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# Editorial

Well here I am again, in my smart grey jacket, and I hope, very welcome.

Many hearty thanks to all ye scribes who have helped to fill my covers with your efforts—although I must admit one or two more would have been very gratefully received—and to the teachers and pupils who have helped to send me to press.

I feel I must make special mention of our "late illustrious sixth," many of which have kept up the standard set last year by gracing the universities with their presence, one complete with State Scholarship.

I seem to be going to press a little later than usual this year and still I notice with my name unchanged, due to no alternative suggestions being forthcoming.

But I imagine that you are wishing me to cease my chattering so that you can pass on to my contents. So I will leave you to it, hoping that you will see your name in print.

Hurrah! Fame at last.

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## School Officers

HEAD BOY :

Melvyn Ratcliff

HEAD GIRL :

Jean Dyson

BOY PREFECTS :

Gerald Carr

Ivan Hibbert

Jeffrey Ibbotson

Michael Jennings

Robert Millward

David Scott

GIRL PREFECTS :

Vivien Brooks

Helen M. Mulholland

Sylvia R. Ogden

Joan Scholefield

Marion Street

Mildred Taylor

Evelyn Thompson

Norma Timms

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## School Notes

Once more we have had changes in our staff.

Mrs. Morris had to leave us, temporarily we hope, owing to severe illness and I know that everyone joins me in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Sincere congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ford on the birth of a son—Stephen—on Sunday, November 20th, and to Mr. and Mrs. G. Wright on the birth of a son—David Nicholas—on Friday, December 16th.

Mr. Sanderson has accepted a post nearer to his home at Todmorden.

To Mr. Livesey who has retired, we offer our best wishes.

Mrs. Pilling joined us in the place of Mrs. Morris, to teach Music and English for the Autumn Term.

Miss Pomfret has come to swell the mathematics contingent of the school and Mr. Hollos has done likewise in the biological and general science fields.

Once again shavings have been piling up amidst the sound of many hammers in the woodwork room. The cause? A very elegant magazine stand is now gracing our library and, most important of all, the long awaited stage is in the process of erection.

Such well-established clubs as the Chess Club, Table Tennis Club and Scientific Society are still going strong, with the newly formed Scripture Union not far behind. We regret that the departure of Mrs. Ford caused the disbanding of the Craft Club and the netball team, we hope only temporarily.

The staff madrigal society, together with one or two members of the school choir is busy preparing for the first production on the stage.

Casting my eye over my honourable friend's School Notes of last term, I noticed her wish that our first State Scholarship would not be the last. It gives me the greatest pleasure to be able to congratulate her on winning one herself, thereby fulfilling her dearest wish. The pupils who have entered Universities and Training Colleges are as follows:

State Scholarship:

Patricia M. Greenall ... .. Liverpool University

Oldham Education Committee Scholarship:

Margaret Butterworth ... .. Leeds University  
 Sheila M. Knott ... .. Leeds University  
 Donald Brooks ... .. Sheffield University  
 Alan Docker ... .. Manchester University  
 Alan Holt ... .. Durham University  
 Angus M. T. Taylor ... .. Manchester University  
 Eileen G. Barrow ... .. Alsager Training College  
 Barbara Corfield ... .. Doncaster Training College  
 Sheila M. Molyneux ... .. St. Katherine's Training College  
 Margaret Nolan ... .. Edge Hill Training College  
 Mavis Schofield ... .. Padgate Training College  
 Margaret Seville ... .. St. Katherine's Training College

At the Speech Night on Tuesday, November 29th, the prizes were presented by the Bishop of Middleton, after he had given a most entertaining and thoughtful speech. This year it was presided over by Councillor H. H. Webster, the Chairman of the Governors.

A very enjoyable holiday was had by all this summer at Concarneau, a little fishing village in Brittany, due to the hard work put into it by Mrs. Kuler, Miss Taylor, Mr. Handforth and Mr. Sanderson.

The fifth and sixth forms have made trips to see plays and films, namely to the Repertory Theatre to see "Othello" and to Couthill Grammar School to see "Major Barbara" and both the film and the play of "Caesar and Cleopatra." Not very long ago Mrs. Kuler took a coach party to Ardwick Hippodrome to see Molière's comedy "L'Avare" ("The Miser"). Also Miss Turner took a party of third form girls to the Palace Theatre to see the Festival Ballet's production of "Esmeralda" and the "Nutmacker Suite." Earlier this year the sixth form visited Couthill Grammar School for the Student Christian Movement conference.

The usual excursions were made to the Lake District and Ingleton with Mr. Wells, by the fourth, fifth and sixth forms.

We have, at last, a film projector, but alas no screen, which rather tends to curb our enthusiasm. At long last a Domestic Science room is in the course of erection, on top of the school. This idea, I believe, is quite American.

The Christmas Parties and Prefects' Dance went off with their usual swing and I am sure everyone is eagerly awaiting this year's festivities.

The school has been very well represented on the town teams in rugger, soccer, swimming, athletics and netball.

This year the boys have been successful in the town swimming Gala, by winning the Cup and continuing to hold the Shield.

RUGBY: G. Highton, P. Maybury, J. Wood.

SOCCER: J. Wood, A. Dyson.

SWIMMING : D. Morris, J. Gordon.

ATHLETICS : C. Salisbury, J. Wood, Barbara White.

NETBALL : Olive Shaw.

Lastly we would all like to offer Mrs. Lees, a little belated perhaps, but nevertheless a very sincere welcome.

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# General Certificate of Education, 1955

## ORDINARY LEVEL

### GIRLS :

#### 7 subjects :

Doreen A. Lawton—English Language, English Literature, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.

Mildred Taylor—English Language, French, German, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.

#### 6 subjects :

Jean M. Tate—English Language, English Literature, Latin, French, Mathematics, Biology.

#### 5 subjects :

Joan Scholefield—English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Biology.

Anne Toft—English Language, German, Chemistry, Biology, French.

Pauline Howard—English Language, English Literature, Geography, Chemistry, Biology.

Norma Timms—English Language, English Literature, French, Mathematics, Biology.

Marie Bennett—English Language, English Literature, History, French, Biology.

#### 4 subjects :

Vivien Brooks—English Language, English Literature, Music, Biology,  
Rita M. Conroy—English Language, English Literature, French, Biology.

Vera Jones—English Language, German, French, Biology.

Patricia Lever—English Language, History, Art, Biology.

Evelyn Thompson—English Language, Art, Latin, French.

Sonia Sneyd—English Language, English Literature, Scripture, Art.

#### 3 subjects :

Marjorie Mitchell—English Language, French, Mathematics.

Doreen Lomas—English Literature, Geography, Art.

Marjory Wilson—English Language, French, German.

#### 2 subjects :

Mavis Laing—English Language, French.

Barbara Woodcock—Mathematics, Biology.

Patricia Eckersley—English Language, English Literature.

Jean M. Evans—English Language, Art.

#### 1 subject :

Joyce M. Ogdén—Art.

Joan Shaw—French.

Maureen Dixon—Geography.

Anne Durrant—English Literature.

### Boys :

#### 8 subjects :

David Scott—English Language, English Literature, French, German, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.

#### 7 subjects :

Robert Millward—English Language, History, Geography, Latin, French, Mathematics, Biology.

#### 6 subjects :

Ivan Hibbert—English Language, French, Mathematics, Physics,

Chemistry, Biology.

5 subjects :

Philip Harrison—English Language, Geography, Art, Mathematics, Biology.

Jeffrey Lawton—English Language, Geography, Biology, English Literature, History.

4 subjects :

David Hulme—English Language, English Literature, Physics, Biology.

Thomas Whiteley—English Language, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.

Geoffrey Batley—English Literature, Art, Physics, Chemistry.

3 subjects :

Terence Aldersley—English Literature, Chemistry, Biology.

John Fisher—English Language, Geography, Art.

Michael Jennings—History, Scripture, Biology.

Jack Wild—Geography, Biology, Woodwork.

2 subjects :

Eric Gartside—Geography, Biology.

Fred Barrow—Geography, Woodwork.

Peter Hyde—Physics, Biology.

1 subject :

John Ashton—Woodwork.

Brian Helliwell—Mathematics.

Geoffrey Hudson—Geography.

Bernard Lyons—Physics.

Dennis Newton—Geography.

Jack Sutherland—Mathematics.

ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS

2 subjects :

Gerald Carr—Latin, Physics.

1 subject :

Melvyn Ratcliff—Geography.

Eileen G. Barrow—Geography.

Jean Dyson—Geography.

Helen M. Mulholland—French.

ADVANCED LEVEL

VIa LIT.

Margaret Butterworth—Latin, French, English (Ord. Level).

Sheila M. Knott—English, Geography, French.

Sheila M. Molyneux—English, Geography, French.

Margaret Nolan—English, French.

Mavis Schofield—English, Scripture.

VIa SCIENCE :

Donald Brooks—Geography, Mathematics, Physics.

Alan Docker—Physics, Chemistry, Biology.

Alan Holt—Physics, Chemistry, Biology (Distinction).

James W. Marsh—Chemistry, Biology, Physics (Ord. Level).

Angus M. T. Taylor—Geography, Chemistry, Biology.

Patricia M. Greenall—Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology.

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## Choir Report

*" Music, when soft voices die,  
Vibrates in the memory"*

P. B. SHELLY.

Let us review our past year. We continued practising last year, and enjoyed quite a fair success on Speech Night.

