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SCHOOL TERMS 1959/60

Autumn Term:- September 8th. to December 18th.

Spring Term:- January 7th. to April 12th.

Summer Term:- May 3rd. to July 21st.



NEWS OF THE YEAR

Another year has gone, and we have now embarked on what will, as far as we can see, be the last year that we shall spend in the old school buildings. In this issue of the magazine there is much news of the new buildings, including plans of the two floors; but also a record of another fine year spent in the present cramped quarters, where we nevertheless contrive to do very well both academically and in sport. When we move to the new buildings I am sure we will take with us happy memories of life in the old.

We regret to record the death of Mr. A.E. Lauder, who has done much for Southgate, and for this school. A tribute paid to him by Mr. Auger appears a little further on.

The Governors this year are the same as those last year, namely:

Alderman Mrs R. Winston, B.Sc., J.P. Chairman.

Councillor W.A. MacGregor, Vice-Chairman.

County Councillor Mrs S.G. Child.

Councillor R.A. Gray.

Councillor A.V. Stapleton.

Mr. H. Dinmore.

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Mr. F.E.G. Hayward.

Professor W.D. Wright, D.Sc., A.R.C.S., D.I.C.

All the senior boys and girls in this school will remember Margaret Upton whose sad death during the summer holidays of 1952 cast

a shadow on the school.

Soon after her death her parents sent all Margaret's savings as a gift to the School Library, and every year since then they have sent additional presents of money in order that books may be bought for the School Library each time her birthday comes round. They state that they are doing this in gratitude for all the happiness Margaret had in this school, and we, in our turn, would like to express our gratitude to them. Books have been bought each year in Margaret's memory and suitably inscribed. The latest contribution was sent on March 5th which would have been Margaret's twenty-first birthday.

This year staff changes have been far less numerous. At the end of the year Miss Hall left and we welcome Mr. Jackson in her place.

Mr. Sharwood-Smith left at Easter to become a Lecturer at the University of London, Institute of Education. In his place we welcomed Mr. H. J. Morris.

At the end of the year Mr. Toobe left us to take up a post at Wirral Grammar School, Cheshire. His place was taken by Mr. J. Meltzer, whom we welcome amongst us.

We also welcome Mlle. L. Boucher as our French Assistante. She replaces M. Lefevre who left a year ago. During the past Summer Holidays Mr. Wise went with a party from the National Union of students to Russia. He spent 10 days each in Moscow and Leningrad, and brought home some very good colour films and plenty of "food for thought". He would not however, consent to putting the thoughts on paper.

Perhaps the most important event this year was the Laying of the Foundation Stone for the new School buildings at Cockfosters.

Many parents and children were there to see the actual ceremony, despite the dreadful weather. Many too, will have seen the account in the Local Press, where a rather fuller account appeared than we can give here. However, a short account does appear later in the magazine. It will, we are sure, be of great interest to all to know that the Lord Mayor, Sir H. Gillett, who laid the stone, has kindly consented to be the Guest Speaker at the first Speech Day in the new buildings, thus linking the old with the new.

This year the trend of the increase in the number of pupils has continued and, with 629 pupils, the school is now the largest it has ever been. This increase is due mainly to a great increase in the number of pupils staying on in the sixth form. Because of this, 6 Science has been split up into two forms, 1st year and 2nd year, instead of the one form, as it has previously been.

While the building of the new School continues at full speed, we understand that the decision as to the future use of the present buildings is getting nowhere, also at full speed. Whether it will be a primary school, a technical school or a secondary Modern school seems to have become a political matter, and opinions amongst those responsible are widely different. The Local Press has referred to it as a "Seesaw", and it seems that both parties are pushing the seesaw very energetically.

Now for the more usual events.

Once again the Parents Open Day was a complete success. As last year it was split into two halves, and as a result there were less of those dreadful queues that used to waste so much time. In fact, one master complained that no-one noticed him in the room where he had been put, and he had only one or two visitors each evening!

The Careers Evenings were attended rather better this year, but we would like to see still more parents, and more particularly pupils, at them, because we feel how important these evenings are as jobs become more difficult to find. This year, however, of the 351 pupils from the whole of Southgate who left, all but 33 had obtained jobs by the end of September. Unfortunately this is not the case everywhere, as 35 of the 165 school-leavers at Potters Bar had not obtained jobs by the same date. As just previously mentioned, the 6th forms are much larger, as 70% of the 5th formers, both here and at Minchenden, have stayed on for the 6th form.

During the year Mr. Sharwood Smith tried his hand again at producing a school play. His production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" enjoyed great success, and made history in that on all three nights the only seats unfilled were the stools (not stalls) along the back row! A more detailed report appears later.

At Easter Miss Hyde took a party of girls to Switzerland, and their experiences and impressions are well recorded in a report which appears in the "Original Contributions" section.

The Inter-House Musical Competition again provided an enjoyable morning, under the adjudication of Mr. Auger. Unfortunately school examinations were rather late and left just over a week for rehearsals. This resulted in a lowering in the standard, but considering the very short time available the performances were very creditable. Red House carried off all the honours, except for the Senior Individual Prize, which was won by Jennifer Deane of White House.

The usual three form outings were held, and, as usual, were greatly enjoyed. The second forms went to Hampton Court and London Airport, the fourths to Woburn Abbey, and the sixth forms to Oxford.

Mr. Gibson Martin came to the school and gave a very interesting and helpful talk to the sixth forms on "Steel".

During one dinner hour the film "The Enquiring Mind" was shown to the school. This deals with careers in Electricity.

Mr. Spooner took a party of 6th form boys to the National Education and Careers Exhibition, organised by the National Union of Teachers, at Olympia, where they spent one evening performing chemistry experiments. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

We would like to take this opportunity of again thanking Mr. Webb, father of David Webb of 6. Science, for his kind gift to the School. This

consists of a magnificent plaque in the form of a shield bearing the school crest. The plaque is in marquetry - a very laborious and difficult art. We thank him for the many hours he must have spent.

We would also like to thank G. B. Byatt, A. Lanstein, J. Bysouth and M.V. Denbigh, all of whom have presented books to the school. They all left school some time ago, and we are grateful to them for remembering the "Old School". We also thank school-leavers who presented books to the library.

One morning the pupils were startled to see that the prefects, that despised section of humanity, had sprouted wings, although they were black ones. They speedily realised that the rumours, which had been travelling round the school, had materialised, and that the prefects had gowns! After a few uncomplimentary comments the school accepted the innovation, and the gowns now pass as unnoticed as those of the staff.

The fact that even the teachers gowns are not entirely unnoticed is strikingly shown in the Original Contributions section of the magazine.

A further innovation at school is the changeover of the canteen system from the old "two sittings" arrangement to what is called the cafeteria system. This is in preparation for the New School, and it has been found that the system works very well, and dinner is over considerably sooner.

No. 85 (Southgate) Squadron, Air Training Corps, has been much in the news during the year. Nigel Parmenter, Cadet Sergeant in No. 85, was selected among 62 cadets (from about 40,000) for a flying visit abroad. He was one of 25 who went to the U.S.A. for three and a half weeks.

His diary would almost fill this magazine, but he has managed to précis it to a suitable length, and we think it will be of interest. It appears in the Original Contributions section. Parmenter has obtained the Silver Award of the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme, and is well on the way to his Golden Award. In addition he was the speaker in the Southgate A.T.C. team which was entered for the Public Speaking contest for Youth Organisation members under 21, organised by the Rotary Clubs of London. They won the Greater London Finals at Rotary House, gaining 94 marks out of a possible 100.

Several members of the senior school went as guests of the Management to a production of the farce, "Caught Napping", by Geoffrey Lumsden, at the Piccadilly Theatre. They passed an extremely enjoyable and amusing evening and their criticisms of the play are very interesting to read. M. Frohnsdorff's criticism is the best of them, but it is rather lengthy, and G. Kennett's has been included as giving a good idea of the play.

NATIONAL SAVINGS.

The number of pupils in the group was 342 with an average number of 200 savers each week.

The Total money collected during the year was £988 and we hope to top the £1000 this year.

The first forms contributed extremely well and the 5th and 6th Forms also gave strong support to the savings movement. The disappointing feature seems to be

the lack of support in the middle school.

Once again we wish to thank the form representatives for their support and help in making the savings movement so successful in the school.

CHARITIES

The School supported the following charities during the year; The British Legion; The National Spastics Society; The Duchess of Portland's T.B. Fund; St. Dunstan's for the Blind; Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Sick Children; Marie Curie Fund; National Diabetic Association, and the Greater London Fund for the Blind. In addition collections were made for U.N.I.C.E.F.

PREFECTS 1958-9

Head Boy; M. L. Nettleton.

Head Girl; Norma Armstrong.

Deputy; M. D. Frohnsdorff.

Deputy; Rosemary Caplin.

W. Chapman; M. Crausaz; M. Cross; H. Dryden; R. Elliott;
J. Ellison; M. Eve; P. Glibbery; A. Hart; G. Kennett; A. Lewis;
M. Male; R. Partridge; M. Townsend; R. Vivian; K. Wilford;

Viviane Barnett; Elizabeth Beeden; Christine Berry; Jill Budd; Catherine Byrne;
Jennifer Deane; Margaret Drysdale; Ann Frohnsdorff; Gillian Hands;
Jennifer Kennett; Deidre Payne; Anne Pearson; Sylvia Stevens; Valerie Walker.

APPRECIATIONS

The Magazine Committee again wish to thank all who assisted in the production of this Magazine. We are thankful for the co-operation of the advertisers and hope they will benefit from their advertisement in this Magazine. The Prefects kindly allowed their domain to be "invaded" and "cluttered up" with Magazine-producing instruments, and we are most grateful. Especially would we thank Mr. Gale and his typists who from the baffling collections of scribbled articles managed to produce a coherent, well-typed manuscript.

MR. A. E. Lauder.

The death of Mr. A. E. Lauder prompts us to recall with gratitude his remarkable contribution, professional and voluntary, to the public life of Southgate for more than thirty years.

Of special interest to the school was his service in the field of education. When Southgate Education Committee was re-constituted after the passing of the Education Act of 1944, Mr. Lauder was elected its chairman and continued so for five years. He held this important office during the formulation of Southgate's education development plan as required by the Act.

He showed a lively interest in the affairs of the school. He and Mrs. Lauder were regular, and always friendly and welcome, visitors to school functions. Their attachment to us was strengthened by the fact that their son and daughter were formerly pupils here, both in due course becoming University graduates, Keith in Law, and Sylvia in Arts.

W.A.

ANNUAL SPEECH DAYS 1958

Senior: For the Senior Speech Day we were fortunate to secure Professor M. C. Rosenheim, C.B.E., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., Professor of Medicine, University of London, University College Hospital Medical School.

Prof. Rosenheim said that he stood before them as an example of that terrible person we had all been hearing about recently, who had specialised too early. He regretted that he had begun to specialise at the age of 15.

Early specialisation was necessary in the world today, but he advised us not to neglect a wider and more general education.

He spoke of the disciplines of Science. It promoted clear, logical thought, it gave an appreciation of the marvels of the modern world, and it enabled us to benefit mankind. But our individual education should be wider; just as classical students should have some scientific studies, so the scientists should extend their curriculum, and study poetry, and languages and the arts.

With University entrance so highly competitive, it was essential that qualifications should be high. The standards were raised in the first place in order to be very selective, but the schools had been so successful that standards had to be kept high. He admired the pupils who could sail through these tests, but words failed him when he thought of the teachers who got them there! And yet he would like to reduce the load of factual learning to give time for a wider education.

Then he spoke of his work in medical schools in Pakistan, and told of the first Moslem Medical College for women, which is now turning our women doctors to work in the changed world of the East. He had seen education in many parts of the world, and was convinced that good education depended almost entirely on a good secondary training. The English system, with its secondary Grammar Schools, was as fine as any in the world.

He concluded by again congratulating the School on its magnificent record.

JUNIOR: To the Junior Speech Day we welcomed as Guest Speaker Mr. D.A.H. Wright, C.M.G., B.A. (Oxon.), Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office.

Mr. Wright said that his many and various public acts, ranging from the kicking-off at a football match in Chicago between Manchester United and a Swedish team to officiating at the marriage of a British officer to an Armenian Cabaret dancer in Turkey, had never included before the giving-out of school prizes. However, when he reflected that he could not remember a single word of wisdom out of all the Prize Givings he had himself heard at school, he realised that it didn't matter much what he said.

He was very impressed by the list of success he had heard, and felt from the Headmaster's address that we had a very flourishing society here at School.

The world, he continued, had shrunk considerably in the last few years with speedier communications and telegraph and wireless. In every capital city one met many foreigners, and it was essential that we should have some understanding of foreign affairs. The School could help in several ways.

First of all History, with its infinite interest, must be extended to include not only the story of our own country but a knowledge of the high civilizations of the East, and Persia, and others, which existed when we were savages. Then it would be realised that many "New" countries today were really being re-born. Next we must acquire modern languages, which were not difficult to learn, and he was glad to see that we encouraged French and German in the School. Our School cutings to France and Spain were excellent: foreign travel is an exciting adventure, and cannot begin too early.

Finally he heartily supported the Headmaster in encouraging all who could to stay on for advanced education. Economic and technical development is giving us more leisure today, and we must know how to use it. A rounded education, and the wide interests that we can cultivate in our school societies will serve us well in adult life.

SUCCESSES GAINED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR - 1958-1959

GENERAL CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION

Note: Letters in parentheses denote subjects in which passes were obtained, capital letters denote a pass at Advanced Level, small letters a pass at Ordinary Level.

(a) Art; (by) Biology; (c) Chemistry; (dc) Domestic Science - Cookery;
(eh) Economic History; (el) English Literature; (en) English Language;
(f) French; (g) German; (ge) Geology; (gk) Greek; (gy) Geography;
(h) History; (ha) Human Anatomy; Physiology, and Hygiene; (hw) Handicraft -
Woodwork; (la) Latin; (m) Pure Mathematics; (md) Applied Mathematics;
(mu) Music; (py) Physics; (rk) Religious Knowledge; (z) Zoology.

