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ON the suggestion of the Prefects an Editorial Committee was formed at the beginning of term and its members worked so hard that my only task has been that of selection from among the piles of manuscripts. Of those not printed, some have only been held over for lack of space and will appear at some later date; our thanks, in any case, go to all contributors. It had been hoped to publish a full set of Form Notes but, while all Forms sent in Notes, in most cases they dealt of matters which were already treated more fully in other parts of *The Lion*; only those which were most original have, therefore, been included.

Just as this magazine can only exist through its contributors, so the various clubs and societies of the School depend on their membership; almost without exception their reports included a call for increased support. The impression given is that all these activities attract only a small minority of those eligible to take part; now that the School is expanding so rapidly, more and more boys should be able to find some club to satisfy and stimulate their interests—if not, let them found new ones.

While still on matters editorial, our best wishes go to the editors of *The IV A Times*, our thanks to *The Hampshire Telegraph* for permission to reproduce two copyright photographs, and to those Schools which send us copies of their magazines. Further, the School is very anxious to obtain copies of the following issues of *The Lion*, Second Series: No. 3, December, 1922; No. 4, March, 1923; No. 5, July, 1923, and No. 23, July, 1929; are there any Old Boys who can help in this matter?

As one contributor wrote, ‘We have churned ourselves through piles of workmen, wood-shavings, bricks and mud.’ It has, indeed, been a very trying term; bad weather put the field out of commission, while unfortunate delays prevented the occupation of many of the class-rooms. However, on the last day of term, the Staff were able to celebrate in cheerful spirit their entry into occupation of the new Staff-room, with its ample offices—no longer will members have to queue up to retrieve a misplaced gown or coat.

The Staff have created a record in another field and we offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Cole on the birth of a son, Andrew Timothy, Mr. and Mrs. Boote of a daughter, Rebecca, and Mr. and Mrs. Oxford of a daughter, Carey, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Mollard on the marriage of their daughter, Jane. Equally, we commiserate with Mr. Openshaw, Mr. Howard-Jones and Mr. Heal on their various accidents, though their absence gave us an opportunity to welcome Mr. Light to the Staff-room.

A.D.A.

Calendar—Autumn Term, 1960

- Sept. 15 Beginning of Term.
- Oct. 1 VI A.U. (History) at Sixth-Form Conference of Southampton Historical Association. Old Boys' Day: Football Match & Dinner.
- ,, 5 Party of boys to Concert at Knowle.
- ,, 7 Mr. Hopwood: Talk to the V and VI Forms on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.
- ,, 11 Mr. Hatfield: Careers talk to senior pupils.
- ,, 17 Mr. Calder joined the Staff to assist in the teaching of Maths.
- ,, 20 VI U. Forms started their series of weekly dancing classes with the Fareham Girls' Grammar School VI Form.
- ,, 26 Headmaster flew to Cyprus.
- Nov. 4 Speech Day.
- ,, 7-8 Half-term.
- ,, 7 Mr. Crossman and Mr. Dearlove joined the School as Caretakers.
- ,, 9 G.C.E. (French Oral) Examination.
- ,, 18 Mr. Hatfield for VI Form Careers interviews.
- ,, 21 Beginning of 'O' Level G.C.E.
Mr. A. Hamid: Talk to IV and V Forms on Pakistan.
- ,, 24 Cdr. Tournay, R.N.: Talk to the IV Form on the Royal Navy.
- ,, 26 Trip to the Radio Hobbies Exhibition.
- ,, 28 Party to Portsmouth Guildhall: Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.
- ,, 28-29 Mr. Hatfield for Careers interviews.
- Dec. 2 Bishop of Portsmouth joined the VI Form discussion period.
- ,, 6 Holiday—Speech Day Award.
- ,, 8 Dr. Wagland's first Health Lecture.
- ,, 9 Dr. Wagland's second Health Lecture.
I Form trip to Southampton Water.
London Society Old Priceans Dinner.
- ,, 10 Army Proficiency Examination Part II.
- ,, 12 VI A.L. (Geography) Field Day.
- ,, 14 Carol Service.
- ,, 16 Last day of Term and the VI Form Dance.

Flight to Cyprus

About thirty-five fortunate Headmasters and University representatives were recently invited to visit the R.A.F. Stations in Cyprus, in order to gain an insight into R.A.F. life overseas and to enable them to advise boys thinking of the R.A.F. as a career. I was one of the lucky ones. It was a flying visit in at least two senses: we were away from England only two nights and the five thousand mile round-trip was done by a Britannia aircraft—the epitome of comfort and security in the air.

The British rain was behind us in as little as half an hour after leaving Gatwick, and we were treated to wonderful panoramic scenery all the way across the French Alps, down the west coast of Italy, past the south coasts of Greece and Crete, and on to Akrotiri in Cyprus. It was dark but warm—beautifully warm when we arrived! The next day was cloudless and almost too hot for much activity, and it was fortunate that our hosts took us everywhere by car or plane.

The Mediterranean sun had baked the Island all through the summer and, except for those which had been watered and tended, such as the oranges, lemons, grapefruit and vines, only the hardiest shrubs survived. The soil was barren of grass and gave the impression of a stony desert. Nothing moved fast, the donkeys least of all! But our hosts talked of the rains coming in about a month's time, and the green transformation which it would effect, and one got the impression of a sparkling, fruitful Island set in the bluest of blue seas.

I had been lent a map of Cyprus and given some useful advice about where to go and what to do. Unfortunately the round of visits, discussions and lectures allowed only two and a half hours' freedom for sight-seeing and even then my most hospitable hosts had arranged an itinerary, which included just a quarter of an hour's shopping, so I was unable to use either map or advice! However, I was able to see most of the Island, either from the air or from a car, and was duly impressed by its buff-coloured soil and its dark-green carob and olive trees which, without even grass as an undergrowth, gave one the impression from the air that the Island was suffering from measles!

The object of the trip was to show us what an Officer's life in the R.A.F. is like at an overseas station. From every aspect it appeared good to me: both pay and conditions of service are most favourable, and there is plenty of scope for promotion for well-qualified men. The life is interesting and rewarding, or so it seemed as I viewed it for two days through rose-coloured sunglasses!

Cyprus is, of course, quite close to the Holy land, and the terrain must be very similar. It thrilled me to feel that at last I had been to a land close to our Lord's home and where the earliest Christians, including Paul and Barnabas, actually trod. One day I must go back and on to Palestine, to the land of our Lord's earthly life. Inspiration can come from the soil if that soil has a tale to tell of bygone days.

E.A.B.P.



Blackbrook

J. Ekins, G. R. Wheeler, J. A. Borras, K. S. Chandler, R. A. Cooper, A. J. Dimmer, L. P. Hebditch, P. J. Ingram, C. A. Jones, D. Kernan, A. T. Marriott, M. J. Parisot, D. R. Phillips, S. R. Raggett, A. C. Smith, R. J. Stevens, J. R. Thacker, G. F. Turner.

Cams

M. Blake, R. Eames, F. Lomax, R. Powell, J. D. Richardson, D. Deverill, R. J. Whiley, N. A. Golding, R. P. M. Notton, P. A. Osborne, M. D. Childs, C. J. Kirby, N. R. Stone, P. C. Aldridge, M. Arnold, B. Butler-Davies, D. R. Green, S. G. Greenwood, C. Grimble, A. B. Hall, G. E. Hartridge, M. F. J. Hill, A. R. Hiskey, P. Jewell, P. K. Lamey, P. J. Mitchell, R. Richter, T. Russell, M. B. Shaw, N. Wiseman.

School

D. J. Martin, I. G. Hussey, J. A. Pride, D. A. Dubber, D. P. Bamber, G. N. Hebron, R. C. Allan, G. Barrow, P. G. Bewers, T. M. Cobb, R. J. Dyer, R. Facey, R. G. Grant, P. A. Howlett, H. Kendrick, A. Lynch, I. S. Macfarlane, N. J. Newman, R. R. Philip, N. A. M. Shayler, R. J. Vincent.

Westbury

G. Hindess, R. J. Salisbury, P. A. Pynigar, M. Benwell, K. R. Bratton, N. H. Fuller, M. Garside, J. Godden, R. P. Rudd, P. Tucker, J. C. Alderton, M. Beaumont, G. R. Bullock, C. S. Butler, W. E. Clements, I. R. J. Drake, G. Eddey, E. C. Fielder, K. C. Groves, R. E. C. Kinge, C. P. Lihou, P. T. Przybycin, G. R. Thomas, J. R. Wells, N. J. Wilkinson.



