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Llanelli Boys' Grammar School Magazine





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Back Row—Left to Right :

David David, Roger Marks, Jeffrey Williams, Philip Cooper, Barry Llewelyn, Hefin Jenkins, Gareth James, Paul Bryan, Huw Thomas (Secretary).

Sitting—Left to Right :

Robert Morgan, Powys Jones, John Welch, Peter Nicholas (captain), Mr. S. G. Rees (Headmaster), David Thomas, Brian Mason, Jeffrey Davies.

Robert Davies, Keith Thomas, Keith Hughes, John Walters.

The School Magazine—like the hardy perennial it is—once again makes its appearance at the end of the Christmas Term. This edition, alas, may not appear so hardy as its predecessors. In this rapidly changing, sometimes confusing, world when sixth formers' hobbies now discover the wonders of Buddhism and Existentialism (besides other things) the School Magazine should remain one of the highlights and challenges of the student's training. However, from the evidence of the amount of material presented for inclusion this year, it would seem that the "literary renaissance," so much appraised in a previous editorial, has proved merely a fleeting enthusiasm.

A school magazine should not comprise solely society and sports reports, which show the school's healthy state in fields other than academic, but should also include original contributions displaying the creative powers of the writers. In the past, to a certain extent, this latter policy has been accomplished; the main disadvantage being that the School Magazine has tended to become a "Sixth Form Magazine," with very little attraction for members of the Junior School. Some of the poems and articles have been too subtle, too avant-garde, for the comprehension of the majority of the pupils. This year, therefore, we have tried to fill the gap with a considerable increase in the work of junior pupils. We may have been successful, therefore, *faute de mieux*, in producing what could be more interesting to the majority of boys in the school.

Of the contributions given for consideration, several were found to be in a more destructive rather than constructive and helpful vein: these we have omitted. It is surprising to find no English poem of merit submitted but a French article was, and the author assures me that even the more inexperienced devotees of the language will be fairly correct in their translation, providing that they too, like myself, will use a reputable dictionary! It is continually being said that Welsh is a dying language: this is obviously not the case in our school, since Welsh contributions have been numerous in both prose and poetry and enthusiasm for the native tongue augurs well for future editions.

In conclusion, it only remains for me to thank those who have contributed to this publication and to wish the Headmaster, Staff, pupils and friends of the School, a happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Editorial

W. Noel Rees

De Omnibus Rebus

The present number of pupils on our registers total 805, two less than last year's figure. The Staff comprises: 43 full-time masters, one part-time Russian teacher and four peripatetic teachers, three for Music and one for Drama.

Since our last issue, there have been some changes: Mr. Rolfe, the Deputy Head, after 44 years of distinguished teaching service, and Mr. Wynne, Head of the Scripture Department, respected and esteemed by all, both retired. Mr. Humphreys, Head of the Engineering Science Department, left us for an important administrative post with the National Union of Teachers—much to our loss and regret. We wish them all every happiness and success.

With the sadness of these 'farewells' we have the joy of 'greetings': we welcome Mr. Rhys Beynon, Mr. Edward Ephgrave, Mr. Ellis Griffiths, Mr. Hubert Jenkins, Mr. Alan White and Mr. Keith Williams. We sincerely hope that their association with our school will be both long and happy.

Also at the end of the summer term, Mr. Baker—the friendly and popular groundsman—retired owing to ill-health. He has our good wishes. To his successor, Mr. John Jones, we extend a cordial welcome. We already recognise in him another man after our own heart.

Mr. G. J. Thomas, M.A., headmaster of this school from 1917 to 1937, died on October 1st. He was 95. Mr. Thomas is always spoken of by old boys of that time with real affection, and there is universal appreciation of his fine qualities. During his long retirement he never lost touch with the school and its activities. He left many valuable books and the sum of £200 to the school.

We always seem fortunate in the choice of our foreign language assistants. Last year, Mlle. Marie-Jose Raynaud added particular charm to the French Department as well as forming a strong French Society between the two Grammar Schools. This year, we welcome Fraulein Gertrud Endt to the German Department, and we wish her well during her stay here in Wales.

The school's charity work continues to flourish: last Christmas £45 was distributed to sundry good causes, and during the summer term £50 was raised for the "Feed the Minds" Campaign. Following the recent Aberfan Disaster, £35 was given to the Mayor of Llanelli's Appeal.

For two nights last Autumn, the School Hall was filled with good healthy laughter. The reason? The School's Dramatic Society presented three one-act plays, one being in Welsh. The plays were produced by Mr. J. R. Williams, and in the farce "7.30 Prompt," he was ably assisted by several masters who all 'let their hair down' (Mr. Gordon Price literally so!).

The annual School Eisteddfod was replaced this year by an afternoon concert. Although the competitions were thus omitted, there was no lack of "hwyl" and the event was an unqualified success.

Prize Day was held in the School Hall on Wednesday, April 6th, Dr. Roger Webster, Director of the Welsh Arts Council, was Guest Speaker. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Webster. Alderman S. J. E. Samuel presided. Unfortunately, the afternoon was marred by a serious accident: during the gymnastic display, Anthony Josey sustained a severe fall which resulted in a long stay in hospital. We are happy to announce that Anthony has now recovered and is back amongst us.

By winning the Oxford Sevens Tournament, this year, the school now has the record of having won all the major Sevens Tournaments—viz., the Oxford, Roehampton, Welsh Secondary Schools and Llanelli Sevens—each three times in succession. Indeed, an achievement to be proud of.

We commiserate with Peter Nicholas, who, having been chosen to play for Wales in the schoolboys international against France, missed his cap on account of the game's cancellation owing to snow.

On May 5th, a Europe Day Conference was held in the School Hall. Over six hundred attended, including many from other schools. The assembly was addressed by eminent speakers. The School was especially decorated with European flags and several exhibitions were staged. The event was organized by the Current Affairs Society. On account of the excellent work being done by the school in the international field, again, this year, we have been awarded the David Davies Memorial Institute of International Studies Award for 1966.

The School wishes to thank all those who have generously given gifts of books and money to the Library and various departments.

It appears that whereas a few years ago the science departments were the most exciting parts of the school, the pendulum has swung back to the Arts quarter which has been cybernetically transformed. In the 'B' corridor, the addition of a Language Laboratory has, added renewed enthusiasm to many a despondent boy. Queues form well before the breaks end for 'centre stalls' to see the latest 'French Slide Lesson' release; others sit behind the control panels of the latest equipment and whilst hurtling on an imaginary journey through space, learn French at the same time! Teaching methods have never been so modern and we are indeed fortunate with this latest addition.

Again we have had the pleasure of receiving students from Swansea and Aberystwyth.

During November, the School Hall acted as centre for the Welsh Theatre Company's touring production of "The Deposition," a chronicle of Elizabethan England, based on Shakespeare's "Richard II." Being staged "in the round," it was an interesting experience.

Head Prefects' Message

Dennis Aubrey Thomas, Huw Tregelles Williams

To be chosen Head Prefect of the school is always a great honour, and this year it is our privilege to be joint Head Boys of the school.

The school year, so far, has been a noticeably smooth and stable one, with co-operation apparent throughout the whole school. For this, we wish to thank the Headmaster and Staff for their understanding and support, and we would particularly like to thank Mr. J. R. Williams who, in showing such enthusiasm and interest in his recently-appointed post of Deputy Head, thus facilitates and encourages the work of the prefects. Finally, we would like to show our appreciation to all our fellow-prefects for their keenness and their help in ensuring smooth organization in the school.