Veronica M. Ade f.	Anne M. Dell en, el, gy, h, la, gk, D. Archer gy. f, m.
Norma G. Armstrong C, ge.	G. Dewhirst en, f, m.
Carole M. Ashton en, el, h, f,	G. E. Dickens c.
Viviane L. Barnett by.	H. Dryden EL, f, G.
Angela E. Barrett en, f, g, m,	Margaret E. Drysdale ge.
Anne M. Bates a,	M.J.G. Earle g.
Elizabeth A.G. Beeden M, MD, PY.	D.L. Eldridge en, gy.
G. Christine Berry c.	R.T. Elliot M, MD, PY, C.
Anne L. Billington el, gy.	J.A. Ellison el, RK.
W.G. Blake en, m.	P.E. Elsom el.
J.A. Blundell en, el f, g, m,	R.M. Fillary en, m, hw.
C. Bocci f, m, md, py, c, a.	D. H. Fisher f, m, md, py c.
Anne Bompas en, el, gy, h, g.	Natasha R. Fisher en, el, gy, f, g, m, by, a.
Yvonne S. Bowden en, el gy, la, f, m, by.	T.S.R. Forster en, gy, m.
N. S. Bray en, m, md, py.	Elizabeth A. Friend en, el, h, m, a.
Sylvia A. Brookes en, el, f, m.	D.A. Frost en.
Mary N. Bubb en, el, dc.	P.J. Glibbery m.
Jill V. Budd PY, C, Z.	Pauline D. Goddard en, el, gy, h, f, m, by, dc.
M.F.T. Bullock en.	M. Goss gy, m, md, py, c.
R.D. Byford en, el, gy, m, md, py.	Margaret E. Grange en, el, gy, h, f, a.
Catherine C. Byne rk, g.	Jill E.M. Greenman en, el gy, h, f, m.
Rosemary Caplin EL, f.	Judith M. Grindley en, by.
D. Carpenter en, f, m.	Jennifer M. Gunning en, el, f, m, md, p, c, by.
Linda M. Case en, el f, gy, la, m, by, dc.	Christine M.C. Gutteridge en, el, gy h, f, g, m, by.
R.V. Chambers en, el, f, m, py, c, by.	Gillian M. Hands F, G.
W.C. Chapman EL, F, G.	Janet Hansen by.
Joice C. Coman en, h, a.	Jean E. Hart en, el, la, f, m, by, mu.
Anne M. Combie el, dc.	M.J.W. Haynes py, C.
Yvonne M.K.M. Conry en, el h, f, c.	Rosemary J. Haynes el, h, f, by, dc.
Hazel M. Cooke en, el, la, f, m, md, py, c..	M.G. Heym el, h, f, m, c, by.
M.L. Cooper GY, ge.	Carole F. Holter en, el, h.
Mary C. Cope en, el, gy, by, a.	B.L. Horner en, el, f, m, md, py, c.
Susan M. Corney el, m, md, py, c, by.	D. H. Hyland en, f.
Maureen A. Coulson en, el, gy, f, m, by, dc, g.	
M.H.J. Crausaz m, md, c.	
M. J. C. Cross m, c.	
Vivenne J. Dawson en, el, f, gy, m, c, by.	
Jennifer M. Deane EL, g, MU.	

C.F. Invest ha.
D.H. James GY.
Carol A. Jones el, h, dc.
G.F.C. Jones gy, m, hw, md.
P. M. Journing en, f, m.
Angeline M. Katin en, el, h, f, g,
m, by.
Doreen M. Kavanagh en, el, f, g, m, c,
by, dc.
Maureen M. Kearns en, el, gy, h, f, g, m.
N. Lacey en, el f,g, m, md, py, c.
C.A. Lawrence en, gy, f, m.
G. A. Loveday g, m.
M.A. Lupton en, g, m, md, py.
M.G. Male M. MD.
Sandra L. Malindine en, el, f, g, m, a.
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Janet E. Matthews el, dc.
Glenna J. Mehew en, el, gy, f, by, a.
Yvonne M. Melville en, el h, f, g, m, mu.
M.J. Middleditch m, md, c.
Vivien F. Millar el, m.
C.P. Mitson en, el,h, f.
Linda Nash en, h, f,
M.L. Nettleton M, MD, PY.
Celia F. Outlaw en, el, la, f, m, by.
Carolyn L. Owen en, dc.
G.W. Oxley en, el, gy, h, la, m,f.
N.P.B. Parmenter en, md, ha.
Deidre M. Payne EL, H, f.
M.R. Payne en, el, gy, m, a.
G.A. Penny en, m, hw.
A. Petersen el, m, md, py, c, by.
Renée M. Phillips el.
Anne M. Piercy en, el f, by.
C.W.H. Piper en, el, gy, h, la, gk, f, m.

Sandra M. Plant en, el, h.
A.G. Poole en, el, gy, m, md, hw.
Susanne V. Raves en, el, gy, h, la,
f, m, by.
A.F. Robinson el, h, m, c.
Susan Rockall en, el, h; f, m, c, by.
Josephine G. Scotney en, el, h, la,
gk, f, m, by.
Margaret A. Simpson f, ge.
B.M. Smith ha.
D.S. Smith en, el, h, f, m, a.
Valerie J. Smith el.
Sylvia J. Stevens EL, H, L, GK.
M.A. Stone el, gy, h, f, m, md,a.
K.G. Summer en, el, la, f, m, md,
py, c.
Deidre A. Sutton en, el, dc.
D.R. Swinson ha.
G.S. Taylor en, el, la, f, m, md,
py, c.
P.A. Tichner el, h, hw.
Pauline G. Todd el.
M. Townsend en.
Hazel J. Tull en, el, gy, h, by.
R.C. Vivian EL, H, F.
Denise I. Walker en, el, gy, h,
f, m, by, a.
Valerie E. Walker EL, h, F.
Jane S.E. Ward en, el, f, m, py, c,
by.
M.B. Weisberg en, el, gy, h, la, f,
m, py.
Ann I. West en, el, f, g, m, py, c,
by.
D.J. White en, el, f, g, m, md,
py, by.
Christine L. Williams en, el, gy, f,
g, m, by, dc.
S.J. Willott m, md, hw.

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PRIZES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JULY, 1959.

Form Prizes.

1C.	G. J. Grist.	Hilary N. Russell.
1H.	Frances E. Poole	Patricia Taylor.
1W.	Margaret A. Beard,	C. J. Lingwood.
IIC	Lorely M. Constable,	Mary E. Lloyd-Williams.
11B	Linda Pestell,	Mary Buchanan.
11A	H.M. Rabbie.	Wendy J. Lord.
111C	Pamela Y. Sprack,	A. Strudwick.
111B	D.T. Wright,	Kristin G. Hansen.
111A	Susan M. Friend.	G. T. Boon.

Geometry Drawing Prizes.

Frances E. Poole, Wendy J. Lord, Susan Mitchell.

IVC	Janet Hansen	A.E. Pye.
1VB	M. G. Moule.	Dewne A. Alstrom.
1VA	Angela R. Lenhard,	P.M. Smith.
VC	D.S. Smith,	Mary C. Cope.
VB	G.W. Oxley.	C. Bocci.
VA	Anne M. Dell, G.S. Taylor, K.G. Summer, Hazel Cooke, N. Lacey, Jennifer M. Gunning, Susanne V. Raves.	

VI Form Subject Prizes

V1B	English: Jennifer M. Kennett. Geog. M.L. Cooper. French; Jennifer M. Kennett. German; Catherine C. Byne. Pure Maths: A.J. Lewis. Applied Maths: M.J.G. Earle. Physics; R.F. Partridge. Chemistry: J.H. Aupers. Botany and Zoology: D.R. Swinson.
V1A.	English: Valerie E. Walker. History: R.C. Vivian. Classics: Sylvia J. Stevens. French: R.C. Vivian. German: W.C. Chapman. Pure Maths; R.T. Elliot. Applied Maths: R.T. Elliot. Physics: Jill V. Budd Chemistry: Jill V. Budd. Geology: Norma G. Armstrong.

Special Prizes.

Physical Education: M. Townsend, Viviane L. Barnett.
Commercial Subjects (Accounting): J. Lane.
The Ingram Handicraft Trophy: G.F.C. Jones.
Art: Anne Pearson.
Domestic Science: Doreen M. Kavanagh.
The Fairfield Prize: Gillian M. Hands.
The Pater Memorial Prize: Sylvia J. Stevens.
The Richard Bell Prize: R.T. Elliott.
Head Boy and Head Girl's Prizes: M.L. Nettleton, Norma G. Armstrong.

PUPILS PROCEEDING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Norma G. Armstrong:	Chelsea College of Science and Technology
Anne Bompas:	Ealing Technical College
Jill V. Budd:	Chelsea College of Science and Technology
Rosemary Caplin:	School of Nursing, Westminster Hospital
Anne M. Combie:	Cripplegate Secretarial College
Maureen A. Coulson:	Tottenham Technical College
Vivenne J. Dawson:	Triangle Secretarial College
Jennifer M. Deane:	Philippa Fawcett Training College
Pamela F. Dickman:	City of London Secretarial College
Margaret F. Drysdale:	St. Mary's College, Cheltenham
R.T. Elliott:	University College, London
J.A. Ellison:	Borough Road College
M.S. Eve:	University of Nottingham
M.D. Frohnsdorff:	Peterhouse, Cambridge
Jill E.M. Greenman:	Underwood Secretarial College
Christine M.C. Gutteridge:	Tottenham Technical College
Gillian M. Hands:	London College of Secretaries
A.J. Hart:	University of Bristol
M.J.W. Haynes:	Sunderland Technical College
Carole F. Holter:	Cripplegate Secretarial College
G.F.C. Jones:	Shoreditch Technical College
Angeline M. Katin:	Tottenham Technical College
M.G. Male:	Northampton College of Advanced Technology
Valerie F. Neighbour:	Nurses' Training School, Victoria Hospital for Sick Children
M.L. Nettleton:	University College, London.
Deidre M. Payne:	Saffron Walden Training College
Sandra R. Plant:	St. James' Secretarial College
M.C.E. Smith: (left 1955)	University of Exeter
M. Anne Stapley: (left 1958)	North Riding Training College, Scarborough.
Valerie E. Walker:	City of London Secretarial College
D.J. White:	Northampton College of Advanced Technology.
J. Winkett:	Forestry Research Station, Alice Holt, Hampshire.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

A Midsummer Night's Dream is a difficult and disappointing play, combining fairy whimsy and sheer buffoonery, and most producers emphasise one or other of these qualities. Mr. Sharwood-Smith boldly tried to give full measure to each, and if he thereby refused to gloss over an inherent lack of balance in the play he was right to give the widest range of expression to the young imagination of his cast.

On the whole, the clowns had the more success. John Aupers gave Bottom a delightfully ludicrous, rounded smugness, a genuine candidate for an ass's head. John Ellison, as Quince, and William Chapman as Snug, were notable among the retinue of artisans who surround the weaver. They found the right tone of earnestness to sharpen the triviality of their game. Malcolm Fenton, as Puck, quick, witty and pathetic by turns, skipped furiously between fairyland and the world of mortal stupidity.

Of the fairies, Nigel Parmenter's Oberon showed technical ability and a sense of poetry. He has a fine voice and good stage presence. Valerie Walker's Titania was good to look at, if less ethereal. The dancing, thanks to Mrs. Sharwood-Smith and Miss Cann, was very good. So, too, were the songs sung by Linda Case and Doreen Kavanagh.

The failures lay mainly among the mortals caught in fairy chains. Youthful scepticism of the whole affair seemed to produce either too much seriousness, or too little.

As was to be expected of the team which produced the Tempest last year, the production was of a very high standard. The sets by Mr. Pratt and Miss Hall were exceptionally good for this small and awkward stage. The costumes, also designed by Miss Hall, and executed by Miss Culpeck, helped to make the high visual standard of the production.

Mr. Wise again produced a fine selection of music for a play which has both scope and need for it.

The School should regret Mr. Sharwood-Smith's departure, but his swan-song struck a high, clear note.

M. A. P.

THE SCHOOL CHOIRS

Over the past year the Junior and Senior Choirs have continued to lead the hymn-singing on alternate mornings in Assembly. The choirs provided entertainment at the respective Speech Days and the Senior Choir sang carols to the patients of Highlands Hospital at Christmas.

New members are always welcome, particularly from the first forms entering the school.

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

Besides playing in assembly on Tuesdays and Fridays the School orchestra has provided entertainment at school Speech Days and also during the interval of the School Play.

There are one or two instruments available for any who wish to join the orchestra and are willing to have outside tuition.

Thanks are due to Mr. Blatchford for his interest at all times and his help both with the adjustment of the instruments and at rehearsals, playing the violin or viola.

Some of our members played in the Southgate Schools Association concert at Easter together with members, of Arnos and Minchenden school orchestras.

All members of the orchestra are grateful for the leadership and helpful encouragement of Mr. Smith.

The members of the orchestra 1958-9 were:

Violins: C. Pennington, Josepha Scootney, Philip Smith, Hilary Vare,
Carol Calvert, Branwen Davies, Sandra Sinclair.

Cello: Mr. H. G. B. Toobe

Bass: Mr. L. Reynolds

Flute: Pauline Guthrie

Clarinet: Susan Friend, Frances Poole

Piano: Jennifer Deane

Conductor: Mr. R. S. Smith

THE RECORDERS

In spite of lack of members the Recorders have continued to play in the hall on Thursdays for assembly and on Speech-days. After the first half of the year the practices on Wednesday evenings had to be discontinued as so few members attended. However it is hoped that members of the school who can play the recorder will join and give their support regularly.

Branwen Davies 3A
Susan Friend 3A.



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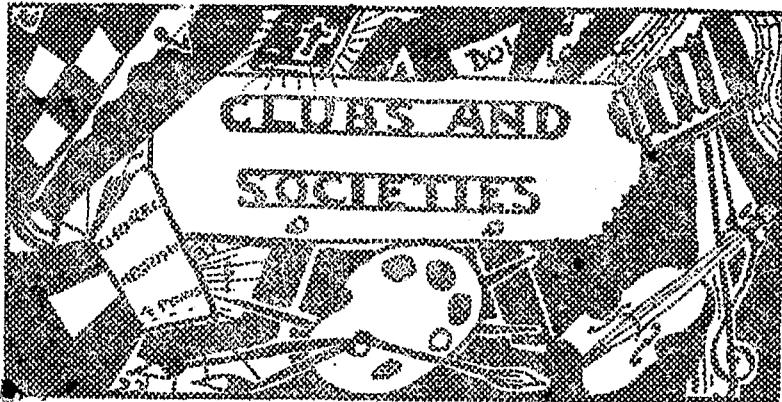
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SENIOR CHRISTIAN UNION

The Senior Christian Union has met regularly every Friday during the past year. The meetings have taken many different forms. There have been Bible quizzes, including a version of television's "Criss Cross Quiz" and a treasure hunt which proved very amusing. At one meeting records of Spirituals and Christian songs were played.

On the more serious side, we have studied the parables of Christ and discussed their practical meaning today. There was also a series of discussions of such subjects as "The Power of Christ", "The Power of Prayer", and "The Power of the Bible".

