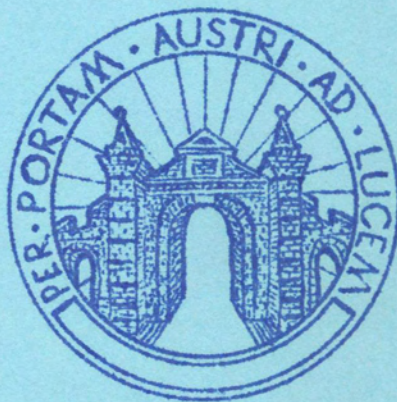


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IN MEMORIAM.

We regret to record the death of David Millem, aged 16, (1952 ~ 1955), who died, on December 12th., in an accident at his home, and we offer our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

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### SCHOOL TERMS 1956/57

Autumn Term September 10th to December 20th.  
 Spring Term January 9th to April 9th.  
 Summer Term April 30th to July 25th.  
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### SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

We regret to record a number of staff changes that have occurred in the past year. At Easter Miss Goodeve left and was married shortly afterwards. At the end of the Summer term Miss Watts left to take up a post as Senior Mistress at Capworn Street School for Girls. A fitting tribute to her long years of service to the school is to be found further on in this section. In her place we welcome Miss Waddington, who we trust will have a long and enjoyable stay with us. At the same time we said goodbye to Miss Osborn, who left to get married; Miss Flinders, Mr. Faiers and Mr. Boucher. Mr. Robertson our games and P.E. master, is at present attending a special course, but will be returning to the school in a year's time. We welcome Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Sears, Miss Jeeves, and Miss Giblett as games mistress.

Congratulations to Mr. Frith on his recent marriage and to Mr. Wise on his appointment as Head of the Geography Department.

A group of Fifth and Sixth formers attended the Christmas Lectures organized by the Council for Education in World Citizenship at the Central Hall Westminster.

In April the School attended the dress rehearsal of the school play, "Happiest Days of Your Life" by John Dighton, which was produced by Mr. Toobe. In addition the school attended the Old Scholars production of "The White Sheep of the Family".

During the Easter holidays Mr. Spooner and Mr. Warburton conducted a party of boys to the Riviera for an eight days holiday. A report of this holiday is to be found elsewhere.

At the same time a party of girls visited Faverges in the French Alps with Miss Watts and Miss Hyde, and very much enjoyed their ten days holiday.

At the beginning of the Summer term the school attended a showing of Sir Laurence Olivier's film, Richard III, at the Odeon Cinema.

Our congratulations go to Valerie Borton who won the English Schools National Junior Diving Championship at Gateshead in November of this year.

Two Careers evenings were held during the year at which Mr. Clarke the Southgate Youth Employment Officer introduced a number of speakers representing a variety of Industries and professions.

At a time when the Cyprus crisis was upmost in our minds, Mr. John Fletcher-Cooke, C.M.G., a former acting governor of Cyprus, addressed an audience composed of Sixth formers both from Southgate County and Minchenden, on this subject. A full report of his speech is to be found further on in this section.

The interest of the school in this year's Olympics was much stimulated by the presence of Mr. J.J. Cook who has taken over Mr. Robertson's duties as P.E. and games master during his absence. Mr. Cook has a long and honourable record of association with the modern Olympics. He first competed at the White City In 1908 In 1912 at Stockholm he won a bronze medal, and for the three Olympics between 1920 - 1928 he was captain and coach of the British Gymnastics Team. This amazing record was completed when he officiated at the 1948 Olympics at Wembley.

#### NATIONAL SAVINGS

During the first term of the school year a total amount of £350 was saved, and there were three hundred savers. There was no collection during the following two terms due to a dispute between the Teachers' Union and the Minister of Education.

However collections have started again and the number of savers is rapidly reaching the figures for the previous year.

## CHARITIES

During the past year the school has been called upon to support a wide variety of charities. Collections have been made for:-

St. Dunstons, the National Spastics Society, Queen Elizabeth's Hospital for Children, the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, the Greater London Fund for the Blind, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and the Alexandra Rose Day.

In addition regular collections have been made for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, and the Headmaster was able to send off a total of £50 at the end of the year. Following the appeal for contributions to their Hungarian Relief Fund by the Red Cross, a collection was made in the school and a total of £26 resulted.

## P R E F E C T S 1 9 5 6

Head Boy:	N. Caplin	Head Girl:	Valerie Chadwick
Deputy:	S.A.N. Darley	Deputy:	Megan Phillips

Diana Barker, Deidre Bartlett, A.N. Barton,

G.M. Beech, Christa Butsch, Linda Chiappa, D.S. Cowland, Hilary Culpeck, Aliota Dolan, Joan Franks, D.F. Freeman, R. Graham, D.E.C. Gutteridge, Pat Hoffman, Eileen Jones, Pat Knight, Jennifer Lacey, Pat Mason, Kathleen Pritchard, Diane Richardson, M.D. Rust, J. Saar, P.G. Simmonds, R. Simons, D.C.J. Slawson, Margaret South, Kathleen South, R.I. Tonge, C.D. Williams.

## APPRECIATIONS

The Magazine Committee would like to express their thanks to the numerous people who have helped in the production of the Magazine. In particular to Mr. Gale and his typists for their labours in the typing of our manuscripts; to M.D. Rust VIA Science who is responsible for the design of the cover, and the direction of art work throughout; and to the various members of staff for their co-operation. We are also obliged to our advertisers, and hope that they will be well supported by our readers.

MISS D. E. BARHAM

Miss Barham was appointed headmistress of the temporary County School for Girls opened in Avondale Road in 1909. In 1910 this School was amalgamated with the temporary Boys' School in Broomfield House, the two together forming Southgate County School in a new building in Fox Lane, with Mr. A. T. Warren as headmaster, and Miss Barham as senior mistress.

At that time co-educational secondary schools were something of an innovation, but the personality and influence of Miss Barham contributed to the early establishment of the new School in the confidence of residents. She held the post of senior mistress with distinction, rendering loyal and devoted service, till she retired in 1937.

Miss Barham won the respect and affection of all associated with her. Kindly and considerate, cultured and scholarly, wise and discerning in counsel and in judgement, generous and sympathetic, always impelled by the highest ideals of duty and service, she was a constant source of strength and encouragement to colleagues and pupils alike.

Successive generations of older girls on leaving school gladly acknowledged the debt they owed to her personal interest in them, her precept and her example.

In her retirement she derived much pleasure from the steady flow of calls and messages she received from former pupils.

In recent years she was called upon to bear pain and distress, but this she did with characteristic calmness and fortitude, and it ever remained a delight and inspiration to be in her company.

Her friends are conscious of a deep thankfulness for having known her, and been influenced by her.

W. C. Auger.

ANNUAL SPEECH DAYS 1956

This year we had the privilege of welcoming Professor W. D. Wright and Lord Southbury as Guest Speakers. Professor Wright is an old scholar of this School, and all who taught him will be proud of his achievements. Among the positions he has held are Secretary of the International Commission for Optics, Chairman of the Physical Society Colour Group and Vice-President of the Physical Society. Since 1951 he has been President of Technical Optics at the Imperial College of Science, London.

speakers, particularly after 3.50 p.m. The subject of Archbishop Makarios was the cue which seemed to interest the questioners most, and his deportation was criticized by many speakers from the floor.

The whole thing was well worth while and our thanks go, not only to Mr. Fletcher-Cooke, for sparing this school an afternoon in his busy programme but also to Mr. Forrest who arranged the visit.

#### SENIOR SPEECH DAY

##### Address by Dr. W. P. Alexander.

Dr. Alexander first addressed the older section of the audience on the cost of the education service, which was £400,000,000 per annum and which would inevitably rise to £650,000,000 in the future; for the number of children would increase to 6,750,000; about £80,000,000 per annum was spent on school buildings and there were 14,000 teachers in training. Were we getting value for our money? If we were, we should make it widely known.

All standards in human endeavour were higher than ever before: from a smaller age group twice as many now went to a University, five times as many passed professional examinations and two and a half times as many graduated; G.C.E. standards were higher than those of the comparable pre-war examinations and records were being broken in many fields.

The rates, out of which education was financed, had gone up less than almost anything else and we were receiving more for them. It was right that 85% of university students were aided by grants, for brains were our greatest asset on which we could compete qualitatively with the world. The maintenance of standards in this country demanded the best. We were getting good value for our money.

The younger section of the audience, Dr. Alexander said, should be proud to excel in whatever they attempted; to aim at less was an insult to their competitors. They should be where their ability demanded; though few people worked to capacity, because laziness was the easiest habit.

Dr. Alexander congratulated the Head Master and staff on their work in a difficult building, though he pointed out that a school was not a building but a life conditioned by those who lived in it. The staff, who created the atmosphere, had no great material rewards but had



the satisfaction that those who left school remembered them more than the subjects they taught.

For his concluding message, Dr. Alexander told a true story of an incident in Virginia when, driving with some friends, he had come to a junction of five roads with no signpost. A negro who was sweeping the road there made the same reply to various questions about where the roads led: "I don't know, boss." Whereupon Dr. Alexander had told him that he must be lost too; but the negro had replied, "I can't be lost, boss; I ain't goin' nowhere." This, said Dr. Alexander, was why the negro was still sweeping the roads. Did we know where we were going? Unless we did there was no possible chance of our ever getting there.

#### JUNIOR SPEECH DAY

##### Address by Mr. Macqueen-Pope.

Mr. Macqueen-Pope said that he was delighted to hear of the School's interest in drama and acting, which fostered mental discipline, memory-training, and the careful speaking of our own beautiful language. But he seriously advised his listeners, if they wished to practise the art of acting, to do so only as amateurs, for the profession had little glamour and few prizes, but only hard work and disappointments. After three centuries the theatre as we knew it was changing, perhaps dying, but that mattered little if the art of acting survived. So he urged them to join an amateur dramatic society.

As the historian of the theatre, a man who wrote books, he was very interested to hear of the School Library. The history of England was the finest thriller ever written, and he amused the youngsters with several anecdotes of the old actors, and of Drury Lane in by-gone years, and of himself when young. Although he himself disclaimed any brilliance at his lessons, he reminded his audience that we really never leave school: we are always learning in the school of life, and always having to do as we are told. But he recommended his young listeners to study History with interest. It was the epitome of the Past, a part of Evolution: History is tradition, the greatest thing our country possesses.

Finally, Mr. Macqueen-Pope told them that the School was part of their tradition. They must remember all their lives that they were British: they must not be dazzled or overpowered by other people's speech, or dress, or way of life. They must maintain their own tradition, which was being given to them now, while they were at school, and they must take it out into the world with them. It would keep them sane, and help them to become fine British citizens.

SUCCESSSES GAINED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

1955 - 1956

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION.

Note:

Letters in parentheses denote the subjects in which passes were obtained \* denotes a distinction. Capital letters denote a pass at Advanced Level, small letters denote a pass at Ordinary Level.

(a) Art; (by) Biology; (b) Botany; (c) Chemistry; (ck) Cookery; (eh) Economic History; (el) English Literature; (en) English Language; (f) French; (gn) German; (gk) Greek; (gs) General Science; (gh) Geography; (h) History; (hc) Handicraft; (l) Latin; (m) Pure Mathematics; (map) Applied Mathematics; (mu) Music; (p) Physics; (z) Zoology.

