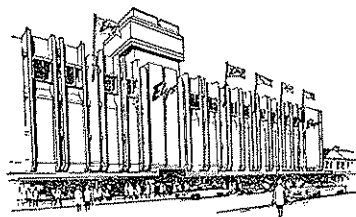


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EDITORIAL

I have caught myself out recently in a number of prejudices in which I have favoured—for no good reason—traditional (and English) habits of language. Having many times seen discussed the ways in which speech-habits both reflect and influence our thought-habits, I felt I should avoid such prejudices. It is for this reason that I am avoiding the traditional "we" of the editorial and substituting a far more honest "I." These prejudices have taken strange forms. Hitherto I have loathed and detested the sound of the American-born word "commuter" while the older word "computer" has never offended me in the least. Furthermore, I have taken care to avoid the very useful suffix "-wise" (meaning "as regards"). And so on. Now, the varied origins of the English Language (to which, as a lover of language, I give a capital letter) are largely responsible for the fluency of it, so that I feel that I am in some small way hindering the progress of the Language by my prejudices. Henceforward therefore (which will be my last archaism) I intend to reform and—I hope—to add vigour and directness to my own writing.

This brings me to my point as an Editor. If all contributors—especially those who contribute more or less involuntarily in society reports—took particular care to ensure that there is some life in their reports, one might feel that there is life in the societies they represent, which, needless to add, would greatly improve this magazine, and might well help the societies.

H.E.R.

Looking back on seventeen years, one sees how substantial and penetrating a part Mr. H. E. Rudgley has played in what the School is and does. He has been from first to last not only Senior History Master but an outstanding figure in the Common Room and all worthwhile things that went on. Not only has he a first class honours degree in his own subject (one cannot, somehow, think of him as having less), but also much

other talent ; to paint a picture or compose a song, to design sets for "The Critic," or posters for the Library. He scored elegant runs for the Staff XI ; he judged debates and music ; perhaps above all his services to us he ran and built up the Library. He is of an unmistakable mental and moral stature, through which on successive Arts and Economics Sixths, in particular, he had a deep influence. That it is also an abiding influence, recent letters from Old Boys make clear. Even by those whose folly he occasionally bore less than gladly, he is remembered with cordial respect and affection. He is better after his heart attack, and we hope that during a long and enjoyable retirement he will pay frequent visits to Raynes Park.

T.H.P.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are very pleased to record the award to the Head Prefect, P. V. Mallett, of an Exhibition in English at King's College, Cambridge.

R. J. Anderson and K. G. Jones have done very well to be selected for the full Surrey Schools XV, our first representatives for a few seasons.

SCHOOL OCCASIONS VISITORS

This term the Sixth Form listened to three talks delivered by the Rev. David Skinner, Mr. Derek Cooper and Mr. A. J. Fowles. The Rev. David Skinner (of the Anglican Radio and T.V. Council) spoke on the problem of religious communication through television. Mr. Derek Cooper (incidentally an Old Boy) delivered an extremely entertaining talk on the problem of South-East Asia. The questions at the end of the talk showed how much the subject interested the Sixth Form. The third speaker (again an Old Boy) gave us an account of his experiences in California while studying film at its university. He contrasted the American Educational system with our own and told us not to think too harshly of the former, as although alien to our own, it is necessary in their type of society.

We should like to thank the three speakers for giving up their time to come and talk to us.

THE ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING

When Councillor E. F. Dakin took the chair at the Prizegiving on Monday, 5th October, he was able to extend a welcome to many parents, Old Boys and friends of the school, but not immediately to the speaker. The chair to his right remained worryingly vacant. Trusting Mr. Robert Robinson's reputation, and assuming that he had been held up in crossing London, he opened the proceedings by asking the Headmaster to give his report. Shortly after commencing, the Headmaster was interrupted by the arrival of a somewhat harassed-looking Mr. Robinson, who, it was discovered, had been a victim of traffic congestion on Putney Bridge.

The Headmaster continued, all but undisturbed, by paying tribute to the Surrey County Council for their benevolence, and their undictatorial and

efficient administration. His remarks were by way of an obituary, because from next April 1st (an unfortunate date perhaps!) the school will be controlled by the new London Borough of Merton. There will be a number of severe financial and administrative repercussions as a result of this change. All sorts of details, from the maintenance of equipment to university grants, will fall among the responsibilities of the new borough. The transition will not be easy.

Turning to the internal affairs of the school, he commented that examination results were not everything, which is fortunate as this year they had been more erratic and unreliable than usual. Despite the efforts of the examining boards, twenty-seven boys gained university places, including four to Oxford (where G. R. Myers was elected to an Open Exhibition) and one to Cambridge. He felt that too much depended on grades at "A" Level owing to the present pressure for University places and the absence of good results did not always indicate laziness or wasted time. Boys not inclined to book-worming were (in general) spending their time profitably, although perhaps too much energy went into maintaining scooters, short-sighted jobs or "Beatle" haircuts. Although he did not consider that an intelligent eighteen-year-old should have the colour of his socks or the length of his hair dictated by a gentleman born in the reign of Edward VII, he thought that the boys concerned would strengthen his arguments for freedom of choice if they worked for better results.

Mr. Robert Robinson, an Old Boy of "Points of View" fame, then presented the prizes and delivered his address. The grammar school system could, he said, lead to "educational apartheid": we are in danger of having first-class and second-class citizens. Although grammar school boys might be "natural survivors" it is easy for a boy from a secondary-modern school to feel rejected. The aim of education was, he felt, to enable children to cling on to their individuality, not to push on the most brilliant. To the detriment of his argument, however, he seemed at times to be inconsistent with ideas and practice, as when he condemned the attitude that one should try to be "with-it." One felt perhaps that his own views, though no doubt seriously and sincerely uttered, were "with-it." His conclusion, that the comprehensive school would avoid many of the possible difficulties caused by the grammar school system, was unexpected from a grammar school man, but perhaps a provoking thought to a grammar school audience.

P. V. Mallett and R. C. Cottrell.

PRIZE LIST FOR 1963-4

Form Prizes

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| 1.Z | P. C. Horton, G. H. Roberts |
| 1.Y | P. J. Smith, M. D. Williamson |
| Tr. C | S. L. Buckingham, G. C. Bond, I. D. Ness |
| 2.Geog. | D. C. Woodcock, G. N. Abbott |
| 2.H | D. M. Roberts, P. S. Beardsmore |
| Tr. A | R. E. Pengilly, D. J. Ventham, D. V. Miles |
| 3.D | J. R. Parker, J. D. Needle |

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| 3.F | A. J. Taylor, G. C. Gosling |
| 4.I | N. D. Gilbert, M. J. Stimpson |
| 4.K | A. T. King, D. R. Green |

Lower Sixth—

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| Arts | M. A. Coppen, R. M. Page, D. Andrews |
| Science | D. L. Clarke, C. L. Gray, R. A. Henderson, H. D. Saunders, M. H. English, J. D. Miskin, A. Pottinger |
| Economics | N. D. Catton, A. S. Pollak, P. R. Silver |

For performance in "O" Level G.C.E.

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| Tr. E | R. J. Biellik, C. Q. Colombo, R. J. Hendry, P. I. King, S. R. Parr, M. Podgorney, H. L. Tan, J. R. Wignall. |
| 5th Forms | D. C. Bryant, C. D. Colman ; D. J. Hutchins, N. P. Ross, N. J. High ; I. D. Page, G. P. Taylor. |

For performance in "A" Level G.C.E.

Upper Sixth—

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| Arts | C. R. Blackwell, A. D. Crowe, J. Evans P. V. Mallett, J. Nisbet |
| Science | Norman Prize: R. H. Terry D. F. Blunden, S. H. Brown, S. J. Butler, R. H. L. Catt, R. C. Cottrell. |
| Economics | A. J. C. Brazier, K. E. Jackson, B. M. Keen |

General Prizes

"Outside Effort" Prizes

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| | B. G. Butcher, J. F. Ventham, G. M. Bradshaw, G. A. Featherstone, A. J. C. Brazier, C. R. Shoebridge, A. P. Trundley, J. A. Haw, M. A. Hyman, K. G. Jones |
| Hobbies | M. Emery, I. D. Masters |
| Music | L. C. Williams |
| Art | C. J. Hill |
| Craft | C. Ward, B. M. Bambridge, I. D. Page, B. G. Pearce |
| Beaverbrook-Bennett Prizes | D. de M. Naylor, N. W. Walker |
| Kilburn Prize | D. V. Miles |
| Old Boys' Prize | C. R. Blackwell, G. M. Bradshaw, M. P. Dudley |
| L. A. G. Strong Prize | C. R. Blackwell, P. V. Mallett |
| John Robbins Prize | L. F. Elliott, N. A. Hall |
| Leaving Prize to Head of School | I. P. Jackman |

TROPHIES

From Open Competition

Wimbledon and District Athletic Association's Junior Shield
 Wimbledon and District Athletic Association's Championship Trophy
 (Intermediate)
 Wimbledon and District Athletic Association's Challenge Cup (Boys'
 Relay)
 Surrey County A.A.A. School under 15 Relay Trophy
 Surrey Grammar School (2 stream) Trophy
 Walton Athletic Club's Springbok Relay Trophy

From School Competition

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| Eric Parker Cup | K. E. Jackson |
| Robert Hall Colt Cross Country Cup | S. R. Parr |
| Michael Welby Debating Cup | Cobbs |
| Weightman Chess Cup | Cobbs |
| Parents' Rugby Cup | Cobbs |
| Governors' Cricket Cup | Newsoms |
| Spur Society's Hockey Cup | Cobbs |
| Cray Swimming Cup | Gibbs |
| S. H. Marshall Cross Country Cup | Cobbs |
| John Garrett Athletics Cup | Miltons |
| T. W. Powys Cobb Tennis Cup | Cobbs |
| B. C. Michez Cup for Gymnastics | Gibbs |
| P. W. Garrett House Play Cup | Cobbs |
| John Timpson Music Cup | Newsoms |
| B. T. King Cock House Cup | Cobbs |

THE CAROL CONCERT

"We hope that everyone will join in singing the items starred." So indicated the programme, and so everyone did; but there were only four asterisked items. The cutting-down of active community participation was, I thought, a pity, but it did not spoil a very enjoyable evening; for some it may even have enhanced it!

The various choral items gave great pleasure, most of all the Shepherd-boy carol, words by N. Hall and music by A. Crowe. It is a good sign when within a couple of days of its first public performance one hears a tune being hummed and whistled all over the School. The actual performance under its composer-conductor was very good too, as was L. C. Williams's conducting of the Gallician Carol, Torches. I found the whole-hearted vigorous singing of some of the trebles a tonic, but it did not always make for perfect balance between the parts; some items were lacking in light and shade. But generally good as all the items were, we did very much miss the Massed Aldersean Choir. When may we hope for its reappearance?

The orchestra has gone from strength to strength and can now do what Mr. Ayton requires of it and, as a result, made some very entertaining noises. So did the smaller groups of woodwind and recorders and the soloist, Ware, who delighted everyone with his own composition, "Joy Ride In Vienna," not so much by the beauty of the sounds he produced as because it was so obviously a joy ride for him and we were all infected with his zest.

The readings were most interestingly chosen by Dr. Morgan, but not always so interestingly read—perhaps there was not enough time for rehearsal. On the other hand Mr. Peter Smith whose readings year after year are high spots in the Carol Concert never read more brilliantly than he did Mr. Wardle's Party. Every word was given its fullest possible significance: indeed, his reading was a little masterpiece.

