had leaked out that this was to be an entertainment in a wider and older sense than that word has come to carry in these days. The first piece was a delightful example of the expectations I had built on this report. Here were all the musical instruments that the boys have learnt to play for their own pleasure skilfully arranged into a small orchestra; recorders strengthening the solitary oboe, a tuba discreetly hidden behind the solitary bass, giving to it a strange warm depth, and of course a plentiful spread of the more orthodox components. This is certainly how Handel's music was made at the time of its composition and it is still, I think, the most enjoyable way of hearing it.

The next few items were a complete surprise. Or rather, we were amazed and the dead languages were surprised in the act of living again. Through the mouths of A. G. D. Matson and I. A. D. Martin, Latin came, shall I say, about half alive, rumbling, pedestrian, rather stiff in the joints and needing also occasional jabs of the prompter's needle. Greek, which followed, had the advantage of a better scenario and in the piece spoken and neatly acted by T. A. Libby, R. S. Ogg and I. M. Cunningham I enjoyed every gesture and was only disappointed by the absence of sub-titles. The speech from the Iliad by R. S. Green which followed was again not so effective. The majority of the audience were recalled to their barbarian status and to us it sounded like well read verse rather than spoken poetry.

Entertainment proper was resumed by a return to music. D. Wiggins brought a lovely tone out of his 'cello but he became rather flustered by the difficulty of the piece and towards the end one wished he had chosen something less ambitious. This irritating criticism must also be levelled at J. H. Thewlis in the Flute Concerto. For most of the time it was completely enjoyable but Mozart, the naughty fellow, had to go and put in certain very awkward bits which were not so much played as overcome.

For the last item before the interval we returned to the dead languages—this time it was literary Irish. Fortunately our culture was broad enough and we (I am speaking for the audience) found little difficulty in understanding the drift of the play. In fact we not only understood, we enjoyed it very much indeed, rather in mood of those who are at last beginning to find what they had sought. The four actors, J. S. Kelly, R. T. Moll, N. P. Loukes and the one playing the fowl (his name was not given in the programme) were all excellent and hit off exactly the right tone of domestic entertainment.

I am sure that everyone enjoyed A. P. Haynes' solo trombone and the band and I was sorry that the Shah of Persia was not with us. I mean the one who, after a concert in England, said that the thing he had liked best was the man who kept on swallowing yards of gas pipe.

After this rousing interlude there was a modest return to the Third Programme. I was a little disappointed in G. A. Hall's speaking of the Ronsard Sonnet. He has a beautiful French accent but he could not

E.G.P.

THE QUEEN

1. SUITE from Music for the Royal Fireworks
George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)
La Rejouissance—La Paix—Bourree—Minuets I & II
—(arr. David Stone)
Senior and Junior Orchestras
2. A SPEECH IN LATIN—from Vergil Aeneid II A. G. D. Matson
I. A. D. Martin
- A SPEECH IN GREEK—from the Frogs of Aristophanes
Dionysus ... T. A. Libby
Euripides ... R. S. Ogg
Aeschylus ... I. M. Cunningham

- A SPEECH IN GREEK—Iliad IV 423—38 R. S. Green
3. KOL NIDREI—for 'Cello and Piano Max Bruch (1838—1920)
D. Wiggins ... 'Cello
Mrs. Jeanne Fry ... Piano
4. FIRST MOVEMENT, Flute Concerto No. 2 in D, K.314
—Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756—1791)
J. H. Thewlis ... Solo Flute
Senior Orchestra
5. THE POT OF BROTH — by W. B. Yeats
A Tramp ... J. S. Kelly
John Coneely ... R. T. Moll
Sibby Coneely, his wife N. P. Loukes
6. THE JOYWHEEL — by E. Sutton
A. P. Haynes ... Solo Trombone
The Band
7. SPEECHES IN FRENCH — (Quand vous serez bien vieille—
by Ronsard) G. A. Hall
Le Pont — by Hugo J. R. N. Ogle
Chanson d'Automne — by Verlaine G. M. Morse
- A SPEECH IN GERMAN — Rotkäppchen—ein Märchen
Members of the Upper Sixth and Fourth Forms
8. BLOW SOFT YE WINDS — by W. A. Paxton
Reeves House Quartet—Winners of the House Singing Cup
(A. G. Fairlie, J. Fairlie, N. P. Loukes, A. P. H. Wood)
9. THREE POEMS
Night Mail by W. H. Auden and Growltiger's Last Stand by
T. S. Eliot
J. T. Utin and Form IIIY
Tarantella by Hilaire Belloc
E. C. R. Evans and A. L. Howell (Guitar)
10. CHORAL (Polovtsian) DANCES from "Prince Igor"
Alexander Borodin (1833—1887)
Choral Society and Senior Orchestra

CRICKET

FIRST ELEVEN

An XI which begins the season with only three of the previous year's side may well expect to have a lean year, and for this reason, if for no other, 1959 deserves to rank as a very successful season. Morris, Ford and Perry were the survivors, with Baldwin, a most successful 2nd XI bowler in 1958, to back them. Practically all the other members of the side came straight up from the Colts XI, and it says much for their spirit that they were able to cope so well with the very different conditions prevailing in senior cricket.

D. G. Morris proved to be a successful captain in many ways, as the cheerful spirit of the team bears witness, and it was good to see the habit of holding a fielding practice before every game continued. His great fault however lay in field-placing, and in keeping control of the game. He handled his players admirably, but there were too many cases of gaps in the field remaining unplugged, and of missed tactical opportunities. This, after all though, is the most difficult aspect of a highly complicated game and no Captain ever goes unscathed when the critics set to work. On the whole he is to be congratulated, as are his team for their loyalty, and his personal success after a bad start was all the more welcome for this.

The bowling always looked like being a problem, and we did very well to bowl out so many sides. The regular bowlers were P. J. Ford, Long, Whitton, Baldwin and Goodwin. Ford was potentially the best of the openers, though still amazingly erratic at times, and should be a tower of strength next year. He is really fast, and moves the ball both in the air and off the pitch, and the fact that he only took 15 wickets for 20 runs apiece is not a true indication of his ability. Evans began the season well, but was replaced half way through the season by Long, who made good use of his height and shows promise of developing into an intelligent and effective medium-pacer. Whitton, who confounded all the critics against the City of Oxford School, bowls with great heart and stamina, but has a faulty action with which he is still struggling. He has taken criticism in the right spirit and could well become the most effective of the quicker bowlers. The slow bowling was monopolised by Baldwin and Goodwin, who often proved too powerful a combination for the opposition. Baldwin's left-arm spin, with cleverly varied flight and pace, though he is still sometimes prone to bowling down the leg side, accounted for 26 wickets at a cost of 14 runs each. Goodwin's slow off-spinners, well-flighted, usually of impeccable length, and with more than usual turn off the wicket, accounted for 34 wickets at 13 runs each. Baldwin will be missed next year, and it may not be easy to find an adequate substitute, but Goodwin remains to tease many an opponent into indiscretion. Undoubtedly their best performance together was against the Berkshire Gentlemen when between them they took the last seven wickets for a cost of 15 runs.

Probably our biggest anxiety was the batting, and in the early practice games it appeared likely that we should be lucky to reach three figures on many occasions. However, in the event, it was very adequate, sometimes excellent. Reluctance to punish the bad ball all too often made our rate of scoring slow, though there were occasions when the necessary runs came quickly. Inexperience was largely to blame, and with eight of this year's young side remaining the prospects for next year are much higher. Towards the end of the season several players were proving that concentration and willingness to think in terms of a long innings were paying dividends. The captain, D. G. Morris, settled after an uneasy start and carried off the batting honours with 337 runs and a batting

average of just over 30. He recognised his limitations and made full use of his strokes. His defence was suspect, but concentration and determination saved him on many occasions. Probably the most improved young batsman was Bunce who as a fifteen-year-old showed great promise and scored 250 runs at an average of 19. A left-handed opening bat, he developed in the course of the season most of the scoring strokes to add to a sound defence. Next year should see the fruits of much hard work both by Bunce and Mr. Smithson. Goodwin, the other opening bat, made 254 runs at an average of 18, and though unorthodox he made good use of his leg side scoring strokes and began to show marked improvement in defence. His running between the wickets was particularly good. P. E. Perry played two or three good innings but never really settled to run-making as a habit. He hit the ball hard, but was too often out seeking to play a straight ball to leg. He could well become the mainstay of the side next year, but will have to concentrate on each individual innings and cut out the fatal sweep. Of the other batsmen, Hamilton, Nurton, Whitton and Utin have all played their part on occasions, and Ford and Long have proved that they can make runs when required.

Generally speaking the fielding has been good this season, throwing in being particularly accurate, though there have been some surprising lapses. The outstanding fielder was Utin at cover, who proved himself indefatigable and ubiquitous. It was a joy to see his keenness and accurate throwing. Whitton and Goodwin took some fine catches, and Hamilton proved himself a very safe outfielder with a good throw. Nurton's wicket-keeping, though polished in appearance, suffered from two big faults. He takes his eye off the ball too often, and he does not stay down for long enough. He could make an unusually good keeper, but he will have to concentrate on these failings.

We look forward to next season with pleasant anticipation. If the general enthusiasm and progress of individual players are maintained it could be a very good side. There are likely to be more players knocking for admission to the team than there are vacancies and this is always a healthy state of affairs. The chief problem is likely to be another slow bowler, though there are several possible candidates. No report would be complete without a word of gratitude to Mr. Smithson for his hard work and invaluable advice. His share in the development of these young cricketers cannot be over-emphasised.

The team in order of batting was: Bunce, Goodwin, D. G. Morris, P. E. Perry, Hamilton, M. D. Nurton, Utin, Whitton, Long, P. J. Ford, R. J. Baldwin.

Evans, D. R. M., played seven times; Ogg and Keeys once each.

Full Colours were awarded to: D. G. Morris, P. E. Perry, P. J. Ford and R. J. Baldwin.



I. M. Cunningham, Mr. A. A. Hillary, M. D. Nurton, J. T. Utin, S. R. Long, W. C. Hamilton, P. G. D. Whitton,
Mr. G. Smithson,
J. M. Bunce, R. J. Baldwin, D. G. Morris (Capt.), P. E. Perry, P. J. Ford, D. M. Goodwin.



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Half Colours were awarded to: Bunce, Goodwin, Hamilton, Nurton, Utin, Long and Whitton.

Scorer: I. M. Cunningham.

The Fletcher Cup went to D. G. Morris, average 30.63.

The Morris Cup, presented by T. G. Morris, Esq., awarded for the first time this year, went to Goodwin, D. M. as the most successful all-rounder. Batting average: 18.14. Bowling: 34 wickets at 13.5 each.

The Common Room Bat, a pleasant revival of an old custom, went to D. G. Morris.

A.A.H.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES

v. Newbury Grammar School (h). Sat., 9th May. Drawn.

Newbury started off well, making 58 runs before the first wicket fell. No other batsman really settled down and they declared when they had 132 runs on the board.

Bunce and Goodwin put on 24 runs for the School before Goodwin was caught. The next few batsmen were dismissed fairly quickly but then Hamilton came in and stayed to force a draw.

Newbury: 132 for 8 (Chapman 53; Rippin 23; Goodwin 4-40).

Abingdon: 118 for 9 (Bunce 31; Hamilton 20 not out; Chapman 5-34).

v. Magdalen College School (h). Sat., 23rd May. Drawn.

Magdalen batted carefully and steadily but with Evans and Goodwin bowling particularly well they were all out just before tea for 110 runs. Nurton, behind the wicket claimed four victims.

The School lost two very quick wickets for only 4 runs. Magdalen's fast bowler, Martin, was never played confidently and the School finished with 74 runs for the loss of 6 wickets. An instance of deplorably slow scoring, but valuable experience was gained.

Magdalen: 110 (Smith 23; Goodwin 5-28; Evans 4-28).

Abingdon: 74 for 6 (Martin 5 for 25).

v. Leighton Park School (a). Wed., 27th May. Won.

Despite the early loss of Bunce, the School batted confidently, Perry making 54 and Whitton and Nurton scoring a useful 30 runs after tea.

The School bowlers struck quickly, taking the first wicket for the cost of only 3 runs. The next two batsmen, however, stopped a collapse momentarily, but Baldwin bowled very well with the result that the last 6 wickets fell for only 16 runs.

Abingdon: 148 for 8 (Perry 54; Macdonald 5-54).

Leighton Park: 87 (Macdonald 28; Baldwin 5-17).

v. Bloxham School (h). Sat., 30th May. Drawn.

Bloxham started off very well, scoring fairly quickly until the slow bowlers began to take effect; they declared with 182 runs on the board.

The School also started well, the opening pair putting on 37 runs before Goodwin was run out. Morris then came in and with the help of Bunce, Perry and Nurton took the score to 126 before the close of play.

Bloxham: 182 for 8 (Decker 40; Franks 36 not out; Baldwin 3-49).

Abingdon: 126 for 4 (Morris 51 not out; Nurton 22 not out).

v. The Common Room (h). Wed., 3rd June. Lost.

The School's opening pair were both out after some twenty minutes of play. Morris and Perry, however, stayed in and put on 45 before Morris was stumped. Only Whitton showed any aggression after this and the School were all out for 128 runs.