Allen G.E.R.	m ma p c hc	Cameron-Waller M.A.	gy m a
June R. Alsford	en el gy h l f m a	Caplin N.	*M MAP P
Nerma G. Armstrong	en el f m by	Valerie Chadwick	el L gk
Arnett J.A.	en el m by a	Penelope M. Charne	en el h l gk f
Christine Ashman	en gy f	Linda Chiappa	p
Austin L.J.	en el f gn m map p	Annette K. Chiles	en el gy h f gn mu
Gillian B. Aylward	m c by	Clare K.	gy f m hc
Patricia H. Baldwin	en	Jillian Cooper	en el
Janet A. Barron	en el gy h l f m	D.S. Cowland	M MAP P c
A.S. Barton	map	Janet E. Cowland	en el h l f m gs a
Beck R.C.	en el gy f m map p	Hilary A. Culpeck	el by
Berguer D.I.	en f hc	Darley S.A.N.	el H A
Helen Berman	en el gy m ck	Philippa A. Dawson	f
Bocci A.J.	en el f m map p c	B.R. Deighton	el f m p
Bompas J.	en gy m map p	Kathleen Dixon	en el gy f m ck
Beryl R. Bragg.	en el gy f m gs a	Alicia N. Dolan	b Z
Mary Brooks.	EL GY H F	Carolo A. Easton	en el gy h l f m ck
G.R. Brummell	hc	Eve M.S.	en el gy h l f m mu
Bryceson G.K.	el gy m gs a	Pamela J. Fisher	en el gy h l f m
Bubbers B.D.	en f m map c	Sylvia Ford	en el gy ck
Brenda A. Buggs	el f	Frecman D.J.	M MAP p
Penelope A. Bull	en el f m p c by	M. Ann Frohnsdorff	en el gy m mu
Bundle F.W.	en m map p c	Gale A.J.	gy h a
Myrtle Bush	en el f gn	Doreen A. Goodrich	en el h l f ck
J.A. Buxton	el	Graham D.C.	en m map p c hc

Graham R.	f M MAP P C	Brenda V. Phillips	en ol h f gn
Cecilia A. Green	en el gy h f gn	Megan Phillips	P o B Z
Vivian M. Hack	en el gy h m a	Plumb M.D.	en l f m map p c
Haigh W.P.	en eh	Pretty B.	gy h m ho
Anne E.M. Harman	en el f m map c	Kathleen J. Pritchard	EL F GN
Harris G.A.	m map c	Shirley J. Punter	en el h l f m gs ck
Hart A.J.	en el gy h l gk f m	Redgrove M.D.	gy a
Gillian D. Hayes	en el gy	Ring A.H.	el gy f m
Haynes M.J.W.	en f m p c by	Doreen F. Sander	el h
Janet R. Heath	en el gy l f m map p	Marion Sandys	en el f m map p o
Mavis J. Hemmings	el m by	Saar J.	f
Patricia R. Hoffman	EL H f	Sedley D.R.	en el f m c by
Margaret Hughes	en el gy f ck	Simons R.	f M MAP P c
Irwin T.D.	map	Simonson M.	el gy h m a
Marjorie E. Janson	en el f m p c by ck	Slane J.C.	en el f m c by
Jossett S.R.	gy m ho	Jacqueline D. Smith	en el h f gn
Jones P.A.	en f m map p c	Smith J.C.	en el h f m gs a
Jordan N.A.	en el m	Smith R.J.	en el f m map c
Kellam C.A.	en oh	Margaret South	EL GY GN
Kennett G.A.	en el h l gk f m gs	Sparrow R.K.	en el f m p c by
Patricia A. Knight	L F GN	M. Anne Stapley	en el gy h l f m ck
Jennifer B. Lacey	EL GY h	Steele T.J.	f hc
Laden L.S.	el gy gs	Tansley A.F.	el h gy
Muriel Landau	en el f	Tabbutt R.E.	en el h f
Lewis B.M.	en el f gn m map e p	Tonge R.I.	map
Male M.G.	en gy f m map	Janet Tooby	en ol gy h l f m ck
Jean A. Meur	en el h f	Myrna G. Warbey	gy h m
Michelin M.J.	en m c by	Brenda P. Warren	el m
Pamela M. Miller	en el h f gn m	Welch A.S.	en gy f m a
Ann C. Monk	en el l f m ck	White R.D.	m map p
Nettleton M.L.	en el f gn m map p c	Williams C.D.	map
Jean M. Nicholls	en gy f a	Willis D.M.	en el m by
Noddings J.	en gy f m mu	Ann Wilson	en gy h f m l
Norris A.	m hc	Gillian M. Wilson	en el gy h f gn m
Helan J. Pates	en el f m p c by a	Heather C. Woodley	en gy f a

Royal Society of Arts Certificates

Typewriting Stage 1

Helen Berman; Kathleen Dixon; Gillian D. Hayes; Sylvia Hootman; Margaret Hughes  
Jean M. Nicholls; H. Mary Orchard; Noel R.A. Montgomery Tully.

Typewriting Stage 2 - Sylvia Hootman.

Shorthand Stage 1 - Pamela R. Baker; Helen Berman.

Book-keeping - Principles of Accounts - C.A. Kellam.

Other Examinations

Kathleen J. Pritchard: Passed Civil Service Examination, Executive Grade.

Prizes for the School Year Ending July, 1956

Form Prizes

IB	Rosalind S.C. Rose,	R.J. Petts,
IH	P.J. Miles,	Pamela B. Gale,
IN	Joyce M. Boon,	Angela R. Lennard,
IIC	Margaret E. Grange,	C. Bocci,
IIB	D.J. White,	Yvonne M. Melville,
IIA	Anne M. Dell,	G.S. Taylor,
IIIC	Julia Wolstenholme,	R.G. Clarke,
IIIB	Sheila S. Watkins,	C.F. Invest,
IIIA	A.J. Lewis,	Ruth M. Eckstein,
IV Gen.	M.D. Simons,	Diana F. Chiles,
IV Sc.	R.T. Elliott,	Jill V. Budd,
IV Arts.	Sylvia J. Stevens,	Gillian M. Hands,
V Gen.	Beryl R. Bragg, Kathleen Dixon,	Helen Berman,
V Sc.	M.L. Nettleton, B.M. Lewis,	L.J. Austin,
V Arts.	G.H. Kennett, A.J. Hart,	Janet Tooby.

Geometrical Drawing Prizes

J.D. North,	P.M. Smith,	R.V. Chambers,
K.G. Summer,	D.W. Ivins,	M.J.G. Earle.

VI Form Subject Prizes

VIB English: M.D. Frohnsdorff, Latin: M.D. Frohnsdorff, French: Brenda M. Kenning,  
German: Christa Butsch, Pure Mathematics: Diana M. Barker, Applied Mathematics:  
Christa Butsch, Physics: T.D. Irwin, Chemistry: Diana M. Barker, Botany:  
Linda Chiappa, Zoology: C.D. Williams.

VIA English: Mary Brooks, Geography: Mary Brooks, History: Mary Brooks,  
 Latin: Valerie Chadwick, French: Patricia A. Knight, German: Kathleen J. Pritchard,  
 Pure Mathematics: N. Caplin, Applied Mathematics: D.S. Cowland, Physics: R. Graham.

Special Prizes

Physical Education: B.M. Lewis. Hilary A. Culpeck.  
 Domestic Science: Marjorie E. Janson.  
 Art: J.A. Annett. Vivien M. Hack. M. Simonson.  
 The "Ingram" Handicraft Trophy: G.E.R. Allen.  
 The "Pater" Memorial Prize: Margaret South.  
 The "Fairfield" Prize: Patricia A. Knight.  
 The "Richard Bell" Prize: R. Graham.  
 Head Boy's and Head Girl's Prizes: N. Caplin. Valerie Chadwick.

PUPILS PROCEEDING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Mary Brooks: University of Manchester.  
 J. Bompas: School of Navigation, Southampton.  
 N. Caplin: Queen Mary College, University of London.  
 Linda Chiappa: London College of Pharmacy and Chemistry for Women.  
 Hilary A. Culpeck: Accepted by the London Hospital for training as a Nurse in 1957.  
 Philippa A. Dawson: St. George's Secretarial College.  
 G.L. Dixon: King's College, University of Cambridge.  
 R.M.A. Fisher: Enfield Technical College.  
 D.J. Freeman: Northern Polytechnic.  
 W.P. Haigh: Enfield Technical College.  
 Eileen M. Jones: Accepted by University College Hospital for training as a Nurse in 1957.  
 Jennifer B. Lacey: Avery Hill Training College.  
 J.C. Smith: Enfield Technical College.  
 Margaret South: Gipsy Hill Training College.  
 Gillian M. Thompson: Trainee Nurse, Charing Cross Hospital.

THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE

by John Dighton

"The Happiest Days of Your Life", like most comedies, makes exacting demands on producer and cast alike. The normal problems of grouping, movement, and timing, are all greatly accentuated. Almost from the moment of the Headmaster's entry the comedy is fast (sometimes, you'd be surprised how fast) and the action furious. On a large stage, with ample room for

what is a fairly large cast, these problems would call for quite a high degree of producing ability: on a small stage, success such as Mr. Toobe achieved was really admirable. I did not observe one of the accidents that could so easily have happened - and often do happen in amateur productions. The grouping was notable for its balance and appropriateness, while the movement was almost always natural and unforced. To remark on the absence of masking is almost insulting. I most emphatically endorse your own Headmaster's observation regarding the timing. This was perfect: entrances and exits, often complicated by the demands of comedy on the set, often involving split-second judgement, pauses and interruptions in the dialogue - all contributed to make this the outstanding feature of the production side of this performance.

In the borderland between production and the expression of individual acting ability, voice production, the taking of cues, and the speed - where speed was so important - were all very good indeed. In fact, so conscious was everyone of the awful dangers inherent in dragging the play, that at times we were left almost breathless ourselves. Even in comedy, it seems to me, the virtues of speed can be overdone, and those of the occasional "go-slow" forgotten. But in such hilarious farce, enacted with such obvious zest, much can and should be forgiven.

M.D. Rust, as Dick Tassell, made a handsome and convincing junior Master, who might have just joined the Staff fresh from college, but he - wot, no handlebars! - had certainly not supported, or been supported by, the bar of any R.A.F. Officers' Mess. But perhaps this was largely due to his make-up which, though obviously technically excellent, to my mind made him just what he presumably is off-stage.

D.J. Freeman made a great success of the slightly cynical and sincerely sardonic Billings. Could it be that his personal experiences gave him "background"? Anyhow, he was not merely very good but, I think, the outstanding performer in this cast. His gestures, his movements, his use of eyes and facial expression, show him to be already, for his years, quite an accomplished actor with a confidence and sureness of touch that should carry him far.

Rainbow (G.A. Harris) was very funny indeed and won his audience from the start. A beautiful part, but was this interpretation blunt and brisk, knockabout cockney, the right one? Bound by the original production, I suppose (though the film has overlaid my memory somewhat), I still incline to the slow, lugubrious, rather institutionalised Rainbow. But then I doubt if G.A. Harris would have been nearly so successful that way, so that's that.

I liked F.W. Bundle's Pond very much. He looked as if he could line up a dozen male-factors against the wall of the Quad, mow them down with the C.C.'s Bren gun and then go to a hearty lunch with that irremovable (almost) grin still stretching from ear to ear. In his earlier scenes, he reminded me a little of Groucho Marx with his brisk organizing. On the other hand, his scenes with Miss Whitchurch showed beautifully the other side of every Headmaster

What of the Witchurch? This, I think was difficult for anybody to do well - even for an experienced actress of about twice Beryl Bragg's age. It is a glorious part, if only because of the glorious imbecility of the axe - "to break open the safe - for Julia's ration book" - but very difficult for a school-girl to do naturally; and therefore, I say, the Bragg did extremely well.

Hilary Culpeck, though with a character more straightforward and nearer her own generation to tackle, had the even harder job of creating a Gossage which should be her own and not an imitation of Joyce Grenfell's. She succeeded, though I think she could have been even more the hearty and over-grown school-girl than she was.

Joan Franks' playing of Joyce Harper was decorative and sympathetic. With a role difficult because of its lack of character, she nevertheless played it with zest and, having a good stage presence, contrived to make her mark. She played up exactly the right amount to Tassell - to have done so more would have tended to distract from the important interest of the play.

Of the other members of the cast, I think J. Saar as Edgar Sowter and Janet Tooby as his wife stand out for special mention. Saar's interpretation was the right one, and well supported his lines: but perhaps just a little too well. Arrogance, aggressiveness, pugnacity, self-importance - all were there in a very good measure, and I do not want at all to detract from that success.

There is not much to the part of Sowter's wife, but Janet Tooby made the most of what there is. The ejaculations which she made were bombs, dropped one after the other in a raging sea: "Ridiculous", "Effeminate", "Inexplicable", "Incomprehensible", "Edgari" - each was given its full value, and the whole issued from that mask-like, severe expression, which was just right, required consummate control under the most trying conditions, and admirably constructed the formidable, gorgon character which Dighton wanted.

J.H. Aupers as Hopcroft Mi and Susan Harman as Barbara Cohoun, ('type casting?'), gave spirited, "natural" performances. R.K. Sparrow and Jean Meur as the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Peck had rather thankless tasks which were neatly and faithfully performed with good characterization.

The set was so good as to be a painful reminder of an all-too-real experience of your critic: the lighting was, perhaps, a little too good for real life. The properties department was clearly under able management, and I have rarely seen such uniformly good make-up in an amateur production - partly because of the palpable skill of Miss Mayhew, but partly, also, because she had little or no trouble with people who could "do their own"!

This was a show which I and everyone in the Hall that evening most thoroughly enjoyed. We were extremely well entertained by a company which had the best guarantees of success - a first-rate play, unbounded enthusiasm harnessed to much talent, and a producer with insight, skill, energy, and imagination.

## THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

The School Library, founded under the present Headmaster and situated in what was once classroom 12, has been growing rapidly during the past three years or so, and is now an important part of the school. It is used during school hours for private study, and the books are available to the Middle and Upper school.

As the forms in the Junior and Middle school have their separate Form Libraries, the policy laid down for the Senior Library was that it should consist of reference books and non-fiction covering most sections of human interest, and a selection of Senior fiction, old and new. Any old scholar who visits the school should make a point of looking into our library; it will probably give him or her a pleasant surprise.