All in all we had a warm, friendly evening, the more so by reason of the excellent tea and coffee served by the newly formed Parents' Association.

H.A.P.

HOUSE NOTES

COBBS

House Captain: R. C. Cottrell.

House Prefects: L. Hammond, K. Phillips, P. Roderick.

House activities during this term are usually characterised by procrastination. Despite diligent attempts from house masters and captains to encourage everyone to "get things done early," response has been moderate. Hockey and Rugby practices have had only average attendance, and swimming qualifying has been leisurely. The music competition has followed its customary chaotic career resulting in the choral section being put forward to this term so that successful choirs can grace the Carol Concert. Roderick, our captain, is to be congratulated on his success and patience.

No competition has been completed by all sections of the houses, and consequently only a brief summary of the position may be given. The Senior Rugby team has the best record for some time. Of the four matches they have won three and drawn the other. The Colts have been less successful, winning only one, and drawing one other. The Juniors have still to play and hold the balance in the final result.

Under the inspiration and leadership of K. Phillips the tennis team has been unexpectedly successful in defeating the favourites, Newsoms, and another strong side, Miltons. There are two more matches to play. The Senior Chess has been completed (won, one; lost, one; drawn, two;) but the remainder have not. Basketball, on the other hand, has been, to date, a resounding success. D. E. Heaton's team have shattered three opponents and have only our great rivals, Gibbs, to play.

It is impossible to draw any useful or general conclusions from such figures, except, perhaps, to observe that it will be hard work to maintain

in our possession the vast hoard of cups that we would have displayed at our House Supper if changes in the Kitchen Staff had not caused its postponement to next term. There are ominous gaps in the ranks of our seniors at the beginning of each year. It is to be hoped that dormant ability will be forthcoming to retain the Cock House Cup so worthily won last year.

It would be unfitting to finish this report without extending a welcome, if belated, to Mr. L. F. Rogers and Mr. D. E. Johnston who have become house tutors recently. We thank them for their help, Mr. Rogers particularly with the basketball and House Supper arrangements, and Mr. Johnston with Music and Cross Country, and hope they will enjoy their connections with us.

R. C. Cottrell.

Cottrell has only been House-Captain for a term but in that time his interest and influence have been plainly felt. We shall miss him.

G.J.A.

GIBBS

House Captain : P. V. Mallett.

House Prefects : D. Castling, C. A. Fulbrook, G. A. Kiddell, I. A. Lane, B. J. Rance, B. J. L. Saxby, B. A. Woodall.

The first house event of the year was the house supper, which gave every indication of being well-enjoyed. The manner and the spirit of it are a tribute to the prefects and staff concerned—no other house could have presented such an evening.

One can easily draw the traditional moral from this: "If everyone does his bit, the house will be successful." This is as true as ever this year: gymnastics, swimming and cross-country cups can all be won only by a concerted effort from the house next term. In every cup competition our position is favourable, but one or more houses are challenging us—in particular Cobbs and Newsoms.

This has been the pattern already this term, Cobbs will win the basketball, Cobbs or Newsoms will win the tennis, Newsoms will probably win the rugby. Gibbs will be second or third in all these competitions, and could well win the rugby. Chess, dramatics and debating are very open, but our position in the chess is very strong. Hockey we should win.

Ours is a good house: we have a number of outstanding individuals—witness the number of prefects in the house—and the spirit in most sections of the house is very good. When I first came to this school, the then house captain, Terry Ayres, was fond of quoting a comment made by a rival house captain: Gibbs types are "nauseatingly keen." This spirit must return to the house in all sections of it—juniors, colts and seniors alike. It is enthusiastic participation that makes events enjoyable and worthwhile; it also wins cups. When twenty-odd people turn out to a practice, it becomes both enjoyable and useful: a practice with six people is tedious and profitless.

To be more specific: qualify for cross-country and swimming and come forward when invited to do so if you can possibly help. Virtually anyone can get a "B" at cross-country; anyone who can swim can qualify there, and those who can't would do well to learn anyway. All the competitions are open: by my count, we can win all the cups that will be awarded in the spring and summer terms, and in every case we should at least be second—which means that a big effort can enable us to walk away with the Cock House Cup.

P. V. Mallett.

HALLIWELLS

House Captain: N. D. Catton.

House Prefects: D. Andrews, M. P. Dudley, R. W. Higgs, R. M. Page.

The editor of last term's "Spur" suggested that there is some antique fascination "to find accounts in the present tense of events we now know as details of history." Applying such an observation to backnumbers of the "Spur," I note that fascination is not lacking, but also that the word "monotonous" should preface such a term when talking of Halliwells house notes over the past two years.

In 1962 the following remarks were made in house notes by the then house captain, Derek Shaw. "We are third in the Cock House Competition when we should have been first. Gibbs won because they had House spirit, not necessarily the best people. House spirit means a lot, and it is sad to see it lacking in Halliwells." . . . "the Cock House Cup can be won only by the House as a whole, not by individuals. A really determined effort by everyone can bring it back to Halliwells."

This is not to say that there has not been a slight improvement in House spirit since 1962, nor to say that we have a chance of finishing at the head of the Cock House table this year, but I expect some effort by way of House spirit and qualifying effort to elevate us from the dismal bottom position last year, ten points behind fourth place.

Last year, swimming qualifying set a good example and in the earlier part of this term it seemed as though the example was being followed, but already our marginal lead is lost and Newsoms are chasing fast.

Rugby fared much as expected, although an optimistic third or fourth placing may have been possible had certain members been available for all the senior matches. The Colts, led by Parsons, must be congratulated on their unexpected victory over Cobbs. Higham as captain of the senior team is to be congratulated on his London Counties selection: it is unfortunate that he was unable to play for the House team in two matches.

Unexpected progress in basketball in the House meant that the team had a fairly convincing win over Miltons and respectable losses to far superior Gibbs and Cobbs teams. Hopes were high against Newsoms but in the event we fell to their well-organised attack. In this sphere, our

thanks are especially due to Standish and Maskell for raising the scores to respectable levels.

The chess competition has yet to be concluded, but under the leadership of Saunders the senior team cannot come below second place and we look forward to concrete results from our junior team which at least appears keen.

Next term we have chances of creditable performances in hockey and dramatics, and provided that qualifying is attacked with some enthusiasm by all members of the House there are possibilities in swimming and cross-country. If, however, Halliwells runs true to form it will let slide its chances and I shall be able to report next term a succession of mediocre performances. See that I shall have no justification for doing this.

N. D. Catton.

MILTONS

House Captain : I. M. Alexander.

House Prefects : P. K. King, P. F. Dodds.

We began the new school year minus many valuable people who had left in the summer, especially J. Nisbet, upon whom we had relied for leadership in house activities. Basically, the House still has a lot of good material, and although the showing has not been very outstanding up till now, we should do well in the next two terms.

I fear the unimpressive start is due mainly to the seniors, the majority of whom will not bother to put themselves out for the smallest thing. Needless to say, this is not what we want and I hope they will take note of this and pull their weight a little more.

In the Rugby this term the seniors lost three matches and won one. The colts won three and lost one, giving us a total of eight points. This means we have a chance of coming third in the Rugby competition if our juniors do as well as we hope they will. Mention should be made of P. H. Marsh, who has worked very hard as rugby captain this term. Basketball was again poor, our team losing all its matches.

The one good thing this term has been the House Supper, which was quite a success. This was held to commemorate the winning of the Athletics Cup last year. Let's hope now that everyone will do something towards helping the House to win the competitions we have next term. This is the only way we can do it; everybody must do his bit.

I. M. Alexander.

NEWSOMS

House Captain : R. P. L. Ribolla.

House Prefects : A. D. Crowe, N. A. Hall, K. E. Jackson, P. E. Shrubbs, R. H. Terry.

Last term we were unfortunate in losing two seniors, both of whom contributed greatly to house activities. The absence of Spanos will be

particularly noticed in athletics and music, and that of Emmings in dramatics and debating. Although Jackson provisionally left last July, we welcomed his return in September. However, since then he has been offered a place in the University of Kent, which he has accepted, and thus, once again we must say "auf wiedersehen." We wish all three every success in the future.

We lost our first rugby match of the season to Gibbs, but if we lost any confidence in ourselves during the first match, it was soon restored later on that afternoon when Shrubbs urged his team on to a great win over Miltons, scoring a try in the process. A convincing win against a depleted Halliwells was followed by the match against Cobbs, an obviously superior team. Suffice to say that the referee stopped the match early on in the second half, thus saving members of the team from further embarrassment. Credit must go to Howard and Hutchings, while Salter ably captained the team against Cobbs when both Shrubbs and I were injured. We must not overlook the success in the Colts; Naylor guided his team to draw against Cobbs, and gained victories over the others. If we are fortunate enough to win the Rugby Cup next term, we must certainly not forget amidst our celebrations the efforts of the Colts.

Although strictly speaking a summer sport, the tennis competition got off to a flying start from Newsom's point of view, since we beat Gibbs in our first match. Although this was followed by a very close defeat at the hands of Cobbs, at the time of writing, we are halfway towards beating Halliwells, and so have high hopes of faring well in this competition. Our thanks must go to Crowe and Bryant, both of whom have played consistently well.

One has only to study the chess results for this term to appreciate that this is not one of the House's stronger points. To put it more bluntly, we are, at the moment, last, despite Gorton's efforts to instil some zest and enthusiasm into the team. Nevertheless we hope that our juniors will be able to haul us off this somewhat undignified rung of the ladder next term.

The basketball team, captained by Fitter, has not been overwhelmingly successful this term; beaten heavily by Cobbs and Gibbs, the team defeated Miltons in a very exciting game and will meet Halliwells later.

Judging from the volume of boos and applause in that order, the prefects assume that the entertainments in the House Supper were generally enjoyed by all, even if we didn't all know our lines. Of our contributions, we are indebted to Woodall of Gibbs for his Goon-like antics, while Terry provided much material for Hall to work on and mould into presentable form.

This term, therefore, has been one of mixed fortunes, although we have I think, come off on the credit side. Next term we look forward to, I hope, further successes.

R. P. L. Ribolla.



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EXCURSIONS

THE SAD HISTORY OF THE TROJAN WOMEN AND THE SHAVIAN HERALD

In the play "The Trojan Women," Euripides spotlights the misery of the wives of the slaughtered nobles and heroes of Troy, who wait outside the desolate town to hear what fate awaits them from the victorious Greeks. Regrettably, the production of the play at the Royal Stratford Theatre did little to capture the interest of our party.

The company translated the play for their own purposes, and this was the source of their troubles. The problem facing the translator was how to get the best of two worlds — the rather lofty tone of Greek tragedy and the vitality of a contemporary English production. Somehow the two elements just failed to blend in the translation, and consequently we seemed to alternate from one world to the other. Hecuba, the wife of Priam, was at one moment full of the dignity of a stricken queen, and at the next a bitchy and spiteful slut. Talthybius, the good-hearted herald who hated the news he has to bring, seemed, to me at least, to bring with him the flavour of a caricature-type character from Bernard Shaw, which jarred painfully. So rarely did these two aspects of the translation blend that I was never able to settle down to the play for more than a few moments at a time. Perhaps the greatest merit of the production was that it drove home the inadvisability of relying on a translation when one wishes to appreciate the work of a great poet and dramatist.