Y mae'n bleser ac anrhydedd mawr ni ein bod yn Brif Ddisgyblion eleni. Dymunem ddiolch i gynnes i'r Prifathro a'r Staff, yn enwedig Mr. J. R. Williams am hwyluso'r gwaith yn fawr iawn. Y mae'r flwyddyn ysgol yn mynd yn ei blaen yn llyfn a didrfferth ac y mae'r diolch am hyn yn ddyledus i raddau helaeth i'r "prefects" sydd wedi cymryd at eu gwaith gyda diwydrwydd a diddordeb.

Y mae'r gwahanol gymdeithasau wedi cyfrannu'n helaeth at fywyd yr ysgol eleni eto a'r bywyd rygbi mor fyw ag erioed. Gobeithiwn hefyd fod y gwasanaeth boreol yn fwy perthnasol er pan ddaeth rhai o'r bechgyn i gyfrannu ynddo.

Hoffem ddymuno Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i bawb, gan obeithio y bydd y cydweithrediad a gawson yn barod yn parhau i mewn i 1967 er mwyn cael blwyddyn ddedwydd arall yn hanes "yr ysgol tan y bryn."

In conclusion, we would like to wish all Staff and pupils, a happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

Prefects 1966-67

Senior Prefects : Roger Davies, Roger Marks, Keith Williams.

Clive Badger, Gerald Bowen, Paul Bryan, Richard Creel, Paul Dalton, Christopher Daniels, Brian Davies, Lynn Davies, Peter Davies, Dennis Edwards, John Edwards, Robert Edwards, Gerallt Evans, Hugh N. Evans, Huw T. Evans, Wynne Evans, Jeffrey Fry, Graham Griffiths, Anthony Harries, Hywel Johnes, Gareth Jones, Trevor Jones, Anthony Josey, Alun Lewis, Brinley Lewis, Huw Lloyd, David Marshall, Henry McDonough, Peter McKelvie, Stuart Millar, Huw Morris, Raymond Nelson, George Parker, David Payne, David R. Phillips, Peregrine Phillips, Leighton Rees, Meirion Rees, Ian Shapter, Anthony Thomas, Caron Williams, John Williams, David Wain.

Old Boys' Union

F. T. Edwards, Hon. Secretary

Officials and Committee for the year are : President, Mr. S. G. Rees, M.A. ; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. M. Thomas; Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. T. Edwards; Committee : Messrs. H. J. Richards, D. Hughes, E. D. Cooper, C. H. Ward, J. P. Williams, J. T. Davies, P. Daniels, D. A. Job, L. Griffiths, P. Townsend, M. Daniels, G. Nicholas, N. Francis, M. V. Drewe, R. H. Jones.

Since our last issue we regret the passing of Mr. G. J. Thomas, M.A., School Patron of the Union and the School's second Headmaster. He will be remembered by the numerous Old Boys who came under his jurisdiction as a fine teacher, a strict disciplinarian, but above all a truly great gentleman. His presence at the Annual Dinner will be greatly missed for his comments on De Omnibus Rebus vied in popularity with the speech of the Guest Speaker.

This year the Rt. Hon. Sir F. Elwyn Jones, Q.C., M.P., the Attorney General, will be Principal Guest at the Re-Union Dinner which will be held on Friday, 6th January, 1967, at the Stepney Hotel. Sir Elwyn has attained the highest honour of any Old Boy and on the same day will attend a presentation ceremony on his being honoured with the Freedom of the Borough. Other speakers include Mr. W. S. Thomas, who will propose the Toast of the Principal Guest; Mr. W. J. Daniels—Toast of The School and Mr. J. Eddie Jones—Toast of O.B.U. Mr. S. G. Rees will present De Omnibus Rebus and greetings from the London Branch will be given by their Chairman, Mr. M. Hollins.

At the Re-Union Dinner held on 29th December, 1965, the programme was as follows :—

1.—Toast : Her Majesty the Queen—S. G. Rees, Esq., M.A.

“ Strike—for your altars and your fires !
Strike—for the green graves of your sires !
God—and your native land.”—*Fitz Greene Hollock*

2.—Toast : The School—Rev. Canon Haydn Parry, M.C.

“ In books, or work, or healthful play,
Let my first years be passed
That I may give for every day
Some good account at last.”—*Watts*

3.—The School Song.

4.—Toast : The Principal Guest—Handel C. Rogers, Esq.

“ The voice of the schoolboy rallies the ranks :
Play up, play up ! and play the game ! ”—*Sir H. Newbolt*

5.—Speaker : W. H. Clement, Esq., M.C., T.D.

6.—Toast : The Old Boys' Union—Rhys H. Williams, Esq.

“ Of all the heavenly gifts that mortal men command
What trusty treasure in the world can countervail a friend.”—*Grimwald*

7.—Fraternal Greetings from the London Branch—Alfred B. Badger, Esq., M.A., Ph.D.
(Chairman)

“ 'Tis sweet to hear the honest watch-dog's bark
Bay deep mouthed welcome, as we draw near home ;
'Tis sweet to know there is an eye will mark
Our coming, and look brighter when we come.”—*Byron*

8.—Toast : Absent Friends—S. G. Rees, Esq. M.A.

“ To that loved land, where'er he goes,
His tenderest thoughts are cast ;
And dearer still, through absence, grows
The memory of the past.”—*J. D. Burns*

In conclusion may I wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Positive Personalities

AROUND THE SIXTH FORM

Anon. (for obvious reasons)

On countless occasions, it has been said that variety is the spice of life. Looking about the present Sixth Form—that motley conglomeration of allsorts (not the liquorice kind)—surely, it must be the spiciest form of the lot!

Take H.T.W., a pleasing, sometimes pompous, personality, with dimples that have developed through excess talking; the greatest problem he faces at the present is to restrain from accepting too much lunch in the canteen on account of his diet. A loud noise in the Orchestra, during recent months, he has taken to the art of campanology, and frequently campanols around the campus at the end of break and lunch, summoning the school to either “heav’n or hell.” There is no truth in the rumour that inside a trombone case, he carries a machine-gun for quick and easy disposal of unco-operative prefects!

A breath of country life—the hunt and all that jazz—pervades the school on S.J.’s entrance. Joining us from the second-best Rugby school in the Isles to the best, he has injected into some members of the Sixth Form, a love of an era long past: no longer do they wish to discuss the present Space Age, but prefer the more subtle and gracious tales from “St. George and the Dragon”! A twentieth century Sir John Jorrocks, Mr. J. is at present restricted to the more tranquil mode of transport—the horse!

A corpulent, yet comely, character evolves in the person of R.S., an outstanding tower of strength in the Lower Sixth. Whilst outwardly continuing to practice Science, inwardly, during all his recreational moments, he seeks consolation—if not inspiration—from the Music Room. Oftimes, after the heavy rains (every other day) “Our Tubby” can be seen performing in a type of Music Room Aqua Show, accompanied, needless to say by Handel’s “Water Music”! When in a more constructive mood, he has been seen to convey large quantities of tools and broken desks to the music store room. Mr. Haydn Davies denies reports that extra-mural cabinet-making classes are being held there!

B.L. is a mathematically-minded magician: when not keeping the accounts of the Benevolent Society, he keeps a count of meal tickets and sees that the cooks keep strictly to the rationing on peas. Often junior pupils fear his ferocious manner, but I can assure them that somewhere behind the hard exterior, there lies a quiet, gentle soul from the metropolis past Chivers’ Corner.