There is a yearly grant allocated for the purchase of books by the Education Committee, but this does not go far enough for the many requirements. Accordingly we are trying to establish a tradition by which each pupil, on leaving, shall present a book, or the money for a book, which will be inscribed with the name of the donor and thus form a permanent memorial of his or her passage through the school. In addition to this we have had a number of gifts from Old Scholars and are already proud, for instance, of our magnificent sets of classical novels by Scott, Dickens and Thackeray. But the Librarian has many more requirements on his list than can come from the annual allocation. Where is the modern Encyclopaedia Britannica to come from, or the tempting nine volumes of Groves Dictionary of Music and Musicians at £4 per volume? This is where the Old Scholars can help us and put into concrete form the debt of gratitude they owe to their old school. The Headmaster will be very pleased to accept any contributions towards the purchase of such major works as we have mentioned, or any other useful acquisitions you may care to suggest. The most recent gift of twenty volumes from Mr. Scott, prompts us to remind you that we are always happy to receive any surplus books which you have.

The Library is only in its infancy and there are many empty shelves. We hope that as, with the help of our friends, it grows in size, it will increase in usefulness and help our boys and girls in their studies and give them interest and delight in their leisure. Do let it serve also as a memorial to the years you spent at the School.

## THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIRS

### The Senior Choir

Although small in numbers, the senior choir has continued to sing three times a week at Assembly. It is hoped that this year there will be more support given to the choir especially by the boys, as there is an urgent need for tenors and basses. Those who sang in the House Musical Competition would do well to join and continue their singing.

Rehearsals are held once a week in the Hut, where the choir learns to sing the Hymns for the following week and also to practice various works for performance at Speech Day.



### Junior Choir

The Junior Choir started last year very well with a membership of 35. Practices were held each week in the Hut at 12.20 p.m. Congratulations go to all the members who sang so well at the Prize-giving on December 1st, 1955.

Our thanks are due to our pianist, Brenda Phillips, who performed her very difficult task well.

H.C. VI B.Arts.

### THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

The school orchestra has continued to play twice a week throughout the year, and at various school functions it has added a musical flavour. For these performances it has rehearsed on Friday afternoons after school under the able direction of Mr. Smith, whose interest produces pleasing results.

A very warm welcome is extended to any new members of the school, and to others who would like to join the orchestra. It is a great opportunity to those learning to play a musical instrument, as they can increase their knowledge of well known music at an early age.

To those not lucky enough to own an instrument, the school has several violins, three clarinets, an oboe, cornet, trombone, flute, 'cello and a bass which can be obtained on loan at no cost from Mr. Smith, the only conditions being that the borrower makes reasonable progress and remembers to return the instrument!

Members of the orchestra during the past year:-

Conductor:	Mr. R.S. Smith.
Piano:	Jennifer Deane, B. Bubbers.
Violins:	R. Fisher, R. Smith, Mavis Hemmings, Diana Barker, C. Farrington, R. Larkin, Vida Anderson, Josephine Sootney, Hilary Vare, P. Smith.
Viola:	Mr. Blatchford.
Cello:	Mr. Toobe.
Double Bass:	D. Pughe-Morgan.
Flutes:	Elaine Hemmings, Pauline Guthrie.
Clarinet:	D. Freeman.

D.J.F. VI A Sc.

### THE HOUSE MUSICAL COMPETITION

We were very happy to have Mrs. Knowles adjudicating at the House Musical Competition this year. Her comments and criticisms on the items were very helpful to those involved as well as being instructive to the audience.

This year the House Cup was won by the Blue House, with a lead of one mark over White House who gained the 'George Mitchell' Choir Cup and the Senior Individual Cup. Carole Ashton of the Red House was awarded the Junior Individual Cup for a very original monologue.

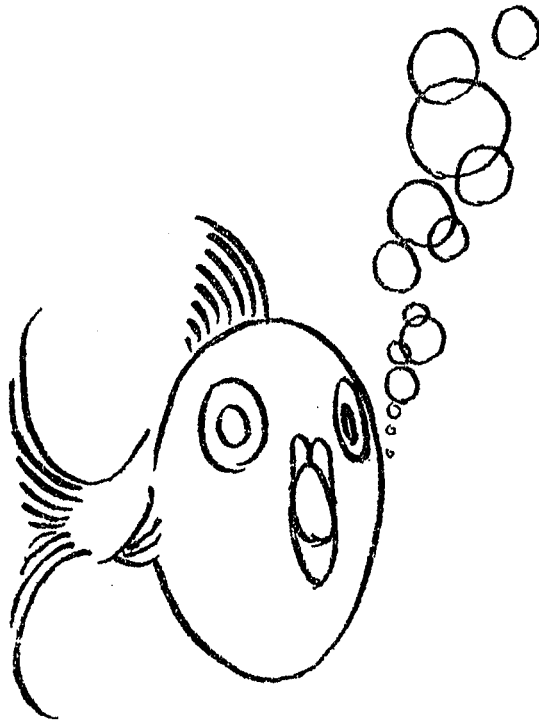
A special mention should be made of the Blue House Concerted Item, 'The Long Day Closes' by Sullivan. This was sung by Marion Digby, Christine Ashman and Brenda Phillips who gained full marks, an excellent achievement.

The Surprise Items this year were of a lower standard but showed more variety than last year.

The marks were as follows:-

	Blue	White	Red	Green
Choir	17	18	16	15
Individual	17	19	18	16
Concerted Item	20	18	16	16
Surprise Item	17	15	15	15
Total	71	70	65	62

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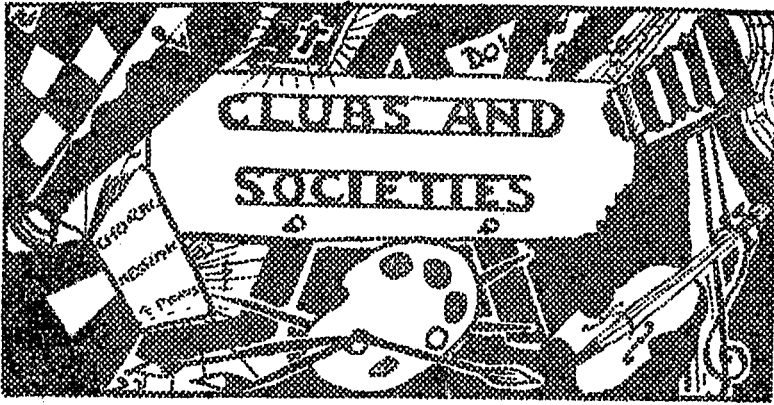
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### SCHOOL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

#### The Junior and Senior Christian Union.

Both the Junior and Senior sections of the school Christian Union have just completed yet another successful and profitable year - the eighth since the formation of the branch. Three regular meetings are now held each week, the Juniors meeting on Monday, the Seniors on Friday and the Prayer meeting is held on a Tuesday.

Since the beginning of our Society much emphasis has been placed upon Bible Study, for this is surely one of the most effective and helpful ways of exchanging ideas and interpretations of the passage under discussion. The Psalmist said "I rejoice at Thy word as one that findeth great spoil", and that expresses the feelings of many of our members when we settle down to forty minutes of study. The subjects of the Senior's Bible Studies during the past year have included the first epistle of St. John, and Nehemiah. Few of us realised, before our discussions on the Old Testament book commenced, how much help and guidance could be derived from it for the present day Christian. How true it is that the Word of God 'endureth for ever'.

Outside speakers who have visited our Senior section since the last issue of the magazine include, Miss Sheila Bennett and Mr. Eric Christie, a missionary from the Gold Coast, who brought with him many interesting models with which to illustrate his talk.

The Juniors also hold Bible Studies, the subject of which has been New Testament Parables. Other meetings included quizzes, talks on Bible Objects, and even a treasure hunt.

During the past year the Christian Union has held two open meetings. The first was the annual Squash, held in March, which once again provided a great source of enjoyment to all who attended. The evening was closed by a short meeting at which the speaker was Mr. Eric How.

The second open meeting was held in May when a whole day ramble was organised. It was a very tired, but cheerful party of Christian Union members and friends who made their way back

to South Mimms Mission Hall to tea and an evening's Squash.

As mentioned before, our Tuesday prayer meetings still flourish, and we feel sure that it is to this time set apart every week that we owe our continued success.

Once again we should like to extend an invitation to all members of both the Senior and Junior school to come along and see for themselves just what we do at our meetings.

Jennifer Lacey VI A Arts.  
(President)

#### THE CHESS CLUB

This year has, on the whole, been a successful one for the Chess Club. Membership has been on the increase, which has enabled us to be more selective in the formation of our two teams. These teams have played regularly in the Local Grammar Schools League as well as in several friendly games outside the League.

In connection with this League I would, on behalf of the school, like to acknowledge the work of G.L. Dixon and M.S. Pates in forming the League. To start with it had four members, Glendale, Minchenden, Tollington and Southgate.

During the last season the number was increased to seven, by the addition of Enfield Grammar, Tottenham County and Tottenham Grammar. Unfortunately Glendale found themselves unable to put forward a team and they had to withdraw. It may be said that this League has done much to foster a regard for chess in the local Grammar Schools.

The results after the first full season's play were as follows:

<u>Senior</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Enfield	Minchenden	Enfield
SOUTHGATE	Enfield	SOUTHGATE
Tottenham Grammar	SOUTHGATE	Minchenden
Minchenden	Tottenham Grammar	Tottenham Grammar
Tollington	Trinity	Trinity
Trinity	Tottenham County	Tollington
Tottenham County	Tollington	Tottenham County

The Senior team obtained their position by winning six matches, drawing three, and losing three, with a total of 90 pts. out of a possible 144, and was chosen from Dixon, (Capt.) Osborne, Hirshman, Simons, Williams, Pughe-Morgan, Darley, Partridge, Parmenter and Eve.

The Junior team won eight matches, drew two and lost two, had a total of 97 pts. and was chosen from Parmenter, Partridge, Crausaz, Wilford, Simons, Heym, Summer, Berman and Goss. The Juniors at one time had won eight out of nine matches and although third were only 5 pts. behind Minchenden who were first.

In the combination table the school came second being only 11 pts. behind Enfield Grammar. Minchenden came a close third, 5 pts. behind.

During the last season some of the members of the club have, unfortunately, had to use their own sets due to the shortage of school sets. This has now been remedied by the purchase

of six new sets, made possible by a generous gift from the school.

We should like to thank Miss Morris for allowing us the use of the Art room during the dinner hours and Mr. Swire for letting us use his room for matches.

A fair number of players frequent the Art room but they are mainly from the Junior School. We should like to see a few more Senior members playing regularly and encouraging the Juniors.

During the year Mr. Poulter, the Chess Master, has kindly given his spare time to be present at the Chess Matches, and to give lessons to the beginners and to coach the more advanced players in the strategy of the game.

All members of the school are welcome to join the club whether they can play or not and there is a good chance of playing in one or other of the teams.

C. Williams. VI B Science.  
(Secretary)

#### The Serious Music Club

Thanks to many willing helpers the Thursday dinner hour meetings of the serious music club continued during the Autumn and Spring terms. The programmes have been in the main slightly lighter than usual and this might account for the rise in attendance.

The music has ranged from Gilbert and Sullivan to Mozart's Clarinet Quintet and the Swan Lake Ballet Music. Most of the records have as usual been borrowed from the library, but we are greatly indebted to J. Slane who has helped us out by supplying records on many occasions. We have also attempted to arrange outings to concerts etc., but due to lack of support these have proved impracticable.

Please remember we try to cater for your individual tastes, so why not come along and join us any Thursday at one o'clock in Room 4.

Pat Hoffman VI A Arts.  
Alicia Dolan VI A Science.

#### The Art Club

The Art Club has met regularly during the year with a small, but determined membership. The interests of the members have found outlet in the varied club activities which range from painting and lino-cutting to lettering and book-binding.

Miss Morris has been only too willing to help where help and advice were needed especially in subjects new to the club, such as oil-painting. However, I am afraid the Royal Academy will not be exhibiting any of our "masterpieces" this year even with her help.

Some members have taken the Hornsey Art School Examination for entrance to Saturday morning classes and we are hopefully awaiting the results. We hope that other members of the school will join the club, which is open to every form, and covers a wide range of interest.

Pat Mason VI B Arts.  
(Secretary)

### The Poulterers

During the past year a select band of sixth form 'intellectuals' has continued to meet on Monday evenings, to discuss topics ranging from abstract philosophy to the milk yield of a cow, under the guidance of Messrs. Sharwood-Smith, Poulter and Frith. Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Barker - the parents of Diana Barker - who made us welcome on several occasions and provided us with excellent refreshments. Generally the discussion was of a high quality, and if occasionally the meetings have savoured of 'Goonery' this can be explained by the general lowering of moral tone brought about by the pressure of exams.