Several speakers have visited us. These included Miss Kay, a travelling secretary of the Inter-School Christian Fellowship, who spoke on "Religious or Christian?" and Mr. Bell who told us about his work for Christ in the schools of Jamaica.

We have continued our weekly meetings for prayer but their time has been changed to Monday mornings before school.

Our outside activities have included three squashes which consisted of games, refreshments and a short talk by a visiting speaker. We have also taken part in the activities of the local Inter-Schools Christian Fellowship and we are glad to report that we had closer contact with the Christian Unions of local schools. The Christian Union of Trinity visited us for a session of 'One Minute Please' and we visited Minchenden for a Brains Trust.

We hope that the meetings this year will be as varied and interesting and we invite all those who are interested to join us on Friday at 1.0. clock.

Sylvia Stevens. 6.A. Arts.

THE JUNIOR CHRISTIAN UNION

The Junior Christian Union has been holding meetings regularly every week during the past year. We have enjoyed several series of Bible Studies, including one on the parables in the New Testament.

The Senior Christian Union members have again visited us once a term and challenged us in such games as Bible "What's my line?", and we have arranged a few meetings for them. During the Summer Term we had a visit from the Rev. B. Treharne of Enfield.

After the Christmas holidays we divided up into four teams, named after famous missionaries - Schweitzer, Livingstone, Mary Slessor and Gladys Aylward. During the following two terms we held an inter-team competition when each week each member gained a point for being present and another one for bringing a Bible. Schweitzer, one of the boys' teams, won both terms, although after a close competition with one of the girls' teams during the second term.

We held two Games Squashes, which were enjoyed by all who came. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone in the junior school to come along to our squashes, and also to our meetings held every Monday in the Biology Lab.

Rosemary Caplin

6A Arts.

THE SERIOUS MUSIC CLUB

The Serious Music Club has had perhaps its most successful year so far, and attendances were usually above thirty. The programme presented consisted for the most part of well-tried favourites: Beethoven's sixth and eighth symphonies, Schubert's fifth, Tschaikovsky's fourth and fifth, Mozart's Jupiter, Rossini's Boutique Fantasque etc. but we have introduced lesser known composers such as Barber, Bruckner and Fauré. During the year we commemorated the tricentenary of Henry Purcell with a recording of his 'Dido and Aeneas.'

We have had various homes over the past twelve months, but eventually settled down in Room 4, kindly lent us by Mrs. Mitchell, abandoning the icy wastes of the Hut. If you enjoy listening to music or would like to teach yourself more about it, don't miss the opportunity of joining us there during Thursday lunch-hours. You will, I am sure, return to the rigours of afternoon school refreshed and invigorated.

M.D. Frohnsdorff.

THE UNITED NATION'S SOCIETY

The society was established to help those interested in the international problems which are constantly arising.

We have had speakers and films which have been interesting and informative, making us think and realise that some people have greater problems and unhappier lives than we have. We heard of the many, often small ways in which these people can be helped, and of the organisations which take up these problems and help to solve them.

We shall meet regularly next year and hope that many new members will join us. All those in the Senior School are very welcome.

Anne Pearson 6 A.

Josephine Scotney 6B.

THE POULTERERS

Just when the Poulterers seemed to be thriving we suffered this Easter what at first appeared to be the mortal blow of losing our mentor and patron, Mr. Sharwood-Smith. It would be impossible to describe all that he has done for us over the past six years. In that time he rarely missed a meeting and a great many sixth-formers have left school chastened by his words of wisdom. He also had the gift of filling in those icy pauses of conversation which sometimes occur, usually with some provoking remark. It is true to say that there would have been no Poulterers without him. However, we send with him to his new career our sincere thanks and wishes for future success. Fortunately at the moment our association with him is as strong as ever, and we hope it will continue so. Nevertheless, Mr. Day and Mr. Morris will, we are sure, help to keep up the tradition.

We have perhaps descended quite a way from the high ideals which first prompted the society's growth, but the result has been to encourage the more bashful members to air their views with more confidence, which is a good thing. We have ranged over a vast number of topics; shyness, revolution, national stereotypes, jealousy, the decay of civilisation, etc. We usually commence with a reading, though we cannot guarantee to keep to the subject for more than a minute at a time.

Later we have the popular break for refreshments, which are usually very appetizing and we must give our grateful thanks to the parents who provided the food, and also lent their homes for the evening. Let me conclude by emphasizing that whether you come to listen or to speak, the Poulterers will give you plenty to think about, and will help you to prepare yourself for the intellectual hardships of university. So, sixth-formers, remember to keep your Monday evenings free.

M.D. Frohnsdorff.

JAZZ CLUB

The Jazz Club met throughout the winter, once a week, in the hut. Apart from general programmes of records, we had a talk on the Modern Jazz quartet, and one on Blues Singing. Other sessions were devoted to different bands and instrumentalists.

M. Cross 6A Science.

THE INTER-SCHOOLS DISCUSSION SOCIETY

This society met about twice a term throughout the year. We housed or debated on the Colour Bar and provided speakers for two others.

Christine Berry spoke against the theme that "Mass Education Breeds a Minority Culture."

Frohnsdorff spoke for a return to the Middle Ages.

Support from the Senior School is very poor, even when a member of the school is speaking. This I hope will be duly rectified in the future.

M. Cross 6.A. Science.

CHESS CLUB

Lunch hour rock-and-roll sessions have, it seems, proved too much competition for the quiet but nevertheless exciting game of chess, and membership has sunk to a very low ebb. A few members of the Junior School have, however, appeared fairly regularly in Room 12, where the chess club at present meets during the lunch hour, thanks to the kind co-operation of Mr. Rolfe whose form room it is. We should also like to thank Mr. Morgan, our Chess Master, and both Mrs. Atherton and Mrs. Wood, who have been only too willing to assist the club on the numerous occasions on which they have been asked.

It is hoped that this year sufficient support from the school will restore the chess club to its former position as the most popular school society; all new members are welcome.

Chess League

Owing to lack of support from the majority of the school's chess players, Southgate has once more done extremely badly in the Inter-Grammar Schools Chess League. We came last in all three divisions; Senior, Junior and Combined.

M. G. Heym. 6.B. Science.

RAILWAY CLUB

The Railway Club was formed during the Summer term due to the enthusiasm of Flood, Farthing, and Smith of 4B. It has continued, under the supervision of Mr. Day, to meet regularly every Wednesday at 1.10. in Room 4 and the membership is now in the thirties. Its regular activities have included a photographic survey of Eastern, Midland, Southern and Western Regions, quizzes, a photographic competition and visits, at considerable expense, to sheds at Cardiff, Newport, Bristol, Stratford and King's Cross. Members subscriptions have been used:

- (1) to buy the magazine - "Trains Illustrated",
- (2) to finance Mr. Day's holiday, and
- (3) to develop the reference section of the Club.

This last is a euphemistic description of the 2 pamphlets on French Railways that the Club possesses!

THE ART CLUB

Under the direction of Miss Hall the Art Club grew quickly. Some people made lino-cuts, while others, including some of the staff, started weaving scarves. The Art Club helped greatly with the School play by making jewellery for the costumes, and by making decorations and painting the scenery.

Susan Case 4 C, Yvonne Olarke 4C.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Once again we have had a very successful year in this society, and the attendances generally have been very good, and have averaged about 60 members per meeting.

We have had a great variety of speakers at our meetings, some of them known and some of them unknown to us. Amongst those known to us were Mr. Spooner, Mr. Roberts and Herr Ratajczyk.

Mr. Spooner and Mr. Roberts told us of their visit, with some of the pupils of the school, to Spain, and showed us some slides of the places they visited during their stay.

Herr Ratajczyk talked to us about Germany. He told us about its political divisions and with the aid of some slides, which he took himself, showed us some of the more historical and beautiful places in three of the country's largest cities.

Two of the new speakers who visited us, came from the Imperial Institute. Mr. J.A. Bindon gave us an illustrated talk on his visit across Central Africa - from Cape Town to Kenya. Mr. Bindon is a man of considerable talent and has broadcast for the B.B.C., both on radio and television. He also paints, and his pictures have appeared in the Royal Academy.

Our second visitor from the Imperial Institute was Mrs. Becker, who has travelled the world many times and visited many countries. Her talk was on Hong Kong and was illustrated by slides.

We had two visits from Mrs. Leader, who is a school teacher. She has visited Africa, and with the aid of her private film, showed us life out there.

Two of the films which we saw, deserve, special mention. A film on U.N.I.C.E.F. was shown, and was entitled "World Without End". It showed the life of the natives in Siam and Malaya and the diseases which these people contract. It then told how U.N.I.C.E.F. is helping to combat the diseases and give the people a better way of living.

We also had a quiz. This was a film which showed us world famous places; such as the Himalayas and the Empire State building. In seven seconds we had to answer a question set about the place we had just seen. The winners of the two groups (1st. & 3rd. forms and 4th. - 6th. forms) were presented with prizes.

We meet every Friday at 3-50 p.m. in Room 4, and every member of the school is welcome to attend whether or not he takes Geography. The meetings are designed for all age groups.

Once again we must thank Mr. Wise and Mrs. Mitchell for all they have done for the society during the past year both in procuring speakers and films, and in keeping the society running smoothly.

R. FILLARY 5 C.

PLANS OF THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

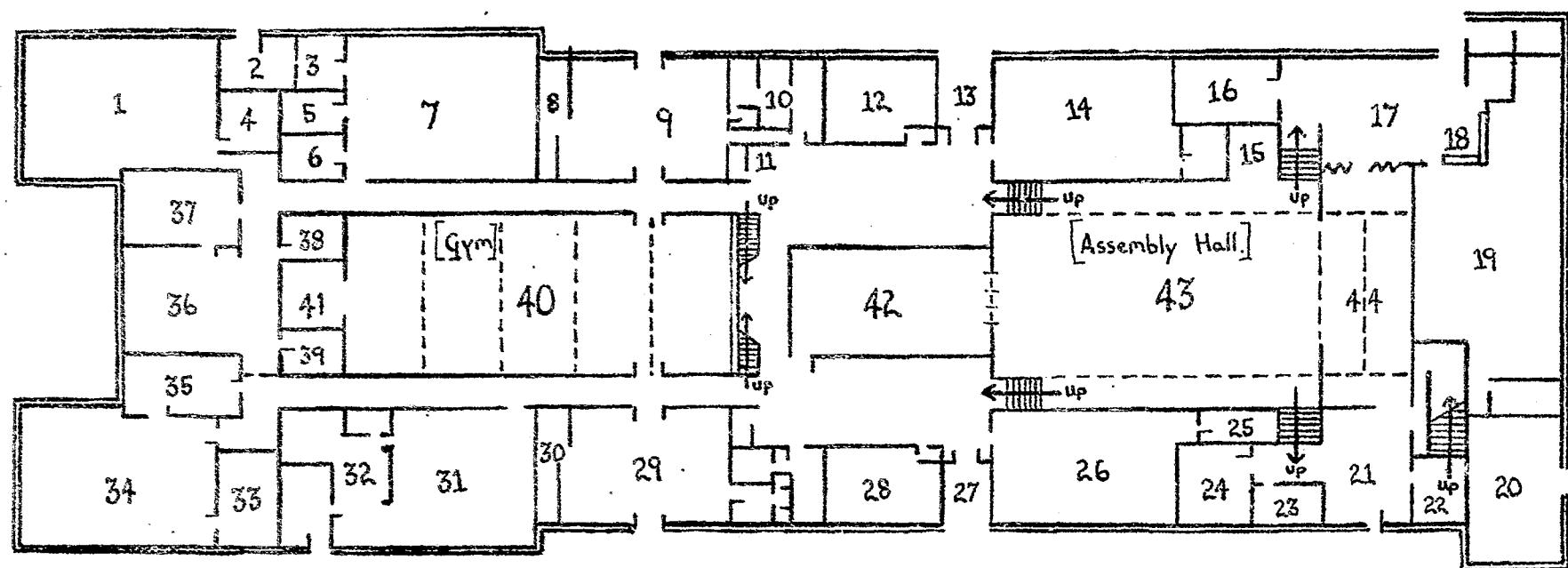
On the next two pages we have reproduced small-scale plans of the two floors of the new School Buildings. The plans were taken from the architect's plans which were, of course, of much larger scale. The work of scaling down the plans and of providing the key was done entirely by D. Archer, and we would like to congratulate him on a very excellent piece of work.

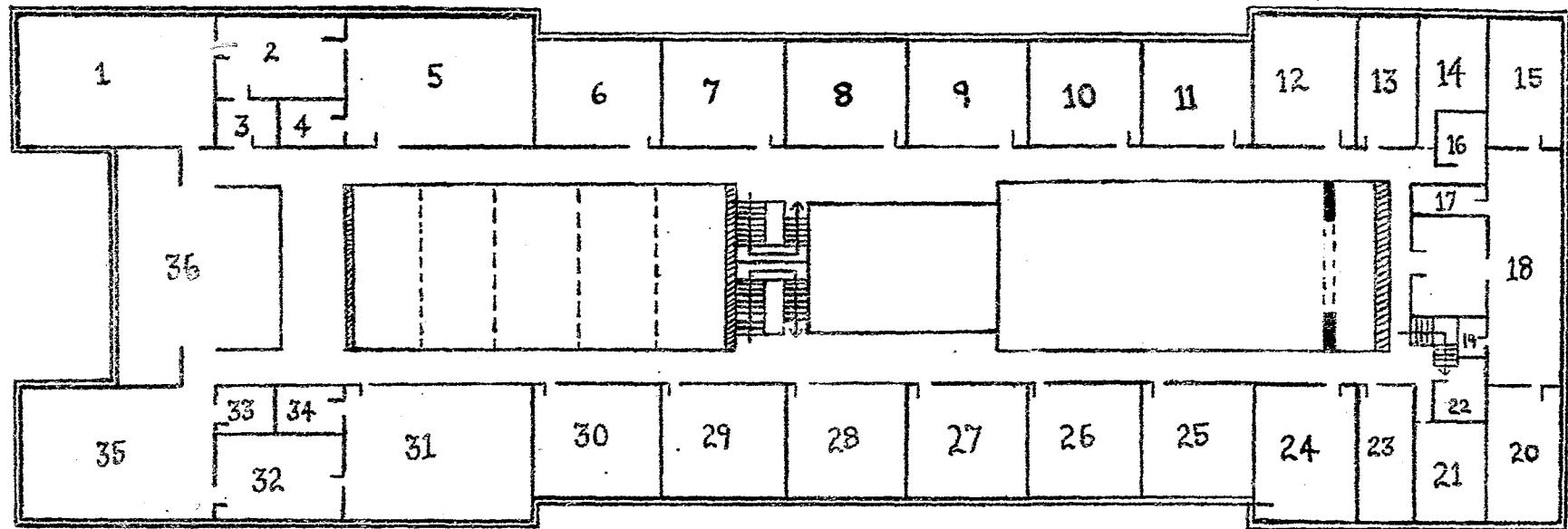
KEY TO GROUND FLOOR

1. Arts and Crafts	24. Headmaster's study
2. Store	25. Store
3. "	26. Geography
4. "	27. Boys' entrance
5. "	28. ". lavatory
6. "	29. " changing room
7. Domestic Science	30. " showers
8. Shower	31. Metal shop
9. Girls' changing room	32. Forge and work store
10. Medical inspection	33. Material store
11. Cleaners	34. Physics
12. Girls lavatory	35. Prep room
13. " entrance	36. Advanced physics
14. Music room	37. Prep. room
15. Store (gym.)	38. Store
16. "	39. "
17. Classroom/dining	40. Gymnasium.
18. Hatches	41. Gym. store
19. Kitchen	42. Open courtyard
20. Boiler room	43. Assembly Hall
21. Public Entrance.	44. Stage.
22. Senior Mistress's room	
23. Secretary	