School’s number one existentialist must not be confused with J.A.T., a colourful character, whose vices extend no further than the courts—the tennis courts, of course! He, together with his accomplice in French conspiracies, R.M., are often to be found discussing Victor Hugo’s love of nature, during their economics lesson: similarly, “the working population” always gets involved with French literature.

“Safety in numbers” is obviously the accepted policy of Messrs. E., L., P. sometimes referred to as “The Three Wise Monkeys.” The reason? : two have an excess of hair on the tops and at the sides, thus preventing them from either seeing or hearing, whilst the third has such a deep voice that he is inaudible unless within a six-inch radius. Indeed, combined, they neither see, hear or speak any evil—or anything else if it comes to that! While not alleging victimisation, they refer to themselves as being “cut off from society.” Who needs to be cut off from society? Hair cut off would be of advantage to both themselves and society! But then, as I said at the very beginning, variety is the spice of life and it takes all sorts to make a school and a world

Is-Etholiad Caerfyrddin 1966

David R. Phillips 6 Arts

Syndod i bawb, mi gredaf, oedd canlyniad Etholiad Caerfyrddin eleni. Honnwyd ers tipyn gan yr "awdurdodau" gwleidyddol a'r wasg genedlaethol nad oedd posibilrwydd i Blaid Cymru ennill sedd yn San Steffan, ond, fel y gwyddys, y gwrthwyneb a ddigwyddodd yng Nghaerfyrddin yr haf ddiwethaf, pan gyhoeddwyd mai Gwynfor Evans, llywydd Plaid Cymru, a enillodd y sedd.

Peth digon naturiol a disgwylidig ydyw ymffrostio yn y fath lwyddiant a ddisgynnodd ar Gwynfor Evans, ond ein dyletswydd ni y Cymry ydyw astudio'r canlyniadau yn eu cyswllt gwleidyddol a chymdeithasol ac yna eu dadansoddi a'u dehongli. Ni ellir ystyried ffeithiau ynglŷn â chymdeithas yn ddigyswllt, heb sylweddoli elfennau allanol.

Hawdd iawn oedd syrthio i'r llif emosiynol a oedd ymron yn "chauvanistic" a orlifodd ymysg y Cymry Cymraeg wedi cyhoeddiad y canlyniad. Hawdd iawn hefyd oedd honni fel y Parch. Cefnlech Roberts yn "Gwr Pen-y-Bryn," 'fod y wawr yn codi ar Gymru, haulau'n cael eu lluchio ymaith, iau gormes yn cael ei thorri, a'r mynyddoedd yn bloeddio canu, a'r coed yn curo dwylo gan lawenydd,' ond wedi i'r teimladau crasboeth hyn dawelu sylweddolir fod yr honiad yn eithafol.

Ni chredaf mai polisi na delfrydau Gwynfor Evans a'i gosododd yn San Steffan ond ei bersonoliaeth, ac i raddau helaeth iawn amseriad yr etholiad.

Gellir dweud fod hanfod personoliaeth Gwynfor Evans bron yn gyfystyr â hanfod personoliaeth ei etholaeth—mae'r amaethwr mewn ardal wledig, yn anghydfurfiwr selog mewn ardal o gapeli, ac yn ddwy-ieithog mewn ardal Gymreig. Ar ben hyn mae'n berchen ar ddawn areithio sy'n rymus ac i ddweud y gwir bron yn swyngysglyd. Mae mor nodweddiadol o'i etholaeth ag yw'r "hen Jim" o Llanelli.

Rhaid delio hefyd â'r canlyniadau yn eu cyswllt gwleidyddol. 'Roedd dyddiad yr etholiad yn ddelfrydol i Blaid Cymru—Harold Wilson a'i Lywodraeth yn ymlusgo drwy gyfnod ansicr ac amhoblogaidd iawn am fod Frank Cousins newydd ymddiswyddo, streic y morwyr yn ei lawn rym, y rheilfyrdd gwledig yn cau, a'r wlad yn graddol ddisgyn i stad economig beryglus. Ar ben hyn mae traddodiad gwleidyddol yr etholaeth yn ofnus o'r chwith. Ond rhaid pwysleisio fod yr ymgeisydd Llafur, Gwilym Prys Davies, yn ddyn galluog ac yn Gymro glân didwyll.

Cymro glân oedd yr ymgeisydd Rhyddfrydol hefyd, ond gwyddai'r etholaeth, fel y mwyafrif ohonom, fod yr hen blaid "radical" honno ar farw. Ar y llaw arall fe fu'r Blaid Geidwadol mor haerllug â gosod Sais yn ymgeisydd. Pa obaith sy' gan Sais yn y parthau hyn? Onid gwastraff arian ac egni yw ceisio'r sedd â'r fath ymgeisydd. Fe gawsom yn un sefyllfa yn Llanelli—Sais wedi ei feithrin yn Eton, Rhydychen a'r "Grenadier Guards"!

Dyna oedd y sefyllfa—y Blaid Lafur yn amhoblogaidd a dau ymgeisydd cymharol wan gan y ddwy blaid arall. Rhaid oedd pleidleisio dros Plaid Cymru—yn wir, dim ond y hi oedd ar ôl wedi i ddyn wrthod y dair arall.

Dywed rhai hefyd mai protest oedd yr etholiad gan ei bod yn is-etholiad, a holl sylw y wlad arni. Hwyrach fod hwn wedi cyfrannu at y canlyniad syfrdanol.

Sylweddolaf mai dehongliad bersonol yw hyn er y ceisiais ei chadw'n amheronol, ac i raddau'n wrthychol ond wrth delio â chymdeithas anodd iawn ydyw bod yn hollol ddi-duedd.

Beth bynnag yw ein tueddiadau gwleidyddol, ni allwn lai na llongyfarch Gwynfor Evans am ei lwyddiant—llwyddiant dyn sy' wedi brwydro am dros ugain mlynedd dros ei blaid. Pob hwyl iddo yn San Steffan!

Wild Life about the School

Maitland Mclean 3A, Howard Williams 3B

Within the perimeter of the school grounds unimagined forms of wild life exist. One is very fortunate if some of these forms are seen more than once ; but other forms are quite a familiar sight. Have you noticed the Herons which roost in the pine trees at the farthest point of the field, which fly before morning bell to the marshy ground by the beach ; or the squirrels in the trees by the tennis courts, which even feed on the grass next to the music room ? Crows nest in the pine trees in the woods at the front of the field facing the main road ; Woodpeckers, Jays and Mistle Thrushes regularly frequent the copse opposite the hall, and Nut-hatches travel both up and down the large sycamore tree by the gardener's hut. Dragon flies hover over the long grass in late summer and Shrews squeak in the undergrowth.

By far the most dominant form of wild life is that of birds. At every time of year, at every time of day, no end of them go about the business of survival. Perhaps winter is the best time to see them, when the lack of food drives multitudes of birds from their summer habitat to winter feeding grounds. In the autumn flocks of gulls, especially black-headed ones, seek feeding inland, where they find large fields in which they scrape for worms. In the worse weather Oyster Catchers have difficulty feeding on the beach so they too can be seen in fairly substantial numbers feeding in union with the gulls. In summer, warblers move about aimlessly in the dense bushes or wood undergrowth. The four most well-known and most often seen about the school grounds are the Blackcap, Whitethroat, Chiff-chaff and Willow Warbler. Warblers are secretive birds and the chances are that you will never see any nearer the school buildings than the hedge by the gardener's hut. Other birds are Jays, Ravens and Buzzards. Jays are wily birds with crafty attitudes. They are difficult to study as they never remain in one place long and at the first sight of man flit deep into the woods. Ravens are very admirable birds and rank close to Jays where intelligence is concerned. Ravens can often be seen high over Stradey Woods, usually in a pair or a family, in combat with a large party of Jackdaws or a pair of Buzzards.