However for those of a more serious frame of mind the Poulterers still exists to spur on the feeble sixth form mentality to the heights (or depths) of its founders, and its aim is still:- 'to ponder quietly but collectively on Life, the Soul, and the Universe'.

Mary Brooks VI A. Arts.

### The Play Reading Society

It will come as a surprise to many, but the sixth form prefects can read - some of them quite effortlessly. This they, or some of them, have proved by joining the newly formed play reading society open to 4th, 5th, and 6th forms. They are all better at taking the parts of tyrants rather than lovers, even though some of the most fearsome prefects can only roar as gently as sucking doves when called upon to give a public performance of their art.

We try not to be too intellectual - we wouldn't want to strain anybody. 'You Can't Take it with You,' 'Arsenic and Old Lace,' 'Nothing but the Truth' have been representative of the plays read last year, but we have tried "Major Barbara" and a few others of similar kind and we hope for a more balanced programme in the future, now that the society is firmly established.

We have an interval - by the way - so when you come bring a cup as well as your knitting.

J.G. Frith.

### Geographical Society

Each Friday after school many people can be seen going towards Room 4 to attend the weekly meeting of the Geographical Society. It has continued to be a success under the efficient leadership of Mr. Wise and Miss Watts, as is shown by the rise in average attendance from 40 to 60. Our record attendance of 130 was for the film "The Rival World". However, we would still like to see more seniors attending.

Our meetings consist of films, talks, and illustrated quizzes. This year we showed many films, all of which were extremely interesting. They dealt with many varied subjects, including Norway, Germany, India, Africa, Denmark, Yugo-Slavia, Britain, Belgium, Pakistan, Greenland, Italy and others.



This year the Society was honoured by the visits of five speakers, the first of these was Mrs Evan, the mother of an old scholar, who talked to us about her visit to Tanganyika, and showed us some native carvings. We were also pleased to have two visits from Herr Kormann the German assistant, who spoke about Germany and showed films to illustrate his talks. Next we welcomed Mr. Boucher the new English master, who showed us films he shot himself while in Africa, which he accompanied by an extremely interesting talk. Mr. Wein, our history master, talked on his strange holiday in Yugo-Slavia. At the end of term we welcomed Mr. Serfine back to the school. He left in 1954 to tour the world. He talked to us about his experiences in Canada and Morocco, where he worked for a time. He made this talk both informing and amusing. It was illustrated by pictures on the Epidiascope.

The Geographical Society is open to all members of the school, and we are always pleased to see any newcomers.

Sylvia Ford V Arts.

#### The Senior Discussion Society

The society has met throughout the year on alternate Tuesdays. Attendances have been good, but we have found it difficult to persuade people to speak.

The meetings have taken various forms, including debates, talks, discussions, and finally a most successful speechmaking competition. In this thirteen competitors spoke on subjects ranging from automation to imagination, and from individ to grammar school teachers. The competitors were given helpful advice by the judges and the three winning speeches were printed in the last edition of the Magazine.

The subjects of our debates and discussions have also been very varied and have included euthanasia, the power of the press. One of the best debates was on the motion "That Southgate should be an independent state". At one meeting Mr. Wise gave a talk entitled "Is starvation necessary?".

We have also taken an active part in the Inter-School's Discussion Society. In particular two members of the school did very well in debates. Two of the best debates were held on "1984" and the partition of Ireland.

We hope that this year the School Society will be an even greater success, and that more people, particularly fourth formers, who should have more time for composing speeches than their hard working seniors, will make the most of this opportunity and take an active part in the Society. I can assure you that you will be very welcome.

Pat Hoffman 6A Arts,  
(Minutes Secretary)

### Junior Discussion Society

The Junior Discussion Society met last year and all the members were keen and enthusiastic. Discussions and debates were held and many of our members spoke at some time or another. Among subjects under discussion were: National Service, School Meals, Are children necessary for a marriage? etc. Everyone put forward his views very nicely, and we are looking forward to another year of successful meetings in room 8 at 12.20 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Hilary Culpeck VI B Arts.

### The Model Aero Club

During this past year, a senior section of the model aero club was founded. Mr. Frith kindly consented to act as president and many senior members of the senior school joined. Business meetings were held in the school, while flying meetings took place on the field. Attendances at the latter were particularly high since there was plenty to interest spectators as well as members. An inter-club competition, arranged with Minchenden, fell through at the last minute due to the failure of their club.

Unfortunately, as the General Certificate of Education Examinations approached the club went into decline as the majority of the members, Fifth formers, were busy swotting! However it is hoped that the 1956-57 season will be more successful, since a number of very keen juniors have graduated to the senior society. Any new members will be welcomed.

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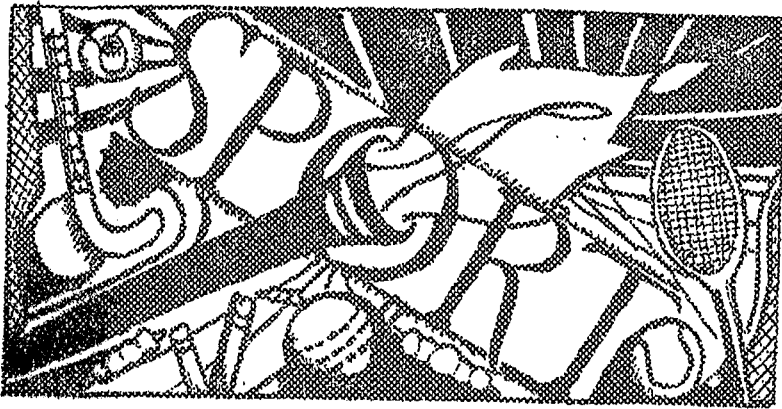
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## SPORTS

### BOYS SPORTS

#### SWIMMING

The First Form boys attended as usual the fortnightly lesson at Arnos Bath.

The Wednesday evening voluntary class at Arnos Bath was sparsely attended.

An incomplete team represented the School at the North Middlesex Inter Grammar Schools' Gala in July. J. Slane obtained a Standard Certificate in 100 yds. Senior Breast Stroke.

The School Gala was held in fine weather at Barrowell Green on Monday July 23rd.

Results were:-

Senior Champion	-	Gutteridge	-	Green House
Junior Champion	-	Parmenter	-	Green House
Progress Cup	-	Re-awarded to J. Sale - Red House		
Leonard Evan White Memorial Cup	-	(440 yds. open) - Diana Barker.		

R.E.T.P.

#### CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING 1955-56

We are again pleased to report a season of enjoyable competition. Early successes were gained in Inter Schools Matches against Tollington and Trinity. The main event of the year for the majority is, of course the Inter-House Championships. Training commenced early in the Autumn Term, and on Wednesday, November 18th a total of 211 boys took part in the competition, 155 of them gaining standards. The weather was ideal for C.C. Running, and some very good performances were recorded.

The White House teams were victorious in both the First Form, and Intermediate Races, while Green House won both the Junior and Senior Races. Williams crowned a remarkable cross country career at this school by winning a clear cut victory in the Intermediate Race, breaking the record set up by B. Ward by 5 seconds.

Individual results were as follows:-

<u>Place</u>	<u>Senior</u>		<u>Intermediate</u>		<u>Junior</u>		<u>First Form</u>	
1.	Dixon	(B)	Williams	(W)	Partridge	(W)	Brennan	(W)
2.	Slawson	(R)	Stapley	(R)	Bint	(B)	Summerhayes	(G)
3.	Graham	(B)	Baker	(R)	Machin	(W)	Sale	(W)
4.	Pughe-Morgan	(R)	Elliott	(W)	Cooper	(B)	Bugg	(B)

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#### Standards

23    30    58    39

#### Number of Runners

27    60    75    49

The Inter-Schools Team race, sponsored by Southgate Harriers proved, as usual, a very well organized and highly competitive event.

The School team ran extremely well and again were only defeated by Queen Elizabeth's and Highgate.

The Middlesex Grammar Schools Championships held at Parliament Hill Fields attracted a record entry. The school gained 11th place out of 28 competing teams.

Team selected from:-

Slawson (Capt.), Dixon (R.W.A.), Edgar, Tonge, Pughe-Morgan, Towers P., Stapley, Baker, Bompas, Graham, D.C.

#### FOOTBALL

The School 1st XI enjoyed a very good season, and achieved a high standard of play. Hamilford and Male gained County Honours, Male was selected for the A Team and took part in the Easter Tour. Austin set a fine example as Captain, taking on the mantle when Hamilford left at the end of the Christmas Term. With 5 members of the team staying on in the 6th Form we look forward to an even better season in 1956-57.

The 2nd XI, 3rd XI, - 14 - 13 and Form I also enjoyed a successful season. Bint, Groom, Churchill and Townsend represented the school in the District XI.

The Under 14 XI won the Southgate and Wood Green Schools F.A. Championship.

The 1st XI was selected from the following:-

Fisher, Wilson, Henderson, Hamilford (Capt.), Tansley, Pretty, Jessett, Male, Graham, Austin, Beck, Doncaster, Churchill, Townsend, Talbot.

Summary of all Teams:-

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals for	/	Goals against
78	50	18	10	216		186

(with 4 games cancelled)

## The Interhouse Championship

The Inter-House Championship again provided keen competition and this year the pendu swung in favour of Blue House.

In the Junior Competition they won every game and were worthy winners with Red House runners up.

### Inter-House Championship

#### Senior

- 1) Blue
- 2) Red
- 3) Green
- 4) White

### Inter-House Six-a-side Competition

- |          |         |
|----------|---------|
| 1) Blue  | 22 pts. |
| 2) White | 20 pts. |
| 3) Red   | 11 pts. |
| 4) Green | 4 pts.  |

## CRICKET 1956

### 1st XI

The School XI had one of its poorest seasons in recent years. This dismal record reproduced below, is a direct result of completely inadequate equipment, and lack of facilities for either coaching or practice. Despite the groundsman's unceasing efforts the cricket table was once again unfit for play and the 1st XI was forced to play away throughout the season.

Summary:	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>
	8	0	2	6

1st XI selected from:- Male, Jordan, Dembigh, Saar (Capt.) Browne (Wkt.) Groom, Tansley, Doncaster, Duff, Pretty, Phillips, Sale, Buxton.

### 2nd XI

The 2nd XI well captained by Sedley, although often outclassed in the skills of the game, enjoyed their series of games and put up some useful performances, Pickering, Ring, and Simonson were outstanding with the bat, and Talbot was our most successful bowler.

Summary:	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>
	7	1	0	6

2nd XI selected from:- Sedley D. (Capt.) Talbot, Cross, Simonson, Towers, Baker, Miller, Welch, Pickering, Ring, Phillips, Sale, Stapley, Ellison.

For the other school teams the season proved quite enjoyable and moderately successful. 5 XI's were fielded whenever playing space was available, but 3 XI's played regularly throughout the season.

The Junior XI's enjoyed a successful season and some promising talent was displayed auguring well for the future.

<u>- 14 XI</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>
	7	3	0	4

- 14 XI selected from:- Diakens, Sandford, Bint, Churchill, Groom, Parmenter, Robertson, Townsend (Capt.) Marks, Bullock, Eldridge, Machin, Mackenzie.

<u>Form   XI</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>
	2	1	0	1

Form | XI selected from:- Dear, Henken, Toms (Capt.) Sale, Miles, Povey, Summerhayes, Flood, Miller, Bugg, Beck, Hat, Harvey.

### ATHLETICS

The Annual Inter-House Championships were staged under practically ideal conditions as far as the weather was concerned. Some excellent performances were witnessed and our guests of honour, The Mayor and Mayoress of Southgate, were pleased to remark on the high all round standard.

(12 new records were set up and 3 equalled, 85% of the competitors gained grade A standards).

#### The Victor Ludorum Individual Championships

Senior School by Graham of Blue House  
 Middle School by Nettleton of White House  
 Junior School by Millard of Green House

White house were outstanding champions with 98 points. Green House and Blue House tied for 2nd place with 78 points each. Red House were 4th with 59.

#### The Middlesex Schools A.A. Championships

The Middlesex Schools A.A. Championships were held at the White City on June 13th.

Austin reached the final of the intermediate Long Jump, and gained 2nd place with 19' 4" only 2" behind the winner.

#### The Middlesex G.S.A.A. Finals

The Middlesex G.S.A.A. Finals meeting was held at the White City on July 18th. Eight competitors from this school had qualified for this meeting having achieved first or second place in their events at the North Middlesex G. Schools preliminaries at Broomfield Park. B.M. Lewis (Inter Hurdles) (having equalled his previous record) was narrowly beaten into 2nd place in the final.