Although Mr. Griffin was scoring well the Staff side did not really settle down until Mr. Smithson came in and with the help of Mr. Milton and Mr. Hillary took the score to 131 in two hours.

Abingdon: 128 (Morris 39; Perry 30; L. C. J. Griffin 3-12; M. W. Vallance 3-34).

The Common Room: 131 (G. A. Smithson 48 not out; L. C. J. Griffin 29).

v. Solihull School (a), 11.30 a.m. Sat., 6th June. Lost.

The School began well, having 56 runs on the board before the first wicket fell. Goodwin, with the help of Morris, Perry and Hamilton, took the score to 136 before being l.b.w. for 67. The School finally declared at 177 for 5, having had a half-hour break for rain.

Solihull scored very quickly to begin with and had 117 before their first wicket fell. Unfortunately no bowler would bowl well in very wet conditions with a ball as slippery as piece of soap, and they reached 180 in 1 hour 41 mins.

Abingdon: 177 for 5 (Goodwin 67; Morris 22).

Solihull: 180 for 5 (Tennant 77; Lea 52; Cooper 36; Baldwin 3-19).

v. The Berkshire Gentlemen (h), 11.30 a.m. Wed., 10th June. Lost.

The opening School bowlers struck quickly and dismissed two batsmen for only 5 runs. F. W. Neate then came in and together with D. W. Stokes put on 98 runs before being caught. D. H. Waghorn then took his place and another 78 runs were added before he too was out.

The Berkshire Gentlemen finished with a total of 196, Goodwin and Baldwin dismissing the last 7 batsmen for 15 runs.

The School started off steadily but as soon as the first three batsmen were out no-one else showed any confidence and the side was all out for only 117 runs.

Berkshire Gentlemen 196 (D. W. Stokes 71; F. W. Neate 61; D. H. Waghorn 40; Goodwin 5-45).

Abingdon: 117 (Morris 39; Goodwin 30; C. E. Brooks 4-44; G. E. Johnson 4-19).

v. Old Abingdonians (h), 11.0 a.m. Sat., 13th June. Won.

R. Kennedy, W. Phipps and R. Banwell were the only batsmen who really showed any aggression for the Old Boys, and even these were unable to master the bowling of Goodwin and Baldwin. The O.A. total of 86 runs was a surprisingly low score for a side strong on paper.

The School lost their first two wickets for only 5 runs but then Perry came in and with the help of Goodwin and Nurton took the score to 87 for 4. The game finished early in the afternoon.

Old Abingdonians: 86 (Goodwin 4-38; Baldwin 4-26).

Abingdon: 87 for 4 (Perry 51 not out; B. Budden 3-19).

v. City of Oxford School (h). Sat., 20th June. Won.

Thomas and Strongitharm made a very good start for the City of Oxford, putting on 67 runs before Thomas was bowled. No other batsman really settled down and the wickets then began to fall rapidly. Whitton bowled very well, taking six wickets including a hat-trick, all three victims being bowled.

The School batting began rather slowly, the first four batsmen putting on 98 runs in 1 hour 45 minutes. Ford and Hamilton then, very sensibly, began hitting the ball hard and scored the necessary 22 runs in ten minutes.

City of Oxford: 119 (Strongitharm 57, Thomas 32; Whitton 6-11 including hat-trick).

Abingdon: 120 for 4 (Morris 40; Bunce 28).

v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (h). Wed., 24th June. Won.

At first the school scored very quickly: the opening pair put on 60 runs before Goodwin was caught for 37. Then Morris and Perry were both out with the addition of 33 runs and the next six batsmen could only add an extra 25 runs. Whitton then came in and together with Long took the score to 153 before Long was out.

None of the Wantage batsmen offered much resistance at all, no-one reaching double figures and they were finally all out for 37 runs.

Abingdon: 171 for 9 (Bunce 56; Goodwin 37; Whitton 32 not out; Sym 5-66).

Wantage: 37 (Goodwin 3-14; Kees 2-0).

v. St. Edward's School 2nd XI (a). Sat., 27th June. Drawn.

St. Edward's went in to bat on a very wet makeshift wicket and their opening pair put on 98 runs before Nash was out for 50. The School's fielding was very poor and St. Edward's finally declared with 150 runs on the board for the loss of only 1 wicket.

The School started off fairly well but lost their first wicket for 31 runs. Morris and Bunce then stayed in until the end of the innings when the School were 97 for 1.

St. Edward's 150 for 1 (Wallace 71 not out; Nash 50).

Abingdon: 97 for 1 (Bunce 61 not out).

v. Abingdon Cricket Club (h). Sat., 4th July. Drawn.

Ford and Long took the first two Cricket Club wickets quickly but then G. Smithson and M. Smith added 69 runs before Smith was out. P. Dunthorne and P. Fitzsimons were the only other batsmen to put up any resistance and the Cricket Club eventually declared at 154 for 8.

The School batsmen unhappily never looked confident at any stage of their innings but they managed to stay in long enough to force a draw.

Abingdon Cricket Club: 154 for 8 (G. Smithson 56; P. Dunthorne 34 not out; M. Smith 31; Baldwin 3-39).

Abingdon: 112 for 9 (Goodwin 22; Hamilton 20).

v. Oratory School (a). Sat., 11th July. Won.

The School lost their first 4 wickets for only 9 runs. Morris went in, therefore, with the situation looking hopeless, but he very soon settled down and with the help of Nurton took the score to 54.

The School then lost four more wickets for the addition of only 26 runs, but Baldwin, playing very sensibly, stayed with Morris and together they added another 45 runs before the School finally declared. This was a splendid recovery, and Morris' innings undoubtedly his best performance of the season.

Ford struck quickly for the School, taking two quick Oratory wickets, after which no batsman, except Northey and Langar, seemed confident and eventually our opponents were all out for 94 runs.

Abingdon: 125 for 9 (Morris 68 not out; Nurton 23; Hawkes 6-35).

Oratory: 94 (Northey 23; Langar 21; Ford 3-13).

v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). Sat., 18th July. Drawn.

Ford and Long bowled well for the School, taking the first seven wickets for 39 runs. Jones was then joined by Fountain and together they put on 69 runs before Fountain was out. The next two Wycombe batsmen added a few more runs and they were eventually all out for 142.

The High Wycombe fast bowlers struck quickly and took the first three School wickets for 9 runs. Fortunately Morris and Utin managed to master the bowling and the School finished with the score at 124 for 7.

High Wycombe: 142 (Jones 46 not out; Fountain 33; Ford 4-23; Long 3-30; Goodwin 3-23).

Abingdon: 124 for 7 (Utin 31 not out; Morris 31; Blokland 3-29; Bond 3-38).

P.E.P.

SECOND ELEVEN

In terms of results this season's 2nd XI did not live up to expectations. While the bowlers of the side steadily improved and frequently did more than was expected of them on the hard wickets, too often was it left to them to hold up the batting as time and again the "recognised" batsmen failed to fulfil the promise of earlier years.

Yarkoff did all a captain could with characteristic thoughtfulness and zeal. Only in the matter of winning the toss was he unable to have his own way being successful only twice. Perhaps, then, the season will best be remembered for hot toiling in the field where Burton's work behind the stumps was better than anything produced by an opposing side. His was an example of concentration all too rarely followed by the slips, a fact which blunted a lively attack by Long, Robey and Yarkoff. With Long's commendable transfer to the 1st XI much of the sting went out of the attack: Evans, D. R. M., replaced him and though capable of steady spells did little to trouble most batsmen. A more desirable result of Long's departure was the obvious stimulation to the efforts of others to win a bowling place in the side. Of special note was the progress made by Bampton, R. J. C., whose 15 for 104 in 40 overs was good enough to suggest that, with his excellent out-fielding and throwing, the future is bright. The fielding was on the whole satisfactory though the hard grounds made ground fielding difficult.

It took some time for the batting order to sort itself out. Eventually Burton emerged as one who could give his side many a sound opening achieved, in the absence of strokes, by first-rate calling and running. With his partner, Hossent, this attacking opening was always heartening to watch. Hossent's own contributions, the products of eye and courage, improved as the season grew older and led to a memorable opening first wicket partnership of 102 in the final match of the season.

Of the rest of the side no-one was consistent enough to give the team—or the captain—much confidence. Each had his moments and the improvement of Carslaw and Robey was pleasing. Robey's 37 against Abingdon C.C., from an exhibition of free-flowing driving, left one in no doubt that he was potentially a very promising all-rounder.

Team: Yarkoff (Captain), Bampton, R. J. C., Burton, Cain, Carslaw, Hossent, Hurd, Neilan, Robey, Wyatt, Evans, D. R. M.; also played: Long (4 times) Johnson (3 times), Ogg (twice), Ford, M. S. (once).

Match Results

(Played 9; Won 2; Drawn 4; Lost 3)

9th May v. Newbury (a). Drawn.

Newbury 95 (Long 5-17). Abingdon 86 for 7.

23rd May v. Magdalen College School (a). Won by 2 wkts.

M.C.S. 45 (Long 4-18). Abingdon 47 for 8 (Neilan 28 not out).

30th May v. Bloxham School (h). Lost by 79 runs.

Bloxham 173. Abingdon 94.

6th June v. Solihull School (a). Lost by 41 runs.

Solihull 133 (Bampton 4-21). Abingdon 92.

13th June v. Old Abingdonians (h). Lost by 7 wkts.

O.A.'s 107 for 3 (Penney 64 not out). Abingdon 106 for 3.

20th June v. City of Oxford School (h). Drawn.

C.O.S. 143 for 5 dec. Abingdon 89 for 9 (Hossent 48 not out).

1st July v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (a). Won by 74 runs.

Wantage 64 (Yarkoff 5-26). Abingdon 138 for 5 dec. (Burton 44; Carslaw 33 not out).

4th July v. Abingdon C.C. (h). Drawn.

Abingdon C.C. 65 for 8 (Bampton 3-10). Abingdon 120 for 6 dec. (Robey 37; Burton 30).

18th July v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). Drawn.

R.G.S. 116 for 7 (Bampton 2-1). Abingdon 170 (Hossent 55; Burton 40).

C.D.B.M.

COLTS' ELEVEN

This has been a very pleasant season, even if, to judge by results, not a very successful one. We got off to a good start by beating Magdalen fairly comfortably, but then lost a match against Reading largely through bad fielding. The matches against St. Edward's and Radley were the best games of the season, the former being won by St. Edward's with only a few minutes to spare, and the latter drawn after a fine stand between Ogg and Ford had realised 88 runs, and brought victory within reach. Their departure, however, led to the loss of several wickets quickly in a vain attempt to score quickly from steady bowling. The last match, against Bloxham, was disappointing. At one

time it looked as though we were going to get them out cheaply, but two of their later batsmen pulled the game round, and then four of our wickets fell cheaply, and despite a gallant attempt to save the game by our later batsmen, which lasted an hour and three quarters, our last wicket fell with twenty minutes still to go.

The batting varied, and depended for the most part on a few boys, of whom the most outstanding were Ogg with innings of 20, 39, 51 and 52, and M. J. Ford (42 and 28). Nelson, Weir and Rosevear also batted well on occasions.

The bowling was reasonable, though sometimes variable in length. The importance of bowling a length cannot be over-emphasised. Most successful was Davis, supported by Ogg, Cooksley and Rosevear.

The fielding also varied between very good and rather slack. Runs which might have changed the result of a match were sometimes given away needlessly. Throwing in was a general weakness, several of the team having strong throws, but being unable to control them.

Ogg was a very good captain, calm and authoritative, and his own performances both with bat and ball were an example to his side.

Results

(Played 5; Won 1; Lost 3; Drawn 1)

- v. Magdalen College School. Won. Abingdon 124; M.C.S. 91.
- v. Reading School. Lost. Abingdon 138 for 6 dec. Reading 139 for 6.
- v. St. Edward's. Lost. Abingdon 159 for 9 dec. St. Edwards' 163 for 7.
- v. Radley College. Drawn. Radley 117 for 7 dec.; Abingdon 99 for 6.
- v. Bloxham. Lost. Bloxham 137; Abingdon 46.

The team was as follows: Ogg, Rosevear, Nelson, Davis, C. M., Wood, A. P. H., Weir, Ford, M. S., Keeys, Martin, Watts, J. C. M., Cooksley.

Also played (twice each): Pegram, Marsh, T. A., Winfield, Taylor, D. M.

L.C.J.G.

JUNIOR COLTS' ELEVEN

The Junior Colts' XI had a reasonably successful season in spite of the fact that it was not a well-balanced side. The attack looked strong on paper, but unfortunately Keeys rarely managed to use Munson and the bowlers were allowed to bowl when they were not at their best. The batting was held together by Ford but well though he played—and his 24 off one over was one of the highlights—he could not get the support he deserved. The most disappointing feature of the team was the slackness in the field, particularly at the beginning of an innings and it was this failing which was largely responsible for the defeats at the hands of St. Edward's and Bloxham. In spite of the lapses, the team did play some entertaining cricket and several of them show much promise, particularly Ford as an all-rounder, Watts and Wilson as batsmen and Keeys, Cooksley and Redgrave as bowlers.

