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Editorial

Nearly every year the Editor attempts to define education, to add some constructive criticism to the fund of educational ideas. This year, my first task is to state that the school magazine contains a mere skeleton of what goes on in our school, but that this is no reason for placing it, unread, on the mantelshelf.

Something other than a position in an examination list and a few exercise books full of notes ought to result from a term of school life. The fact that this "something" is intangible does not mean it is unimportant, for boys ought to feel that their personalities have developed, that their limitations are being overcome and that their consciousness has been increased and stimulated. "Consciousness" is the key word, for it is only by developing a critically conscious mental attitude towards life that the facts one learns at school, the discipline we are forced to undergo, the bruises we get in games and the headaches from homework can have any ordered place in our lives. Only by this process can we assess ourselves as people and measure our success or failure.

Critical awareness cannot be taught as a subject, but subjects which necessitate the development of such a faculty ought to be given more prominence on our timetables. The problem is that schools are inextricably tied to the mechanical methods demanded by frequent examination of large numbers of boys. The deficiency of this method is revealed by the fact that not all boys who hold O-level and A-level certificates can lay claim to a sensitive critical consciousness. Not everyone can be a degree-holding egg-head, because this demands the assimilation of knowledge, whereas a critical consciousness is a mental attitude having little relationship with a capacious memory.

So we have found something in education which is within the grasp of all types of boys, a faculty which can be developed with a supreme regard for individuals to help them realise their potentialities and their shortcomings. Of course, this process involves self-consciousness, retreats from rebellion and occasional humility, but everyone experiences these. Purely academic criteria should not be applied to education, for it is a much broader process; instead the criterion of critical awareness should be applied.

Finally, only when this definition of education and this criterion are applied to the contents of the following pages will the magazine prove more valuable than a mere adornment of the mantelshelf.

School Notes

The most important event of the term was the School Speech Day, held in the Guildhall on October 30th, and presided over by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Arthur Goldberg. In the fiftieth year since the presentation to the school of the St. Levan Shield it was most fitting that the prizes should be presented by the Right Honourable Lord St. Levan, J.P. We were delighted to welcome him to this memorable occasion which came at the end of a year of outstanding academic achievement. We congratulate the following boys who were responsible for the record number of ten State Scholarships gained by the School in 1961: C. A. P. Binns, R. F. Donne, I. R. Glenday, M. Best Harris, K. J. Norman, P. Pengelly, R. Pratt, A. C. Robins, R. J. Scott and A. G. Thorning.

The School Dramatic Society will be producing André Obey's *Noah* from Wednesday, February 21st, to Saturday, February 24th, next term. This is a play eminently suitable for production by schools, since it has a variety of mood rather than of character and achieves its effects by movement rather than with words. It will be produced on the floor of the hall, threequarters "in the round"; a staging which the Society has not attempted before; and the actors will need an imaginative understanding and an ability to improvise both words and movements, to an extent perhaps greater than usual. We hope this will be both an interesting experiment and an enjoyable experience for the audience. Tickets will be available from Mr. Poole.

The examinations of the English Speaking Board have, as usual, taken place in the school during the autumn term. Forty-eight boys entered for the examinations at various levels and, although fewer distinctions and credits were awarded than in last year's examinations, all entrants undoubtedly profited from the advice of the examiner. Many will be making good use of the

experience gained, in the Inter-House Speech Contest which will be held next term. The Junior Contest will be held on March 12th, and the Senior Contest on March 26th. All interested parents are asked to support this activity.

At the beginning of this term, Mr. R. K. R. Thornton, M.A., joined the English staff in place of Mr. Cross. Monsieur R. Treilles is our French assistant for the current academic year. We extend to both a warm welcome. We were happy to see Mr. Coombe in school again during the last week of term and hope that he has now completely recovered from his recent illness.

We congratulate those Old Boys of the School who have been prominent in county sport in recent months. Barry Widger was chosen for the Devon cricket team and played against Somerset 2nd XI. M. Tait, B. Hay and M. Woodward have appeared for the Devon rugby team, and, in fact, all three played in the match against the Royal Navy. This must surely be a record for the school.

PRAEFACTI VALETE

- M. J. RYDER. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; School Prefect 1960-61; 1st XI Soccer; Captain of Soccer 1960-61; 1st XI Cricket; Vice-Captain of Cricket 1961; School Chess Captain 1960-61; Captain of Athletics 1961. Left in July 1961 for Manchester University.
- G. A. GRIFFITHS. Entered School 1953; G.C.E. "O" Level 1958; G.C.E. "A" Level 1960; School Prefect 1960-61; 1st XI Soccer. Left in July 1961 to proceed to Durham University.
- P. R. WARN. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; School Prefect 1960-61; 1st XV; 1st XI Cricket; Captain of Cricket 1961; Raleigh House Cricket and Rugby Captain. Left in July 1961 for a year in the U.S.A. on an American Field Scholarship.
- C. F. O'BRIEN. Entered School 1953; G.C.E. "O" Level 1958; G.C.E. "A" Level 1960; School Prefect 1960-61; House Vice-Captain. Left in July 1961 for Imperial College of Science, London.
- R. DOIDGE. Entered School 1953; G.C.E. "O" Level 1958; G.C.E. "A" Level 1960; School Prefect; House Captain; Chairman of Science Society. Left in July 1961 for Goldsmiths' College, London.
- F. J. ACKROYD. Entered School 1954; G.C.E. "O" Level 1959; G.C.E. "A" Level 1961; School Prefect 1960-61; Secretary of Christian Union; School pianist. Left School in July 1961 to go to Cheshunt College, Cambridge.

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Speech Day 1961

This year's Speech Day saw the fiftieth anniversary of the House competition for the St. Levan Shield, so it was fitting that Lord St. Levan should be our guest speaker.

The Headmaster's report stressed the large number of records, both academic and otherwise, which had been broken during the year. Ten State Scholarships exceeded all expectation, and thirty-four boys had gained university places. The Education Committee was thanked for its support and the Headmaster expressed the hope that it would continue in the future. But the School had retained its personality for all the examinations and their temptations towards methods of "cramming". The fourth-form experiment had been tried with a certain amount of success, but the consequence of two sittings for an increased number of O-levels had its disadvantages. However, although Dr. Cresswell was generally pleased with progress, he deplored the continued lack of facilities, particularly on the sports' side; this proved interesting to the Chairman of the Education Committee, Alderman L. F. Paul, who later promised to do his utmost to see that the creek was filled in, when circumstances permitted. Finally, the Headmaster stressed the need for flexibility, quoting the example of science specialists who now found themselves severely restricted in an overcrowded market.

Lord St. Levan commenced his address with a reference to "the unprincely salaries of school teachers", a point which increased the interest of everyone, in a speech which was full of topicalities. A dry sense of humour was combined with reflections on the changes in school-life since Lord St. Levan was at school; the changes were praised, and especially the fact that now more than half the undergraduates in the country were receiving grants from public bodies. But modern life had its distressing side with the prospects of an ever-quickenening "rat-race" in all aspects of life. This, however, was relieved by the fact that not all men are hard and selfish. Group Captain Cheshire was quoted as an example of men who fulfil great social duties and who ought to be emulated by every pupil in his pursuit of "good citizenship". Lord St. Levan's surprise ending left the boys pondering on the ever present spirit of adventure in young people.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Goldberg, concluded the proceedings in the role of chairman, once again stressing the achievements of the School in the past year. He then added to the general good humour by describing pupils as fitting into four categories, the sponges, the funnels, the strainers and the sieves, concluding with a remark about the importance of religion in the character of the English people and, in particular, in our School. Religion was defined as "the teaching of goodness", a definition with grave overtones for the boys present.

Alderman L. F. Paul, Chairman of the Education Committee, and Miss E. K. Pryor, the Chairman of the School Governors, thanked Lord St. Levan and the Lord Mayor, responding to the appeal for a half-day holiday which had been made by Lord St. Levan. K. J. Norman, the School Captain, returned the vote of thanks on behalf of the boys.

Speech days can be rather formal and even tedious; however, this year's was marked by an easy atmosphere, a general good humour and an underlying sense of achievement which gave a welcome buoyancy to the function.

R. J. SCOTT.

Careers

The season of vacation courses has come round again and, although places for the Christmas courses will be filled when these notes appear, it is as well that parents should know the aims involved. It is to enable the sixth-former to see industry and commerce from the inside, imagine himself in his first job and see whether he will like it. There are more visits for the Easter vacation. Usually the course lasts five days, enough to show all departments at work. Some of the firms concerned are Clarks Shoes, Westinghouse Brake and Cable Co., National Coal Board and Smith's Instruments. All these concerns and others select boys under the auspices of the S.W. Careers Advisory Council, but it is safe to say that most large firms, if approached through the Careers Master by a keen and potentially well-qualified boy, would be willing to entertain him. The demand for able Grammar School leavers increases yearly so it is more than ever necessary to avoid square pegs in round holes if the best use is to be made of the sixth-formers' potentialities.

Boys with a flair for languages sometimes ask for careers needing this facility. One such is the Foreign Office, Branch A, where the Honours Arts graduate can sometimes gain entry if he interviews well. Branch B of the Foreign Office again offers the language specialist a chance, but at A level as for the executive. The vacancies are few but the rewards can be great. At executive level, either by examination or interviews only if holding the necessary A levels, the Immigration Service of the Home Office offers a career for the boy wanting to be fluent in a foreign tongue. This last career was recently featured on television and gives promise of a very responsible but extremely interesting career. Lastly, and returning to the purpose underlying the vacation courses, parents should remember that any boy in the fifths or sixths needing a closer look at the career which interests him can, through this Careers Department, visit factories or offices, or laboratories, or spend time with a branch of the Services. Seven of our boys were guests for a night and day at the Bodmin depot of the S. & C. Light Infantry and came back with a much clearer idea of Army life as it is today, than would otherwise be the case.

W.H.W.

THE PARIS TRIP · 1961

In the early hours of August 3rd, a party of thirty-two boys from the School, accompanied by the Headmaster and Mr. Smith, left Plymouth for a week's visit to Paris. Sixteen hours later we arrived, tired but excited, at the Institut Montaigne, which was to be the base for "our assault on Paris".

The next morning a coach tour provided us with a general impression of the city and for the rest of that day, the party split up into smaller groups to enable us to mix freely and converse with the Parisians: it was most satisfying to discover that D.H.S. French could be understood by them! Every day was filled with the conventional pattern of sight-seeing, and we visited Les Invalides (with the tomb of Napoleon), Notre Dame, Sainte Chapelle, Conciergerie, the Louvre, the church of Sacré Coeur, the Pantheon, the Eiffel Tower (only a few reached the top!) and had a boat trip up and down the Seine. The school party, together with a party of girls from St. Theresa's Grammar School, Portsmouth, had a coach trip to the Palais de Versailles on the Monday and the success of this venture resulted in a second united visit to see the lights of the Champs-Élysées and Montmartre. That was our last night in Paris and there is no doubt that the social ties between our two sea-ports were greatly strengthened!

