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THE publication of a revised set of the main School Rules was not necessarily intended to coincide with the New Year when resolutions are made and leaves turned over, but as it has, there seems to me to be a good point to make involving both the rules and the resolutions. At school we are all individuals in a cloistered community and are required to live within a framework of authority designed to ensure the orderly passage of the day and to enable each one of us to develop his own talents and personality to the full and also to contribute to the life of the school as a whole. In the world outside we are clearly freer to choose our own set of rules, because the authority of the state does not impinge so closely upon us as does that of our school. It behoves us, therefore, to develop a keen sense of responsibility towards our fellows and to adopt a high standard of values, as well as sufficient strength of character to enable us not to wander from those standards through indifference, apathy or selfishness. It is with this in mind that the rules of the school are formulated and high standards demanded in behaviour, work and appearance. On these depend the reputation of the school, the achievement of the individual and the character of every boy.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that our new rules will be read and followed in the spirit in which they were written, namely to provide an ordered community here at Price's which demands those things from its members that will benefit the school as a whole and bring understanding and happiness to the individual who will thereby develop such strength of character as either to make New Year's resolutions unnecessary or at least to give them a good chance of survival as the year progresses.

In closing I would like to thank the Old Boys, particularly those living abroad, who sent us Christmas cards.

E.A.B.P.

School Notes

Term began on 7 September with the usual service in the Church of SS Peter and Paul, conducted this time by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth, the Venerable M.D.S. Peck, M.A.

We welcome to the Staff Mr. I. S. Annetts, B.Sc. (Bristol) and Mr. C. R. F. Hedley, B.Sc. (Durham), who will teach Mathematics and Biology respectively. We are also very pleased to have Mr. H. Y. Light, L. ès L. (Paris) with us regularly to help with Modern Languages. A belated, but none the less sincere, welcome is due to Mrs. Larkin who joined the office-staff last term.

P. J. Vibert was appointed Head of the School, with M. R. Bevis, R. O. Smith, P. A. B. Thomas and R. J. Tyack as Senior Prefects.

A record entry of new boys (70 in the First Form and 32 scattered through the other forms) combined with fewer boys leaving brought our numbers to 465, with 125 in the Sixth Form. As a result the School seems just as overcrowded as it was before the new buildings were opened a year ago. It is all the more regrettable, therefore, that 'someone has blundered' and that the schedule of new buildings (hall and gymnasium) for this year is already three months behind.

Speech Day was held on 2 November in the hall of St. Anne's Grove School, by kind permission of the Headmistress; the prizes were presented by Mr. A. L. Hutchinson, M.A., Chief Education Officer for the Isle of Wight. It was hoped that next year this function would be held in our own new hall, but, if so, it will not be until the Spring term.

Various speakers have visited the School this term. Mr. Bates talked about the Advanced College of Technology, Portsmouth (15 September), Mr. Hatfield talked about Careers to the VI Form (4 October) and to the Parent Teacher Association (8 December). Dr. Wagland's usual lectures on Health to the IV Form were interrupted by his own illness, but a Commonwealth Lecture was given (12 October). Mr. Young (Esso) addressed the V and VI Forms on *The Geography of Oil* (2 November), and there were also talks on the Army and Police as Careers (16 and 21 November).

The VI Form Geography Field Day was held on 26 September, and a week later a group attended a lecture at Winchester on *The Geography of Space*. On 27 September a number of boys attended a performance of *Le Malade imaginaire* by the French Players at Portsmouth Grammar School, and on 22 November a group heard a concert given by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in the Portsmouth Guildhall. Finally a VI Form visit to the Esso Refinery was made on 12 December.

This term the Choir has been very active: apart from singing on Speech Day, it combined with the Girls' Grammar School Choir to give a concert (13 and 14 November), and helped to make a success of the end-of-term Carol Services.

The School teams defeated the Staff in both the Badminton and Football matches, in spite of valiant play on the part of the masters.

The holiday awarded at Speech Day was taken on 4 December, and a further half-day was granted on 8 December in recognition of M. H. Miller's achievement in obtaining an Open Scholarship at University College, Oxford. But an epidemic of influenza which attacked the School at the beginning of the month deprived almost a quarter of the boys of the real benefit of these awards.

The traditional Carol Service of Nine Lessons was held in the Church SS Peter and Paul on the afternoon of 14 December. At the request of many parents, the Service was repeated in the evening.

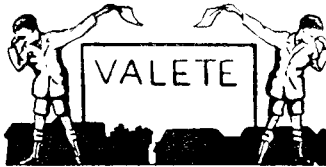
Term came to an end on 15 December, an occasion marked by a pleasant staff-room party in the afternoon and a very successful Sixth Form Dance in the evening.

The local press has been kept busy reporting the doings of Price's and its members. There have been reports on our building plans, on Speech Day, on T. H. J. Pugh playing hockey for London University, and on G. A. Dubber helping to rescue a little girl from Portchester Creek.

Finally we would like to thank all our colleagues in other schools, who regularly send us copies of their magazines, so that we may see ourselves as others see us—at least in the sporting world.



- IA. D. F. Ayres, T. V. Bird, J. S. M. Bone, R. A. Britton, A. H. Brookes, A. G. Brown, G. W. Bryant, J. H. Bryson, S. D. Bush-Harris, C. M. Case, J. F. Churchward, H. J. Clarke, R. D. Clarke, D. P. Cozens, A. J. Cranfield, P. A. Crawshaw, S. Crossley, M. Dennison, J. Ditchburn, D. L. Doyle, R. J. Drury, C. R. Dumbavand, M. G. England, S. G. Eyles, C. K. Fife, K. A. Ford, W. F. Forrow, T. S. Foster, P. S. Graham, K. G. Gregory, M. R. Hartley, B. J. Hawkins, T. W. Hird, T. J. Hodges, L. A. Hughes.
- IB. S. Ingram, R. Knapp, D. G. Marlow, A. R. McLauchlan, W. Miller, D. J. Moggach, I. H. Moth, K. J. Nelson, B. C. Olivey, G. Osborn, C. A. Packer, J. J. Perry, A. W. Pinkney, L. H. Randall, R. C. Reed, A. T. Reynolds, J. F. Rider, S. P. Robbins, A. N. Roberts, J. R. P. Rodgers, P. F. Scott, P. Squires, G. Taylor, D. Telford, D. G. Thomas, F. E. Thomas, A. M. Thurlow, J. E. Tindal, M. C. Walker, G. M. Waudby, C. W. Weager, A. C. Webb, G. T. Westbrook, A. Weston.
- IIA. N. B. Curtis, D. Dufour, M. Freund, D. Pipe.
- IIB. F. R. Gomes, D. W. Hendry, A. J. Izzard, M. B. Tribe.
- IIIB. R. I. Butler, P. M. Crowson, N. Dawson, M. J. Ince.
- IIIC. N. Thompson, M. J. Woodward.
- IVA. P. L. Claxton, J. H. Pipe.
- IVB. D. J. Rivett, P. Robinson.
- VA. M. R. Moody, C. D. Tiltson.
- VB. M. R. Garton, J. A. Waterer.
- VIS.L. D. Barkhuysen, K. M. Fisher, B. Hill, P. J. Stone, R. White.
- VIS.U. N. Bailey, R. P. Brenton.
- VIA.L. D. J. Smith.



M. C. Coggins (IVB), P. D. G. Uden (VB).



Owing to difficulties in hiring a public hall sufficiently large, we had to seek the hospitality of the Headmistress of St. Anne's Grove School for the Speech Day celebrations on 2 November. The Chairman of the Governors, the Rev. A. H. Watkins, M.A., presided, and the Headmaster, E. A. B. Poyner, Esq., M.A., gave his usual report on the state of the School; he spoke of the rapid growth of the School and the attendant developments which would be necessary, and then outlined the various activities which are reported term by term in this magazine.

The School Choir, nominated honorary members of the 'platform' for the occasion, then sang E. Thiman's *Sing Alleluia Forth*. After this A. L. Hutchinson, Esq., M.A., Chief Education Officer for the Isle of Wight,

presented the prizes and, after delivering a suitable address, was himself presented with an antique map of the Isle of Wight.

The Vote of Thanks was moved by Mrs. R. Dyke, M.B.E., J.P.