At Christmas, some members agreed to go and help to spread the happy Yuletide spirit among the old people who were not able to spend Christmas with friends or relations. Our first visit was to Boundary Park. We sang first of all in one of the Annexe Wards, then we moved

into the Psychiatric Ward and then finally we moved into the lounge of the mental ward. We next visited the Claremont Old People's Home. This visit was made in the afternoon, and that night we made our last call. This was to the Salvation Army Home on Waterloo Street.

We were amply rewarded for our visits, not physically, but mentally, by the expressions on the faces of those old people.

We have unfortunately, through illness, lost our Choir Mistress this year, but I am pleased to be able to inform you that she is progressing rapidly, and we wish to extend to Mrs. Morris our thanks for the many ways in which she has helped the choir.

Despite this set-back, we are pressing on under the expert guidance of Mr. Handforth and Mr. Reeves, with the preparations for Speech Night.

N. TIMMS, VI Lit.

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## Chess Club

The chess club opened with a big disappointment, because Miss Turbe-  
field made known her resignation. Mr. Pendlebury took over at short  
notice and was ably assisted by Mr. Reeves, Mrs. Kuler, later Mr. Hollos  
and some members of the chess club. After a few weeks it was finally  
decided to keep the chess team mainly consisting of:—1. Dyson, A.,  
2. Travis, 3. Sanderson, 4. Smith, G., 5. Kershaw, A. Res: Holden, Black-  
shaw, Kershaw, O.

At the first meeting L. Kershaw and E. Sanderson were appointed  
secretaries. In the near future the Chess Club hope to hold Knockout  
Competitions and a Social Evening with a Potato Pie Social.

Will members wishing to join please inform any teacher in the club  
or L. Kershaw or E. Sanderson?

The club is open every dinner hour, except Friday, and on Wednesday  
night. All are welcome.

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## Table Tennis Club

*Chairman:* MR. H. J. MARTIN.

*Secretary and Treasurer:* M. JENNINGS.

*Boys' Captain:* R. MILLWARD.

*Girls' Captain:* E. THOMPSON.

*Committee:*

Miss Best, Mr. K. Petford, M. Jennings, R. Millward, Brenda Flint,  
Evelyn Thompson, M. Taylor.

Once more the club list has had to be closed with a full membership  
of thirty Fifth and Sixth Formers and seven members of staff.

The club meets each dinner-time, and a mixed doubles handicap has  
just been completed. After many close games the finalists were M.  
Jennings and Joan Mitchell, who defeated Mr. Petford and J. Wood  
in a very exciting semi-final, and Grindrod and Pauline Howard, who  
knocked out J. Slater and Christine Brierley in the other semi-final. In  
the final M. Jennings and Joan Mitchell won the first game 21-15, but  
Grindrod and Pauline Howard, who played very steadily throughout,  
fought back to win the next two games and the final 21-12, 21-13.

A singles handicap has also just started and it is hoped to arrange  
one or two friendly matches later.

Three new bats have been purchased, including two sponge bats to  
enable members to get in some practice with them, as they are tending  
to feature much more in table tennis circles here.

M. JENNINGS.

# The Scripture Union

*Committee:* JEAN DYSON, HAROLD JONES, MARION STREET,  
MELVYN RATCLIFF.

*Secretary:* HAROLD JONES.

The Scripture Union has slightly increased in numbers since last year and especially during the past term, in spite of much opposition. At the end of last term we lost the support of several members who are now studying at colleges or university.

At the beginning of the term we welcomed new members from the first form. This means that we are now able to hold separate meetings for senior and junior members, with a combined meeting every other week. The senior meeting usually takes the form of a discussion at which anyone can air his views on a number of widely differing topics. The juniors have varied programmes, in which they often take part if they so wish.

For future programmes we are arranging for guest speakers and there are several meetings at other schools and halls which senior members can attend.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Pomfret for her advice and support at our meetings.

Our hope for the future is increasing support at our meetings.

M. STREET, J. DYSON, U.V.I.G.

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## Scientific Society Notes for 1955

### COMMITTEE :

*President:* MR. HIGSON.

*Chairman:* MR. PETFORD.

*Vice-Chairman:* MR. PENDLEBURY.

*Secretary:* A. DOCKER.

*Treasurer:* J. MARSH.

*6th Form Representatives:* S. OGDEN, G. CARR.

*5th Form Representative:* J. FISHER.

*4th Form Representative:* N. BUCKLEY.

*3rd Form Representative:* C. CUNNINGTON.

*2nd Form Representative:* K. WIDDOP.

*1st Form Representative:* H. BUTTERWORTH.

The Society began this year with a "Brains Trust", at which questions of all types were put to a panel which had been selected from the upper school members and staff. Later in the year a variety of films was shown including very interesting ones on Iron and Steel. A most interesting feature in the year's programme was a talk given by Mr. Wells on "Vegetarianism". The following week Mr. Wells invited members to ask questions. This resulted in a most controversial meeting, entertaining even for those of us who did not wish to express our opinions. The Society challenged the literary side of the school to a Quiz, of a general nature, which was duly held between teams of five chosen from the sixth forms. The Society, we are pleased to report, came out with flying colours and really proved which side of the school was the more general in its knowledge. We held our annual dance as usual, in school, at half term.

With the departure of the upper sixth and the general movement of the school upwards, new officials were elected in September. Mr. Tempest, who joined us last year, took over the chair, Gerald Carr became Secretary and Sylvia Ogden the Treasurer. We also welcomed another lady to the committee, Julia Burton, who was elected first form representative. Our activities this term have been many and varied. We began with a talk and demonstration by Mr. Tempest in an "Introduction to Photography." This was followed by Terence Aldersley of Form 5 giving an extremely interesting talk and display on aero-modelling. Our films have included such topics as rubber, gas, aluminium and palm oil. Later we had a demonstration by Frank Lamb of Form 5 on how to make our contact prints, a talk by Mr. Petford on teeth, and almost blew Mr. Pendlebury's Physics Lab. over of existence in a demonstration of Chemical Energy given by the Upper Sixth with the help of Mr. Tempest. We again challenged the literary set to a Quiz, where they, alas, retrieved some of their laurels by beating us 69-66½. The teams this year were chosen from both Fifth and Sixth Forms.

Our membership has increased somewhat since the last school year and we are pleased to report that we are now on the firm basis we hoped to achieve just two years ago.

SYLVIA OGDEN, VIA Sc.

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## Cricket

The school did not play many cricket matches last year because of the bad weather.

The under 12s played two matches against Chadderton, drawing both. In the first match the school fielded first and Chadderton scored 81 for 4 declared, Hine scoring 56 and Wood taking 2 for 2. The school then scored 53 for 6, Lees scoring 11 not out and Dyson 8, Schofield taking 2 for 11. In the second match, school again fielded first and Chadderton could score only 59, Hine scoring 25 and Priest taking 4 for ten. But the school, batting again, failed and they just managed to play time out. They scored 36 for 9, Lees scoring 10 and Andrew taking 3 for 3 and Thomas 3 for 9.

The under 14s played only one match against Middleton. School fielded first and the visitors scored 107, Morris scoring 31. School could, however, only muster 39 runs owing to some fine bowling by McMillan who took 7 for 9.

The first eleven played only one match, also against Middleton. They fielded first and had immediate success as 3 wickets were down for nine. Then a fourth wicket partnership carried Middleton out of trouble and they declared at 107 for 7. School, however, were soon in trouble and were all out for 63, Lawton scoring 9 and Owen 7 not out.

At the end of term the school First XI played the staff. The school batted first and after a slow start scored rapidly and they were soon fifty for two. Mr. G. Wright was brought on to bowl and bowled Brooks for 14. However, the school declared at 86 for 2, Lawton scoring 44 not out and Jennings 15 not out. For the staff Mr. Cooper sweated very much, but he had no success, taking only one wicket for 31 runs.

The staff opened with Mr. Evans and Mr. Cooper and after making some nice shots Mr. Cooper's middle stump was uprooted by Hudson. Wickets fell rapidly but Mr. Martin and Mr. Petford played out time. Mr. Martin (bowled with the last ball) scored 14 and Mr Petford scored 16 not out.

But there was no doubt that this match showed the superiority of the school eleven and it was a moral victory for them.

MICHAEL JENNINGS and ROBERT MILLWARD.

# Fawsitt House

*House Master:* MR. WELLS.  
*House Mistress:* MISS TURNER.

*Staff Members:*  
MR. HANDFORTH, MR. HOLLOS, MISS TAYLOR, MR. REEVES.

*House Captains:*  
MELVYN RATCLIFF, H, MARY MULHOLLAND.  
*Hockey Captain:* H. MARY MULHOLLAND.  
*Netball Captain:* MARION STREET.  
*Tennis Captain:* MARION STREET.  
*Rounders Captain:* GLENDA FENTON.  
*Senior Sports Captain:* MICHAEL JENNINGS.  
*Junior Sports Captain:* MELVYN MCHUGH.

My first words must be of congratulations and thanks.

Congratulations to the house for coming out "cock" house this year by winning the Games Shield, the Sports Shield, the Work Shield and the cup for Cross Country Run.

Thanks must be extended to all the members of the house—teachers and pupils—for their splendid efforts which have made this feat possible.

We are very sorry to have had to say goodbye to some of our members, including one of our captains, Margaret Butterworth, but we are equally glad to be able to say welcome to our new members.

We managed—by a little bribery in the right place—to have many of our members—boys and girls—included in the school teams. Special mention must go to Margaret Butterworth and Mary Mulholland for winning green girdles for hockey and to Glenda Fenton and Patricia Lever for winning colours for netball. Last, but not least, on our "roll of honour" is Barbara White, who must be congratulated on her position on the town team for high jump.