In late summer, numerous Wagtails, with their fledged young, catch flies in the shade of the trees bordering short grass. It is at this time that gangs of Swallows and Martins congregate on the corridor roofs ; each group flying for several minutes over Stradey Woods and then retiring for another short period on the warm sun-drenched roofs to spread and bask their dark wings.

There is no point in describing more as we would be writing to infinity, but before we finish a word should be said for the preservation of wild life. In the last two hundred years, man has been exterminating birds, eggs and animals. Today many species are near extinction, especially as far as birds are concerned. There are even ignorant, feelingless boys in this school who take pride in robbing clutches of eggs. This is a sorry thing and must be stamped out before birds can flourish again as they did two hundred years ago.

Letter to the Editor

Preparation Room,
Biology Department,
D Corridor.
7th December, 1966.

Dear Sir,

While engaged in conversation with the spokesman of the Dogfish community in the Biology Department preparation room on Wednesday last, some very surprising facts came to light and they would not allow me to leave until I had given my promise to air their views in the school magazine.

From my talk with them, I gather that they are highly dissatisfied with the state of affairs in the department at present.

Firstly, they strongly protest against the state of their present living quarters. I have seen them and was quite shocked. They are housed in quarters little better than metal containers—in fact that is what they are—and they also complain about the dampness that streams down the walls of their home. This, they say, is caused by a solution called formalin which the lab. assistants insist on swamping their quarters with.

Another cause of complaint is the rough treatment at the hands and plaster cast of the laboratory assistants when, every Tuesday, they are disturbed during their lunch hour, placed on cold enamel trays and carted unceremoniously and without reverence, into the cold, draughty Zoology lab. They say that it wouldn't be so bad if they were treated with a little more decorum. Then, of course, there is the humiliation that they are subjected to every Tuesday afternoon at the incompetent hands of the aspiring zoologists of the Upper Sixth. The chief Dogfish stated, quite emphatically, that he and his fellow martyrs do not particularly mind being dissected but they draw the line at being hacked and butchered unmercifully with cold scalpels and forceps.

At this point, I had to end this most enlightening conversation with the Dogfish community, because, out of the corner of my eye, I could see the head rat beckoning to me. It seemed obvious that they knew that they, too, were soon to be subjected to similar indignities, and were naturally apprehensive.

On behalf of a very cut-up Dogfish.

Yours faithfully,

R. Nelson, 6ASci

Ceisio Enwogrwydd

Vivian F. Challenor IIR

Yn yr oes deleduol hon, os am enwogrwydd, wel ymddangos ar "lantarn y lob" amdani.

Daeth y cyfle imi ddwywaith eisoes, ni allaf ddisgwyl rhagor! Pan yn seithmlwydd oed bum yn siarad ag Owen Edwards ar raglen "Heddiw"—perfformiad gwych i'm tyb i. Ond ni ddaeth un contract yn ei sgil, a rhaid i'm tad "weithio" i'm cadw o hyd. Dodaf y gair "gweithio" mewn dyfynnodau am mai athro—rwy'n flin prifathro (gwaeth fyth)—ydyw, a phwy sy'n credu fod rheiny'n gweithio.

Daeth yr ail gyfle imi f'anfarwoli fy hun rhyw bythefnos yn ôl. Rhaglen "Tri Chynnig" oedd y cyfrwng a minnau'n "quizz kid" a ddeuai ag enwogrwydd byd eang i Ysgol Ramadeg y Bechgyn, Llanelli. Druan ohoni—ac o finnau. Fe'm lloriwyd gan y "Coch-y-Bonddu" ac

Arglwydd Abertawe. A minnau'n ddisgybl mewn ysgol nid anenwog ym myd chwareuon ofnaf bellach edrych f'athrawon Ymarfer Corff lygad yn llygad. Ond ymwrolaf; efallai y credant hwy, fel finnau, mai aderyn oedd y "Coch" ac mai marchog cleddyfgar oedd yr Arglwydd, nid milwr "drylliog."

A swm a sylwedd fy holl ymdrechion. Ofnaf na'm gwelir ymhlith anfarwolion y bocs bach. Ac er imi, gwaeth fyth, gollir cyfleiweld Caerdydd yn wado'r Wallabies ar Barc yr Arfau; cefais gip ar ambell "comere" fini-sgertaidd gwir atyniadol.

Wel, mae ambell lygedyn o olau ar y nos dduaf hyd yn oed!

The Orchestral Scene

Anthony Harries 6ASci

The School Orchestra, like every other school institution, suffers each year from the loss of the stalwarts of the previous year. It continues, however, to perform creditably in Assembly under the able guidance of Mr. Gareth Thomas. Its members are themselves greatly inspired when their playing evokes the comment from the Headmaster that the Orchestra has given the day an excellent start. Richard Creel leads the Orchestra this year and in company with Mr. Thomas and the other members of the Orchestra would welcome any new members. Only one first year boy has joined this year. We would remind all interested that facilities are available through visiting tutors, for learning to play any musical instrument.

Playing in the School Orchestra opens the way to other interesting activities. The majority of the members are also members of the Llanelli and District Schools' Orchestra. This meets each Saturday morning in the Girls' Grammar School under the direction of Mr. Preece and to it come pupils from other schools in the area. So that, in addition to enjoying making music together, we enjoy making new friendships. At the annual concert given by this Orchestra in April, the programme included such ambitious music as Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" and Tchaikovsky's "Capriccio Italien." The guest artist was Raimund Herinx, who delighted the audience with his singing.

Most of the School Orchestra are eligible, too, for the course held at Trinity College, Carmarthen, during the Easter vacation. This lasts about a week and is attended by pupils from all schools in the county. As usual the course this year was both a musical and social success.

Experience in both these orchestras often leads to an audition for the National Youth Orchestra of Wales. This year Dr. Clarence Raybould held the audition in Llanelli in March. As a result seven members of the School Orchestra were selected for the National Orchestra. They were Richard Creel and Alan Rees (Violins), Robert Edwards and Anthony Harries (Violas), John Harries (Clarinet), Peter Francis (Double Bass) and Leighton Jones (French Horn). As a similar number of girls from the Girls' Grammar School also won places, Llanelli provided ten per cent. of this year's National Orchestra. This was no mean achievement and reflects great credit on all concerned with training the orchestras.

This was a special year for the N.Y.O.W. as the Orchestra was in its twenty-first year and its founder-conductor was celebrating his eightieth birthday. The Orchestra met at the end of July and underwent a strenuous course of preparation in the first week for the series of concerts in the remaining ten days. In these concerts, given in various centres in South and West Wales, such difficult works as Brahms' "Symphony No. 1 in C minor" and a suite by Dohnanyi together with Welsh composer Alun Hoddinott's work "Concerto Grosso," especially commissioned for the occasion, were performed. The climax was the concert given at the National Eisteddfod when Dr. Raybould took his final bow. So interesting and enjoyable was the course that, for most of us, it came to an end all too soon.