PRIZE LIST

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| 1B. M. J. Parisot, G. F. Turner | 1A. R. G. Grant, P. G. Bewers | |
| 2B. C. J. Kirby, M. R. Stone | 2A. P. A. Osborne, D. A. J. Case | |
| 3B. D. P. Bamber | 3A. W. Hill | |
| C3. J. Stevens | C2. G. J. Keith, P. Donohoe | C1. C. Knowlton |
| B3. G. H. Roberts of 4B | B2. P. Gregory of 4A | B1. J. E. Dunn of 4A |
| 5B. M. Earrey | 5A. A. E. Webb | |
- 6 Sc. Lower. D. J. Brammer
 6 Arts Lower. R. Scott-Herridge
 6 Sc. Upper. B. C. Davies, R. J. Tyack, P. J. Vibert
 6 Arts Upper. D. L. Lambourne, M. Duffy

Magazine Prize: N. A. Davies

Mandeville Cup: J. D. Freemantle

Progress Prizes: P. J. Ingram, J. Beacon, L. E. Holder, M. Garside, W. D. Wellman

Rita Dyke Prize for Craft Work: J. D. Richardson

Johnston Prize for Classics: I. B. Green

Special Prize: R. E. Gisborne

Governors' Prize for Science: M. B. Heritage

Staff Prize: T. H. J. Pugh

The Johnston Stick: T. H. J. Pugh

The Old Boys' Bat: M. D. Thomas

Duke of Edinburgh's Award—Silver Medals: K. J. Crane, R. C. Nicholls, J. A. Pryde, P. A. Pynigar, J. D. Richardson, R. O. Smith, M. P. Short, P. A. B. Thomas, P. J. Vibert

Proficiency Certificate for Gliding: R. Andreason, B. Keen, P. A. B. Thomas

The Reed Cup: Westbury

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

M. B. Heritage - State Scholarship (Science)

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ENTRANTS

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| R. A. Brent | - Hull University (Arts) |
| A. C. Clark | - Exeter University (Arts) |
| B. C. Davies | - Leeds University (Arts) |
| G. R. Dimmick | - Loughborough College of Advanced Technology (Chemical Engineering) |
| R. E. Gisborne | - Battersea College of Advanced Technology, London (Science) |
| R. F. Grimble | - Cardiff University (Science) |
| M. B. Heritage | - Christ's College, Cambridge University (Science). State Scholar |
| C. J. Herring | - Liverpool University (Arts) |
| G. Hindess | - St. Catherine's College, Oxford University (Engineering) |
| J. Hobbs | - King Alfred's Training College, Winchester (Arts) |
| P. B. Johnson | - Portsmouth College of Technology (Civil Engineering) |
| I. A. Johnstone | - Sandhurst |
| M. J. Losh | - Sandhurst (January 1962) |
| S. N. B. Losh | - Portsmouth College of Technology (Catering) |
| E. W. McLarty | - University College, London (Medicine) |
| M. D. Paskins | - Sparsholt (Agriculture) |
| T. H. J. Pugh | - Queen Elizabeth's College, London University (Science) |
| B. C. Shurlock | - Christ's College, Cambridge University (Science). State Scholar |
| C. R. Read | - Portsmouth College of Technology (Engineering) |
| P. J. Tudge | - Birmingham University (Arts) |
| A. L. Wells | - Loughborough College of Advanced Technology (Chemical Engineering) |

Old Pricean:

G. V. Churchill - Bristol University (Theology)

Seeing the World

CHRYSANTHEMUM GROWING IN MALTA

The dawn of the day following the official breaking up of our summer term, saw me at several thousand feet over that little island in the midst of the beautiful blue Mediterranean, Malta! I was to spend five weeks with my brother, the manager of an English chrysanthemum-growing firm out there.

This firm has found that the winter growth of chrysanthemum plants in Malta is much higher than in our own country, owing to a greater light intensity and higher temperature than England can ever give during these months. Also, providing sufficient water is supplied, the plants will thrive throughout a Mediterranean summer. So thanks to a generous brother, I was to spend a month in this new climate.

The first I saw of the nursery was a couple of acres of glassless greenhouses, with nylon sheets over the roofs for shade. In the winter months polythene is used as a covering, and shreds of this could still be seen attached to the six-inch mesh wire netting which covered the wooden skeletons of the houses. Within these very large glasshouses were situated rows of concrete beds containing thousands of chrysanthemum plants, growing in local soils with a large amount of water-holding peat added.

The plants are brought from the home nursery in England when about three inches high, and are planted five inches apart in the beds. There, they are watered twice a day, and lit for four hours during the night by electric light bulbs which hang the length of each bed; this is to stop the plants from forming buds. After growing like this for six weeks they are about nine inches high and cuttings are taken from them at the rate of one cutting a week. As long as at least two leaves are left remaining on a stem, two more shoots will grow in the place of the one cutting taken. So cuttings can be taken once a week for about twelve weeks, after which the plants are pulled up, the beds sterilized, and new plants put in. In this way many thousands of cuttings are flown back weekly to the nursery in Worthing where they are planted in specially-prepared beds, causing them to root.

Four days a week at the nursery are spent in taking cuttings. This is mainly done by Maltese girls and boys, who with a metal gauge on their fingers are able to keep all cuttings at a length of two and a half inches. The cuttings are counted as they are taken and packed into small polythene bags which are then cooled in a cold-store and packed in thousands into boxes. These are then taken to Luqa, where they are stacked to await transport to England.

Of course there are one or two snags, as will accompany any new venture. Earlier in the year the plants were attacked by small insects; these were not thought serious but were sprayed with D.D.T. After a month it was found this spray though deadly to most English insects, had no effect on these foreign creatures. Another insecticide was soon found which got rid of the pests, but it's strange to think that foreign insects had a protection against this well-known chemical. Another thing which could easily stop the growth of these chrysanthemums would be the shortage of water, but as the firm has obtained a reservoir from the government, and each plant is watered twice daily, this is not a worry at the moment.

So although Malta has not got many raw materials, it possesses sunlight which has caused at least one industry to settle in this barren little island.

L. E. HOLDER (V A)

A RHODESIAN HOLIDAY

It was the evening of Sunday, 6 August, when we took off for Nairobi in a Comet. Our first stop was at Benghazi, a town on the north coast of Africa, where we refuelled and then set off again for Entebbe where we passed over a large lake. After having breakfast we continued our journey to Nairobi; there we landed and found the airport very modern and luxurious. After going through customs we were taken to a hotel, where we spent some time before boarding a Viscount for Ndola. When we landed there and had gone through the customs we met our grandparents and they took us by car to their bungalow.

The first day there we visited Chingola, a small mining town. Chingola is well laid out with its shops set in a square, and all the roads have numbers. We visited Chingola nearly every morning to get milk. The following day we visited Kitwe, another mining town about the size of Southampton. The next day we visited Bancroft a small mining town, nine miles from the Congo Border. Its soil is very red and parts of it are like Basset (Southampton).

The following Monday we set out for Kafue. On the way we passed through Kapiri Mposhi, an African township with a café and a few shops and houses. Then through Broken Hill, a mining town about the size of Chingola, Lusaka, capital of Northern Rhodesia, and Kafue, where we spent the night.

The following day we visited the Kariba Dam on the Zambezi river. This is truly magnificent. There is a power station nearby. We had lunch before returning to the motel.

The next day we set out for a motel near Livingstone; on the way we passed through the African townships of Mazabuka, Chesekesi, Pemba. At Pemba we saw some oxen pulling carts of mealies to the station. Then through the townships of Choma, Kalomo, Zimba to Livingstone itself. The motel is situated near a railway line. The next day we visited the Victoria Falls and saw a rainbow caused by the spray of the falls. These falls make such a noise that it is impossible to hear one's own voice. In the afternoon we visited a game park on the banks of the Zambezi, where we saw many animals including guinea fowl, which are birds rather like small female turkeys. The following day we walked across the bridge, which has three spans. Then we drove round the circular drive and went to the Kopje View, which has a view of the surrounding countryside, in which a cooling-tower is most prominent, then to the Songive Gorge and the Candelabra Pool which aren't very exciting. In the afternoon we went down the third gorge in a trolley; by the side of the track are 407 steps. At the bottom of the gorge is a power station which has water-tight doors because floods have come above the doors. Next day we visited a native show-village; it has different sections for the various tribes, most of whom came from the Congo Basin. There are vegetables and various sorts of houses in the village, and a shop where one can buy souvenirs of the past. The next day we started back for home, spending the night at Kafue Motel, and continuing the next day, we arrived home in the afternoon.

The next Saturday we visited Mindola Dam and saw a lot of motor-boats and yachts. The dam is owned by Kitwe mine club. The next Tuesday we had a bry-face, which is just like an English barbeque: you eat sausages, chops and steak.