Cams

M. J. Losh (VIA) Prefect; Sergeant, C.C.F.

Westbury

B. C. Shurlock (VI Sc) Head of School; Sergeant, C.C.F.; 2nd XI Football; Badminton VIII. G. Eddey (IA).

Barry Shurlock was a first-rate scientist with a first-rate intellect to match. He was always willing to enter into a discussion, and invariably contributed much that was worthwhile; the broadness of his outlook was remarkable, for he wedded the cold logic of the scientist to the classicist's passionate interest in human beings. As Head Boy, he was much too revolutionary in outlook to impose a reactionary type of discipline, while he was instrumental in improving *The Lion*. We all wish him the best of luck during his stay at Christ's, Cambridge, and in the years to come.

A.C.C.



A break in tradition concerning both the date and venue resulted in Speech Day being held on Friday, 4 November, at the Savoy Cinema, the prizes being presented by the Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt. Rev. Dr. J. H. L. Phillips.

In his report the new Headmaster, Mr. Poyner, said that more boys from Price's had gone to Universities and into the professions last year than ever before. He told of the building of a new wing of classrooms and laboratories, and of alterations to the old buildings, and outlined the further developments which he envisaged. He reported a wide range of school activities and the formation of a Parent-Teacher Association.

The Bishop gave an amusing address with some sound advice: 'Do not be content to go through life being an average kind of person. Give of the best you have. Many great men have taken hold of ordinary qualities and by making the best they could of them, have achieved greatness.'

When the Bishop had finished his address he was presented with a small gift of a piece of china. Thereupon he called for a half holiday which was extended to a full day by the Rev. A. H. Watkins, Chairman of the Governors, after consultation with the Headmaster.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by R. M. Marsh, Esq. (County Education Officer).

PRIZE LIST

- II.B.** C. R. Eyre; I. R. Hebditch.
- II.A.** A. N. Poyner; M. P. Powell.
- III.C.** C. M. Brown.
- III.B.** M. J. Burke.
- III.A.** M. A. Bayliss.
- IV.C.** K. R. Roshier.
- IV.B.** J. F. O'Keefe.
- IV.A.** R. A. Lewis.
- V Sc.L.** W. D. Wellman, M. J. Wilkins.
- V Sc.U.** D. J. Brammer; R. G. Clark.
- V Arts.** G. R. Carter; L. V. Garvey.
- VI Sc.L.** R. J. Tyack.
- VI Arts L.** M. Duffy.
- VI Sc.U.** M. B. Heritage, M. D. Butler.
- VI Arts U.** W. K. Storey; R. A. Brent.

Progress Prizes

P. C. Gregory, R. Brebner, E. H. Dunn, A. R. Houghton.

Mandeville Cup

A. E. Smith.

Governors' Prize for Science

B. C. Shurlock.

Staff Prize

D. J. A. Tinling.

The Johnson Stick

P. J. Tudge.

Old Boys' Bat

T. H. J. Pugh.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ENTRANCE**Places Taken Up October 1960—**

- J. D. Brammer—Guy's Hospital (Dentistry).
G. P. Butler—Northern Polytechnic, London University (Science).
M. D. Butler—Exeter University (Science).
R. Donohoe—Loughborough Teachers' Training College (Physical Education).
M. J. Ellis—Northern Polytechnic, London University (Science).
C. R. Lassam—King Alfred's Teachers' Training College (Arts).
M. F. Lisle—Northern Polytechnic, London University (Science).
A. R. Long—Exeter University (Arts).
C. R. Marsh—Northern Polytechnic, London University (Science).
M. H. Miller—University College, Oxford (Philosophy, Politics and Economics).
D. S. Pepper—University College, London (Science).
C. Rowling—Exeter University (Arts).
W. K. Storey—Birmingham University (Theology).
D. J. A. Tinling—Christ's College, Cambridge (Science)—State Scholar.
R. M. J. Wilkins—Southampton University (Science).

Places To Be Taken Up October 1961—

- M. B. Heritage—Christ's College, Cambridge (Science).
E. W. McLarty—University College, London (Medicine).
B. C. Shurlock—Christ's College, Cambridge (Science)—State Scholar.

C.C.F. Notes

Our activities this term have been confined to normal training. We have been severely restricted in our out-door activities both by the weather and by the presence of building materials upon our already limited "parade-ground." However, by next term the builders will have removed all their impedimenta and it is to be hoped that the weather will improve!

Despite all handicaps the Army Proficiency examination, which was held on Saturday, 10 December, was most successful. The Examining Board, which consisted of Regular Officers from R.E. and R.E.M.E., were well pleased. Out of 43 candidates, 5 Cadets obtained Credits, 34 obtained Passes, whilst the 4 Cadets who failed were unsuccessful in only one subject each. A very good effort.

The RAF section of the Corps has been fortunate this term in its flying activities. The first group completed their flights at Air Training, Hamble. The second group completed their flights at RAF Station, Thorney Island. We are grateful to Fl/Lt. K. Bailey, RAF, for this, as a great deal of flying has had to be left uncompleted owing to the waterlogged state of the landing grounds.

It is hoped to sit the 'A' Proficiency examination for the RAF in March, 1961, and a number of cadets have been working hard for this. With the results of the Army Proficiency examination to hand, we shall now be able to arrange for two Air Section classes to be held from next term.

The Band

At the close of the Summer Term the Band was in a sorry state, with the lowest number of members for some years. This term, however, a flood (shower?) of recruits, mainly from the Third Form, has swelled our ranks somewhat. The majority of these are very keen (some rather too keen) and have been progressing steadily throughout the term; in which direction, however, is not readily understood. At least one bugle-player seems more intent upon becoming a proficient drummer than a good bugler.

This term, for the first time, the Band has become a full-time C.C.F. occupation, forming up to the left of the contingent in shining white belts and gaiters, and highly polished boots. So we have been able to devote many more Cadet periods to band practice than had previously been the case, and the musical abilities of most of our number have improved correspondingly.

There are two parades to report this term. The first was at Titchfield Bonfire Carnival on 2 November, when by some miracle it did not rain, probably because the Band Sergeant took his mac. The turnout was very good and the musical accomplishments were such as could be expected from an inexperienced band. The second parade was on Remembrance Sunday. We led a procession of Scouts to the Church, where the usual Remembrance Service was held, two of our buglers playing *Last Post* and *Reveille* in Church. The band then led the procession past a saluting base where the salute was taken by the Chairman of Fareham Council, and then back to the starting point.

J.F.T.

The Reed Cup

Owing to the considerable rainfall experienced by the Fareham area over the last few months the School field has become a complete quagmire and, as will be seen from the match reports, very few games have been played at home. For the first time in many years it has been impossible to play any of the House Football matches, but it is hoped to play them during the Easter term; as a consequence there are no House notes.

The opportunity is being taken, therefore, to publish an account of the scoring system for the Reed Cup. It may be noted that since this Cup was first presented in 1950, Cams have won it twice, School House seven times, and Westbury twice. Under the present system the points are arranged to provide more equal weight to the Junior and Minor sections.

In the Football, Hockey and Cricket matches, the following points are awarded:—

	Seniors	Juniors	Minors
Win ...	6 pts.	5 pts.	4 pts.
Draw ...	3 pts.	2½ pts.	2 pts.

However, in the Steeplechase, Athletic Sports and Swimming Gala, points are awarded for individual events or placings, and the winning House takes the points as follows:—

	Seniors	Juniors	Minors
1st ...	18 pts.	15 pts.	12 pts.
2nd ...	12 pts.	10 pts.	8 pts.
3rd ...	6 pts.	5 pts.	4 pts.
4th ...	0 pts.	0 pts.	0 pts.

P.J.V.



1st XI FOOTBALL

This has been, one would imagine, one of the School's most disappointing seasons. It has certainly been the wettest that most of us remember and it is not surprising that four home games had to be cancelled and only two home fixtures were completed, both on a very heavy ground.