And all this begins by playing in the School Orchestra.

Cassius Clay

Lynn Davies 6A (Arts)

Mae Cassius yn baffiwr ardderchog
 Er falle ei fod e' yn gegog.
 'Does neb yn gwrthsefyll ' Muhammed '
 Am ei fod yn "immune" i bob niwed.
 Mae'n dweud mae efe yw y "greatest,"
 Efallai bod hyn yn reit onest :
 Ond coeliwch chi fi, chwi wrandawyr,
 Ryw ddiwrnod caiff hedfan trwy'r awyr.
 'Roedd Sonny a Floyd yn rhy araf,
 Am fod Cassius yn un o'r cyflymaf.
 Ond 'roedd Henry yn barod o'r dechrau,
 Ac fe'i lloriodd yn agos i'r rhaffau.
 Roedd Cleveland, y negro, yn "anxious"
 I guro ein "hero" 'n "unconscious."
 Ond gwelsom ei fod fel y rheini
 A ffeindiodd y llawer yn gwmpeini.
 Pob bendith i Muhammed Ali
 Gobeithio y caiff ei goroni,
 Ond nid gyda choron fawr werthfawr,
 Ond â sêr, a rheini'n rhai enfawr.

Dylanwad

Peter Thomas 6G

Ei fagu'n fachgen bach dinam
 Drwy holl helbulon byd,
 Dan ofal tyner tad a mam
 Mewn bwthyn bychan clyd.
 'Rol cyrraedd oedran teg fe aeth
 Ffarweliodd a'r hen le—
 Lle bu yn chwarae lawer gwaith
 Dan fendith dae'r a Ne'.
 Ond wedi bod i ffwrdd am dro
 Daeth hiraeth dwys i'w fron,
 Am gael dychwelyd nôl i'w fro
 Lle treuliodd oriau llon.
 'Roedd erbyn hyn yn llesg ei gam,
 Collodd ei ffrindiau oll,
 A dychwel adref wnaeth at fam
 Fel un a fu ar goll.
 Dylanwad cartref eilw'n ôl
 I'r bwythyn bychan clyd
 A gadael llwybrau ofer ffôl
 I gartref gorau'r byd.

One Cheer for Form II

Vivian Challenor IIR

Quite frankly, this is a despairing effort to justify a sinecure! Well, what does the Press Relations Officer for a Form 2 Rugby XV. really do? Let not the defeated of Millfield sneer. If the School's crown is tarnished—be it ever so slightly—now, its future rugby-wise is secure: we have Form 2.

Played six: won six. Yea, Form 2 and Neath are still unbeaten; but we play attractive attacking rugby—coach, Mr. Ellis Griffiths sees to that!

Watkyn Thomas, Bill Celement, Terry Price—we exist in their shadows. However, take note you connoisseur of rugby promise: leading points scorer Geraint Llewellyn, "Dai" Richards, Ieuan Griffiths, Leighton Davies, John Gravell and Wyn Jones, together with nine other stalwarts are ready for a take-over bid.

Wild romancing! High flow nonsense? As I suggested, one has to justify one's position, and a Press Relations Officer who does not trumpet his team's merits—be they determined or not—is failing in his job.

I would have for such paragons a motto worthy of them. For a classical team (in the rugby field I hasten to tell), a classical motto, "aien aristeuein." Harrow can copy if they wish.

Having thus upheld this honour off the field as they do so successfully on it, I can rest easy. There will be some frantic dictionary searching in the Staff Room—and for a few brief moments, Form 2 will hog the limelight.

Mon Sejour en France

Roger Marks 6 Arts

Sans doute, tout le monde se souvient-il de Marie-jo Raynaud, l'assistante française de l'an dernier. Un ami de Marie-jo connaît une famille-la Famille Gouin—qui habite une ferme près de Sillars, qui est situé entre Limoges et Poitiers. J'ai travaillé pendant cinq semaines l'été dernier dans cette ferme.

La ferme était plutôt moderne et la famille était à la page. Il y avait trois tracteurs, trois voitures, une presse, les machines à traire et beaucoup d'outillage d'agriculture. Cette région—La Vienne—est une région agricole arable et on cultive l'avoine, le blé, le maïs, les choux et l'orge. Les champs sont très grands et d'habitude carrés et sans haies. Ici, les fermiers louent une moissonneuse batteuse qui appartient à un homme corpulent qui habite un petit village à 16 Km. de la ferme. Il y a cinquante ans les fermiers utilisaient les boeufs pour cette besogne. La majorité des fermiers de cette région appartiennent au Co-opérative qui est égal au Co-opérative anglais.

Quant aux animaux il y en a beaucoup, surtout les vaches, les veaux, les cochons, les poules et les bourreaux pour le bifteck. Les fermiers font du beurre utilisant le lait des vaches et font la farine pour les vaches et les petits veaux en se servant de l'avoine et du blé. Dans chaque maison, il y a une cave où l'on tient le vin; la vigne n'est pas très répandue ici, mais chaque ferme a une petite vigne pour produire son vin.

Les gens de cette région et de la Haute Vienne sont très amicaux. Ils m'ont aidé dans mes essais en langue française. Quelques grandes cités y sont situées; par exemple, Poitiers, une vieille ville universitaire avec une équipe de rugby (ce jeu est populaire ici) et beaucoup de soldats américains, postés là. Bientôt les Américains quitteront Poitiers et la

France par l'ordre du Général de Gaulle. Près de "ma ferme," il y a un grand domaine qui appartient à la famille Rothschild, des relations de Charles de Gaulle. Quand même, ici les gens ont en horreur de Gaulle. Limoges s'appelle "La Ville Rouge."

Mon séjour en France était si bon que j'espère bien rendre visite encore l'an prochain à cette région. Pour apprendre bien le français, il faut séjourner en France de la sorte et vivre chez les Français. C'est si bon.

Y Duw sydd o'n Tu

(Cyfieithiad o "God On Our Side" gan Bob Dylan)

Hefin W. Thomas 6G

Fy enw a'm hoedran sydd ddibwys yn wir ;
Fe'm codwyd a'm dysgwyd yn y gorllewin dir ;
Fe'm dysgwyd i barchu yr iaith oedd mor gu,
Ac am Gymru a'i breintiau,—am y Duw sydd o'i thu.

Fe ddywed yr hanes, mor blaen yn ei bryd,
Am goncwest yr Unol Daleithiau dros fyd ;
Fe ddaethant gan goncro Indiaid o fri ;
Y wlad mor ddibrofiad, ond ei Duw oedd o'i thu.

Y rhyfel byd cyntaf a ddaeth yn ei bryd,
Casineb a dirmyg ar bob cornel byd ;
Ni ddeuthum i wybod y rheswm a fu
Am y lladd ; rhaid oedd derbyn mai ein Duw oedd o'n tu.

Yn ei dro fe ddaeth diwedd ar ail ryfel byd,
A gwledydd y ddaear ddaeth yn ffrindiau i gyd ;
Er y lladd, er y dirmyg wnaeth yr holl fyd yn ddu,
'Nawr mae gan yr Almaenwyr ei Duw mawr o'u tu.

Erbyn hyn, daeth gwyddoniaeth ag arfau mor gryf,
Ac os ymladd sydd raid in, ymladdwn yn hyf ;
Mor hawdd fyddai cyffwrdd â'r botwm bach du,
Ac mor rhwydd fyddai dwedyd mai Duw sydd o'n tu.