The following Thursday we flew in a Viscount from Ndola to Nairobi where we had dinner before boarding the Comet for Entebbe and Benghazi, where we had some refreshments, and then on to London after a really wonderful holiday.

D. R. GREEN (II A)

EXCURSION TO FAWLEY

On Tuesday, 12 December, nine of the Sixth Form, accompanied by Mr. Royds-Jones, joined other members of the Portsmouth and District Physical Society on a visit to the Esso Refinery at Fawley. We arrived at about eleven o'clock to be ushered into a lecture room where we had coffee and biscuits. This was followed by a very interesting lecture about Fawley and the work it does. This completed, we adjourned to a most excellent five-course luncheon, which was enjoyed by all.

After lunch we boarded the Esso coach for a conducted tour of the Refinery. We visited the marine terminal, the "cat cracker", the control room of the Butadiene Unit (where the synthetic rubber is made), and various other interesting places with long and unpronounceable names. This tour lasted for a very interesting and absorbing hour and a half. We looked at all the sights, listened to all the noises and tried to avoid smelling all the smells.

At four o'clock we commenced our journey home which proved to be very enjoyable, because of our very charming compatriots from the Girls' section of Portsmouth Northern Grammar School to whom we offer our thanks.

At five o'clock we arrived at Fareham, bade our fond farewells, and thus brought to a close a memorable and most enjoyable day for one and all.

J. F. TANNER (VI S.U.)

C.C.F. Notes

The one event of note this term, has been the Army Proficiency examination which was held at School on Friday, 24 November. The President of the Examination Board was Major Humphries, R.A.S.C. The results were very satisfactory; two boys obtained credits, 38 passed, 7 were referred in one subject and 10 failed. It was intended to hold an internal examination for the Basic Test (Part II) but the epidemic of influenza intervened; this examination will be held on the second Friday of next term.

Our new accommodation will soon be on the way. Tenders for the building have been submitted and we look forward to a speedy programme of erection.

We are contemplating extending our activities in the Corps and consideration has already been given to the formation of a Naval Section. We are particularly well-situated for such an activity.

M. H.-J.

R.A.F. SECTION

This has been largely a term of preparation for examinations for the Ordinary and Advanced Proficiency Certificates. The section was fortunate in that the majority of Cadets were successful at the Certificate A Part II, which will now allow for three groups to commence the Ordinary Level of the R.A.F. Proficiency. At the end of term, the largest group on record took the Advanced Proficiency and we are hopeful that quite a number of cadets will be successful in passing. This will enable us to proceed with further training in Signals and Aircraft Recognition. Our thanks are due to Chief Tech. W. Tuck, R.A.F. for these very interesting lectures on the 'Principles of Flight'.

Sgt. B. Keen and Cpl. P. Thomas were successful on interview at R.A.F. Hornchurch in gaining Flying Scholarship awards. This will enable them to have three weeks' training in order to gain their Pilot's Licence.

The Section was given the honour of representing the School C.C.F. at the Remembrance Day Parade at Trinity Church, Fareham. They are to be congratulated on an exceedingly good parade under W./O. P. Crossman.

Two groups were given flying training at A.E.F. Hamble on two consecutive Sundays, and this air experience does enable a cadet to experience and enjoy the thrills of flying.

C.H.B.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

The second group of candidates for the Silver Award of this scheme are now fully engaged in their various activities; forty-six boys are involved and are working well. All have undertaken one training expedition and have tasted the delights of bivouacing and of eating of their own cooking! The Public Service arrangements are working well. One group is pursuing a course in First Aid under the supervision of Capt. Grimshaw, R.A.M.C. from the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley; another group visits the Fareham Fire Station for instruction from Station Officer Jupe while the third pursues its training under the watchful eye of an Inspector from Fareham Police Station. If anyone saw a Black Maria full of Price's School boys passing through Fareham, I can assure him that they were not being 'taken in'. It was part of their instruction—a visit to the cells!

Several boys have already achieved the necessary standards in the Physical Fitness tests, and the Pursuits section is also progressing.

M. H.-J.

THE BAND

This term we started off with very nearly the same band as we had all last year, losing only four members at the end of last term.

As usual we had about six weeks to prepare ourselves for our annual visit to Titchfield for the Bonfire Carnival, at which this year, although our spirits were rather dampened by the appalling weather, we managed to put up a good display, especially at the evening parade.

The following Sunday the band, with one exception, went to Portchester for Remembrance Day. Two of our buglers, Ward and Tanner, played the *Last Post* and *Reveille* in church. This parade, in spite of a very makeshift drum line, was also a success.

The exception was Bugle Sgt. Earrey, who went to Netley Hospital to play *Last Post* and *Reveille* for their Remembrance service, and by all accounts he did very well.

Finally, towards the end of term there was an Army Proficiency examination and to all who passed especially from the band, I offer my congratulations.

J. F. TANNER

RIFLE CLUB

There has been a considerable improvement in the standard of shooting during the past term, some members regularly making scores in the upper nineties. All the rifles have now been fitted with Parker-Hale sights.

We held two matches against A.B.C. Portchester, one at home and one away. In the home match we narrowly beat them, in the away match we used their .177 air rifles, firing from a standing position at six yards range. Most of the team had difficulty in holding the rifles steady, and the result was a defeat thus levelling the score. We also entered for the C.C.F. schools postal shoot; although not reaching the second round we beat some quite good teams. This term two matches are proposed, one against Portsmouth Northern G. S. and one against Purbrook. These matches should take place during the latter half of the term.

P. F. SHEPPARD

A FLIGHT WITH THE R.A.F.

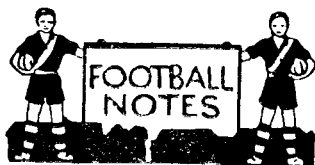
It was a cold, damp November morning that found four members of the R.A.F. section standing outside Emsworth railway station. We were waiting for Fl.-Lt. Nixon to take us in his car on to the R.A.F. station at Thorney Island.

When we arrived at the camp we were taken straight to the briefing room where we were handed over to Fl.-Lt. Coulson, who allotted each of us to different aircraft crews. The briefing room was thick with tobacco smoke; it seemed as though half the R.A.F. was in there and smoking. We were told to make ourselves scarce in a corner of the room. It was about 0820 hours when the briefing was over; we then went over to the safety bay where we were fitted up with life-jackets, parachute-harness, and a helmet with which we could listen and converse with other aircraft and members of our own crew. After this we went to the crew rooms to wait until we went out to the aircraft that were being serviced outside the hangar. The aircraft we were to fly in were "Varsitys" of the R.A.F.'s training squadron of Thorney Island.

It was about 0930 hours when we found ourselves speeding along the runway to take off. First we flew north to Alresford, but there was very little to see because of the great amount of clouds below us. The first time we saw the earth was when we were over the Atlantic Ocean; from Alresford we had flown West to Bude, and then South-West over the sea. The most interesting section of the flight was when we flew East towards Paris. It was near Paris that we had to cross *Green 4* which is the code name for the civil airplane into Paris. It was here that we had some fun having an argument with both an American and a Frenchman who insisted on speaking while we tried to contact one of the other aircraft of our own flight. In the end we did get in touch with the aircraft concerned. When we finished this episode we flew North to St. Catherine's Point. From here we flew down to Thorney Island and landed quite safely despite some of the words which were used by our pilot when referring to the ground staff of the station. Once back on "Terra Firma" we returned our equipment to the safety bay.

After this we had to wait around in Fl.-Lt. Nixon's office until he was free to take us back to the station in Emsworth. Soon the train for Fareham arrived and we were back home again having spent a very enjoyable day with the R.A.F.

Cpl. D. A. BECK, Cadets R. O. SMITH, M. DUFFY,
K. WALKER



1st XI SOCCER NOTES

First XI Football this year has seen an alternating succession of surprises and disappointments. Our early uncertainties on the merits of this year's team were quickly dispelled by a series of resounding wins. Elation on the one hand was tempered by doubt as to whether or not the team would continue in winning style against some of the stronger soccer schools.

Disillusionment came when we visited Brockenhurst to find not unexpectedly a strong and fast side, and our first defeat. A restoration of our confidence came a week later when meeting Peter Symonds; the surprise being not so much in the manner, as the completeness of our victory. The games against Portsmouth Technical High School and St. Mary's College were our real undoing as far as the term's results were concerned and our opponents on each occasion expressed equal surprise at the result. The main lesson of the term is to be learned here—a warning against complacency at all times and the need for the type of enthusiasm and tenacity that binds team spirit more powerfully in times of difficulty and not merely when the scent of victory is apparent.