Team: Keeys (Captain), Ford (M. S.), Veysey, Watts (J. C. M.), Fairlie, J., Cooksley, Redgrave, Foster (A. W.), Munson (P. R.), Wilson (S. R.), Hewison (D. J. B.).

Also played: Newbold, Williams (A. J.).

Match Results

(Played 5; Won 3; Lost 2)

- May 9 v. Newbury. Won by 13 runs.
- May 13 v. Oratory. Won by 15 runs.
- May 27 v. Leighton Park. Won by 14 runs.
- June 20 v. St. Edward's. Lost by 7 wkts.
- July 19 v. Bloxham. Lost by 16 runs.

B.C.W.

JUNIOR ELEVEN

The Junior XI played as a team and had a very successful season under a good captain, Bailey (G. J.), Chadwick and Barrett (A. T.) were not always accurate opening bowlers but each bowled well on occasions, and they were followed by the leg-spinners of Partridge which proved too much for most of our opponents, by Bailey's off-breaks and—if necessary—by other useful bowlers. Evans (R. J. M.) is a promising wicket keeper and the fielding was usually good when the occasion demanded, Matson (I. W. D.), Davis (P. H.) and Barrett being outstanding. The batting was powerful. The openers, Urwick and Jennings, made a lot of runs together, though (in Urwick's case particularly) there are faults of technique which must be overcome. Ford (C.) played several polished innings while Evans and Bailey, both occasionally too impetuous, and Matson are all stroke-makers who played well. Morris (T. R.) is another promising opener and one felt that all could get good scores if need be. Magdalen College School administered a useful lesson about over-confidence but thereafter they all enjoyed their cricket and were learning to play in a mature way. This was demonstrated in the last match against Bloxham when we scored the 181 necessary to win in 110 minutes by sound methods—and some good strokes.

Match Results:

(Played 9; Won 7; Lost 1; Drawn 1)

- May 9 v. Newbury (h). Won by 10 wkts.
- May 23 v. Magdalen College School (a). Lost by 2 wkts.
- June 6 v. Reading School (h). Drawn.
- June 17 v. City of Oxford School (a). Won by 9 wkts.
- June 24 v. Col. Bryceson's School (h). Won by 10 wkts.
- July 4 v. New College School (a). Won by 10 wkts.
- July 8 v. Oratory (h). Won by 10 wkts.
- July 11 v. Radley College (h). Won by 2 runs.
- July 18 v. Bloxham (a). Won by 2 wkts.

The team was: Bailey (Captain), Jennings, Barrett, Evans, Matson, Chadwick, Ford, Partridge, Urwick, Morris and Davis.

Also played for the full team: Westall, Moore, Flint (I. R.) and Henderson.

M.W.V.

HOUSE MATCHES

The Knock-out Competitions, both Senior and Junior, were won by Bennett House; the Senior League Cup went to Reeves House and Junior League was shared between Reeves and Tesdale House.

ROWING

The main objective this season has been to consolidate the progress made last year, and in this we feel that we have been successful. Indeed, we have done more, for although the crews did not win any 'pots', we have met and sometimes defeated opposition of a class considerably higher than any previously encountered, as reference to the race results beneath will show. It is hoped to continue this progress next year!

At long last we were fortunate enough to acquire another shell eight, second-hand but in good condition, which enabled our 2nd VIII to train and race in a shell. A 3rd and 4th VIII took over the clinker boat, numerous 'fours' have been training on slides, and it is felt that considerable progress has thus been made in broadening the basis of the School rowing. The beginners, on fixed seats, have been using the 'Marlow' and even the 'Kingston' came out of semi-retirement in time for the Boat Club Regatta, where the dignity of her progress on the waters was exceeded only by her slowness: she failed to win a race!

The most important step forwards however, has been the generous offer by the Governors of a new boat for next season, and provisional agreement to our entering at Henley provided that the Eight is good enough. It is up to us! We are most grateful for the opportunity and for the means to carry out this long-standing ambition.

We must also express our thanks—as usual, and therefore all the more sincerely, to Mr. J. O. Bury for providing us with boat transport, often at great inconvenience to himself. His enthusiasm and support, and that of the President of the O.A. Boat Club and all the other Old Boys, is very much appreciated. We are also grateful to Lord Glyn of Farnborough for again giving us Enclosure tickets so that members of the Eight could visit Henley Royal Regatta. To the anonymous donor of £50 towards the purchase of our latest shell eight we would only say that so far only the Eton second eight has been able to put daylight between us.

Congratulations to Abingdon Rowing Club who have won Maiden and Junior Fours already this season. May rowing at Abingdon continue to prosper.

CREWS

1st VIII

Bow	A. L. Howell	10	8
2	T. A. Sewry	10	10
3	P. P. Wintle	11	10
4	A. J. Costley	11	6
5	J. H. Thewlis	11	0
6	B. D. Gibbs	12	4
7	N. G. Mackenzie	10	7
Stroke	R. L. Antrobus	11	9
Cox	D. F. K. Smith	8	3

2nd VIII

Bow	Griffiths, D. J.	9	7
2	Ogle, J. R. N.	10	1
3	Rowles, A.	9	13
4	Haarhoff	12	9
5	Merriman	12	1
6	Howlett, G. S.	11	4
7	Mackenzie, A. J.	11	5
Stroke	Woodham, C. H.	9	4
Cox	Butt	8	12

3rd VIII

Bow	Booth	10	1
2	Mogey	9	1
3	Johnston	11	1
4	Willis (P. J. V.)	10	11
5	Wright	11	0
6	Nash	10	6
7	Heather-Hayes	10	10
Stroke	Lucas	9	12
Cox	Pickup		

For Wallingford Regatta the 3rd VIII was divided into two fours.

FIRST VIII

May 16th. *Thames Ditton Regatta. Junior-Senior Eights.*

The first heat was rowed against Vesta R. C. The School were leading after a minute when the race was stopped owing to an obstruction—a feature of this regatta. After starting again, level, the School again went ahead and won by one length.

The semi-final was rowed against Trinity College, Oxford I. This strong crew which included some University Trial oarsmen led by about a length at half-way. A tremendous sprint by the School over the second half of the course just failed and Trinity won by three feet. They won the Final by one length.

May 20th *v. Sir Wm. Borlase's School. Away.*

Rowed over the Regatta Course, the School won by a length in the good time of 4 min. 30 secs.

May 23rd v. Radley College III. Away.

Won by four lengths. This fixture was held too early in the season for the Radley crew.

May 30th v. Bedford Modern School I. Away.

Our first fixture against a Henley School. A good start by the School gave us an immediate advantage and a series of 'tens' opened up the gap. We won a hard race by three lengths in 3 mins. 41.2 secs. The race was rowed over the Bedford Regatta course.

June 6th. Wallingford Regatta. Senior Eights.

In the first heat we rowed St. Edmund Hall II in a howling gale and very rough water, and lost by three feet, in another desperate finish. A 'free' start by our opponents, whose stake boat had blown away, gave them an early advantage of which they made full use.

June 10th v. Magdalen College School. Away.

This was our first race in eights against our old friends and rivals, and we won by a length and a half, over the full bumping course.

June 13th. Reading Amateur Regatta. Junior-Senior Eights.

In the first heat we were drawn against Cheltenham College I and Cygnet R.C. A good start gave us the lead and despite challenges first by Cygnet and then by Cheltenham the School won by one third and two and a half lengths respectively.

The semi-final was against Winchester College I and Bedford School I, both Henley schools as are Cheltenham and Magdalen College School. The race developed into a struggle with Bedford School, Winchester dropping back steadily. At the enclosures a spurt took us nearly up to Bedford but they answered us effectively and beat us by two-thirds of a length. We beat Winchester College by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

June 20th. Marlow Regatta. Public Schools' Eights.

The first race was against St. Paul's II and Kingston G.S. II, and we won this convincingly.

In the semi-final against Shrewsbury II and St. Edward's II we were left behind at the start and were soon a length down on both crews. A series of hard 'tens' however enabled us to pass Shrewsbury at the half distance and St. Edward's just before the finish. A very fine performance.

The Final was against Eton College II and Radley II, who were both rather fresher having had only one race each in the day. The School fought gallantly, but were beaten by Eton by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths and Radley by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

SECOND VIII

May 18th. Reading Clinker Regatta. Junior Eights.

Heat 1 Beat Gladstone Warwick R.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Heat 2 Lost to Sir Wm. Borlase's School I by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

May 20th v. Sir Wm. Borlase's School II.

Won by 2 lengths.

May 30th v. Bedford Modern School.

Won by 2 lengths.

June 6th. Wallingford Regatta. Junior Eights.

Heat 1 Lost to Radley College 4th VIII by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. (Crab¹).

June 10th v. Magdalen College School II.

Won by 5 lengths.

June 13th. Reading Amateur Regatta. Junior Eights.

- Heat 1 Lost to Kingston R.C.
Beat Burway R. C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

June 20th. Marlow Regatta. Junior Eights.

- Heat 1 Lost to Clifton College I by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.
Beat St. Catherine's College (Cambs.) II.

THIRD VIII

May 18th. Reading Clinker Regatta. Maiden Eights.

- Heat 1 Beat Abingdon R.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.
Heat 2 Lost to Sir Wm. Borlase's School II.

About the two fours from this crew which appeared at Wallingford Regatta in the Maiden and Schoolboy Fours, the least said the better!

BOAT CLUB REGATTA

The Regatta was held on Culham Reach on 11th July. The standard of the House Rowing was extremely high this year, the winning senior four failing by only $1\frac{1}{2}$ seconds to beat the course record established in 1954 by the School 1st IV.

Results

- Bennett Cup for Senior House Fours—Reeves beat Blacknall by $\frac{1}{2}$ length in 3 mins. 13.8 secs.
Morrell Cup for Junior (Fixed) Fours—Blacknall beat Reeves 'B' by 3 lengths.
Event (no Cup) for Junior (Sliding) Fours—Reeves 'A' beat Blacknall by $\frac{1}{2}$ length in 3 mins. 24 secs.
Pierpoint Cup—Dayboys beat Boarders by $\frac{1}{2}$ length in 3 mins. 17 secs.
Senior Sculls—R. L. Antrobus retained the title of Mayor's Waterman by defeating P. P. Wintle.
Eights—Leavers v. 'The Rest'. 'The Rest' won by 1 length.

We are grateful to Mrs. W. G. Potter for presenting the prizes.

R.G.M.

TENNIS

The fine weather has brought with it a successful season, five matches out of eleven being won. The 1st pair (Bragg and Kirby) played consistently throughout the season winning 23 rubbers out of a possible 33, but the 2nd pair of Tuck and Womar in general failed to fulfil their promise, though they had one very good match against Abingdon L.T.C. The 3rd pair of Morse and Paige proved useful and determined and this was born out by the fact that they won the same number of rubbers—11—as the 2nd pair. If the 2nd pair had had the determination of Morse and Paige, their potentialities might have been fully realised. Despite two heavy defeats at the beginning of the season, the team can look back on an enjoyable and reasonably successful year, although there are, we must admit, slight tinges of regret in that we did not enter for the Youll Cup at Wimbledon this year.

The 2nd VI, in its second established season, won two out of five matches, whilst one match was arranged for the Junior VI.

The Buckley Cup attracted a record number of entries, 65 in all. The seeding worked out according to plan, and in a final dominated by nerves rather than good play D. H. Bragg beat M. D. Tuck 4—6, 6—0, 6—3.

Once again we are very grateful to Mr. Lay for his coaching services and we are sure that his Thursday afternoon visits will bring forth good results in the future.

Finally we warmly congratulate M. D. Tuck, S. M. Womar, G. M. Morse and R. K. Paige on the award of their colours.

FIRST VI MATCHES

May 9	v. Radley College (h).	Lost	2—5
May 23	v. Magdalen College (h).	Lost	3—6
May 27	v. Leighton Park School (a).	Lost	0—9
May 30	v. Bloxham School (h).	Won	7—2
June 6	v. Berkhamsted School (a).	Lost	1—8½
June 13	v. Old Abingdonians (h).	Won	7—2
June 24	v. Staff (h).	Won	6—3
July 4	v. Pangbourne Nautical College (a).	Lost	3½—5½
July 11	v. Abingdon L.T.C. 'A' (a).	Won	8—1
July 15	v. Reading School (h).	Won	6—3
July 19	v. R.G.S. High Wycombe (h).	Lost	2½—6½

The match v. Culham College was cancelled because of rain.

SECOND VI MATCHES

1st Pair: D. Wiggins (Capt.) and R. W. J. Bampton.

2nd Pair: C. A. T. Purrett and M. P. M. Hart.

3rd Pair: R. B. B. Houghton and P. L. Hedges.

Also played: G. G. Ganf, R. Dickenson, G. L. Kent, P. J. Leather, K. W. A. Dixon.

	v. Culham College (a).	Lost	2½—6½
May 23	v. Magdalen College (a).	Lost	3—6
June 10	v. Salesian College (a).	Won	5½—3½
June 17	v. City of Oxford 1st VI (a).	Lost	3—6
July 18	v. Bloxham School (a).	Won	6—3

D.H.B.