These interruptions in the series of games have not helped the development of a high standard of play and the team spirit has also suffered somewhat, whilst team practices have been always difficult and at times impossible. It would be surprising indeed if such a season had revealed any outstanding players whose ability had not already been recognised; accordingly no colours have been awarded. Payne has continued to be the pillar of the defence, with Tudge as his principal assistant. The forward line has played well, making up in skill what they lack in strength and stature. Vice-Captain Pugh has been the inspiration of the line by his hard work, perseverance and penetration.

We are pleased to learn that C. J. Payne has gained a place at full back in the County Grammar Schools XI, whilst Pugh is attending one such match in a reserve capacity; congratulations to them both.

G.C.T.

The defence this year has proved quite capable and has fought stoutly, at times under severe pressure; they combined well, probably as a result of playing together last year. The forwards have shown that they can play well but many of their attacks broke down on reaching the edge of the penalty area.

In goal Brebner played several good games although it was rather obvious that he was suffering badly from nerves. Davies (right back) has played consistently and has always distributed the ball well. Herring (left back) played extremely well on occasion but his major setback is his lack of positional sense. Tudge (right half) has had a very good season and has got over the weakness of signalling his passes, while his distribution and tackling has been excellent. Read (left half) played well at times but his distribution of the ball is weak owing, probably, to his being short-sighted.

In the forward line Carter and Wilkins will probably develop into good players, with a little more experience and determination; Smith (inside-forward) was usually more occupied in helping the defence, and consequently his powerful shot was rarely seen. Pugh scored many goals and with a stronger shot in both feet would have scored more; he possesses the amazing knack of being in the right place at the right time; his main defect is lack of ball control and consequently faulty distribution. The left-wing combination of Powell and Brent worked well, and many goals resulted from this wing.

Edinberry and Jenks made their debuts this season and have both played well. Vibert and McLarty, when called upon, showed that they are capable of playing in a higher standard of football.

Last, but not least, I must pay tribute to our linesman, Gisborne, who has attended in all weathers and has earned praise from other schools. This rotund personage has also given advice and constructive criticism, sometimes very useful in selecting the team.

MATCH RESULTS

17/9/60

Itchen G.S.

Away

Won 4-2

This was played only two days after the beginning of term and lack of training and practice was apparent throughout the game. Itchen generally played better football in midfield but were unable to finish off their moves and at the interval we were rather lucky to be three goals ahead. The second half was more even and the standard of play rose a little.

Scorers: Pugh 3, Smith.

24/9/60

Carisbrooke

Away

Won 9-0

This was the first of many games to be played on an extremely wet pitch. The opponents were rather weak and by half-time we were five goals in the lead, four of which came in a period of twelve minutes, mainly owing to a lot of hard work by Powell. In the second half we eased up a little but even so we scored four more goals, although some could have been prevented by a better goalkeeper.

Scorers: Pugh 5, Powell 2, Wilkins 2.

1/10/60

Old Priceans

Home

Lost 1-2

This match was almost cancelled because of the state of the pitch and before long some of the Old Boys were feeling affected by it. Although the School had far more of the play the forwards were unable to penetrate a not particularly strong defence. The Old Boys went ahead with a well taken goal by Mr. Cole before half-time and maintained their lead after the interval.

Scorer: Pugh.

8/10/60

Purbrook C.H.S.

Away

Drawn 0-0

This game was played on a very wet morning and there were puddles in places on the pitch. The football, taking the conditions into consideration, was of a very high standard. Both sets of forwards went close to scoring on several occasions but were handicapped, and occasionally helped, by the ball sticking in the puddles. This match was remarkable as the first goalless draw for six or seven seasons.

15/10/60

Southern G.S.

Away

Drawn 3-3

For the first part of this match it seemed that we would be overrun by a bigger and faster side, but we held them to a single goal and before half-time Brent and Pugh had put us ahead. In the second half Southern regained the lead and seemed sure of victory when awarded a penalty about five minutes from the end. However, it was put over the bar and then Pugh luckily equalised when the goalkeeper dropped the ball at his feet.

Scorers: Pugh 2, Brent.

19/10/60

Bembridge

Home

Won 4-3

This match was played on an extremely muddy pitch and we were expecting a fairly easy win against a reputedly weak side. Although we had most of the play we didn't go ahead until after half-an-hour, with a good goal by Smith; however, before half-time they were on level terms as the result of a penalty. After the interval we twice went ahead, Bembridge drawing level each time, once from another penalty. However, we finally managed to snatch the winner from a scrimmage in front of goal.

Scorers: Jenks, Pugh, Smith, Wilkins.

12/11/60

**St. Mary's College
Lost 3-4**

Away

Although the pitch had been sanded it soon became very heavy and our light forwards were bogged down. We were two goals down in the first five minutes, both resulting from mistakes by defenders. We fought back and soon after half-time were leading 3-2, all three goals resulting from defensive errors. But St. Mary's came back and scored two more goals, our own forward line by then practically non-existent.

Scorer: Pugh 3.

19/11/60

**Bournemouth
Lost 0-6**

Away

The Bournemouth side were much bigger and faster, containing three Hampshire Grammar Schools' players, and we were completely outclassed in all departments, the defence doing quite well to limit them to only three goals at half-time. In the second half the game followed the same pattern, with the forwards unable to set up any real attacks and defence hard-pressed for the whole period.

10/12/60

**St. Vincent
Lost 2-3**

Away

This was a most unfortunate match, made difficult by a strong head-wind and a strange combination in defence. While the defence was in turmoil St. Vincent scored their first goal from an indirect free kick. After a fine run by Carter, Pugh was on hand to score and at half-time the score was 1-1. We went ahead soon afterwards with a good goal but, thanks to a dubious penalty and an unfortunate 'own' goal, our opponents won by 3-2.

Scorer: Pugh 2.

Games against Brockenhurst, Peter Symond's, Northern G.S. and Taunton's were cancelled owing to the unfit pitches.

C.J.P.

2nd XI NOTES

This has been a disappointing season, the weather not being at all favourable towards football. All games other than those mentioned were cancelled.

The first match was played against the Old Priceans under atrocious conditions. The side was one man short and consequently lost 3-2 against a poor O.P. XI.

Southern Grammar were the next opponents and the disappointment of the last match was ruled out in this. This whole side played good hard football to win 2-1 against a strong team.

The next game was played away to Lysses School on a Wednesday afternoon. This was an unspectacular game, marred by stupid and rowdy barracking from 1st XI players and VIth formers. We won 5-2 against a rather inexperienced side; Wells in particular played well.

The last match was played against St. Vincent, at Gosport. This time the team played with only nine men, as four boys failed to turn up in the 1st and 2nd XI's. However, the team played well to draw 3-3.

The standard of football in the 2nd XI has improved this year over preceding years owing to the increased number and ability of the boys.

Boys who have played for the 2nd XI this season are Thomas M. D., Edinberry, Bevis, Johnson, McLarty, Vibert, Wells, Herring, Richardson, Curtis, Greentree, Jenks, Read, Gardner, Wilkins, Thompson, Thomas P.

E.W.McL.

COLTS' FOOTBALL

The Colts XI have had a very frustrating season. They have not been able to play at all on their home ground, and it has only been possible to play three away games. The fact that they managed to win two of these indicates that the team might have developed into a very good side. The game against Bournemouth, which was lost 0-4, came after weeks of inactivity, with no chance of training or practising. Not much can be said about the performance of individuals; the forwards scored several goals, with help from Freeman, who must remember that a centre-half's prime purpose is to help in defence. Watton, as Captain, has played well in all the games.

The following boys have played during the season:—Wotton, Freeman, Wright, Smith A., Hughes G., Wake B., Wake P., Harvey R., Howard-Jones, Greenland, Freemantle, Manley, Woods, Salmon.

Results and Scorers

v Itchen G.S. Won	6-5	(Wotton 2, Smith 2, Freeman, Harvey)
v Southern G.S. Won	4-2	(Freeman 2, Smith, Greenland)
v Bournemouth G.S. Lost	0-4	

Badminton Club

Unfortunately we were denied the use of the court until after half-term and when the Hall was restored to use we found ourselves without even the faint markings on which we had played in previous terms. However, thanks to our new caretakers, who supplied the tape, a new court was marked out. In spite of this late start there was a welcome response from the new VI Formers, and our membership climbed towards the twenty-five mark, so that the Club has become one of the most vigorous in the School. For this reason it may be hoped that Price's will have one of the foremost Badminton teams in the area. In fact, only one match was played, when I am glad to say the team maintained the honour of the School by overcoming the might of the Staff by 8 games to 1. On this hopeful note, I should like to conclude by thanking Mr. Poyner for his most welcome aid from the Sports Fund.