The analysis of results indicates a very satisfactory term in which the members of the team are to be credited more for a high all-round standard of football than for outstanding abilities as individuals. Assessment of ability is a difficult matter, as evidenced at the County Trials, to which we sent rather more boys than usual and succeeded in placing only Bevis M. in the County side. Congratulations to him, and commendation to the other trialists, several of whom on another day would certainly have impressed sufficiently to achieve similar honour.

G.C.T.

CAPTAIN'S COMMENT

The 1st XI started the season by a series of big wins, totalling some 31 goals for, 3 against in four matches. This can be partly attributed to playing on a hard pitch with a small ball. However, later in the season, successes were interspersed with four defeats and a drawn match. The most valuable player on the pitch was R. Powell, who always played a stirring game, supplying the forwards brilliantly. R. Brebner played consistently throughout the season in goal. The backs Vibert and Thomas, though slow on the turn, cleared the way very well. Bevis, who came into the centre-half position, not previously having played there, did the job admirably. The combination of the forward line varied through the season; however, Watton and Thomas P. were the main goal scorers, finishing the season with 16 and 14 goals respectively. G. Carter supplied the other forwards with good passes, while Wilkins on the other wing was more straightforward and direct. R. Jenks and Thompson, the inside forwards snatched some useful goals. In retrospect, this season has been most enjoyable, producing good football and some 50 odd goals in 12 matches.

R. O. SMITH

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XI

BREBNER, R. (Goal-Keeper) He inspired the confidence of the side by his safe handling and acrobatic saves. His kicking still leaves room for improvement.

VIBERT, P. (Right-Back) He has filled the right-back berth admirably. Is a hard tackler with a good clearance. However, he lacks speed and is slow on the turn.

THOMAS, M. (Left-Back) A good ball player with fine anticipation, making good use of the ball in his clearance. Owing to his stature he is rather slow.

BEVIS, M. (Centre-Half) Fast and strong in the tackle, but a little suspect in the air. Covers well and has developed a good understanding with his full-backs.

POWELL, R. (Left-Half) A fast strong player who always puts the maximum effort into his play. A fine wing-half with a good tackle and fine distribution. A capable vice-captain.

CARTER, G. (Outside-Right) A fast tricky winger who will tackle back on all occasions. He has a fine turn of speed which allows him plenty of room to work in.

WATTON, D. (Inside-Right) A young robust player who is a prolific goal-scorer. Is very fast with a hard shot; however, he lacks ball control.

THOMAS, P. (Centre-Forward) A fast player when the ball is in front of him. He scored many goals but lacks the finer arts of ball control. His shooting is inclined to be erratic.

JENKS, P. (Inside-Left) An individualist in temperament who is hampered by inability to use the right foot. He holds the ball too long and is consequently slow to pass.

WILKINS, P. (Outside-Left) Inclines to be an exhibitionist. He is a fast winger with a hard shot, but would do better to square the ball back more often to the edge of the penalty area. He is keen and too anxious to score from the wing.

The first XI is also indebted to Thompson, Curtis, Dowman, Gritt and Richardson for their services on the field and those of Oliphant on the touch line.

R.O.S.

1st XI MATCHES

16/9/61 Itchen G.S. Won 7-0 Home

This was the first match for both sides, as was evident in the lack of ball control and wide passing. However, the team did combine well later in the match to produce some fine moves. Carter put us into the lead after 20 minutes. After this goals came more frequently.

Scorers:—P. Thomas 3, Watton 2, Carter, Jenks.

23/9/61 Carisbrooke G.S. Won 9-1 Home

In this match the side combined very well indeed. The forwards made good use of all the opportunities. Wilkins opened the scoring with a fine shot from the left wing; however, they retaliated to equalize. Then Powell forced his way through to score, after which the forwards never looked back.

Scorers:—Watton 4, P. Thomas 3, Powell, Wilkins.

30/9/61 Purbrook C.G.S. Won 7-0 Home

The score is flattering to us. Early in the game Thompson scored, but the play was still even. Wilkins scored from the left wing and then Powell. Play was still from end to end but our defence managed to keep their forwards out. In the second half our forwards scored three more times, while Purbrook also scored one for us.

Scorers:—Powell 2, P. Thomas 2, Wilkins, D. Thompson.

7/10/61 Old Priceans Won 8-2 Home

This was a most enjoyable and hard-fought match. The opposing side took an early lead through Farmer, and the Old Priceans were on top; Starkey and Rowling created gaps in the defence but could not score. Watton scored the equalizer and put us into the lead by half-time. In the second half we more than held our own.

Scorers:—Watton 4, P. Thomas 4.

21/10/61 Brockenhurst G.S. Lost 1-4 Away

This was the best side we had encountered. We were on the defensive all the first half. Two own-goals, first by Thomas M. and then Bevis, left us

trailing behind at half-time. Early in the second half Thomas P. scored for us. This inspired the team and it looked as if we might equalize; however, they scored a further two goals.

Scorer:—P. Thomas.

25/10/61 Bembridge School **Draw 2-2** **Away**

This match was played on a muddy pitch. We were mainly on attack but the forwards lacked the ability to score. We took the lead early in the first half through Curtis. Bembridge fought back to equalize, but Wilkins restored our lead, which we maintained all through the second half until Bembridge equalized against the run of play.

Scorers:—Curtis, Wilkins.

28/10/61 Peter Symonds **Won 7-1** **Away**

This was a strong side; however, our early lead by two fine goals from Wilkins unsettled them. The play was from end to end, but we played more concise and penetrating football and consequently built up a lead. Watton scored in the first half to leave us 3-0 up at half time. In the second half they built up some strong attacks, and scored once, but our forwards scored four more times.

Scorers:—Wilkins 3, Curtis 2, Watton, Jenks.

4/11/61 Portsmouth Technical High School **Lost 2-7** **Away**

This was a truly frustrating game. The team lacked cohesion when we played against this very young and useful team. They took the lead through a long lob so early in the game, that none of our side had touched the ball. Watton equalized, but they re-instated their lead. However, Thomas P. made the scores level at half time. In the second half they went further into the lead.

Scorers:—Watton, Thomas.

11/11/61 St. Mary's College **Lost 1-4** **Home**

This was a hard and scrappy game on a heavy pitch. Neither side played good football. They opened the scoring early in the first half and scored once more, while Watton scored for the home side. Owing to defensive errors on the mud they increased their lead.

Scorer:—Watton.

18/11/61 Bournemouth School **Won 4-2** **Home**

The best match of the season. We were penned in our own half for a long time, but Jenks managed to score. This made the play more even and Watton scored from a pass by Carter. Thus we were lucky to be leading 2-0 at half time. Early in the second half they scored their first goal. This inspired them, but our defence withstood their attacks. The pressure was momentarily relieved when Watton scored again. However, their forwards scored again, and the tempo rose accordingly, but Watton put the issue beyond doubt.

Scorers:—Watton 3, Jenks.

25/11/61 Northern G.S. **Lost 2-4** **Home**

The team never combined well and the defence conceded two goals before our forwards looked like scoring. Early in the second half Thompson was fouled in their penalty area and Powell scored from the subsequent penalty. Then we looked like taking the lead, however, they scored two while Thompson answered for us.

Scorers:—Powell, Thompson.

9/11/61 St. Vincent Won 1-0 Away

The score does not present a true picture. We had the majority of the play and their goal was under constant attack. After much end to end play Richardson scored. This emphasized our superiority but our goal had a few narrow misses. In the second half only on a few occasions did they enter our half.

Scorer:—Richardson.

12/12/61 Staff 4-0 Home

No comment!

Games against Portsmouth Southern G.S. and Taunton's School were cancelled.

1st XI Colours were awarded to: R. O. Smith, R. Powell, R. Brebner and P. Wilkins before the Hampshire Trials, and subsequently to: G. Carter, R. Jenks, M. Bevis and M. D. Thomas.

2nd XI NOTES

Carisbrooke G.S. Won 7-1

An easy win with the team commanding during most of the game. The goals were well taken and the defence effectively held the opposition's attack.

Scorers:—Richardson 2, Pynigar 2, Gardner, Bailey, A. Smith.

Purbrook C.G.S. Won 3-2

A closely fought game especially in the first half but control was established in the second. Richardson gave a commanding performance, well supported by Crawford.

Scorers:—Crawford 2, Freeman.

Old Priceans Won 8-1

An easy match played against a depleted Old Boys' side. Conditions were adverse and gave little support for good football.

Scorers:—Crawford 4, Hutchings 2, A. Smith, Thompson.

Bembridge School Won 8-1

The side dominated the game in both halves, not allowing the weak Bembridge team any quarter.