### SPORTS DAY RESULTS

#### Seniors

100 yds.	D. Sedley	(White)	11.4 secs.
220 yds.	D. Sedley	(White)	26.3 secs.
440 yds.	D. Graham	(Blue)	55.7 secs.
880 yds.	D. Slawson	(Red)	2 mins. 11 secs.
1 mile	D. Slawson	(Red)	4 mins. 51 secs.
110 yds. hurdles	D. Graham	(Blue)	15.2 secs.
High Jump	R. Beck	(White)	5 ft. 0 in.
Long Jump	L. Austin	(Blue)	20 ft. 2½ in.
Triple Jump	L. Austin	(Blue)	40 ft. 1 in.
Javelin	D. Graham	(Blue)	128 ft. 0 in.
Discus	R. Beck	(White)	84 ft. 6 in.
Shot	R. Simons	(Green)	33 ft. 9 in.

Relay WHITE HOUSE 49.4 secs.

#### New Records 1956

L. Austin (Blue) Long Jump 20 ft. 2½ in.



### Middle School

100 yds	M. Nettleton	(White)	11.5 secs.
220 yds.	M. Nettleton	(White)	26.8 secs.
440 yds.	J. Stapley	(Red)	59.5 secs.
880 yds.	J. Stapley	(Red)	2 mins. 20.8 secs.
Hurdles	B. Lewis	(Blue)	11.1 secs.
High Jump	D. Miller	(White)	4 ft. 6 in.
Long Jump	R. Partridge	(White)	17 ft. 7½ in.
Triple Jump	M. Nettleton	(White)	36 ft. 10 in.
Javelin	B. Sandford	(Red)	93 ft. 7 in.
Discus	B. Lewis	(Blue)	93 ft. 5 in.
Shot	C. Churchill	(Green)	36 ft. 8½ in.
1 mile	J. Williams	(White)	5 mins. 5.8 secs.
Relay		WHITE HOUSE	51.2 secs.

### New Records 1956

B. Lewis	(Blue)	80 yds. hurdles in 11.1 secs.
J. Williams	(White)	1 mile in 5 mins. 5.8 secs.

### Juniors

100 yds.	J. Millard	(Green)	12.9 secs.
220 yds.	M. Middleditch	(Green)	30.8 secs.
330 yds.	J. Millard	(Green)	48.0 secs.
Hurdles	G. Taylor	(Blue)	12.9 secs.
High Jump	D. Smith	(Green)	4 ft. 1 in.
Long Jump	M. Middleditch	(Green)	14 ft. 1 in.
Triple Jump	G. Taylor	(Blue)	30 ft. 7 in.
Javelin	P. Elsom	(Red)	74 ft. 6 in.
Discus	D. Smith	(Green)	64 ft. 3 in.
Shot	T. White	(White)	31 ft. 0 in.
Relay		BLUE HOUSE	57.3 secs.

### New Records 1956.

J. Millard	(Green)	330 yds. in 48.0 secs.
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### TENNIS

For the first time a boys' tennis team was formed this season. The team was chosen after trials had been held, and there have been regular practices once or twice a week at our courts at Minchenden.

Several matches were arranged against various schools in the district. These were all lost, but provided the team with valuable experience in match play.

It is hoped that when trials are held to form next years team, there will be more boys interested in gaining a place.

These boys have played regularly for the team:-

D. Freeman (Captain), R. Graham, R. Tonge, A. Bocci, P. Hare.

D.J.F. VI A. Sc.

## GIRLS' SPORTS

### ATHLETICS

With even less time to prepare for Sport's Day than last year the results nevertheless were extremely gratifying. Seven new records were set up, three of which were the House Relay, and three other performances equalled the records. The House Captains and Senior House officials did some good and much appreciated work in holding trials for House teams this year.

We were unable to send in any complete teams for the Wood Green, Southgate and Potters Bar Sport's Meeting, as the date unfortunately coincided with the Second and Fifth form outings. However, those girls who represented the school gave a good account of themselves.

Congratulations to J. Lees, D. Goodrich, H. Tull, A. Bompas on winning through Area trials to go to the White City.

Finally, once again I do thank all members of Staff and House officials, and Mr. Martin, Mr. Bray and Mrs. Horrex for their support and co-operation.

S.D.F.

### SPORTS DAY RESULTS

<u>Senior Events</u>	1st	Standard	Performance	Record
100 yds.	J. Lees W	13.8 secs.	= 12.6 secs.	12.6 secs.
150 yds.	J. Lees W	22.0 secs.	= 20.1 secs.	20.1 secs.
220 yds.	D. Goodrich R	35.0 secs.	32.4 secs.	32.1 secs.
80 yds. Hurdles	C. Butsch W	15.0 secs.	14.9 secs.	12.6 secs.
High Jump	J. Cowland R	3 ft. 8 in.	4 ft. 5 in.	4 ft. 7 in.
Long Jump	V. Hack R	12 ft. 6 in.	14 ft. 6½ in.	15 ft.
Discus	D. Bartlett R	55 ft.	70 ft. 8½ in.	79 ft. 6 in.
Javelin	D. Bartlett R	50 ft.	72 ft. 10 in.	74 ft. 1 in.
Shot	C. Butsch W	25 ft.	31 ft. 11 in.	35 ft. 5 in.
 <u>Intermediate Events</u>				
100 yds.	J. Fulcher R	14 secs.	13.5 secs.	12.2 secs.
150 yds.	V. Pugh W	22.0 secs.	21.6 secs.	19.0 secs.
70 yds. Hurdles	J. Fulcher R	15.0 secs.	* 12.0 secs.	12.2 secs.
High Jump	V. Pugh W	3 ft. 10 in.	4 ft. 4 in.	4 ft. 6½ in.
Long Jump	V. Pugh W	12 ft. 6 in.	14 ft. 11½ in.	15 ft. 6 in.
Discus	A. Scarborough W	50 ft.	* 79 ft. 8 in.	67 ft. 4 in.
Javelin	J. Heath W	45 ft.	* 65 ft. 6 in.	59 ft. 7 in.
 <u>Junior Events</u>				
80 yds	A. Bompas G	11.0 secs.	10.3 secs.	10.0 secs.
100 yds.	A. Bompas G	14.2 secs.	* 13.0 secs.	13.2 secs.
High Jump	S. Plant G	3 ft. 6 in.	= 4 ft. 3 in.	4 ft. 3 in.
Long Jump	S. Plant G	12 ft. 3 in.	14 ft. 6 in.	14 ft. 7 in.
Rounders Ball	J. Matthews W	125 ft.	146 ft. 11 in.	169 ft. 4 in.
<u>Relays</u>	Senior	White	=	* 57.1 secs.
	Intermed.	Blue	=	* 57.5 secs.
	Junior	Blue	=	* 58.6 secs.

\* New Records Set up in 1956.  
= Records Equalled.

"A.T. Warren" Cup - Champion House - White.  
 "Marjorie Kingdom" Cup - Intermediate 100 yds. J. Fulcher.  
 "Mistresses Challenge" Cup - Senior Relay - White.  
 "Doreen Sentence" Challenge Cup - Senior 100 yds. - J. Lees.  
 "Prefects Challenge" Cup - Junior Relay - Blue.  
 "Doris Long Challenge" Cup - Senior High Jump - J. Cowland.

Medals

Middle Discus	A. Scarborough	Senior Discus	D. Bartlett.
Middle Javelin	J. Heath	Senior Javelin	D. Bartlett.
		Senior Shot	C. Butsch.

Championship Medals

Senior	J. Lees, C. Butsch.
Intermediate	V. Pugh.
Junior	A. Bompas.

"Christine Pirrie" Cup. J. Lees, C. Butsch.

NETBALL

The netball teams did not, on the whole, reach their usual standards of play, although the results obtained by the junior teams were far better than those of the senior. This, however, does not prove any lack of enthusiasm, indeed tribute must be paid to the enthusiasm displayed by many players.

1st Team June Alsford, Ann Monk, Deidre Bartlett, Ann Frohnsdorff, Pat Baldwin, Vicky Williams, Jennifer Lacey, Doreen Sander.

- 16 Team Doreen Goodrich, Norma Armstrong, Janet Tooby, Vivien Hack, Pat Baldwin, Ann Frohnsdorff, Janet Cowland.

- 14 Team Mary Floyd, Jeanette Hart, Brenda Fitzsimon, Valerie Mintern, Valerie Pugh, Doreen Attridge, Gillian Salisbury.

- 13 Team Hazel Tull, Sandra Plant, Maureen Kearns, Ann Bompas., Doreen Kavanagh, Maureen Coulson, Denise Walker.

<u>Results</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>
	1st.	5	1	1	3
	- 14	12	6	2	4
	- 13	11	5	1	5

League matches

The - 16 team gained 1st place in the Southgate League, and the - 14 team were second.

1st VII Colours

Re-awarded	-	Deidre Bartlett.
Awarded	-	Vicky Williams, Pat Baldwin, Jennifer Lacey, Ann Frohnsdorff.

## HOCKEY 1956

The 1st XI had a more successful season than last year. This was due to a good attack which had the continual steady support of the defence. Unfortunately the forwards sometimes lost their drive when they reached the goal circle, and they have the defence to thank in more ways than one for the fact that more goals were scored for than against the team.

The 2nd XI were less successful. Due to many changes in the side they never succeeded in combining as a team. However, throughout the season they were capably and enthusiastically led by Janet Heath.

### 1st XI

The 1st XI team was selected from the following:-

D. Goodrich, M. Bompas, C. Berry, A. Stapley, K. South,  
J. Tooby, N. Armstrong, C. Butsch (Captain), J. Cowland,  
J. Franks, B. Phillips, M. Hemmings, H. Culpeck.

### 2nd XI

The 2nd XI team was selected from the following:-

V. Hack, J. Matthews, J. Heath (Captain), M. Orchard,  
G. Hayes, M. Drysdale, J. Welch, G. Cooper, H. Pates,  
R. Caplin, K. Pritchard, G. Aylward, C. Johnson,  
V. Neighbour.

### 1st XI Colours

Re-awarded - C. Butsch.  
Awarded - N. Armstrong, H. Culpeck.

### Results

<u>1st XI</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>
	14	5	7	2
Goals for	32.		Goals against	29.
<u>2nd XI</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>
	10	1	9	0
Goals for	11.		Goals against	57.

### Inter-House Hockey Competition

The standard of the House hockey matches was not high owing to bad weather, which prevented team practices throughout the term.

### Results

1. Red.
2. White.
3. Green.
4. Blue.

## ROUNDERS

This year the standard of play among all three teams has been inconsistent, resulting in a very disappointing season. Although several members of the teams showed keenness and enthusiasm, this cannot be said of everyone by any means. A team can not play well if certain members of the team drop out at the last minute, thus badly letting down their team and the School.

3rd Year The 3rd year team was selected from the following:-

D. Attridge (Captain), V. Pugh, V. Mintern, P. Muller, Y. Reading,  
E. Hemmings, J. Ludlow, D. Crane, S. Watkins, J. Atkinson,  
B. Fitzlmon, P. Veroft.

2nd Year The 2nd year team was selected from the following girls:-

D. Kavanagh (Captain), D. Walker, M. Kearns, H. Tull, S. Plant, M. Coulson,  
C. Owen, S. Rockall, S. Raves, A. Bompas, C. Gutteridge, R. Haynes.

1st Year The 1st year team was selected from the following:-

D. Burgess (Captain), J. Boon, R. Ross, J. Cross, S. Garnish, J. Talbot,  
H. Vare, M. Trueman, L. Rapson, S. Swinburne, A. Duggan, M. Hambides.

<u>Results</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>
	3rd Year	6	1	0	5
	2nd Year	5	2	0	3
	1st Year	4	0	0	4

### Inter-House Rounders Competition

	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Junior</u>
1st	Red	Green
2nd	White	Blue
3rd	Green	White
4th	Blue	Red

S.D.F.

## TENNIS

This year, the tennis teams did not reach the high standard of last year, nevertheless their results were meritorious.

We offer our congratulations to Minchenden on regaining the Rose Bowl this year. The matches were most enjoyable, and the struggle was close enough to maintain interest throughout.

### 1st VI

1st couple:-	Christa Butsch. Brenda Phillips.
2nd couple:-	Hilary Culpeck (Captain) Anne Stapley.
3rd couple:-	Janet Heath. Janet Cowland, or Kathleen South.

2nd VI was chosen from the following:-

1st couple:- Kathleen South (Captain)  
Janet Tooby  
Deidre Bartlett

2nd couple:- Mavis Hemmings  
Valerie Pugh  
Ann Monk.

3rd couple:- Christine Berry  
Mary Bompas  
Ann Bompas.

Reserve:- Doreen Sander.

### Results

<u>1st VI</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>
	8	4	4	0
<u>2nd VI</u>	5	0	5	0

### School Tournaments

#### Senior:-

Singles winner - Hilary Culpeck  
Runner up - Janet Heath.