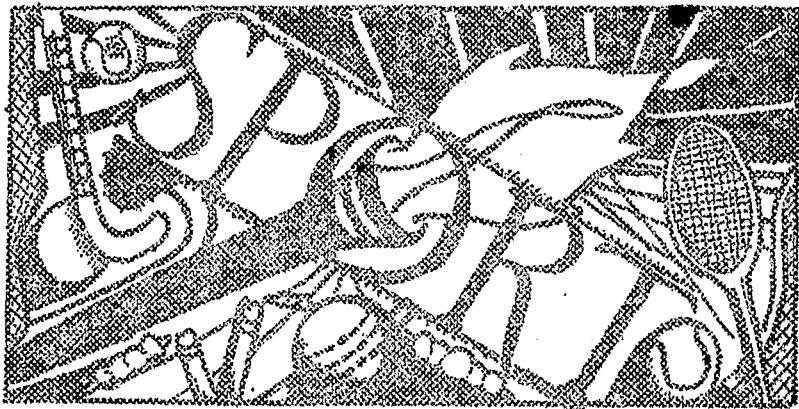
KEY TO 1ST. FLOOR.

1. Chemistry	19. Store
2. Prep room	20. Study
3. Store	21. Boys' lavatory
4. "	22. Staff lavatory
5. Advanced chemistry	23. " room
6. Class room	24. VIth form
7. " "	25. Class room
8. " "	26. " "
9. " "	27. " "
10. " "	28. " "
11. " "	29. " "
12. VIth form	30. " "
13. Staff room	31. Advanced biology
14. Girls' lavatory	32. Prep. room
15. Study	33. Store
16. Staff lavatory	34. "
17. Book store	35. Biology
18. Library	36. Balcony





First Floor Plan



BOYS SPORTS

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING 1958-1959.

The only way to keep warm in the summer of 1958 was to run, and boys got so used to running that the November Inter-House Cross-Country Race attracted a record entry of 224 competitors, 25 more than last year. Packs of runners were seen sloshing through the gateway as race day came nearer, and results signify that most must have belonged to Green House. Full congratulations go to this House for their performance of three wins and one second, and this success was due to the enthusiasm and leadership of the captain, Dryden.

House Results.

Senior	1. Green	2. Blue	3. Red
Middle	1. Blue	2. Green	3. White
Junior	1. Green	2. Blue	3. White
1st. Forms	1. Green	2. Red	3. White

Individual Winners

Senior	1. H. Dryden	2. R. Partridge	3. J. Winkett
Meddle	1. D. Moorcroft	2. M. Middleditch	3. M. Weisberg
Junior	1. R. Davies	2. M. Pringuier	3. J. Racher
1st. Forms	1. C. Side	2. J. Cheeseman	3. R. Goodere

Inter-School races showed the improvement of Winkett.

1. Highgate Harriers. - School came 8th. out of 17 teams and out of 97 runners, the best for the school were - Winkett 26, Dryden 29, Partridge 32.

2. Woodford Green. - School came 8th. out of 16 teams and out of 104 runners some performances were better, but the team weaker: Winkett 21, Dryden 25, Taylor 41, Ellison 43.

3. Hampstead Harriers. - The runners put up a better performance but the team was incomplete: Winkett 8, Partridge 11, Robertson 27.

4. Southgate Harriers. - The school came 5th. out of 9 teams. Winkett 9, Partridge 18, Dryden 21, Robertson 31, Ellison 42.

5. Middlesex Grammar Schools. - The school came 11th. out of 29. Individual placing out of 240 runners were: Winkett 18, Partridge 25, Dryden 66, Townsend 80, Robertson 101, James 128, Moorcroft 141, Taylor 142,

Colours awarded to Partridge, Dryden, and Winkett.

CRICKET.

The 1959 cricket season was far more enjoyable than the previous one. Particularly in the 1st. XI there was great improvement in the standard of play and sportsmanship. Let us hope the revival continues in 1960.

1st.XI.

Again playing the majority of their games away from home the 1st.XI won two, drew two, and lost six matches. It should be mentioned that three of those defeats came in the last over, while in one of the drawn games, victory was but ten runs away when stumps were drawn.

There were many fine performances during the season and those that come to mind are; Dicken's 19 v, East Barnet; Tom's 7 wickets at Trinity; Parmenter's fine defensive knock against Tollington; Townsend's similar innings v. Finchley; Jouning's 43 v. Glendale; Collins' 17 v. The Old Boys; Hall's 5 wickets against the Staff and against Minchenden; and finally Morrison's innings in his debut v. Minchenden.

The fitting climax to any school cricket season is for the Staff to beat the School by one wicket in the last over. That is what happened this year, when the Staff, needing 80 to win, achieved this in the last over, with the last man Mr. Morgan striking the winning hit. Credit must go to Mr. Macarthy for his fine bowling, to Messrs. Packer and Day for their batting, and to Mr Reynolds for his astute captaincy. Congratulations to the Staff for their victory in this enjoyable game.

The team would like to thank Mr. Martin for his careful attention to the pitch, and also those teachers who kindly umpired the matches.

We hope the cricket was as enjoyable to watch as it was to play.

P.M. Jouning 6. Mod.

Team from: Townsend (Capt.), Jouning, Hall, Elsom, Aupers, Toms, Marks, Glibbery, Parmenter, Dickens, Collins, Vivian, Weisberg.
Colours: Townsend, Jouning.

2nd.XI

The standard of play throughout the season has been much better. Batting improvements were the most noticeable and in many cases were able to support good bowling.

M. Cross 6 A. Science.

Played 8; Won 3; Drawn 2; Lost 3;
3 matches cancelled owing to rain.

Team from: Cross (Capt.), Wilford, Vivian, Marks, Drews, Weisberg, White,
Blundell, Dewhirst, Bullock, Collins, Miles, Farthing, Bugg, Penny,

Other Scores:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Cancelled
U. 15 XI	12	5	0	7	3
2nd. Form	3	2	0	1	2
1st. Form	3	2	0	1	2

FOOTBALL

The "cancelled" column of the table below will bring back to mind that grounds lay frozen and unusable for many weeks. Outbreaks of influenza diminished playing strength and caused matches to be cancelled.

Results are generally the same, but these do not signify the improved attitude and enthusiasm. Punctuality is as it should be after referees have made it known that the game will start at the right time even if only half the teams are ready.

The 2nd year, although they only won one match are a happy, keen team to be with and were persistently unlucky to lose by one or two goals, which is a vast improvement on last year's high scores.

Strudwick and Marvell played regularly for the District XI. Strudwick also played for "London Boys" and has already played twice in that team this season.

Record of Matches

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Cancelled	Goals For	Goals Against
1st XI	17	6	9	2	5	57	50
2nd XI	12	6	6	0	7	37	46
Form IV	7	3	3	1	4	31	23
Form III	9	3	4	2	5	31	21
Form II	15	1	12	2	4	26	60
Form I	5	2	3	0	6	6	18

Football Captain's Remarks

Despite only a moderately successful season, the standard of football was higher than in previous years. This was enhanced by an exceptionally good team spirit, maintained throughout the season. The lack of success can be attributed to the team changes caused by players leaving school and the many injuries sustained.

Regular team from:-

Townsend (Capt.), Marks, Eldridge, Wilford, Mackenzie, Jouning,
Middleditch, Dickens, Strudwick, Larkins, Male, Nettleton.

Colours Re-awarded:-

Townsend, Marks, Wilford, Male.

New Colours:-

Eldridge, Nettleton, Mackenzie,

M. Townsend (Capt.)

Teams chosen from:-

2nd XI Hart (Capt.), Weisberg, Miles, Blundell, Poole, Lewis, Thompson, Jones, Sale, Vivian, Goldsmith, Aupers.

U.15 Back (Capt.), Horner, Onley, Dewhirst, Hencken, White, Bugg, Farthing, Hall.

Form III Marvell (Capt.), Law, Matthews, Rosser, Merry, Bradshaw, Robertson, Thorpe, Smith, Denbigh, Brees, Carpenter.

Form II Haigh (Capt.), Tofts, Davis, Child, Burgess, Hinds, Spong, Moss, Wilton, Aylward, Aggiss, Howick.

Form I Goodere (Capt.), Muller, Grist, Gibbs, Thistlewood, Rust, Cheeseman, Oyler, Side, Robertson, Hardcastle.

Inter-House Championships

SENIOR

1. Blue 6pts.
2. Green 4pts.
3. Tie-Red and White 1pt.

JUNIOR

1. White 6pts.
2. Blue 4pts.
3. Red 2pts.
4. Green Opt.

Six-a-side

SENIOR

- | | |
|-------|----|
| Green | 28 |
| Blue | 26 |
| Red | 15 |
| White | 12 |

JUNIOR

- | | |
|-------|----|
| White | 23 |
| Blue | 15 |
| Red | 5 |
| Green | 1 |

BASKETBALL

Three hundred pairs of eyes watched the erection of tubular stands complete with backboards and weights on either side of the girls netball court, and meticulous yellow markings across the established netball lines by our Mr. Martin made possible the beginnings of basketball. Into the last three weeks of term were crowded 18 matches. The games were fast and sometimes furious and players like Dryden had to pass with one hand while they held their glasses on with the other.

Results.

Senior.			Junior.			Form 1		
Pts.	Score.		Pts.	Score.		Pts.	Score.	
1. B.	6	94	1 W.	6	90	1 R.	6	66
2 G.	4	34	2 R.	4	36	2 B.	4	30
3 R.	2	33	3 B.	2	46	3 G.	2	36
4 W.	0	34	4 G.	0	28	4 W.	0	12

SWIMMING

It was with the usual relaxed end-of-term feeling and sunshine that the annual Gala was held at Barrowell Green Baths.

The programme was much fuller with the inclusion of more events for the Junior forms. It is quite automatic to say that the championship was won by Green House.

House Result.

1 Green	54 pts.
2 White	40½ pts.
3 Blue	31½ pts.
4 Red	29 pts.

Leonard Evan White Memorial Cup
Progress Cup-

Championship.

Senior - Partridge.
Middle - Swinburne.
Junior - Fleet.
- I. SWINBURNE
- FLEET

ATHLETICS

The school considered they were graced with special favour when the sun shone brilliantly on their own Sports Day, but every day that followed was filled with the same sunshine and now, five months later, people are beginning to wonder, "Where did I put my raincoat last April?" This has been the driest summer for 200 years, and it must be right because the B.B.C. says so.

Athletic performances were mediocre in most cases and it is easily seen that competitors can put more effort into Rock'n Roll than West'n Roll and other events. Performances will improve, however, for it is expected that next season the hard work will be taken out of training when athletes may circulate to the strains, or strain to the circulations, of that new recording to be amplified on the school field, "Cha cha back to the Track, Jack" Quite right, this is a record that could really be broken. Hard work always will be hard work and the only way to make it easier is to get used to it. Athletes (including games players), must develop an indifference towards fatigue and believe that to feel tired is not to be tired.

Mr. Hulford was in charge of the starts again and his guns provided thrills for the 1st. year pupils. Thanks were given to Mr. Martin for expert line marking and for grass cutting which made the lines stand out. Altogether the field was quite colourful.

RESULTS

<u>Senior</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>Performance</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Record</u>
100 yds	Male (G)	11s.	11.6s.	10.2s.
220 yds	Nettleton (W)	26.5s.	26.6s.	25.6s.
440 yds	Wilford (R)	56.2s.	58. s.	53.4s.
880 yds	Partridge (W)	2m. 11s.	2m. 20s.	2m. 9.9s.
1 mile	Partridge (W)	4m. 55s.	5m. 15s.	4m. 48s.
110 yds hurdles	Wilford (R)	16. 4s.	17. 5s.	15. 0s.
High jump	Smith (G)	4' 8"	4' 8"	5' 7"
Long jump	Townsend (B)	18' 4"	17' 6"	20' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Triple jump	Male (G)	37' 2"	34'	40' 2"
Javelin	James (B)	117' 9"	115'	142' 8"
Discus	Smith (G)	90'	95'	133' 8"
Shot	James (B)	34' 11"	38'	41' 9"
Tug-of-war	1st. - G	2nd. - B	3rd. - W	
Relay	1st. - G	2nd. - B	and W.	

Middle

100 yds.	Strudwick (W)	11.4s	12s.	10.7s.
220 yds.	Strudwick (W)	26.6s.	28s.	25.2s.
440 yds.	Cairns (B)	61.2s	62s.	58s.
880 yds.	Moorcroft (W)	2m. 25s.	2m. 32s.	2m. 16s.
1 mile	Moorcroft (W)	5m. 10s.	5m. 25s.	5m. 5s.
80 yds. hurdle	Smith (B)	12.4s.	14s.	11.1s.
High jump	Strudwick (W)	4' 7"	4' 6"	5' 3"
Long jump	Hencken (G)	16' 7"	17'	20' 6"
Triple jump	Back (G)	34' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	32'	37' 3"
Javelin	Hencken (G)	109' 2"	90'	128' 8"
Discus	Gold (W)	91' 5"	95'	121'
Shot	Gold (W)	31' 2"	34'	37' 7"
Relay	1st. - G	2nd. - B	3rd. - W	

Junior

100 yds.	Borthwick (R)	13. 0s.	13.6s.	11.2s.
220 yds.	Freedman (R)	31.5s.	32s.	27.6s.
330 yds.	Davis (G)	49.8s.	53s.	46.7s.
80 yds. hurdles	Lucas (W)	14.8s.	16s.	13s.
High jump	Haigh (W)	4' 2"	3' 10"	4' 10"
Long jump	Lucas (W)	14' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	13' 6"	16' 8"
Triple jump	Spong (G)	30' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	28' 6"	32' 6"
Javelin	Child (R)	94' 10"	75'	New record
Discus	Fleet (R)	81' 8"	70'	85' 4"
Shot	Borthwick (R)	35'	28'	36' 8"
Relay	1st. - R	2nd. - G	3rd. - B.	