Scorers:—Gardner 4, Freeman, A. Smith, Crawford, Bailey.

Peter Symonds Lost 0-5

The first defeat of the season was due to the power of their hard-shooting forward line, coupled with the lack of the same in our forwards, and defensive errors which could have been avoided.

Northern G.S. Draw 5-5

We gained a good lead, although we were lucky to be in front at half time. This was consolidated mid-way through the second half by the addition of three well taken goals. The team's hold on the game was allowed to slip and finally we were lucky to draw.

Scorers:—Crawford 2, Gardner 2, Pynigar,

Brune Park Lost 2-1

A depleted team although "reinforced" by 1st XI members lost to a younger side. Lack of power in the forward line contributed to the defeat.

Scorer:—Wilkins.

CAPTAIN'S NOTES

A very successful season considering the continuous demands of the 1st XI. Several members proved themselves worthy of 1st XI places. The defence has been for the most part sound and the forward line, well supported by the half backs, has proved effective. Gritt has played well in goal all season and Dowman, Richardson and Goldring have been prominent in defence. Crawford deserves congratulations for his opportunist tactics and Gardner with lapses has also been effective.

D. J. THOMPSON

COLTS FOOTBALL

The Under-fifteen Colts XI have had a very successful season. They have played nine games, winning seven and losing two. The team have played well together and were unfortunate in losing the two away matches by the odd goal on each occasion. The main difficulty in selecting the team has been in deciding whom to leave out as there have been so many boys of almost equal ability who, in normal years, would have been regular members of the side. In view of the very good record, colours have been awarded to the following boys: Hughes G., Manley, Keith, Knight, Bamber, Woods, Ellis, Wake, Whiley, Eyre, Greenland and Auckland.

Hughes G., has captained the side well throughout the season, and the rest of the team has given him good support in every match. Wheeler has been a very capable linesman and has played for the team on two occasions. Hughes C., has been a willing reserve and has also played for the team. Marnock has also been a great help as linesman.

Results and Scorers

- v. Itchen G.S. (H). Won 6-4 (Wake 2, Greenland, Eyre, Whiley, Woods).
- v. Purbrook C.G.S. (H). Won 5-1 (Whiley, Greenland 2, Wake, Eyre).
- v. Fareham C.S.S. (H). Won 4-3 (Eyre 2, Greenland, Whiley).
- v. Brockenhurst C.G.S. (A). Won 2-1 (Manley, Eyre).
- v. Peter Symonds (A). Lost 0-1.
- v. St. Mary's College (H). Won 5-0 (Auckland, Eyre, Greenland 2, Wake).
- v. Bournemouth G.S. (H). Won 3-1 (Wheeler 2, Eyre).
- v. Portsmouth Northern G.S. (H). Won 3-2 (Eyre 3).
- v. Taunton's G.S. (A). Lost 2-3 (Eyre, Wake).

J.D.C.

House Notes

BLACKBROOK

With the school field having remained in as good a condition as can be remembered for many years, the football house matches were played on firm pitches which resulted in some very good games. The Blackbrook teams have, for the most part, given of their best, and mainly owing to the successes of the Seniors and Juniors, the House lies a close third in the Reed Cup behind School and Westbury, only two points separating the three.

The Minor team were unfortunate in that they were unable to score a goal in their three matches, let alone win a game. However they lost by only narrow margins to School House and Westbury, and with a little more steadiness in defence might have held Cams to less than a 4-0 defeat. The "old hands" Borrás and Chandler in defence deserve congratulations for their efforts; the former proving an able captain, whilst Reynolds has the makings of a good full-back. Of the forwards Thacker tried hard, whilst Clarke H. J., a first former, has shown considerable ability although his size has been against him. House colours were awarded to Borrás, Chandler, Thacker, Reynolds and Clarke.

The Junior team played extremely well in all three matches to win their cup, mainly thanks to their strong forward line. Eyre and Greenland (capt.) accounted for most of the goals; Robinson also played well on the left wing. In defence Fisher was a tower of strength at centre-half, being well supported by Richardson and Coffin. Ince, in goal, deserves mention for his efficient handling of the ball. House colours were awarded to the entire Junior team in recognition of their efforts.

The Senior team again appeared good on paper, only one member not representing the School this year. However, the first match against School House set us back when through slack marking in the defence Wilkins was enabled to score three goals. Our forwards seemed too easily put off by the determined School defence, and in consequence we lost 4-2. Against Westbury a reshuffled team won a close game by 4 goals to 3, credit going to the forward line who gave us a three-goal lead at one stage. Defensive errors nearly lost us the game. The final match against Cams showed what the team could do. Quick tackling and passing, and a more determined attitude towards the game resulted in an 8-2 victory for us, the forwards now playing well. Bevis, R. O. Smith, P. Smith and Vibert were awarded House colours.

It is to be hoped that in the coming term the House will improve its position in the Reed Cup competition, and this aim can be accomplished through more determined effort on the part of all concerned, particularly amongst the Seniors.

P. J. VIBERT

CAMS

After an absence of one year Cams football teams took to the field with high hopes of a successful season. This was achieved by the Minor team who went on to win three excellent games, but owing to an age dispute the Westbury game had to be replayed and this accounted for the third win.

The Minor team this year was captained by Greenwood and ably supported by Hiskey, the latter scoring the only goal in the replay against Westbury Minors. The only match lost was to School, and the final match was won 4-0 against Blackbrook by exciting performances from Greenwood, Hiskey and Pipe, who were all presented with their House colours.

The Junior matches were not so rewarding; we lost 4-0 to Westbury and 3-2 to Blackbrook; the only victory was against School 3-2. Joslin, Whiley and Auckland all played well, and colours were presented to Whiley and Auckland (Captain), and special mention to the goalkeeper Dimmer, who showed up well after coming up from the Minors.

The Seniors! owing to a lack of skill lost all three games. Powell captained the team and Thompson showed his ability with great enthusiasm.

Dowman, Powell, Thompson and Watton got their colours and also played in the 1st XI and Dowman, Hutchings and Crawford were selected to play for the 2nd XI.

In the early part of the term Warde and Ward represented the county in an inter-county Sailing competition against Sussex at Chichester. They were successful in gaining two 1st prizes and a 2nd.

R. POWELL

SCHOOL HOUSE

After the football house matches I am pleased to say that, although only by half a point, School House is in the lead in the Reed Cup, mainly thanks to the Senior and Minor teams.

In the Senior matches School shared the cup with Blackbrook and Westbury thanks to an unexpected 4-2 win against Blackbrook. In this match although Blackbrook scored first School was in the lead at half-time

through goals by Wake P. and Wilkins. Blackbrook drew level soon after but Wilkins scored two more goals to clinch the game. Against Cams, thanks to good defensive play by the School backs and good passing by the half-backs to Wilkins who scored all three goals, we won decisively 3-1. Westbury outclassed us although there was some good play by both sides in the first half and shortly after half-time we equalized through Wilkins making the score 1-1 but School later made more mistakes and Westbury scored three more goals. Wilkins, an able captain and chief goal scorer, Curtis who kept the defence together well, Goldring and Gay for their energetic play, were awarded House colours.

The Juniors were disappointing and although they tried hard only succeeded in drawing against Blackbrook. In this match School pulled up from being 1 down at half-time to 3-2 until a minute from the end when Blackbrook equalized. Against Cams poor play during the second half allowed a 2-1 advantage slip away to a 2-3 defeat. Westbury also asserted their superiority during the second half and School lost 1-2. Bamber as captain, Ward M. in goal, and Wake B. as right wing should be commended for their play.

School House Minors however, were undoubtedly the strongest as they won all their matches. Through a goal from Ayres in the first half and a sound defence, School defeated Blackbrook 1-0. Against Cams, School were easy winners by 4-0, Philip scoring two goals in the first half and Ayres two in the second. Westbury, perhaps their strongest opponents, they also defeated by their stronger attack, Ayres and Cobb scoring one goal each. In all three games Facey played extremely well in goal always using the ball well and not letting the ball into the net once. Dyer, supported particularly by Vincent, played very stolidly in defence. Barrow, Bush-Harris, Philip, Cobb and Ayres made a very good forward line.

During the Spring term the steeplechase will be run and the hockey matches played. If every boy in the House pulls his weight I feel sure we can increase our lead in the Reed Cup by Easter.