Probably the most exciting incident of the trip was when two boys witnessed an attempted murder on their first night in Paris, and undoubtedly their conceptions of life in Paris by night were somewhat broadened by this experience. The journey home was uneventful and our compartments of the train from Paddington were unusually quiet as the thoughts of every boy dwelt on his most impressive memories of Paris.

The success of the visit must be ascribed to the close co-operation that existed between master and boy, and the fortunate boys who went take this opportunity of expressing their sincere gratitude to Dr. Cresswell and Mr. Smith for their untiring efforts and inexhaustible patience with them.

(EDITORIAL NOTE: The Headmaster says he has never had a better group.)

R. J. BULEY, 5L, & R. J. P. MITCHELL, L.6S.

THE EXETER UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION LECTURES

On the 21st September, 1961, the British Association sponsored a series of lectures in the school for the sixth forms of schools in the Plymouth area. There were four lectures, the speakers being Dr. Carthy of Queen Mary College, London, Mr. Suttar of Harwell, and Dr. Wilkinson of Exeter University.

Dr. Wilkinson gave a lecture entitled "Cytology". Although rather advanced for most students, the lecture was most interesting for everyone, giving an insight into the processes taking place within living cells. Dr. Wilkinson illustrated his lecture with slides and described his own research on cell division. He explained the structure and significance of the Nucleic Acids, D.N.A. and R.N.A., in the chromosomes of the nuclei. He then explained how radiation, although producing some undesirable mutations, would produce beneficial mutations, the latter probably prevailing in evolution.

A lecture on "Animal Clocks" by Dr. Carthy was illustrated by slides showing a series of experiments concerning bird migration. He explained that the whole process of navigation depended on the birds having a clock so that they would not be misled by the movement of the sun. Navigation by bees to find food from the hive was illustrated by a film, made by a German worker in this field. Dr. Carthy stressed that, as with all branches of science, the more that is discovered, the more remains unsolved.

Dr. Carthy also delivered a lecture entitled "Animal Noises", in which he told us about the various sounds used by animals to distinguish themselves and to communicate with fellow creatures.

Mr. Suttar's lecture on "Nuclear Physics" concerned the manufacture and use of radioactive isotopes. He first explained the nature of isotopes and the general pattern of nuclear disintegration. The manufacture of isotopes, using atomic reactors, and the meticulous care taken in handling them were illustrated by coloured slides. Their varied uses, from tracers to the measurement of density, in industry and in the hospital, were vividly explained by Mr. Suttar.

On behalf of the students who attended these lectures I would like to thank the three speakers, Dr. Carthy, Mr. Suttar and Dr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Butler of the Institute of Education, University of Exeter, for arranging the course.

A. J. DAWE, *Hon. Secretary, Science Society.*

THE SOCCER CLUB

Master i/c: Mr. WARREN *Captain:* J. S. OXLEY *Secretary:* D. L. FELWICK

This season has seen many new young faces in the 1st XI since nine of last year's team have left the school. However, much team spirit and dogged determination, combined with able leadership has made up for lack in physical size, and produced quite a creditable result at the half-way stage. The two most notable victories of the season were recorded against R.N.E.C. Manadon, and Plympton Grammar School, whose strong side narrowly defeated us by the odd goal in the return fixture. We congratulate Oxley who has been selected to play for Devon Youth and also Morgan who has twice been selected as reserve.

The 2nd XI has had to rebuild its team following the promotion of its players to the 1st XI and has subsequently had an unsettled start to the season. The team has suffered heavy defeats, and also gained a good win over R.N.E.C. Manadon and a hard-fought draw with Kingsbridge Grammar School 1st XI. It is hoped that they will have many similar successes in their ensuing games.

The under-15 XI has won the majority of its games, and has been playing effective football combined with team spirit and a will to win, all of which promise well for the future. The team is at present occupying fourth position in the local Schools' League and are capable of maintaining and improving this position. Our congratulations to Morris on being chosen to play for Plymouth Schoolboys' team and also to Owen, whose early promotion to the 1st XI and fine performances have not gone unnoticed.

The under-14 XI has started the season fairly successfully, having recorded several good victories. The team, however, like most of the junior teams, lacks stamina and should do better as physical capabilities increase.

The under-13 XI has had a good deal of bad luck, having won only two of their games but here, as always, a lack in physical size is noticeable and as their skill improves and size increases we look forward to better results.

Once more we are indebted to Mr. Warren and his colleagues on the staff, and to the Parents' Association, for their many services to the teams.

D. L. FELWICK.

RECORD

Team	Goals					
	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
1st XI ..	13	7	5	1	35	26
2nd XI ..	10	1	8	1	19	49
Under-15 XI	13	7	3	4	34	18
Under-14 XI	7	3	4	0	21	21
Under-13 XI	12	4	8	0	24	41

THE RUGBY CLUB

Master i/c: Mr. W. NASH Captain: D. J. WILSON Vice-Capt.: T. B. KNIGHT

Hon. Secretary: J. POWDERLEY

The season started for the 1st XV in rather an unsettled manner. Many of last season's team had left school, which meant that some rebuilding had to be carried out. This was made difficult owing to injuries to some of the experienced players who remained. Further, in the opening games, we gave away so many penalties due to technical offences, which seemed to bear out the inexperience of the team. However, with considerable attention to fitness and

determination to play really hard, the team has shown much improvement. This fact was borne out by the results of the two matches against Sutton High School. On the first occasion the outcome was a decisive win for Sutton by 21 points to nil. In the second game, the result was much closer when Sutton won 9 points to 8. It was a thrilling game and, although we lost, Sutton could not cross our line, for they scored three penalty goals to our one goal and a try. The progress has been maintained and was illustrated by a recent win over Newton Abbot Grammar School, of 27 points to nil, which was due to a determined effort to throw the ball about and excellent backing up by the forwards. In effect, the 1st XV are a small team physically, and the troubles in defence have been partly due to an inexperienced back row which was clearly shown in our defeat by Plymouth College. The excellent hooking of Smith backed by his two props Wilson, our Captain, and Ley, are worthy of mention. However, we are certain that if we maintain our superb fitness, then we can make up for our inexperience in certain positions:

Wilson, Smith, Ley, Forse, Knight and Powderley have been nominated for the Plymouth Area Trial of the Devon Public and Grammar Schools Rugby Union.

During the term the new Rugby Union film *They ran with the Ball* was shown in the school. There was an excellent attendance.

In the recent Devon team which played the Royal Navy, three Old Boys played for Devon, namely M. Tait (captain of Plymouth Albion), B. Hay and M. Woodward. This, we feel sure, is a record for the School and we congratulate them.

The 2nd XV have lost only one game to date and that was against a strong Plymouth Arguam Colts' team. The result was a close 11 points to 8 points, and this is indicative of the way that the 2nd XV play. They are in fact the best 2nd XV the school has produced for some years. Trained by Mr. Warn, they have an extremely lively pack and a steady back division ably led by their Captain, Booth.

The function of the 3rd XV is to give as many boys as possible, the opportunity of playing rugger and so far thirty-five different boys have represented this team. Their Captain, Davies, has gone to great and praiseworthy lengths, under the watchful eye of Mr. Smith, their coach, to build a team, so much so that a meeting is held every week to discuss various points arising from the previous game; needless to say their record is very satisfactory.

The under-15 XV have won the majority of their fixtures including a fine win of 30 points to nil against Sutton. Three of its members were selected for the Plymouth Schools' under-15 XV, and subsequently, after a trial, these players, Dan, Putt and Kemble, played for Devon, and Putt went on to be reserve for the S. West

England Trial. A suggestion as to the reason for the losing of a few games, given by Mr. Pring, their coach, is that they play as individuals rather than a team.

Under the guidance of Mr. Thomas and Mr. Osborn, the under-14 XV, with regard to their age, play some very powerful rugby and have not lost this season. The whole team show much promise. They are fortunate in having an excellent fly-half in their Captain, Salmon. Teams that have fallen to them include Plymouth College and Sutton High School. We would like to mention the interest in the under-14 XV of Mr. Raddler, who watches them play every Saturday.

Mr. Mallinson's under-13 XV have won most of their games, and done so in many instances with high scores such as the win of 37 points to nil over Tavistock School and this is encouraging for the future.

Patiently, almost fatherly, Mr. Stone has taught the under-12 XV the basic techniques of the game and thus, in the space of three to four weeks, formed a team. Lack of experience in these basic techniques has kept their scores low, save one extremely good win over Kings Tamerton under-12 XV, 24 points to nil. The team is full of enthusiasm and has great potential to be developed later in the School.

We, the Rugby Club members, would like to thank Mr. Nash, whose drive and personality have made us so successful, in more than one respect. Thanks are also tendered to all the masters who look after and referee for the teams. The support of the Parents' Association, for which we offer our thanks, has been invaluable, aiding us with coach trip expenses and visitors' teas.

In conclusion, we would like to point out that all our fixtures are carried out with the use of only two home pitches and a pavilion with no facilities for bathing after games. At long last, we are happy to report that there is to be a new pavilion at Ham with hot showers! Even so we still feel that we should have better and more pitches for both rugger and soccer in order to carry out the sports programme necessary for a school of our size and standing.

J. POWDERLEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

RECORD

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points		
					For	Against	Cancelled
1st XV	12	6	6	0	111	91	1
2nd XV	10	5	1	4	84	26	2
3rd XV	12	6	6	0	132	103	1
Under-15 XV ..	12	8	3	1	210	81	2
Under-14 XV ..	10	9	0	1	153	31	1
Under-13 XV ..	10	6	3	1	149	51	1
Under-12 XV ..	7	4	0	3	54	15	3

House Notes

DRAKE

The start of a new school year is with us again and not only does it bring the autumn term, but the start of another winter games season and the long trail to the St. Levan Shield.

All previous captains and officials having left to go to universities and various jobs, our first task was to elect new ones and, as Drake can now proudly boast seven school prefects, equalled only by Gilbert, it was a far from easy task to select the right boys for the right offices. After many weeks of thought and consideration, Drake House had the pleasure of congratulating C. S. Davies on his election to House Captain. We should also like to congratulate Wilson, the Rugby Captain; Tregidgo, the Soccer Captain; and Couch, the Chess Captain and House Secretary for another year; Couch, Oxley and Wilson on being made School Prefects, and Pengelly on his appointment as Deputy Head Boy.

Last year, we unfortunately relinquished the St. Levan Shield to Gilbert, although not without a great fight. Returning fresh from the summer holidays, Drake House was fighting fit and determined to bring the Shield back "home" again.

The rugger season started well, the seniors fielding a very strong side, although they made hard work of securing a 30-10 pts. victory over Gilbert. We did not have the match all our own way, but the large margin in the scores was due to our "superior finishing". The junior team was a modest one and it had to fight very hard to beat Raleigh by 5-3 pts.