Championships

Senior School	Wilford (R)
Middle School	Strudwick (W)
Junior School	Borthwick (R)

House Result

1st. Green	152 pts.	2nd. Blue	138 pts.
3rd. White	133 pts.	4th. Red	112 pts.

Awards

Vivian Challenge Cup - Champion House	Green
Norman Leslie Day Cup - Senior 100 yds.	Male
Old Boys Cup - Senior 440 yds.	Wilford
Geere Cup - Senior $\frac{1}{2}$ mile	Partridge
Broomfield Challenge Cup - Middle $\frac{1}{2}$ mile	Moorcroft
Hurdles Cup - Senior Hurdles	Wilford
Bradshaw Cup - Senior High Jump	Smith
Bigg Cup - Senior Long Jump	Townsend
Stanley Wiggins Memorial Cup - Tug-of-War	Green
Finlayson Cup - Senior Relay	Green

Middlesex Grammar Schools Championships

In the North Middlesex Grammar Schools meeting at Broomfield only two qualified for the Finals at Chiswick, although many gained 3rd. position. Partridge came 5th. in the mile final and Strudwick failed to come through the heats of the 220 yds. Now he realises that natural ability is not enough and training is necessary.

GIRLS' SPORTS

HOCKEY.

Unfortunately, owing to bad weather, seven of the 1st. XI matches had to be cancelled.

In general, the results were very mixed, but the team suffered defeats because of poor covering by the defence players. This was proved at the District Tournament, when the team, although managing to scrape one point, finished at the bottom of their section.

The 2nd. XI, although also rather unsuccessful, have benefited from their experience as a team, but need more confidence in attack.

Congratulations to Viviane Barnett on being selected to play in the Middlesex junior Team.

<u>RESULTS.</u>	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st. XI	10	4	5	1
2nd. XI	6	1	4	1

1st. XI Team-- N. Armstrong, R. Haynes, S. Rockall, R. Caplin, V. Barnett, J. Matthews, D. Kavanagh, M. Kearns, C. Owen, C. Berry (capt.) H. Tull, D. Walker, D. Burgess.

2nd. XI Team - S. Corney, J. Ward, M. Drysdale, J. Cross, V. Neighbour,
D. Burgess, D. Walker (capt.) A. West, S. Glover, R. Ross,
S. Raves, S. Garnish, W. Inwood.

COLOURS

Re-wards - N. Armstrong, C. Berry, R. Caplin.

Awards - V. Barnett, H. Tull.

HOUSE MATCHES

1st. Blue 2nd. Green 3rd. White 4th. Red.

NETBALL

The results of both the Under 14 and the Under 13 teams were, unfortunately, not indicative of the standard of play shown. Although only three matches were won, both teams played well in the centre court, but lacked power in their shooting.

<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>
14	13	1	12	0
13	14	2	11	1
-14 team - H. Grist, V. Colledge, P. Sprack, J. Clarke, D. Langran, M. Leaman (capt.) M. Barnett, J. Bowery, G. Franks,				
- 13 team - P. Biddulph, M. Buchanan (capt), J. Finlay, A. Harding, S. Rusby, E. Corke, M. Shepherd, J. White, J. Thickett.				

COLOURS.

Awards - M. Leaman, M. Barnett.

HOUSE MATCHES:

Senior: 1st, Blue, 2nd. Green.
3rd. White, 4th. Red.

Junior: 1st. Red, 2nd. Blue.
3rd. White, 4th. Green.

TENNIS

Both the 1st. VI and 2nd. VI teams had a disappointing season, but have enjoyed all the matches nevertheless.

This season a 3rd. year team was formed, and they played two matches, winning one and losing one.

<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>
1st. VI	11	3	8	0
2nd. VI	3	1	2	0
1st. VI team - H. Tull (capt) C. Berry, A. Bompas, M. Grange, A. Barratt, R. Haynes.				
2nd. VI team - V. Barnett, C. Owen, M. Kearns, S. Plant, D. Burgess, J. Boon, R. Ross, S. Glover.				

COLOURS

Awards - C. Berry, H. Tull.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Senior Singles - S. Plant

Junior Singles - M. Leaman.

Open Doubles - A. Barratt and M. Grange

HOUSE MATCHES

1st. Green

2nd. Red

3rd. Blue

4th. White

ROUNDERS

The teams met with very mixed fortunes this season. On the whole, the fielding was quick and accurate, but the hitting was not consistent.

Several matches had to be cancelled.

<u>RESULTS</u>	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st. Form	5	0	5	0
2nd. Form	6	2	4	0
3rd. Form	4	2	2	0

3rd. Form - A. Bryceson, M. Barnett, V. Colledge, J. Clarke, H. Grist, P. Sprack, S. Knott (capt.) J. Bowery, M. Leaman, B. Davies, G. Lewis.

2nd. Form - J. White, J. Thickett, I. Eastman, B. Langham, M. White, M. Buchanan, E. Corke, M. Shepherd, A. Harding, M. Hale, V. Lee.

1st. Form - P. Swinburne, P. Biddulph, C. Owen, S. Tooby, C. Newman, S. Garretts, B. Cook, A. Davies, J. Peck, G. Brookman (capt.) H. Russell.

COLOURS

Awards - S. Knott, V. Colledge, M. Barnett.

HOUSE MATCHES

Junior 1st. Red

2nd. Green

3rd. Blue

4th. White

INTERMEDIATE 1st. Blue
2nd. Green
3rd. White
4th. Red.

SWIMMING

A team of Seniors and Juniors was entered for the North Middlesex Gala, and did well to reach the finals in several events;

The Annual School Gala was held in ideal weather conditions at the open Air pool at Barrowell Green.

RESULTS

North Middlesex Gala.

I. Eastman	6th Junior Freestyle.
J. Hansen	6th Senior Freestyle.
A. Haskell	4th Senior Diving
Senior Relay Team	5th. 4th Senior Backstroke.

School Gala.

Senior Championship	D. Payne
Intermediate Championship	A. Alter
Junior Championship	P. Swinburne.
Progress Cup	M. Barnett
House Championship	1st. Blue 2nd. Red 3rd. Green 4th. White

ATHLETICS

Junior, and Intermediate girls did well at outside meetings, particularly at the District Sports, where Southgate was represented in practically every event, and in most events, was placed in the first six.

Both Jane Kitching and Susan Rockall did well at the County Sports held at the White City.

The School Sports Day was held in fine weather, and results were quite satisfying. 4 Records were broken.

RESULTS

County Sports

J. Kitching.	3rd in Junior Long Jump, achieving County Standard of 15' 3".
S. Rockall.	4th in heat of Intermediate 150 yds.

Sports Day Results

<u>Senior</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>Performance</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Record</u>
100 yds.	S. Raves	13.2secs.	13.8secs	12.6secs
150 yds.	S. Rockall	20.7secs.	22. secs	20.1secs
220 yds.	S. Rockall	31.5secs. (R)	35. secs	32.1secs
80 yds. Hurdles	H. Tull	15.4secs.	15. secs	12.6secs
High Jump	S. Plant	4'5"	3'8"	4'7"
Long Jump	S. Rockall	14'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	12'6"	15'1"
Javelin	H. Tull	76'4" (R)	50'	74'1"
Discus	G. Hands	75'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	55'	95'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Shot	V. Barnett	28'	25'	35'5"
Relay	GREEN	61.6secs		57.1secs

<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>Performance</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Record</u>
100 yds.	R. Ross	12.5secs	14. secs	12.2secs
150 yds.	C. Clay	20.8secs	22. secs	19. secs
70 yds. hurdles	R. Ross	11.6secs (R)	15. secs	12.2secs
High Jump	M. Barnett	4'	3'10"	4'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Long Jump	R. Ross	15'3"	12'6"	15'6"
Javelin	M. Barnett	69'9"	45'	75'2"
Discus	D. Burgess	75'	50'	94'2"
Relay	BLUE	58.5secs		57.5secs

<u>Junior</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>Performance</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Record</u>
80 yds.	B. Langham	10.8secs	11. secs	10. secs
100 yds.	J. Kitching	13.2secs	14.2secs	12.5secs
High Jump	J. Kitching	3'7"	3'6"	4'3"
Long Jump	J. Kitching	15'1" (R)	12'3"	14'8"
Rounders Ball.	M. Shepherd	151'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	125'	185'8"
Relay	RED	61.6secs		58.6secs

Victrix Ludorum - Christine Pirrie Cup - Susan Rockall
 Marjorie Kindon Challenge Cup (Senior 100 yds) Suzanne Raves
 Doreen Sentence Memorial Trophy (Senior 220 yds) Susan Rockall
 Doris Long Challenge Cup (Senior High Jump) Sandra Plant
 Olympic Trophy (Progress in Field Events) Suzanne Raves
 Mistresses Team Race Challenge Cup (Senior Relay) GREEN
 Old Girls Race Challenge Cup (Intermediate Relay) BLUE
 Prefects Challenge Cup (Junior Relay) RED
 Athletic Challenge Shield (Champion house) BLUE

Medals

Senior Discus	Gillian Hands
Senior Javelin	Hazel Tull
Senior Shot	Viviane Barnett
Intermediate Discus	Dinah Burgess
Intermediate Javelin	Michele Barnett

Championship Medals

Senior	Susan Rockall
Intermediate	Rosalind Ross
Junior	Jane Kitching



BY ANNE PEARSON



BY DIANA RUST 4A



ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

DAWN

Outside my room a feathered songster greets
The coming dawn with harmony divine,
He preens himself, his little wings he beats,
With awe-inspiring flight he tops a distant pine.

Beyond the beech woods lost in eerie haze,
Beyond the hills where fluffy cloudlets fly,
The sun lifts up her shining head and day's
Sweet music fills the valley and the sky.

The sun with just one sweet devouring breath,
Turns frost-bespeckled fields once more to green.
The cold, ungracious night, as dark as death,
Withdraws his frosty fingers from the scene.

K. Wilford 6A. Arts.

Awarded the prize for the best article from the
Senior School.

Stallion from the Wild.

The big, black stallion stamped restlessly. He backed, pulling the rope tight around his neck. Resenting it, he reared, jerking savagely at the rope which tethered him to the post. His great forehoofs pounded the dry earth into little puffs of dust that drifted sullenly in the hot wind. Flattening his ears, he twisted his head snake-like and seized the rope in his teeth - crushing it in his jaws - the muscles of his lean head bulging.

From far away the sound of a shrill, wild whinny reached him, borne on the wings of the wind. The stallion ceased his movements and became a statue, dappled by the sun and leaves. In answer he screamed his challenge with all the force of his lungs and all the long bitter yearning for his freedom was contained in it.

He reared again, snorting. His was not the playful, mimic anger of the pampered thoroughbred - it was the cruel hatred of the wild for all things that infringed its liberty. Sixteen hands he stood - sixteen hands of lithe cruel perfection of never ending malice. The great horse stood immobile. The wind lifted his mane in a long black ripple along the arched crest of his neck and whirled the strands of his tail. The dappled light and shadow on his body gleamed as he stood in sleek perfection like a panther at bay.

His ears pricked, listening to the whisper of the wind in the trees, the cry of his vanished freedom. The stallion flung his body upwards until his head was perpendicular to the earth beneath it.

Once more his hoofs thundered down upon the dust and he called once - a great shrill scream that burst up from his lungs and the great yearning of his fearfilled heart. His flaring nostrils, distended in the soft black muzzle, showed pink as the stallion caught the scent of the sea which he hated.

He remembered how he and his mares had run, frightened, terrorised, down the margin of sand. He remembered the gradual and relentless pursuit and the screams of two mares caught in the quicksands. Instinct had made him stop at their edge. Rearing, he had sensed the grains of the hideous body pressing and grinding together in suction beneath the force of the tide as it drew towards him with a long whispered hiss, relentlessly nearing the sandhills. Sensing the nearness of the riders he leaped forward into the quaking sand, for his hatred of the men behind was stronger than his fear of the sand before him.

When he had felt the tenuous clasp of the sands about his knees he had become panic stricken and thrashed madly in terror. With the strength that comes only from terror he reared, pulling his forelegs free and then crashing over on his side. As he had pulled his hindlegs clear a rope had dropped over them. He had struggled vainly. Another rope had landed neatly over his forelegs and forced him to remain still. Sharply he had been jerked free by the combined effort of three horses. A fourth rope had been placed on his neck, making him captive for ever.

As the day drew on the stallion stopped fighting and stood dejectedly. Suddenly alerted he swung his head towards the stable. His captor slowly walked towards him. The shadows from the trees were just beginning to shorten in the oppressive heat of the late morning. The stallion reared in anger but it was of no use - the man came relentlessly on. The man reached the quivering stallion and ran a firm hand down the gleaming neck. With infinite care he placed the saddle on the stallion's back. Warily he drew the girth tight. He pressed the bit against the stallion's teeth till he opened his mouth. Then he slowly undid the rope that held his prisoner.

As suddenly as the rage had splintered in him before, it seemed to leave the stallion. Somewhere in his mind the stallion's ancestry of service to man reasserted itself and he allowed himself to be mounted. His wild heart was subdued but there still burnt his wild passions deeply rooted in him. Firmly gripping the reins the man urged the stallion forward.

Reluctantly the stallion obeyed and for an hour launched his black body over hurdles. Then sharply the rider turned him to a bar set at six feet,

The stallion rolled a nervous eye at it, half rearing before he began his run. He almost baulked, then gathering himself, he rose up like a legendary Pegasus, a god of the earth. Landing with barely a jar he galloped a little way before stopping. The man praised him and the stallion with one ear back, seemed to be listening. Then the rider dismounted and set the bar at six foot six. He gave the stallion the length of the field for his run. Gaining speed and impetus the stallion raced for the jump; launching himself high he cleared it without effort. The hard training he had received in the school of the wild would stand in his favour for ever. Landing with barely a grunt, he continued to run fast towards the fence of the training paddock. His rider hesitated, then, leaning forward a little, gave him his head.

The fence measured seven foot six. Without faltering, in great measured strides, the stallion came towards it and without a flicker of doubt, he rose up, hung suspended above it and landed on the other side. The man knew then that he had a champion without parallel. He made no move to stop the stallion, thinking to let him run till he was tired.