P. V. Mallett.

IPHIGENIA IN TAURIS—EURIPIDES

Iphigenia, daughter of Agamemnon, who was supposed to have been sacrificed by her father at Aulis, was really saved by Artemis. She is now priestess to this goddess in the land of Tauris at the end of a very unfriendly sea. The Taurians have this quaint custom of killing anyone they do not remember seeing about before. If some misguided Greek happens to be thrown up on this wild location, it will be the piece-rate job of Iphigenia to prepare him for his doom. Surprise when her first customer is none other than her brother Orestes! They both escape with the image of Artemis and sail for Argos. Such is Euripides' plot taken by the new Stage-Sixty company, having a lease at the Theatre Royal, Stratford E.15, as the last of their tragedies [if tragedy this is] in the Euripides' season.

Joan Littlewood and her self-hypnotised troupe of theatre-workshoppers having vacated the scene, this spot down East seems to have hit on something stimulating and worth-while.

The general production had some very interesting and ingenious, if not original, points. The abstract set conveyed the mood extremely well using versatile lighting, but the vague forms did not seem to bear any direct

affinity to the scene, that is the temple of Artemis (which is superficial to the drama anyway). The costume was a break from traditional Greek flow and perhaps even owed more to Mr. Peter Shaffer's Aztecs with their huge gold hoods rearing above their heads. On the other hand the Taurian head-dresses did create a sinister atmosphere which did tend to contrast with the simple sombre lines of Orestes' and Pylades' tunics. The masking of the captive Argive women in the chorus preserved the element of anonymity and unity. The programme credits the 'music and sound' — really a squashed piano bass note, very abstract and foreboding, but I feel it worked better in the Trojan Women tragedy than in this tragi-romance.

The company's acting was consistently good, perhaps too consistent, Freda Dowie practically duplicating Iphigenia and Cassandra (in Trojan Women) which was slightly disconcerting. Never mind, she wiggles her fingers well. Director David Thompson split up the 'Chorus' soliloquy even into monosyllables — impressive but distracting, however perhaps worth experimenting with as a way of emphasising the unity of the Chorus.

On the whole it was a valuable and effective production and an enjoyable evening. Another promising feature was a very well-designed programme worth every bit of the shilling. It will be interesting to see if the company manages to maintain the brilliant standard of their programmes, let alone the standard of production, with which the Stage Sixty Co. has opened.

L. F. Elliott.

THE MARAT/SADE AT THE ALDWYCH

A great deal of verbiage has been written and spoken about the Theatre of Cruelty, in the Sunday papers and on the television, and some that has been said seemed to me to be irresponsible, especially from Mr. Emile Littler. As a result, we organised a small party to go to see the Marat/Sade.

For once, without hesitation, I can say that the play was excellent, as, simply, a piece of theatre. The inmates of the asylum were not actors, but real neurotics, and they seemed to suffer from real illusions; I don't mean, of course, that the actors were gathered from Epsom, but that their whole attitude, physical and mental, was that of madmen. They seemed to break the barrier between sanity and insanity frighteningly easily. Each lunatic displayed some physical disability, and they hobbled and ran round the excellent set, drummed on tins with wooden spoons, chanted and sang; their mad movements, although apparently at random, were beautifully controlled by Peter Brook, and the play moved rhythmically at different tempos. The rest of the cast, the Marquis de Sade, Charlotte Corday, Marat and some of the more illustrious inmates, excelled.

There is a famous quote about the Theatre of Cruelty — "I don't want to see sex and violence on the stage — I can get all that at home!" This play, however, was less crude than the average Goon Show, and treated

masochism as something of great importance, a real problem to somebody such as the Marquis de Sade. The scene where he is whipped by Corday who uses her long hair as the whip, although disturbing, was not horrific or, and this is more important, was not unwarranted — it was an essential part in the examination of de Sade.

As well as being extremely moving and exciting, the play was also at times extremely funny—until you realised that you were, just like the 18th Century visitors to Charenton Asylum, laughing at the antics of the lunatics. Then it became more serious. On the whole, however, the play was a really vital piece of living theatre, combining comedy and tragedy, and, by making people think, involving them in the action. When the inmates went berserk at the end of the play and attacked the warders, the director of Charenton and his invited audience, they might as well have been attacking us.

M. P. Dudley.

CAKES, CLOUDS AND CALCULUS AT THE METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

One Friday, just before half term, five members of 6 Maths 2 left school at the start of the last period and proceeded by 'various' means to the Meteorological Society in Cromwell Road, where we met Mr. Rogers for a very welcome tea provided by our hosts. We moved from the now bare library to the lecture room for a talk on 'Dynamics in Weather Forecasting' by a senior member of the society. He explained the problems of mathematical weather forecasting and then derived the most basic differential equations needed for a one-hour forecast. Then he showed a photograph of the complete equations and during the stunned silence that followed explained that the £100,000 computer the society possesses can do the calculations in three minutes. The figures thus derived are fed back into the computer for a further one-hour forecast and this continues until a 24-hour forecast is obtained.

At 6.30 p.m. about thirty Sixth-formers tottered out into the rain, promising never to say a rude word about a weather man again!

D. A. Seager.

A LINGUISTIC OUTING

Early in December a party of boys from T.R.A visited Wimbledon Technical College to see the new machines which are used to help with language teaching. In this case we tried it with French. Each pupil goes to a separate booth and puts on a pair of earphones with a microphone attached. On the desk in front of the pupil is a tape-recorder. The teacher has a special control panel at the front of the class. He plays a recording of a story or of some item and the pupils hear this through the earphones

and the tape-recorder in front of them records this. The master may stop the tape and ask questions and the pupils reply. Their answer is recorded on the tape-recorder. There might be questions on the master's original tape, and in this case the pupil replies and his answer is recorded. When the pupil has finished, he rewinds the tape and listens to the tape on which he will hear the original story, questions and answers. At any time the master can listen to any particular pupil by means of his control panel.

The visit proved to be very interesting, and thanks are due to Mr. Atkin for arranging it.

G. C. Fry.

HAPPY GOES TO TOWN

The morning of Thursday, September 24th, saw four members of 6th Econ. 2, one tall, one small, one large and one bespectacled, assembled on the up-platform of Motspur Park Station. Soon they were in transports of delight as Dr. Beeching whipped them into Waterloo Station on time. There standing in his best, was their Honourable Organiser waiting to conduct them to that veritable temple of learning (and negro revolutionaries), the London School of Economics. This he proceeded to do and with the utmost care the party, now grown to a dozen, clambered over and under the imposing piles of masonry that indicate the whereabouts of the new Waterloo Bridge and the Shell Building.

At 10 o'clock precisely, 500 immaculately-dressed boys and girls waiting outside the L.S.E. observed in their midst a dozen donkey-jacketed, bejeaned and long-haired youths. These youths, as you have probably guessed, were the cream of Raynes Park's Upper Sixth.

There followed an illustrated talk by four illustrious gentlemen on the working of Esso and in particular the Fawley project. After a hurried lunch we were led by a gentleman clad from tip to toe in green corduroy who answers to the name P.J.J. into the Economics Bookshop and here we spent a pleasant two minutes until opening time.

The afternoon consisted of a heated discussion on various irrelevant topics between a Conservative, a Socialist, a Liberal and a neo-Marxist-Leninist economist. This last eventually came out on top and with a vicious onslaught on the Tory housing policy he routed the opposition. The whole episode was highly entertaining and spice was added by H.A.P. who welcomed with raucous laughter the economist every time he started to speak.

At four o'clock a splinter group was seen heading in the direction of Charing Cross Road. Three hours later on a train heading in the direction of Portsmouth, our four heroes ended the day, engrossed variously in the Irish Times and the collected works of Spike Milligan.

A. S. Pollak.

BURGH HEATH ORGY

On the 20th November all members of the second and third year Economics Sixth were cordially seduced by the 'shadow shadow Chancellor' down to the 'Happy House' [this is not a public house] for a cosy little chat with the landlord and an eminent accountant.

The meeting commenced with the accountant, a Mr. Salter, outlining the purposes and machinery of modern taxation, with a general discussion following. For the most part political biases were kept out of the talk, which led to a quieter evening than was anticipated. Capital gains tax, in particular, was dealt with in some detail; the November budget, too, received fairly full coverage.

At eight minutes past eight, two plates of biscuits and three trays of coffee were carried expertly into the conference-room by a 'sloppy-joed' character, providing a welcome break from the high level jargon of the previous hour. Having passed the biscuits round at least a dozen times, our host invited Mr. Salter to continue, with income tax and tax avoidance as the main topics. At about 9.45, the conference was quickly adjourned in order to provide practical help to the Chancellor in his financial difficulties.

R. J. Nelson.

BRAIDS AND NON-BRAIDS

Once again the braided members of the Upper Sixth were out to show their less fortunate fellows the way to set about things. This time, well out of Mr. Pannell's hearing, that dreaded word was going round: "Soccer!"

On a bleak Friday afternoon 22 energetic custodians of the Upper Sixth took the field to indulge in the English working-man's Saturday afternoon pastime.

At a signal from a pint-sized plant the game commenced, and soon it became obvious that the prefects' defence was dependent on the left-back who at various crucial stages of the game emitted a series of vociferous sniffs.

The prefects (3-1 on by Honest Sid) looked the more enterprising side, although at half-time both goals were still intact. At this stage of the game their goalkeeper had been changed three times and it was their fourth goalkeeper who eventually let a glorious drive from Heaton put the non-braids in the lead. Immediately after this there was an ugly scene between a knees-up Rosser and a run-down Woodall.

After a scrambled equaliser from Hall, Ribolla hooked in what proved to be the winning goal. Then followed a relentless onslaught on the prefects' goal in which the ball was twice blown off the line by the afore-mentioned vociferous sniff.

The end came with the pint-sized plant being uprooted and severely chastised and the Braids, poor demented souls, executing a tribal war-dance in the middle of the pitch.

A. S. Pollak.

THE CHRISTMAS ATTACK

So I said "I wish I had a tank" and they said "What for?" so I said "So I could drive it the wrong way down the Bypass" and then well we were in the middle of it — it just started to sort of happen!

When I first attempted to make out some sort of report on the charity appeal launched at Wimbledon by a number of prefects, Sixth-formers and at least one Third-former, the above came out. I gave up, and started again. The funny side of the appeal can easily be imagined once one has in mind the picture of the Prefects' Room, not normally over-tidy, decorated or rather buried in fifty sackfuls of clothing. Various prefects with a penchant for "dressing-up" added to the general atmosphere. Hence the flavour of my first draft.

There was, too, a serious side to the business — or more accurately, there were many serious sides to it. A number of people took us — a nice, nebulous plural word, "us" — for granted as being *bona-fide* collectors: meanwhile, those who gave seemed for the most part to be giving as a formality, a kind of social insulation against the reality of the problems involved.

I have said enough to indicate that this appeal roused plenty of reflections and produced plenty of amusement and plans for similar performances — but how often has this magazine seen those hopeful words?

As I write this under the pretence of making out a report, here is the approximate break-down of our success :—

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| Collection from school | £18 |
| "(approx. 9d. per head) | |
| „ from school play | £9 |
| „ from carol-singing at Wimbledon S.R. station | £43 |
| „ at Wimbledon F.C. | £23 |
| „ from public houses, homes of collectors, etc. | £14 |
| Total | £107 |

In addition to this, we collected about fifty sackfuls of clothing from local junior and infant schools. Here is no place for a list of names of those who supported this collection, but if I dare name some at the risk of passing over others, I should name R. H. Terry, G. A. Kiddell, J. Burt, R. P. L. Ribolla, N. A. Hall, T. Mann, R. Higgs and P. F. Dodds. Our thanks go in particular to Mr. John Young, of Wimbledon F.C., who, as Secretary to the Club, gave us a great deal of assistance, which we appreciate not merely for its immediate value but also for the encouragement it provided. My thanks, and those of Mr. David Graham on behalf of Oxfam go to all who supported this effort. 'Since we campaigned on the idea that "3d. can buy a meal," I feel bound to point out that after administrative costs, etc., have been deducted, our collection would provide for 7,500 meals — which should convince all doubters that this effort was a success.