The junior soccer team appeared to have some potential but we could not boast so strong a team as Gilbert, whom we were to play first. The first half ended dismally in pouring rain with the score Gilbert 3, Drake 0. Maybe it is a reflection on the fact that Drake was a great lover of the sea and water, because the team rallied around to make the score Gilbert 3, Drake 1, seemingly undaunted by the wind and the rain. Owing to bad finishing, three goals were missed and, despite our superiority in the second half, we lost, the score not being a true representation of the match.

The senior soccer team seemed doomed when we fielded a far from strong side against a big and powerful Gilbert side. Nevertheless our spirit was as great as ever and good enough to secure a 1-1 draw which was extremely pleasing.

It is unfortunate that we have to end on a sadder note, by which I am referring to the chess team. We were heavily defeated by both Raleigh and Gilbert and it is lucky that these points do not count towards the Shield. We look forward, more than hopefully, to the junior matches next term and our hopes rest with them.

Finally, the House wishes to thank our House Master, Mr. Nicholas, for his unending patience, help, guidance and encourage-

ment during the past term. 'As House Captain, I will do my utmost to see that the House lives up to its expectations and to the great name of Drake.

C. S. DAVIES, *House Captain*.

GILBERT

Gilbert has made a determined start towards retaining the St. Levan Shield this year. The juniors, besides defeating Grenville by 37 pts. to nil at rugby, have beaten Drake 3-1 at soccer with a very spirited performance. The seniors, however, have continued the practice of recent years by losing to a strong Drake XV in the only senior rugby match this term. At soccer, the seniors could only manage a 1-1 draw against Drake, despite having the majority of play.

Although chess does not affect the outcome of the St. Levan Shield, it is indeed pleasing to see so many of the young members of the House taking an interest in this game. Only senior matches have been played this term, resulting in a win over Drake $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$, and a defeat by Grenville by the same margin.

The House congratulates K. J. Norman on his appointment as School Captain and A. J. Billings, B. J. Moore and H. J. Pollard who have been appointed School Prefects. A. J. Dawe has been appointed House Captain; M. B. Harris, Vice-Captain; A. G. Thorning, House Secretary; A. J. Billings, Assistant Secretary. This term has seen the departure of P. J. Thorne, who has been such a valuable member of our rugby and athletics teams, and we wish him every success in his future career.

Under Mr. Barkell's guidance, and with the House spirit even higher than last year, we in Gilbert can look forward to a successful year, with the St. Levan Shield as the goal.

A. J. DAWE, *House Captain*.

GRENVILLE

Last year was not one of outstanding success for Grenville, but we may look back with the satisfaction that we did our best. We hope this year to restore Grenville to its rightful place as "Cock House". Nevertheless, there is still a dearth of outstanding performers in the House and this can only be compensated by fostering an even fiercer House spirit than last year.

We extend our congratulations to C. J. Booth, on his appointment as House Captain; to M. J. Revans, as Vice-Captain; to R. J. Scott as School Prefect; and to J. Ley and R. C. Dare, as House Prefects. We also extend a hearty welcome to all new boys and hope they enjoy life with us, remembering to give as well as take.

In the chess competition, which is gaining in importance every year, Grenville has made a determined effort to regain the cup, winning two of its matches—against Gilbert and Drake—but losing

to a strong Raleigh side. However, the team is a young one and we have great hopes for next year. The junior team has yet to show its prowess.

Of the rugby games played this year, the seniors, under the captaincy of J. Ley, lost to a very strong Raleigh side; and the juniors were beaten convincingly by a formidable Gilbert team. We lost to Raleigh, also, in the only senior soccer match to be played so far, in a very close match, going down by the odd goal in five. The juniors, however, reversed this defeat by beating Raleigh 5-0.

Finally, the House would like to thank Mr. Mallinson for his undying enthusiasm and guidance in all House activities.

C. J. BOOTH, *House Captain*.

RALEIGH

With the departure of Montgomery in the summer, Davison took over as House Captain and has continued to lead the House this year. From September however, he has been assisted by Bignell, Coleman, Loughran and Knight, the new School Prefects. A new venture has been attempted this year, thanks to the large sixth-form. Each form, from years one to five, has its own House Prefect, who maintains order during assemblies and attempts to become acquainted with the various talents of the individuals in his form, for modesty has severely restricted the potential strength of the House in past years. The House has also undertaken to make regular contributions to the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief and once again, the House Prefects supply that all important personal factor.

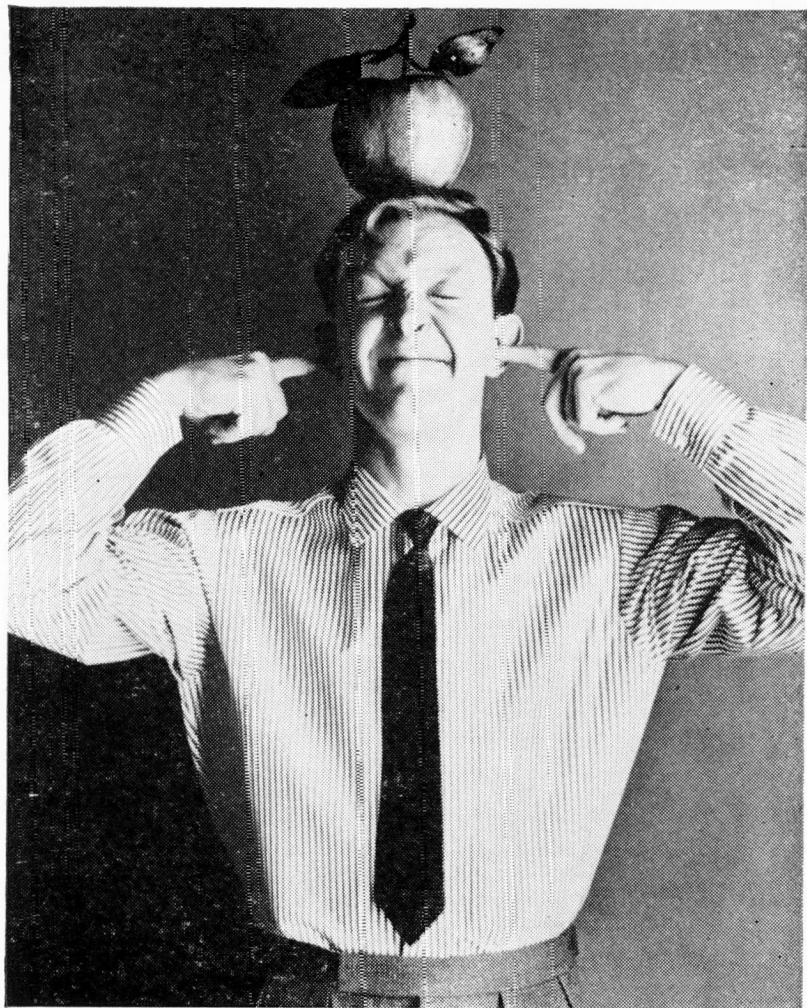
The senior House rugby team beat Grenville by 25 points to nil; a good start. The juniors lost to Drake by 5 points to 0, for despite enthusiasm, on the part of the few, a really strong team spirit was lacking. The seniors must take their chances and make full use of the advantages they have.

The senior soccer team, under the experienced leadership of Felwick beat Grenville 3-2, and must try to preserve their record, but the juniors again let us down, losing 5-0. It is about time they got down to serious effort, if we are to win the St. Levan Shield.

The senior chess team won two of its matches by wide margins, but unfortunately was unable to hold Gilbert even to a draw, but the House is still in a strong position and with a little luck and greater determination could still win the championship.

With the year only half gone, as far as winter sports are concerned, it is difficult to prophesy for the future. One thing is certain, the juniors must be bribed, cajoled, or pressed to greater effort if the House is to feel in any way confident for long-term prospects. Our thanks are due to Mr. Warn, who continues to do so much for the House. It is up to the members themselves to show just what they can do.

R. J. COLEMAN, *House Secretary*.



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Out of School Activities

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

This term has, perhaps, been the most successful that we have ever had. During this term, more films have been shown than during the whole of the previous eighteen months of the Society's existence.

The attendances at all meetings rose slightly, and we have almost reached the maximum figure we can expect, for the appeal of the Society is somewhat limited. It is obvious that the A.T.C. provides a rival to our activities, but this is not as bad as it may sound, as the Aeronautical Society's aim is to cater for a different kind of interest in aircraft from that of the A.T.C.

Besides the films that have been shown, we have had two excellent visiting speakers; one was Flying Officer Galloway, R.Aux.A.F., who spoke about the Royal Auxiliary Air Force and Coastal Command, and the other was a member of the staff, Mr. Nicholas, who gave us the benefit of his wartime experiences in the Royal Observer Corps.

At last, the Society is beginning to do something practical. This term has seen the formation of a modelling group, with Murray as models secretary. If all co-operate, this should be a great success.

We must express our thanks to R. Davis, who served the Society as Secretary for a year; his place has been taken by the former Treasurer, Ernest S. N. Thomas. The post of Treasurer has been filled by R. Bungay. Thanks are also due to Mr. Smith, who has led the Society most efficiently for yet another term. His guidance has been invaluable. E. S. N. THOMAS, *Hon. Secretary*.

AIR TRAINING CORPS

The past term has seen many interesting events. We now have our own squadron, its number being 197. This squadron is devoted entirely to D.H.S. boys. Originally we were a separate flight of 2336 Squadron which consisted mainly of Tamar boys. Now that we have separated, our strength has increased to over 40 cadets. A large hut is being constructed and, even now, equipment is steadily flowing into the school. It is generally understood that we have the makings of a first-class squadron.

As usual, we have been actively engaged on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and most of our cadets have been on their 3-day expedition. Many courses and lectures have been held in preparation for this as well as the pursuits. At the present, 15 cadets are doing training in first aid; many cadets have already passed their examinations in emergency training.

Our objective this year is to make a set of walkie-talkie radios. We have all the necessary circuit diagrams and knowledge, and the

equipment is gradually being obtained. It is hoped to construct a series of these R/Ts. These sets are transmitters and receivers and they should have a range of 4 or 5 miles. The Squadron is also starting a weapon collection and it is hoped to have a very wide selection of arms.

There have been several achievements by individual cadets. Bungay, Evans, French and Palmer have been promoted to Corporals: congratulations to them. Congratulations also to Cadets Inman and Pike who represented Plymouth Wing at football. They went to R.A.F. Compton-Basset and there they competed in the Southern Counties Championship—Plymouth Wing won and so regained the treasured Badbury Cup.