Doubles winners - Hilary Culpeck and Christa Butsch.  
Runners up - Janet Heath and Anne Stapley.

#### Junior:-

Singles winner - Valerie Pugh  
Runner up - Ann Bompas.

Doubles winners - Valerie Pugh and Dorothy Crane  
Runners up - Ann Bompas and Hazel Tull.

### Inter-House Tennis Competition

The Inter-House Competition this year was quite keenly contested. Green and White Houses tied for First place, having won six matches each, Red House were third with five matches, and the Blue House were Fourth winning one match.

### GIRL'S SWIMMING

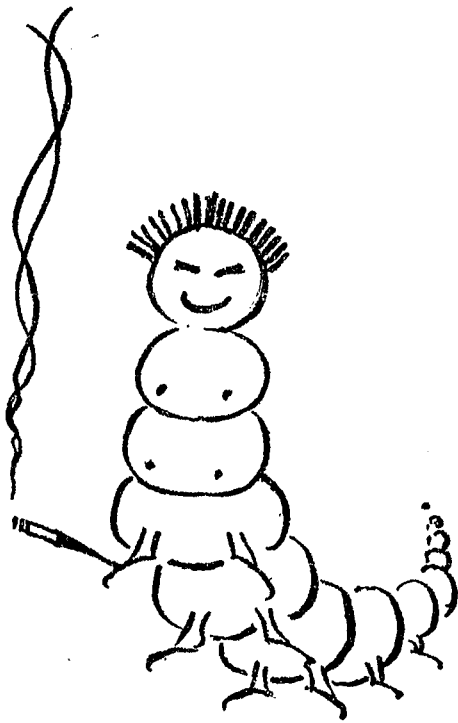
Throughout the year girls have been attending classes at the Southgate School of Swimming and many have gained certificates.

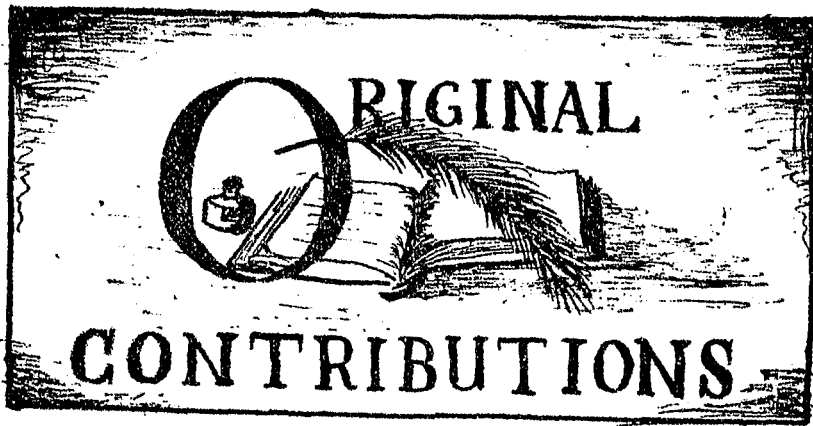
As usual we entered both junior and senior teams for the North Middlesex Inter-Grammar Schools Gala. Margaret Tickner won the Senior Backstroke and Valerie Borton won the Junior Diving and Breaststroke. These two girls and Geraldine Allen qualified to swim in the All Middlesex Grammar Schools Gala. Those in the school teams were, M. Tickner, G. Allen, A. Stapley, and D. Barker, (senior) and D. Payne, V. Borton, V. Anderson, R. Haynes, and J. Greenman, (junior).

The annual school gala was held on one of the few fine days last summer. Blues won the House Championship. The Senior and Junior individual championships were won by Margaret Tickner and Valerie Borton respectively. 31 -

The Progress Cup was awarded to Diana Barker who also won the Leonard Evan White Cup for the 440 yds. race.

D.B.





### ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

#### "The Cote D'Azur."

Last Easter a party of twenty-five boys from this school went to Cannes, the wealthy sun-drenched holiday resort on the French Riviera. During our eight day holiday we visited many other resorts such as Nice, and Monaco with its gorgeous palace and its towering position overlooking Monte Carlo, whose fabulous casino has enriched and impoverished many.

On one of our many excursions we visited Grasse, where perfumes, mainly for soap, are manufactured. This district, which has twenty-four perfumery factories, is the largest of its kind in the world, and incidentally the commercial preparation of perfume is not accompanied by as pleasing a smell as might be supposed.

Cannes, itself, is the most beautiful of the Riviera resorts, its spacious harbour is frequented by millionaires' yachts. Along the front are the gardens, bordered with lofty palm trees displaying arrays of colourful flowers. Behind the gardens are the most expensive hotels of which the "Carlton" and the "Majestic" are the most prominent.

To the North of Cannes are the terraced hill slopes, the dull, barren foothills, and in the far distance the majestic, snow-capped Alps. To the South lies the peaceful, almost tideless, sapphire blue sea - the Mediterranean. In the town the whitewashed walls reflecting the glare of the sun, contrast well with the dull and drab English brick. The tall trees which flank the long, broad avenues, afford but little shade from the overpowering heat of the sun. The delightful open air cafes are typical of a French town. Here the tourists can sit out in the sunshine, sipping their iced drinks and thinking how pleasant life is in this dream-holiday resort.

Throughout our stay the weather remained sunny except for one cloudy afternoon. The mornings were cool but as the sun rose each day the temperature soared to the seventies, where it stayed until late afternoon. As the sun set, a breeze which seemed to have rolled down from the mountains, sprang up and chilled the air.



It was at this time almost every night that a number of our party would stroll into a cafe, usually a different one each night as there were so many, and order "cafe-au-lait" for themselves. Having paid the exorbitant price of seventy-five francs, one-and-sixpence in English currency. We drank our coffee which was always strong and ambled out into the deserted street. After a short walk round the town to stretch our weary legs, we retired to the hotel for the night.

However, our eight day stay seemed all too short, each day providing something new and more exciting. At last our holiday came to an end, but as I left the station at Cannes, I knew that someday I would return to relive my memories of a most enjoyable and worthwhile holiday.

Our most sincere thanks go to Mr. Warburton and Mr. Spooner, who made this most successful holiday possible.

M. S. Eve V Arts.

Speed

The Fairley Delta flying high,  
Drove the birds from out the sky,  
Breaking all the green-house panes,  
Scattering glass in near-by lanes.

Mr. Green wrote to the paper  
Complaining 'bout "this childish caper",  
For, whilst looking straight ahead  
A pane of glass fell on his head.

The Fairley with its new ovation  
Forgot that other fast creation  
The P.I. can in upward track,  
Meet its sound waves coming back.

N. PARMENTER.

III Arts.

## PAST CIVILIZATIONS

We today are in perhaps the best position to reflect upon the past civilizations of the world. Though badly handicapped by the loss of many valuable and helpful documents we are now able to compare and contrast the lives of the peoples of the past. The great ages of beauty have gone and our minds are now being corrupted by material matters and thoughts of power. Unless this is stopped, within a few hundred years man will not possess an acute mind of his own, only a blithe delight in soul destroying pleasures.

However to return to past civilizations. There are many of which we have material records, somewhat enlightening us on their lives and philosophies. The Egyptians, Babylonians and Assyrians all left buildings and tablets of clay, including a great collection found in King Assurbanipal's library at Ninevah. A woman's position in those times was very high and she could embark on business propositions on her own account and even become a professional scribe. The Greeks, being probably the most learned, took great care to keep their language at a high standard, which was maintained by great grammarians and authors.

Their history is divided into two parts; the first is the invasion of Greece by the wandering romantic tribesmen of Indo-European descent from the North, and the second is the latter part towards the empire's decline when art, literature, philosophy and architecture achieved the highest standards.

The first Greeks came from the lower banks of the Danube, driving their flocks before them till they arrived in Greece then the home of the Aegeans. It was difficult for these wandering herdsmen to settle down and form settlements of their own, with organized government and ownership of land. Gradually they cultivated the land and their villages grew until all Greece was divided into a number of city-states, each with its own king and laws. By now the Greeks were coming into contact with the Phoenician traders, buying from them luxuries which they themselves had not yet learned the art of making; however they soon copied the work of their Cretan predecessors, whose craftsmanship and writing had nearly all disappeared at the first Greek invasions. But the greatest gift the Phoenicians gave was the alphabet, which has passed through the Greeks and Romans to form our own language today. In this stage of their development the Greeks sang many ballads, relating to passed victories and legendary heroes, of which the most famous were the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey", which were attributed to Homer.

At this time the Greeks were invaded by enemies who destroyed what they found, and the Greek people fell into a period which might be called the "dark ages", when the different kingdoms broke up and, for a time, civilized life was destroyed. Slowly they

recovered to rebuild their civilization and to defend themselves successfully against the Persians, who were driven from the land after the battle of Salamis. However, the Greeks, especially those of Athens and Sparta, who were competing for supremacy, spoilt their victories by fighting among themselves.

After the Peloponnesian wars the Greeks found themselves in an age of conflict, when new views were beginning to replace their old philosophies and where indecision and doubt existed at home and abroad. At this time Socrates, the great philosopher, began his teaching at Athens. He was convinced that the human mind could recognise and determine virtue, right, truth, beauty, and honesty. Socrates lived his philosophy but he never wrote about his ideas. This was left to one of his pupils, Plato, who recorded Socrates' arguments, but also unfortunately added his own views, thus making it difficult to discern Socrates' ideas.

The Romans, like the Greeks were great, but in an entirely different way. Whereas the Roman Empire became one of the best known and well organised powers, the Roman lacked the power of beauty, which the Greeks had so cherished. Many artists copied the exquisite architecture and sculpture found in Greece, though they were unable to maintain the standard set by the previous civilization. The Roman Empire saw the beginning of Christianity, the hard struggle and the final establishment of it as the accepted religion. The years following the death of Christ were the dark ages for His new faith. Tiberius, Caligula, and Nero persecuted many, thinking that their own authority was to be threatened, but the worst persecutor of the Christians was Diocletian and it was during his reign that Christ's new faith suffered most.

Many great peoples might have existed, but of whom we have no record or knowledge. Apart from the mysterious land of Tibet, which today is still secluded by a natural fortress of mountain ranges, there was the mythical continent Atlantis. This is supposed to have sunk beneath the Atlantic sea causing the death of its beautiful inhabitants, which were similar in appearance to the Greeks. A few are said to have survived on a nearby island, only to be killed in the sixteenth century by invading Spaniards.

Another example of this was the temple of Borobudur, which was found at the beginning of the last century when a British explorer, Sir Stanford Raffles, stumbled on it in the dense Java interior. This beautifully carved temple is one of the most exquisite pieces of architectural detail, but the mystery surrounding it is one still unsolved today. Dedicated to the worship of Buddha, it is sculptured to the finest detail at the base, but as it ascends the figures are not outlined so well. At the very top there is little

expression on the face of the Buddha. There is also, on the summit of the building a small cavity left empty apparently to contain a statue of the god, which was left at the bottom of the temple. As soon as the temple was completed the people of Borobudur fled leaving the jungle to advance and secure their work of art.

JENNIFER KENNETT IV Arts.

### Misadventure

"Where've you been?"

"I - I was playing with Tommy and we forgot the time."

"Don't you lie to me," she said threateningly, "now you just get up them stairs and think yourself lucky you ain't getting a thrashing."

"But please, I'm hungry, can I have some tea?"

"No! If you don't hurry up I'll tell your father when he gets in."

So one small boy wept his way to his bedroom, but once there his tears abated slightly.

"What do I care for her? She won't rule my life, I won't stand her bullying and beating any longer. I'll run away ..."

Slowly the idea dawned and then grew inside his head with the urgency of a buzzing bee.

He opened the window and the wintry drizzle blew into the room. Through the mist he could see the trams rattling along their shining rails, the old flickering gas-lamps reflected on the wet road, the lights of the shops, the paper boy on the corner shouting the latest news, the two dogs fighting below his window and all the people scurrying to and fro while the grey clouds raced by over their heads.

He lay on his bed waiting for nightfall, listening to the wind howling in the chimney. He made his plans. He had just enough money to take him to Howth by steamer, that was the quickest way. From thence on he could probably get a lift on the road to Malahide and then stowaway on the railway.

He decided to leave at half past nine, so at twenty-eight minutes past the hour he opened his bedroom door and crept to the head of the stairs. He could hear his father's voice raised against his step-mother's in the kitchen. He must hurry, there was no time to lose. He put his foot on the first stair, then the second, the third creaked and he held his breath, but no door opened and no shouts ensued.

Once in the street fear took hold of him and he started to run - it was cold and the wind blew the rain in his face. He passed the paper boy trying to sell his remaining copies. The dogs had gone.

He turned right at the end of the road and ran full tilt into a policeman.

"Sorry", he gasped and ran on.