P. V. Mallett,

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

JOURNEY IN A DREAM

P. V. Mallett, 6A3.

Through eyes that filled with tears
Prophetic I saw.

I saw : and I passed through the silence
Of ancient trees.

I passed through the misty veil of evening
And I kissed the sunwet leaves.

I wandered through the purple shadows of nightfall,
And I smelled a thousand scents on the breeze,
And I heard sweet sounds in the air all around me.

And I was led in my dream to a dawn
Where the leaves trembled in fear
And the sun grew chill in apprehension.

And I saw a stream where the sun once played
Choked with rubble by the men digging on the bank,
Searching.

And I saw the ground strewn with flowers
That set on fire the grass
Dusty from the feet of those who travelled
The grey and gritty road that led away from
My side of the water.

I stood : and I heard a cry of pain which I knew
Might mean another death
Or another birth.

Then night fell on the far side of the water,

And all grew cold, and in my dream
I turned, and ran back into the forest,
And my tears dried in the sun, and I was happy.

POEM

N. A. Hall, 6A2.

Prettily the children run
through the school gates
onto car streaked roads
ashen faced a driver sits
transfixed by a dead child's stare,
death did not falter

simple
brutal
and death did not falter
a mother's cry
a father's anguish
can't thwart death

TIME AND PERSPECTIVE

M. Huxley, 6A2.

I stand
on the edge of the humpy land,
staring through the vacant mist.
My back turned upon existence.
Gun emplacements pitting the chalk,
the shell hole scars, the concrete blots
and the jagged, almost rotten, metal
are all my world offers to the whole.
But in front and below is the everlasting.
The gull suspended between cliff and sand,
the hazy link of sea and sky
the ceaseless slap and roar of the water
bring destiny and eternity
closer. The infinite no longer seems beyond
my reach and what was frightening once
is now a simple piece of nature.
Then, the living abstract shattered by the moaning
horns of shipping, groping in the mist,
I turn and walk away.

IMPRESSION

D. Andrews, 6A2.

The lonely lane—quiet, but for
Death.
Tyre tracks in the slush, the mud,
and grass.
Expired power
Smashed to its cacophonous end.
Whole,
In pieces, like a—
tree.
Disastrous debris, pointing
pitifully at irresponsible enjoyment, not
Wanting misery.
Innocent, broken from existence,
Silent in the aftermath,
Silent in the cold grass,
Mortified,
Alone.

POEM

N. A. Hall, 6A2.

Silhouette on headland
where sea meets crimson sky
turn
tread, along the stones
into the pouring dark

POEM

S. J. Chipperfield, 6 Econ. 2.

Ice, snow, freezing mountain streams,
Cooled by the air of the gods,
The vast frosty glacier,
Fixations in the mind
Of the prisoner in the tortuous furnace.
The crackle of fire,
The white-hot dust, so hot : scorching my soul
Destroying me in this hell
Sent from a falling sun.
The heat grows to an infinity :
Yet still it grows.
I am swallowed by it in its rage :
Yet still it grows.
Then there is only darkness . . .
And death.
As the match died in the grass,
The farmer walked on,
Thinking no more of the insect he had destroyed
Than of the hell to which he was now destined.

NONSENSE

J. Bridgeman, 1Z.

Have you seen an elephant
Climbing up a tree ?
Have you seen a pussy-cat
Swimming in the sea ?
Have you seen a rhino
Barking like a dog ?
Have you seen a wart-hog
Sitting on a log ?
I thought I saw a hippo
Flying in the sky,
I thought I saw a piglet
Walking through the rye.

SOCIETY REPORTS

HOLY JOE'S CLUB

Each Friday lunch hour a peculiar and eccentric group of half-wits huddle in the History-room. They are, or so it would appear, the last remaining 0.3% of the population who superstitiously adhere to the ancient dogma known as Christianity. These poor misguided idiots have repeatedly pleaded their cause against the school. "We get a speaker to say why apathy is foolish, and people are too apathetic to hear him. We get a speaker to speak on Science v. Christianity and a *trio* of press-ganged scientists is added to our number for that meeting." They don't seem to realise that people just aren't religious any more. It's not done. Even if one is mildly curious, one suppresses any indication of this in front of one's friends and *never* goes to a meeting for fear of being preached at. One knows what they will argue, anyway. Isn't it all fairly and reasonably reported in the Daily Slush each day whenever a parson puts in a bit of his own opinion about things like topless dresses? Of course one knows it all and just isn't stupid enough to give it a second thought. So what if six of the seven best A-level certificates last year went to Christian Union Members—what does that prove? . . .

One is inclined to make rude remarks about anybody who argues similarly (*mutatis, mutandis*) in any other field from politics to "Magic Numbers," but somehow one thinks it is reasonable when the subject is religion. A well known prayer goes "Lord help us never to despise or reject what we do not understand." I wish some more people had the *guts* to resolve to put this into practice. They will need God's help to do it!

R. C. Cottrell.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Two meetings were held this term, both at the President's house. At the first we read "The Mostellaria" (The Ghosts) of Aristophanes. A bold comedy, with intricate plot and lightly sketched characters, it has many amusing lines which were rendered even more amusing by the pronunciation of some of the names—Theopropides soon became just Theo—and the emphasis of the innuendos and double meanings. The play went down very well, and afterwards, with the wine and dried apricots, everybody brought out all the intellectual skeletons that they had been storing for years.

The second meeting was a talk by Mr. Johnston on Archeology. He ranged deeply in his treatment of the subject, of which he is no mean expert, and was on occasions provocative on his statements on history and archaeology. His talk was an excellent introduction to the subject. When the society arose—and it seems to me that vital moments of the Classical Society come after it has done so—talk ranged over Blackpool and pimentos; the President gave us an excellent recipe for stewed steak and Chaucer and Edward Lear were read to those who remained late. Mr. Knapp performed Yoga.

M. P. Dudley.

THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

The Society's reflecting telescope has performed extremely well since the completion of its overhaul in October. We have bought a $\frac{1}{4}$ in. focal length eyepiece (giving about 260 linear magnification) which, like the $\frac{3}{8}$ in. eyepiece which we obtained from the same dealer, has proved to be of excellent quality.

We have held six observing nights, all of which were well attended and produced interesting astronomy. On Thursday the 3rd December at about 20.00 hours we had a superb view of Jupiter, the shadow of a moon in transit being very well defined on the Jovian clouds. The Pleiades, a large star cluster, has provided some interesting observation, up to 30 stars having been counted by members using the reflecting telescope. Most people can see six of the stars with the unaided eye, although a very sharp-sighted person may be able to discern seven. The Pleiades have been known as the seven sisters since the dawn of history, and play an important part in Greek mythology.

For the first time in its history the Society has conducted some photographic experiments, which resulted in some very encouraging pictures. A group of sixth formers, including the school's most experienced photographers, is coming to school at 01.00 hours on Saturday, 19th December to observe a total eclipse of the moon. We hope to obtain some good coloured photographs of the eclipse, which, all being well, will be on display next term.

We are also hoping to observe the great spiral in Andromeda (of T.V. fame) in the near future. This galaxy, one and a half times as large as our own Milky Way, and one and three quarter million light years distant from it, presents a magnificent spectacle to the owner of a medium-powered telescope.

In short this has been a very satisfactory term for the society, and we hope for some good observing weather next term to consolidate our successes.

D. J. Miskin.

THE MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

There have been four meetings this term, all of which have been well attended. The society does not try to teach additional mathematics, but further an interest in the subject.

The first of this term's talks was by Mr. Rogers, who concluded his talk on computers and computer programming, and showed an interesting machine, made last year as a post-G.C.E. project, with which simple logic problems could be solved. This was followed by a film pointing out the advantages and disadvantages of friction in industry.

The next two meetings started a new vogue, that is of members of the Sixth forms giving talks themselves. The first was by R. Terry who explained the uses of Boolean Algebra in solving logic problems that initially appear to have no connection with mathematics at all.

The following month, no less than ten individuals enlightened the society on the subject of a curve called the "Cardioid." After their brief talks, Mr. Brunt explained an animated film that was shown, further highlighting this interesting curve.

Mr. Horler concluded this term's meetings with a talk entitled "From Here to Infinity." This vast subject could not be fully covered in a single meeting, so he will continue it next term!

At present, there is no organised programme for next term's meetings, but Mr. Brunt assured us that during the Christmas holidays he would no doubt find some mathematical topic to interest the society.

D. Chamberlain.

THE DRAMA SOCIETY

The Drama Society opened and closed (this term) with Bernard Shaw. The inaugural meeting was held in the Common Room where "Heartbreak House" was read. Miss Hurst was the only lady present, and consequently, gruff masculine voices were heard reading the parts of innocent and not-so-innocent maids. The second meeting was better attended, as we had the pleasure of the company of some ladies from Mitcham County Girls' School. This time we read "The Lion in Love" by Shelagh Delaney. The last meeting was after half-term, when "Lady Windermere's Fan" occupied our minds.

We then received an invitation to Mitcham and accordingly made our way to their "Sixth form Common Room" one cold and foggy December eve. It was back to Shaw, with "Arms and the Man." Halfway through this meeting some of the Raynes Park contingent burst into song. Perhaps it was due to the fact that we had three house music captains with us, but the refrain "Past Three O'Clock" (known to so many, but known by so few) was heard floating across Mitcham. Far from thinking us mad, the girls also knew it and thus the song was complete. At this point several members removed themselves to the other end of the room claiming that they were not with the rest. However "Past Three O'Clock" led to several other carols and it was late before we thought of completing the play.

Even if the atmosphere of the first meeting was a little tense, we ended the series in "a glow of humanity" singing carols, munching biscuits and drinking coffee.

N. A. Hall.

THE MUSICAL APPRECIATION SOCIETY

After a year's absence, the Gramophone Club has reappeared—but under a new guise—as the Musical Appreciation Society.

Owing to a late start in the term, only two meetings could be held. In the first, Beethoven's Symphony No. 1 was discussed, and afterwards played in its entirety.