On and on ran the stallion - behind him the vicious thunder of his hoofs in flight. His long black body flattened itself to the earth as he ran - the beat of his hoofs measuring every stride with the beat of his great heart. As he ran all his old hate poured back to him. It burnt in his animal brain, unrelentingly bitter. It grew with each forward thrust of his great black flanks.

The man riding suddenly sensed a change in the stallion - he was running as though possessed. The rider began to pull on the reins, certain of the cruel bit breaking that thundering run. Not till then did he realise that the frantic mouthings of the stallion had found a flaw in the metal and snapped it like a straw. Before them appeared the fence which skirted the cliff edge. The sea foamed and fretted two hundred feet below.

The stallion now realised his obsession. The sea had made him captive, now it could free him. His, rider guessing that nothing could stop the stallion's last run, took his feet from the stirrups and pondered on how to jump off.

He raised his whip and cut the stallion across the muzzle. He could see the nostrils distended to their utmost. The stallion, without flinching, continued to run.

The fence loomed before them. The horse gathered himself and launched himself. He twisted in mid-air and landed adroitly on the narrow strip of land on the other side. The rider flung himself from the saddle and stood by the horse's head, caressing him. Then the stallion felt the upsurge of hate within him. The desire to kill this thing in front of him rose uppermost. He pawed the air and with one great forehoof smashed the man's shoulder and threw him across the fence.

The stallion squealed and began to leap forward, but the ground beneath his feet trembled and began to slide. His hind-legs began to slip. He reared again and was silhouetted there, squealing with terror as he heard the thunder of the waters far below. He began to slide over the edge.

He was magnificent even as he fell, with the storm sun caught in his mane and tail as he twisted over and over. There was a time when he did not seem to

be falling - he was just a black figure against the sea. Then he went into the sea - into the savage, foaming waters of the sea.

The man who had loved him dragged himself away from the ragged edges of the cliff top, his body drooping with defeat. He went, forever uncertain that men were the lords of all other creatures.

Elizabeth Jones 3B.

Awarded the prize for the best contribution from the Junior School.

Autostop

With the discouraging remarks of our friends still ringing in our ears, my companion and I, plus two huge rucksacks, set out from London to hitch-hike to Vienna. The train and boat took us to Ostend where our long journey by road was to begin. We traversed Europe at a very moderate pace and were sorry to find out that the tales told of bad hitch-hiking on the Continent were far from being untrue. We passed through Brussels, Aachen, Cologne, Frankfurt and Stuttgart, where we were held up for ten hours before we were given a lift. Eventually we reached Munich, where, discouraged by almost two days of continual rain, we decided not to continue hitch-hiking but to take the train to Vienna. On reaching our goal we at once started making our plans for our homeward trip and so after an extensive tour of Vienna we set out for the South of Austria where we intended to spend a week.

A week of swimming in the warm Corinthian lakes and sleeping in the sun made a pleasant change from hitch-hiking and sight-seeing but it was over all too soon and, crossing the Austro-Italian frontier at the small town of Tarviso, we continued our journey south. We reached the very beautiful town of Venice with considerable ease but after a very enjoyable stay there, hitch-hiking almost came to a stop. We had intended to return home through France, hitch-hiking all the way, but at Verona we changed our minds and purchased train tickets to Paris, leaving us only the very minimum of money to live on. We greatly enjoyed our stay in Paris but when we left it after two days we had barely enough money for another meal and we still had to reach Ostend! Then at last when we needed it most, out long awaited luck came; two lifts and only eight hours saw us in Ostend where at ten o'clock we boarded the boat for Dover; we had had enough foresight to purchase return tickets. None too soon we were in London for we had spent our last money in Belgium and had not eaten for some time.

If the story of this journey seems rather discouraging I must add that it has in no way discouraged me; had I a chance I would gladly do the journey again. It is the ideal way of seeing places and meeting people; to me no journey will ever compare with one by "autostop".

M.G. Heym 6.B, Sci.

BE BRIEF!

THE MODERN VERSION OF "LITTLE JACK HORNER"

John, the youthful and diminutive scion of the Ancient House of Horner, reclined in the angle formed by two vertical planes which constituted the boundaries of his apartment.

He was eagerly engaged in devouring a comestible which is usually associated with the festive season.
Into the interior of the aforesaid comestible he introduced the opposing digit which formed a part of the termination of the organ of prehension of the upper limb of his body.
Withdrawing a fruit of the Order *Prunus Domesticus*, his words were as follows:-

"To what a remarkable extent is the amount of my virtue shown."

Rosemary Jerrold

Form 3C.

A WATER-LILY.

Fleeting flower that diest in a thousand pools
Now that autumn's ripe hand plucks thy roots,
Why alone in this stagnant stream dost stand
While grimy frost gnaws painfully at thy shoots?
What chance left thee to spread thy fading leaves
O'er the mill-pond's green and yellow water
Where the kingfisher soars on azure wing
Till the reddened sun in growing mist dost falter?

Thy brethren that flower'd 'neath these passive waves
And choked this noiseless, mellow stream
Afraid of the darkening season's sombre tread
Wearily laid down their pale and purple head.
Thou alone, mantled in the clinging sedge,
Proudly bearest bloom as all grows cold
And the evening breeze brings the nightly frost
That on thy beauty will fast its deadly hold.

M.D.Frohnsdorff.

A Free Visit to the United States.

Every year some 60 cadets of the Air Training Corps are selected to take part in the International Cadet exchange visit scheme. Twenty-five cadets go to the U.S.A., Twenty-five to Canada and 10 to five or six different European countries.

This year I was lucky enough to be selected to visit the United States of

America, the visit lasting three and a half weeks.

After being issued with 3 khaki drill and one gaberdine uniform and other equipment needed for the trip we reported to R.A.F. Northolt on Saturday 18th July. There we were briefed on our trip and were given a chance to meet our two escorting officers and also the other cadets of the party. Our ages ranged from seventeen to nineteen, and there were cadets from Scotland and Northern Ireland as well as from all over England.

We left Northolt on the Sunday, flying in a four-engined D.C.6 aircraft of the American Military Air Transport Service. Our route was via Prestwick in Scotland and the Harmen Air Force base in Newfoundland. We arrived at the Mitchell Air Force Base on Long Island at 8.30 on Monday morning (New York Local Time) after some seventeen hours flying.

We were welcomed by Senior officers of the United States Air Force and were taken by coach with a police escort into New York. My first impressions were of considerable surprise for I had been taken from drab Suburban London and placed in the middle of the luxurious residential area of Long Island.

There were wide, sweeping roads, well kept verges, and numerous large detached houses, each brightly coloured and of different design, standing in its own grounds.

As we approached the city, however, we passed through poorer suburbs and we realised that New York, like any other large city, has good and bad areas.

We travelled by tunnel under the East River on to Manhattan Island which forms the hub of New York. All around us were large flashy cars, not out of place with the immensely high buildings, wide, straight roads, and brightly decorated shops. The coach drew up outside the fabulous Waldorf Astoria Hotel, and rumours to the effect that we would be staying there were confirmed. What an amazing place it is! It is spread over 42 stories; there are shops, dance floors, restaurants, in fact everything necessary, and a host of things unnecessary, for a self contained existence. One could almost live there and enjoy a normal life and never step out of the hotel. That is providing, of course, that one could afford it. Thank goodness all our expenses were paid by the United States Air Force. For we were put in some of the cheaper suites and each of these had a 21" T.V. Set, its own air conditioning unit, fitted carpets, a writing desk, a telephone, and a bathroom and hall-way.

During our stay in New York we were taken over the magnificent United Nations building, the Empire State building and a host of other world-famous tourist spots.

Perhaps the most outstanding features of the five day stop in New York were the views of the Famous Manhatten Sky-line from the Statue of Liberty in the New York Bay and that of the city from the top of the Empire State building.

This year the U.S.A. acted as host to nineteen nations, and air cadets from all over the world were met in New York. The plan was that after the stay in this the tallest city in the world, nineteen states would act as hosts to one of each of the nations taking part. From there all the cadets would once again come together to spend the last few days in Washington D.C.

The British party were to visit the State of Minnesota in North Central America, bordering Canada and Lake Superior.

After our stay in New York we flew from Eidelwild Air Port to Minneapolis in Minnesota. Seven hours of continuous flying took us only half-way across America.

The stay in Minnesota was enhanced by glorious weather, the temperature remaining in the upper nineties all the time. It is a beautiful state roughly the size of Great Britain, it is known as the state of 10,000 lakes and as might be imagined this results in some astoundingly beautiful scenery.

During the two weeks in this state we visited the famous Mayo clinic in Rochester and we saw the huge docks at Duluth on Lake Superior. This city is thriving with new industry created by the new Montreal Seaway. We visited one of the five large Indian reservations.

These large tracts of land are owned by the Indians and are still under tribal law. Although most of the Indians we saw owned Cadillacs, they are we were told, generally very poor and living on Government grants. We also stayed near the Cyruna iron range and were given the chance to fly over this picturesque country. We spent some time with American families, one and sometimes two cadets being looked after by each family. All of us had plenty of time for swimming, water skiing and fishing. We enjoyed dinners, parties, barbeques and dances in the evenings.

During this part of our visit we had our best chance to get to know American people, and although like all peoples they are by no means perfect, I found that many of the unfavourable impressions created by the British Press were exaggerated. Americans in the whole are friendly and hospitable people and will always make visitors feel welcome and "at home". They tend to be rather dogmatic and are as vehement about democracy as the Russians appear to be over communism. So emphatic are they about a democratic way of life that freedom of thought and opinion is not always the vogue. An indication perhaps that they do not feel secure enough to open their minds to different opinions. This insecurity is enhanced by their almost frightening preparedness for war.

We flew from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Washington D.C., and once more to luxurious hotel accommodation. Washington is perhaps one of the most beautiful cities I have ever seen.

Although it lacks a real atmosphere of establishment and tradition it has a positive character of its own, as has New York. The streets are wide and open, the buildings are not tall and overpowering but can be described as being majestic, yet not out of place. The fantastic speed of life experienced in New York is toned down slightly, but is still frightening, even to a Londoner.

We visited the White House where we were meant to meet the President. Unfortunately he was preparing for Vice-President Nixon's return from the U.S.S.R. that same day and he could not see us. Instead we were introduced to Mr. Herter, his private secretary. We also had a tour of the Pentagon, headquarters of the United States services and also of their Space research programme. We saw the Lincoln and Washington memorials and the famous Capital building.

Sadly for us our whirlwind visit to the land of opportunity was over all too soon, and we had to fly home to Northolt loaded with souvenirs and stimulating happy memories of this holiday of a life time.

N.B. Parmenter 6A.Sc.

THE BEAUTY OF NATURE

I sometimes wonder to myself
From whence all beauty comes,
The apple-blossom - like an elf,
And juicy, purple plums.

In a leafy wood nearby
A tiny stream does flow,
A blue jay rises with a cry
And to his nest does go.

A squirrel scrambles up a tree
From burrows rabbits spy,
Leaves shake and tremble as they see
The fox slink quietly by.

In the meadows, in the woods,
In the beauty of each tree,
Nature does display her goods
For every man to see.

Pauline Tull 2A.

LAND OF MY BIRTH

O sweet and quiet country,
Far from strife and din;
O beautiful green country,
Far from greed and sin.

Thy rough and ragged slopes,
On which stand the cold stone keeps;
They softly rounded hills,
On which graze the shaven sheep.

The fields of ripening wheat,
The enchanted woods so fair;
Thy high and windswept peaks,
And granite tor so bare.

The ancient, lovely manors,
Of rusty red and brown;
The dusty purple carpet,
Stretching o'er the down,

Thy white and gleaming mansion,
With columned portico;
And handsome formal gardens,
Wherein the roses grow.

O sweet and blessed country,
I'll never want for more;
O beautiful green country,
May I never leave your shore.

M.R. Payne 6.B. Arts.

An Ode to Gowns (Teachers')

They flap across the playgrounds,
They swirl down corridors,
They trap themselves in broken chairs,
Get caught in closing doors.
A few are new and raven black,
But most are old and rusty
And some have tattered, trailing hems,
Are rainbow-chalked and dusty;
While some wing-buds of buckram sport
As well as holes of every sort.

And some are worn with ease and poise
But some are borne with loathing,
And flung to lie in sinks and chairs
As useless, hampering clothing.
A few are wrapped round toga-wise
In the Roman fashion;
The sleeves of some are tied in knots
With absent-minded passion;
And one is draped - it looks most droll-
In semblance of an evening stole.

You ask how many uses, then,
These unique garments muster?
Well, only one - to clean the board
In absence of duster.

Susanne Raves. 5.A.

FIRST DAY

On Tuesday I started at Southgate School,
The day was mostly dry and cool.
My uniform was crisp and new,
A lovely shade of navy-blue.

And in my satchel that day I took,
Pencil, pen and reading book,
Old overall and P.E. shoes,
Rubber and ruler, all to use.

I felt rather shy as I entered the gate,
I was very relieved that I wasn't late.
The building seemed massive, I lost my way,
But most people do on their first day.

It's ten to four and school is out,
Hear all the children give a loud shout
I'm glad I came, oh why was I shy?
First-year's reaction, I expect that's why.

Gillian Butler I.S.

Sylvia Pearce I.S.

DUSK

Dusk is reaching the abode of men
And Nature's heralds cry out the news,
A young hare scuttles across the fen,
While some carefree finch a fly pursues.

The perfumed flowers turn to sleep,
They mask their beauty from the skies.
A daring splash, a final leap,
A bull frog hides from human eyes.

Heart piercing is the night wolf's howl
The woods breath soft a moving sigh.
The robin sits upon a bough
And sings his evening lullaby.

Where sunlight's been, the moon will soar,
The last cloud drifts by like a sail,
And Nature across the heaven will draw
Her distant, daunting, dusky veil.

To the Alps

On Saturday 21st March, an excited party of girls left Victoria Station for Interlaken. We soon arrived at Folkestone, and had a smooth crossing to Calais, where we boarded a train for Basle, and thence to Interlaken.

The next day we went for a walk along the river that joins the two lakes, Thunersee and Brienzersee, to see the ruins. We visited Brienz, a lovely village on the side of the lake, and watched the wood carving for which it is famous. Everywhere we saw beautiful wood carvings, musical boxes and clocks.

We spent a day in Lucerne, and travelled there by coach along the shores of Lake Brienz and through the Brüning Pass. We visited the old part of Lucerne, saw the famous bridge, and looked at the whole of the town from the Turrets.