Come on Fawsitt! Keep up the good work and repeat our successes next year.

H. MARY MULHOLLAND, VIA.



# Lees House

*House Masters:*  
MR. G. N. WRIGHT, MR. K. WRIGHT, MR. M. EVANS,  
MR. F. PENDLEBURY.

*House Mistress:* MISS H. M. BEST, MRS. V. MORRIS.

*House Captains:* JEAN DYSON, IVAN HIBBERT.

*Vice-Captain:* DAVID SCOTT.

*Secretary:* EVELYN THOMPSON.

*Senior Netball Captain:* JEAN WRIGHT.

*Junior Netball Captain:* AVRIL SMITH.

*Senior Hockey Captain:* BRENDA FLINT.

*Junior Hockey Captain:* DOROTHY RAINFORD.

## RESULTS :

*Senior Girls*—Netball: Lost 2; Hockey: Won 1, Drew 1; Won Tennis Tournament.

*Junior Girls*—Netball: Won 1, Lost 1; Hockey: Drew 2; Rounders: Lost 2.

*Senior Boys*—Rugby: Won 1, Lost 1; Soccer: Won 1, Lost 1; Cricket: Won 1, Lost 1; 2nd in Cross Country.

*Middle Boys*—1st in Cross Country.

The House has lost the assistance of Mrs. Morris, one of the House Mistresses, at the end of last term. Sheila Knott, last year's House Captain, left us (now at Leeds University) and also Angus Taylor, ex-House Captain (now at Manchester University).

Our depleted ranks were filled once more, however, at the beginning of the new term by two new captains, who will, we hope, justify our confidence in their leadership. Ivan Hibbert is now the Boys' Captain, David Scott Vice-Captain and Jean Dyson Girls' Captain.

Lees House did very well last term. We won the Swimming Cup and lost the Sports Shield; for the Work Shield and Athletics Cup we were second.

I hope that the same enthusiasm is shown and that more entries are made in the next Gala Inter-house Matches and Sports and that an excellent standard of progress is obtained in class so that Lees House will win the Work Shield, Athletics Cup and Games Cup next year.

The House has shown great concern for Mrs. Morris and Joyce Deane in their illnesses and takes the opportunity of congratulating them on their happy recovery.

With the new Winter Term Lees House members have gained positions on the School first teams (Hockey and Soccer).

The House thanks all members and staff who have helped or taken part in any activity during last term.

Finally, a word of encouragement to our new members who will continue in the tradition of a "true-blue" and show loyalty and willingness to their House—LEES.

E. THOMPSON, Sec. VIB Lit.

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## Walton House

### *House Masters:*

MR. MARTIN, MR. COOPER, MR. PETFORD,  
MR. COOKE.

### *House Mistresses:*

MRS. KULER, MISS POMFRET.

### *House Captain:*

Boys: A. SELBY. Girls: S. OGDEN.

### *Vice-Captain:*

Boys: G. HART. Girls: M. TROTTER.

### *House Secretary: J. STONE.*

*Senior Soccer Captain:* RUSSELL; *Vice-Captain:* HART.

*Senior Rugby Captain:* HART; *Vice-Captain:* RUSSELL.

*Senior Cricket Captain:* RUSSELL; *Vice-Captain:* SELBY.

*Junior Soccer Captain:* DYSON; *Vice-Captain:* PAYNE.

*Junior Rugby Captain:* PAYNE; *Vice-Captain:* DYSON.

*Junior Cricket Captain:* PRIEST; *Vice-Captain:* DYSON.

*Senior Netball Captain:* G. OWSTON; *Vice-Captain:* O. SHAW.

*Senior Hockey Captain:* O. SHAW; *Vice-Captain:* J. FOGG.

*Senior Tennis Captain:* M. TROTTER; *Vice-Captain:* O. SHAW.

*Junior Netball Captain:* E. MARLAND; *Vice-Captain:* D. MARRA.

*Junior Hockey Captain:* J. GARTSIDE; *Vice-Captain:* E. MARLAND.

*Junior Rounders Captain:* P. MARSH; *Vice-Captain:* S. CHADDERTON.

Last year Walton House were very short of boy senior members and so we had to borrow a few from the other houses during the house matches; but now the members have been increased by the boys who have moved into the fourth year. Although the boys' teams were not very successful, the girls did quite well, especially the Junior teams, who won every game they played at Netball, Hockey and Tennis.

In the Soccer and Rugby, Walton was the bottom House in both the Junior and Senior games; and although the Seniors were again bottom in the cricket matches after two fine games, the Juniors managed to win one match. The Senior girls came out on the top in the netball, but they were not as successful at Hockey and Tennis.

So far this year there have been no house competitions but when these start we hope to see Walton in the lead, showing the other houses how to play a good game.

## Behind the Gingham Curtain



After the strenuous V Form examinations, a few managed to totter back to school to the glory of the VI Form and to don the halo of the patient, silent sufferers. The Upper Sixth (that is last year's inferior) regard these aspiring hopefuls with a disdainful curiosity. ("Why do they return?"). Of course, this is the subconscious urge for freedom coming to the surface of their minds in suppressed rebellion.

The new prefects and the Head Girl and Boy have been elected and we settle down to the grim tasks of the following term, e.g. WORKING, two years of school dinners and working, working . . . .

Certain members are now at College and University, with the shackles of short white socks, boyish caps and the dust of school gratefully, doubtless, left behind.

"The (il) Literary Lot" is very fond of its friends "The Goons" in that smoking, trembling building of red brick across the way. (Not the flour mill, gasworks or pie factory!).

Sad to relate, no accidents have yet occurred with THE SCIENTISTS (???)

Many consider our "Lions' Den" a fearsome prison, since the prefects, that body of sociable (?), amicable (??) and likeable (???) personalities, hold their fiendish detention there. But, nevertheless, it is "home from home" to Mr. Cooke and the Valiants, and up to date the handsome cheesy grins of "Pin-ups" do not decorate the crumbling walls and speckled mirror (a long sought-after prize!).

Now I shall close "The Case of the Harassed Sixth" and continue as . . . . .

TACITUS SPECTATOR.

# The VIth Science Form Report

—or Letter from The Common Salt Mines.

Hail Tovarichs.

With the departure of Malleus, Incus and Stapes it fell upon us, Tibia and Fibula, to make the report. Let us convey at this point our deepest condolences to the Universities of Manchester, Liverpool, Durham and Sheffield, whither our former companions have departed. (Congratulations).

A new society has been formed in our midst this year: "The Unnecessary Lessons, Total Abstainers Inc." The proceeds of this will be forwarded to the Poor Children's Fathers' Beer Fund—that is unless the treasurer absconds with the petty cash to Switzerland. When members are swayed from their rigid rules they occasionally resort to a foreign language for free expression, e.g., "Entzienden der Eispunkt der Eistungsfahigen Schwefelblumen"—the more foreign the better.

There has been a number of noteworthy incidents this term and one or two dramatic moments. Not feeling capable (literally) to recount them in the usual manner we have written them down as follows:—

## NOTABLE INCIDENTS DURING TERM.

Certain members of 6 science found it desirable to have at least two Lord's Prayers in one morning service: one said, one sung. Not content with this, they occasionally indulged in an odd spoonerism, . . . . . tease purn to page . . . . .

Some of our members also discovered the attributes of mud as a skin food (whilst playing Rugby).

After Christmas someone could not get out of the habit of playing postman.

## DRAMATIC INCIDENTS OF NOTE.

Setting: Bare prep-room.

Teacher: "What sort of triangle does the question say it is?"

Boy's inspired reply: ". . . . . a three-sided one, Sir."

Setting: Chemistry Lab.

Teacher: Silicon carbide (SiC) is a very hard substance, so is tungsten carbide (WC).

Setting: Once again Chemistry Lab.

"The angle between these two lines is 120 degrees Centigrade."

Our English grammar has so far been wonderful; we are afraid to go on any farther perchance our self expression should deteriorate.

—Farewell.

If you find our punctuation somewhat lacking here are a few spares. We couldn't decide just where to put them.

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FOOTNOTE.—Kindly increase breakages in the lab. One of our number is in need of a pen.

TIBIA AND FIBULA.

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## 5A Form Report—The Gentlemen

Our form consists of 26 pupils, 13 girls and we, THE BOYS!!

On the sports and athletic fields our boys supply a considerable contribution to the school. J. Wood is a promising 220 yards runner for town and school. Taylor, the big lad (5 feet nothing in his socks) plays football for his house and school.

On the late-lamented rugby field we have Hart, Wood, Thornley, Buckley and Faulkner, who have represented the school many times. All these players keep up the standard of their game by playing for Oldham R.U.F.C.

Wright, Hart, Thornley and Wood have swum for house and school. Jones and Faulkner also swim for their houses.

R. Biggs shows himself to be a keen amateur photographer and also a very good one.

We have a few keen cyclists and seven of us are in the Y.H.A.

NEIL THORNLEY, 5A.

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## Form 5A Girls

We are fortunate in having for our form master Mr. George Wright, perhaps better known to the History set as "Mr. And-er". This year we extend a welcome to Maureen Dixon and Barbara Wright, making a total of thirteen girls. Four of our girls, whom I think it would be advisable to leave anonymous, are honorary members of the school's most celebrated club, which performs its activities without failure every break and goes under the suitable name of the "Outside the Men's Staffroom Society". We have representatives in most of the sporting activities and also on the science side.