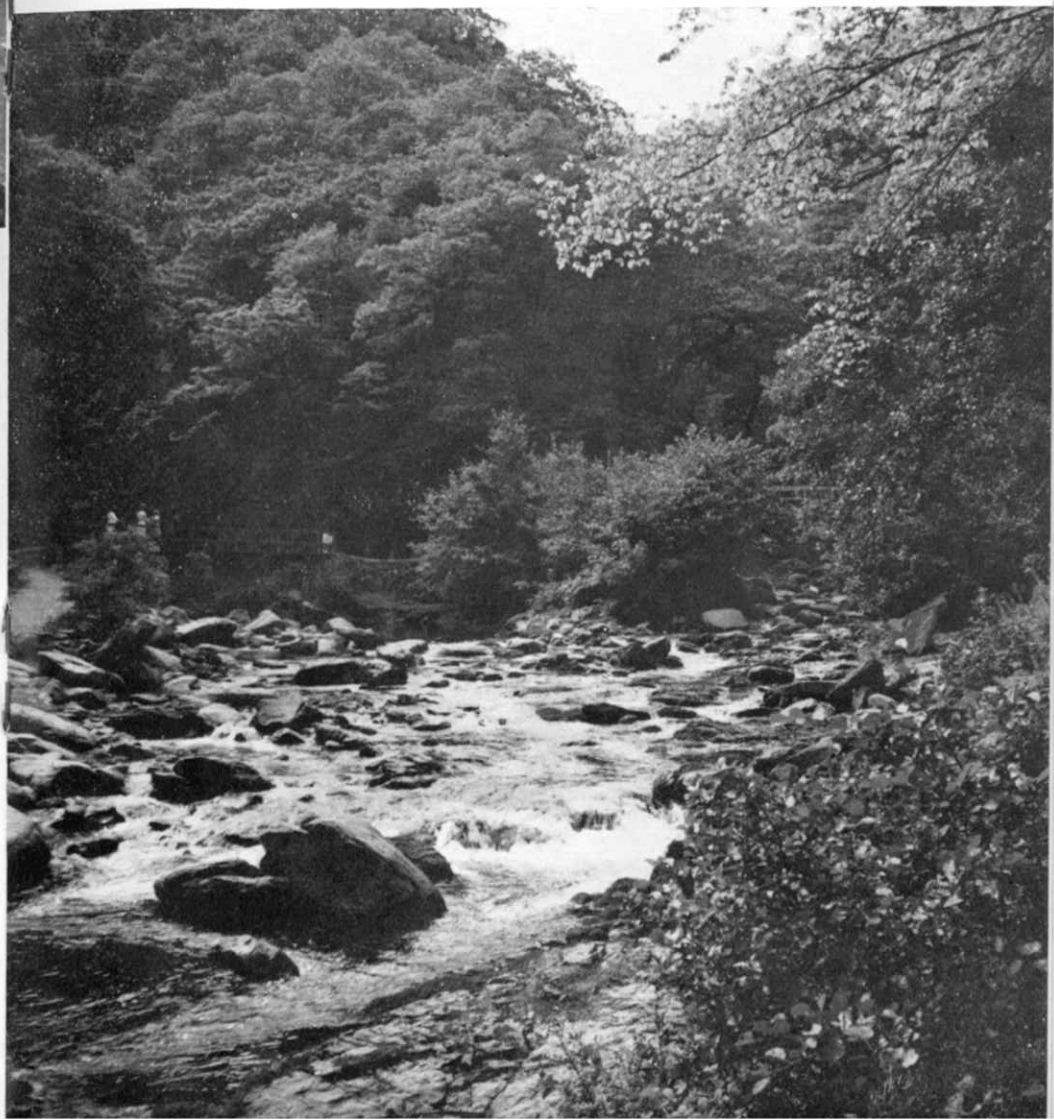


SARAH
D. A. Seager, 6Mall
1st Senior Competition



ROCKS
P. Keen, TrF
1st Junior Competition

WATERSMEET
A. R. G. Jackson, 3D
2nd Junior Competition





PRINCE
M. M. English, 6MII
2nd Senior Competition

Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 2 was the subject of the second meeting, but, played to a background of the Stage Guild at work, and with a bad recording, it hardly came over well.

Two masters have kindly consented to talk to the Society next term, Mr. Rogers on Electronic Music and Mr. Taylor on Church Music.

Meetings are held in the Hall at 1-10 p.m. on Fridays. All members of the School are welcome.

A. L. Mackrill.

THE SPUR MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

Looking back through past issues of "The Spur," we find that, on October 17th this year, the club entered its sixteenth year of existence. Owing to the coming retirement from active service with the club of one of the fathers who keep the layout in operation for us each week, we again find ourselves in search of a replacement between now and the end of the school year.

Our second film show at the beginning of term repeated the success of the first, with an attendance of five more than last year, and less interruption from the projector, since, this year, the new one was available. Since we are lacking in senior members cognizant of the operation of the school projector, we are indebted to D. A. Seager for his assistance.

We are pleased to report also that the hope expressed in our last report has to some extent been fulfilled with regard to attendance, since we are at present enjoying a higher regular attendance than in recent years, although this is still not as high as in days which now only the senior members can recall. We are now facing, however, the prospect of cold winter evenings, which prompt members to follow "Z-cars" rather than the Model Railway.

D. Andrews.

THE STAGE GUILD

With the departure, at the end of last term, of Mr. Greenwell and its senior members, the Stage Guild started again almost from scratch "under new management" at the beginning of this term. Mr. Robert Smith assumed responsibility for the Guild's activities and at about half-term, work was started on the set for the school production of "Macbeth"—a review of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

The construction of two archway flats took up the main part of the Guild's time, the rest of which was spent in arranging large platforms at various levels, using part wooden block and part dexion construction.

The play itself passed off well as far as the Guild was concerned—fog-bound switch-boards, unco-operative curtains! Particular mention is due to Brian Saxby whose lighting was some of the most complicated seen here in recent years.

With the house plays in the spring term I do not imagine that any large project will be tackled by the Guild as a whole, but it looks forward to the hinted large scope of the Junior School play in the summer term, by which time I hope that it will have been reinforced by new members, especially second and third year boys who will be very welcome particularly when examinations take a heavy toll of the time of seniors.

D. A. Seager.

THE PRINTERS' GUILD

We were very pleased to welcome Mr. Robert Smith at the beginning of this term. He has shown great interest in the Guild and is obviously keen to learn about printing. We hope his stay with us will be a long and happy one, and that he will accept the frantic preparations for the school play, which caused tempers to fray in all departments, as the exception rather than the rule.

Apart from the normal run of numerous small, private jobs, our main undertaking this term has been the school play tickets and programmes. The latter certainly caused some headaches since we did not receive the final details until three days before the first night. Although I am not blaming the producers for this (on the contrary I fully understand their difficulties) I would like to take this opportunity of asking prospective customers to realise that we meet officially only one evening per week, and, in order to plan our work efficiently, we would appreciate as much notice of an order as possible.

We now hold our meetings at 4.15 p.m. on Mondays, when any new members with the intention of working will be welcome.

M. R. Earl.

No. 565 SQUADRON, AIR TRAINING CORPS

As mentioned in last term's report ten cadets attended annual camp; two with a party of twenty Surrey Wing cadets at R.A.F. Brüggen in Germany and the other eight at R.A.F. Thorney Island on the Hampshire coast. The first camp took place on the Dutch-German border between the 12th and 17th August. This station forms part of Britain's 2nd Tactical Air Force, our contribution to N.A.T.O. The party flew from Gatwick to Düsseldorf in a Viscount of British United Airways. The station Air Cadet Liaison Officer arranged several visits, including one to the German town of München-Gladbach, and the Dutch national war museum at Overloon. Other visits were to the Headquarters of the United Kingdom forces in Germany at Rheindahlen, and to R.A.F. Wildenrath for flying in a Beaver of the Army Air Corps. There was also a cross-country escape and evasion exercise arranged in conjunction with the R.A.F., Army, and Local Police. There was also plenty of swimming and shooting during which Sgt. Haw gained his R.A.F. Marksmanship badge.

R.A.F. Thorney Is. was the location of the second camp (15th-22nd August) and is the base of No. 242 Operational Conversion Unit, Transport Command. This enabled the eight cadets visiting this station together with eight other Surrey Wing squadrons, to enjoy much flying in Argosy, Beverly, and Hastings aircraft, Cpl. Young flying in an Argosy over Northern France for five and a half hours on one occasion. Although there was some gliding at R.A.F. Tangmere, unfortunately only one member of this squadron was lucky enough to get airborne in a Sedbergh glider. During the week there was a basketball competition which this squadron won, by beating No. 328 (Kingston) squadron in the final. Cadets were conducted on visits to the Royal Naval Dockyard at Portsmouth, Southampton Docks, and the Folland aircraft factory. At Portsmouth cadets were shown over H.M.S. Victory and one of Britain's latest cruisers, H.M.S. Lion.

Also during the holidays Cadet Warrant Officer Faulkner succeeded in gaining his Soaring certificate in gliding, equivalent to the British Gliding Association's "C" certificate. Later in the holidays he went on a parachuting course during which he made several jumps from Dragon Rapide and Jackaroo aircraft.

The beginning of the Autumn term saw a change in the organisation of periods on Friday nights, with a recreational period, in which P.T., aero-modelling, and other activities are carried out, replacing one of the training periods. This term also saw the introduction of monthly aircraft recognition tests to facilitate the choosing of an aircraft recognition team, with the results calculated on a handicap system.

On the 25th September the Squadron was given a demonstration of equipment and activities by the City of London Royal Marine Volunteer Reserve, followed by the film, "Operation Snake's Eye," about a combined Marine/Navy exercise in the Mediterranean.

This year the squadron entered two teams for the Air Britain International aircraft recognition competition, on the 17th October, with the "B" team, consisting of Sgt. Hyman, and Cpls. Belcham and Young, doing better than the "A" team for a change.

Sunday, 18th October saw the squadron playing its first football match, against No. 261 (Guildford) Squadron, in an attempt to gain the Spitfire Cup, but unfortunately they were beaten in the first round.

A team of three, Flight Sergeant Castle, Sgt. Haw, and Cpl. Belcham, represented Surrey Wing in the Eastern Region aircraft recognition contest, held at Kenley, on the 8th November, where they succeeded in surpassing their previous year's score. The team came 5th while Sgt. Haw and Cpl. Belcham came 9th equal in the individual scores. On the same day, also at Kenley, Sgt. Anderson was selected in the trials held there as a reserve for the Eastern Region Rugby team, but was later unable to play owing to a prior claim on him by the school rugby 1st Fifteen.

On the 12th November members of this squadron attended a lecture given at the Headquarters of No. 1408 (Dorking) squadron by Dr. Barnes

Wallis, the Chief Designer of the British Aircraft Corporation (Weybridge Division), on his Swallow variable-geometry aircraft and his famous Dam-Busting bombs.

A return visit was paid to the Marines by senior members of the squadron on Sunday, 22nd November during their "At Home," at the White City. They were shown more extensively the Marines' equipment and this was followed by a film. The squadron then beat the other Cadet Forces present in a relay race.

There was only one examination this term, on Monday, 2nd November, in which Cpl. Young completed his Senior Cadet Training by passing part two of the paper.

The final event of the term was the Annual Christmas Dinner, held on Friday, 4th December when the squadron was lucky enough to have Mr. J. W. R. Taylor, the well-known aviation expert and editor of "Jane's All The World's Aircraft," as guest of honour. The evening commenced with a parade, followed by a meal, and various films about the space race and model aviation. The squadron's thanks go to the school cooks, who prepared the meal. The 4th also saw the last parade of F. S. Castle who has been with the squadron for seven years and has given sterling service throughout his membership of the squadron. We wish him every luck for the future.

The Christmas holidays will see a party of ten cadets visiting R.A.F. Farnborough, where it is hoped they will all get airborne.

This term we were glad to obtain the services of Mr. J. P. Blythe and Mr. J. A. R. Innes, who have joined the squadron as civilian instructors. Several new recruits have joined the squadron this term, but it is hoped that more members of the school will do so during 1965.

Finally, a welcome piece of news is the decision by Headquarters that Air Cadets revert to Easter camps.

Promotions for this term were as follows:

Leading Cadet Young, to Corporal, w.e.f. 11.9.64.

Senior Cadets Belcham and McManus to Corporal, w.e.f. 11.9.64.

Corporals Anderson, Haw and Hyman to Sergeant, w.e.f. 9.10.64.

Corporal Bambridge to Sergeant, w.e.f. 11.9.64.

J. A. Haw, J. W. Young.

19th WIMBLEDON SCOUT TROOP

The Boy Scout Troop has continued to flourish under the leadership of the new Scoutmaster, Mr. Brian Burgess. There were four new recruits this term with the result that a fourth patrol was formed, the Eagles, under the leadership of Ewan Currie. The four patrols, Eagles, Kestrels, Hawks and Starlings now have five members each.