M.B.H.

Bridge Club

The Bridge Club has been functioning well this term, with good attendances and regular games. Owing to the pressure of the coming exams, it was decided to postpone the proposed tournament mentioned in last term's notes.

Owing to the fine state of the Club's finances(!) we have decided to suspend subscriptions except for an entrance fee for all the new members.

R.G.S. and H.A.J.R.

Chess Club

This term the Chess Club has welcomed some new members from the I Form, of whom a few have been taught the game afresh, and also a few new members from higher forms.

In the Portsmouth and District Chess League, the senior chess team started very well with a 5-0 win against Purbrook, and Portsmouth Grammar School they beat 3-2. The junior team have been less lucky, losing 2-3 to both Farnham Secondary Modern and Portsmouth Grammar School Juniors. We thank the Headmaster for allowing the Games Fund to help with expenses, and the cooks for helping with the food.

R.J.T.

Debating Society

The society has held three debates this term, of which two have been connected with education. Co-education was the subject of the first debate, most of the arguments being based on the relationship between male and female in life.

The best debate of the term was on the motion that capital punishment is no deterrent to murder. Shurlock, proposing, split murders into two groups—passionate and premeditated—and furthered his argument by saying that violence is inherent in everybody's nature. His opponent, Johnson, felt that most murders are premeditated and that murderers, being human, have a fear of punishment and of death. The motion was carried by a narrow majority.

'Prefects are unnecessary for the efficient running of the school.' This was the subject of the final debate of the term. Keith and Thomas of 4A launched a merciless attack on prefects, expressing views which older members of the establishment considered would alter as they became more mature. Shurlock and Grimble, in defence, rested their case on the fact that prefects largely relieve members of the staff of the responsibility of maintaining discipline in the school, hence allowing them to concentrate on their primary purpose of teaching.

In the Spring term we hope to hold a debate each week, but this will only be possible if speakers are forthcoming and boys will suggest subjects for debate.

R.E.G.

Music Society

This term has seen a small revival in the Music Society, three concerts having been given. The week after the A.G.M. on 14 October, a concert was presented by the Secretary consisting of Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony and the "Hebrides" Overture. The week after Clark, the new chairman, played "Pop" records to a packed house. The final concert this term was presented by Shurlock who introduced us to the jazz of the 'twenties.

Next term we may have the new stereophonic equipment, which is now under construction.

J.H.

Phillumeny Society

This term saw the beginning of a new "life" for this society, because many I Formers have been interested in the collection of match-box labels from all over the world. In the summer holidays, this society will more than likely have its first outing. We hold our meetings at 4.00 p.m. every Wednesday, generally in Room 8. Competitions are held at least once a term. We thank Mr. Mollard for making the meetings of The Phillumeny Society possible.

D.R.A.

Photographic Society

For six years there has been a photographic society in the school. Sessions have been held in the Physics laboratory on Thursday evenings and the membership has been twelve over the past year. We have recently acquired a 35 mm. lens, a second enlarger and a set of trays, the last donated by a member. In the near future we hope to have the use of a new darkroom, although a few modifications will have to be carried out before it can be taken over.

J.P.

Rugby Club

The activities of the Rugby Club have been extremely limited this term, owing to the scarcity of boys willing to turn up regularly for practices, a most disappointing fact when one remembers the large attendances in the Spring of last year. However, despite these drawbacks some most enjoyable seven-a-side games were played in the evenings after school, till bad light and lack of numbers made playing impracticable. VI Formers have also been allowed to practice during games periods, a hopeful sign that if enough enthusiasm can be roused Rugby may some day become one of the main games of the school. It is hoped that the club will become a really going concern in the coming Spring Term, and anyone who wishes to learn the game will be extremely welcome. I should like to thank Mr. Oxford and Mr. Howard-Jones for giving up their time to come and help the club, and I am only sorry that there were so few to benefit from their instruction.

I.A.J.

Small Bore Rifle Club

Since its inauguration at the beginning of the Christmas term the Rifle Club has flourished under the guidance of Mr. Hiles, Mr. Howard-Jones, and Mr. Iredale. The interest in this activity was so great that the numbers had unfortunately to be limited to thirty-six. Firing takes place after school on three evenings each week, and we are indebted to the C.C.F. for the use of their 25 yards indoor range, which has been built on the waste ground beside the "Trees" football pitch. Already most of the members have reached a fair level of proficiency which is indicated by the fact that, of the boys who have taken the Empire Test, ten have passed as Marksmen, twelve as 1st Class shots, and eight as 2nd Class shots. It is hoped to form a team by the Easter Term so that matches can be arranged against other schools; perhaps, in the not-too-distant future, a team from Price's will be seen at Bisley.

I.A.J.

Squash Club

This term a few more members of the VI Form were introduced to the pleasures of Squash. This was made possible by an agreement which enables members to play on the courts of the Lee-on-Solent Tennis and Squash Club. A Squash 'ladder' was inaugurated this term in which McLarty has shown himself to be the champion squash player. I hope in the future many more boys will become interested in Squash, for it is a game with the speed of badminton, yet the vigour of tennis. The School will certainly gain a great asset if and when our own court is built. Finally, I should like to thank Mr. Poyner and Mr. Mollard for their part in the delicate negotiations which have enabled us to play.

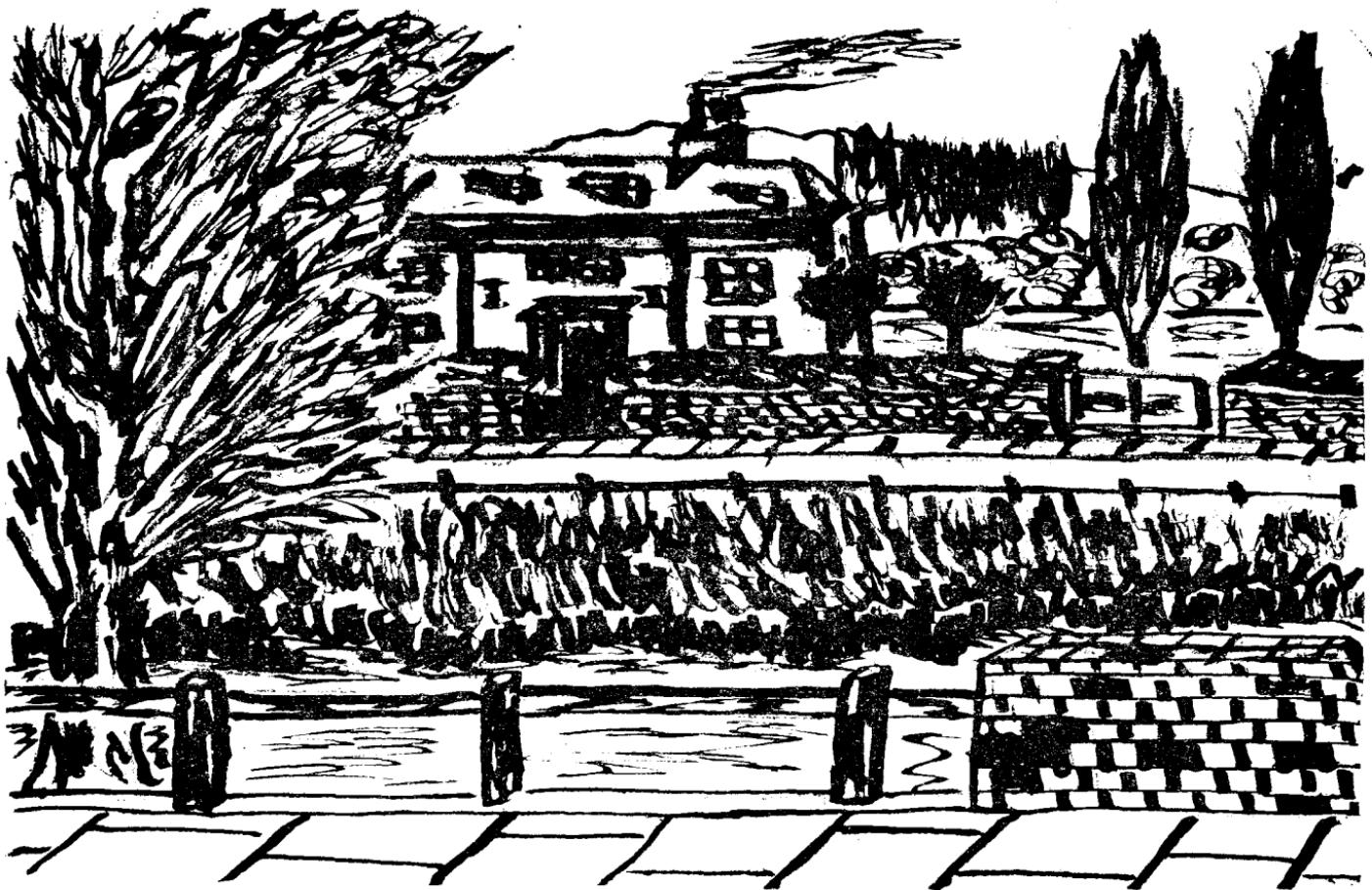
M.B.H.