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## 5B Form Report

(Digested from the pages of the Police Gazette).

In our form there are 16 boys and 12 girls. The best way to recognise the sexes is the "hair" method: All the boys (with one startling exception) wear their hair short. On the girls' side (inferior in number, but superior in every other respect) Yvonne Millward and Margaret Jones are the form's official cooks, whilst Joan Herd is the lone female artist. This half of the class room (vulgarily known as the Hen Pen) also boasts a scientific genius (?), Margaret Trotter, and a number of noisy but agreeable girls who shall be nameless.

The class boasts two redheads—Owen (The Red-haired Romeo) and Marion (The Crimson Cat).

On the male side, Wild and Aldersley answer all the questions and pretend they haven't heard this all before. Mayrick successfully raises havoc whilst Godfrey draws flattering (?) portraits of the Staff. On the Front Bench (Sorry, Row) Mortin gives a successful imitation of an Olde Englishe Sheepdog. Rothwell is a frustrated genius whilst Hoyle, The Mad Musician, is just frustrated. When Wilson and Mills have each got 9 subjects in G.C.E. they intend to go on the boards with a witty cross-talk act.

Our form master, Mr. Cooper, tries to keep us to the straight and narrow paths and bails us out on Saturday night so that we can greet the world, smiling, on Monday morning.

The form motto is "Abandon hope all ye that enter here."

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## 4L Form Report

Although we are the juniors of seniors we hope our notes will interest you. This is the first 4 Lit. but we hope not the last. As the title suggests we are called to be well up in Literary subjects (among other things). In our class the girls overpower the boys 20-7, but although there are only seven of them they have made their presence felt, especially Wrigley, with Ellis a close second. Our form consists of the former 3A, 3B and 3C, 9, 12 and 5 respectively, and also one new girl from Hulme. Our form master is Mr. Reeves who looks after us all very well, and June Brooks collects our Charities.

P. MATTHEWS.

## 4S Form Report

We have now embarked on a new school year. We have a new form master, Mr. Petford, and also a new form room. Various activities are being pursued by members of our science form.

Quite a few boys have been on the Under XV soccer team and several of the girls play netball and hockey. Rodney Smith has played on the school first team and is also one of the best anglers in the form, together with Fred Ogden and Philip Schofield. Hobbies such as train-spotting, stamp-collecting and coin-collecting are also pursued by some of our members. Jack Bottomley is the best aero-modeller in the form, and Frank Briggs is the best chemist. The radio enthusiasts of the form are John Battersby and Anthony Adams.

4 SCIENCE.

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## 4G Form Report, 1955

September 1st and back to school after a glorious six weeks' holiday, to meet again our friends and to make new friends with the new boys and girls of the school. Our form is 4G. It is a mixed class, made up of 20 girls and 7 boys and our form teacher is Mr. Wright.

Some of the pupils came out of different forms to make up the "General" form. The pupils are just getting used to each other. In our form there are many keen cyclists, athletes and swimmers. Two members of our form, Barry Hamer and Derek Morris, are keen cyclists and during the summer holidays they went on a tour of North Wales. Derek Morris is also a keen swimmer and he swam in the school gala and, pleasing enough, won his event and came second in the school gala. Bernard Dowd also took part in the gala, but he was in the diving and he came second. Sylvia Fitzpatrick, another member of our form, is also a keen swimmer. Jean Wright was very fortunate to captain the girls' netball team. Another member of our form, Shirley Bottomley, is a keen ornithologist and won the competition in 1953. This is all I can say about our form but when we settle down properly I think we shall get on well together as a form.

BARRY DAVIES, Form 4G.

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## Form 3A

Form 3A is about the most nerve-racking class in school. As one enters, one is met by a shower of chalk and a few voices harmonising the "Top Twenty".

Quite a few people of the form are members of various activities in school, e.g. hockey, football and swimming teams are among services rendered by the form. Although we have lost some of the last 2A we are pleased to see new members with us, and hope they will become accustomed to the ways of our rowdy set of brains.

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## Form 3B

There are 31 people in 3B. Our form teacher is Mr. Tempest.

This class is represented in many of the school's activities. J. Gordon and M. McHugh have been chosen to swim on the town team. We wish them much success.

Several girls from our form went to see the ballet at Manchester, with Miss Turner on the 29th October.

Only three of our members went with the party to France.

We are glad to say that everyone is responding admirably to the Charity Appeal.

On the whole we have settled well in the new term.

R. NUTTER, L. BUCKLEY, D. MOXON AND V. JONES.

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## 2B Form Report

Our form is made up of pupils from 1A, B and C. There are 11 boys and 18 girls in our form and the form master is Mr. Edwards. Stamp collecting appears to be the main interest among the boys and ice or roller skating among the girls. However, P. Holderness and F. Smith are successful swimmers, P. Wood plays cricket very well and L. Priest can play football. We also have some good musicians—L. Kershaw plays the accordion and Catharine Smith the recorder. M. Otzman is an artist of some renown and fortunately we have a First Aid specialist amongst our number—the well-known Kathie Howard.

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## 1A Form Report

This year's form 1A consists of 28 pupils, 8 of which are boys. The form mistress is Miss Turner, who also takes the form for maths.

Both boys and girls are very keen on games, the boys play football and the girls hockey.

Each of the three houses has a space on the wall on which to stick pictures. As each picture goes up the pupil gains a point for his or her house.

Most of the pupils in the form are liking Greenhill very much indeed. Most of us are liking the teachers and are able to keep up with the work.

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## Form 1B Report

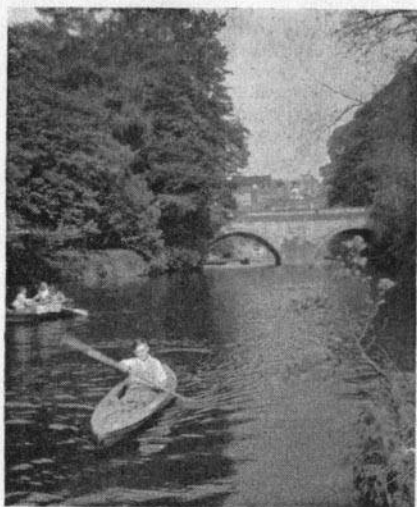
by PETER GARSIDE AND COLIN JACKSON.

About half the class are interested in stamp-collecting. Some of them have some very bright colourful stamps, especially George Gray who has a few hundred of these. In our form there is a Cook and a Kitchen who are both very good friends. A few of the girls go to dancing class, and music class. A few of them like ice-skating. Most of the boys like football and cricket, as is only natural. A few of the girls like table-tennis as well as netball. Sheila Pool's hair is curly and all the curls stick up all over her head, so she is nicknamed "Fuzzy". Patricia Hammet likes making plaster models in rubber moulds. Peter Garside and David Hall like running very much and Peter Garside came first for running at the Lifeboys' Sports at Uppermill. Colin Jackson likes playing the mouth-organ. He played it in a concert at Northmoor and received a good applause. Only a few of the boys like balsa-modelling.

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## 1C Form Report

1C consists of 14 boys and 15 girls and our form mistress is Miss Taylor. Our representatives for the Charity Fund are J. Lees, boys, and D. Redfern, girls. Our form room is No. 3. Games, geography and maths. are the boys' favourite lessons. Needlework, gym. and games and maths. are the girls'.





# Speech Day, 1955

On Tuesday, November 29th, we held our Annual Speech Day. It was, as the previous ones had been, very exciting, and needed a great deal of preparation.

This event is the highlight of the school year, when we are on show to the outside world. As a result everyone is expected to have scrubbed, shining faces, smooth hair and spotlessly white blouses and shirts, and, as usual, the school rose to the occasion.

The parents and guests arrived, and then the school filed in to fill the rows of empty chairs. The guests came on the platform and the proceedings began by everyone singing the School Hymn. Speech Day had begun once again.

We were introduced to the guests by the Chairman, Councillor Webster, and then Mr. Higson reported upon the progress and main events of the past school year. The prizes were presented by the Bishop of Middleton who in a most interesting and enjoyable speech, advised us not to go for the safe jobs but to be adventurous.

At intervals the choir entertained us, and were a great success.

Then in no time at all it seemed, the guests were leaving the platform, and the school filed out. Speech Day was over for another year. It had been a great success, as those in the past had been, and, we hope, those in the future will be.

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## Our Holiday in France

It was a bright summer's day in July, when a number of schoolchildren gathered at the top of West Street to begin the first stage of their long journey to France. The party was 34 strong when we embarked on the S.S. Falaise to cross the Channel. St. Malo was reached at 7.0 a.m. the following morning for us to disembark amid rain and drizzle. After going through the customs without mishap (thanks to Mrs. Kuler) we boarded a coach which was to take us across Brittany to Concarneau—our destination. We arrived there at 3.0 p.m., very tired after our long journey.

After unpacking our suitcases and having a good night's rest we set out to look round the town. The town was in two parts, the old part which was in the form of a castle, and the new part. One shop in the old town was visited every morning by nearly everyone for souvenirs and presents. Every afternoon we went down to one of the many beaches round Concarneau for a swim and to sunbathe. We had three meals a day, these being different from what they are in England, but everyone seemed to enjoy them.

On Friday we visited Beg-Meil, a town just across the headland from Concarneau. On Sunday we visited Quimper in order to see one of the processions of Les Fêtes de Cornouailles and to visit the many places of interest there. Le Château de Kerioulet was visited on Tuesday morning and the Eckmuhl Phare (lighthouse) on Wednesday afternoon.