The troop, this term, has reached a fairly high standard of proficiency, notably with the award of the first class badge to E. Currie, M. Frost and G. Hopper. A great many special proficiency badges were gained;

the Linguist (German), Sportsman, Basketmaker and Reader being but a few.

For the annual summer camp, two patrols were sent on a joint camp held with members of the 1st Kew and 29th Battersea troops at Stogursey near Bridgewater in Somerset. On the whole the weather was extremely good and the two-weeks camp was an enjoyable one for all concerned.

Towards the end of the summer holidays the Scouts, with the help of some of the fathers, embarked upon the project of decorating the hut. The finished product was duly "shown off" at a "sausage and mash" evening for the benefit of the fathers concerned.

A trip to the Lake District is being planned for next Easter, to be run in conjunction with the school. The party will be staying at Coniston.

D. V. Miles.

THE CHESS CLUB

Master-in-Charge : J. A. R. Innes, Esq.

Captain : H. D. Saunders.

Hon. Secretary : P. J. Gorton.

Although there have been just about as many members this term as there were last year, the attendance at the lunch-hour meetings has been disappointingly low. This has been especially so among the members in the Sixth form who are responsible for these meetings. It has therefore been found necessary to terminate the lunch-hour meetings in favour of a weekly meeting after school. This will be held on Monday evenings in Room D, and it is hoped that it will be well attended. Lunch-hour meetings will be re-introduced next term if there is enough support for them.

The Senior House Chess Competition has been completed this term. This year it has been found necessary to alter the rules slightly because of the Junior Competition next term. In general, the standard of play has been lower than in previous years, although there have been some embarrassing results for certain members of the school team. The positions of the houses at present have not caused much surprise, but while looking at them, one must remember that the Junior Competition could change them considerably. Here is an analysis of the results:

| House | v. | C | G | H | M | N | Total |
|------------|----|---|---|---|---|----|-------|
| Cobbs | - | - | 2 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 20 |
| Gibbs | | 8 | - | 5 | 8 | 10 | 31 |
| Halliwells | | 5 | 5 | - | 5 | 8 | 23 |
| Miltons | | 5 | 2 | 5 | - | 3 | 15 |
| Newsoms | | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7 | - | 11 |

In the inter-school matches this term, we have been unlucky in that we have never been at full strength. Thus the results are not as good as was expected. It is hoped that next term they will be considerably better. The results of the Senior team are as follows:

| | | |
|------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| v. Rutlish | Lost | $\frac{1}{2}$ — $5\frac{1}{2}$ |
| v. Coombe Girls' | Won | 5—1 |
| v. Kingston | Lost | $1\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$ |

The team consists of Feline, Fischer, Gorton, Saunders and Whitaker, and Brookes, Hingston, Podgorney and Taylor have also played.

The Juniors have done a little better, although the results have not been as good as they could have been because some members of the Junior team had to be brought up to the Senior team at the last minute. For this reason, several members of the second form have been tried out and have proved to be promising players. The best individual record is held by Peet who has saved the team from disgrace on two occasions this term. Staines, Ward and Reed have also played well and are promising players. Needle, Ainger and Stevens have also played.

In closing I should like to thank on behalf of the Chess Club, D. Saunders for his excellent work as Captain, and Mr. Wyatt for sponsoring us during the earlier part of the term. Thanks are also due to Mr. Innes who has taken over as Master-in-charge for sponsoring us and for his invaluable support.

P. J. Gorton.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

A TERM'S EYE VIEW OF BRISTOL

B. M. Emmings.

When I was still a sixth-former at Raynes Park I was often perturbed by tales of the difference between university existence and school life. At school, life is sheltered and calm, whereas at university one is on one's own. This is true, but comfort can be derived from the fact that you are not the only one who has to undergo this change. Universities work on the basis that you (via the local Education Authorities) pay money, which means that you are volunteering for further education. If you change your mind and show that you no longer wish to be educated, you are advised to leave. There is, of course, no need at all to be perturbed.

British Universities, being the humane institutions they are, allow the new students a week or so to become acclimatised. Bristol has a "Presco," or "Pre-Sessional Conference" week, "conference" here being synonymous with "confusion." This is infested with such activities as a mass incursion into Wills' cigarette factory, visits to the docks, a greeting by the Mayor, and the inevitable sports trials. Small cliques begin to form and one can see those who have to get "in" with everybody else trying their best to do so. All are well-informed about University life, people, and so on, but when confronted with these, it comes rather as a shock. People wander round aimlessly, being persuaded to join this society and

that one, and being dismayed at the disorganised speed at which everything has to be done.

Once lectures start, however, things slow down. The only queues now are in the Refectory and at bus stops. Most people have only about five lectures in one day (usually less); engineers are the notable exception, having lectures from 9-5 every day except Wednesday. Wednesday afternoon is free for everyone, purely for the benefit of the minority who exert themselves. Many use this afternoon to wash clothes and/or work.

The two main entertainment attractions occur at the weekend; (the weekend begins when the week's lectures end). These are "Cell 25," a jazz club run for Oxfam on Friday nights, and, on Saturday the Union Dance, at which appear most of the third-rate groups you have never heard of and never will, though one Saturday evening, the Dutch Swing College were lured by a fee in the region of £200. Both of these are a waste of time for unaccompanied males.

There are indeed over a hundred societies affiliated and otherwise related to the Union, from the African Students' Circle, to the Animal Welfare Society and the Society of Change Fingers, to the more expected departmental societies. Unfortunately, these societies are not connected to each other; consequently the Union is very disjointed and unco-ordinated. The societies are quite efficient in themselves but, apart from being interested in the activity itself, most people join a society to meet other people, but because of the present set-up, they are restricted to other members of that society.

In the Health Service building, there are facilities for squash, badminton and roller-skating, and manifold instruments for building bodies. The main building, a memorial to H. O. Wills for his services to mankind, is very impressive both inside and out; it has a tall cathedral-like tower, so that one may be excused for confusing it with the cathedral, and a huge library which houses many rare collections.

The University is situated in a busy, but not central, part of a pleasant city, which consists mainly of hills most of which, fortunately, support public houses or restaurants. Probably one of the reasons why Bristol is one of the universities not clamouring for contraceptive machines in the Union building is that these abound in restaurants for those who desire. There are many reductions for students in all sorts of commodities such as driving lessons, haircuts and restaurants. These reductions, however, are only noticed if one buys bulk; the price reduction on a gallon of petrol is 1d.

At the end of the Christmas term, I and many other "freshers" (the most suitable name the brains of our country can invent for newcomers), were as eager to pack up and go home as we used to be at school and more advanced students tell us that they felt the same at the end of their first term at the University, but that this soon wears off. This led me to think that many other traits of our character are re-moulded at University, making us generally more mature, and so, laying aside thoughts about variations in courses etc., this is one great benefit of university life in general.

Finally, may I shatter a few illusions which some of you may have about the "non-academic time" at a university? This is what is generally termed "University Life." No-one really knows what he is letting himself in for until he actually starts his course, but we all have vague illusions, some fostered by the press, about wild parties, frivolous spending sprees and general gay times. There is no "University Life Committee" which summons you to take part in the aforementioned as soon as you arrive. Your University life is what you make it, and it will depend, as far as you are concerned, on what sort of person you are, and if you are the sort which is made welcome at a university you can quite easily have a gay time without the assistance of either "wild" parties or frivolous spending sprees.

This rather short description of Bristol, University and City, probably applies to a great extent to most other universities. But academically Bristol certainly is quite good in every department, and probably the leading University for Physics. It is well worth applying to.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

C. R. Blackwell

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL: ten inches from your Kingston-upon-Thames (scale one to one million), four hours' distance from Kings Cross (by rail five hundred, five and eighty pennies)—vast sky canopy, flat openness fast swept by cold knifewinds—squat lumps of grimy edifice, loaned by history, scorned by newly unwrapped building blocks—factories and docks shrouded blatantly in smoke, foul odours, and sharp stench—straight retreating lines of weary house-facades, doors opening straight onto paving stones, long suffering as the men and women treading them—war scar bomb sites still reminding some that twenty years ago eight houses in every nine were damaged or destroyed—narrow cobbled, wide tree-lined roads, finely level crossinged, one must wait and hope.

THE UNIVERSITY: ten sweaty cycle minutes from my Hall of Residence, nine pennies by the blue and yellow bus that leaves the Green—a place at first of anonymity and indirection, "we like sheep . . ."—I smile perhaps at one or two I think I know, and they look through me, insecure—I look for lectures running with the tide—I stand and wait, and no one moves me on, at first—and then by the end of term I know about a hundred of the endless stream of student faces, but there is little time to smile—new words to use (refectory, tutorial, vacation, and vice-chancellor), new clichés to be lived, new clichés to create—and all the while in the background to this bustle of the intellectual swirl, the swing of cranes, the clatter of machines, and men and lorries moving with the tide.

COTTINGHAM: the village where I live, at Needler Hall, the one time home of he who manufactured sweets: his portrait lies forgotten somewhere (someone said, "Let's hang it in the toilet," no respect for fools of former year)—about one hundred and a half live here, all sorts, all men,

all living, if not live—at night in one room someone studies, helped by a fiery lamp and coffee (black), and further down the corridor a group thrash out James's Letter, chapter two, verse seventeen—across the lawn a drunk is carried by his friends, watched perhaps by one who cannot sleep because of Beatle music pounding from his neighbour's room—some watch the 'tele,' some play darts, while some are washing (hands or socks), and some are sleeping, some are cooking, some are happy, some depressed—a microcosm of the world.

AND ME, MYSELF: at last unshackled from the name of thirteen years, school boy, and now referred to as a man—able to think and read and write more freely—able to walk and talk with fellow students and professors—learning more, and thereby finding so much more to learn—questing for Truth, both Ultimate and personal—responsible for me and, in part, for the lives of fellow students—seeing, hearing other views and attitudes—giving, taking wise opinions and more flippant ones—finding knowledge, growing up, I trust, in wisdom as I go.

Our thanks are due to Messrs. Emmings and Blackwell for these interesting articles. Other similar contributions would always be welcome.

THE THINGS THEY SAY

S.T.—I'm not going to sit here and stand for this.

M.C.G.—It's no use looking for sex organs at this time of year.

N.D.C.—I'm hungry, where's the waste-paper basket?

W.H.H.—Of course, by origin, I am a country bumpkin.

J.A.B.—Do you know how the Romans used to multiply?

I.M.A.—I know now what women go through with roll-ons.

T.H.P.—Let's have racial discrimination for a week!

S.T.—I've an admission to make—your homework books are in Cornwall.

P.S.—I can't rehearse a ——— play with a half cast.

T.H.P.—The Chinese come over here and work like blacks . . .

S.T.—Did I hear the bell?

Boy—Yessir.

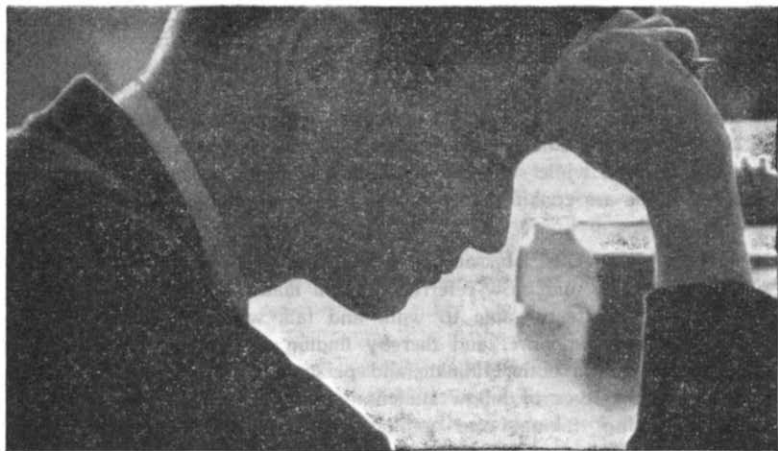
S.T.—How do *you* know?