Form Notes

VIth FORM SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

We have been fortunate this term in finally striking up a formal link between the VI Form girls of the Fareham Girls' Grammar School and the VI Form boys of our School.

This liaison will in the future, we hope, bring many pleasant meetings both academic and social. However, this term the liaison has been strengthened by a series of ballroom-dancing lessons at the Girls' School, which will continue next term. The girls have proved able hostesses, providing light refreshments to satisfy hungry VI Formers before



The House by the River

J. C. Alderton (la)

the commencement of the lessons. Although several members professed a preference for lemonade of a dark brown colour rather than orange, they found that the lighter liquid was more palatable even than the tea which they drink so regularly.

Also the main object of the exercise has been achieved, that of improving one's dancing. To see the polished steps now accomplished by large flat feet, one would not believe the mess that the dancers got themselves into when the lessons started. Now a whisk and a syncopated chassis are an everyday or everywaltz occurrence.

The climax of the activities this term was the annual VI Form Dance, held in the School Hall on 16 December ; dancing was to the " Roy Rhythm " group and a good time was had by one and all. " Some danced, some were danced and some stood by like stuffed policemen! "

E.W.McL.

III.B.

Barnes — adamant, Chandler — barbarous, Childs — a chimerical monster, Coffin — a feiffer in the making, Dawkins — an unmitigated cherub, Dear — a jurassic fossil, Fay — a phenomenon, Fuller — a neophyte, Greenland — retentive, Godden — a hallucination, Healey — isolationist, Hebron — a liturgist, Heyd-Smith — a plenipotentiary, Holloway — a declination of character, Kelsey — compassionate, Kirby — oneirocryptic, Leach — intrepid visionary, Nash — atavistic, Norris — retrospective, Pearce — obsequious, Perry — pavonine, Robinson — bruin, Roe — a desperado, Rudd — decorous, Stone — one of the intelligentsia, Summersgill — a curiosity, Swann — persuasive, Tiller — a bespectacled fossil, Tucker — recrudescence, Tudge — another cherub, Warren — a dormouse, Wheeler — energetic, Yaldron — impervious.

IV.A

This term has proved very eventful for our form and there has never been a dull moment; the crux of horseplay has been concerned with the two noticeboards which have proved very useful in many ways. A newspaper (*The IV.A Times*) has appeared, edited by HONKANDRA with great zeal; included in it were chess hints, secret codes, advertisements and a horoscope from Gipsy Garin—as well as supplements from the three Sets.

Other " articles " which have appeared on the board have included an advert for one off-white car, a notice on the ' top twenty ' and an interesting article about centurions. But most important have been the posters supplied by Steele which have brightened up the classroom; also much propaganda for the IVA Sacred Candle Society has been canvassed.

Naturally, the form (so it thinks) has also proved itself academically--and has taken an important part in the Debating Society. Part Two training has been carried out—the top two cadets being from 4A.

Thus, this term has been very successful for 4A—with an unbelievable record for ' quads.'

VI Arts Upper

On our return to school, we found that the mania for outings was still rampant. Consequently, the History Set found themselves on the way to Southampton to listen to a lecture given by Dr. Thompson of *Europe Since Napoleon* fame. Another outing was made by the Geography Set to see Baldazarre in *The Maid of the Mountains*. The R.I. Set is now planning a crusade to Palestine, but as none of the students could afford the time to go, they have kindly offered to pay for Mr. Mollard's fare.

Dancing lessons were continued on an intra-mural basis in the library but had to be abandoned as the floor nearly gave way, and Green insisted on joining in the Virginian Reel.

Finally, a disturbing influence has been raising its ugly head in the form of the "HARD" club, the password of which is "ZOT." This society has been formed to draw the attention of the masses to the undeserving cause of schoolboys.

VISc.

Having been flung to the depths of the lobby in the temporary block, we have at the same time been endowed with an enormous variety of reasons for explaining the disappearance of games kit. However, some have taken this too far, and Carpenter, who lost his trousers, must refrain from moulting: he must undress. Dancing lessons have been enjoyed by some—in them we have learnt to do a spin, turn without getting giddy, and to whisk without causing a stir. Some of us are quite graceful—the rest prefer to smile. Several senior members have been made prefects, and have gradually settled down in their role as bureaucrats. We have had many useful discussion periods, and one with the Bishop of Portsmouth.

Subscriptions allowed Bacchanalian gifts to be given to our pen-pecked Colonel who, besides his roles of adviser and friend, fills that ultra-important one of a link with Cambridge. We have embarked upon our first term of Musical Appreciation and have listened to diverse works as well as rendered our version of "Boot, Horse, to Saddle and Away!" We have approvingly seen our new Music master, Mr. Boote, to be a rational man who likes good music, not necessarily from the Third Programme. By his arrangement some of us went to a concert given by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at the Guildhall, Portsmouth.

After this somewhat casual term we can look forward to two terms of really hard work

FIRST FORM GEOGRAPHY OUTING DECEMBER 1960

Two coachloads of newcomers to the school were taken for their introduction to studying Geography at first hand on Friday, 9 December. We studied the industries of Southampton and its suburbs, and also paid visits to the more distant industrial centres of Eastleigh and Fawley. Although such work in midwinter is not without its problems, the boys obviously derived both benefit and enjoyment from this trip.

The grey estuary of the Hamble was our first stopping place, and then we drove through 'the gathering gloom' to Eastleigh and its railway works, where we visited 'Spike Island' with its acres of sidings, depots and workshops. At the Solent Flour Mills we spent a most instructive hour seeing the various processes by which wheat is ground into flour, and the ingenious ways used for dispatching flour in both sacks and bulk form.

In the afternoon we visited the Millbrook Trading Estate and were much surprised by the rapid growth of light industry along the Bournemouth road (here the lists of industries appear, in the case of most boys, to have become completely illegible!) Over the Test we stopped on the Totton by-pass to see the new chemical plants and timber depot. In light rain we reached Fawley and spent the last half-hour of our afternoon making a fairly comprehensive tour of the refinery under the guidance of a security officer.

J.B.C.

VI A.L. GEOGRAPHY FIELD EXPEDITION

On 12 December, a rather cold and miserable morning, sixteen of us set out by coach to visit various geographical features which we had been studying during the past term. First, we went up the Meon valley, to see the wearing away of escarpments by rivers, and then on to Barrow Hill (586 ft.), near East Meon; this was climbed with some effort, and at the top, through rather thick fog, we could see several prominent geographical formations.

We then continued on to Petersfield, where we stopped for light refreshment. From here we went on, through different types of scenery, to the Weald, passing Black Down (919 ft.); this was to have been climbed, but the weather was against us.

Then we went on to Hindhead, where we had lunch; after we had consumed our food we descended, very hazardously, into the "depths" of the Devil's Punch Bowl, to see various features, and scrambling out of the mud, climbed up a steep slope onto the road, and plodded back to the coach.

Later, we paddled across some very muddy fields to see various river features: after a while we found our party split by a river; however, we eventually succeeded in getting back to dry land. From here we went on, through Petworth, to Chichester, by which time it was dark; we then came home via Portsmouth.

R.G.C.

RADIO EXHIBITION

On 26 November eight radio enthusiasts from the School went on an expedition to the Radio Hobbies Exhibition, leaving Fareham station about 11.30 a.m. and returning about 9.0 p.m.