The language was overcome by using signs, phrase books and also by asking Mrs. Kuler.

The days seemed to flash by and after a fortnight's brilliant sunshine our holiday drew to a close. Once more the Collège Pierre Guéguin was in an uproar as we began to prepare for the long journey across Brittany and back home, with suitcases laden with presents for parents and friends, after a very happy holiday.

Now on behalf of the whole party we should like to thank Mrs. Kuler, Miss Taylor, Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Handforth for organising such a wonderful holiday, and also the many things they did which made it so unforgettable.

BARBARA JONES, JOAN WEBSTER, 4S.

## Our Visit to the Ballet

Some girls of Form III paid a most enjoyable visit to the London Festival Ballet performance of the "Nutcracker Suite" and "Esmeralda" at the Palace Theatre, Manchester, on Saturday, October 29th. The dances were as exciting to watch as the costumes were beautiful to see. We were fortunate to see John Gilpin dance at a matinee. He took the part of Gringoire in "Esmeralda" and performed some of his famous leaps. The principal Ballerina in this same ballet was Jeannette Minty—a very lovely dancer.

The Sugar Plum Fairy in the "Nutcracker" was danced by Noel Rosanna and the Snow Queen was danced by Toni Lander.

It was a very happy party of eighteen girls who left the colour and sparkle for the cold grey streets and they will long remember the happy afternoon they spent. Our thanks are due to Miss Turner and Miss Taylor for organising the party.

A.M.T., 3B.

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## Rendezvous with an Old Friend

"I suggest we meet at 5 p.m. at the railway station in Luxembourg on Monday, July 25th". Apart from a very rough itinerary hinted at in a letter received three or four months previously, this was the sole piece of information on which we embarked for a holiday in Central Europe. The "I" was Herr Josef Baldauf, whom many will remember as a member of staff attached to the languages department about three years ago.

To keep this appointment we rose at 5 a.m., at 7 o'clock checked in our luggage at the Air Terminal at Royal Exchange, Manchester, and not long afterwards were airborne with seventy or so other travellers in a DC6 of Sabena Airlines en route for Brussels. Changing to a smaller two-engined Convair, we soon experienced somewhat more disturbed weather conditions as we flew amongst towering masses of cumulus cloud towards Luxembourg, arriving there as per schedule at one o'clock. Having had lunch aboard the 'plane, we were free to explore the city for about four hours, but on returning to the railway station, we had not long to wait before the familiar figure of Herr Baldauf sauntered up, and to our surprise, the successful linking-up assignation, which the day before had seemed scarcely possible, had actually happened. In but a few minutes, we and our luggage were squeezed into a 4-seater Renault on our way to the Saar.

Episode one of the tour comprised a two-day "rest" in the heart of the Saar territory. It was here we had our first real experience of the countryside, very different from that of England, vast areas of woodland separated by patches of cultivation surrounding villages and small towns, and yet, just up the Saar valley lay the familiar industrial pall screening the steelworks of Völklingen and Saarbrücken.

Somewhere beyond this cover of grime and smoke lay the University of the Saar, and our second day's activities included a short tour of inspection of the University grounds (although not until we had taken a morning walk in Herr Baldauf's beloved woods surrounding his home village). He was fortunate in being educated in such attractive surroundings, although he pointed out that he graduated too early to enjoy the benefits of the newly-constructed residential block with its commodious study-bedrooms. Self-operated lifts to each floor and French windows opening out on to balconies overlooking the well-wooded grounds seemed to us a luxury existing only in some far-off Student-Utopia.

Wednesday saw the Renault driving northwards towards the Mosel valley, following its fantastic meanders, with terraced vineyards extending right to the skyline on both banks, whilst such towns as Bernkastel, Trarbach, Cochem and Moselkern reminded us of this valley's world-wide reputation for the quality of its wines. At Koblenz, Mosel meets Rhine,

and here we turned south into the Rhine Gorge, pausing to climb by Sesselbahn to a high point, the Ehrenbreitstein, from which we had a splendid view of the river confluence, known as the Deutsches Eck. Thunderstorms followed us along the Rhine, but were not too prolonged to interfere with our view from the top of the Lorelei rock. Every bend of the river brought into view another string of barges and another "fairytale book" castle or burg, perched precariously on its crag crowning the steep-faced cliffs—Burg Katz, Burg Maus, Burg Rheinfels. We spared an hour in Rudesheim to visit the famous Drosselgasse, a narrow street where visitors may sample every possible variety of the Rhenish wines for which this region is renowned.

Wiesbaden was next visited, and soon we reached Heidelberg, Germany's oldest University town. Josef's attempts to show us some of the places frequented by the students ended in an unofficial visit to the broadcasting headquarters of the Sudddeutscherrundfunk, but his friend, Angela, who knew the town well from her student days there, eventually showed us the Castle, the Old Bridge, students' eating dens, and even walked us along the famous Philosophien Weg.

The following day found us in the heart of the Black Forest, reached by following the Neckar valley. Freudenstadt, the beautiful but expensive tourist centre, destroyed by the French after the war and since rebuilt on very modern lines, enjoys a very picturesque setting, surrounded by extensive pine-woods, the whole fully justifying several hours stay. On the way again, we crossed the infant Danube at Geisingen and were soon driving along the shores of the Bodensee. Accommodation was obtained at the small village of Immenstaad, where we remained for eight very memorable days, but Herr Baldauf soon departed, to continue his holiday with a group of friends in Italy.

We enjoyed the company of these two, and in spite of language problems, we had a great deal of fun. We certainly hope to explore another part of Europe with them on another occasion.

No time remains to describe the rest of the holiday, but all too soon we had to travel from Konstanz to Luxembourg, remaining overnight at Freiburg so as to break the very long train journey. Airborne again at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10th (we just had time to look at Radio Luxembourg broadcasting station) we arrived home about five hours later, delighted at having been able to strengthen the link between Greenhill and our friends on the Continent.

R.W.

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We sit within our classroom walls,  
And laugh at the remote, unreal world.  
We laugh till our flimsy, fortress falls,  
And into the chaos, we, ourselves are hurled.

Smug and self-satisfied we stare,  
Through the window that looks on life.  
Safe and secure, we do not care  
That the world outside is built on strife.

M.T.

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## Our Visit to Buckfast Abbey

"Very well, it's settled. Buckfast Abbey it is". We had all decided to go to Buckfast Abbey for the afternoon and so we set off just before lunch. We arrived at Buckfast about half past one and we started to walk towards the Abbey. Being a little unsure of the direction to take, we asked a monk going into Buckfast for supplies. On being directed to the Abbey we thanked him and went on our way.

From a distance the Abbey does not look very impressive but to be able to realise how splendid it really is, one must see it.

The Abbey is surrounded by spacious grounds and plenty was to be seen. So, armed with a camera, we set off on a tour of inspection. We agreed to meet at the large gates later, and my friend and myself decided to see inside the Abbey first.

Inside the Abbey, monks were acting as guides and showing the people round the various small chapels and the High Altar. Leaflets on the Catholic beliefs were on sale at the door and one shelf was devoted to Protestant beliefs. As these were being sold to help the Church Fund we procured one or two and started off on our tour. Photographs could not be taken, so we had to be satisfied with just seeing the inside of the Abbey and not taking photos as a memento.

The altars surrounding the Church are for the different Saints and different prayers. They are decorated by gold plaques and stained-glass pictures. They were, at that particular time, decorated by rich green tapestries trimmed with gold.

The High Altar, of course, is the main feature of the Church, the sight of which takes one's breath away. Heavy gold candlesticks and the story of the Lord's Supper carved in gold dominates the Altar, and rich gold brocade surrounds the structure of it.

Above the Altar, a large statue of Mary and Jesus can be seen and on the roof are paintings and writings by famous artists. The floor of the Abbey is made entirely of marble, and in the centre is raised higher than the ordinary floor level. The Abbey was built by the monks themselves, and is made entirely of local stone.

When we had seen all we wanted to see, we left the Abbey and went into the Abbey gift shop. After buying a few trinkets as mementoes we regretfully returned to catch our bus which was then due.

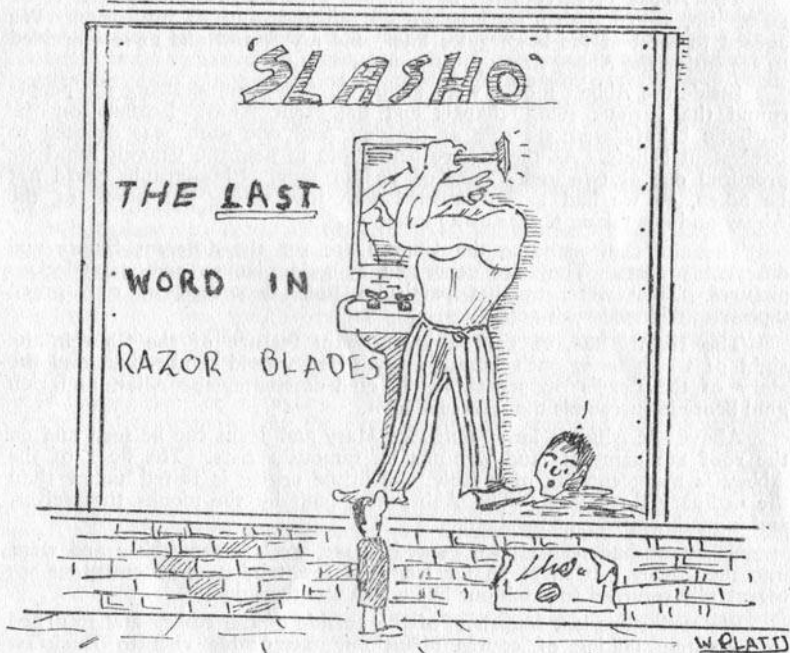
We took some last snapshots of the outside of the Abbey and returned to Paignton, talking of course about our memorable visit to Buckfast Abbey.