Am lawer awr dywyll meddyliais dros hyn,
Ac am farw yr Iesu ar Galfari fryn ;
Am y brad, am y gusan, er mwyn dilyn y llu ;
A oedd gan yr Iscariot Dduw o'i du ?

'Nawr, wedi blynyddoedd o feddwl yn hir
Am effaith rhyfela,—y poenau a'r cur ;
Y geiriau, mor eglur, ânt drwy mhen yn lli,
Fe ddaw diwedd i ryfel, gan mai Duw sydd o'n tu.

Quotable Quotes

Peter W. Davies, Dennis Thomas, Roger Marks

Morning Assembly :

“ Chanting faint hymns to the cold, faintless morn.”
 (“ A Mid-Summer Night’s Dream ”—*Shakespeare*)

After a complicated Maths. lesson :

“ I hate definitions.” (*Benjamin Disraeli*)
 “ It is a communication of ideas in which the spectator has no part.” (*Shaw*)

On entering the Language Laboratory :

“ I must warn you that anything you say will be taken down and might be used in evidence against you.” (*Police Statement*)

Recollections by a Sixth Former of Form 1 :

“ What sweet, what happy days had I,
 When dreams made time eternity.” (*W. H. Davies*)

Upper Sixth before A Level :

“ I’ve no time for romantic twaddle now.” (*Dylan Thomas*)

Upper Sixth after A Level results :

“ Twenty years of schooling and they put you on a day shift.” (*Bob Dylan*)

Heard on Entering the Physics Laboratory :

“ Eureka.” (*Archimedes*)

Rugby Team Prayer :

“ O let the hours be short,
 ’Till fields and groans applaud our sport.” (“ Henry IV.”—*Shakespeare*)

Prefect to an impertinent junior pupil :

“ I am not arguing with you—I am telling you.” (*James Whistler*)

Pupils’ reluctance to use the Library :

“ If I go there
 Silence will send me to despair.” (*W. H. Davies*)

Orders overheard in the Kitchen :

“ Not what they want, but what is good for them.” (*Oliver Cromwell*)
 “ A basin of smooth gruel, thin, but not too thin.” (“ Emma ”—*Jane Austen*)
 “ Broiled fowl and mushrooms—capital thing.! (“ Pickwick Papers ”—*Dickens*)

Sixth Form Forum

George Parker, Secretary

President, Mr. S. G. Rees ; Chairman, John D. Williams, VISC. ; Committee : Wynne Evans, Roger Marks, Dewi Thomas, Alan Leach.

This year's Forum has proved a successful one ; not only has its main aim been achieved, viz., to provide pupils with an opportunity to speak in public, but also, a number of external speakers have visited the school to address the Forum, thus broadening the outlook of many pupils on particular topics. We are indeed indebted to them for giving us their valuable time, and also to Mr. Alan Jones for the enthusiasm he gives to Forum meetings.

September 16th

To open this year's session, Mr. Rhys Beynon, the new Engineering Science member of the staff, gave an interesting and enlightening talk on Nigeria, after having worked there for three years. The talk was accompanied by some excellent colour slides.

Mr. Beynon was thanked by Ian Shapter and Chris Daniel.

September 22nd

Mr. Atkinson, a member of the Toc H Benevolent Society, addressed the Forum on the aims and functions of Toc H, tracing its history since its formation for the maintenance of comradeship since the 1914-18 War.

Anthony Vaughan and John Edwards proposed the votes of thanks.

September 29th

An old boy, Mr. E. John, spoke on his travels in the Middle East, outlining the interesting places he had visited and recounting numerous amusing situations which he found himself in.

Roger Marks and Trevor Jones thanked the speaker.

October 6th

Today, the Forum was visited by two members of the Police Force, Superintendent Jackson, from the Home Office, and Inspector B. Jones, the Police School's Liaison Officer. They spoke on " Opportunities for Sixth Formers in today's modern Police Force."

They were thanked by Dennis Edwards and Dennis Thomas.

October 13th

This meeting of the Forum took the form of a debate, the subject being, " This House disapproves of drug taking, which it regards as dangerous to the stability of our Society." Speaking for the motion were Trevor Jones and Dennis Thomas ; and against, Timothy Evans and Jeffrey Leonardi. The motion was unanimously carried.

October 20th

The Rev. Leon Atkin, Minister of St. Paul's, Swansea, confronted the Forum with a short talk on " Our Parson's Redundant," after which members were given an opportunity to air their views.

Wynn Evans and Peter Davies thanked the speaker.

November 3rd

Mr. Purnell, Professor of Physical Chemistry at Swansea University, spoke to the Forum on "Life at University," and gave his idea of the ideal student. The talk was well received and many interesting questions were asked.

Mr. Purnell was thanked by Noel Evans and Raymond Nelson.

November 10th

Mr. Glyn Davies, A.M.I.C.E., visited the Forum and gave a talk on Civil Engineering, which was accompanied by the film "Founded on Science." In spite of the fact that this was a rather specialised topic, the talk and film proved of interest to all.

Hugh Evans and Jeffrey Fry thanked the speaker.

November 17th

Mr. Thomas, Manager of the Midland Bank, Llanelli, addressed today's Forum. Mr. Thomas presented a very informative talk on the present economic situation in the country.

Votes of thanks were proposed by Vivian Samuel and Dennis Thomas.

Among future meetings will be a Brain's Trust, the panel consisting of a number of eminent local people; a debate with one of our neighbouring Grammar Schools; addresses by Major W. H. Clement, Secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union; Major T. V. Fisher-Hoch, a former High Sheriff of Carmarthenshire and Mrs. Loti Rees Hughes, a County Alderman and a Governor of the School.

Societies

Y Gymdeithas Gymraeg, Tymor, 1966-67

Lynn Davies, 6A (Arts)

Llywydd : David R. Phillips, 6A (Arts) ; Is-Lywydd : Richard Skym, 6B (Sci) ; Ysgrifennydd Lynn Davies, 6A (Arts) ; Ysgrifennydd yr Urdd : Peter Thomas, 6G.

Pan etholwyd pwyllgor y Gymdeithas eleni awgrymwyd fod angen am ddau ysgrifennydd, un i ddelio â materion y Gymdeithas, a'r llall i ddelio â materion yr Urdd. Felly, ar ôl ethol Lynn Davies fel Ysgrifennydd y Gymdeithas, etholwyd Peter Thomas i gymryd at waith arbennig Ysgrifennydd yr Urdd.

Hydref 7fed

Braint heddiw oedd croesawu i'n plith y Parch. Gwynedd Jones, Tabernacl, Llanelli, i agor y Gymdeithas am y tymor newydd. Cawsom sgwrs ddiddorol a doniol ar y testun eang, "Hiwmor." Diolchwyd iddo gan Leighton Rees a David Wyn Jones. Dilynwyd ei anerchiad gan gyngerdd fer gan rai o'r bechgyn.

Hydref 21ain

Heno, yn neuadd yr ysgol, cynhaliwyd Dawns Werin o dan ofal Mr. David Smith. Gwahoddwyd Ysgolion Gramadeg Caerfyrddin (bechgyn a merched), Rhydaman, Gwendraeth (bechgyn a merched) a merched Llanelli. Er na dderbyniwyd ein gwahoddiad gan bob ysgol, daeth digon o bobl i'r ddawns i'w gwneud yn llwyddiant. Pleser, hefyd, oedd gweld cymaint o athrawon ac athrawesau o ysgolion gramadeg Llanelli yn dawnsio, ac, wrth eu hwyneb, 'roedd yn amlwg eu bod yn mwynhau eu hunain.