R. J. TYACK

WESTBURY

This term has not been so strenuous in its sporting activity as that which confronts us in the New Year. The only inter-House competition has been played on the football field. Unlike most years, the weather has been kind to us, and the field has been in excellent order, so that the house matches were completed in the early stages of the term. During the last academic year, Westbury House said farewell to many of its most ardent sportsmen, among them its House Captain, Pugh. As a result, it was generally thought that the House's good record might perhaps suffer. But, owing to the keenness and the enthusiasm with which each team member has used his ability, the high standard of play, as far as football is concerned, has been maintained.

Of course, it is too early yet in the academic year, to forecast which of the four Houses will win the coveted Reed Cup. Our own House has made a good start, and, at the end of this Autumn term, finds itself in second place, just behind School. Blackbrook and Cams are 3rd and 4th respectively.

The Minors did not have a very successful football season. Of the three matches which they played, they lost two, those against Cams and School, but the match against Blackbrook ended in our favour. Perhaps the main reason for these disappointing results lies in the fact that many of the team failed to keep their positions on the football field. But this, I am sure, will be improved upon with practice. As usual team spirit was high in the Minor

team, and this led to some very fine individual performances. After the football had finished, Izzard, Alderton (Capt.) and Kinge were presented with their House colours.

The Westbury Juniors had a much more successful season than the Minors. They beat Cams and School, but lost to Blackbrook. The team was well captained by Woods, who, with a strong defence around him, saved the good record of the team on many occasions. Manley, however, was the real beacon of the defence and played very well in all the matches. In attack, Middleton and Barnett formed a strong right wing, but they were always well supported by Godden, Shafford and Iles. Manley, Woods and Barnett were awarded their House colours.

Westbury Seniors gained much the same success as the Juniors in this first inter-House event. They beat Cams and School, but lost to Blackbrook. The match against Blackbrook was played with a forward line which included Brebner, the regular School goalkeeper. But, though in the second half he scored a hat-trick, his goals came too late, and the final score was 4-3 in Blackbrook's favour. For most of the season our main strength lay in the half-back line where Bailey and Brebner played consistently well. But we had by no means a weak forward line. Freeman, Smith and Jenks R. were always a danger to an opposing defence. Our position in the Reed Cup depended on our last Senior match against School. The main headache for our defence lay in marking Wilkins, who was always a danger if he managed to break away and take a shot. But we won the match with two goals to spare. Senior House colours were awarded to Freeman, Brebner, Bailey, Jenks R. and Carter.

As can be seen, the results this term have been very encouraging and we have started well in a bid to retain the Reed Cup. Nevertheless, if this bid is to be successful, every boy will have to pull his weight during the next two terms.

G. R. CARTER

The Reed Cup

	Blackbrook	Cams	School	Westbury
Senior	12	0	12	12
Junior	12½	5	2½	10
Minor	0	8	12	4
	—	—	—	—
Total	24½	13	26½	26
	—	—	—	—

THE PRICE OF WIT

Cattle are only reared for mutton in this area.

The Aswan is the biggest dame on the Nile.

A standing wave is one that moves so fast that it stands still.

Pig iron is old bikes [Staff?].

His six wives showed that Henry VIII was a very strong king.

Asdic is a kind of fish.

Vertebrate is a kind of animal that lives on grass.

Potato is a stem tuba [Foot noise?].

“ . . . The prison, the steak where Joan (of Arc) is smelt before 10,000 people.”

The clowns were always making the people raw with laughter.

They were always being pested by disease.

They used to learn to read, speak and write propally.

THE SCHOOL

CAT'S IN THE PANTRY

Timothy is my name and I am a ginger cat. I am not what you would call a naughty cat, but here I am shut in the pantry—quite by accident on my mistress's part, I can assure you. Now I am here, I do feel hungry. What's here on this plate? Why it's liver for my mistress's dinner—or is it for mine? I may as well eat it anyway. Oh what a horrible pain in my tummy; I do feel ill. Perhaps a nice drink of cream off the top of the milk will make me feel better. Yes, it does make me feel better, much better. What's that I sniff?—Fish! Why, that must certainly be meant for my dinner; I'll have it now instead of later. Oh I do feel good, and sleepy. I think I'll have a snooze. What's that scratching, and what do I smell?—A mouse! I must catch that mouse for my mistress. She will be pleased with me if I do. What a lot of chasing to catch a little mouse, and oh! what a lot of broken dishes on the floor. I really don't think my mistress will be so pleased after all. I'll just wait quietly until she opens the door and then shoot out quickly and run. Here she comes; now's my chance; goodbye!

G. TAYLOR (IB)

Club Notes

BADMINTON

This term has been quite a successful one for the club. We have far more members now than for some time, and a few bright prospects are arising. If more members were as keen on paying as they are on playing we should be quite a wealthy club.

The badminton team, although not up against such strong opposition as it will meet next term, has generally played well and is so far unbeaten. Four matches have been played this term, two against the Fareham Girls' Grammar School and two against the staff. The inexperienced girls' team won two games in their home fixture in reply to the school team's seven, but in our school hall they failed to win a game. These two matches, however, were enjoyed by both teams and spectators. The two matches against the staff proved, as expected, to be much harder ones, both ending at five games to four in favour of the school. The staff team is a very useful one, and their first pair is extremely strong indeed. Those who have represented the school team this term are: Thomas M., Palmer, Bevis, Welch, Smith, Ward C., Bailey and Martin.

This term has seen the start of another handicap tournament for the whole school. It will continue next term, and, already, at about the half-way stage, some of the club members have been knocked out, so there will be great competition throughout. Good luck to those non-club members who are still there.

M. R. BEVIS

CHESS

The Autumn term has produced the usual influx of new members mainly from the lower forms, some of whom show promise. A chess tournament has been instituted, run on different lines from previous years so that all boys would play at least three games instead of half the entrants being knocked out in the first round, and this is progressing well.

In the Portsmouth and District Chess League the Senior team, after only just failing to win the trophy last year have started this season rather disappointingly. They had a 3-2 win against Purbrook Grammar School but then lost 1½-3½ against St. John's College, last year's winner of the trophy, and when rather under strength 2-3 against Gosport Grammar School. Keen has struck his customary good form and has not yet lost a game and Crawford has made a commendable debut for the Senior team this season

The Junior team which is undoubtedly improving has been rather unlucky in losing twice, 2-3 against Purbrook and 1-4 against St. John's College, but against Portsmouth Grammar School they had a very good win by 4-1. Mason, who for some reason has never played chess for the school before, has shown himself a very competent opening player and has taken the position of board one very well. Weston and Parisot are both noticeably improved players and Davies, Jones and Przybycin have at least one win each to their credit. If they could all win at the same time the team results should definitely improve.

For the first time the school entered a team in the Sunday Times National Schools Tournament. We had a bye through the first round and won the second round by default but in the third round we met stiff opposition in King Edward VI School and were defeated 1½-4½.

A welcome is extended to anybody in the school who wishes to join the chess club and tuition will be arranged for beginners.

R. J. TYACK

THE CHOIR

This Autumn term has seen a break with tradition. There has actually been a school concert. Owing to the unsuitability of our own hall another link has been forged between us and our sister school; Price's School and the Fareham Girls' Grammar School combined to give a concert in the latter's hall on 13 and 14 November, very successfully organized and conducted by Mr. Boote and Mr. Humphreys, the respective music masters.

In this concert the Girls' choir and Price's Senior and Junior (composed of first and second form boys) choirs each sang a number of separate items and the girls and the tenors and basses of our choir combined for performances of *Te Deum* by Stanford and two choruses from a Bach Cantata and all combined to sing *England* by Parry. Besides the choir items, there were performances by the girls' string orchestra and recorder group and solo and duet items by two girls and two boys.

On Thursday, 14 December, the choir sang in the familiar carol service in SS Peter and Paul's Church; for the first time, at the request of the parents and owing to the increasing size of the school, two services were held, one for the school in the afternoon and one in the evening for the benefit of parents.

R. J. TYACK

CHRISTIAN UNION

A branch of the Inter-Schools Christian Fellowship has been started at School this term. Four meetings have now been held, one of which was linked with Fareham Girls' Grammar School, who have also recently started a Christian Union. The speaker at two of the meetings was the Rev. Harry Glover from St. John's, Fareham and at the final one a talk was given by Derek Thomas. Support for the Union has been very good and we have a membership of about fifteen.

J. A. PACKMAN

CYCLING

Mid-way through the Autumn term, several people expressed interest in forming a cycling club, which was promptly brought into existence. Only one outing was possible this term, to Beaulieu. Those who went, enjoyed the topography both en route and at the abbey. Unfortunately the Car Museum was closed, but a favourable time was spent examining relics of quite amazing features and shapes.