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## Tour of Wales

The day of August 12th, 1955, was a fine day as far as the weather was concerned and at nine o'clock I went to meet five of my friends at the Roxy Cinema, Hollinwood. We were going on a nine-day tour of Wales. It was the first really long ride I had attempted by bicycle and the whole tour was a thrill to me. We set off for Chester and on the way there whenever we came across a boundary post we raced for it just for fun. We spent our first night at Chester and the following morning, after doing our hostel duties, we set off for Colwyn Bay about fifty miles distant. We arrived in Colwyn Bay about two o'clock and here we enjoyed ourselves. We saw one of the boys who used to attend our school but went to live in Colwyn Bay. We next visited Bangor and after Bangor we had an hour or two in Anglesey. From Bangor we went to Snowdon and we went down the famous Llanberis Pass. On the following day the hardest stage of our tour was to be tackled, the rise to Llangollen, via the Llanberis Pass which, of course, we had to go up. To make matters worse it was raining, but we finally arrived in Llangollen where we met four riders from Royton. After leaving the fine hostel at Llangollen, which is a Tudor-designed manor house, we went to Rudyard Lake hostel, which is a new hostel, and its design is rather like that of a castle. From Rudyard Lake we set off home and it was a fine day for us and also we passed from Staffordshire, through Cheshire, into Lancashire, arriving home about dinner time. We all voted that the holiday had been a real good one and a great experience for us all.

DEREK MORRIS, 4G.



## The Clowns

1. One day in the village, some clowns ran around,  
Some hopped and some skipped and some tumbled right down!  
Some rode on elephants, some rode on donkeys,  
Some ran with doggies and some played with monkeys.
2. Each, on his hat, had a little red bob,  
And every clown had his own special job.  
One had a poodle which he had to train,  
Another some horses imported from Spain.
3. Then three midget clowns came walking on stilts  
And four other clowns were all dressed in kilts.  
White faces, black faces, red faces, mingled,  
And bells on their costumes jangled and jingled.
4. One, just like Rudolph, had a big red nose,  
And another wore red and black baggy clothes.  
Another wore shoes which were two feet long  
And every few yards he burst into song!
5. The clamour and noise they made was terrific,  
Naught could get past them, they stopped all the traffic!  
And then at long last, they vanished from sight,  
And I did not see them the next day or night.

K. HOWARD.

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## Through Wessenden Valley

A pleasant walk can be experienced on any fine morning by walking the length of Wessenden Valley from the Standedge end to the "Isle of Skye Inn". Some weeks ago my friend and I decided to traverse the valley in the following manner.

We travelled by bus up to the "Floating Light" and then proceeded to walk a quarter of a mile up the road to the small reservoir on our right. We branched off here, along a small path, which soon led us to a quiet well-surfaced lane. The smoothness of the lane was only to be enjoyed for a few minutes before we had to strike out across the open heather-clad moorland. After wending our way through several minor peat bogs we finally found ourselves gazing at the sparkling clear waters of the winding string of reservoirs spread out before our eyes.

After the long dry summer the level of the water in the reservoirs was very low and spits of mud extended well out into the centre of some of them.

When we had crossed the valley between two of the reservoirs we again had the pleasure of feeling a well-trodden path beneath our feet as we leisurely wended our way along the banks of the reservoirs. The day was then growing warmer and Wessenden Head, which loomed high above us, was slowly shedding its wispy grey night-cap of mist.

After some miles of interesting and pleasurable walking we reached the "Isle of Skye Inn" and rounded off a highly enjoyable morning with an uninteresting walk down into Greenfield and thence by bus to Oldham.

F. LAMB, 5A.

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## " Meals observed . . .

1. The Dinner Bell rings, we all swarm in,  
The Teacher shouts, we're out again,  
Then we get ticked off for making a din,  
"Life gits tedious, don't it?"
2. The Children (?) are hungry, they pick up their pencils,  
While others begin to chew their utensils,  
And sad to relate, they all lose their dentals,  
"Life gits tedious, don't it?"
3. The soup in the dishes gits lower and lower,  
There's a hole in the plate and it drips on the floor,  
We ain't had a meal for seven months or more,  
"Life gits tedious, don't it?"
4. The smell from the kitchen grows stronger and stronger,  
"What is our Fate . . . ?" they soon start to ponder,  
"Life gits tedious, don't it?"

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## . . . from the top table"

Overheard at 12.17 p.m.:

X to Y: "Good Luck."

Z: "Why do you need that?"

Y: "I'm on school dinners!"

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## La Belle Dame de l'escalier

In either end the school they lie,  
Twisting stairs that lead on high,  
That clothe the wold (don't ask us why),  
He'd only have to tell a lie  
About those stairs in Greenhill School.  
And up and down the people go  
Those stairs that lead both high and low,  
(There ain't no lifts in here you know)  
At many staircased Greenhill School.

The choir a troupe of damsels glad,  
The keen types always in the lab.,  
And an occasional schoolboy cad  
Or long-haired youth (an Edward lad)  
Go up the stairs in Greenhill School.  
And sometimes up the stairs (but rare),  
The girls come running two by two,  
They're all sent back to try anew  
Those twisting stairs of Greenhill School.

They leave the book, they leave the rule,  
They take many paces from this school;  
They say to work, "Farewell"—quite cool  
(Someone laughs silently "Thou fool"),  
"Now for our labours we'll get pay",  
This at the closing of their stay  
Some pause to reflect, but all will say  
"I'm glad I've left those . . . STAIRS!!"

*(With apologies to Lord Tennyson).*

S. R. ÖGDEN, G. CARR, VI.A.Sc.

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## Resignation

It rings! The "Madding Crowd" rushes in. They fight frantically for a place on the sagging benches. They clamour for the realisation of their hopeful dreams with the clanging of their rough tools and shrieks of torture. They can smell IT! IT! that mysterious quantity which brings hilarious happiness to thousands!

It's here! The din becomes inconceivable; the bearers are swamped by the onslaught of the vultures, in their wild lust for blood. At last their mouths are stopped. SILENCE!

Silence? Ah, No! This Paradise is not to be enjoyed for long! Bedlam breaks loose!! The Mob are ravenous for more entertainment, more satisfaction and more animal bodies! Their savage thirst is satisfied at last (not with the unfortunate teacher on duty). But wait! What is this? This is a sad disappointment for their fervour.

THIS IS SCHOOL DINNERS!!

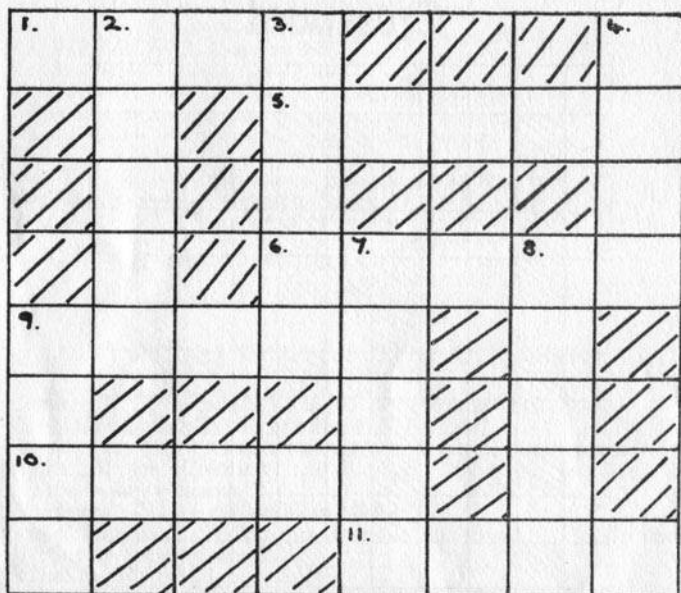
"THE SUFFERER."

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## A Poem

1. I've been asked to write a poem,  
Why me, I cannot guess,  
For when I write a poem  
I always make a mess!
2. If only I were Blyton,  
Or Shakespeare, anyone,  
As long as I could write a poem  
Like the genius Byron.
3. But being only little me  
To compose this simple rhyme,  
Is as difficult a thing to do  
As maths. at exam. time!
4. I'm not much good at poems;  
The rhythm will not do.  
And so, before I give it up,  
I'll just say, "Toodle-loo!"

K. HOWARD, 2C.



## Kreuzwortratsel — Mots-croisés — Aenigma verbale

*Waagrecht—Horizontalement—Vestigia transversa.*

1. "Au beau—de France."
2. Non durus.
3. Cum gaudio.
9. Alter als alt.
10. Madchennname, der "Heidekraut" bedeutet.
11. Qui n'est pas propre.

*Senkrecht—Verticalement—Vestigia erecta*

2. Auf jedem Schiff zu finden.
3. Behausung für Vieh.
4. Un arbre.
7. Orbem terrarum umeris sustinebat.
8. Man findet dies in jedem Klassenzimmer.
9. Jeder Fluss hat zwei.