ATHLETICS

There has been unprecedented activity this summer for not only have many of our Senior Athletes competed on numerous occasions for Reading A.C. and Oxford City A.C. but also we have for the first time engaged in an Inter-School match. The term opened with a very fine performance by J. A. Sheard who took third place in the Junior 880 yards at the Portsmouth Trophy Meeting. His time of 2—06.1 was better than the School Record.

RESULTS

*v. Pocklington School & Stamford School; Wed., 20th May.
(at Stamford)*

Although we took second place in the Inter-School match we gained only one victory—in the Mile. Harvey and Sheard were in a class of their own finishing together yards ahead of Stubbins of Pocklington. No-one could have forecast that the first two competitors in the Shot would two months later take the same positions in the All-England's but the bad conditions had something to do with the low standard. G. G. Ganf's sprinting was most impressive and he was certainly well inside T. M. J. Kempinski's School furlong record of 24.2 seconds.

Results:

- 100 yards: P. D. Briggs (P), 10.7; G. G. Ganf (A); R. L. Wheatley (P); P. R. Davis (A).
 220 yards: P. D. Briggs (P), 23.2; J. G. Ewan (P); G. G. Ganf (A); P. R. Davies (A).
 440 yards: G. F. Allen (S), 53.3; R. G. Capper (P); M. P. Cross (A); N. R. Sullivan (S).
 880 yards: T. C. Barham (S), 2-08.8; N. R. Sullivan (S); J. A. Sheard (A); M. W. Morley (P).
 Mile: J. A. Sheard and R. W. Harvey (A), 4-51.5; G. Stubbins (P); R. F. Hance (S).
 Shot: A. M. R. Burgin (P), 43' 10"; D. G. Darroch (A); J. M. Talbot (A); G. F. Allen (S).
 Discus: A. M. R. Burgin (P), 119' 0"; D. G. Darroch (A); P. W. Train (P); J. M. Talbot (A).
 Javelin: P. W. Train (P), 141' 9"; Pocklington; J. M. Milne (A); B. K. Harborth (S).
 High Jump: D. H. Matthews (S), 5' 1"; J. M. Hewitt (P); P. T. Fulton (S); B. Foster (P).
 Long Jump: D. H. Matthews (S), 19' 2"; R. L. Wheatley (P); A. F. Cummings (S); J. M. Milne (A).
 Match Result: Pocklington—68 pts. Abingdon—50 pts. Stamford—42 pts.

Berkshire A.A.A. Championships

A small team met with considerable good fortune and brought back four Gold, one Silver and two Bronze medals. Ganf's 100 yards time in his heat (10.4) was probably the fastest ever by a member of this School for he did not have the advantages of a downhill track and following wind as did the School record holder whose time of 10.2 was, we are told by the *Abingdonian*, probably worth 10.6 under normal conditions. R. W. Harvey ran extremely well in the Senior Three Miles won by S. Eldon in 13-35.6—the fastest time of the year at that stage of the season. Mention must be made of J. A. Sheard's mile—the best ever performance by an Abingdonian over this distance.

U/19 Shot just qualified for the final in fifth position (six qualified). In the final three rounds he improved his position to second with a put of 47' 10½"—a mere 2½ inches better than the fifth placed competitor. The event was won by A. M. R. Burgin of Pocklington, on this occasion representing the Yorkshire Schools' A.A.

During the term Full-Colours were awarded to M. P. Cross and P. R. Davis.

D.G.D.

SWIMMING

Swimming began early this term owing to a spell of very fine weather. Mr. Coleman had a record number of non-swimmers and has taught 34 out of 40 to swim. Life saving classes were also started early this term under the instruction of the Secretary. At the R.L.S. Society's examination on Friday 25th at St. Helen's School swimming pool, all the candidates were successful. P. Kandiah gained his instructor's certificate, A. G. Dillabough a Bar to the Award of Merit, and R. F. Budden, P. R. Davis, M. J. Evans, R. M. Kirby, D. P. Kirk, B. R. Rosevear, T. I. Silvey, and R. H. Wiggins all achieved their bronze medallions.

The Swimming Sports were held in the Municipal Pool on the afternoon of 22nd July. It was perhaps the most exciting Sports Day for some years, for with only the last relay to come Reeves and Tesdale had an equal number of points. The former were the victors and the final house placings were Reeves (65) first, Tesdale (60) second, Blacknall (18) and Bennett (10). Mrs. Gray very kindly presented the cups and certificates.

Results

Open Sprint: 2 lengths (new event):

1—Kandiah; 2—Wyatt; 3—Lier. 34 secs.

Junior Diving: 1—Morris, T. R.; 2—Foster; 3—Hewison, A. R. L.

U/16 Breast Stroke: 4 lengths (Record: 1 min. 37.9 secs.):

1—Moss, I. W.; 2—Wiggins, R. H.; 3—Foster. 1 min. 34 secs.

U/14 Back Stroke: 2 lengths (Record: 48.6 secs.):

1—Davis, R. B.; 2—Mackay; 3—Evans. 51 secs.

Open Free Style: 4 lengths (Record: 1 min. 17 secs.):

1—Kandiah; 2—Davis; 3—Rosevear. 1 min. 23.6 secs.

Open Breast Stroke: 4 lengths (Record: 1 min. 32.6 secs.):

1—Dillabough; 2—Moss; 3—Ganf. 1 min. 35 secs.

U/16 Free Style: 4 lengths (Record: 1 min. 24.2 secs.):

1—Davis, C. M.; 2—Rosevear; 3—Burrige. 1 min. 38 secs.

Senior Diving: 1—Dillabough; 2—Costley; 3—Morris, D. G.

Open Back Stroke: 4 lengths (Record: 1 min. 39.6 secs.):

1—Griffiths; 2—Dillabough; 3—Ganf. 1 min. 46 secs.

Open Free Style: 10 lengths (Record: 3 mins. 51 secs.):

1—Davis, C. M.; 2—Kandiah; 3—Bett. 4 mins, 46 secs.

U/14 Free Style: 2 lengths (Record: 38.3 secs.):

1—Morris, T. R.; 2—Mackay; 3—Davis, R. B. 40.6 secs.

Open Breast Stroke: 10 lengths (Record: 4 min. 10.9 secs.):

1—Wyatt; 2—Dillabough; 3—Woodham. 4 min. 44 secs.

U/16 Back Stroke: 2 lengths (Record: 46 secs.):

1—Davis, C. M.; 2—Foster; 3—Davis, R. B. 47.3 secs.

U/14 Breast Stroke: 2 lengths (Record: 51.6 secs.):

1—Morris, T. R.; 2—Jamieson; 3—Evans, P. J. 51.4 secs.
(New record).

Junior Relay: 1—Tesdale; 2—Reeves; 3—Bennett.

Senior Medley Relay: 1—Reeves; 2—Blacknall; 3—Tesdale.

Green Cup—Reeves House; Eliot Cup (Victor Ludorum)—Davis, C. M.

Becker Cup (10 lengths Free Style)—Davis, C. M.

P.K.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Term opened with the Corps taking a limited part in an evening parade organised by the sponsors of Youth Week. This was held in the old Cattle Market on Thursday, 7th May. The R.A. Section gave an effective display of 25-pounder gun drill and the Band played for the Naval Sunset ceremony.

This new activity preceded a crowded week: a visit to Ambassador VIII on the Monday, Field Day—on a Company basis and in considerable heat—on the Tuesday, and Cert. A exams on the Friday. A Board from the 10th Hussars took a good—perhaps too kindly—view of the Part 2 candidates and passed all thirty-four, two with credit.

The contingent paraded in some strength on the last Sunday in May for the Empire Youth Service and March Past. Our Band this year led the parade and played contingents past at the Saluting Base.

There followed a period of preparation for the Inspection which was carried out on Friday, 17th July by Brigadier R. L. T. Burges, D.S.O., C.R.A. 3 Div. The Brigadier made a friendly but searching Inspection of both the ceremonial parade and subsequent training. In his report, he says "there is no doubt that this is a thoroughly efficient C.C.F. and it was a pleasure to inspect them."

After Inspection, the R.A. Section Classification tests were carried out by Lt.Col. Gunn, M.C., R.A., of the O.U.O.T.C. on the 20th July. Successful candidates were fewer than usual—L/Bdr. Wiggins, L/Bdr. Fry and Gunner Booth alone being qualified in both parts of the exam.

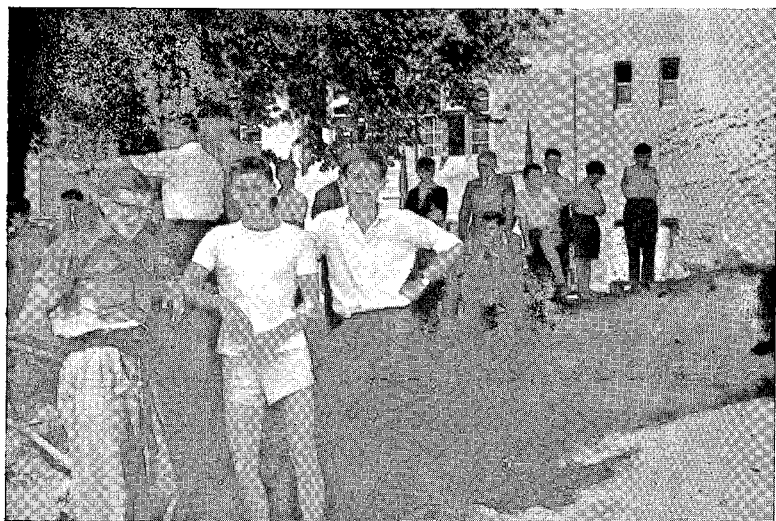
A pleasant note on which to end the Corps term: our 'spare-time' Bisley VIII. seemingly the weakest for some years, managed for the Ashburton to top by six points our previous best of 474. This is nothing to shout about; but all in all, it was for us a pleasing result. We were placed 76 out of 96 competing schools.

During the term, the following promotions were made:

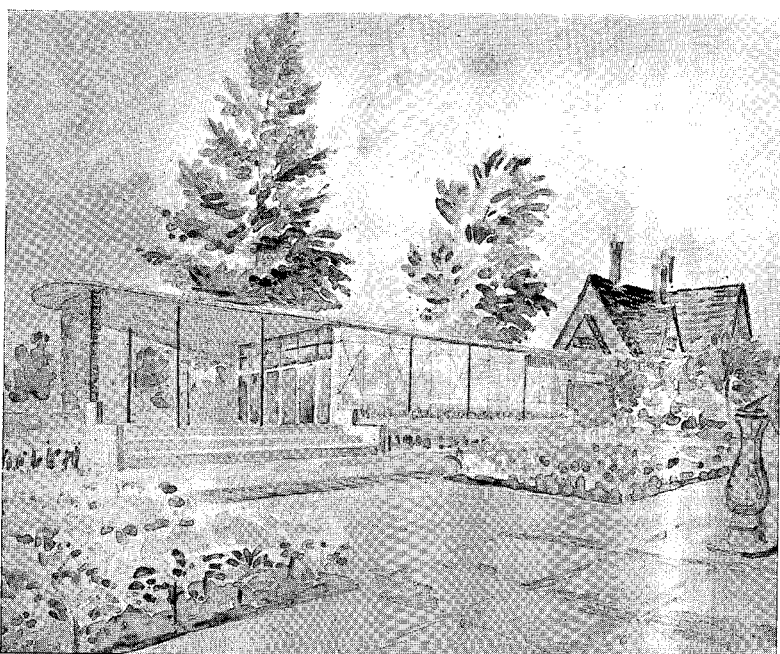
To be Under-Officer—C.S.M. Thewlis, J. H.

To be C.S.M.—C.Q.M.S. Dickenson, R.; Morris, D. G.; Wintle, P. P.

To be C.Q.M.S.—Sgt. Day, J. J.

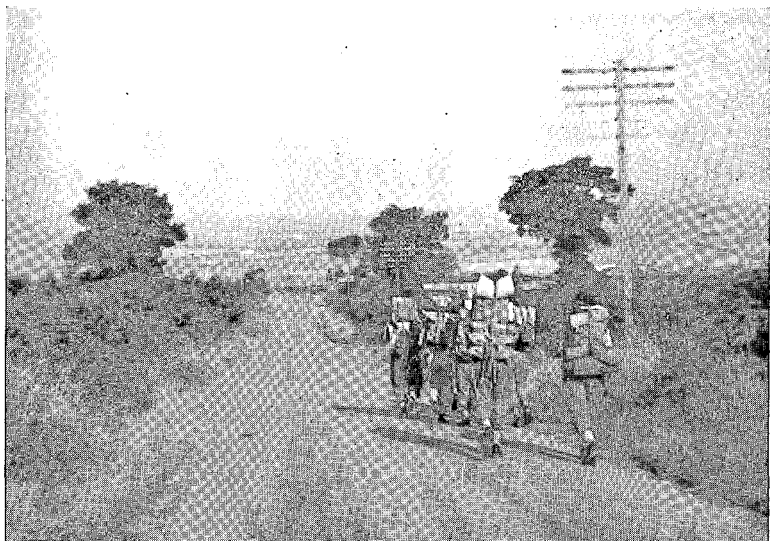


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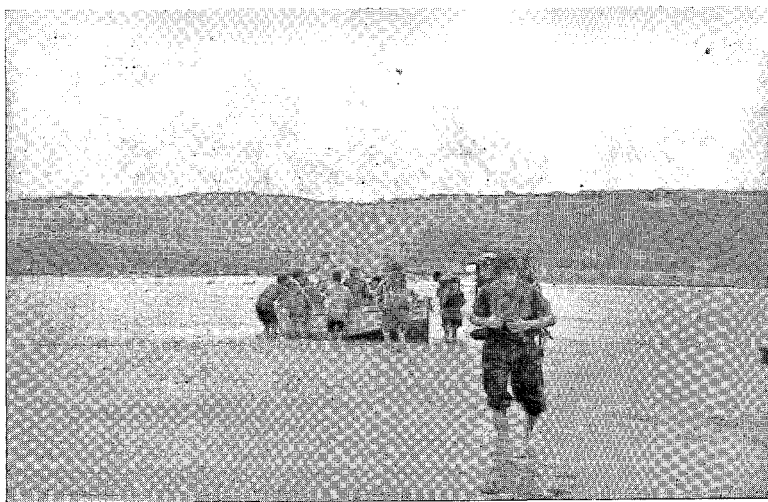


CONSTRUCTION

ARDUOUS TRAINING



—by land



—by sea

ANNUAL CAMP: WESTDOWN, TILSHEAD

A self-help overflow Camp—this was the official description of Tilshead Camp, a home for contingents prevented from attending at their original place of parade. This label conjured up visions of rough conditions and sketchy administration—visions which we imagine accounted for our having only 42 cadets, the smallest contingent we have taken to Camp since the immediate post-war years.