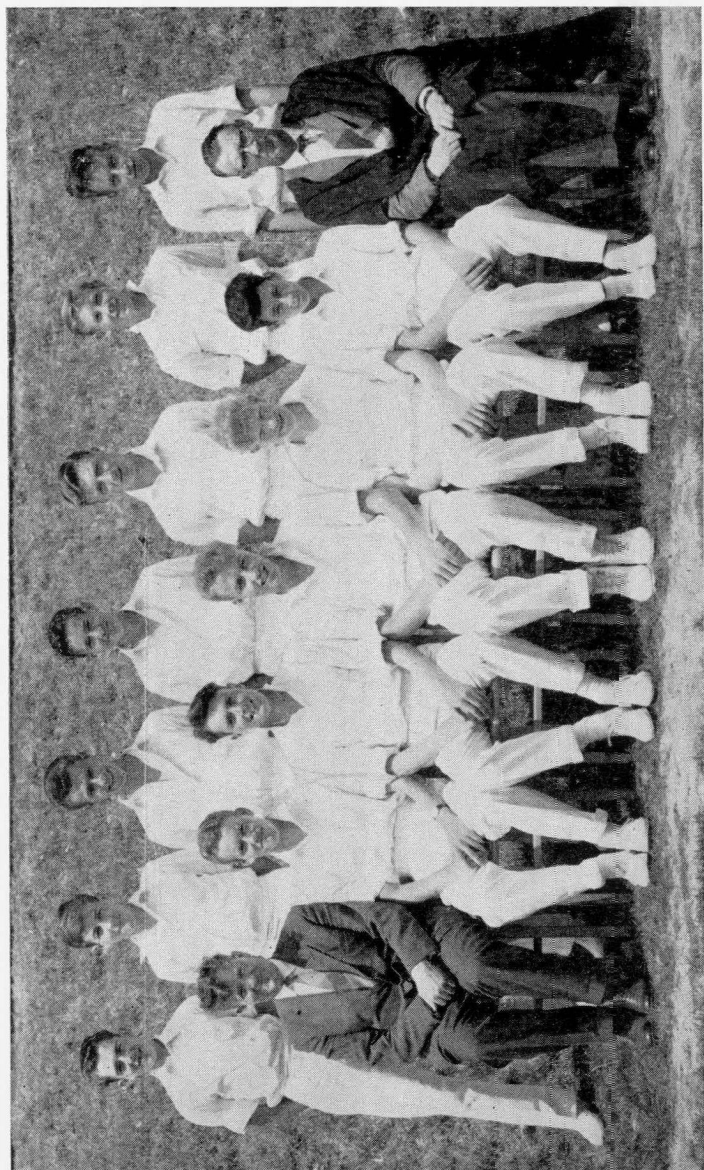
During the Christmas holidays, we are holding a series of training courses on the moors. These are designed to encourage the cadets to venture out on the rugged, but very beautiful, areas near Plymouth. Later in the holidays the Squadron is going to London to see the airport and other places of interest.

Our Squadron will do its utmost to fulfil the motto of the A.T.C., "Venture, Adventure". We invite any boy over the age of 13½ who is interested in aviation, or just in adventure, to join this very worth-while organisation. FLT./SGT. B. KRESSINGER, 197 Squadron.

CHESS CLUB

We are now coming to the half-way stage in this year's chess competitions. So far, both the Goodman and Horley Cup teams have done very well, having dropped only one point, but our final positions in these leagues rest on the results of games yet to be adjudicated. The overall position this year will be much closer as there are three schools level in each of these leagues: D.H.S., St. Boniface, and Plymouth College in the Goodman Cup; D.H.S., Tamar, and Public Secondary in the Horley Cup.

This year, a first-form championship has been organised and the winner will receive a chess book recommended by Mr. Adams. The dinner-time Chess Club continues to run smoothly, and the boys of the lower school are becoming increasingly keener to improve their game. Although lack of members has prevented a Wednesday evening Chess Club from meeting, Mr. Berry (an ex-master of this school) will offer a £1 prize to the boy on the highest rung of the rung-book in the Dinner-time Chess Club. This prize is being courageously battled for by boys of the first, second, and third forms. It was decided at the chess committee meeting this term that there should only be three House matches played each year. This is to cut down the number of hours given up by the participants in these games. Consequently, three senior House matches have been played this term, with the result that Raleigh remains undefeated.



1st XI. CRICKET 1961

Back row (left to right): R. John, J. A. Gerrard, J. F. Horne, M. R. Scoble, J. Ford, P. M. Hawkyard, R. J. Whysall
Front row: Mr. F. Wayne, M. J. Gilbert, M. J. Ryder (*Vice-captain*), P. R. Warn (*Captain*), J. S. Oxley (*Hon. Secretary*), J. Thompson,
 Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

During the Christmas holidays, a large number of boys will again be competing for honours in the Plymouth Chess Congress. Every year our School is high on the list of prize winners, so let us wish them the best of luck, and hope that they will keep up the good tradition.

We have a new master in charge of the junior team this year—Mr. Thornton—who has taken over from Mr. Thomas, so may I take this opportunity to wish Mr. Thornton the very best of luck, and to thank him for the very great deal of work that he has already put into the Club. Mr. Adams has continued to coach the school chess teams, for which we are all very grateful.

Thank you all very much.

A. BIGNELL, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

CHRISTIAN UNION

There have been two main projects held this term; the first being a preparation for "Plymouth Bible Week" by the Rev. R. L. Ackroyd; and the second a series of talks given by the Rev. Preb. W. H. A. Cooper on the "Decay of Morals in Present-Day England". There were also interesting talks given by Mr. Aiton and the Rev. B. B. Ayam, who is a Nigerian Rural Dean.

Every term the problem arises of the next term's programme, so this term we decided to ask members of the School for their suggestions, and we were agreeably surprised by the response. The Christian Union does not exist for the Christians alone, but also for those who do not agree with Christianity. It would be interesting if they would come and state their case against our faith at one of our meetings, which are held every Monday evening in L.6A form-room.

It is disappointing to see that all the professing Christians in the School do not support the Christian Union; we hope more will attend next term. We must express our gratitude and thanks to Mr. Hopford for his continued help and support.

R. MITCHELL, L.6Sc., *Hon. Secretary.*

FIELD CLUB

At the end of the summer term, the Field Club spent a very enjoyable week under canvas on Lundy Isle. The main object of the trip was to examine the bird life, the Hymenoptera and the plant life; in particular, the study of the ferns of the island.

Altogether 57 species of birds were seen, including the rare Sabine's Gull, Manx Shearwater, Gannets, Puffins and a melodious warbler caught in the heligoland trap. In addition, the study of the underwater life was ably carried out under the leadership of Miles.

The botanists found a good specimen of the rare Royal Fern in one of the quarries.

Mention must be made of the grand job of film-making by Andrew Pearson, who also spent hours of his spare time in cutting

and arranging it. The only setback on the island itself was the loss of the camera back over a cliff edge at the north end. Luckily it was retrieved in spite of the discomfort of a swiftly inflowing tide. I should like to express the Field Club's thanks to Mr. Coombe for the loan of the camera.

Our thanks also to the Parents' Association for making it possible for a copy of the film to be made. It has already been shown at the City Library and at the Parents' Association Annual General Meeting.

The usual wild fowl counts have been carried out this term and an effort has been made to sort out the data afforded by the daily gull counts on the creek.

In closing, I should like to pay tribute to Mr. Dodd's perseverance and good judgement which has kept the Field Club together.

A. J. GERRARD.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

A determined effort has been made this term to make this vital feature of school life flourish, and I am pleased to report that four debates have been held to date, one of them in co-operation with the Music Society. A motion that the Church had no place in the Britain of 1961 was defeated by a 2-1 majority, and the Society decided, by a similar majority, that the democratic rights of the ordinary British citizen *had* been gradually whittled away since 1945. The primary cause of this, it was felt, was apathy. Finally, a mock trial of General de Gaulle was held. The verdict—not proven!

While this report may appear on the surface to be encouraging, it is not really so. The worst fault of our affluent society is the apathy which it breeds, and it is much to be regretted that only 25 or 30 from a senior school of some 400 can make the effort to attend a debate, while over 100 will attend a "Juke-Box Jury". Debating is one of the few certain means today of provoking and stimulating mental reaction and surely, those in the sixth form, constantly engaged in specialist studies, are the very ones who are in danger of losing the vital faculty of independent thought. Are people today afraid to think—or just too lazy?

M. B. HARRIS, *Hon. Secretary.*

MUSIC SOCIETY

The Music Society is now holding regular Friday evening meetings in the Music Room. These meetings are the result of the work of a few enthusiastic senior boys, who, with the backing of Mr. Aiton, are producing a varied and interesting term's programme.

Last term the meetings alternated between popular, jazz, and classical music, ranging from listening to records, to live performances given by a wide variety of people. Once again, "Juke-Box Jury" proved highly successful. On the two occasions a total

of 139 boys crammed into the music room to hear the opinions of our select panel. Here we must thank the four members of the staff, namely Mr. D. Barkell, Mr. J. Collenette, Mr. H. Whitfeld and Mr. D. Stone, who proved such entertaining speakers at these meetings. On another evening, Mr. Thornton and Mr. Smith consented to speak for the opposition in a debate organised in conjunction with the Debating Society. They proved most conclusively that popular music is *not* an indication that the youth of today is moronic, to the great satisfaction of many members of the Society.

Due to the success of the Society last term, admission to all meetings this term will be restricted to members who have paid their subscription of one shilling. The programme will be as varied as last term but with many new and, we hope, more interesting features, including a film show, a quiz series, and visits from outside groups. Also a grand concert, to round off the term, is being arranged.

We should like to thank the following people, all of whom have rendered invaluable aid to the Society: Mr. F. Ackroyd, an old boy of the school, who played the trumpet and piano at our classical concert held early last term which, although not very well attended, proved a most entertaining evening indeed; Mr. Keith Charters-Rowe and Mr. M. Scott, who augmented the school Jazz Group on the 29th of September; Mr. A. N. Picton, who is teaching the flute; Mr. Durrant of St. Boniface's College, who is instructing two violin classes and three boys in the clarinet; Mr. B. Dunnage, who is teaching three trumpeters; Mr. Guy Wright, who is teaching three boys the trombone; and Miss Pook, who is teaching the 'cello. We should also like to acknowledge the financial aid given by the Parents' Association towards the cost of purchasing new instruments for the orchestra. We congratulate Bowden, U.6A, senior music student in the school, on his winning the Steele-Pearce Award—a prize which is offered to the candidate obtaining the highest marks in 'A' level music in Plymouth.

At Speech Day last term, the choir, though smaller than last year, performed with more polish and accuracy. This is, perhaps, due to the fact that the new juniors are considerably more enthusiastic than their predecessors and that we have at last found some seniors that can sing. This year the service of Nine Lessons and Carols will take place on Tuesday, December 19th, in Stoke Damerel Church, in which the choir will be attempting several new and relatively unknown carols. The recently formed school orchestra is increasing in numbers and ability.

Finally, our thanks are most certainly due to Mr. Aiton for his continual support in our first term, and his enthusiastic assistance in encouraging music in all its many and varied fields.