The exhibition was held at the Old Horticultural Hall which proved hard to find, being some distance from the nearest Underground station. Among the exhibits an amateur television camera and an operational amateur station were of special interest.

Other exhibitors were the Forces and some commercial companies making electronic goods, as well as the Radio Society, showing a completely home-built amateur radio station which was provided by the Southampton group, the nearest R.S.G.B. group to Fareham.

R.W.E.F.

LION TAKE-OVER BID RUMOURS UNTRUE —Headmaster

SIR R . . T . . . N REFUSES TO COMMENT

Clarence, Sixth Form "Industrial" Correspondent, Reports:

Members of *The Lion* editorial staff referred all enquiries as to the magazine's financial status to the Headmaster of Price's School. He, however, was unwilling to comment at first, but did so after it had been suggested that *The Lion* contributors might stage a strike in protest against the rumours that were spreading round the school, or alternately, offer their services to the rival magazine, *The IVA Times*.

The Headmaster stated that the magazine was running very well and he saw no reason why any rumours of a take-over bid should have started. Questioned about the likelihood of *The IVA Times* propaganda, the Head said that apart from advertisements of a non-Pricean nature, he had noticed nothing derogatory to *The Lion* in the magazine.

After leaving the School I telephoned the 'paper magnate,' Sir R . . T . . . n. When asked if he had any plans for *The Lion* he answered, 'No comment.' The Editor of *The Daily Mail* was also wary of disclosing much information:

'The only lion we have bought or probably ever will buy, is the one used at the beginning of 'M-G-M' films. We got a mixed reception for doing this; the R.S.P.C.A. sent us a beautiful certificate, but we were condemned by *The Daily Mirror* along with the Tory Party and the Egg Marketing Board.'

It was becoming clear that the rumours I had heard about *The Lion* were untrue. But suddenly I stumbled upon the truth!

... And if I ever come across that First-Former who called the formation of an editorial committee (consisting of three prefects) a take-over bid, I'll . . .

M.C.

THE SOUTH DEVON LINE

One of the favourite stretches of line in this country for the railway enthusiast must be the South Devon main line of the Western Region. Setting out from Exeter St. David's, you pass the Southern Region line curving steeply uphill to Exeter Central, and through the dreary southern suburbs of Exeter. But this dreariness is soon forgotten as at Exminster your train, after passing over the water troughs, runs alongside the River Exe. Across its wide tidal estuary can be seen Exmouth, to which a ferry plies from Starcross. At this station an old turreted building reminds us that it was on this line Brunel tried his atmospheric traction for the trains of the old South Devon railway.

But we must hurry on. From Dawlish Warren round to Teignmouth the railway runs at the base of the red-sandstone cliffs, winding in and out of tunnels and never more than a few yards from the sea. At Teignmouth the line curves sharp right away from the sea and for the next four miles runs along the bank of the River Teign and into the railway town of Newton Abbot.

As an additional engine is coupled on to the front of your train, you are reminded that it is about to embark on one of the most formidable stretches of line in Britain. As your train passes Aller Junction, where the Torbay line branches off, it starts to climb Dainton Bank, two miles at a gradient of one in fifty-seven. Over the top and winding down to cross the River Dart at Totnes, it then climbs up the severe Rattery Bank and across the southern slopes of Dartmoor to Brent, where the Kingsbridge branch leaves the main line. Then downhill for two miles at one in forty-one to Plymton, widening on through the now-closed beautiful station of Ivybridge, past the Laira engine-shed, up a sharp slope to Mutley Tunnel and so into Plymouth North Road station.

Even on the more favourable sections the train's speed is severely limited by the curving nature of the line and even a train like the Cornish Riviera Express takes seventy-five minutes for the fifty-two miles from Exeter to Plymouth. But who would want to hurry over such a fascinating journey as this?

R.E.G.

MEMORIES OF A CARP FISHER

Those who have not dabbled in the piscatorial art cannot know the magic of angling. To stand on the bank of a silent lake in late evening or early morning, to watch the sun rise and pierce the mists of dawn is an experience that cannot be recalled except by those who have partaken of this pleasure. Even though fish may be scarce and hard to catch, it is this magic, the magic of Nature herself, which draws the angler to the lake. In retrospect it is pleasant to remember those long hours of waiting in the early morning, waiting for the run of the line which signifies a carp is taking the bait—a quick strike and the battle is on. Somewhere in the darkness a fish tries to rid himself of the hook; a sudden splash, the line goes slack and you suddenly realize that he is running towards you. Almost in a panic the line is reeled in until, when only a few feet away, he sees the light of your torch, and with a swirl he once more retreats to the deeps of the lake. And so the battle continues until either the wily carp frees itself from the hook in some dark recess of the lake or exhausted he floats into the net. The noise of the capture subsides and once more you abandon yourself to the long hours of waiting, the quiet rustling of the trees and the gentle noise of the carp sucking the lily-pads.

M.B.H.

A TRIBUTE

I am the product of war. The gutters
Of the world have flowed with blood, its cities
Been painted red; and even the Ocean's
Mighty spread has borne a shade of pink. Graves
Have filled, church bells tolled, and sweat has mingled
With death; clergy, lawyers, dockers and drunks
Have strained to let me live. Courage has sketched
Me and action been my sculptor; and past
Events are debts of mine which I must pay.

B.C.S.

THE CRESTA RUN

In the cold country of Switz'land
Is the small town of St. Moritz.
This is where a lot of people
Gather round to watch the ski-ing,
And the bob-sleighs, ever faster,
Shooting quickly down the Cresta;
Faster, faster they are moving,
Swiftly down the long, white snow-track,
Swaying, swerving, rocking, curving,
Down and round the high, steep snow-banks,
Swerving round the final corner,
Easing brakes and sliding runners;
Till at last they slowly pull up,
Thankful after such a journey.

N.E.A.

A SALUTE TO PRICE'S TANNINANIACS

Many people in the school will now be familiar with the regular, but monotonous, tapping on the hot water pipes in the School House. How many, I wonder, will know that it is the Prefects' equivalent of the well known Civil Service Password, 'Tea Up!!'

Upon hearing the long-awaited sound, Prefects may be seen crawling out of the most peculiar "holes" where they have, for the record, been studying. There is something about them at this time of the day which distinguishes it from all others; they look like alcoholics who have been denied alcohol for days. In actual fact they are all addicted to my tea, they are all victims of the dreaded Tanninania! This disease has only occurred in Price's Prefects and has only appeared this term. Someone did suggest that this may be due to the fact that I make the tea; however, a week on school-milk soon cured him of this dangerous idea, for he admitted that mine was the finest "brown" within a radius of six feet.

In the making of this tea, I am indebted to the following people, institutions and articles:—

Two most inefficient electric-kettles with cork plugs and lids to match the kettles, in that they are most inefficient, which regularly leads to a flooding of the lower Prefects' Study; further, they are frequently 'live'; for these articles we are indebted to I. J. Noot, J. D. Brammer and the Chemistry and Physics Laboratories.

One darkly stained tea pot, with inefficient lid to match the kettles, which regularly contains the 'real juice of the fruit,' after J. D. Brammer.

Milk, after Tom Parker's Dairies, Ltd.

Tea and Sugar, after Victor Value.

One tea strainer, after J. Hobbs, which still does not beat 'flavour blur.' And we are all endowed with stomach Ache, after Effects.

What really makes this duty worth performing, apart from the large profit, is to see the gleams of delight and desire in the eyes of the poor demented prefects as the golden brown liquid trickles from the spout into their dirty tea-stained cups, and the gasps of horror as some spills from the ill-fitting lid. The caustic comments of some people, who complain of too strong tea, too weak tea, too sweet tea and too sour tea, all at the same time, are confusing and tend to dampen my spirits a little. However, two things in particular combine to raise them again; one, a "drop of the hard stuff" from my hip-flask and the other, the never-ending procession of Prefects when the tapping on the hot-water system starts again.

E.W.McL.

BOOKS

This term I am reviewing Roy de la Mere's book "The Effluent Society," which is soon to be published. In this fascinating work he proposes a theory which can be summed up in one phrase—"Survival of the Thickest." I am not in complete sympathy with his notions, but he set even me thinking. Of especial note is the Scale of Thickness which he adds as an appendix; here is an extract:—

29—cement-mixer (i.e. one who mixes cement)

69—civil-servant

87—Lt. Cols. (excluding retired Lt. Cols.)