A pleasant surprise was in store. Accommodation and feeding (again this year on civilian contract) compared favourably with those at the Depot of the Devons where originally we had been going. Admin.—admittedly easy to handle in a camp of only 700 cadets—was smooth, unobtrusive and free from all forms of fatigues by cadets. In fact, the only fly—wasp rather!—in the ointment was (from a C.O.'s point of view at any rate) the Training Officer, a volcanic; much decorated survivor of the Imjin River, whose conferences—held daily during the first half of the Camp—consumed much time while generating great heat and almost equal confusion. Frustrating at the time but amusing enough now to look back upon . . .

Demonstrations were a feature of the training; so much so, indeed, that the time actually spent on Field training was only just greater than that allotted to demonstrations and range work. All the advertised demonstrations took place, in the sense that cadets duly reported to the R.V. given; unfortunately, one—the parachute drop—failed to take place (as it nearly always does!) and a film had to be shown instead, to spectators who had travelled some distance in coaches for the demo. Generally, though, the demonstrations were effective and effectively run. The camp was sited halfway between the Schools of Infantry and Artillery—which geographical fact accounted for the comparative glut of 'show-business'. It was not so much a question of laying on expensive shows specially for the cadets as of taking them to see things which were being done in any case. It would be ungracious and silly of us to complain about this lavishness when we recall how thin and uncertain demonstrations in full scale camps have tended to be in recent years.

Field training took the form of a number of patrol exercises, all of which were carried through with dash and a commendable degree of efficiency. Perhaps the most memorable was the 24-hour exercise, organised by Capt. Holloway, which provided volunteer cadets over 16 with a taste of field service in several forms and finished with a night compass march by three-man patrols over distances of some 15 miles. The zest and competence shown on this scheme were good to see.

We were lucky to have a full day's work on the range during which a number of boys showed up as promising shots. To say nothing of the Chaplain, who was 'in the bull' all morning! A little prayerful meditation in the sunshine after lunch seemed, however, to take his

mind and eye off the business of shooting; and in the final shoot—two matches shoulder to shoulder between officers and cadets—he was, alas, unable to reproduce his form of the morning. The cadet teams both won comfortably.

We missed the traditional Sunday March Past, but we did have our own neat, simple and effective drum head service. Abingdon—because the contingent provided the Chaplain in charge—was also called upon to make what arrangements were required before and after the service, a job of organization which Mr. Thewlis handled, as he did everything else, with thorough competence.

We were very glad to have with us for the first time, our 'Q' R.Q.M.S. Joyce, a tower of strength behind the scenes.

All in all a time to 'keep'; and, for the future, let the words self-help and overflow put no one off attending!

S.C.P.

R.N. SECTION

An uneventful term of steady work towards the exams. next term, in which a good deal of time was spent on signals, and several cadets passed the test.

An unusual and interesting Field Day was spent at Portsmouth, when the Section went down the previous evening to spend the night in H.M.S. Vanguard, and the following day in an M.F.V. coasting along the Solent to Southampton. Many members of the Section learnt something of the art of helmsmanship, and of navigation—a few others were a little too supine.

In May, thirty-three New Entries (a record number) were absorbed into the Section, and warned that some would not be able to stay. Observation so far indicates that the task of selection will not be an easy one.

The dinghy was successfully launched early in the term, and is now pulled about the river occasionally with great enjoyment. At present, unfortunately, it is a matter of some doubt whether we shall be able to get sails for it.

Now that the Army has (almost) moved into their new H.Q. we are going ahead with plans to take over the old armoury entirely as a Naval H.Q. We hope that alterations will be completed in time for us to move over there in September. This should make life much more pleasant for members of the Section.

We are saying goodbye this term to Mr. Prosser, who has done much to help the section during the year he has been with us. We are sorry to see him go, and our thanks and best wishes go with him.

SUMMER CAMP

This year we were once again the guests of H.M.S. Raleigh where we very much enjoyed this summer's wet week. Activities were varied, mostly being concentrated on instruction within the station itself. This meant a considerable saving in time, and we learnt a good bit of seamanship. It was a pity that the weather interfered with certain items on the programme, especially the assault course, and boatwork. Nevertheless we did have some sailing and pulling, and one day at sea in an M.F.V., when we are sorry to have to record that the undulations of the sea proved too much for some of us. A good week, and we are very grateful to H.M.S. Raleigh for again putting up with us.

L.C.J.G.

ARDUOUS TRAINING

Under a new scheme authorised by the War Office a party of eight senior boys led by Mr. Montague was enabled to go on a pretty tough trek through Wales instead of attending a more orthodox camp. The party was entirely self-contained and lived off packed army rations supplied by Southern Command. The members of the party were as follows: R. J. C. Bampton, R. W. J. Bampton, T. J. Barrett, A. J. Costley, D. G. Morris, R. S. B. Shepard, T. A. Sewry and P. P. Wintle.

An account of the journey by one of the survivors is appended.

"Having left Abingdon at 9.40 a.m. on the last day of term we travelled by train to Llanelly, arriving at 3.40 p.m. From there we marched $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles to Cwm-Bâch where we spent the night in a stone floored barn. Although it rained in the night the morning turned out clear and in fact not a drop of rain touched us the whole time.

On Wednesday morning we were on the road at 8 a.m.; immediately we were confronted by our first big hill; hereafter every step was either up or down hill! It is surprising to note that everyone preferred to go up hill rather than down—it was easier on the blisters. These in fact affected all but one member. We walked fifty-five minutes in the hour and tried to do most of our mileage in the morning only doing about $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours in the afternoon.

Passing through Kidwelly we arrived at Ferryside at lunchtime. On the map Ferryside is shown to operate a ferry. At Kidwelly we had been informed that it was unlikely to be running. When we got there initiative was called for, it turned up in the form of two boys who borrowed an outboard motor and took us across in an old ship's life-boat. The opposite side was too shallow to allow us to step on to dry ground and so with well over 50 lbs. on our backs and boots in hand we did a 'beach landing' much to the amazement of some local inhabitants. After lunch we were off again and made Ebenezer where we were put up by a very friendly farmer, Mr. Lewis. He gave us a small cow shed with fresh straw laid for us; this was our most comfortable night after travelling $14\frac{3}{4}$ miles.

Friday found us passing through Mydrim and on to Boneath where we spent the night in a disused stable. On this journey we went over some very bad hills but covered $19\frac{1}{4}$ miles. This was our hardest day. The first few days were passed in quiet thought but now we burst forth into song, we went through the Public Schools' Hymn Book, the hit parade and all the songs of the 1920's—in all of these ably led by Lt. Montague.

From Boneath we went on through Cardigan and down to the coast, a mere $7\frac{3}{8}$ miles. Here we were offered a small disused chalet looking over a valley and the river Afontifi. After lunch everyone converged on the salt water and paddled their feet, then relaxed for a day's rest. Socks were washed and some even allowed themselves a clean set of clothing. Incidentally we all remarked how friendly the Welsh were; everyone we met on the road said 'Goodmorning' to us, to which we replied in the native tongue (we could manage six phrases in all).

On Saturday morning as a treat we were allowed an extra hour in bed (if that is what you can call a wooden floor) rising at 7 a.m. The morning was spent preparing for an early start in the afternoon. At 5 p.m. we reached Cwn Cych a total of 12 miles. The night was spent in a lush green field beside a stream.

Dawn came bringing Sunday a day of rest—in which we covered $17\frac{1}{8}$ weary miles. On through Carmarthen in mid afternoon stopping for the night in an old goods wagon which had been used as a hen house.

Bank Holiday Monday saw us on the main road to Pontardulais being passed by coach after coach of people going to the beach at Tenby. Covering $15\frac{3}{8}$ miles we passed through Pontardulais and stopped at Pont Lliw, where we were offered the use of an old house. We all spent a good night and were eager to cover the $6\frac{3}{8}$ miles to Swansea, our destination.

We sighted the sea at 10 a.m. from a hill, for the last time the agonizing cry of "Packs on" was heard and we descended to the beach where we decided to spend the night.

The afternoon was spent in swimming, sunbathing, and sleeping. After our evening meal, which was watched with curiosity by several people, we dug ourselves in for the night.

Up at 5 a.m., we marched to the station and returned weary but full of high spirits to Radley where the Headmaster and Major Parker met us. To show that we were not as dead as we looked we marched the $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles to School and after being well fed, jumped joyfully into hot baths."

P.P.W.

(And it should be added that the last stretch of 100 yards across Upper Field was done at the double—J.M.C.).

SCOUTS

(34th North Berks)

Camp this year was held at Claverton Down, the Bath District site, ideally placed on a hill overlooking the city. The weather was the best we have had for four years, which did much to make this a most successful camp—only our departure was made difficult by heavy rain, which soaked much of the equipment before it could be stowed into the coach.

The high spots of the camp were generally thought to be the trip to Wells and the night wide game. Wells had much of interest, the Cathedral with its clock, the moat and gardens of the Bishop's Palace and the oldest street in Europe. The night wide game was brought to a successful conclusion just before midnight and was well rounded off by Mr. Blagden's soup.

During the camp we saw much of the Bath district scouters, who were well represented at our camp fire: we thank them for their help and encouragement. Health at the camp was excellent and only minor first aid for cuts, stings and burns was required.

Looking forward to next term, we shall have vacancies in September for first and second formers, whether they have had previous experience with the cubs or not. Anyone interested should see Mr. M. N. Williams or myself.

K.G.H.

SCHOOL MUSIC

Since the last issue of 'The Abingdonian' the following have gained success in the Associated Board Examinations:-

Grade VII—A. J. Williams, Violin (Merit); Grade VI—G. S. Howlett, Viola (Merit); T. A. Sewry, Violin (Merit); F. A. Bisby, Piano (Merit); T. H. Day, Theory; C. J. Dean, Theory; R. S. Haynes, Tuba (Merit); D. P. Kirk, Theory; A. J. C. Lansdown, Violin; N. P. Loukes, 'Cello (Distinction) and Theory; N. H. Moss, Piano; A. R. F. Redgrave, Theory; Grade IV—T. H. Day, Violin; R. Dowson, Piano (Merit); Grade III—J. Fairlie, 'Cello; R. A. Hall, Violin; P. P. Hutchinson, Violin; R. J. Parsons, Violin; J. D. Urwick, Piano; Grade II—M. A. Faires, Piano; F. R. Howlett, 'Cello (Merit) and Piano; J. D. Sabel, Violin; P. A. Wedgwood, Piano; Grade I—R. D. Booker, Piano (Distinction); G. H. Hallett, Piano (Merit).

The greatest achievement, however, was gained by D. Wiggins who, having already gained a Distinction in Grade VIII 'Cello, was awarded one of the six Scholarships given each year by the Royal Schools of Music. He will be studying at the Royal Scottish Academy. There are very few boys who can claim four hours' practising a day: he can—and this success is the result of hard work and keenness.

The Band performed as usual on the Empire Youth Sunday Parade on 10th May, and members of the Senior Orchestra and Choral Society joined in the Schools' Festival in the Corn Exchange on 14th May. This was a performance of Handel's "Saul"—to commemorate the bicentenary of his death—organised and conducted by Mrs. Kitching, to whom both the School and the Town owe so much.

Members of the Senior Orchestra recorded the music for the Unicorn Theatre's production of "The Tempest" at the end of May and on the 31st May we had an admirable Recital by the Berkshire Wind Trio. The Heylyn Room was packed, and we were treated to a varied fare—pieces by Mozart, Arrieu and Boyce, and less serious ones by Bonneau and de Haan: with Variations on 'Charlie is my darling' for Bassoon and Piano to round off the evening.