Tachwedd 3ydd

Heno, gyda help Cymdeithas Gymraeg y merched, cynhaliwyd dadl ar y testun : "Y mae'r tŷ hwn yn credu y dylai Cymru sicrhau hunan-lywodraeth." Y ddau siaradwr ar yr ochr gadarnhaol oedd John Williams a Mary Williams, a'r ddau ar yr ochr nacaol oedd Huw Evans a Sian Bowen. Cafwyd dadlaubrwd dros ben, a'r gosodiad yn cael ei gario gyda mwyafrif o chwech. Siomedig, fodd bynnag, oedd gweld cyn lleied o fechgyn yn y cyfarfod o'i gymharu â nifer y merched a ddaeth ; a gobeithir y gwelir lawer mwy yn y cyfarfod nesaf.

Tachwedd 18fed

Heno, gyda mwy o gefnogaeth na'r cyfarfod diwethaf, cafwyd y rhaglen "Pawb yn ei dro," o dan ofal Mr. Robert Wynne, a ffeindiodd amser yng nghanol tawelwch ei ymddeoliad i ddod i'r ysgol i'n cynorthwyo heno ! Yr oedd dau dim, yn cynnwys y canlynol : Huw Lloyd, Alun Lewis, Huw Evans, John Williams, Lynn Davies, Leighton Rees, David Morris, Huw T. Williams, Randolph Thomas a Peter Thomas. Cafwyd noson dda iawn, a diolchwyd i Mr. Wynne a'r bechgyn gan Lloyd Davies a Hefin Thomas.

Wel, dyna dymor arall yn hanes y Gymdeithas wedi mynd heibio, ac yn dymor llwyddiannus ar y cyfan. Hoffem ddiolch i'r pwyllgor a'r meistri am eu cynorthwy i wneud gwaith y Gymdeithas yn hwylus, heb unrhyw "major upset," ys dywed y Sais.

Chess Society

A. Manning, Secretary

Chairman, A. Gravelle ; Captain, L. Davies ; Treasurer, H. Morris.

The Chess Society has gained in strength over the past year, and is again one of the most popular societies in the school. This is made particularly evident by the number of members, both senior and junior, which far surpasses the number of Chess sets offered. Therefore it was decided this year to introduce an annual subscription fee of threepence. This idea has already provided the funds for two new Chess sets. The juniors now meet on Mondays and Fridays, and the seniors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, during the dinner break.

The school Chess team was not very active during the past season, although the three matches which they played were all won. Vivian Davies, last year's school Chess captain, again had a very successful season, coming first in the under 18 Welsh Championship. He also represented Wales against France and the Home Countries in the Glorney Cup Tournament, which was held in Paris.

This season the school team has entered the Welsh National Schools Chess Tournament, and has several friendlies lined up. The team also hopes to participate in a league under the Welsh Secondary Schools Chess Association.

It only remains now for me to thank the officials of the society and Mr. John Davies for their unfailing support.

Science and Radio Society

Caron R. Williams 6A Sci, Secretary

Chairman : Richard J. Creel, 6A Sci ; Form representatives : Peter G. Davies, 6A Sci ; Clive James, 4B Sci ; Stephen Thomas, 3A ; Richard McAbe, 2E ; Richard Rees, 1W.

The activities of the Society waned with the departure of our sponsor, Mr. C. L. Humphreys, but it is hoped to flourish once more under his successor, Mr. Beynon.

Films have been booked for the coming year and it is hoped to resume our weekly meetings shortly.

Geographical Society

Alun Lewis, 6A Sci, Secretary

President, Mr. Ronald Jacob ; Chairman, Keith Lewis, 6A Sci.

The Geographical Society meetings this term have all been held jointly with the Geographical Society of the Girls' Grammar School. Most interesting lectures have been well attended and it is hoped that quiz programmes, to be held in the future, will hold the interest of large audiences.

The first meeting, held at the Girls' School on September 14th, was addressed by Dr. Spencer Thomas, an old boy of this school, who is now a lecturer at Lincoln Training College. His topic was "Switzerland—A Land of Contrasts." A subject of particular interest to Sixth Formers who turned up in force. The talk was well illustrated by coloured slides of Switzerland, taken by Dr. Thomas himself during a recent field excursion with students from his college.

On October 19th, the Society again visited the Girls' School, this time to listen to Mr. Alun Thomas, Schools Geology Officer at the National Museum, Cardiff. His topic was "How to Study Landscape." This instructive talk was accompanied by an excellent set of coloured slides.

The venue of our next meeting on November 28th was once again the Girls' School, where Mr. T. R. Owen, Senior Geology Lecturer at Swansea University, visited us. He spoke on the local area, especially the Gower Peninsula, from a geological and geographical point of view.

In conclusion the committee takes this opportunity to thank Mr. Jacob, Mr. Price and Mr. Jenkins, without whose help and guidance the continuation of such great interest in the Society would have been impossible.

Mechanical Engineering Society

Paul Oram, Secretary

Chairman, Anthony W. Lewis ; Treasurer, Stephen Edwards ; Committee : G. Anderson, M. Evans.

Although after some initial difficulties, the Society's car, a 1949 Jowett Javelin, was successfully overhauled, it has been found necessary to dispose of the vehicle as it has outlived its purpose. The proceeds of the sale will be put towards the purchase of yet another car. This term, a noticeable omission from the Society's activities has been the presence of a motorcycle. It is hoped that one will be made available for the Society in the not too distant future.

It is the intended object this year for the club to commence a system of driving tuition as soon as the new car is in good running order. However, this cannot be fulfilled until the meetings are attended by larger numbers ; only then can this scheme possibly be a success.

We wish to thank Mr. R. Beynon for taking over supervision of the club's activities in place of Mr. C. L. Humphreys, our previous President.

Photographic Society

Peter W. Davies, Secretary

Chairman, Dennis Edwards ; Vice-Chairman, Raymond Nelson ; Treasurer, Peter Christopher

The school film was continued in the New Year but unfortunately it still has not been edited. The Society's attention was then focussed on such subjects as Table-Top Photography and Composition. Meetings have been well attended by both six formers and junior pupils. The usual procedure during the term has been to have a lecture with filmstrip on a particular subject and then to follow it up with a practical meeting. Subjects included in this scheme are developing, printing and enlarging.

With the money received from the school's fund and from the profits of the photographs taken for record purposes, a considerable amount of new apparatus has been bought by the Society. Finally, we would like to thank Mr. V. Rees for his attendance and help at all meetings.

Current Affairs Society

Robert Mears, 5A (Arts), Secretary

Chairman, Dennis Thomas, 6A (Arts); Treasurer, Stewart Miller, 6A (Arts).

The majority of the work done by the Society in the first two terms of this year was directed towards the celebration of Europe Day on May 5th.

The Society's celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of the formation of the "Council of Europe" took the form of a Senior School Conference. An audience of 600 pupils, of which 400 were from other schools throughout Carmarthenshire and Glamorganshire attended the conference. It was addressed by three eminent speakers—the Rt. Hon. James Griffiths, Llanelli, M.P., Mr. Robert Garlick, Executive Secretary of the Campaign for "Britain in Europe," and Mr. Cosmo Russel, U.K. Representative at the Council of Europe, Strasbourg. Mr. Rees, the Headmaster, kindly consented to be chairman. Flags from 28 European countries flew in front of the school, the flags being lent by the European Embassies in London. There was also an exhibition of literature and posters collected from European Embassies and two films were shown during the lunch break. The conference attracted widespread T.V. and newspaper coverage and proved a just reward for three months' activity by the Society's members, in particular Rhion Jones who is greatly missed by members of the Society for his untiring support and work in the field of Current Affairs.