Across the square and down the alley into the docks. They were eerie at night, the dock cranes loomed high and fearsome above him and frightened him all the more and he ran faster to be out of this terrible place. Every shadow held horror for him and he could feel the sweat running down his back, cold though it was. The great ships rode at anchor dipping on the rough waters. Wet paper and leaves blew about him on the slippery dock-side. He ran on with the raging waters on one side and the dark warehouses on the other ...

"THE DUBLIN CHRONICLE - 17th October"

"..... we regret to record the death,  
by drowning, of Michael O'Leary on the  
night of Friday 14th October. The  
Coroner returned a verdict of misadventure.

DUTTON.

LEISURE???

"What is this life if, full of care  
We have no time to stand and stare?"  
We'd dearly love to but it seems  
That hard work's needed, not day-dreams.  
G.C.E. is on its way  
Nearer draws the fateful day.  
Five Arts, Science, General too,  
Always such a cheerful crew  
Are sunk in gloom  
At approaching doom,  
While they gaze unseeing at meaningless pages  
And fly into inexplicable rages.  
Eight is the number we dream of at night,  
For a pass in eight subjects  
Would give great delight.  
Bullied and badgered and wheedled and warned  
By staff whose well meaning advice has been scorned,  
We know if we'd listened in days gone by  
We'd have no reason to sit and sigh.  
Now faced with enormous piles of revision  
On which will depend the final decision,  
We find life far too full of care  
With never a moment to stand and stare.

BRENDA V. PHILLIPS  
V Arts.

## A HITCH-HIKING HOLIDAY

It was as the result of a bet that during the Easter holidays I found myself embarking on an unusual, but nevertheless enjoyable holiday. I had been challenged to travel from John O' Groat's to Land's End without spending a penny on food, travel or accommodation.

So it was that I set out with an emergency fund of £3 in my pocket, a great rucksack on my back, and not a little apprehension in my heart. However, Lady Luck was on my side and I got off to a good start. The end of the first day found me near Catterick on the Yorkshire Moors. With two inches of snow on the ground, and a bitterly cold wind sweeping the countryside, I was glad to bed down for the night in a converted railway wagon which I shared with two sick ewes and their lambs. I had previously decided that I should have to work on the farms for such meals as I was to eat, and in this particular case the elderly smallholder was glad of my help.

My journey Northwards continued as planned until my curiosity got the better of me and led me to Keswick in the heart of the Lake District. I had not intended to break my journey before reaching John O' Groat's, but I was so thrilled by the Lakeland scenery that I decided to stay in the area for a few days. Accordingly I found myself a job with a farmer who was shorthanded at the time. During my three day stay I managed to see a great many of the magnificent lakes, and lesser known tarns that are sprinkled among the hills and valleys of the Lake District.

Five days after leaving Southgate I crossed the Scottish border at Gretna Green. My impressions of Glasgow were unfavourable, but I am willing to admit that this was due to my having to walk for five hours through the centre of the city in perpetual rain. However, I always found ample compensation for little annoyances like this. In this case it was only a little later that I camped for a night on the shores of Loch Lomond and watched a superb sunset. Of the many strange and impressive experiences I encountered, one in particular stands out. It was on an afternoon of low cloud and drizzling rain that I found myself in Glencoe. As I walked in solitude on the narrow road that runs between the mist shrouded mountain peaks, the full force of the desolation, the incomparably savage beauty came to me.

The next section of my route was a traverse of the country to Inverness on the East Coast. The odd one hundred and fifty miles from Inverness to John O' Groat's I covered in an afternoon. I travelled in a Land Rover at high, sometimes dangerous speeds, with two technicians on their way to a new Atomic Power Station on the North Scottish coast. As we sped North through Aberdeenshire the country became appreciably harder and more desolate, until as we approached the coast we were travelling on a road lined with ten feet high snow posts, through a barren treeless landscape.

The village that bears the name of John O' Groat's turned out to be a small but prosperous community of crofters who wage a continual battle against almost Antarctic weather conditions to wrest a living from the land. As I stood on a sand dune looking out to sea the gale force wind was whipping great clouds of sand into the air so that I could barely distinguish the outlines of the Orkney Islands. But at that time the predominant thought in my mind was of the nine hundred miles I had to cover to reach Land's End.

The actual journey South is just a tangled memory of long rides in open lorries in bad weather, hurried snacks in roadside pull-ins, snatched hours of rest on the 75 h.p. wagons that trundle up and down Britain overnight, and above all overwhelming tiredness.

For the last fifty miles of the journey I travelled with three young Australians who had reached the halfway stage in their trip round the world.

When at last I stood on the edge of the cliff at Land's End, I found that I had scuttled from one end of the country to the other in seventy two hours of day and night travel. I had enjoyed an experience that I would recommend to anyone, it had cost me precisely nothing, indeed I managed to make a little profit by means of some minor journalism.

J. SAAR. VI B. Arts.

#### COMMON CAUSE

Soon to be here the promised day,  
Out of the Lane to Sussex Way,  
Brand new desks for one and all,  
A proper gym! Instead of the Hall.  
A masters' room with kettles bright,  
Enormous windows that let in the light.  
A modern shop for Mr. Pratt,  
A playing field, both green and flat.  
With boys throwing far, and running fast,  
And ten point two bettered at last.  
Let this be our motto and, for it fight,  
"Out of the "Fox" and into the light".

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## PICTURES AND MUSIC

Why is it that nearly every film made has a musical background? From the musical film itself to the dramatic picture, the practice of providing an orchestral addition to the sound-track is followed.

Primarily, of course, music has a strong box-office value. It heightens the appeal of sentimental romantic scenes. Often it includes a tune which later becomes popular and draws the crowds. Stereotyped screen characters are crystallised by the use of familiar music.

Such music adds nothing to the film as an art-form. It is purely commercial. But it should not blind critical audiences, if they still exist, to the real reason behind the use of background music - the reason that prompted the silent producers to send out sheet scores to the cinemas for their own pianos. D.W. Griffiths, particularly took great care over the specially composed music for "Birth of a Nation". He was one of the first to see the possibilities of a relationship between the visual and the aural. That is the basis of film music. It combines with speech and sound effects to implement the picture on the screen. At its best, there is a poetry in this relationship. Just as the talented director achieves his effects with light and shade, angles and close-ups, and the editing of shots, so the composer emphasises and, to a limited degree, interprets.

He not only creates atmosphere and mood; he can also exercise the cinema's prerogative - its superiority over the theatre and the television - by investing the pictorial value with an often masterful fresh meaning. Forecasting, stressing, an added sense of reality, symbolic use of themes and orchestration - all come within the musical scores range.

In Britain, composers like Vaughan Williams ("Scott of the Antarctic"), Alan Rawsthorne ("The Captive Heart") and Sir William Walton ("Richard III") show keen appreciation of the new art. Notice the increased reality which Walton's music lends to the Agincourt charge in "Henry V". It is natural; it blends perfectly with the normal sounds of battle; yet it is a powerful factor in stressing the excitement and splendour of the encounter.

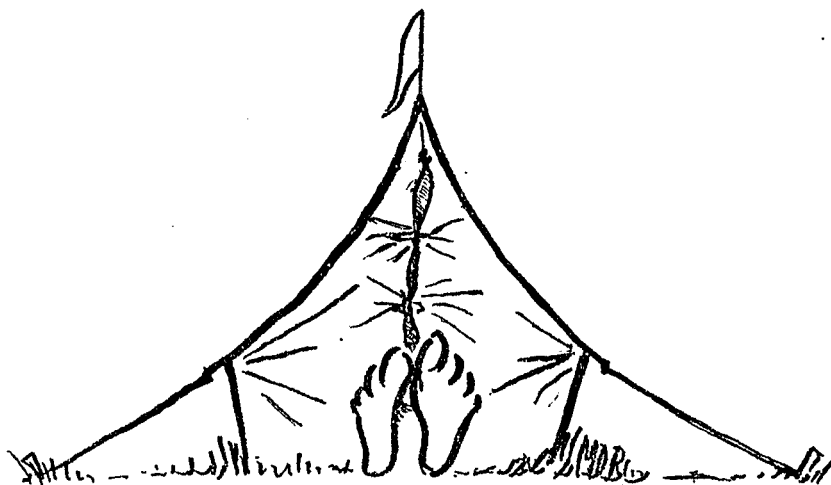
Not all music, however, must blend. Sometimes it should rise quite audibly above natural sounds. Sir Arthur Bliss made his unique score for "Things to Come" strident and expressive. For minutes it holds the sound-track unchallenged. H.G. Wells called it part of the film's "constructive scheme". It is a fine example of proper use of background music. Malcolm Arnold uses music boldly in "The Sound Barrier" to emphasise the wheeling flight of the plane in the clear sky.



Across the Atlantic, we find Hollywood using music with less regard for artistry. Most American films are badly scored. Aaron Copland, however, with his knowledge of the American folk tune, has invested films like "The Red Pony" with a certain orchestral poetry. Also among the better composers are Alfred Newman ("Song of Bernadette") and ("The Robe"), Franz Waxman ("Rebecca") and Max Steiner ("The Searchers"), Newman, for example, was only twelve when sponsored by Paderewski in a piano concert and has since enhanced the value of the films he has scored.

Such composers, who while not outstanding are certainly competent, ensure that film music will continue to play a vital part in the cinema.

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# SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION

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Twelve months ago I was able to write in these pages that 1954 halted the downward trend of our membership; this year I am able to record that 1955 saw a halt in the downward drain on our financial resources and that we managed to produce a small excess of income over expenditure for the year (as the auditors so ably put it) - a welcome change from the reverse wording which has figured rather prominently in some of our more recent annual financial statements. In other words the steps taken in 1954 to rectify the Association's financial troubles, which I mentioned last year, have been successful.

Association social events have been fewer this past year. This is a pity but the General Committee have not felt justified in holding functions for which experience has shown there is no general demand these days. Of those held, the most successful was undoubtedly the Old Boys' Dinner at which this year Pip Ryan secured the presence of Mr. George Fawcett, the sports master from 1933 until his departure to the Army and again for a brief period after his demobilisation. George, as he was affectionately known by all, is now Headmaster of St. Mary Cray County Secondary School, Orpington. Turning to more general matters, during the past year we have concluded new licences with the Borough Council which give us the exclusive use of Hadley Field for cricket and hockey for a further period of three years, and the exclusive use of Brackendale for football and tennis also for a period of three years. The terms of these new licences are very favourable but under them the responsibility for rates on the pavilions falls on the Association for the first time and this makes the financial burden of the sports sections that much heavier to bear. The clubs concerned have perforce to show much ingenuity in raising the finance necessary to ensure their smooth running and continued well-being.

I continue to receive letters from Old Scholars in all parts of the globe. In particular, Mr. K.R.L. Evan, now permanently resident in Kenya, has offered to assist in any way any Old Scholar who finds his or her way out to that part of the world either on

National Service or to take up employment. I shall be pleased to give anyone coming within this description Mr. Evan's address.

In August I had a letter from Mr. Auger who, I am pleased to record, was then well on the way to recovery from his recent illness.

#### OLD SCHOLARS' NOTES AND NEWS

Congratulations to Margaret Eggleton who has gained her B.Sc. with first class honours in Zoology. Margaret studied at Queen Mary's College, London University. She also had top marks of her year in this subject. She is now studying for a Post-graduate Certificate of Education.

A. Ginn has made a good recovery from his accident when his knees were dislocated after baling out from his Hawker Hunter Jet aircraft. He has just been appointed Personal Assistant to the Senior Air Staff Officer of Fighter Command.

Ian Collier is leaving this country to go to Australia in order to take up an important position as Manager of the new Ediswan-Ekco cathode ray tube factory on the outskirts of Sydney.

Joyce Caplin gained a B.A. Upper Second Class Honours in French at London University last summer. She is now going to Bristol University where she has been accepted for the Certificate in Education course.

J. Gilbert gained B.Sc. in engineering and qualified for award of College diploma in Civil Engineering.

Heather Phillips obtained B.A. Upper Second at University College London. She has now started a years work with the Education department.

Norman Lea has been promoted to the rank of Flying Officer, and is at present doing Photographic Reconnaissance work which will shortly take him to Germany for 2 years.

Hazel Pearson has just completed studies at Queen Mary College and gained a B.A. 2nd class honours degree (lower division) in French. She is now taking a Secretarial course at Kilburn Polytechnic.

R. Golden was injured in a bomb-outrage while serving with the Royal Military Police in Cyprus. We are pleased to hear that he is making good progress.

B.K. Ward is now articled to a London Chartered Accountant and is taking his Finals next year. He has had another successful year in athletics and captained the Southgate Harriers junior and cross-country team which won the Middlesex junior cross-country title, and came 2nd and 3rd in the Southern Counties and National Championships respectively.

Among the students who took part in the County Youth Orchestral Course at Trent Park were David and Robert Connolly. They were visitors for the 3rd year in succession from Liverpool, where the family now lives.