The House Music Shield was won by Blacknall for the third year running, but Reeves won both the Orchestra and the Singing Cups. Other results:- Solo Singing—Unbroken Voices: S. A. J. Richardson (Tesdale); Broken Voices—J. H. Thewlis (Blacknall). The standard of both playing and singing showed signs of improvement on last year, and we are most grateful to Mr. D. A. H. Youngman, Director of Music at Monkton Combe, for his helpful advice and criticism. He had a good sense of humour, and always put his finger on the right thing—whether firing a fault or commending something. Blacknall owe their continued success to Thewlis and Wiggins—both of whom are leaving—and Reeves had excellent leaders in G. S. Howlett and Loukes.

The Chapel Choir joined some six other school choirs in singing evensong in Winchester Cathedral on 9th June, under the auspices of the R.S.C.M. This was a most worthwhile occasion, and everyone learnt something from it—and the singing was of a high standard.

Dr. John Varley visited us once again, and his programme included the "Moonlight" Sonata, Chopin's Scherzo in B-flat minor and Brahms's Sonata in F minor. This last is a work of some 25 minutes, and it is a tribute to Dr. Varley that the audience was 'hypnotized' from the start. His annual visit gives us all great pleasure.

Ogle, Llewellyn, Redgrave and T. H. Day were trumpeters in the St. Helen's School performances of Britten's "Noye's Fludde"—a most ambitious and successful enterprise. The Band played competently on the Inspection of the C.C.F.—and was commended by the Inspecting Officer on two marches—both of the Royal Artillery: his own Regiment.

For their Swan Song, Thewlis and Wiggins arranged a most successful Concert on 19th July, with music for Horn (R. G. M. Johnston), Trombone (A. P. Haynes—also composer); Violins (A. J. Williams and E. C. R. Evans)—with themselves providing Flute, Piano and Cello! They were both soloists (as was Haynes) in the Evening Entertainment, a critique of which appears elsewhere.

It would be wrong to conclude an article without paying tribute to these two, who have done so much to make music mean something in the School. Thewlis is a versatile organist, pianist, flautist and bass, and Wiggins an outstanding 'cellist. These are merits enough by themselves, but it is their musicianship and keenness that have shone through everything they have done here, and they will be greatly missed. One will remain an amateur musician, the other will become a professional: but wherever they are destined to go, they will always be welcome and assets to any society. Let younger musicians follow in their footsteps.

The first season of Subscription Concerts will start next Term. The membership is limited to 100 at present—divided between Town & Gown—and the response has been most encouraging. The Concerts for the first year will be held in the Heylyn Room and in Chapel.

E.H.F.S.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL, 1959

4th September.

A visit to the Vienna of the North is not inappropriate to some who were in the Austrian Capital in April. Fine weather, glorious views, friendly people and first-rate performances *make* a Festival. Scotland can justly be proud that she houses one of the finest Arts Festivals in the world.

There are twelve of us from Abingdon here, and in ten days we are attending twenty-five events. This may appear to be an over-subscribed programme, but the fare is varied, and one is able to enjoy to the full each and every performance. A few examples of the events we have attended may help to show how broad-minded the organisers are in the Festival.

By far the most accomplished orchestra we have heard is that of the London Mozart Players. They number 25 at full strength, and are all soloists in their own right. Maxwell Ward plays viola with them, and we had a most enjoyable "reminiscing" evening with him after one of their Concerts, at the Festival Club. It seems a long time since he taught at the School in 1955, but he recalled happy memories of his time there. We also met Archie Camden in the Club, surely one of the greatest bassoon players: those who heard him in 1956 in Abingdon, will want to hear him again in the Abingdon Music Society Concert in December. The Mozart Players were at their best under Rudolf Kempe, who is due to be a second Toscanini. Their playing is masterly, and they are all so relaxed; all aspiring musicians could watch them to advantage.

The Scottish National Orchestra is much improved under Alexander Gibson, the first Scottish conductor they have had. At their Concert

we met Mr. Peter Percival, now teaching in Liverpool, and Mr. Donald Anderson, who taught for a term in Abingdon—and who showed immense courage in overcoming his disabilities. We were more than happy to meet his fiancée.

We have also met Mr. Robert Ponsonby, who directs the Festival. He will be renewing his acquaintance with the School at the House Music in October. The Finnish Ballet, in Britain for the first time, employ both the Bolshoi and Royal Ballet techniques, but their productions are too monotonous, despite lively casts and a large competent orchestra. They are at their best in dances of their own Country.

The Czech Art Exhibition is disappointing, due probably to too much influence from other countries on their painting. Rampal and Lacroix are brilliant musicians. They played four of the Bach Flute and Harpsichord Sonatas to a capacity audience, and we were very fortunate in sitting in the front row. Rampal's tone is outstanding, and his breath-control is to be envied by any woodwind player. To hear music on disc or tape is pleasant enough, but one sometimes yearns for the bygone days when there were no mechanical aids, and concert-going and music-making were more widespread in our homes. I recommend only one thing in this note—to all interested in Music; "go and see what you wish to listen to." The reward will come, and may lead to active rather than passive music in the end.

The Oxford Theatre Group provide a first-rate late (10.45) Revue—"Better Never"—which is so good as to warrant a visit to London next month. Elspeth Douglas Reid is a Scottish Ruth Draper, and a *real* actress. These last two shows are 'Fringe' Entertainments, not organised by the Festival, but worth recognition by Patrons since they show amateurs at their very best.

Being twelve in number, we usually have a row in each theatre or hall. The party is not unwieldy, and there is ample spare time for small groups to go sight-seeing and to pursue their own interests. The weather has been glorious—no rain—and has shown Edinburgh at its best. Our last event will be the Tattoo, which surely epitomizes all that is Scottish, in the true setting—the Castle Esplanade. Edinburgh is a *friendly* city, and aspiring visitors will not find their time or funds mis-spent. Why not forego the next seaside holiday, and enjoy to the full the 1960 Edinburgh Festival?

E.H.F.S.

AFTER EXAMS ARE OVER . . .

We had no big Excursion Day as such this year, but School Societies which wanted to organise rather special outings were encouraged to do so on Tuesday, 21st July, so as to minimise the dislocation of ordinary routine. In addition two series of 'initiative tests' were organised. The first, or 'high-level', one involved taking eight senior boys out by car,

blindfolded, on the evening of 20th July. They were dumped in pairs just before midnight along the western edge of the Cotswolds and were left holding a map and instructions to make their way on foot to Burford, some fifteen or twenty miles away, as quickly as possible, and thence to return to Abingdon by public transport. At least one intermediate 'point' was inserted to draw them away from the main roads. In fact the night was so brilliantly clear, with a full moon, that all the four pairs were very quickly able to orientate themselves and find their position, and what was intended to be an initiative test became mainly a night trek across some of the loveliest country in England. Well before mid-day on the Tuesday all the participants had reported back to School, and each party submitted a very commendable log before turning in.

Then on the morning of the 21st all members of Form 5.C were taken out by coach and dropped in pairs along the road from Newbury to Highworth (B. 4000). The idea was to race back to School under their own power; and again some attempt to control the route and equalise the difficulties was made by the insertion of 'points' (e.g. "find out *en route* the time of the last collection from the post-box at East Ginge"). This proved a surprisingly successful expedition; the winners were M. K. Henson and M. D. T. Nash who reported home in less than five hours after being dropped.

Our real problem this year however (a problem which incidentally will not arise in the future when we have changed our examination board) was again to find some entertaining and worthwhile interest in life for the boy—and particularly the boy who was leaving—who had finished G.C.E. and who was not deeply committed in the preparations for Corps Inspection or Founder's Day. It was with him in mind that we devised a "Project System". Boys, individually or in syndicate, were given full scope to pursue an approved project which might be anything worth-while from the construction of a three-dimensional map of Arran (the Skye Group did this and did it very well) to a thesis on local ghost stories, a survey of the church organs of North Berkshire, or a series of photographs of vintage traction engines. The attraction of the scheme was in its simplicity. Boys could work on their project, by leave of their form-master, at any time that they were not wanted for any other School activity. Many of the results, as displayed on Founder's Day, gave evidence of considerable and careful research. It was extremely difficult to pick out the prize-winners. Eventually six projects were selected as being prize-worthy, others were 'highly commended'. Perhaps the two best were A. A. Venn's solo effort on Abingdon Abbey and the survey of local bridges by D. R. Gerring and J. V. Comfort. In addition a special prize was awarded to T. J. Barrett for his work during the last fortnight of term on the School Films. Altogether one gathered the impression that the Project System had been thoroughly well worth-while.

J.M.C.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSÉ SOCIETY

For the first meeting of the term the Headmaster kindly invited the Society to attend a performance of "Ruddigore" at the New Theatre in Oxford. Not many of us had seen this opera before, and we found that, although unlike any other Gilbert and Sullivan work, it provided very good entertainment. On our return to school we were entertained with a wonderful salad and plenty of fresh fruit, prepared by a few of the School House prefects, which brought the enjoyable evening to a fine close.

At the second meeting we heard a specialised paper read by a scientist: P. J. Ford's paper had the impressive title "Beyond Materialism—a Study of the Human Brain", and in it he dealt with learning during the period of childhood, behaviour patterns, memory and the conscience. Discussions started off quietly around these topics, but inevitably the questions of the human soul and the existence of a god cropped up, and the argument that ensued was extremely lively.

The last meeting of the term and year saw the exploration of completely new territory, with A. J. Foden reading a paper on "Advertising." An examination of the motives behind the advertising in oligopoly, monopoly and cartel formed the basis of this well-informed paper, with references to television and subliminal advertising included. Discussion was extremely relevant, and centred chiefly around the reader's conclusion that the greatest service of advertising to mankind was that it enabled mass-production to develop so prosperously.

That the meetings over the past year have been so enjoyable is largely due to the continued hospitality of the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban, to whom we extend our thanks.

J.A.S.

TURNOR SOCIETY

Owing to examinations and the busy end of term only two meetings were held; both were instructive and stimulating. At the first meeting Mrs. Beryl Northcott spoke about 'The Astonishing City of Berlin'. She described the great contrast between the Eastern and Western sectors of the city and the hardships incurred by the Berlin blockade. She then mentioned the rebuilding of the city since the blockade and reviewed the present situation. The meeting closed with a short film on the 1953 Berlin uprising.

Mr. Offen, the secretary of the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, spoke at our second meeting on 'The World Refugee Problem', concentrating on Palestine, Korea and Europe. After speaking briefly about the World Refugee Year which has just been launched, he showed a very moving film about the refugee problem in Korea, 'A Far Cry', thus concluding an extremely thought-provoking meeting.

Attendances throughout this School Year have been most encouraging; we hope this improvement will continue in the future.

D.H.B.

LITERARY SOCIETY

For various reasons, only two meetings were held this term. At the first we were very lucky to have to speak to us John McGrath, who is studying for a Dip.Ed. at St. John's College, Oxford. Mr. McGrath

already has a very creditable list of literary achievements to his name, and it was a great pleasure to hear some fresh ideas on Poetry, the Novel and (in particular) Drama straight from the horse's mouth as it were, from someone who was very well in touch with contemporary ideas.

The second meeting was a 'hotch-potch' which proved, as always, a success. The longest discussion centred round Brendan Behan's play 'The Hostage' which we saw, among other things(!), on our excursion; the controversy was between those who thought it entertaining but not 'literary', those who thought it both, and those who thought it neither.

Once again, under the Society's auspices, a Literary Magazine was produced, a review of which appears elsewhere in this magazine.

R.S.G.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The annual Public Speaking Competition was held at the beginning of term; we are sorry that we could not accept all entrants. The quality of the speaking was very high and the speeches ranged from such subjects as 'Hitch' to 'Is it worth it?' Two members, C. H. Woodham and T. Davies, made praiseworthy maiden speeches as chairmen. By a majority decision the judges declared R. Moll and R. Shepard the winning pair.

At the next meeting an impromptu debate was held and a wide variety of humorous and serious subjects was covered. At the last meeting of term C. T. Pollard and J. H. Kitto proposed that 'In the opinion of this house, Trade Unionism, as practised at the present time, is not a national asset'. They were opposed by M. O. Mogeys and D. P. Heather-Hayes. The motion was carried.

Whilst we are glad to see the growing activity of junior members, the interest of the seniors has been disappointing. We hope this will remedy itself next term and we look forward to hearing from the hoary old gentlemen in the back row.

C.T.P.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

One very successful meeting was held this term at which we read Molière's comedy 'Tartuffe'. The leading parts were taken by Mr. Hasnip, Mr. Parker and Roger Green; they were well backed up by the rest of the cast.

Perhaps it would not be out of place in these notes to say a big 'danke schön' to Mr. Mortimer for his German play which was such a success in the Evening Entertainment. Nous remercions tous M. et Mme. Hasnip de leur grande hospitalité vers nous, et espérons que leurs vacances en France sont très heureuses.

J.J.D.

ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

The Society has held three more meetings this term and seems to be firmly established. The first meeting took the form of a film show at which an American colour film, 'God of Creation', was shown. Mr. Horrex introduced the film and led a discussion on it afterwards. The film itself illustrated the wonders of God's handiwork by portraying various aspects of science, but was so produced as to be of interest to non-scientists also.