P.R.—I'm going down to the drink for a Duke.

A SCHOOL RECORD

On November 13th H.A.P. set up a new school record for "single-period dictation. With 3 pages and $2\frac{1}{2}$ lines, he beat by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lines the two-years old record set by H.E.R.

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SPORT

RUGBY

Master-in-Charge : A. R. Pannell, Esq.

Captain : D. Castling.

Hon. Secretary : B. A. Woodall.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES

| OPONENTS | 1st XV | 2nd XV | 3rd XV | Colt XV | U.14 XV | U.13 XV |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Wimbledon County | 11-0 | | | 27-3 | 26-0 | 24-0 |
| Elliott | | 3-12 | | | | |
| Shene | 21-0 | 14-3 | | 8-19 | 9-0 | 25-0 |
| Beckenham | 26-3 | 19-14 | | 32-6 | 3-6 | 36-0 |
| Rivermead 1st XV | | | 15-16 | | | |
| Bec | 8-18 | 16-5 | | 8-3 | 25-3 | 0-17 |
| Surbiton | 8-6 | 0-13 | 3-9 | 8-18 | 20-13 | 8-3 |
| Wallington | 3-8 | 0-20 | | 18-21 | 3-13 | 16-0 |
| Queen's U.16 XV | | | 18-18 | | | |
| Harrow | 0-8 | 6-23 | 0-44 | 24-16 | 8-19 | 15-6 |
| St. Nicholas | 8-17 | 8-6 | 8-18 | 24-0 | 11-0 | 15-0 |
| Thames Valley | 11-6 | 19-9 | | 9-6 | 5-26 | 6-6 |
| John Fisher 3rd XV | | | 18-8 | | | |
| Reigate | 0-26 | 3-11 | 5-13 | 3-23 | 0-0 | 14-3 |
| Wimbledon College | | 0-9 | | | | |
| Pinner | 0-0 | 6-30 | | 41-0 | 13-13 | 42-3 |
| St. Joseph's | | | 3-12 | | | |
| Guildford | 0-24 | 3-9 | | | | |
| Chiswick | 0-29 | 0-41 | 6-30 | 22-3 | 3-0 | 6-9 |
| City of London | | | | | | |
| Freemans 1st XV | | 3-6 | | | | |
| Tiffin | 6-6 | 0-23 | 0-12 | 23-3 | 22-8 | 6-14 |
| Hampton | 0-6 | 3-11 | | 0-11 | 6-3 | 0-3 |
| Old Boys | 0-6 | 5-13 | | | | |

RECORD OF TEAMS

| Team | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Points For | Points Agst. |
|---------|--------|-----|-------|------|------------|--------------|
| 1st XV | 16 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 102 | 163 |
| 2nd XV | 18 | 5 | 0 | 13 | 108 | 258 |
| 3rd XV | 10 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 76 | 180 |
| Colt XV | 14 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 247 | 132 |
| U.14 XV | 14 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 154 | 104 |
| U.13 XV | 14 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 213 | 64 |

FIRST FIFTEEN

Captain : D. Castling.

Vice-Captain : P. V. Mallett.

The season started full of high hopes, and at first justifiably so, for it

appeared that this would be one of the strongest Raynes Park sides for many years. Indeed, many of the losses we sustained later in the season could have been wins. This year's fixture list was an extremely strong one, and we were hit by several injuries, but neither of these factors really explain our losses. The will to win that was obviously present in the first few matches was only gained for brief periods in later matches, and this is the reason for our mediocre record.

The season began with a game against Wimbledon County, who proved considerably stronger than expected, with two very strong centres. The team was still settling down, but by exploiting the new rules to great advantage we gained a comfortable victory. The Shene match also provided a comfortable win, but very bad handling robbed us of more points.

The Beckenham match was our best of the season. The handling and backing up was near perfect and Mallett capped the performance by kicking every chance he got, scoring fourteen points in all. A dangerously hard pitch at Bec took its toll, mainly on our team. After leading 8-0 at half-time, we lost one player, and with four others injured, we had no chance of holding a very strong Bec team.

Against Surbiton we were fortunate to be only 6-0 down after a terrible first-half performance. A miraculous change came over the team after the interval, when we refused to remain outside the Surbiton twenty-five. We won an exciting and deserved victory, thus beating our great rivals for the third consecutive year.

We were unlucky to lose to a reputedly strong Wallington side, when a draw would have been a fairer result. With a greater effort and more fire we could have won easily. A strong Harrow side deserved to beat us, when the team lost its spirit for all but a ten minute burst. Several reserves were fielded against St. Nicholas, but it was clumsy handling, laziness and lack of fight that lost us a game we should have won.

We revived somewhat against Thames Valley, but we should have scored far more points than we did. Against Reigate, an exceptionally fast and efficient threequarter line playing on a very wide pitch gave us no chance of victory. Despite the very good possession gained by the scrum, we lost heavily against the only side who really seemed better than ours. We had the better of a tough match against Pinner, but their good tackling and fast covering gave us no chance to score.

Bad losses against fairly weak Guildford and Chiswick sides were almost identical. Bad handling, half-hearted tackling and indifferent running caused points to be thrown away.

The match against our other local rivals, Tifins, seemed to bring back some of the old fight. A hard game earned us a thoroughly creditable draw.

The final inter-school game of the season, against Hampton, really summed up the whole season. With a little more positive drive and effort, we could have won. A dull game against the Old Boys was keenly fought, and could have been won with a little more thrust.

Disappointing though the season has been, the side has been a good one. Congratulations for Surrey places go to D. Castling, R. J. Anderson, K. G. Jones and E. P. Higham, the last of whom was selected for the Home Counties side. Our thanks go to Mr. Pannell, who devoted many hours to train and coach the side, and to Messrs. Lane, Colombo, King and Jones, who supported us vigorously when support was most welcome. Brian Woodall has managed to provide us with a very good fixture list, for which he earns our doubtful thanks!

Colours: K. G. Jones, R. Anderson, S. Morris, B. J. Rance, E. P. Higham and P. Marsh.

Half-colours: P. V. Mallett, N. D. Catton, R. P. L. Ribolla.

The following, as the more remarkable of those who have played for the side, deserve special comment.

Anderson: Boxed consistently well.

Higham: Hooked the ball well when not hooking hookers.

Ribolla: The other half of the scrum played well too.

Jones: A "thick": head and shoulders above the rest of us.

Catton: The only player who realised that rugby is a gentleman's game.

Morris: A curious player: normally selected the fastest player on the field and then tried to run round him.

Marsh: Would have deserved serious consideration, but has suffered from c.c. trouble.

Lane: Got on quite well when we told him whom to pass to.

Jennings: Sold dummies—at the chemists.

Salter: A kicker of long standing.

Colombo: The only player capable of kicking the ball backwards while running forwards.

Fulbrook: Caught the ball against Thames Valley and scored a try.

Rance: Body-swerved two ways at once, and was untied in the coach.

Mallett (Vice-Captain): Converted from wing-forward to full-back. Should have stayed at wing-forward.

Castling: An extremely strong player, he managed to carry his paunch around with him.

It would be unfair to single out any particular "also-plays" for consideration, except Shrubbs. The others who have represented the side are: Culpin, Griffith, Heaton, Rosser, Callander, Perryman, A. Marsh, Malam, Rutter, Moffatt.

SECOND FIFTEEN

Captain: I. M. Alexander.

This season we have not been very successful. This seems hard to explain because most of the time we have had a good team. True, we met some bigger and better teams, but I think that if we had not made so many little mistakes, but had taken more of the initiative, we might have fared better. In most games the team took time to warm up, but once it had the team played well.

The first game of the season, we lost ; then we had a run of victories for the next three games, but thereafter we only managed to win two games. However, most of the games were enjoyable.

As usual the team was hit often by injuries but not so often this year as in others. Those who usually played were : Rutter, Vincent, Moffatt, Page, Lindsey, Huxley, Roderick, Gebbett, Callander, McCubbin, Rosser, Heaton, Malam, Bedford and Howard. Perryman, Clutterbuck, Hutchins, Hall, Griffiths, Perry, Higgs and Hutchings also played.

THIRD FIFTEEN

Captain : B. H. Perryman.

The 3rd XV has had a very full fixture list this term with a match nearly every week. Although we did not prove to be very successful as far as results are concerned, the team never lacked enthusiasm and support. Many players made their debut in school rugby and showed themselves to be very useful and active members of the team. The team also provided a stock of players on which the 1st XV and 2nd XV could fall back for reserves. Undaunted by the taking of key team members for these teams the 3rd XV never failed to field a full side.

In this short summary it would be impossible to comment on all the people who have played for the team but I think Alan Marsh deserves our condolences ; after starting the season very well he had to become a gentleman of leisure for most of the fixtures owing to an injury.

The team has always played good rugby and its only failure was in not scoring vital points. Next season as the hub of the 2nd XV. I hope we gain the rewards of victory that we missed this season.

COLT FIFTEEN

Captain : S. R. Hall.

We have had our disappointments, as we have now come to expect, but not without our fair share of success.

We began the season with a crop of injuries and played many of the strongest teams with up to five reserves, and to a team which is weak in reserves this has a bad effect on our performance. We had our full team midway through the term and thereafter played fairly well.

The match against Hampton once again proved the best of the season : the whole team seemed to rise above its usual standard and consequently the game was much faster and very hard fought. Thomson and Barton, his deputy, both ably led the pack which has seen few changes throughout the season.

Congratulations to Lusby on being selected for the Surrey team.

The following have played for the team : Thomson, Barton, Down, Adams, Cordey, Seeley, Page, Parsons, Brunton, Cook, Wingate, Lusby, Hopper, Hall, Naylor, Brown, Rennie, Jones, Vaughan, Whitten, Butcher, Ventham,

UNDER FOURTEEN FIFTEEN

Captain : D. A. Kaill.

This term was quite a successful one, but there were a few disappointing results in mid-season. No-one has shone in the scrum since the pack as a whole has played as a unit. The threequarters, however, have had injuries and have fielded a weaker line for most of the term.

The first two matches resulted in wins. Against Beckenham, in a hard match we eventually lost. Bec were beaten heavily and against Surbiton in another hard match we won by a larger margin than was expected. After this our only success was against St. Nicholas, until we won all of the last four matches, playing better than we had at any time before.

The following boys played this term : Beardsmore, Brewer, Burgess, Cannons, Collins, Coppen, Frost, Green, Harper, Kaill, Mullens, Murphy, Murrell, Pearmine, Potter, Reeve, Rissen, Taylor, Williams.

UNDER THIRTEEN FIFTEEN

Captain : J. R. Pepperrell.

We have had a fairly good season playing thirteen matches, eight being won. We were hit by injuries in the middle of the season, losing four of our first team players, but proved very fortunate in having good reserves. The pack was led extremely well by Parnham, and Russell and Bellamy showed up well in the three-quarters.