200—Editors

He does not consider it worthwhile to continue further than Editors, though he has examined other isolated cases. For example, B B, M.P. (who is thicker than most) just pips Sabrina at the tape for the title of "The Thickest Girl of Great Britain, 1960."

Tapeworm

BY THE WAY

By Bob Creecham

Time, gentlemen, please!

"I have grave fears that Mr. Butler's new Licensing Laws will turn us all into a nation of drunken sots," said the Temperance Society lady, downing her pint of distilled water to relieve the shock of hearing that wicked four-letter word B * * R; "this is almost as bad as playing tiddlywinks on a Sunday; we shall see who will be saved when the day of reckoning comes, the drunkards or the abstainers." I know many a man who would prefer perdition; which proves, if proof be needed.

Nothing to do with me.

What is the world coming to? It has even been suggested in some quarters that Sixth Form schoolboys have minds of their own, and that they should have the same right not to be made to look ridiculous as their half-wit contemporaries who are working. Someone had the audacity to suggest that they should not be obliged to present a drably identical appearance, and that the purpose of headgear is to keep the rain off. Do these people not realise that it is a criminal offence to be intelligent, and that those breaking the Philistine Law, Sub-Section E309, must pay their debt to society? (Enter two identical elves, uttering the immortal words, "Rhubarb, rhubarb, rhubarb! ")

Sketch.

'Polo Mint' by Henry Moore.

The Ultimate Weapon

The cadet forces of this great country march proudly on; for they know that, in the four minutes before we are all blown sky-high, the average cadet can fire several hundred rounds from the Army's very latest invention, the rifle. The Army is at present working on a master-plan to decide at whom or at what all these shots will be aimed,

while the cynics have already suggested that they be directed at the entire population as a merciful alternative to the slow agony of nuclear death. A question is to be asked in the House.

Round and About

After the success of Tommy Steele as Tony Lumpkin, the Old Vic has signed A . . . F . . . to play the part of Ophelia.

Mr. Jack Merricks, the rebel farmer, frequently has nightmares in which he sees the whole agricultural economy of the country in ruins. He dreams that a Marketing Board Marketing Board has been set up.

A chimpanzee has been awarded the Nobel Prize for painting; Picasso declares that he cannot make sense of any of its work—but the ape at least does not know it is making a fool of itself.

An advertising jingle for a well-known washing powder has shot to the top of teh Hit Parade. Respected authority on popular music, Mr. Eric Sykes, says, "I like it."



The Society has held three meetings since I last reported on our doings in the Capital. Two of these were at the Grand Grill and the most recent was the Christmas Dinner.

Fourteen members attended the meeting in November. Not counting dinners this figure has only been exceeded once before when, in March 1927, fifteen members visited the Coliseum (London). The numbers were swelled by six Old Boys who had only recently left the School; J. W. McGrath, D. J. A. Tinling, G. P. Butler, J. D. Brammer, D. S. Pepper, and R. Smith. They all added a welcome youthful note to the proceedings. The meeting also marked the return of B. G. Buckley, who was Secretary from 1938 to 1953 and is now living in Kent. We were all very pleased to see him and understand he will be able to join us more often. A. R. Reed was also present and tells me he is now working for Decca and may go abroad again soon. Things really got rather hectic as more and more people arrived and the circle of chairs in the lounge grew wider and wider. Other patrons had to make long detours in order to get out of the place.

However, several important motions were passed and decisions taken. The main one, coming into effect immediately, is the rearrangement of the meetings at the Grand Grill. These will now be held on the first Tuesday of February, April, June and October.

The Christmas Dinner was held at Bertorelli's on Friday, 9 December. Twenty-one members came for drinks but E. A. Carr-Hill had to dash off to another important engagement as did G. P. Butler who had brought M. Ellis with him. It was very nice of them to drop in, although I nearly had a fit when they arrived, as I thought three extra meals might be required. We welcomed three guests from the School; the Headmaster, Mr. Poyner, and Mr. Foster and Mr. Royds-Jones. The dinner started late, not through late arrivals but because of all the people shaking hands with chaps they had not seen for ages. The new faces who seemed to find a surprising number of contemporaries were H. W. Andrews, D. C. Priddon, N. W. Wood, and P. J. Checkfield.

L. E. Rowe arrived unexpectedly on the strength of a postcard sent from Hawaii, which brings me to a very mysterious point. I sent out sixty-five circulars for the dinner to everyone whose name is on the books but two members have assured me that they did not receive theirs. This clearly implies that others may have gone astray as well, and in fact from the letters of regret I received I suspect this is so. What happened I just do not know, but I do apologise to anyone who did not get a letter and I will try to see if it does not occur again.

To return to the dinner, which started eventually at 8.45. The President, A. D. Hayward, presided. Other members present were D. S. H. Swinstead, D. C. T. Humphries, M. C. Privett, R. E. Daysh, V. A. Knight, A. R. Reed, K. Devlin, D. J. A. Tinling, J. W. McGrath and J. D. Brammer. The menu was the traditional one, including the world-famous minestrone. The toast of the School was proposed by P. J. Ellis, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Old Priceans Association. He had two good jokes to tell and some 'digs' to make, and finished by challenging the Headmaster to tell us what had happened to the School lately, and where he had got the money from. He also mentioned the 'Alf Fund' and the members decided to show a small token of appreciation to Alf, which Ellis said he would transmit.

We were most fortunate to find the Headmaster in sparkling form. In replying to the toast he told us much we did not know and many diverting anecdotes. He emphasized the fact that the School changes but he pointed out the reciprocity in this respect with regard to schools and headmasters. He asked us not to think of him as new any longer as he was now on his second circuit. All good things come to an end and at 10.30 we regretfully broke up. It was a very memorable dinner.

The next two meetings will be on the first Tuesdays of February and April, at the Grand Grill, Strand. The Summer Outing will be on the first Tuesday in June, form and place to be decided.

P.R.L.
Officers' Mess, R.A.F. Wyton,
Huntingdonshire.

Obituary

MR. J. LOCKHART

Many Old Priceans will hear with great regret of the death last July of Mr. J. Lockhart, for many years our Art Master. Mr. Lockhart approached nearer to genius than any other teacher I have known; he was also a man whose goodness and kindness were so obvious that he was loved by all who knew him. Unfortunately those then in authority in the County Education Office failed to treat him with sufficient understanding and our loss was the gain first of Bristol and then of Portsmouth.

Although he died only such a short while ago he was, indeed, a casualty of the 1914-1918 war. He was, he claimed, the only man to win a commission after being court-marshalled three times; he had just married and invariably over-stayed his leave. He saw heavy fighting and was badly wounded; for the rest of his life he was seldom free from pain and he often had to enter hospital for treatments; finally he was forced into permanent retirement.

We offer profoundest sympathy to Mrs. Lockhart, the most devoted and capable of wives, whose courage matched his own, and to his family. Those who knew him will not forget him and the cover of *The Lion*, now slightly modified from his design, has introduced his work to many who never knew him personally.

H.R.T.

A LETTER FROM CAMBRIDGE

It is sunrise on Saturday, 12 November, 1960, in Cambridge. Already the undergraduates—well, some of them—are up and about. A number are, at this very moment, seeking the four corners of Cambridge in order to distribute among the townsfolk special editions of newspapers, raffle-tickets and poppies red. Yes, it's Poppy Day and this year the students are chasing their highest-ever target of £12,000 for the Earl Haig Fund. On Guy Fawkes' Night Market Square was out of bounds to the "gown," and the undergrads were deprived of their annual letting-off of fireworks and steam. So we can be sure that they will not lose today's opportunity to work off the high spirits they have been consuming during the first half of the term. At the same time they will be doing their utmost, as members of their Colleges, to win the barrels of beer which will be awarded to the College which extracts the most money and to the College with the highest total per head of student-population.

At about 9 a.m. Kat's Military Band leaves St. Catherine's College to head the procession of floats. Each of these is accompanied by an army of crazily-dressed money-collectors bearing all manner of containers, from second-hand skulls to mugs on the ends of broomsticks, from . . . to flowerpots—suitably stoppered, of course! A typical and yet original example of a float is the one which boasts a life-size and very life-like model of a cow together with "ye olde stove" which, to judge from the clouds of suffocating black smoke which it is emitting, is fired with the ingredients of a College meal. Whether the stove powers an old-fangled milking-machine or a new-fangled steriliser, the smokescreen makes it impossible to say.