The outward journey was a series of "burn-ups", and several stops were necessary to collect those who trailed. Returning home, the several hill climbs took their toll of the riders, and unfortunately, we were somewhat split up on arrival at Fareham.

Next term, after the exams, we hope to expand and become more active, with outings possibly to Brighton, Bournemouth and Guildford. New members from the Upper School will be welcome.

D. GOLDRING

MODERN JAZZ

The formation of this group can be likened to a spontaneous combustion. It burst quite unexpectedly into a flame of enthusiasm one wet Thursday afternoon in November and has since been kept burning by such stimulating, if conventional fuels as Brubeck, Dankworth and the M.J.Q. In time as we progress "farther out" on the jazz scene, it is hoped to include some of the less popular artists in "mod" spheres, having tended to neglect these at previous sessions.

The response to our efforts in presenting this much maligned branch of jazz was inevitably moderate but nonetheless heartening. Of those who attended our first meeting the majority were already "addicts," needless to say, but one or two came out of curiosity, or even scorn. In a comparatively short space of time, this society can boast one genuine convert and several "fringers" who, we hope have found that there is more to jazz than just Acker Bilk!

G. A. EDWARDS

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This term has been notable for the increase in our membership and in our funds. However, no new apparatus has been purchased owing to several unforeseen accidents involving chemicals being poured away by person or persons unknown; we were very surprised and shocked to discover that one of our number could do this and fail to admit his errors. The Library has obtained a new Ilford *Manual of Photography* for us and some members have found it extremely useful. We have co-operated closely with other School societies, lending the Badminton Club part of our funds to buy new equipment, and partly organising the Radio Club's trip to the Radio Show in London. In conclusion, J. Packman is resigning at the end of this term and a new treasurer will be elected from the Committee.

N. A. HALLS

RADIO

This name appears in the magazine for the first time, the Club having been formed early in September.

For several years members of the Sixth form who were interested in radio have been meeting, but this term it was all made official, and the loft (people may remember it as the old Signals Room) was donated as a club room. Farr was in due course elected President and myself treasurer.

After a sad start when some of the more foolish elements came out on top (an understatement) the Club has run along smoothly enough, with lectures given each week to beginners, and the more senior members happily constructing equipment with components given by Mr. Iredale (who has helped us a great deal).

In the future the lectures will continue and we hope to ask some "real gen-boys" along to speak to us. It is pointed out that although the Club Registers are now closed, new members will still be considered.

H. A. J. RODDIS

SAILING

At the Hampshire v. West Sussex sailing match held on Friday, 22 September, in Chichester harbour, the school was represented by two crews:

Aldred and Freemantle

Warde, G. and Ward, C.

In the first race Aldred/Freemantle crossed the finishing line first, Warde/Ward following in second place. In the second race Warde/Ward finished first, Aldred/Freemantle third. Eight boats, four from each county, were competing.

Hampshire won the match by 69½ points to 51 points.

AFFAIR

What is Khrushchev going to do
About Berlin; the Congo too?
There're soldiers here, and soldiers there,
And H-bombs blown up everywhere.
I thought that life was full of fun,
Until I heard of a megaton.

D. DOYLE (IA)

ME

Who am I? I'm me,
And me I'll always be.
I won't be you
Or Billy or Sue.
I'm me.

I'm not the boy next door
Nor the carpet on the floor;
I'll always be the same
No matter what my name:
I'm me.

I'm not a tree or log,
A budgie or a dog,
I'm not a baby in a pram—
I'm just the way I am:
I'm me.

Who am I? I'm me.
For it's quite plain to see
I'll always just be me,
Not a cupboard or a key:
I'm me.

ME. (IA)

BY NIGHT

It was a dark and windy night
Just by the haunted tower;
The skeletons and ghosts were there
Alert for humans to devour.
If anyone should go that way
That certain haunted night,
In the morning there would be
Of that person not a sight—
Except for bloodstains on the ground
And sometimes too the fateful sound
Of grinding bones and clanking chains,
And hearty cackling laughter.
I hope you'll think this poem ends
Quite happily hereafter.

D. THOMAS (IB)

PROGRESS

No more the stinking wood, the cubbyholes irregular,
Tottering beams, tattered dusters, blackboards creaking downwards,
Deck of cards, the ersatz tea, the dog-ends surreptitious,
Crumbling plaster, rusty pipes, floors unswept, the dust of time.
Disgusting! Bring it down, build tall and square, symmetrical,
Order, numbered pegs, mediocrities identical,
Learning joyless, bleak, classrooms square and clean, aseptic,
A school without a soul, a teeming tomb, a building full
Of emptiness.

A. C. CLARK

EDUCATION IN CANADA

A professor of English from the University of Texas told me in Canada three years ago that almost half his first year students were illiterate. He said that to enter an American university a person had to "sit on his backside at school for ten years", play in the football team, and take part in the dances and social life of the school. Outstanding scholastic achievement is not necessary. Everyone who has the inclination and the money goes to university in America, but a large proportion of those entering leave before the end of the first year. This is also true in Canada, although Canadians regard American education as inferior to their own. From the British point of view the two systems, though varying from state to state and from province to province, are very much alike. The academic standard is very low. When a Canadian leaves High School for university he has barely reached the G.C.E. "O" Level.

However, the purpose of state education in North America (there are very few private schools), is to produce "good all-round citizens", and "social development" plays as large a part in the curriculum as mathematics. In American High Schools girls are taught how to use cosmetics and throughout Canada such things as car-maintenance are part of the course; indeed many of the boys are given big American cars for their sixteenth birthdays. The disregard for purely scholastic work is reflected by the course a would-be teacher follows at university— for the first year he studies "selections from the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences," and for the remaining two years psychology and sociology.

There is no separation of the bright students from the dull and when a Canadian is about fifteen years old he goes to High School. A highly-powered "extra-curricula" life is sponsored by the headmaster and a prosperous students' council exists. There is no school uniform and boys can smoke at break. The monthly school magazine is almost full of information about who is "going steady" with whom. The Canadian thinks of our schools as inconceivably spartan. In this atmosphere the student with academic leanings gets little encouragement.

The city High School is a vast and magnificently equipped building. But in the Canadian countryside the school is too often a one-room shack where the one teacher has to cope with children ranging in age from six to sixteen years. Each morning in town and country schools alike the children sing *God Save the Queen*, just as in America they sing *The Stars and Stripes*. This patriotism, particularly in America, is accompanied by teaching which discourages free thinking since the teachers are rarely intellectuals. Some American school-teachers told their pupils outrightly that Major Gagarin's space flight was a fake, and the Russians have for many years been referred to as "the enemy". In a world of popular psychology and shallow learning people with unconventional ideas are too easily labelled 'neurotic' and, if the ideas are political, they may be deported.

The North American education system is not a sound basis for the enormous scientific and artistic achievements which have taken place and must continue to be made at an ever increasing rate. It is not true to say that the progress of the United States and Canada depends entirely on an influx of brains from Europe, but a British graduate is greatly appreciated by North American firms and he can command a high salary. Many Canadians are aware of the deficiencies in their system and private schools are being set up modelled on the lines of British Grammar Schools.

Canada is still a young country and it would be to her credit if she learned from the success of this type of school and refrained from following the American pattern any further. Imperfect as our system is, Canada has still something to learn from us which can in no small way affect the destiny of the 'new world', and secure for her an even greater future.

L. Y. GARVEY

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At the time of writing Christmas is not yet with us although the cold weather seems to augur well for the Festive Spirit. However, by the time this reaches you in print it will be 1962 and Christmas and the New Year will be but memories, albeit pleasant ones, I trust. Things will not have changed much and over the course of the next year I am certain the affairs of the Association will continue to run their placid course. Only one thing disturbs the even flow and that is the payment of subscriptions. I regret I have not time enough to spare to check the exact amount and numbers outstanding, but at this time many members have not paid their subscription for 1961, and indeed some have not paid for several years. Another disappointing feature is that many of the people, who normally give no trouble in this respect, as they pay by banker's order, have ignored both my pleas in *The Lion* and the new orders sent to them for signature, so many of them are still paying only seven shillings and sixpence, some to the wrong bank. The strength of an Association such as ours depends on the members, the enthusiasm, the interest and co-operation of each individual. Let us beware lest at some future date we have to wind up our affairs through lack of support. This is not an idle thought as recently the same thing has occurred to the Past Students Association of my University.