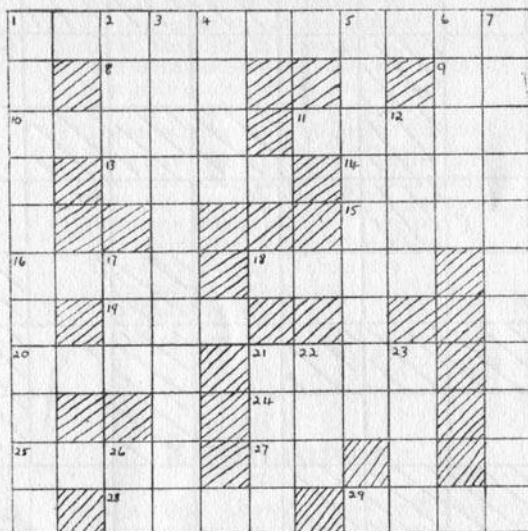
Solution on page 35.

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## Tit-bits from Boys' Detention

1. The girl prefects cannot arm us.
2. Water has the following uses :—
  - (a) It is used for drinking.
  - (b) It is used for swimming.
  - (c) It is wet.
3. The effect of this punishment is to cause one to hate the site of the prefects.
4. In the olden days, Arabs used to trade water for things instead of using money. I don't know how they got their change.

# Crossword



## CLUES.

### ACROSS.

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|--|--|
| 1. Mine Copes A.C. on a large screen (11). | 19. Money confused after dentist (abb.) (3). |
| 8. Eggs (3).                               | 20. Charles Lamb, in other words (4).        |
| 9. Old English chopper (2).                | 21. Partly untoward (4).                     |
| 10. Venerable tree (5).                    | 24. Sometimes England's opponents (4).       |
| 11. Extensive writing? (5).                | 25. She's a lady (4).                        |
| 13. Sounds Irish to me (4).                | 27. Not South West (abb.) (2).               |
| 14. State affirmatively (4).               | 28. They nearly always have it (4).          |
| 15. A table — geographically speaking (4). | 29. Place for sailors' wives (4).            |
| 16. Spotted in close encounter (4).        |  |
| 18. A knife (4).                           |  |

### DOWN.

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|--|---|
| 1. Could it be peaceful? (11).         | 7. Spendthrifts often are (11).                         |
| 2. Where the leaves join the stem.     | 12. Prayers—in caves? (4).                              |
| 3. Romantically a long time (4-3-1-3). | 17. Priest—almost 20 (3).                               |
| 4. Planet—or sweetmeat (4).            | 21. Directions after Chaldean city—for good brews? (4). |
| 5. Pottery experts (4).                | 22. Before marriage (3).                                |
| 6. Strides (5).                        | 23. Palindromic German? (4).                            |
|  | 26. Royal Artillery (abb.) (2).                         |

Solution on page 35.

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## Topical Tunes

Masters' Staffroom—"Deadwood Stage".  
 Sound emanating therefrom—"We're busy doing nothing".  
 Mr. S-DG-LY—"Cry".  
 Mr. W-LLS—"I'm sitting on top of the world".

Mr. H-NDF-RTH—"With a smile and a song".  
 Mr. C-K-—"I talk to the trees".  
 Mr. P-TF-RD—"A blossom fell".  
 Mr. R-V-S—"Gaudemus Igitur".  
 Mr. AND-RT-N—"We'll take the legs off some old table".  
 When approaching the ladies' staff-room—"Softly, Softly".  
 Mrs. W-LD—"Painting the clouds with sunshine".  
 Mrs. K-L-R—"Let the sun shine in".  
 Miss T-YL-R—"Dashing away with the smoothing iron".  
 Mrs. M-RR-S—"Get well soon".  
 Miss P-MFR-T—"Stranger to Paradise".  
 Vth Form Boys—"Sky blue shirt and rainbow tie".  
 On arriving at School—"I'm late".

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#### DEFINITIONS DERIVED FROM EXPERIENCE— VI SCIENCE.

Homework: "The candles of night" are burnt at both ends.  
 The biscuit queue: "One for all and all for one".  
 Physics prep. room: "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread".  
 Maths., Physics, Chemistry and Biology: "Does not our life exist of these four elements?"  
 Woodwork: "Make me a willow cabinet . . .".  
 School Fund due: "When that the poor hath cried . . .". (In this case Caesar does not weep).  
 School meals: Small mercies?  
 "Self (denial), self-knowledge, self-control. These three alone lead life to . . ." a good G.C.E.

*With apologies to Dumas, Shakespeare, Tennyson and Pope.*

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## Jack at School

At school I am the biggest dunce that can be,  
 In geography they all answer but me.  
 The teacher asked, "Where is Spain?"  
 The answer got me only the cane.

I am the bottom of the class,  
 All the others think I'm an ass,  
 Because I am not very good at my work,  
 And always day dreaming of "Doggerly Dirk".

PETER GARSIDE, Form 1B.

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## September in Lakeland

Whatever was lacking in quantity was balanced by quality in the small party of four that spent the September weekend in Lakeland. We centred on Ambleside, and were able to make four enjoyable excursions in as many different directions, the weather helping us considerably by remaining generally dry.

A short walk over Loughrigg, and by Hunting Stile and Red Bank to Grasmere on the Saturday afternoon, provided a useful "limbering up" exercise, and visibility was sufficiently good to permit a peep into Langdale and the peaks beyond. So we included a full day here, later, ranging over Stool End, Crinkle Crags and Bow Fell, and descending into Stake Pass before returning to base.

Perhaps the climax of the outing was the day we spent ascending Helvellyn via Great Tongue, Grisedale Hause and Dollywaggon Pike,

reaching Patterdale after a scramble along Striding Edge. The rapid clearance of some unattractive weather with very heavy rain of the early morning lured us on in the steps where previous Greenhillians have trod on other memorable occasions, and our efforts were rewarded by views of more distant vistas, such as no previous expedition has enjoyed.

Our final walk took place before our return to Oldham on the Tuesday evening, and this had Fairfield as its destination by way of Nab Scar, with a return to Ambleside around the "horse-shoe" at the head of Scandale.

As the party included scientists from last year's Sixth Form fresh from triumphs at Advanced Level, it was inevitable that conversation should be more than a little weighted in that direction. Considerable cogitation and discussion took place, resulting in the adoption of a basic formula for successful rambling, that of the constant placing of one foot in front of the other, accumulatively. This profound conclusion is well advanced beyond the stage of mere hypothesis, and has already been accepted by the most eminent authorities as incontrovertible. Steps are being taken to have it inserted as Article 1 in the Charters of all Rambling Organisations, and it should, by its sheer fearless conviction, revolutionise all previously accepted Philosophies of Rambling.

A less conclusive thesis concerned the attempts to establish the coefficient of spreadability of butter in open air conditions at varying altitudes. This problem occurred during the preparation of sandwich meals during the walks, but no satisfactory agreement could be arrived at without evidence acquired during comparable expeditions in the Alps and Himalayas. To build up a fully comprehensive survey and for the sake of the lower income groups, this research is being extended to include margarine, and when published, it should have far reaching effects upon the theory and practice of Rambling.

Even this small amount of reminiscence in which we have indulged ourselves makes us look forward eagerly to 1956, with its promise of further outings of like character and enjoyment.

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## To the Editor of "The Greenhillian"

Dear Sir,

Many people imagine that the life of an undergraduate is one of sheer enjoyment, rags and parties, and perhaps some students do manage to lead quite a hectic life at times. However, towards the end of the academic year there comes a momentous event known as an examination, and the whole university is plunged into an atmosphere of gloom.

This is much worse than anything we had to face at school, as failure means that the generous flow of capital from the Government will cease, and we will face the problem of poverty on the streets of the city paved with gold, with long, cold nights on a bench in Hyde Park or on the Embankment.

What are our feelings at exam. time? Misery, coupled with twinges of conscience. Perhaps we shouldn't have played so much football; perhaps we should have pondered over the amount of energy required to run a hundred yards. Then after the exam, we can only wait, for a few long weeks. Finally the list arrives—you've passed. What a relief. It's all over now until next year.

So our modern educational system goes on, as invariable as the comings and goings of this great city. The underground seems more crowded every day, everyone rushes about with frantic haste, and just about now we have the fogs—real pea-soupers.

But never mind, soon it will be spring, time for cricket, tennis and running. Oh, but we have more exams, next summer, and they're even harder than the last ones. So perhaps we shouldn't play tennis, perhaps we should give up running. Perhaps we shouldn't be spending time writing letters when we could be learning our physics and our philosophy and so we will conclude by sending our best wishes to all at Greenhill.

F. BROOK, D. ELWEL, University of London.

# To the Editor of "The Greenhillian"

Leeds,  
November, 1955.

Dear Sir,

I was offered the honour of writing a contribution for the Old School Mag. and having thrust the ugly monster of work away from me for an hour or so I should like to impart a few details of the unique life of Leeds University which I have adopted as my Alma Mater. I will proffer a few pearls of wisdom and advice for any misguided creature who is thinking of entering this precinct of learning.

The first few days here go by the name of the Freshers' Conference, but it resembled a nightmare in which one's digestive organs, mental and physical, were put to the test. The lecturers impressed upon us the importance of that disgusting habit, study. They advocated five or six nights of study per week, but counter-attractions here, such as "bops" balls, and film-shows are too numerous (and cheap) to be ignored.

Viewed from inside the University, students are quite sane beings except for stubbly growths of beards, sheepdog hair, (un)-cuts, and duffle coats, but the ordinary mortals of Leeds regard us as objects set apart from this world, and as wild creatures tinkering about with test tubes, or as book-worms buried in the Brotherton. It has been rumoured here that students are divided into wits, half-wits, and nit-wits, but we are not permitted to classify our friends or acquaintances into a division.