R. MEMMOT & B. CROSSFIELD.

PLYMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' FILM SOCIETY

This autumn session has proved disappointing in everything except the films themselves. The numbers were so low that we were obliged to cut one feature, *Hellzapoppin*, a crazy comedy of the 'forties. This left the programme with four features, all of a very high standard, but very little to commend themselves to the average cinema-goer. It is sad to reflect that good cinema means commercial failure and the only solution seems to be films which can be viewed on more than one level; an explanation also of the universal success of such westerns as *High Noon*.

The session began with the film version of H. G. Wells's classic story, *Things to Come*, and the intensity which pervaded the whole realization and the strange reality of the chiaroscuro background, made one wonder whether it was only science "fiction" or whether these "things" are indeed to come. This film was the only one with any considerable popular appeal and once again the value of a multi-level film was made manifest. The megapolis could be seen from a purely spectacular point of view or allowed to communicate as a symbol of an ant-society and since it communicates emotionally, such cinema can combine both reactions, arriving at a third, and more subtle, response. This was followed by *Monsieur Vincent*, a moving French film about the social reformer, Vincent de Paul, whom it portrayed most effectively as a man of action: this was Christianity in its elemental vigour, stripped of the suffocating, stultifying trappings of traditional ecclesiasticism. Then, for one of its rare appearances in this country, the Indian cinema introduced itself with *Pather Panchali*, the first part of a trilogy directed by Satyajit Ray. To occidental eyes and ears, untrained and unwilling to get off the dusty main roads of canned "culture" this was disappointing: it just failed to communicate. But, make no mistake, the fault is not in the film but in ourselves. The ways of the East are not ours; we must learn to recognize a beauty in mood as well as in movement: dynamism is not merely to be found in the movement of matter. The last film was Cocteau's *Orphée*, and once again it presented a novel vision for which a conscious effort to cast off old, comfortable prejudices was an imperative prerequisite.

The programme for the spring session offers much wider scope and we hope that many more intelligent individuals will decide to drop their self-satisfied apathy and make a conscious effort towards an increase in sensitivity; understanding will follow.

R. J. COLEMAN, *Hon. Secretary.*

PLYMOUTH INTER-SCHOOLS' MUSIC SOCIETY

The Society's first meeting this term was held on October 3rd in Plymouth College, where a most interesting programme in the form of a lecture/recital was presented by an old boy of D.H.S.

and master of Plymouth College, Mr. H. Trevena. This meeting was well supported by most of the local grammar schools, with the notable exception of ourselves. It seems strange that a school such as ours, with a thriving Music Society, should be able to send only two or three boys to these meetings. It is hoped that this lack of enthusiasm and support will be remedied in the future.

The next meeting took place on October 16th at Plympton Grammar School where the Society was ably entertained by Mr. Guy Wright, who presented a most original and amusing programme, and during the interval coffee and biscuits were served to those present. Considering the inclement weather and the remoteness of the school, it was gratifying to see such a large number present.

Once again the weather was unpleasant when the Society met in this school on November 13th, for a record evening. However, neither the elements nor the "fierce" music deterred members, and the meeting was well attended.

However, at a record evening held in Plymouth High School, there were only two people present other than the usherettes! but, in spite of this, Handel's oratorios soon made it a truly worth-while evening.

Unfortunately the dance which was to have been held in the school hall at half-term was postponed owing to the difficulty of hiring a band. It is hoped that it will be possible to hold a dance here towards the end of the Christmas holidays. In view of the success of the visit to the "Proms" last September, the Society hopes to organise an excursion to London on January 13th, which will probably include a matinee and an evening performance at one of the leading theatres or concert halls. Finally, we should like to thank Mr. H. G. Warren, who has given up much of his valuable time to help us, and support the Society.

J. A. BOWDEN, U.6A.

PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT POST-WAR SOCIETY

"The very spring and root of honesty and virtue lies in the felicity of lighting on good education"

PLUTARCH "*Morals*"

Early on the morning of Friday, December 1st, fifteen members of our sixth-form arrived at Tavistock School for the winter conference of the Post-War Society. The proceedings began, under the chairmanship of Mr. C. H. Cook, Headmaster of the school, with a service and address of welcome led by Rev. G. Hodgshon, the Vicar of Tavistock, who stressed that education was not simply a "stuffing with knowledge", but learning how to "differentiate between the cheap, spurious imitation, and the real thing, based on a knowledge of God".

After a short break, the speakers addressed us: led by Dr. D. Cook, Deputy Chief Education Officer of Devon, who strongly

denounced tripartitism and the 11-plus examination, and suggested more movement between technical, secondary and grammar schools.

In a very clever and witty speech, Mr. R. C. Forrer of Tavistock School, late of the British Council, Rio de Janeiro, compared our system of education with that of other countries, and suggested that our main fault was a lack of that "thirst for knowledge", which is so apparent in other countries.

Mr. K. Austwick, Lecturer in Education in Sheffield University, who criticised the over-sized classes of today, reiterated the point that grammar school education should teach one to live life to its full.

Mr. J. W. Harmer, who spoke on religious education, and is Headmaster of Torquay Grammar School, maintained that this subject was an essential in the school curriculum.

Mrs. A. Beevers, Headmistress of Totnes Grammar School, advocated a "study in depth rather than breadth" in the sixth-form. She suggested "less knowledge and more thought" as a suitable maxim for the "intellectually adventurous" time of the sixth-form. She closed her talk with the surprising statement that her idea of paradise was perpetual membership of the sixth-form!

Mr. R. C. Crow, Headmaster of Saltash Grammar School, pointed out that a university education is not only the gaining of qualifications, but also of a broadened outlook on life, socially, intellectually and politically.

This speech brought the morning session to a close, and after a very pleasant lunch, we recommenced with discussion groups, wherein we put forward our own views on these topics, and condensed our findings into questions which were discussed at length by the speakers in the next stage of the meeting, a forum. The main points at issue were our system of education as compared with those of America and France, and religious education (the latter to the accompaniment of some heckling from the floor).

In the evening there was a dance to which we were kindly invited by the Tavistock School Ballroom Dancing Society, which served to complete this interesting and important meeting on a more informal note.

Some of the points brought to light at this meeting which may stimulate you to discussion are: Should our teachers be better trained? Will our system stand up to the competition of the entry into the Common Market? and, Has our government left its programme of university expansion too late?

However, the main theme discussed was that education is not just a materialist's rat-race for certificates and qualifications, but a time for the formation of character, and preparation for that essential after-school activity—to be a good citizen.

R. M. BROOKIN.

PRINTING GROUP

During the autumn term, the Group has not been unduly active in respect of actual production, but, nevertheless, the younger members have put in many hours of training in the art of printing—training which each Saturday afternoon proves to them that there is no short cut whatsoever in producing a job which not only serves the purpose for which it was intended, but is also pleasing to handle and to look upon. This training has been made more interesting by the introduction of experiments in the production of two-colour note-headings of varying designs; designs which were never intended to be readily acceptable to the general public, but which have proved most valuable in the understanding of type design and printers' measurements. These headings also gave us the opportunity of proving the value of our thermographic method of raised printing.

On the production side, tickets were printed for the Parents' Association Dance and Whist Drive, preparing the way for what we anticipate will be a busy spring term.

M. K. PEARSON, L.6A.

RAMBLING CLUB

Once again the Rambling Club has not been well supported. There are very few boys, it seems, who are interested in hiking with the school club. In consequence, there are only four or five regulars, all of whom could teach many younger boys a lot about the Moor. It is regrettable that one should have the Moors so close, and not take advantage of them. We realise that many boys have other interests—the Duke of Edinburgh Award, the Air Training Corps and the Scouts, but these do not account for all of the boys' weekends. In any case, amongst our regulars, the majority are Scouts, a couple are in the A.T.C. and some are attempting the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Still, despite the poor attendance, the standard of our hikes has been high and the boys who turned up enjoyed themselves.

Finally, there is no master involved in the Club and there is no subscription to pay; the Rambling Club is the only club in the school where young and old mix socially—you are never without friends; you can have a jolly good time for a small amount of money.

E. F. FLOYD, *Leader*.

SAILING CLUB

The school year began for us with an influx of new members, the election of Club officers and the cleaning up of the boat-house! These new members swelled our total to thirty-one, of whom eleven are qualified crewmen and one is a qualified helmsman. Amongst the new members came Hopford, who has brought his "Cadet" with him, thus increasing our fleet to five dinghies and a rowing-cum-motor boat.

The outstanding feature of the autumn term has been a competition against the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, which we won by a narrow margin. Despite the lack of wind, there were some exciting finishes and the helmsmen had to employ all their skill in these unfavourable conditions. We are very grateful to the Parents' Committee for providing an excellent lunch for the competitors.

Despite the low temperature, sailing has continued right up to the Christmas holidays, with the boats being withdrawn in rotation for refitting and repainting. Each of the "Cadets" is now equipped with a spinnaker, a special type of sail used when racing before the wind.

We would like to thank Mr. Adams, Mr. Collenette, Mr. Dodd and Mr. Osborne, without whom our Club would cease to function.

P. G. FIELDING, *Secretary*.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

This term has proved as uneventful as might be hoped, for the Library has, on the surface at least, continued to function smoothly. For the third successive time, I am pleased to be able to report a considerable increase in the number of books on loan, some 1,800 of our total stock of nearly 7,000 being in use as I write this report.