At the second meeting, Father Triffitt from the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Oxford, gave a talk on 'Why I am a Monk'. After a

short introduction, he proceeded to answer questions about his life as a monk, and a wealth of information was gleaned in this way. About a week after his visit, a party of 11 boys and the Chaplain paid a visit to the Community House of the Cowley Fathers and spent an informative and enjoyable afternoon being shown round by Father Triffitt.

The third meeting clashed, unfortunately, with the exams and fewer people than usual were present to hear R. T. Moll and J. H. Thewlis speaking on 'Christianity at School'. However, a lively discussion soon ensued, centring mainly on compulsory Chapel and the Public School-boys' attitude towards Christianity.

Finally a word of thanks to those who have spent so much time in painting posters for the Society meetings, especially D. J. Griffiths, without whose help the Society could not have run as smoothly as it has done.

R.W.H.

THE MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

For a society as specialized as the Mathematical Society, this term has seen a wide variety of activities. Dr. E. G. Phillips came from Oxford to lecture on some aspects of abstract algebra. Later Dr. J. Askew, from Harwell, lectured on Rocketry. In spite of its title, this was not a science fiction talk, but was very practical and interesting. On another evening Bolton and Brown gave well-prepared lectures on special aspects of the work of Kepler and Einstein respectively.

The excursion to Harwell was made in conjunction with the Scientific Society. We are indebted to Dr. Howlett and Dr. Willis and their staffs for their kind work.

G.L.G.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

At the Society's first meeting of the term Dr. M. A. C. Heavens (O.A.) gave a talk entitled 'Machines in Medicine'. This was a most interesting talk, which was mainly concerned with the heart-lung machine.

At the next meeting J. H. Thewlis lectured on 'The Earth in Space and Time'. He started off by talking about the three main theories of the formation of the Universe and then moved on to the formation of the Earth. The facts and figures he brought in, which seemed incredible to many of those present, helped to make this a most enjoyable talk. At the last meeting of the term another lecture was given, this time by R. F. Jackson, Esq., on 'Some principles of Engineering'. This talk was accompanied by several experiments on the strength of variously shaped model girders. This talk aroused the interest of everyone present and was indeed a most enjoyable lecture.

I.J.K.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This year has seen the production of our first film with a properly synchronised sound-track, and this has been our main activity. The film, "Three's a Crowd", was adapted from Chaucer's "The Pardoner's Tale" by Mr. Pole and set in present-day surroundings. The three young men who go to seek for Death in a fit of revenge find him eventually, not under a tree as in the original tale, but in a deserted house.

The unusual properties for the film included a large American car, a flick-knife, a guitar, a bottle of 'poison', and about fifty pounds in cash, so the reader will be able to surmise for himself our modern equivalents of the kind of characters Chaucer had in mind.

Technically, if not artistically, the film is our greatest achievement to date. The method of 'sound-tracking' the film had to be seen to be

believed, and involved fourteen people—four tape-recorder operators, four live-effects men, a projectionist, and five actors—all working to a split second schedule exactly in time with the projected picture, projected, incidentally on to two screens at once! Now we are beginning to tackle much wider range of types of picture in the future.

Lastly, we should like to express our grateful thanks once again to all those who helped us in the production of the film: to the School for its new projector which made the whole film possible, and to the owners and proprietors of houses, cars, chemists' shops, coffee-bars, tape recorders, etc., for their kindness (and patience!) in letting us use their property—thank you!

J.J.H.

THE FORUM

Although the Summer Term is longer than the other two terms it is also more crowded as far as out-of-school activities are concerned. As a result we have held only two meetings of the Society this term. Both took the usual form of discussion on a wide range of topics.

At the first we talked about *Liberace v. Cassandra* and educational technique at great length, without reaching any definite conclusions, and with many comments on both subjects which would have provided Cassandra with plenty of material for an attack on the public school.

At the second meeting we covered more ground, speaking at length about the effects of television, money spent on medical research and the life of a public school boy.

The standard of discussion at both these meetings has been high, and it is clear that some boys are gaining great benefit from this. But attendance at meetings has not been as encouraging as it might have been, and the present secretary hopes that his disappearance from the scene will be the sign for bigger and better attendances at meetings.

R.D.

JOINT CLUB

As so often happens in a term interrupted with examinations, regattas and 'away' cricket matches, the meetings of the Joint Club were somewhat irregularly spaced. However, the three arranged by the committee at the beginning of term were all held according to plan.

The first took the form of a social, with much dancing, in Lacies Court on 23rd May. The evening proved an excellent opportunity for the renewal of friendships of the previous term.

Not until 4th July could boys meet girls again and on this occasion a most enjoyable programme was provided by St. Helen's.

The grand finale was the Sausage Supper on a fine but cool St. Swithun's evening. As usual some forty energetic types dragged themselves on bicycles to Cumnor Hurst.

There are many members of the Club of both sexes whose support we shall be sorry to lose. Our very best wishes go with them as their school careers come to an end.

F.J.S.

MUSIC SOCIETY

The three gramophone programmes this term were devoted to works by Beethoven. These were his 1st Symphony, his 3rd Symphony and the Emperor Concerto.

Other activities in which the Music Society was concerned are chronicled under the heading of 'School Music'.

J.H.T.

JAZZ CLUB

We had, in all, five meetings this term. The first was something of an experiment. Six members illustrated their tastes in jazz with two records each and explained their choice.

J. A. Sheard presented a selection of his favourite records at the second meeting. We heard some good jazz ranging from Armstrong to Brubeck.

At the next meeting T. Davies spoke on 'Jazz Trumpets'. He reviewed the well-known trumpet musicians and illustrated his talk with records.

At the fourth meeting J. J. Day spoke about the Firehouse Five, a band which, although not well-known to most, provided us with some very enjoyable jazz.

At our last meeting Mr. J. A. Pole gave a talk entitled 'Changes in Temperature.' He played records in the modern vein which changed from cool to hot and commented on them. We are all very sorry to lose Mr. Pole this term and are very much in his debt for the assistance he has given us, and we wish him the best of luck in his future job.

M.P.M.H.

(And as we go to press we hear that the Club won the Brookes Cricket Cup by defeating Sutton Courtenay in the final on 13th September by 111 for 7, declared (Nurton 69 n.o.) to 95—Edd.).

HOLIDAY CLUB

The activities of the Club during the Easter Holidays consisted of a Rugby match and a Soccer fixture. We avenged our defeat by Abingdon R.F.C. in the Christmas Holidays by beating a Town side by 11 points to 3, although the game was only made safe in the last few minutes. At Soccer we put up a creditable performance against a strong Abingdon Minors team, finally losing 2—5 after holding the more experienced team 1—1 at half-time.

The Boar's Hill cricket field and the Wootton tennis courts will bear witness to the Club's activities during the Summer Holidays. Finally we must congratulate J. S. Kelly and R. W. J. Parsons on their election as next year's Secretary and Treasurer respectively, and we wish them every success.

D.H.B.

LIBRARY

We acknowledge with many thanks a most interesting collection of books' *Life of Earl Winterton* from N. K. Hammond and from Robin books' *Life of Earl Winterton* from N. K. Hammond and from Robin Dickenson *Charles I and Cromwell*, *Virgil* (by F. T. H. Letters), *Joseph Conrad* and *Revolt of the Netherlands*. Our thanks also to Mrs. Green for *The Countryman*, to Mr. Rudd for *Geographical Journals* and W. H. Stevens, O.A., for *Commonwealth Journal*.

Last term we said goodbye to John Sheard who had done long and useful work on the Library Staff, and take this opportunity of thanking G. S. Howlett and his assistants who do much valuable binding and repairing work on Tuesday afternoons.

G.F.D.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

ARUNDALE. On 11th April, 1959, to Vivienne, wife of Brian Arundale (1941), a daughter, Susan, a sister for Michael and David.

- CALVERT-FISHER.** On 28th April, 1959, to Stella, wife of Colin Calvert-Fisher (1944), a daughter, Karen Beatrice.
- DEAN.** On 25th January, 1959, to Jane, wife of Anthony C. Dean (1940), a daughter, Felicity Jane.
- DRAISEY.** On 28th May, 1959, to Thelma and John S. Draisey (1950), a daughter, Sara Ann.
- HEAVENS.** On 19th June, 1959, to Norma, wife of David Heavens (1951), a daughter, Lesley.
- MARGRAVE.** On 18th May, 1959, to Doreen and Basil Margrave (1947), a son, Richard George.
- McMAHON.** On 7th June, 1959, to Yvonne, wife of John McMahon (1942), a son, Martin John.
- McMAHON.** On 15th April, 1959, to Jean, wife of David McMahon (1947), a son, Barry David.
- McPHERSON.** On 28th June, 1959, at Tripoli, Lebanon, to Marjorie, wife of James McPherson (1933), a second son, John.

MARRIAGES

- CROCKFORD-WHEELER.** On 11th April, 1959, at St. Michael's Church, Abingdon, Geoffrey W. Crockford (1952) to Shirley M. Wheeler.
- CULLEN-REVENTLOW.** On 24th June, 1959, at St. Aloysius, Oxford, Jeremy Tom Cullen (1950) to Tove Antonia Reventlow.
- EDELSTEN-MACKINNON.** On 6th June, 1959, at St. Leonard's Parish Church, Bucks, John Edelsten (1952) to Jean Mackinnon.
- EMERTON-CREEDON.** On 25th July, 1959, at St. Peter's Church, Petersfield, Philip J. Emerton (1952) to Mary Patricia Creedon.
- JAMES-CALCUTT.** On 7th June, 1959, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Bernard James (1953) to Daphne Calcutt.
- PURNELL-STEWART.** On 11th June, 1959, at Wildegren Parish Church, Warwicks, Neil Purnell (1951) to Joanne Stewart of Erdington, Warwicks.
- STEVENS-DEWSBURY.** On 15th November, 1958, at St. John's Church, Sidcup, Capt. Henry Beville Stevens, R.A.S.C. (1951) to Wendy Patricia Dewsbury.
- WILLIAMS-LANSDOWN.** On 14th March, 1959, at Holy Trinity Church, Wimbledon, Harold G. Williams (1954) to Valerie Kaye Lansdown.
- YOUNG-GODFREY.** On 12th May, 1959, at Trinity Methodist Church, Abingdon, Christopher Young (1957) to Patricia Godfrey.

We have received news, without fuller details, of the death of Richard Garlick Brown (1881-90) and his brothers George (1890-95) and Stephen William (1892-99); of Francis John Robinson (1883-87) and Roger Haywood (1903-11).

Richard Brown was the eldest of four brothers who were at the School at the turn of century. He left fairly young and spent some

years farming in Canada before returning to this country. Stephen was Captain of the School in 1897, Captain of the Cricket XI, in which he played for five seasons and was in the Soccer XI for three seasons. He went up to Keble College and gained his Soccer Colours there. George was also a good athlete, went up to Selwyn College, Cambridge, and was Secretary of Boats. The youngest, Arthur Anthony (1900-05) was Captain of Soccer and went to Caius College, Cambridge. After taking his degree he went to Ceylon tea-planting. He served in the Royal Artillery in World War I as Captain, was awarded the M.C. and was killed shortly before the Armistice.

Roger Haywood was a School Prefect and rowed in the 2nd IV. He was commissioned in the Royal Berks Regt. in 1914 and taken prisoner in 1916. After the war he went to Calcutta to a firm of exchange-brokers and remained there for most of his life. In 1942 he was a member of the Bengal Legislative Assembly.

Francis Robinson was the youngest of three sons of the Vicar of Drayton who were at the School. He left early when his father moved, and later went up to St. Catherine's Society, Oxford, and was Captain of Boats. Subsequently he became an accountant. His brother William Edward (1880-87) also went to St. Catherine's and gained his Trials Cap in '88 and '89. When he went on to Guy's Hospital he joined the London Rowing Club and rowed in their Grand VIII in '91 and '93. He qualified as a doctor in 1897 and in 1906 took his M.D. degree at Oxford. He practiced in London, and in 1905 was President of the O.A. Club. The third brother Frederick George (1882-87) was apprenticed to Elder Dempster and later transferred to the Union Castle Line. He reached the rank of 2nd officer of the Dunmolly Castle and died at sea in 1903.

We congratulate Patrick Mosdell (1931) on his recent appointment to be Puisne Judge, Tanganyika. It was in 1946 that he first went to N. Rhodesia as Registrar of Lands & Deeds. In 1950 he was promoted to Resident Magistrate and in 1956 Senior Resident Magistrate.

Recent visitors on leave from abroad were C. R. Davidge (1923) from Hong Kong, and K. T. Wood (1924) and G. T. Eason (1921) from Salisbury, S. Rhodesia.

Pat Collings (1933) was also home on a business trip from S. Africa. He is managing director of Lintafoam S. Africa and lives at Port Elizabeth.

R. B. H. Morland (1920) has retired from Barclays Bank D.C. & O. and has settled in Devon.

Another member of the same bank, Philip Mosdell (1939) is Assistant Manager at Port Sudan.

We were glad to see Ian Jamieson (1946) home for a rest from oil drilling in Libya with the Oasis Oil Co.—a euphemistic title perhaps

Dudley Richardson (1942), Lecturer at the College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad, is very busy with re-organisation and course-planning as the College has now become the Agricultural College of the University College of the West Indies, with its own degree courses.