Several special services are provided to transport us around the city on this Poppy Day. We can ride, if we so wish, in a trailer behind a traction-engine or, if we prefer something more personal, we can try a donkey or a coolie-car or literally have an arm-chair-ride in a rickshaw; we have decided to walk. As we make our way along St. Andrew's Street towards the Market Square, we pass a Belisha beacon complete with a string-wig which is undergoing the most amazing transformations at the hands of a coiffeur. On arriving at the Slave Market we find numerous female captives held to ransom, and many other money-raising schemes. The most intriguing and the most English of these is to be found at the Mousedrome where we "buy" our mouse and race it against five others down a track with three jumps. Leaving the "bookies" behind us, we proceed to King's Backs. Here we witness the "Battle of Cape Camaveral"—fission rights reserved—fought between craft which, whether or not they are at the outset, are destined to become submarines.

During the afternoon we patronise three College reviews, "Butter No Parsnips," "A Drop of the Hard Stuff" and "Requiem for an Oat," and then, in order to replenish our constitutions, we enter for three contests, spaghetti-eating, beer-drinking and female weight-lifting. Next, giving the ducking-stool a wide berth, we pass by the gutter putting match between St. John's Drain-Drivers and Christ's Tarmac Tappers, and make for the "Summit Meeting." Yes, "Mr. K, Mac and Ike"—their effigy heads were baked hard in Kat's kitchens—are in Cambridge and Harold is telling the assembled throng, "I Adanhour with President Eisenhower and de Goal is unity . . ." Listening to the most successful yarn-spinners reminds us of the most successful money-spinners, the raffles. How could they be other than a success with two cars and a motor-scooter to be won, to say nothing of the legion of smaller prizes?

At 6 p.m. the flow of blood from the "Radical Abdomenectomy" and other shady shadow-operations ceases, but the money-making and merry-making continue into the hours of darkness, with a barbecue on Midsummer Common and jazz at the "Krum Elbow" and in College cellars.

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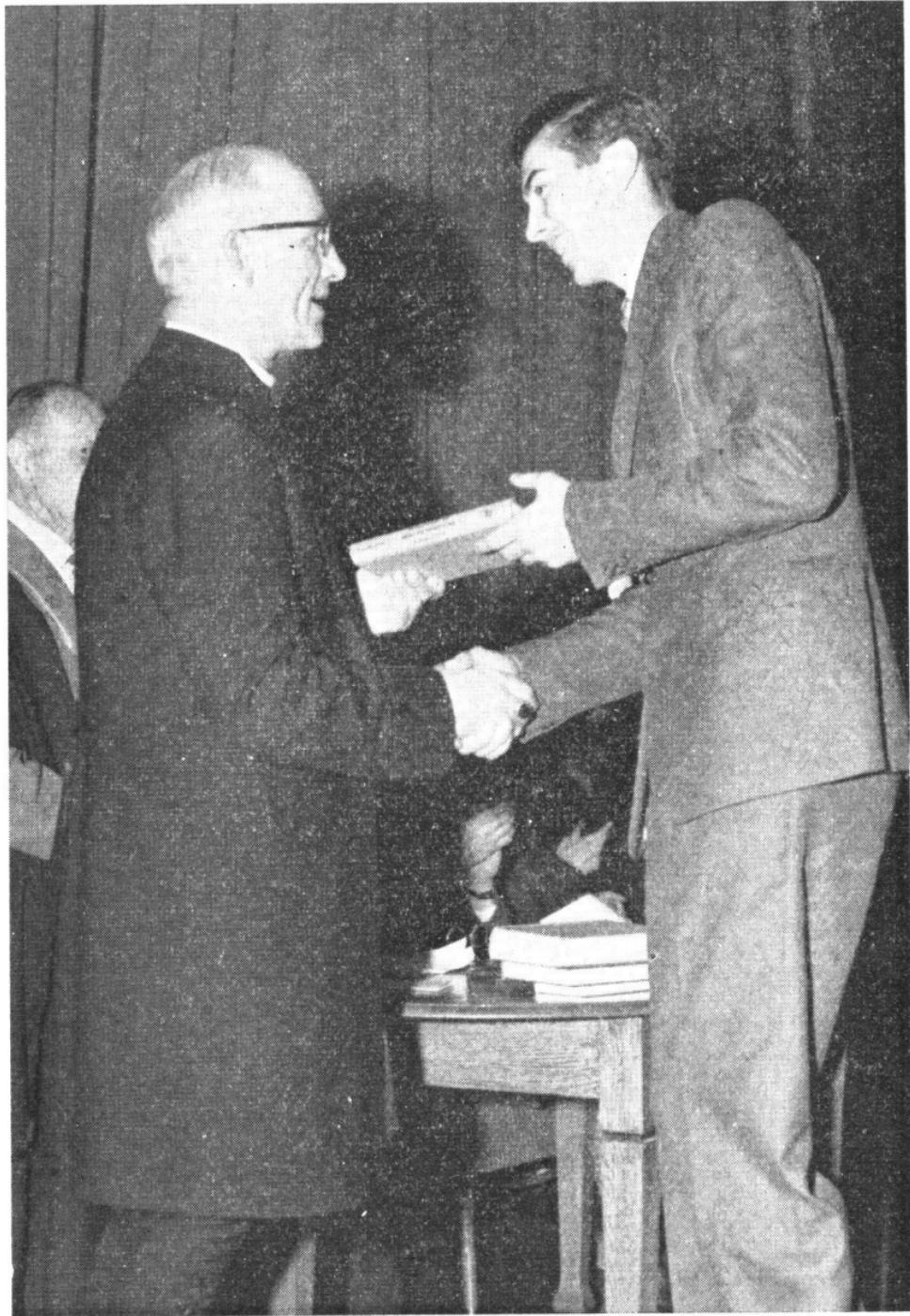
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At this time of the year when the festivities of Christmas and the New Year are past, it is customary to formulate resolutions which soon become ashes in the wind of time if one is not strong willed. However, I would beg all members on reading these notes to resolve to pay their subscriptions immediately, if still outstanding for this or previous years, and to pay them immediately they become due again on March 1st. In particular, as the subscription is now to be 10/-, I would request all members who pay by Banker's Order to sign and return immediately the forms I shall shortly be sending out for signature. All with experience of organisations such as ours can visualise the extra work and expense involved if members do not co-operate on such matters.

The recruitment of new members seems to have slackened for the moment, temporarily I hope. I would ask all members, particularly the newer and younger ones, to make efforts to persuade their friends and acquaintances to join, if they are not already members. As I have mentioned several times before, I shall be pleased to receive news of Old Priceans from far and wide.

The Annual Dinner, held after the Soccer Match on 1 October was once again a success. Members and guests totalling 35, with Mr. Poyner in the chair, assembled at the White Cockade to enjoy a very pleasant meal and evening. Speeches were short, sharp and to the point and I have made a note to ask again at some future date, M. H. Miller who proposed the toast to the School, B. C. Shurlock the Head Boy, who ably responded and P. R. Lewis who replied to the Headmaster on behalf of the Association, in his own inimicable way. Regretfully, through the lack of foresight on the part of some members, the catering arrangements are often somewhat nebulous as many expect to attend without making a prior booking. On this occasion we booked for 40 meals and as only 35 attended the Association was involved in a small loss. I would like members to bear this point in mind for the future and to make early application for places at the Dinner or in any of the teams against the School, thus easing the Secretary's burden. The evening was also marred slightly by the disappearance afterwards of one of a set of expensive Swiss ashtrays, the first occasion on which the White Cockade had used them. If anyone's conscience is pricked, I should appreciate it if the ashtray could be returned either to me or to the White Cockade.

The Hockey Match will be played on Saturday, 18 March and I hope to see many of you there either on the field of battle or shouting encouragement from the touch-lines. There has been a suggestion that the date of the Annual General Meeting should coincide with the Hockey Match instead of the Cricket Match, a proposal which has its merits. I should be glad to hear members' views on this subject either for or against, also suggestions as to activities that could be organised for the evening. A Badminton Match will most probably be played in the evening and I should be glad to hear from intending players.



The Bishop of Portsmouth presenting the Staff Prize to
D. J. A. Tinling, (Head of School, 1958-60)



B. C. Shurlock, Head of School, 1960