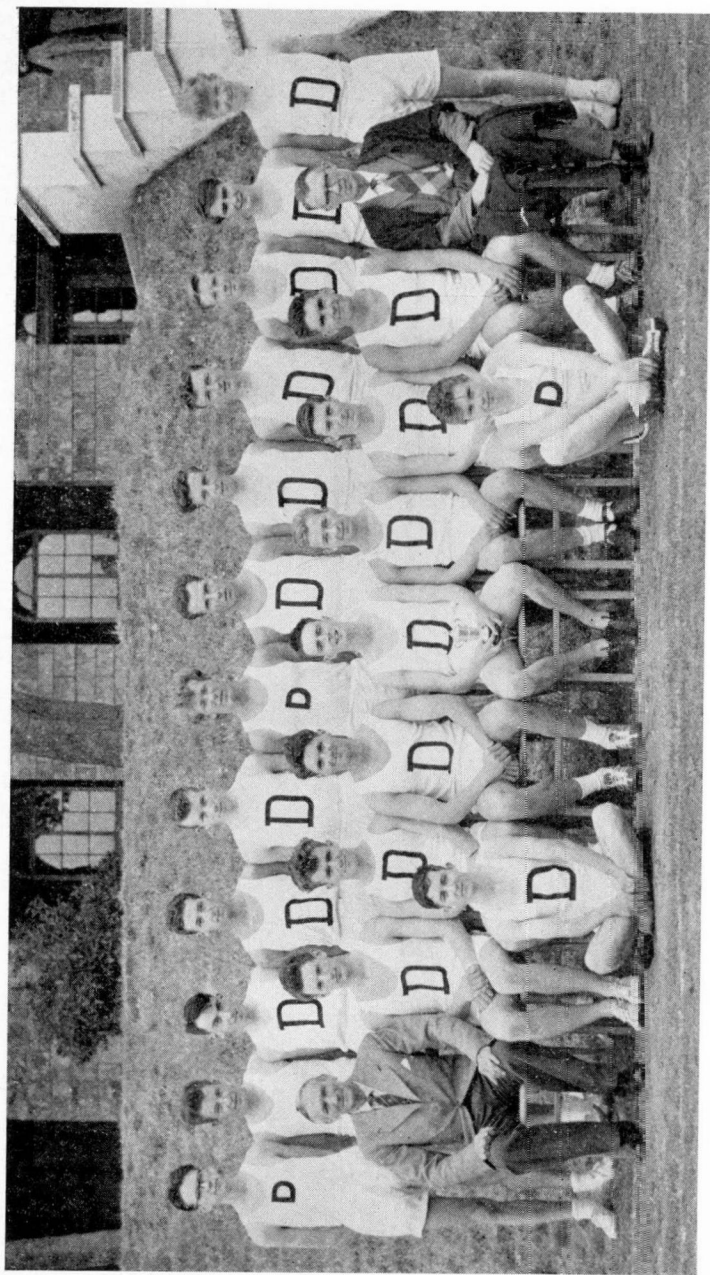
New books on a wide range of subjects continue to pour into the Library, both through the Schools' Library Service and in the form of donations from friends of the school and members of staff. A new section, Spanish Literature, has been opened, in view of the increasing number of boys in the school who are now studying the subject. One other feature of this term's progress has been the total reorganisation of the Magazine Section. Magazines which were rarely read are no longer purchased and an increased emphasis is placed on "hobby" magazines; this has proved most welcome to the great majority of the school.

Since the last issue of the school magazine, Ellis (L.6S) has been appointed Deputy Librarian and I must thank him for his valuable assistance. Pollard (3A) has made a fine start as Junior Librarian; I hope he will be able to persuade his team of assistants to continue their undoubted co-operation with him. Finally, a word of thanks to my own staff who have been working, generally speaking, very well indeed. Thank you!

M. HARRIS.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

This year the Society has had a most successful start. The present membership, standing at one hundred and one, is only seven below last year's total, and if the apathy of forms M.6A and L.6A had not been so apparent, last year's total must surely have been surpassed. The boys of these forms must realise that, just as it is important for boys on the science side to take an interest in the arts, it is equally important for boys on the arts side to have



ATHLETICS TEAM 1961

Back row (left to right): J. S. Northey, R. J. Whysall, J. Stuckey, J. Stone, K. J. Durston, B. Burrows, J. Forse, B. Ashman, J. Ford, P. Hawkyard, J. Lee, J. Oxley

Middle row: Mr. W. Nash, H. J. Pollard, J. Powderley, B. J. Moore, M. J. Rydcr, T. B. Knight, P. J. Thorne, P. Cook, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

Front row: I. R. Glenday, H. J. Stone

an understanding of basic scientific principles. This is most easily acquired by joining the Society. Besides having a large membership, the enthusiasm of the members is very high, shown by the considerable rise of attendances at film meetings this year. The present average is sixty, compared with last year's fifty-one, and the three open lecture meetings of the term have produced an average attendance of eighty-five, achieved admittedly by yet another record attendance for Mr. Hurrell's lecture, of one-hundred-and-fifty.

The enthusiasm shown for the film meetings has been well rewarded by an excellent selection of films to suit all members of the Society. One of the most interesting was *Manufacture of Glass*, made by Pilkington Bros., which showed the making of three types of glass at their St. Helens Works. Another, *Discovery of a New Pigment*, made by Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., showed vividly how an accidental impurity in a material has been used to manufacture a most useful pigment of unusual durability. In order that all members of the school might see the film made by the Society last year, it was decided by the committee that the film be shown during the dinner-hour of the day of Mr. Hurrell's visit. Unfortunately only five non-members of the Society came to it—unfortunate for those members of the school who missed the opportunity of seeing this first-class film about Plymouth Station.

For the first lecture meeting of the term the Society was addressed by Mr. Billings, and his two colleagues Mr. Davis and Mr. Prout, on "Weights and Measures". The work of the American Weights and Measures Department, as well as our own, was explained by Mr. Billings and illustrated with films of both departments. One film concerned the development of the balance throughout the ages and showed various modern examples used in industry and research.

The popularity of Mr. Hurrell's annual visit was foreseen by the committee and the meeting was held in the hall, not in the physics laboratory as is customary. Mr. Hurrell explained his recent work and then showed the Society four films. In one of these, with some remarkable close-up photography, we were shown the construction of a hornets' nest and the hornets at work in the nest. The other films showed voles, stoats, field-mice and weasels at play.

For the last lecture meeting of the term, Mr. Appleby, of British Nylon Spinners Ltd., gave a lecture entitled, "Nylon Spinning". He told us of the numerous varied uses of nylon in present-day work and pleasure, and gave practical demonstrations of the elastic properties of the nylon fibres. The talk was illustrated by slides of the industrial equipment used to cope with the tremendous demand for nylon.

Copies of the *New Scientist* are sold by the Science Society but the sale of *Science Club* has been discontinued due to lack of support.

However, remainders of *Science Club* from last year have been sold to the boys of the first year at half price, the response being excellent. The Society has also been able to use the library display window to advertise the facilities of the dark room, and any member of the Society who is interested in photography is reminded that the dark room is at his disposal, provided he makes arrangements with the dark room stewards, Messrs. Miles and Box.

The committee, meeting on the first Thursday of the month, tries to see that every member of the Society is catered for, but if any member has a query or suggestion, he should see his form representative, who will present his case to the committee. The form representatives are: VIth Form, Thorning; Vth Form, Shearer; IVth Form, Roberts.

Unfortunately, for part of this term the Society has been unable to call upon the advice and counsel of Mr. Coombe, who has been away from school due to illness. We all wish him a very speedy and complete recovery.

We would also like to thank Mr. Poole and Mr. Collenette for their invaluable assistance during Mr. Coombe's absence, and also the laboratory assistant, Mr. Paul Harris, for his services throughout the term.

A. J. DAWE, *Hon. Secretary.*

SCOUT LOG

At the beginning of this term, the large unwieldy Troop was reorganised into two sections; those who wished to attend on Friday nights, and those who wished to attend on Wednesdays after school. The Friday night Troop came under the leadership of John Jeffrey, who, having completed a successful tour of Nigeria, is now back in Plymouth. The Wednesday night Troop was lucky to retain the services of Mr. Attewell.

Both troops have had a successful term since their formation and much rivalry has developed (friendly, we hope!). The activities of Troop II, which meets on Friday night, have included several hikes, a camp-fire, a training camp and recently a patrol project. The future programme of Troop II will include a winter trek to Bellever Youth Hostel during the Christmas holidays.

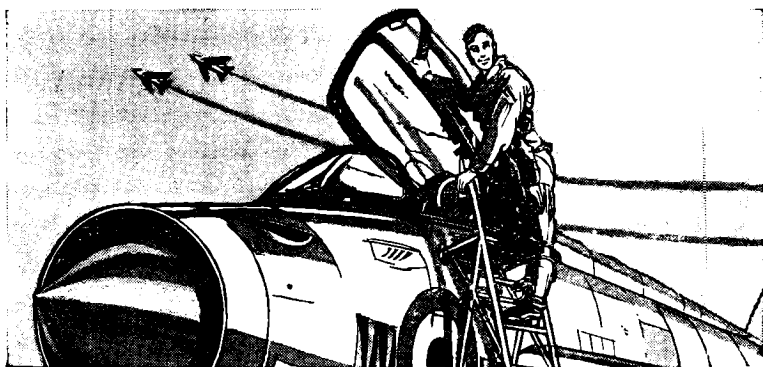
The activities of Troop I have consisted of several patrol hikes, mainly on the southern part of Dartmoor and each patrol has started on a project.

Two teams, one from each Troop, will be entered in the Ten Tors Hike next June.

Once again we would like to thank the many people who have helped us, in particular Dr. Cresswell for his constant support and encouragement.

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SENIOR SCOUT TROOP

The autumn term has been one of consolidation together with a considerable amount of success. Our congratulations are offered to J. Mills and J. Stuckey on gaining their Queen's Scout Badge, and to the cross-country team on winning the Plymouth and district race at Marsh Mills. Incidentally, many other seniors are nearing their Queen's award, and those that have already obtained this are now striving for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Some of the seniors spent a most enjoyable and informative weekend at the Senior Scout Coraboree, at which Mr. L. Stringer, the H.Q. Commissioner for Seniors, was present.

Meetings have taken place regularly on Monday evenings, and at the beginning of term we were very pleased to welcome three new recruits from the junior troop to make our full strength up to eleven.

We are all very grateful to Mr. Attewell and Mr. J. Jeffrey, who have given up much of their spare time to help us on our Monday evenings. Indeed the future of the Senior Troop seems bright, and we would welcome any recruits from the school.

J. STUCKEY, *Troop Secretary.*

STAMP CLUB

This term has been notable, not for the size of the attendances, but for the high standard of the work entered for competitions. We have held three full-scale competitions this term, the first of which has been popular for a long time, "My Favourite Country". This was won by England, 1S. Secondly, we held a "Polychromatic Competition", the winner being another young boy, Collins, 2B. It is very gratifying to see the first and second formers trying so hard and succeeding so well.

Our last competition was the "Thematic". With these subjects to choose from—nature, scenes, and transport—the members had a field day, and this competition yielded the greatest proportion of really excellent results. Here, experience told, and two of the older boys swept the board. Vosper, 4A, took first, second, and fourth places, while Manton, 4C, was third and fifth.

Recently Caudell, L.6A, spoke to the Club on Canadian stamps. He specialises in these, and was able to give good reasons for his choice of speciality. In many ways, stamp collecting only becomes interesting when it is specialised; then there is a definite finishing point to the collection, and it becomes truly representative instead of diversified and incomplete. Caudell's talk was illustrated by a film strip showing some very good replicas of Canadian stamps.

My thanks are due to Ford, 4A, for his highly competent work as Treasurer, and to Caudell, L.6A, for bringing such a good selection of approvals each week. This term M. Harris, U.6A, has been unable to continue his work as Secretary, due to the

demands made on him by school work. The Stamp Club has a lot to thank him for and we wish him luck in his future career. Finally, of course, our very great thanks to Mr. Hopford, without whose valued guidance and whole-hearted support, the Club could not function.

EDWARD F. FLOYD, *Hon. Secretary.*

Parents' Association

We are pleased to report that there has been an increase in support for each of the social events organised this term. The first of these was the Annual General Meeting held in November at which the parents of several boys in the junior school offered to serve on the Committee. After the business meeting the school film of the Duke of Edinburgh's visit was shown and followed by a film and colour slides of the Field Club's visit to Lundy, commented upon by Mr. Dodd.