Campbell Stott (1946), who is with the Taylor Woodrow Organisation in Fiji, has been elected Associate Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

John Cowling (1944) has left his post in the legal department of Smith's Clocks to join a private practice in Bournemouth—Messrs. Other, Manning & Co.

Paul Older (1956) was a competitor in the recent Daily Mail Air Race. With another Guy's Hospital student he made the trip by scooter, car and light aeroplane taking 2 hours 45 minutes. He failed to win a prize but was placed second in the light aeroplane class. Another case of initiative!

Brian Arundale (1941) is Assistant Departmental Manager of the watch spring department of Samuel Fas & Co., a member of the United Steel Co. group. He lives at Sheffield with his growing family.

Denis James (1953) is happily teaching at St. Julian's School, St. Albans; and David Langton (1956) is at Sandle Manor Preparatory School, Fordingbridge.

Michael Ryman (1952) is also embarking on a teaching career and enters Newland Park Training College this term.

Jonathan Blinman (1954) is Assistant Manager at the Odeon & Gaumont Cinema, Dalston.

Michael Grigsby (1955), who was mainly responsible for the making of a documentary film 'Enginemen' (Michael Sale [1955] was in charge of the sound), tells us that it has been selected for inclusion in a special season of British Documentary in London. He has further plans in view in the Granada Northern Studio.

John Greenaway (1952), happily restored to health, is now a student technician in the Pathological Laboratory at Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

John Spinks (1957), in the N. Nigeria Administrative Service, as moved to Kalomo Boma, and had an interesting time on tour. At present he is doing 4 months' military service and hopes to be home on his first leave in November.

C. T. Denniford (1958) who is learning Estate Management with a firm in Cambridge has been rowing for Cambridge Town R.C.

Guy Willson (1945) has obtained a post with Shell Petroleum Co. Barry Westbrook (1957) just demobbed from R.A. starts at Exeter University this term.

Peter Fitzsimons (1958), an articled pupil with John Laing, is sharing flat in London with David Exon (1958), who is now a trainee with Radath Tobacco Co.

John Westall (1953), having finished his course at St. Peter's Hall has obtained a post with I.C.I. at Billingham.

Nigel Pridham (1958) is now with Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. of Wigmore Street.

Derek Cook (1959) is an engineering apprentice with the Nuffield Organisation.

J. E. Knight (1958) is taking a 5-year course at Regent Polytechnic School of Architecture.

Michael Blythe, who left last term to try his fortune in Australia, has arrived in Sydney after an interesting and stormy voyage. His next task is to secure a place at the University there.

Capt. D. C. Woolf (1934) has recently been on a prolonged cruise in H.M.S. Albion.

Major W. R. A. Kettle (1930) is on the administrative staff at the Army Education Corps Centre at Beaconsfield.

We were very sorry to hear that Capt. Peter Sims (1945) had dislocated his neck in a rugger match at Shrivenham last March, but we are glad to say that after several months in plaster and bandages he is well on the way to recovery.

2nd Lt. C. P. B. Blake (1956) has returned to West Africa and is stationed at Takoradi.

Lt. Hugh Leach (1953), whilst on a course in Arabic Studies at Shemlan, spent a weekend last June with Jim McPherson (1933) of the Iraq Petroleum Co. at Tripoli, Lebanon. He is now back in England on another course at the School of Military Intelligence, Maresfield. Also on the same course is Capt. L. L. Lacey Johnson (1944).

O.A. CLUB NOTES

Old Boys' Day on Saturday, 13th June, 1959, was again blessed with brilliant weather which drew a large gathering. Two cricket matches were played and the School teams won both. The School tennis VI also defeated the prophets and a strong O.A. VI.

The Annual General Meeting, held in the Pembroke Room, was well attended and with no contentious matters arising was expeditiously conducted by the President. A full report appears later in these notes.

The Annual Dinner, held in the Council Chamber, again attracted a record number of members and guests and proved a most enjoyable and successful function for which the Club must thank its Treasurer, D. B. West. All regretted the absence of Mr. Grundy—his first for 46 years—but we are glad to say that the operation which he was then awaiting in hospital has proved most successful. Mr. Rudd on the other hand appeared as full of vigour as ever on the eve of his 81st birthday.

The President, S. D. Plummer, was supported by the Mayor of Abingdon, Ald. E. E. Sparkes, Mr. C. G. Stow, Chairman, and other members of the Governing Body, the Headmaster and many members of the Staff. Among other guests were A. J. Costley, Head of the School and A. J. Foden, Head of School House.

After the Loyal Toast and the toast of John Roysse had been drunk the President proposed the health of the School to which the Headmaster replied. After a brief survey of the chief events in the life of the School during the past year he announced that the Quatercentenary Appeal had that day reached the £20,000 mark. About 140 Old Boys had responded generously to the Appeal but he hoped that many more would support them in the aim of reaching £25,000 by Founder's Day. To his toast of the Club R. F. Jackson, the President-elect, replied with a plea for more technicians and scientists, quoting parallel figures for this Country and U.S.S.R. Mr. G. R. F. Bredin, Bursar of Pembroke College replied for the Visitors in a lighter vein and A. J. Costley wound up the speeches with a brief word of thanks and appreciation of the support of the Old Boys, particularly to the Boat Club. The proceedings closed with the installation of the new President.

Once again we have to thank Mrs. Bevir for adding to our enjoyment of the dinner by decorating the tables so beautifully.

Before Morning Service in the School Chapel on the following day a simple plaque to the memory of Bill Bevir was unveiled. There were more Old Boys than ever present and the lessons were read by R. F. Jackson and Peter Millard. Afterwards about 100 visitors were entertained to coffee by Mrs. Cobban in the garden of School House—a formidable undertaking for which we would all like to thank her very much.

Forthcoming Events

Members are asked to note the following dates:

Old Boys' Rugger Match and Dance: Saturday, 28th November, 1959.

London Dinner: Friday, 11th March, 1960.

Old Boys' Days: Saturday, 18th June, 1960.

Full details will be posted later but early application for tickets for the Dance (10/- single) is very advisable and should be made to N. J. Holmes, 100 Ock Street, Abingdon.

Annual General Meeting, 1959.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Pembroke Room at 5.45 p.m. on the 13th June, 1959. The President, Mr. S. D. Plummer was in the chair and sixty-five members were present. Apologies for absence were received from H. Insley-Fox and J. O. Bury together with their best wishes for a successful day.

Before commencing business, the President spoke of the great loss the Club and the School had suffered through the death of Mr. W. Bevir. He asked members to stand with him for a few moments in remembrance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved, and signed.

The Secretary reported a successful year. The membership had increased by seventy. The social functions had been well attended and were successful financially and otherwise.

The Treasurer's report gave a statement of accounts as at 31st March, 1959, as follows: At Trustee Savings Bank—£2. 15s. 2d.; At Westminster Bank—£559 14s. 7d.; Balance of Cash—£9 11s. 6d.; Debtor—3/-; Total assets—£572 4s. 3d. With thanks to the Treasurer and to the auditors the report was duly adopted.

The Headmaster, before giving an up-to-date report on the 1963 Appeal Fund, thanked the Club on behalf of the assistant masters and himself for the Club's action in making them Honorary Members or Honorary Life Members of the Club. He then said that the Appeal had reached a total of £19,905 at 9 a.m. that morning. Out of this some 139 O.A.'s had contributed £5,041 for which he was very grateful, but there was still a large gap to bridge. Special appreciation was due to the President, Mr. S. D. Plummer, for the personal letter he had sent to O.A.'s recently.

The following officers were elected for 1959-60: President—R. F. Jackson; President-Elect—H. B. Healey; Vice-President—J. M. Cobban; Hon. Treasurer—D. B. West; Hon. Secretary—N. J. Holmes; Hon. Secretary for School—G. F. Duxbury; Sports Secretary—J. T. Cullen; London Secretary—S. A. Paige; Assistant Secretary—J. H. Hooke and J. Westall; A. A. Hillary was elected and S. Cullen and J. A. D. Cox were re-elected to the Committee.

Mr. Saywell asked if the Club would be prepared to provide drinks on the field after the Annual Rugger Match. The President asked if he would be prepared to leave it to the Committee to discuss and this was agreed.

There being no other business, with thanks to all for their support during the past year the President declared the meeting closed at 6.15 p.m.

Old Abingdonian Trust Fund

The accounts for the last financial year are given below and we are very pleased to say that by the time these words appear in print the outstanding liability for the War Memorial Pavilion will have been discharged and a start made on payment for the remaining cost of the new fives court. We are sure that our generous subscribers will feel some pride and pleasure in the part they have played in both these undertakings—not to mention the valuable contribution they will be making to the Appeal.

We acknowledge with many thanks increased Covenants from J. L. Taylor and G. W. Dodge and renewed Covenants from G. Hill, J. Ranger, W. F. Wiggins and J. M. Wood. Our thanks, too, to R. W. Snell for carrying out the audit of the accounts.

As always we shall welcome new subscribers or increases of Covenants for the benefit of the Appeal.

Cash Account for the year ended 31st March, 1959.

Receipts			£	s.	d.
Balances in hand, 1st April, 1958	...	...	133	4	2
Subscriptions and Donations	...	...	228	1	0
Inland Rev. Refund of Income Tax on Covenants	...	...	130	14	3
Trustee Savings Bank Interest	...	...		13	0
			£492	12	5

Payments			£	s.	d.
School Magazine Expenses	...	...	36	11	6
War Memorial Pavilion	...	...	300	0	0
Stamps on Covenants	...	...		7	4
Postages and Stationery	...	...	1	11	9
Balances in hand, 31st March, 1959	£	s. d.			
Cash at Bank	...	126 18 8			
„ „ Trustee Savings Bank	...	27 1 7			
„ in hand	...	1 7			
			154	1	10
			£492	12	5

G. F. Duxbury,
Hon. Treasurer.

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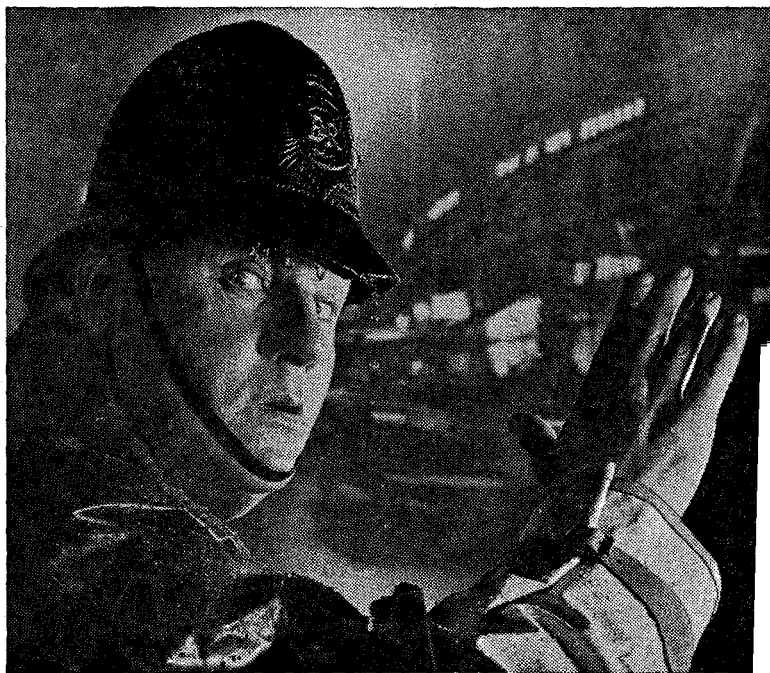
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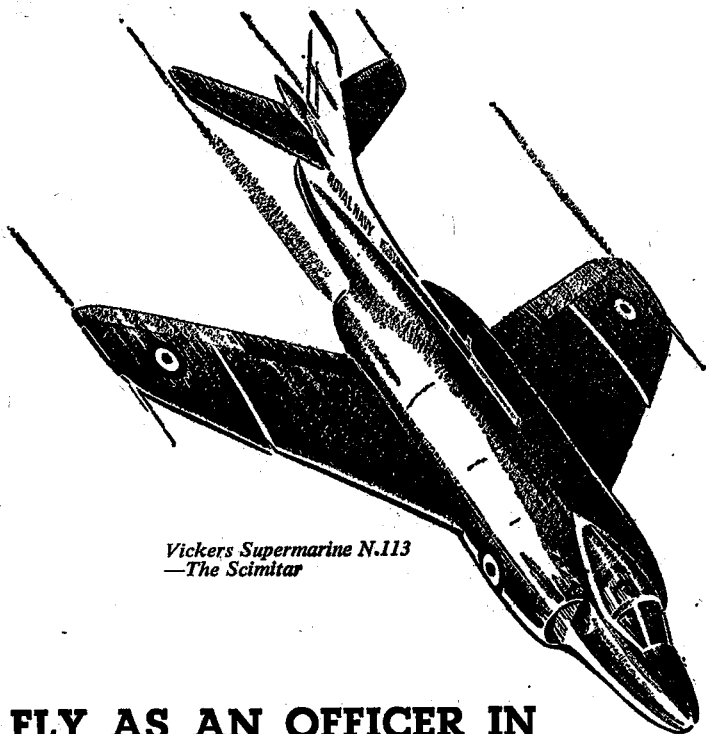
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