Lectures proceed from nine in the morning until five at night; so if any prospective student has visions of the five-day week, he or she will be compelled to enter the Arts Faculty, as only the scientists, doctors and dentists are allowed to practice on Saturday morning, but of course, many of them need to do so. A full free dental service is run by students but if the tales of the horrific happenings in that forbidden fortress are true then one is seriously jeopardising one's chances of survival if a visit is paid there. My unsuspecting friend decided that a minor dental operation was necessary, but before he had entered the door an enthusiastic young dentist had blithely ripped out four teeth, but unfortunately left the roots behind.

Uniform is not compulsory, but a Uni-scarf is the mark of distinction. I am sure the unsuspecting citizens of Leeds, especially tram-conductors, quake with terror whenever the red, green and white scarves appear, and one can almost read their thoughts, and their soliloquies invariably begin "It's them students agen". We are, of course, quite harmless, and it is only when the Rag Day bug bites us that we are apt to deviate from our normal behaviour. Even then only public statues are decorated with certain articles of clothing or policemen are kidnapped and other minor items occur. There are just a few incidents which add spice to the otherwise dull monotonous routine of Leeds such as the Engineers ceremoniously escorting a barrel of beer through the City Centre, and wearing flat-caps, bow ties, walking sticks, and huge E's sewn on their sweaters. Unfortunately it took them such a long time to walk across the zebra crossing that the traffic was halted for over a mile.

The Union building at Leeds is reputed to be the finest in the country. Everyone and everything is catered for within its sacred bounds. The Refectory, where food is designed to fill and not to thrill, is cleared of chairs for "bops" and balls, and notable and notorious people officiate at them, such as Ted Heath, Ken Macintosh and Ray Ellington. They hold their entranced, open-mouthed audience in a writhing agony trying to keep time to their blasts, wails and groans. Mr. Johnnie Ray has not yet graced us with his presence, but he will no doubt be accorded the usual welcome by the lesser publicised brands of paper. The "Union News" is the Students' Own (no resemblance to Woman's or Chick's) where views are aired and despaired of by budding literary genii who wish to experiment with their prowess before thrusting themselves on the unsuspecting public.

The fuggy, smoke-laden lair of students is "Caf", alias the Coffee Lounge. No-one knows why it is named thus because the beverage served

there has evidently never been remotely acquainted with either coffee or sugar. Nevertheless the "Caf" is the only place where one can miss lectures with impunity and experience the minimum amount of guilty feelings. If one's sorrows are too deep to be drowned by coffee, the only obvious course to take is the route to the bar. This is the only Union institute which sells its potency below retail prices and still makes a considerable profit. Many Education Authorities would gasp with horror if they knew that the amounts of money, which they so readily and generously donate, were being dispensed with so readily by a student trying to blot out the prospect of the approaching exams. There has recently been an innovation in the bar in the form of a buzzer, because if the songs sung there are not "quite noise", then the buzzer speaks.

An integral part of University life is the Debate in which many a would-be politician and never-will-be politician has been nurtured by the gentle taunts of a student audience. Every likely and unlikely topic is debated and if a person is heedless of the remarks thrown at him he is either a genius or just darned thick-skinned.

Exam, time is now drawing perilously near and it is a common sight to see an inanimate object slumped over a desk in a position of utter despair with wild sunken eyes staring out through a curtain of matted hair. This reminds me that work is hovering in the proximity and I wish the Old School and all its inmates "All the best", and if anyone is still determined to taste the fruits of University life, please do not say that I did not warn you.

Yours faithfully,

SHEILA M. KNOTT.

P.S. (for girls only). The males here outnumber the females by five to one, but the surplus is made up by the Engineers and Medicos, who, by reputation, are the untouchables, and are usually better kept that way.

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## Ex-Students' Association

Hello there!

The year under review has produced much more evidence of activity, marked by considerable success, due mostly to the untiring help and initiative of my Committee. The Annual Reunion took the more informal line of a "Barn Social" held in the School in January, 1955, and this was a great success, potato pie, modern, olde-tyme and square dancing being enjoyed by quite a large gathering.

Success here led to the organisation of a "Square Dance", Miss Turbe-  
field and Mr. Llewellyn contributing much to the enjoyment by acting as "callers", although the support was not so great as expected.

Members have taken part in several outdoor excursions involving travel by coach and expeditions on foot in places of scenic beauty and interest. The first was to the Vale of Grasmere, and included a walk via Sour Milk Ghyll to Easedale Tarn. Not even the least prophecy of the forthcoming dry sunny summer was suggested by the greeting of persistent thick mist and intermittent rain which continued throughout the day. Streams were full to overflowing, every gully and footpath raced with water as we splashed our way to the tarn, but enjoyment there was in plenty.

Our destination on July 10th was Malham, a charming village in upper Airedale, and it basked in beautiful warm sunshine the whole time we were there. Several hours were spent in a ramble which included visits to Gordale Scar with a scramble up the waterfall to reach the moor. From here, we could enjoy the vast expanse of Malham Moor rising to Fountains Fell and Penygent beyond, with Malham Tarn immediately in front, reflecting the summer sunshine like a wondrous solitaire, rare jewel that it is. The return to Malham lay by the famous Cove, following the infant River Aire to the village. The rest of the outing included visits to Grassington, a glorious ride down Wharfedale past Barden Priory and Bolton Abbey and so to Knaresborough for tea.

North Wales was chosen for the final outing and the coach ride involved visits to Llangollen, Capel Curig, Bangor, Caernarvon and Llanberis Pass, but a walking party dismounted at Llyn Ogwen, clambered up the ridge overlooking Twll Du, the so-called "Devil's Kitchen", and walked over by the Glyders to reach the main road and pick up the coach at Pen-y-Gwryd on its way up from Llanberis to convey us home via Ruthin, Mold and Queensferry.

Those who joined these outings expressed their great enjoyment of them, and it is strongly suggested that as many ex-students as possible will avail themselves of the opportunities for similar excursions in 1956. A proposed Cricket Match, School XI v. ex-Students, and a cycle ride were less successful either because of inclement weather or insufficient support, and the latter resulted in the closure of a room made available for Table Tennis on one night a week.

I am sure that when those members on National Service and at College and University have completed these matters, the ex-Students' Association will develop into a much more active organisation, worthy of the school of which it forms so important a part. In the meantime, it can benefit much by the loyal support of all members.

Yours sincerely,

MARY LEES,

*Secretary.*

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#### SOLUTION OF PAGE 29

*Across.*—1, Pays. 5, Tener. 6, Laete. 9, Uralt. 10, Erika. 11, Sale.  
*Down.*—2, Anker. 3, Stall. 4, Orme. 7, Atlas. 8, Tafel. 9, Ufer.

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#### SOLUTION OF PAGE 30

ACROSS.

1, Cinemascope. 2, Ova. 9, Ax. 10, Elder. 11, Tract. 13, Erse. 14, Aver. 15, Mesa. 16, Seen. 18, Kris. 19, LDS. 20, Elia. 21, Unto. 24, Rest. 25, Cora. 27, N.E. 28, Ayes. 29, Port.

DOWN.

1, Coexistence. 2, Node. 3, Ever and a day. 4, Mars. 5, Ceramists. 6, Paces. 7, Extravagant. 12, Aves. 17, Eli. 21, Urns. 22, Nee. 23, Otto. 26, R.A.

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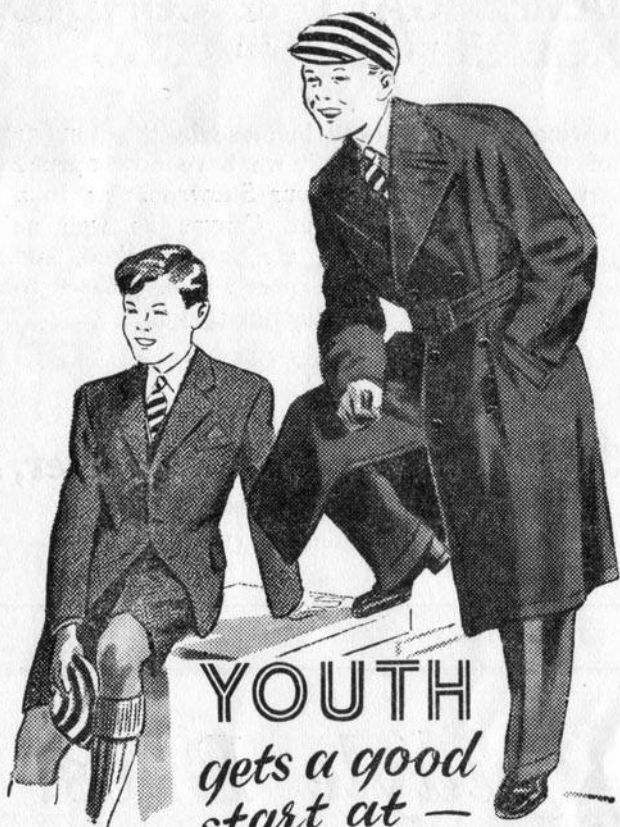
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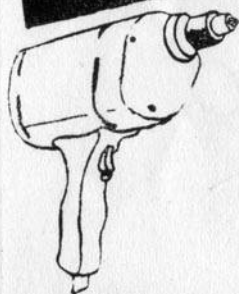
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