The Whist Drive in November attracted more people than for some time with thirty-four tables competing for prizes generously donated by parents and local firms.

The Annual Dance in the Lower Guildhall early in December was a most enjoyable gathering of parents, friends and members of staff—a total of some 170 attended.

During the term we have been able to defray the cost of Speech Day and provide our usual prizes; to purchase for the School a copy of the Lundy film; to equip the School 1st XI with a new set of shirts; to augment the School orchestral instruments with two trombones; to supply visual aids for art study and to provide the carol service order sheets.

We are grateful to all parents who, by their support for our functions made these things possible, and to all Committee members, past and present, for the untiring service they give. H.G.W.

Correspondence

Dear Sir,
Aberdeen Hall,
Granville Park, London S.E.13.

After a short-lived career in the Civil Service, I decided to try and study drama at a college, and the course at Goldsmiths' College, London, was particularly attractive. My first term has proved that I made a good choice.

Unfortunately the college has been hit by the Ministry of Education's policy of relying on qualified graduates to staff the secondary modern schools, so I shall have to start teaching in a junior school. Since drama is very much the province of the secondary schools, I was worried about the change to juniors, but I have since been assured it will not be difficult.

Goldsmiths' College is, of course, part of the University of London, but very much a separate entity. Apart from the standard of the course, Goldsmiths has the advantage of being in London, the centre of theatre and English cultural activity. The course for teaching is a three-year course, and opportunity is also given for students to take a General Degree, which requires an extra year's study.

After working in the Civil Service I realised that study is not such a bad thing, and that it can be an avenue to a more interesting life than can be offered in a city office. I do not hesitate to recommend a return to student life to any boys who gave up study as I did.

Yours sincerely,

BRIAN R. PERRETT.

LETTER FROM AMERICA

Box 568
King's Road, Kissimmee,
Florida, U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

So far my stay in America has been so full of activity that I have had little time to sort out my most important impressions.

However, the first interesting experience was meeting other students, on American Field Scholarships, who had boarded the ship before some Pakistanis and I boarded at Southampton. We were but a few of the nine hundred students from forty-eight nations bound for a year's stay in America. The new friendships, and the exchanges of views on politics and the customs of our various countries, continued steadily throughout the eight days of the sea journey. The journey to Florida from Idlewild Airport, New York, was just as interesting as the Atlantic crossing, with short stops at various state capitals and a great diversity of scenery as we travelled south.

On arrival, I was warmly welcomed by what looked like a normal family group; but then I saw a crowd of cheering students, the pupils of the school I was to attend. They had turned out to make the welcome really warm. The town itself is set in the middle of the lake country of Florida, having expanded a good deal since it was a small cattle centre. The annual rodeo is still one of the most exciting events, entertaining such celebrities as William Cody and Elvis Presley (who was a cattle driver in his early teens!). Bigger things were in store for this (Kowtown) of Florida, for in the last 30 years, its change has been almost unbelievable, and the present population is about ten thousand. This increase has been due to tourists coming south in the winter and also the expansion of Cape Canaveral. But the most striking feature of the town is the friendliness and warmth of its people.

There are, of course, plenty of coloured people here in the deep south. Strangely enough, there is hardly any trouble or friction between the two sections, the white and the coloured, as long as they are segregated. This seems to be important and the desire for segregation seems mutual. The U.S. Government will find integration in our town and other southern towns a virtual impossibility in the ten years that they have set themselves to abolish segregation. To me it seems that it could well take hundreds, not tens of years.

For my education I attend Osceola High School which was named after an Indian Seminole chieftain. It is an ordinary co-educational High School, with comprehensive system which is also typical. Although the work does not bring either artist or scientist to the level required for entry to an English university, it must be remembered that the course was not designed to achieve this level. Subjects like psychology, current affairs and "civics" are very important and these subjects could be included in many English schools to definite advantage. The staff consists of "fresh-from-college" teachers in the main and many of these do not stay more than a year. I found the company of the opposite sex in classrooms a pleasant change from Devonport High, but whether I have learnt as much is questionable.

The school supply the town with football matches—American football, of course—and the crowds of four and a half thousand provide useful finance for other activities. However, not many students are keen on sport, although the football team is as yet unbeaten this season (I am reminded of the D.H.S. cricket team's unbeaten record last season). I have been kept very busy since my arrival as manager of this team, in addition to being active in many different societies. Life is so full that I rarely get time for a breathing space.

I hardly need say that I shall always remember my year in America and can recommend the American Field Scholarship to anyone who wants to broaden his outlook and have a lot of fun in the process.

Yours sincerely,

PETER R. WARN.

The University.
Birmingham.

Dear Sir,

Birmingham as the setting for a university is not now the black hole of the Midlands, for the industrial areas are discreetly hidden behind the façades of modern shopping centres. The university itself is located in what was once rural Edgbaston, and from the vantage point of Selly Oak it looks distinctly sinister. The style of architecture is a cross between exotic Baroque and modern Russian, with cupolas, minarets and a gigantic clock tower, which is the

shrine of the Right Honourable Joseph Chamberlain, who was the virtual ruler of Birmingham in the 1870's. After a few weeks, these architectural features cease to intimidate and all seems normal. The new buildings at Edgbaston are a sign of welcome progress and expansion, for it is estimated in 1970 there will be seven thousand students, whereas today there are approximately four and a half thousand.

Social life varies tremendously, according to personal temperament. Some students like debating, some the more plebeian forms of relaxation and others sit in angry despondency in coffee rooms unable to find anything to suit them. It seems that the supposed delights of university life are available only to those who are prepared to make their own amusements or to take opportunities as they present themselves. For the science student, active membership of societies is virtually impossible due to the pressure of work, but if someone wants to do something badly enough, he usually finds a way. Although, for a big city, we have no equivalent of London's West End, as a Plymothian, I was astonished that there are theatres, a symphony orchestra which plays on Saturdays in the Town Hall, and periodic visitations by such ensembles as Sadler's Wells Opera Company, and the leading jazz bands. The essential for any new student to remember is that at a university you are completely forgotten once you go outside the lecture room and that if you don't want a nervous breakdown you must create your own personal contacts. Some people do not find this easy and they miss a lot of fun.

Another big factor in the success of a university career lies in the happiness of your "digs". The notorious landlady is still not extinct, as I found out this term by personal experience. Working conditions in some "digs" are not conducive to systematic study and I would recommend people not to go to a house where there are more than two lodgers. The ever-present company of four or five is enjoyable but not a good influence on study. Also it is better to get lodgings as near the university as possible. I am six miles out, and the travelling expenses and energy used in going to and fro are a considerable nuisance.

Lastly, a few words about the academic side of life, which for science students means a six-day week. Chemistry students have three one-hour lectures every morning and three hours practical every afternoon except Wednesdays, as well as three hours on Saturday mornings. The horrified student finds himself doing four hours more than he did at school and there are no free periods! Every chemist is allocated a tutor whom he shares with two or three other people. This tutor looks after your welfare or would do if you cared to unburden your troubles to him. The mathematics subsidiary subject is very well taught and the tutorial system helps to clear up any difficulties. In physics and chemistry there are

no facilities for interrogation of the lecturers; this is a sad reflection of the state of universities today. Gone are the days of ready access to the staff. One gets the impression that universities have become a part of the state machine, producing as many degree-bearing people as possible, irrespective of other considerations. The laboratory facilities are very good, especially those in the new Howarth building where first-year students are domiciled. One of the anachronisms of a science course is the German which is compulsory for those who have not passed O-level. I find the course extremely distasteful, especially since we were told that the course is supposed to provide comic relief!

I can strongly recommend a university career, but my first term has made me very conscious of the fact that purely academic considerations are not as important as I used to think they were.

Yours sincerely,

PHILIP COHEN.

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The year 1961 proved a busy one for the Association. Apart from informal gatherings on three separate occasions, our Soccer XI renewed battle with the Old Suttonians in a friendly match at the opening of the season. We hope this will become an annual event so that we can avenge a 2-0 defeat inflicted on our weakened team.

December 16th brought the annual rugger match versus the School, which resulted in a 9-3 victory for the Old Boys. Their extra strength and weight proved the deciding factor in the mud at Ham. A far more entertaining game would have resulted on a good pitch—how long must we wait for the filling in of Stonehouse Creek?

Not too long, if plans being laid bear fruit. We hope all our members will co-operate with the Parents' Association in their proposed campaign to speed up proceedings. Here is a golden opportunity to assist in achieving an aim which was mooted by this Association five years ago. Well appointed playing fields are the most urgent need of the School. Car stickers and posters will be the main armament; your help will be required. We were the originators of the scheme; we must ensure that it does not fail through lack of publicity.

Our teams continue to make their presence known in local sporting circles. It is pleasing to note that the rugger XV are now represented by more Old Boys. They are now nearing the Soccer Club's proud boast of 100% ex-members of the School. I have been particularly proud, on more than one occasion, to hear tributes paid to our sportsmanship by local referees.

Congratulations to Mike Tait and Malcolm Woodward, regular choices for the Devon XV.

The Annual General Meeting and Xmas gathering is reported under a new heading—"Impressions of A.G.M." We hope one of our young members will report the 1962 meeting.

The next event will be the Easter rugger and soccer games. All members are welcome, also parents. Join us afterwards for refreshments. The date has not yet been fixed. It will be announced at the earliest opportunity.

A summary of our Balance Sheet for 1961 falls to be included in these notes at the request of members.

The four main sources of income were:—

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions	35	0	0
Donations	6	0	0
Magazines (London and Bath) ..	19	0	0
Profit from social events	9	0	0
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	£69	0	0

Expenditure was mainly:—

Magazines	39	0	0
Postage	10	0	0
Miscellaneous expenses ..	15	0	0
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	£64	0	0

The generosity of members donating prizes for the raffles run at social events has enabled the Association's finances to run smoothly. The whole Committee join me in extending thanks to the gentlemen concerned.

BERNARD GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary.*

Impressions of A.G.M. 1961

On Thursday, December 28th, the Old Boys of the School met at the Dolphin Restaurant, Plymouth for a re-union—the event was a happy combination of the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Supper—the affair was most informal—and the Old Boys moved freely around the room to meet many old friends—the meeting was of great interest in that we discussed the presentation to Plymouth City Council of some civic plate—reports were received from the Rugger, Soccer and Badminton Clubs; also from our London Branch and our new Branch at Bath and Bristol. We were delighted to see Sir Clifford Tozer (a Vice-President) and Mr. Eric Cock (a founder Member)—a very successful raffle was run—prizes being given by Mr. H. Ferraro (Life Vice-President), Mr. R. Ferraro (Vice-President), Sir Clifford Tozer, Mr. Eric Cock, and the Badminton Club—the licensed bar was open until 11 p.m., and the buffet provided was excellent. All in all it was a most enjoyable occasion.

E.E.C.