A. Elliott Ranwell, Secretary of the London General Coal Co. Ltd., for 25 years, has been appointed to the Board of Directors.

P.T. Pearce is awaiting confirmation of the award of "Diploma of Membership of the Imperial College" for which he was recommended following a post-graduate course. He is now about to take a National Service Commission.

Ann Moon (nee Helliard) has now completed a year's course leading to the Certificate in Education and is now a qualified teacher.

G. Douglas is now working for the Bland-Sutton Institute of Pathology in a Middlesex hospital as a Laboratory trainee.

W.T.L. Barnard F.I.A., has been appointed to an important post at the Birmingham Headquarters of a large Assurance Society.

Congratulations to Arthur Wiggins, whose son was awarded an English-Speaking Union Scholarship and has just graduated at Hotchkiss School, Connecticut, U.S.A. He will enter Oriol College, Oxford, this year.

J.B. Bourn was successful in the open examination for appointment to the Administrative Class of the Civil Service.

R. Middleditch has qualified for an indentured apprenticeship in Production Engineering.

Christine Cole has been accepted by Lloyds Bank Limited.

Valerie Colin-Russ gained a B.A. in English with lower 2nd class honours.

D.A. Cooper has obtained a B.Sc. with 2nd class honours (Lower Division) and is now articled to a Chartered Accountant.

J. Maciejowski has obtained an Upper second B.Sc. after studying three years at the London School of Economics.

Christine E. Akurst has gained her teacher's certificate and is now studying Speech and Drama at the Rose Bruford College.

P.S. Simpson B.Sc. (Econ.) gained a Diploma in Personnel Management and Administration. He has become a Member of the Institute of Personnel Management. Now doing National Service - Royal Navy.

M. Hastlow has passed his Licentiate of Dental Surgery, and takes his B.D.S. in December.

D.I. Smith gained first class honours in Geography and has been awarded a post-graduate Studentship in Geography.



## SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB

Another page in the Club's History was written during Season 1955/56; we were able to field four elevens all playing league football. The season also saw the Club's return to Brackendale and although the pitch played well until Christmas it finally succumbed to the weather and the Borough Council have decided that before next season begins drainage works will have to be carried out.

The 1st XI, after a very poor start, ended the season in great form taking 10 points from the last 8 games thus giving them 7th place in the Premier Division. Tony Wright again skippered the side well and he had an able deputy, both off and on the field in Dave Cooper. These two, together with Mick Fenn, a school-leaver, Brian Cook, who gained league honours, Peter Warwick, Alan Ryall and Stan Robertson formed the backbone of this side. Mention must also be made of Keith Lovett, who after two years' absence, returned to the Club and starting in the 4th XI played his way through each eleven to end the season as 1st XI centre-half.

The Reserves, again led by Iain Walls, finished runners-up in Division II (North), so qualifying for promotion. Norman Heaton, John Spink and Peter Stocker together with newcomers Brian Toms, another school-leaver, and Bert Shurvell formed the nucleus of this side and a great deal of its success was due to teamwork and a wonderful spirit.

The 3rd XI contained much of the Club's new blood, Middleditch and Wilford, two promising wing-halves and Colin Smith, a very agile goal-keeper, to name but three. Derek Messling, the skipper, Peter Chilton and Alan Bourn were most consistent performers and this side finished in 5th place in Division III (North). No 3rd XI summary would be complete without a mention of Henry Belasco's wonderful tally of 36 goals, which was just one short of the Club record.

The 4th XI did exceptionally well to finish in 6th place in Division IV (North) in their first season and Brian Oliver, Cliff Collier, and John Gentle will soon be challenging for places in the higher elevens. Ray Harrop, until his promotion to the 3rd XI, was the driving force behind the team and his position as captain was afterwards ably filled by Brian Heath.

Tribute must be paid to Terry Robinson, Team Secretary, Brian Heath, Fixture Secretary and Bill Feakes, Treasurer, for the able manner in which they carried out their onerous tasks. Leading goal-scorers were:-

H. Belasco	36
C. Pruden	30
B. Toms	20
P. Hagon	20
D. Cooper	17
P. Stocker	14

The total results of all elevens were:-

Played 97 Won 41 Draw 13 Lost 43 Goals for 270 Against 301.

Membership is good but there is always room for more, you can be assured of a warm welcome and a good game of football every week so if you would like to join please get in touch with me.

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SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD BOYS CRICKET CLUB

It was not practicable to include any notes about the Cricket Club in the last School Magazine, as the change in publishing time meant that the rough draft was necessary by July 1955. So this report will refer mainly to that season and include with a reference to the present season which has another six weeks to run.

Last year proved quite enjoyable - from both the playing and weather angles. The 1st XI had to struggle a lot - the loss of Doug. Wright and B. Penny not having been made good. Several players made good scores with the bat, but no one was consistent as the averages show. Chas. Love in particular always looked as though he could not be got out, and more runs are expected from him before long. The bowling was as steady as ever from the quicker men, but a good slow bowler was needed more than once, and, unfortunately did not materialise. Henry Green of the faster men had 60 wickets to his credit. His opening partner for several years, Jack Spring gave his usual steady support. Gordon Willson never failed to bowl well when he played for this XI.

The highest batting partnership proved to be 125 against Old Gaytonians by Jack Spring (91) and Henry Green (55) which was scored in a remarkably short time. Probably of more value was the 117 put on by Peter Baker (72) and Norman Lowen (63) against local rivals Cockfosters. The only other century partnership was between Chas. Love (77) and Cliff Tosh (55) when they achieved 108 against Northern Poly - a very sound and entertaining feat, and the first such partnership at Hadley Field that year.

The Club lost the first five weeks' matches at home as the ground was not ready for use following the drainage work to the outfield. But the difference that the work made to the playing surface of the table was soon noted, and great hopes were raised that the table would prove to be in the top class by 1956.

Average 1st XI

<u>Batting</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Not out</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Averages</u>
C. Tash	15	2	301	23.2
J. Spring	26	5	452	21.5
C. Love	15	1	288	20.6
N. Lowen	15	1	256	18.3
R. Clark	25	1	412	17.2

<u>Bowling</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Averages</u>
G. Wilson	134.4	39	326	34	9.6
J. Spring	282	76	567	49	11.6
N. Lowen	133.3	17	418	35	11.9
H. Green	274.2	44	807	60	13.5

The 2nd XI results were slightly better than the 1st XI's more games being won. Two new members straight from School made their mark - Martin and Winter, and another new member, Don Tester did very well as an all rounder. This XI is still largely made up of members who have joined the Club as "guests", but this season did see signs of a revival of interest by boys at School, and it is to be hoped that gradually more and more Old Boys will be available to complete this XI

<u>Batting</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Not Out</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Averages</u>
H. Cooper	9	1	278	34.7
E. Dean	9	3	194	32.3
H. Watson	8	-	231	28.8
C. Hough	21	3	359	19.9
D. Tester	23	-	304	13.2

Once again the Club's thanks were due to Miss Brennam, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Spring and Mrs. Robinson plus all their willing helpers for the very fine teas that were laid on at the Pavilion.

During the winter months a series of Whist Drives were held locally, the proceeds from which were devoted to the cost of installing the "all weather" practice wicket on the ground. An end of Season Social, and the annual Xmas Party were held in the Pavilion and much enjoyed by all members.

The Club was looking forward to a fine Summer for 1956, for at last it seemed the ground would be nearly perfect, and certainly a lot of runs would be forthcoming on the improved table. May came and went and certainly the wickets were "plum". Then the rainy weather arrived and it is apparent by the time of writing, that this is the worst season for weather for many a long



year. Coupled with an inability by anyone to bat against slow bowlers or a turning wicket (even the illustrious have been known to fail i.e. the "Aussies") it seems that this will also prove the worst season in the Club's history for results. To date the 1st XI have only won 3 games, and lost more than ever before. No doubt the XI will find its feet again in due course - at least it will not be for want of practice with all the facilities now available.

On the brighter side the Club has been pleased to welcome the return of Brian Smith after National Service - a most useful left handed bat. Also his brother Colin, who will be a name to be seen in the Club records before long. From School the Club has gained the help of John Saar, whose accurate bowling in a recent match, caused more than one person to remark that the Club's future fast bowler seems to have arrived. Doug. Davies, just settling into a new house in Southgate has also strengthened the Club by sound performances behind the stumps and with the bat. Lastly Brian Toms has put in some good performances for the 2nd XI behind the stumps.

The Club is pleased to find more than the usual number of newcomers from School joining the ranks. Anyone with any interest in the game will be welcome at the ground. Details can be obtained from the School representatives who will get in touch with the Club officials.

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#### SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD GIRLS' HOCKEY CLUB

Season 1955/56 found us back at Cookfosters on a greatly improved pitch but, in spite of this, we were still forced to cancel quite a number of matches, this year owing to dangerous, hard icy grounds.

However, as far as the 1st XI was concerned, it was a reasonably successful one, but unfortunately the same could not be said for the 2nd XI. As usual, at the end of the season, the 1st XI took part in the Middlesex and National Physical Laboratory Tournaments and in the latter played very well to reach the semi-finals, where they were eliminated by Chiswick Ladies by a corner, in a goalless draw.

At Easter the club joined forces with the Old Minchendenians to participate in their tenth consecutive Festival at Ramsgate. As always this proved to be a most enjoyable weekend and, not only our members, but our friends from Minchenden are very anxious to take part in 1957.

Once again Mr. Bull valiantly turned out each week to umpire for us and on many occasions we were very pleased to see a number of supporters, including several of our past members.

We are now eagerly looking forward to Season 1956/7 for which a very good fixture list has been compiled for both the 1st and 2nd XI's and we shall again be holding our Bazaar - this year on the 1st December.

As always new members are very welcome and urgently needed and if you would like to join us, I shall be delighted to give you full particulars.

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#### SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD SCHOLARS TENNIS CLUB

The Brackendale Ground at its best: blue skies, onlookers basking in deck-chairs in the sunshine, cool drinks on the verandah at dusk - but why torture oneself any longer? This season, thanks to the weather, that "best" hasn't put in an appearance. Mopping-up operations on the courts have been only too frequent. However, we have managed to play tennis between showers, fortunately only two matches against other clubs being washed out. Altogether, twenty-eight were played, results being as follows:-

Won 11      Drawn 5      Lost 12

There has been an encouraging increase in the number of younger members to join us this year. Next season, we want more still. We want to see all those who meant to join, but 'didn't get around to it'. Naturally, the aim is always to better our playing standard, and we do try to encourage beginners - the Club and County players of tomorrow. Not only that, but they tell us we're a sociable crowd, too. If modesty permitted, we would agree!

See you at Brackendale next season.

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#### THE OLD SCHOLARS DRAMATIC SOCIETY

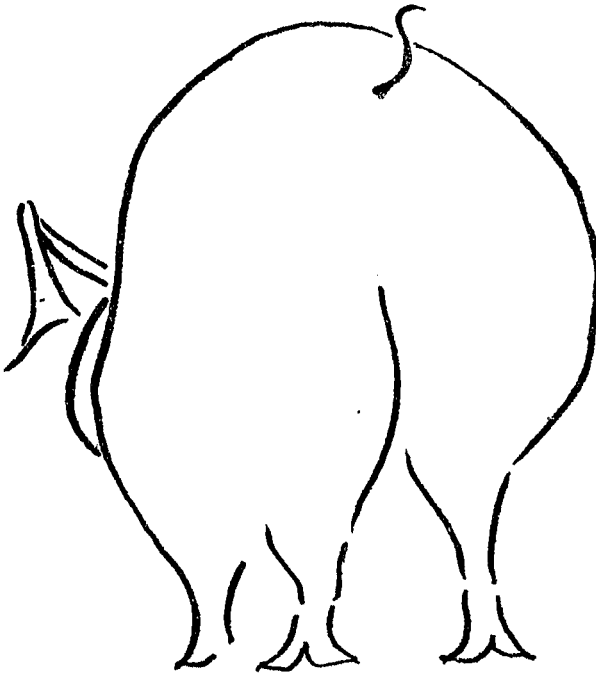
Following the production of "This Happy Breed" in April 1955, in October of the same year the Society entered the Friern Barnet Festival of Drama. Their choice was a one act play entitled "The Mask", produced by Beatrice Lowen. This received a helpful and satisfactory adjudication.

In April 1956 the Society entered into a much lighter and gayer mood with a three act play - "White Sheep of the Family" by L. du Garde Peach, which disproved the old saying that Crime doesn't pay! This was produced by Dorothy Elmer and the Society is very pleased that she is to produce the forthcoming play. Currently, an Agatha Christie mystery is being rehearsed, which we hope to perform in November.

The Society is always pleased to welcome new members for acting or back stage work, so if any school leavers or present old scholars would like to get in touch with me, I will be very pleased to give them details of our activities.

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