The following have played for the team :

Blakeburn, Milnes, Bakker, Williamson, Charlton, Parnham, Hanson, Young A., Young P., Peet, Newport, Clarke, Harris, Holmes, Marshall, Hammett, Hickish, Healey, Pepperrell, Russell, Reed, Dormer, O'Malley, Robinson, Metcalfe.

CROSS COUNTRY

Master-in-Charge : M. C. Gleed, Esq.

Captain and Secretary : S. R. Parr.

On the whole the first half of the season has been unpredictable, to say the least. The term began with the relieving news that both Cottrell and Jackson were returning to school, strengthening a senior team which would have comprised entirely under sixteen year old runners.

The Over Fifteen team finished with the undecisive record of two matches won and two lost. Both Bec and Rutlish were disposed of easily and the Surbiton match lost by a mere two points. The shock of the season, however, must be the overwhelming defeat at the hands of Kingston Grammar School where only Borland really distinguished himself. In open competition the team journeyed to Guildford to compete with teams from all over South-East England in the Richard Haskell Trophy Relay. After being half-way down the field throughout the first three legs, it was left to a face-saving last leg by Jackson to gain us a reasonably respectable position.

The Under Sixteen team's main achievement has been its performance in the Selwyn Trophy, a series of three races organised by Epsom and Ewell Harriers. After two legs the team was fourth, but in the third leg the team showed its love for the softer conditions by finishing third, only three points behind the illustrious Dr. Challenor's, in a race run in inches of mud.

The Under Fifteen team have improved steadily during the term. After drawing against Bec, they went on to beat Kingston by one point and then crushed in turn Rutlish and Surbiton. Both Ainger and Brookes have performed consistently with fast times and have been ably supported by the rest of the team, who have made steady improvement.

This term, for the first time, an enthusiastic Under Thirteen team was run extensively in school matches with commendable results. Bec, Rydens, Rutlish, and Surbiton were all beaten easily, but the team suffered their only defeat at the hands of Beverley. Evans and Rand in particular have both distinguished themselves during the term and the latter must be congratulated on setting up a new school and course record.

The following ran regularly:

Over 15: Barnett, Borland, Cottrell, Dallaway, Fischer, Jackson, Parr, Stimpson, Thompson, Wilson.

Under 15: Ainger, Brookes, Burns, Chapman, Fields, S. Finch, Milton, Mitchell, Ness, Nicholls, Powell, Smart, Warner.

Under 13: Bartlett, Bolt, Boxall, A. Brown, Evans, R. Finch, Mason, Maunder, Oatway, Rand, Spokes, Tovell, Tyler, Sheppard.

RESULTS (Raynes Park score first)

| Match | Age group | Result | Individual Successes |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|----------------------|
| v. Bec | 0.15 | Won 24-56 | Jackson 1st |
| | U.15 | Drew 40-40 | Brookes 1st |
| | U.13 | Won 38-41 | Rand 3rd |
| Selwyn Trophy (1) | U.16 | 5th/12 | Parr 17th/80 |
| | U.14 | 16th/19 | |
| v. Kingston | O.15 | Lost 48-32 | Jackson 1st |
| | U.15 | Won 39-40 | Ainger 2nd |
| v. Rydens | U.16 | Won 24-31 | Borland 1st |
| | U.14 | Lost 29-28 | Ness 3rd |
| | U.13 | Won 33-45 | Rand 2nd |
| v. Rutlish | O.15 | Won 33-45 | Jackson 1st |
| | U.15 | Won 18-42 | Ainger 1st |
| | U.13 | Won 30-48 | Rand 1st |
| Surrey A.C. Schools | U.17 | 4th/12 | Borland 9th/80 |
| | U.15 | 4th/9 | Ainger 8th/70 |
| Selwyn Trophy (2) | U.16 | 4th/11 | Parr 13th/80 |
| | U.14 | 6th/17 | Ness 21st/100 |
| Guildford Relay | Open | 19th/60 | Fastest Lap, Jackson |
| v. Beverley | U.16 | Won 24-58 | Parr 1st |
| | U.14 | Lost 41-37 | Milton & Ness 1st |
| | U.13 | Lost 57-27 | Evans 1st |

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|-------------------|------|------------|--------------|
| v. Surbiton | O.15 | Lost 38-40 | Jackson 1st |
| | U.15 | Won 22-60 | Ainger 1st |
| | U.13 | Won 35-49 | Evans 2nd |
| Selwyn Trophy (3) | U.16 | 3rd/9 | Parr 5th/60 |
| | U.14 | 4th/14 | Ness 19th/80 |
| v. Purley | U.14 | Won 12-27 | Mitchell 1st |

BASKETBALL

Master-in-Charge : A. R. Pannell, Esq.

Captain : D. E. Heaton.

Secretary : K. G. Jones.

RESULTS

| | | 1st | Colts |
|-----------------------|---|-------|-------|
| Sutton | H | 54-73 | 34-53 |
| Warlingham | H | 57-42 | 24-44 |
| Lycée français | A | 80-25 | |
| Garth | A | | 38-28 |
| Morden Farm | H | | 43-27 |
| Wimbledon County ... | H | 36-32 | 38-69 |
| K.C.S. | A | | 14-26 |
| Chiswick | A | 62-45 | |
| De Burgh | H | | 24-33 |
| Purley | H | 35-51 | 42-56 |
| Southborough | A | 51-35 | 32-65 |

| | Played | Won | Lost | Points For Agst. |
|--------------|--------|-----|------|---------------------|
| 1st | 7 | 5 | 2 | 385-303 |
| Colts | 9 | 2 | 7 | 289-401 |

FIRST TEAM

Both team and players this term must be said to have improved and matured in their outlook towards the game. As far as a report on the actual games go, the results speak for themselves. We have closed the gap against Sutton; have opened it against Warlingham; have gained retribution for our large defeat by Wimbledon County and, although we suffered defeat by Purley, the first time the two teams have met, we were hampered severely by injuries.

Jones and Castling have shown their prowess, excelling in their accurate shooting and common sense under the basket. Standish, although not accustomed to playing with us, has acclimatised himself well and proved a most necessary and noteworthy player. Anderson, our stylist and most versatile player, has played exceptionally both in defence and attack and his "long shots" have often scraped us away from defeat to victory. Salter, Fitter and Rosser, stalwart substitutes, have played well on all occasions when required, and surely now, with an extremely strong first team backed up with capable reserves, Raynes Park can be rated as one of the most formidable teams in the county.

THE PLAY—MACBETH

Three overflowing houses came to see the School's December production of *Macbeth*. School audiences for Shakespeare are always a risk, containing as they must a fair proportion of people who but for personal interest in the participants would shun him altogether, but I heard no suggestion that anybody went away disappointed.

Most of the glory on stage goes to McCubbin. At first sight he looked too young (his make-up did not help) and too slight for Macbeth. His early scenes, particularly those with Lady Macbeth, lacked assurance, but he went on to build up, by his sensitivity and range of expression, an ever more convincing picture of a man irresistibly driven, scruples and all, along the course set by his own ambition. In the very last scenes, alone and threatened on all sides, oscillating between extremes of furious activity and numbed reflection, he became before our eyes the animal at bay, Macduff's "hellhound," scaring and alienating his own followers. One felt at the final encounter that Macduff, for all his extra pounds and inches, stood in the greater danger.

Support varied. L. F. Humphrey brought to Lady Macbeth the polished competence we have come to expect of him. He did not plumb the depths of horror, but he was at all times in command of the part. He seemed unwilling to allow Lady Macbeth even such femininity as the text permits, but this attitude in his case was less damaging than in that of A. Jones, who seemed determined to make clear in voice and gesture that his Lady Macduff was a mere two-minute travesty.

Macduff himself (A. L. Mackrill) lacked fire, but as the utterly upright anti-villain he made an impressive appearance.

N. J. Hosker was a remote, sometimes over-cool Malcolm, but his grave reluctance contrasted well with Macbeth's obsessive drive.

Many smaller parts also call for mention. M. J. Stone coped resolutely with the awkward role of Banquo. N. D. Gilbert tackled the Porter's speech with courage, but without success. No stigma attached. It rarely comes off well on the professional stage. Diluted by the dating of its satire, it is too often a Famous Passage, bowed to as ritual rather than enjoyed as comedy. The Murderers (T. E. Lovering, P. E. Shrubbs, and C. G. Jennings) were pleasingly sinister, and the Witches (N. H. C. Ware, R. P. Myers, and R. M. Elliott) enthusiastically ghoulish. (These were three of a fair sprinkling of Juniors showing future promise).

They were helped by horrific make-up and, of course, lighting. The gloom which symbolically prevailed occasionally became a strain on the audience, but on the whole lighting, under Brian Saxby and Rick Smith, was effectively employed. Good use was made of spot lights, and of sudden changes, the increase of light upon the disappearance of the Witches, for instance, underlining Macbeth's and Banquo's bewilderment.

Sound effects were less consistently successful. Unfortunately a trumpet call can only be thrilling or ludicrous. There is no intermediate possibility.

Mr. Riley's set was stark and abstract. Shakespearean production needs a variety of levels, and sometimes the dramatic effect allowed by the great range of height seemed fully to compensate for the difficulty visibly experienced by Lady Macbeth in negotiating the steep steps. But in large scenes, distributed across a multiplicity of small platforms, the cast too often resembled, at rest, a shop-window display, and in movement, an obstacle race. In particular, the tragic effect of Macbeth's death was ruined by Macduff's obvious difficulty in leaving the set.

It is a feature of school drama that directing the actors is almost the least part of a producer's work. Freud said the soul is an ice-berg. So is a school play. Beneath the lighted peak onstage lie the other four-fifths: the organization, negotiation, invention, circumvention and sheer cunning involved in extracting a play from a school. Mr. Poulter and Mr. Smith are to be gratefully congratulated on having once more achieved the blatantly impossible.

They did have help. Thanks are also due to Robert Smith and the Stage Guild, Neil Catton as Stage Manager and David Seager as Stage Director, Shoebridge for his general assistance, acknowledgments to Nathan's and thanks to industrious and ingenious parents for costumes, Mr. Innes in charge of properties, the Printers' Guild under M. R. Earl and M. W. Baker for tickets and programmes, and Mr. Carter for his usual efficiency in attracting and guarding the proceeds.

Thank you for a well-spent evening.

P.M.H.

Miss P. M. Hurst, who came back and provided some last minute assistance to some of the cast, is to be thanked for finding time to contribute this review of the play.

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| Siward, Earl of Northumberland and General of the English Forces | | P. E. SHRUBB |
| Young Siward, his son | | S. J. CHIPPERFIELD |
| Seyton, an officer attending Macbeth | | P. J. LOVELL |

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| Porter | N. D. GILBERT |
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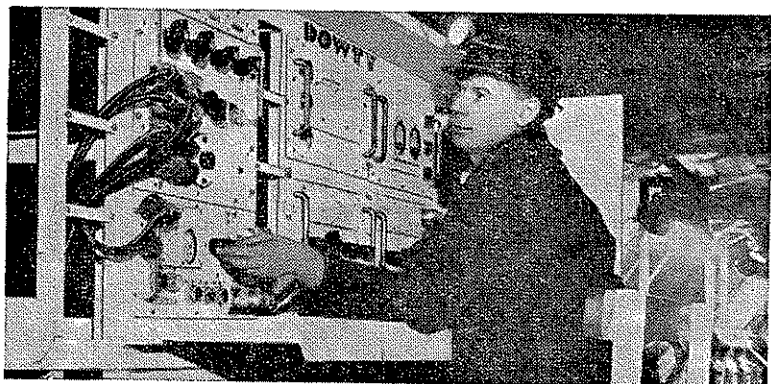
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