After the Football match on 7 October, thirty-one members and guests sat down to an excellent meal at the White Cockade. It was a pleasure to see that there were representatives of all years, with few exceptions, from 1898 to the present day. After the Headmaster had given the Loyal Toast all sat back in their chairs expectantly and they were not disappointed. David Tinling, not long an Old Boy, gave us a few reminiscences of the lighter side of his School life, with particular reference to black eyes, whilst ably proposing the Toast to the School. As custom demands, P. J. Vibert, the Head Boy, replied on behalf of the School and treated us to an excellent discourse: not for him the dull statistics of achievement but rather the vista of the future with its opportunities to be seized. Mr. Shaw, somehow inveigled on to his

feet (a most difficult task I can assure you), spoke brilliantly whilst proposing the Toast to the Association. His theme seemed to preach "quality, not quantity" but he touched on many points near to our hearts and I hope, made us all think of our responsibilities to our Old School. C. B. Powell, a fellow Schoolmaster, replied on behalf of the Association and told us how his opinions had changed now he was on the other side of the desk.

For the annual Football Matches with the School see the reports in the appropriate sections of the magazine.

For your diaries, the Hockey match will be played on Saturday, 17 March, 1962. In the evening, the re-formed Fareham Section are hoping to organise a dance at the School.

B. E. JACKMAN (Capt. R.A.) is now serving with 3 Amphibious Observation Troop, R.A., in Hong Kong.

E. W. McLARTY is up at London University.

G. R. STUBBINGTON (Capt. REME) is now stationed in Aden, after Hong Kong, with the 17/21st Lancers. He has met several OPs out there, including Peter Gregory, Roger Dimmock and D. Hunt.

C. J. VERDON has been promoted Lt.-Col. in the Royal Marines and will be serving at Buckleigh, near Plymouth, after February 1962.

A. R. REED is disporting himself in the Bahamas (lucky fellow) installing radio stations on remote islands.

P. J. C. KEEMER has returned to the normal Civil Service routine in this country after a pleasant time in Singapore.

R. A. BRENT is up at Hull University.

A. SWATTON after serving in Germany, where he met A. Byng, has now been demobbed and is working for 'Boots'.

P. B. A. RIDETT has been ensnared into marriage. We wish him and his wife much future happiness.

One of our newer members recently wished to resign because he felt out of things when attending Reunions, as none of the older members paid any attention to him. I am glad to say he changed his mind but I feel that all members, whether young or old, should realize their responsibilities on such occasions and make themselves known to each other. If we are not careful, old will not speak to new, and vice-versa, and in the end all will resign.

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A great deal has happened to the London Society and its members since I last wrote of our doings in the Capital. The October meeting went well except that Patrick Ridett arrived at the correct time alone, waited as long as he could, and left without seeing anybody. We all rolled up a little tardily as tends to be our wont and never saw him.

I would like to use the wide circulation of *The Lion* to help solve a mystery. On this particular evening, 3 October, at about 7.30 p.m. as I strode into the Strand carrying what was meant to be an impressive bundle of files, I saw a tall, fair, good-looking young man standing on the kerb, hesitating. He wore spectacles, an Old Pricean tie and carried an umbrella

As I rapidly approached he gave a last bewildered look round and crossed into a stream of traffic. I shouted loudly, "I say", but he took no notice. Several other people did, however, and I quickly had to simulate a severe cough to avoid the aggrieved glances of the passers-by. I would like to ask this prospective member, as he clearly was, not to give up hope.

Another odd thing about this meeting was the advent of Fred Farrell. He actually reached the lounge of the Grand Grill and apparently saw David Hayward and some other older members talking to Jim Brammer. Not recognizing anyone and believing he was the first he sipped a lone ale or two until I arrived, when with a common denominator all was revealed. We were very glad to welcome him back.

The next event was, of course, the Old Boys Soccer match. There were not as many London members as usual, but this was probably owing to the weather.

It was just after this that we heard the very good news that Margaret Ellis had had her baby—a boy, Jeremy. He is a lovely little chap and we offer our sincere congratulations to Peter and Margaret. The London Society further offer their congratulations to Colonel Chignell on his appointment as Chairman of Brand and Company; to Colonel Verdon, rather belatedly, on his promotion; to Keith Devlin on passing top in the recent Civil Service Examinations and to Patrick Ridett on his recent marriage.

There has been a considerable amount of movement among members, some of which should be of interest. Alec Reed was last heard of in the Bahamas where he had chartered a yacht. Squadron Leader Daysh has visited Gibraltar. Patrick Ridett has joined I.T.N. and is now living in London. Fred Farrell has flown back to the Near East to investigate reports that the natives are revolting. Colonel Verdon is shortly returning from Singapore to Plymouth. Martin Privett is now working at Worthing. Lastly, Peter Keemer has returned to this country and is now living in Surrey. We are all looking forward to seeing him again.

The Christmas Dinner took place on 1 December, at Bertorelli's. Two of our guests could not come; Mr. Gale, who is now living in Lancashire, sent his regrets and best wishes to all present. P. J. Vibert, the Head Boy, was prevented from coming as by all accounts he was in bed with 'flu. This was a pity as it was the first time that the Head Boy had been invited to London in his official capacity. We were delighted to welcome from Fareham Mr. Ashton, Mr. Poyner, Mr. Thacker and Mr. Howard-Jones. The weather was foul and several people were late. By ten to eight all had arrived except Vivian Knight, who was driving from his home in Hertfordshire. We quite rightly delayed the start until he came and the meal began at eight o'clock. The President, David Hayward, presided. One new member attended the Dinner. This was Timothy Pugh who is now living in London—we were very pleased to welcome him. We were also glad to see Geoffrey Winsor back with us again. The menu was the traditional one.

The President proposed the Loyal Toast and then called on Don Humphries to propose the toast of the School. He gave us a nostalgic and diverting account of life at Price's in the early days and with nods of agreement from Derek Swinstead and Donald Priddon assured us that in fact the bad old days were very good indeed. The Headmaster replied, and told us of the expansion which was now the constant factor in the life of the School. Martin Privett spoke next, proposing the London Society. He gave us some original thoughts on the matter; the President replied and made some sensible and germane observations ending with a generous tribute to the Officials of the Society.

For the whole of the Dinner the conversation was interesting and stimulating and I think all of us were glad we went. After the Dinner broke up a few of us went over the road for a last drink and then David Tinling and I set out for the north. The next meeting will be at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 6 February, at the Grand Grill, Strand and after that on the first Tuesday in April. As I shall probably be detached to Malaya for two months from mid-January the arrangements for the February meeting will be made by David Hayward. On returning from Malaya I hope to have some more news of Tony Purkis, and the Malayan Branch of the L.S.O.P.

In ending these notes I should like to wish all members of the new Fareham Branch of the O.P.A. the best of luck from the London Society.

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FAREHAM BRANCH NOTES

By coincidence the branch held its first meeting at the Red Lion on the night of the London Section's annual Christmas Dinner. To those of you who are learning of the resurrections of the Fareham Branch (after a long period of slumber), here are a few oddments of news that might help you find us. We meet, for the time being, on the first Friday of the month at the Red Lion. Provisional arrangements have been made for the use of the school on Thursdays from 7.15 p.m. for badminton, table tennis *et alia*. After the hockey match we are arranging a dance at the school. We have decided that for 2/6d. per head, any Old Pricean and wife, or close friend, will be able to dance from 8 p.m. until 11.30 p.m. There is only one snag: we have to ask you to bring your own refreshments.

The leading lights in our revival in Fareham are John Cole and David Williams. Though shy of publicity, it was due to their enthusiasm that we have arrived.

We look forward to hearing from any of you who want further information, and to seeing any of you who are in Fareham at any time, especially on the first Friday of the month, at the Red Lion. Don't forget the dance after the hockey match. It will be a very successful evening even if we lose the match.

M. I. KIRBY,
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Parent-Teacher Association

On Wednesday, 20 September, the School Hall was crowded for the Annual General Meeting. We are grateful for the help of Mrs. Nash, and Mr. Coffin, members of the Committee who were unable to continue. The remainder of the Committee were re-elected; in addition we welcome Mrs. Garside and Mrs. Gilbert.

The band of volunteers to help in providing equipment for the Fete has been formed and will work under the auspices of Mr. W. Smith. The first meeting will be held in the New Year and then we hope to take advantage of the kind offer of facilities by Mr. Poyner and Mr. Briscoe.

On Friday, 8 December Mr. Hatfield, Careers Advisor, Ministry of Labour addressed a gathering of parents. The weather that evening was appalling and the attendance poor, but the parents who did attend were extremely interested as evidenced by the stream of questions. Mr. Hatfield has kindly offered to attend a similar meeting next term (the weather and attendance improved, we hope!).

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