On Wednesday afternoon, we had to abandon our plans to visit Murren, a winter sports centre, on account of the rain. Although we went to Switzerland prepared for cold weather, we were fortunate and had several perfect days and little rain.

The next day we went to Kandersteg. Firstly we visited the Blue Pool. This lived up to its name, and although it was so deep, it was perfectly clear and we could see trees lying along the bottom. Snow had fallen the previous night in Kandersteg and we were able to get an idea of the scenery in mid-winter. Everywhere we looked was snow, not of the kind which falls in London, but really dazzling white.

On Friday came the greatest day of our holiday; we visited Grindelwald. After a train journey through the mountains, where we saw the rushing streams formed from the melting snows, we made our way, with some trepidation, towards the chair-lift. We all considered this the most wonderful part of the holiday, - to be suspended in mid-air, slowly ascending a mountain, facing a glacier, and looking far below at the tiny village of Grindelwald. Although we had set off looking as if we were about to climb Everest, the sun was very warm and the skiers at Grindelwald First, contrary to all our notions, looked very hot. It took half an hour each way on the chair-lift and when we were down in Grindelwald again, we went to get a better view of the glacier, parts of which we saw sliding from time to time.

We eventually visited Murren, the skiing resort, although we were constantly in cloud and could see little. However, we enjoyed the ascent by funicular railway.

Some of us visited the Swiss Reform Church on Sunday morning and experienced an unusual Communion Service. We had a steamer trip in the afternoon to Iseltwald, on Lake Brienz, and saw a beautiful reflection of the mountains in the water.

We were all impressed with Switzerland and shall never forget the majestic mountains, especially the Jungfrau, the spectacular Alpine Glow, the chalets perched on the mountainside, or the friendliness of the Swiss people.

We would like to thank Miss Davies, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Sears, Mrs Atherton and especially Miss Hyde for making such a wonderful holiday possible.

Celia Outlaw. 6.B. Arts.

A Rainbow

During this morning the sky was rather overcast, and several light showers fell through a break in the grey clouds, a brilliant shaft of sunlight pierced the gloom, shining upon a million glistening raindrops.

Suddenly, spanning the whole width of the sky, emerged a beautiful rainbow. Its seven lovely colours formed a splendid archway which spread over the countryside until it disappeared from sight behind the red-roofed houses.

Many say that at the end of a rainbow lies a crock of gold, but its real treasure appears in the glorious hues of violet, orange, and other tints which decorate the sky.

As I gazed upon this delightful sight, the colours began to fade, until finally the sky was filled only with cloud.

Suzanne Berman 1.C.

THE COTE D'AZUR

Although most English people stay at the resplendent hotels which line the Croisette promenade at Cannes, I stayed in a tiny flat at the top of eighty stone steps, which had to be climbed in pitch darkness, and, at the beginning, mainly on hands and knees. It was here, on a holiday certainly never to be forgotten, that I learnt some of the ways of French family life.

One window of the flat looked out onto the principal road, with its continuous stream of traffic, and the town hall. In the distance one caught a glimpse of the harbour and the blue, blue Mediterranean. From the other, when the stick of washing had been pushed aside, was to be seen a back alley, where throngs of people went about their busy day-to-day affairs.

The food, I found, was very different! An innocent-looking plate of lettuce would, in fact, be covered in garlic and olive oil; and I soon discovered that every dish, whatever variety, was similarly garnished. One day, I was offered a raw "beefsteak de cheval" to put in my sandwich, but, thinking quickly of the Pet Shop in Alderman's Hill, I politely refused, and with a sickening feeling, watched them devour this delicacy with relish. Water was also quite rare, so we had to quench our thirst with beer, while red wine was always present on the table.

It did not take long to discover that the people are of a very friendly and generous nature, although tempers were very quick to fray. After five minutes of gesticulating wildly, the antagonists would be kissing each other and forgetting their differences.

During the course of my holiday, I visited most of the majestic tourist towns, and picturesque villages - St. Tropez, St. Raphael, Nice, Monte Carlo Vinti Mille, Limone, Grasse, St. Paul de Vence, Vallauris, Juan-les-Pins and many others. As, on the whole, we found it was too hot for a complete day's outing, normally we would not leave the flat for the beach, until the cooler hour of four. For sunbathing purposes, it was necessary to visit the islands off Cannes, Ste. Marguerite, and St. Honorat, where one could wallow all day in the tideless sea without fear of being overwhelmed by the heat.

The highlight of my holiday was the three days spent at a fête at Andon, a tiny village set in the heart of the mountains. Here the spontaneous gaiety of the Southern Frenchman reached its peak. Dancing, dancing, continual dancing, well into the early hours of the morning, for three days on end; dancing only broken by an occasional meal.

It was with regret that I packed my luggage, and bade "au revoir" to Any and her family, and the dazzling Mediterranean coast.

Joyce Boon 5A.

THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE.

Not even the rain and overcast sky could detract from the magnificent colour of the Lord Mayor of London's scarlet ceremonial robes when he came to lay the foundation stone of the new school on April 16th. of last year. Because of the continual rain the intended procession had to be abandoned but a marquee looking on to the foundation stone was packed with parents and friends of the school.

The Lord Mayor, Sir Harold Gillett, M.C., and the Mayor of Southgate, Ald. Mrs. Ruth Winston, J.P., together with representatives from the City of London and the neighbourhood were welcomed by the headmaster Mr. B.M. Forrest, T.D., M.A. In his address Mr. Forrest referred to the past and the future of the school which is now fifty years old, and he pointed out that the new buildings would give greater opportunities for students in this world of changing educational needs. Looking to the past he remembered Mr. Auger, his predecessor, who served the school for thirty-five years.

The Rev. K.H. Hooker, M.A. conducted the service of prayers, and the hymns "Jerusalem" and "Praise my soul, The King of Heaven" were sung. The lesson was from Psalm 118, and the actual dedication of the foundation stone was performed by the Mayor's Chaplain, the Rev. S. Lipson, Hon. S.C.F.

Before the laying of the stone, County Alderman T.H. Joyce, who took the chair, listed the advantages of the new buildings. They would provide modern laboratories for science, metalwork and engineering. In place of the single playing field of the present school there will be three football pitches, two pitches for hockey and two for cricket, as well as an adequate gymnasium. Alderman Joyce asked the present scholars to maintain and develop the fine tradition established by former pupils.

In her address of thanks the Mayor looked upon the Lord Mayor's visit as an event in the history of Southgate, which had made great progress since its days as a tiny hamlet. Mrs. Winston hoped that the staff and pupils would be

proud of the new buildings. Replying to the Mayor's vote of thanks, Sir Harold said that education was open for everyone whatever his means or class and that the training education gives is important whether one is successful or not. The Lord Mayor ended this memorable occasion with these words,

"I wish all those connected with the school, and the young people who are waiting, possibly, to start here, good luck and good fortune in the years to come. May you add further laurels to the traditions already established. Good luck to all those who work with and in this new school-to-be."

Jennifer Kennett. 6Arts.

A HOUSE DIVIDED

(A short account of the farce; 'Caught Napping', produced at the Piccadilly Theatre)

Rich in the ingredients of successful farce, "Caught Napping" at the Piccadilly Theatre is a light-hearted romp which entertains almost flawlessly from first act to last. The pace is well sustained, the dialogue and situations often genuinely funny - not the case in all farces - and the actors work energetically as a team to keep the action crackling.

George Benson makes much of his part as Wellington Potts, the school house-master who strives to salvage his dignity and his standing in the eyes of the headmaster amid confusing events which compromise him more and more. As the head, Raymond Huntley is suitably menacing, with a controlled displeasure, over an incident involving an effigy of himself and... a bath. His later appearances are portents of doom to Potts, who finds that his house lacks its bath and tries frantically to secure another. His prospective son-in-law, a junior master keen on sport in general and horse-racing in particular, is hiding the guilty boy in the house so that he may protect his horse Gwendoline from the unwelcome attentions of two spivs bent on "fixing" a key race.

Leslie Randall never falters as the dim young master who mixes these activities with earnest attempts to impress Potts, a classics man, by his scanty knowledge of Greek. The semi-idiot is a stock figure of farce, and some of the situation in which the aspirant unintentionally embarrasses Potts and his dinner guests is over-exploited; but Randall's playing is so expert that one is always unconsciously awaiting from him the signal for the next laugh.

Basil Lord as the bookie who blackmails both Potts and the school matron introduces a comically disreputable element into a supposedly staid household. In a delicious episode he persuades Potts' senile butler to mount a sofa and chant "There are fairies at the bottom of my garden" repeatedly. Here again a typical character in farce, the utter fool, is redeemed from stupidity and tastelessness by the author's sparing use of him and the masterly performance of Graham Armitage, an actor in his twenties.

With the appearance of Potts' chief guests, a loud-spoken military man and his deaf wife, the final tangling of cross-purposes gathers speed. Geoffrey Lumsden, the author of the farce, and Nan Munro make a dynamic and diverting pair. Potts' hospitality to them is at variance with his aim of kidnapping the wife, which he wrongly conceives to have been the bookie's instructions (both the lady and the horse bear the same name). This simple device succeeds in animating the last act, and though as with most farces

there is some repetition - characters popping in and out of a cupboard - one's attention is held by the sheer pace of the action towards a climax involving a wheelbarrow, carrots and a critical entrance of the headmaster.

The quality of the script is reinforced by all the individual performances. To those already described must be added Winifred Shotter's (a member of the Aldwych team) as Potts' wife, and Margot Lister's excitable matron. This farce deserves all the success that audiences seeking rapid humour can bring to it.

G. H. Kennett, VI ARTS.

EDUCATION IN AMERICA - A BIASED ACCOUNT.

This is an article by Derek Sturges, who was a pupil of this school from 1945-51. More information about him will be found in the Old Scholars' Section.

"Nothing in education is so astonishing as the amount of ignorance it accumulates in the form of inert facts."

Henry Adams.

One year ago, Americans were reeling from a massive indictment returned against them by a group of experts, on the sad and declining state of the education they give to their children. A special report by a committee of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund is nothing less than an arrangement of the public lassitude that has accepted without question an education system dedicated to turning out good little conformist Americans who: salute the flag; go to school in blue jeans and open-necked shirts of gaudy colours (from behind, it is difficult to tell boys from girls); study such social adjustment courses as "Co-ed cooking" and "Love and marriage"; and rarely get the chance to fit themselves for the challenge ahead.

Formal education begins a year later than in England. From the age of 6 to 12 one attends a Grade School, then follow two years in a Junior High and three more in Senior High School. These will draw students from a wide area, and often have as many as 700 students in each year.

There are some "Vocational High Schools", but there is nothing like the English tri-partite system. Indeed the Comprehensive school is the closest equivalent, a comparison which is not popular here; a mention of socialism makes the average American blanch. Far more children stay on to the age of 18, and in some areas nearly 25% go on to a University.

Most schools are co-educational, and have a very free and easy curriculum, with great emphasis on what we should regard as extra-curricular activities - sports, band, orchestra, etc. One school I visited had recently spent \$2,000 on new uniforms for the school band!

The Grade School programme is fairly well defined and similar to an English primary school. But in High School there are usually few required subjects often only English and History. In order to "graduate" one must acquire a certain number of "credits" - normally one hour of class per week for one term represents one credit. Nominally one must reach a suitable standard to obtain credit, but, in the interests of democracy, this standard is kept fairly low so that it isn't necessary to fail many students.

(An American Professor of my acquaintance has recently returned from a year spent in England, leaving his children to finish their education there, primarily, he says, so that he can discover what progress they are making without examining them himself, for every member of their American school had habitually received "Excellent" in all subjects on his school reports.)

Apart from the two compulsory courses, the credits may be obtained from a wide variety of subjects, chosen by the student in consultation with parents and staff. Available subjects include car driving, car repair, dancing, band, orchestra, and so on. There are also some academic subjects, but the tendency is to dabble a little with a lot of things, so that one might take a year of economics, a year of physics a year of Norwegian, and so on. Furthermore there is little correlation between successive courses, or between groups of simultaneous courses. The current catch-phrase of American education seems to be "a well rounded personality". The result of all this is a student who is the proverbial Jack-of-all-trades - and master of none. Later, when they get to college, many of the students sorely regret that they were not forced to work harder at school. The staff, too find, it frustrating, for in just one year you cannot go deeply into any subject. There seems a tendency to omit theory and put in broad descriptions, and items of topical interest. For example, towards the end of their first and only year of Physics, the students are dealing with nuclear fission. They become familiar with the terms without understanding what they really mean.

If one graduates from High School, one has the right to attend the State University. Fees are low - about £15 per term - and so is the entry standard. A budding engineer has usually studied no calculus at all at school, for example. This means that the Universities start teaching at a fairly basic level. At the end of the first year they reach G.C.E. 'A' level, (starting from less than 'O' level knowledge, remember). The University courses are at least one year longer than for the corresponding English Degree, and the students work much harder than at an English University, paying a high price for their earlier leisure. They normally attend 15-20 hours of lectures each week, have copious problem and reading assignments, and weekly examinations all of which count towards their final Degree. But in the High School there is no comprehensive examination, no final test, no G.C.E. requiring knowledge to be remembered for four or five years. There is no "11 - plus" exam., there is little or no homework to be done; there is no school uniform to be worn. It is the athletes' or cheerleaders uniform which is prized, and games such as basketball may take 2 hours, training or playing, from every evening of the week.

It is only fair to say, as you will probably guess, that the pupils thrive on this. But some regrets come later. Which system would you prefer?

SAYINGS OF THE YEAR.

During a highly philosophical discussion at the Poulterers:-
"Of course, it's all a matter of hormones"-D. Swinson.

"If you ever want to lead a revolution...." Mr. Post.

"I will show now that these formulae are the same, and then explain why they are not." Mr. McCarthy in 6th form Physics lesson.



LESLEY STRATTON. 4.B.



BY KATHARINE HARRIS
4B.

OLD SCHOLAR'S NOTES AND NEWS

There is as usual, a great deal of news to report about Old Scholars. Reports have been received of their activities in many parts of the world, ranging from the Arctic Circle to Australia.

Sergeant Alan Downes recently spent four weeks in the extreme north of Norway, many miles inside the Arctic Circle, taking part in military exercises there as a photographer.

Carole Leckey (nee Parmenter) is now teaching in Canada. Next year she and her husband plan to tour the U.S.A. and Canada before making their home in New Zealand.

In the U.S.A., Derek Sturges is staying a second year at Minnesota University to complete his M.Sc. degree. During his stay in America he has visited Florida, Detroit and Chicago and he saw a great deal of Eastern Canada while doing research for the Canadian Atomic Research Corporation during his summer vacation. He has very kindly written an article on Education in America which can be read earlier in the Magazine.