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There is not much to report from the London Branch this time, but we did have a little "Get-Together" on November 23rd. We were glad to see, among others, Captain J. E. Dyer Smith, D. Letcher, R. H. Cousins, Colin Bray, Col. Halloran and F. K. Duke.

John Herridge tells me that Dennis Singlehurst is now in Plymouth (Taxes, Ply. 3). He (that is Dennis Singlehurst) is married and happily recovered from his motor accident. The other accident will take him longer to get over.

I have had a long letter from Cyril Williams, Marketing Service Manager of Shell Mex in Birmingham, and a former 1st XI goalkeeper.

I also had a welcome and unexpected visit from L. E. House, Chief Engineer of Fibreglass, of St. Helens, who was down here at a conference.

We are having our Annual Dinner at 41 Charlotte Street, W.1, on Saturday, January 27th.

C. F. AUSTIN, *Hon. Secretary.*

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We have been fairly quiet in our activities since mid-summer, in fact our only get-together was the A.G.M. held in November. At this meeting, F. W. J. Lawrence was elected to the chair, after having filled the breach since June, when J. M. Widdecombe left. H. H. Ward (Bristol) was elected to the Committee in place of E. C. Garland.

It was gratifying to see so many new faces at the meeting. A special welcome was extended to C. B. Hosking (1909-11), now our "oldest boy"; in our trawl of the district last year he somehow slipped the net; however, since he has recently retired and is staying in Bath we are not likely to lose him on transfer.

P. Crowther and N. Chaffe have recently joined us from London. Captain "Tim" Healy, R.N. (1929-36), and Bert Tout

(1939-44), have arrived at the Admiralty Offices at Bath and have joined the Branch. I have also made contact with George Allin (1944-49) and John Osborne (1946-1950), both of whom are with the Admiralty. Tim Webb (1951-58) wrote the other day to say that he had been posted to Germany with the R.A.F.

Gordon Pike (1931-36), who must be at the territorial limits of the Bath and Bristol area, forwarded his sub. a week or two ago from Aden. (A gentle reminder to those living much nearer who haven't paid.) He tells me that on the few occasions when one wears a tie in Aden, he advertises the "Old Boys", but as yet, has had no response.

Nothing definite has yet been fixed for our future activities, but we hope to have a get-together on March 10th, when Albion visit Bristol.

We are still looking for new members and news of any Old Boy in the district will be appreciated and quickly followed up.

H. D. D. THOMAS, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE OLD BOYS' RUGGER CLUB

The season 1961-62 has so far been an excellent one for the Old Boys, both regarding results and playing strength.

After a very successful 1960-61 season, we hoped for an equally good, if not better, record this season, and so far out of 18 games we have only lost 2. This success has, in my opinion, been mainly due to the greatly increased playing strength of the Club, for this season our greatest difficulty has been to decide whom to make reserves each Saturday, for we have had sometimes as many as twenty people wishing to play.

This season we have gained several new players such as, D. Ferguson, D. Bennett, J. Ellis, C. Mapstone, D. Thomas, and for a while we shall have the services of the old stalwart of the Club, Jeff Lakeman.

We lost C. Harris this season, After many seasons of service to the Club he has left to take up a commission in the R.A.F. I do hope that anyone leaving school who would like to continue playing rugby will contact me, for we shall be very pleased to welcome fresh young blood into the Club.

J. SOUTHERN, *Hon. Secretary,*
30 Reigate Road, Plymstock.

THE OLD BOYS' SOCCER CLUB

Although it appeared before the season started that the Club would experience a shortage of players, when the time arrived to field two sides the same day more players were registered than were required.

The 1st XI, playing in the Plymouth Combination League, Premier Division, are enjoying one of their best seasons for a long

while. Their league playing record up to the Christmas week is as follows:—

<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>A.</i>	<i>Pts.</i>
15	6	1	8	44	48	13

This record places them just about half-way up the table. They have also played two Cup matches, viz., in the Devon Senior Cup, 1st round, they surprisingly lost to E.M. Dept., but they atoned for this defeat in the Combination Cup, 1st round, by beating Plymstock United.

The 2nd XI, in Division I of the Combination League, are not having so successful a season to date, their record being:—

<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>A.</i>	<i>Pts.</i>
12	3	3	6	19	28	9

They have, unfortunately, been beaten in both their Cup matches. Their lack of success is partly due to having an unsettled team each week, caused mainly by 1st XI calls, and also due to the inexperience of most of the players. However, in the future, the Club must look to these players to maintain its existence, and the experience they gain from playing every week will stand them in good stead when they are required by the 1st XI.

J. W. BLAKE, *Hon. Secretary.*

PERSONAL COLUMN — *News of Old Boys*

Two of the earlier magazines have been sent to me by the sister of an Old Boy when she looked in some trunks in the spare room. Have you looked? Nos. 1-15 please. One photograph of a pre-1939 team also sent to me. Have you any you do not want? No musical instruments as yet—but we keep on hoping.

Murray Widdecombe has now left Bath and has joined the London Branch where "Tex" still keeps a watchful eye on the O.Bs. Will any member transferring to London please get in touch with him—phone ACOrn 2864, or write, 10 Northfields Road. Similarly, anyone moving to the Bath and Bristol area please contact Hannibal Thomas at 53 Bloomfield Avenue, Bath.

New from Old Boys has not been as plentiful last term as it usually is, but the number of visitors—"droppers-in"—has been very high. We do appreciate that you take the trouble to call in at School whenever you are in the vicinity. Remember you are always welcome.

I shall be writing to you all soon on behalf of the Executive Committee. Please do take the letter to heart and reply.

JOHN HAVELOCK (1936-42). Urged on by JOHN MILLS has written me a long newsy letter. After leaving he spent 3 years in the R.Es., graduated in 1952 and became a Chartered

Structural Engineer. Now a Senior Lecturer in the Mechanical Engineering Department at Bournemouth, is married, has a son, Nigel, and still enjoys a game of tennis.

- JOHN BADCOCK (1949-56). Is now an English Assistant in a German Grammar School at Riedlingen, Wurst. Would welcome pen friends.
- D. P. HOLLIDAY (1948-56). Has qualified at St. Pauls and is taking an extra year at Dartington, where he is specialising in music.
- J. DRENNAN (Major) (1934-39). We met by chance in the Continental Hotel on his last night in England before going out to Singapore. Only after half an hour's conversation did we realise that we had the same School tie (link). He remembers Porter and Hancock—too well!
- C. C. LUCAS. Now an Assistant Secretary at the Treasury. A useful place we hope—for us.
- L. ROWE (1950-55). Still enjoying life in Canada and would like Old-Boy addresses. Write 2834 West 41st Avenue, Vancouver 13 B.C.—if you have a moment to spare.
- A. G. ROBINS and R. PRATT (1954-61) are both at St. Annes on Sea as Student Apprentices with English Electric Co. Ltd. They strongly recommend the firm.
- P. WARN (1954-61). Has written most interestingly about his stay in America—P.O. Box 568 Kings Rd., Kissimmee, Florida—Another who would welcome an occasional letter.
- TOM STEVENS (1953-59). Now in New Guinea having a grand time working hard and rapidly learning Melanesian pidgin English. Enjoyed his brief stay in Australia. He hopes too you will write to him. C/o Post Office Lae, New Guinea. Says he has some wonderful stamps.
- D. C. PRIDEAUX (1954-61). Writes a very interesting letter from Vacoas, Mauritius. He had a grand trip out calling at El Adem, Khartoum and Mombassa. Is now settled in at St. Joseph's College and working for G.C.E. and has discovered that in the L6th there they are doing work he did in the 5th form here.
- P. WICKENDEN (1951-58). Now in his final year has decided to give up most of his "outside" activities to concentrate on the degree. He has been working very hard with a Scout troop.
- P. EAMES (1951-58). Will soon be leaving Cambridge and hopes to meet the London Old Boys before long.
- P. J. SANDERS (1954-61). Sends us greetings on behalf of the D.H.S. contingent at Sandhurst. Tells me Sadler gets more like a potential General every day. Both have been accepted for the Special Arts Course which leads the successful to Cambridge.
- F. RICKARD (1937-45). Called in to look at the "new" School. Married with two daughters. Took Honours Classics, graduating 1948, commissioned in R.A.F. 1948-50, and is now Senior Administrative Officer to the Northumberland County Council. Says it's a long way away but hopes to meet Lake District visitors.
- C. F. O'BRIEN (1953-61). Writes to tell us that a degree course is hard work—especially in Physics. But he is enjoying life and hopes to call in next term.
- D. SMITH (1947-54). Has now qualified at Guys and is taking his student year in hospital. He looked very fit and flourishing.
- J. D. BURT. Remembers Bert Mantle very well. Has written a fascinating letter about the early 1900's. He regrets the tremendous changes in Plymouth and Devonport. He has spent most of his life in South Africa, where he was a City Engineer before his retirement in 1949. He has seen a lot of the world. Present address 42 Capri Park Drive, Port Elizabeth.
- H. E. EASTLEY (1942-50). Called in to see us. Married, no family as yet. Is now with the Ministry of Agriculture as a Fatstock Officer—and he looks very healthy, too.
- D. HOLMAN (1950-57). Has been appointed to teach Maths and Physics at Wilson Grammar School, London. London O.B.A. advised!
- M. WINTERTON (1952-59). Has just set sail on the *Kista Dan* to spend three years in the Antarctic. Says his job is "general assistant sledger"—hopes to find out what this means before the long nights set in . . . but is looking forward to the trip!! All mail will be welcome.

D. M. ACKROYD (1952-59). Also in London—but as an actuary trainee with Sun Life Assurance. He recommends this career and there are some excellent openings.

J. D. COLES. Left the Merchant Navy in November 1960 and is now in the Met. Office at Branknell, Berks. Married Miss Sheila Harris in September. Our sincere congratulations.

C. M. HARRIS (1950-56). Ex-Captain of the O.B.A. R.F.C. has now been commissioned in the R.A.F. Well done indeed.

P. C. KELLY (1942-50). Married—two children, a boy and a girl. Called in on his way to Australia where he has been appointed Factory Manager with an American firm of pharmaceutical chemists. Was in Penzance; took his degree at Reading, and then went to America and is now looking forward to his stay in New South Wales.

J. F. MILLS (1949-56). Got a 1st Class Hons. in Mechanical Engineering. Congratulations and is now with de Havilland, and was a pupil of JOHN HAVELOCK. He hopes to get into School next term.

A. J. ASHCROFT (1948-53). Called in to see us. Is now with Radio Spares Ltd. Not yet married but is thinking seriously about it. Hopes to meet the London O.Bs. shortly.

VIC WALKER (1950-57). Another for overseas and warmer climes. Has qualified at Camborne and has been appointed Assistant Mine Foreman in Séro de Pasco, Peru. Salary—I daren't tell you!

M. BENNETT (1950-56). Very cheerful indeed. You will remember his happy grin. Now with the Civil Service War Department at Honiton and hopes to see much more of the Plymouth O.B.A.

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