Jim Bowles and Alan Cooper recently went for a tour "on a shoe-string" of thirteen countries. These included France, Cyprus, Turkey, Egypt, and Greece.

From Africa comes news about Dr. and Mrs Jordan (Jessie True), the birth of whose son is recorded below, who live in Muranza near Lake Victoria. Dr. Jordan is a medical research officer with the East African Institute for Medical Research at Muranza and he has just completed nine years work on filariasis.

Jean Vaughan went to Australia in June 1958. Since then she has toured Australia and Tasmania and has worked for the Professor of Botany at Perth University. She hopes in the next few years to see New South Wales, Queensland and New Zealand.

On 27th September T.C. Baker, who left in 1957, emigrated to New Zealand to take up a Government post.

We return now to England. Mr. R.E. Collier has recently retired from his position as deputy headmaster at Arnos Secondary Modern School where he taught mathematics and local history. We extend to him our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

John Bourn B.Sc. was presented to the Vice-Chancellor at London University and formally admitted as a Doctor of Philosophy in the Faculty of Economics. He is now serving in the Air Ministry.

Mary Brooks has obtained a B.A. Hons. (2nd Class) in History at Manchester University. She is now proceeding to King's College London, to take the Post-graduate course in Education.

A.S. Davis acquired a B.Sc. General part I in the summer of 1958 (Physics, Chemistry and Maths.)

Philippa Dawson gained the St. George's College Leaving Certificate for Secretarial work in July 1957.

G. L. Dixon was admitted to the degree of B.A. at Congregation in Cambridge on 26th June and was classed Senior Optime in Part II of the Mathematical Tripos. He has now commenced teaching at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Barnet.

Janet Howard has obtained a B.Sc. in Aeronautical Engineering at Bristol University. She is now working at Vickers-Armstrong (Aircraft) Ltd.

Brenda Kenning completed the two year bilingual secretarial course of the Institut Français last June and has gained the "Certificat d'Etudes Bilingues" and Certificates of the London Chamber of Commerce in Advanced French, Advanced German, and Intermediate French shorthand.

B.A.E. Mindham has gained a Fellowship of the Spectacle Makers Company and the Diploma of Northampton College, London, in Ophthalmic Optics.

H.J. Noddings is working in the accounts department of the Standard Bank of S. Africa in London. In two years' time he is going to Zamba, Nyasaland.

M.S. Pates obtained his Diploma of Education with First Class Honours at Durham University. He is now at a teachers' training college at Clermont-Ferrand as English "Assistant".

Shirley Punter has gained her Teachers' Certificate from the University of Reading Institute of Education. She is now teaching in Hackney.

L. Rubin B.Sc. has passed the Post graduate Certificate in Education with a distinction in practical teaching. He is now teaching at Enfield Grammar School as an assistant Biology Master.

D.J. Smith B.Sc. acquired his M.Sc. from McGill University in Canada. He is now a lecturer in Geography at Bristol University.

R.J. Smith has passed the Intermediate Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Patricia Taylor, while at Tottenham Technical College, obtained the following: R.S.A. Stage I Book-keeping, R.S.A. Shorthand and R.S.A. Stage II shorthand/typing.

Susan Vayda gained the National Diploma in Design last Spring at Hornsey College of Arts and Crafts.

Janet Williams has qualified as a State Registered Nurse at Westminster Hospital.

Valerie Birch is now teaching English in a Secondary Modern School in Edmonton.

Denise Atwell is now a Probation Officer in Staffordshire. The Rev. Denis Oldlaker has been made an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral.

Brenda Cutler, whose marriage is reported below, recently obtained second place in the British Folk Song Class for those aged seventeen and over in the North London Music Festival. She scored 85 marks to gain an honours certificate, missing the challenge cup by only one mark.

Christopher Rae was among those in a passing-out parade of the Royal Air Officer Cadet Training Unit recently at Jurly, Isle of Man.

Ian Kerr is now working with a firm of Chartered Surveyors as a trainee and hopes in due course to take the professional examinations. J. Saar, now doing his National Service as a rifleman in the Green Jackets Brigade, has been recommended by the War Office Selection Board for training as an officer.

Michael Smith has been accepted for a B.A. degree course with combined honours in Economics and Geography at the University of Exeter.

Anne Stapley has been accepted at the North Riding Teachers' Training College, Scarborough.

MARRIAGES

J. B. Bourn, B.Sc., Ph.D., to Ardita John
Flt-Lt. Alan W. Ginn to Miss J.M. Hinde
P.J.W. Chilton to Miss M. Waple
John D. White to Jill A. Richards
Colin M. Robinson to Miss A.S. Eden
J. G. Baker to Mary Maller
L.H. Thompson to Brenda Mealing
Mr. M.B. Ambrose to Sheila Reading
Dr. David Thomas B.Sc., Ph. D., to
Audrey Nettleton L.C.S.T.
Mr. R.A. Ashby to Valerie Hunt
Mr. P.H. August to Sylvia Ford

Paul Pearce to Miss J.A. Alexander
David Ingle Smith to Sheila Molyneux
Roland Hayward to Esme Nicholls
John Munro to Miss J. Blackney
Roland Hughes to Margaret Bain
Mr. W.C. Leckey to Carole Parmenter
John L. R. Lucas to Miss K.A. Hart
Alan G. Restall to Miss S.M. Page
Mr. T.G. Laidler to Pauline Noble
Peter Rimer to Miss D.M. Margin
Mr. D.J. Smith to Maureen Greenwell
Mr. P.M. Holt to Pamela Couzens

BIRTHS

To Mr. & Mrs. Ian Collier (in Sydney, Australia) - a daughter
To Mr. & Mrs. Smethers (Biddy Braybrooks) - a daughter
To Mr. & Mrs. B. Hyde (Marion Hart) - a son
To Mr. & Mrs. A. Beale (Brenda Love) - a daughter
To Mr. & Mrs. S. Collett (Miriam Symkiss) - a son
To Dr. & Mrs. P. Jordan (Jessie True) - a son
To Mr. & Mrs. N. Last - a son
To Mr. & Mrs. Macdonald (Barbara Chismon) - a son
To Mr. & Mrs. Collins (Brenda Stanislas) - a son
To Mr. & Mrs. V. Margrie - a daughter
To Mr. & Mrs. P. Simpson - a son
To Mr. & Mrs. Baines (Shirley Rayner) - a daughter
To Mr. & Mrs. Seed (Barbara Kashdan) - a son
To The Rev. W.D. & Mrs. Horton - a daughter
To Mr. & Mrs. Yorke (Phyllis Westwood) - a son
To Mr. & Mrs. Perrin (Enid Harvey) - a daughter
To Mr. & Mrs. M. Collier - a daughter
To Mr. & Mrs. B. Crawshaw (Maureen Collier) - a daughter
To Mr. & Mrs. A. Mills (Eveline Cot) - a son

SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD SCHOLARS' LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Brackendale has once more been the scene of much successful activity during the 1959 season. With almost a full membership, great strides have been taken, both tennis-wise and socially.

At the time of writing, 21 matches against local clubs have been played - not one being cancelled or postponed on account of bad weather. Of these, 11 have been won, 2 drawn, and 8 lost. Considering that our fixture list has been strengthened to no small extent, to include such clubs as Woodlands, Bounds Green and Standard Telephones, we are quite satisfied with the results.

An innovation this year has been the introduction of coaching. One court is set aside on Thursday evenings for this purpose, and many budding Olmedos and Buenos have been taking advantage of the opportunity of improving their games under the watchful eyes of the Club's experienced match players.

Social activities so far this year have included a highly successful "Anything-on-Wheels" rally, in which 16 vehicles travelled well over a hundred miles in competition for a bottle of champagne; a barbecue, which provided 70 members and friends with a full steak dinner - and plenty of laughs; a mystery coach and boat trip, and regular socials in the clubhouse. Tea is, of course, provided every week-end at very modest charges.

Our efforts during past years to arrange friendly matches with the Staff and Scholars of the school have been frustrated, owing to adverse weather conditions. This year, however, we have been able to play off both these matches - and very enjoyable they have been. In the mixed match against the scholars, Peter Elsom, Anne Bompas, Michael Cross, Hazel Tull, Michael Eve and Christine Berry fought for the honour of the school, and although the Old Scholars proved to be just too strong for them, a keenly fought match resulted. The Masters, too, provided another interesting contest - and an evening of happy reminiscences. For some!

A scheme has just been introduced whereby Mid-Week Members may be accepted at Brackendale. Paying half subscriptions, they are entitled to play mid-week only, and are required to take advantage of the Thursday evening coaching facilities. This scheme has been brought into operation to cater for those players who are keen to learn to play tennis, but are not quite up to the standard required for full membership.

Although membership is very nearly full at the present time, there is always room for old scholars, whom we will welcome with open arms. Actually, there are almost as many Old Minchendenians in the Club now as old pupils from Fox Lane - owing to our "rival" old scholars' courts at Bramley Road being sacrificed for a building project, and a large number of their members joining us. We should like to see the "old school" represented at full strength - after all, the Club exists for your benefit. Full membership is about the lowest in the district at £3.10s. a year for seniors, and subscriptions are scaled down to cater for the under-19's and school-leavers. Our three courts (two red and one all-weather) are always at your disposal; as is our Hon. General Secretary, Mr. Norman Dyer (97, Selborne Road, Southgate, N.14 - PAL 2414) who will be pleased to give you full details of Club membership.

So why not drop him a line - or better still, drop in yourself one week-end. There will be a welcome awaiting you.

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HOCKEY CLUB.

The 1958/9 Season was one of the most successful in the History of the Hockey Club. Membership was at its highest for some years, and the match results, particularly for the 1st XI, were most creditable.

The 1st XI entered the Middlesex and National Physical Laboratory Tournaments, and in both played exceptionally well to reach the final rounds.

Yet another visit was made to Ramsgate to take part in the Easter Festival. The weather was good, the matches most enjoyable, and socially the weekend was a great success.

The members of the Hockey Club are lucky in that they have one of the best pitches in North London. Great improvements have already been made to the Pavilion, and further schemes are in hand. New members are always more than welcome, and if you are at all interested in joining, please get in touch with the Secretary, who will give you full particulars.

At the time of writing, arrangements are already well in hand for the 1959/60 season, and a good fixture list has been compiled for two elevens.

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SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB

Season 1958/9 will go down in our club records as extremely disappointing. The 1st XI were relegated to the Intermediate Division, the Reserves, our most successful side, finished 6th in Division II (North), the 3rd XI narrowly avoided relegation from Division III (North) and the 4th XI fared little better in Division V (North).

The 1st XI suffered from the loss of last season's entire halfback line until Christmas when Mick Fenn, the centre half, returned and although numerous experiments were made in the wing half and inside forward positions we could never find a combination that was consistently more than adequate. Dave Cooper, the skipper, was the most sucessful forward and was the Club's leading goalscorer with 31 to his credit. Iain Walls, the vice captain, worked very hard and Dickie Dyer and later Alan Tansley were reliable in goal.

The reserves started well but then slumped badly and it was only at the end of the season that a recovery was staged to enable them to attain a position

of respectability in the league table. The defence was very sound with Terry Robinson, goalkeeper, Tony Davies, right back, and Reg Wilford, wing half, outstanding. Peter Trimin at centre forward showed that he is a player of great promise and in the inside forward positions Dave Miller and skipper Gudgin worked very hard.

The 3rd XI after being comfortably placed in the League table throughout the greater part of the season had a run of defeats around Easter and were forced to struggle for points before finally avoiding relegation. A nucleus of stalwarts consisting of Brian Oliver, captain, Ray Harrop, vice captain, John Buxton, Tony Welch and Brian Newman formed a sound basis for this team.

Although the 4th XI had a disappointing season, from their final position in the League table, it was a season in which the team spirit and enjoyment of the game was ever high. This team was fortunate on several occasions to be able to call on the services of Fete Jouning and Ken Wilford from the School. Pete Towers and Jack Wilson played well in defence while Frank Hill, Peter Stocker and Derek Harris, the skipper, tried hard in attack.

Terry Robinson, Fixture Secretary, Trevor Goldsmith, Team Secretary and Bill Feakes, Treasurer, worked very hard to ensure that the administration of the Club ran smoothly, and deserve the highest praise.

Over the past few seasons recruitment of players from the School has been very disappointing and more players, of all standards, are urgently needed. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible, you will be assured of a warm welcome.

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OLD BOYS CRICKET CLUB - 1959

1959 proved rather a mixed Season as far as the Club was concerned. The weather of course was very kind, and for the first time in memory not one match failed to start. A few were rained off, but they were the exception. The long hours of sunshine produced hard batting wickets, with the result that the bowlers had to work harder to achieve results. Inevitably a large number of matches were drawn, and of the remainder a few more were lost than won.

The 1st. XI began poorly - almost a habit-but picked up towards the end of June, and apart from an occasional lapse gave a good account of themselves for the remainder of the season.

The batting at times did not live up to expectations. Skipper Cliff Tosh was by far the most consistent batsmen, and was well supported by Maciejowski, Clark and Greatham. The first two players both recorded a century, as did Charles Love and Charles Hough. With a further hundred by a Totteridge player against the Club, the record number of five centuries was scored on the ground.

The bowling in the early season seemed thin, owing to the absence of Green. However, Kennedy took over the role of opening bowler very successfully, well supported by Willson. Kennedy however most unluckily tore back ligaments after the first match and only played an odd match subsequently. Miller was then given a chance, which he took well and was rewarded with several wickets. Green finally became available, but did not settle down as in previous years. Spring and Willson also found the going hard, and these three accounted for the majority of the wickets that fell.

Towards the middle of the Summer, the 1st. XI were pleased to welcome from the School Peter Jouning, who took over as 1st. XI wicket keeper, and only just failed to set a new Club record of "victims" in his first year. Peter also showed that he is going to score a lot of runs in future, and did bat very well on one or two occasions, recording some tremendous hitting out of the ground for six.

The 2nd. XI achieved a somewhat similar story - plenty of runs - mainly by Hough and Cooper.

T. Ryan, Ambrose and Harris worked hard bowling at the opposition. But the fielding standard was not as high as in previous years.

The Club is now planning to build new dressing rooms and washing facilities adjoining the existing Pavilion, and have approached the Local Council in the matter. Eventually a new kitchen is also to be provided, and with these achievements, which will take two or three years to complete, it is hoped that an even better social side to the Club will come into being.

New members are still required, and the Club will be pleased to hear from any old Scholar who would like to join as a playing or non-playing member. Applications should be made to the Hon. Secretary at the undernoted address.

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