For its celebration of Europe Day the Society was awarded a grant of £10 by the David Davies Memorial Award Scheme for the second year in succession.

The success of the conference however did not overshadow the Society's other activities :

On May 30th, a Mock Election was held with four candidates : Peter Fryer, 6A Sci., the Conservative Candidate ; Robert Mears, Independent Socialist ; Robert Davies, Plaid Cymru, and Rhion Jones, Labour Party. It was an intense campaign but unfortunately sometimes violent ! The Nationalist Candidate took everyone by surprise by printing 150 handbills supporting Plaid Cymru. The result proved a surprise if only by the size of the Nationalist vote. The figures were :

(1) Rhion Jones (Labour)	130
(2) Robert Davies (Plaid Cymru)	84
(3) Peter Fryer (Conservative)	81
(4) Robert Mears (Independent Socialist)	30
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Labour majority	46

The results proved a shock because of the great reduction in the Labour majority and the increase in the Plaid Cymru vote.

Last Christmas, Rhion Jones and Powys Jones represented the school at the C.E.W.C. lectures in London. Timothy Evans and Jeffrey Leonardi also attended the lectures, which dealt with the problem of the colour bar and questions of racial equality, immigration, etc. This Christmas six boys will attend the lectures which will tackle the problems of illiteracy in the world. It is hoped the boys will thoroughly enjoy themselves, and at the same time enrich their knowledge of world problems of this nature.

At the beginning of this term a questionnaire was issued to a random sample of boys in the senior school, concerning school discipline, behaviour, examinations and school societies. At the ensuing meeting Dennis Thomas analysed the survey's findings. Apparently some boys had gruesome ideas on school punishment, including a low voltage electric chair ! The only other meeting of the term included a film on the "Universe" which was shown to an interested audience.

With the literature collected from foreign embassies in London, the Society hopes to establish a permanent home for the material in the library where it is hoped that boys will take advantage of the information provided.

An invaluable source of revenue to the Society has been the sale at 3d. each, of a quiz on current affairs. Stewart Miller is to be congratulated for taking on the formidable task of compiling the questions and *determining the winners*. Prizes of book tokens are awarded to the winners and the runner-up. This has provided the Society with much needed revenue, and it was decided to make Stewart Miller the Society's first treasurer.

It only remains for me to thank our "dynamic, young, history teacher" (quote *Evening Post*), Mr. A. W. Jones for his perseverance, encouragement and support.

This Society looks forward to another successful year and, if possible, to celebrate Europe Day in 1967 as successfully as it did this year.

Sixth Form Society

Dennis Thomas, Huw Williams

Encouraged by the enthusiasm shown for last year's Society, it was decided to continue the Society this year. With the co-operation of the Girls' Grammar School, the first meeting took place at our library on Friday, October 14. The meeting took the form of a "Brains Trust," the panel being Roger Marks, Caron Williams and the Misses Helen Edwards and Adele Williams. The meeting was well attended and the quality of the discussion augurs well for future meetings. Dennis Thomas was in the chair.

This year, it was decided that a membership fee is to be introduced for both schools. It is hoped that sufficient funds will thus be available to cover the expenses of the two dances and future meetings in the Spring Term.

Rugby Notes

Rugby 1st XV.

Anthony Josey, Secretary

This season so far School have not settled down properly to play attractive rugby. Up to now they have played nine games and losing two of them. These two losses were due mostly to injury. The season opened with their game against Porth Grammar School.

School for their first matched scored a decisive victory. Scoring was opened by Glyn Richards the scrum half. After this several of the team followed suit, i.e., Jeff Williams, Keith Thomas and Alun Lewis. The final score was 15 points to nil.

School 5 pts., Amman Valley 3 pts. (Home)

School fielded a strong side but were well matched by Amman Valley. The opponents scored first but this was soon rectified by School when Peter Nicholas (capt.) scored. Alun Lewis put the finishing touches to the game when he converted his captain's try.

School 11 pts., Carmarthen G.S. 3 pts. (Home)

Carmarthen journeyed to our School for the match; Keith Thomas scored a hat-trick of tries for School with Alun Lewis converting one from the touchline.

Duffryn 3 pts. School Nil

The fourth game was played away at Port Talbot and here School suffered their first defeat. Fielding only half their regular side the team played their hearts out only to go down by three points to nil.

School 11 pts. Sandfields Nil (Home)

Here School determined to make amends for their defeat against Duffryn, went all out for a good win. School out played Sandfields with tries coming from Peter Nicholas (2) and Hefin Jenkins. Alun Lewis converted one.

School 18 pts Canton 3 pts. (Home)

For the first time this season School played attractive, open rugby. Tries were scored by quick heeling from the loose and good service by the scrum half. Scorers were Keith Hughes (9 pts.), Roger Marks (3 pts.), Alan Richards (3 pts.) and Jeff Williams (3 pts.). This is the highest score the School have achieved this season.

Gowerton 13 pts. School 10 pts.

School's second defeat came in their match at Gowerton. Here School lost through their own mistakes, giving two simple tries away. Apart from these mistakes they played a good, hard match. Tries for School were scored by Hefin Jenkins and Peter Davies with Alun Lewis converting both.

Pembroke 3 pts. School 3 pts.

For their eighth game School played away to Pembroke. Playing on a pitch ankle deep in mud the School's backs handled the slippery ball exceptionally well. Keith Hughes scored from a good break by Alun Lewis.

School 9 pts. Whitchurch 3 pts.

School played Whitchurch at home during half-term. School were evenly matched in the forwards but the backs out played those of Whitchurch. Jeff Davies opened the scoring with a try near the posts. Other tries followed by Hefin Jenkins and Alun Lewis.

So far this season School have lost two games. The scores for and against stand at 84 pts. for with 31 pts. against.

Top try scorers were : Alun Lewis, 21 pts., Keith Hughes, 12 pts., Keiht Thomas (now left), 12 pts., Peter Nicholas (captain), 9 pts., Hefin Jenkins, 9 pts., Jeff Williams, 6 pts.

Oxford Sevens—Under Sixteen Section

Richard H. Jones, Secretary

The School's under sixteen team was without doubt the " Glamour Team " of this year's tournament. It was won with little opposition except for the first and final games. The team comprised : Keith Hughes, Glyn Richards, Keith Thomas, Robert O. Davies, Hefin Jenkins, Keith Williams and Brian Jones, the travelling reserves being Gwyn B. Jones and Gareth Thomas. The weather during the tournament was cold and damp, resulting in a very wet pitch.

Round One—School 5 pts., Selhurst G.S. 3 pts.

School played their poorest game against a big Selhurst team. Selhurst soon took the lead, after a number of School's players had failed to hold a very wet ball, with an unconverted try. School hit back in the second half with a good try by Keith Hughes and a conversion by Hefin Jenkins.

Second Round—School 18 pts., Oratory Nil

School hit dazzling form in this match and scored thirteen points without Oratory touching the ball—except to kick-out ! School's points came from tries by Hefin Jenkins, Brian Jones, Glyn Richards and Keith Thomas, who also converted three.

Third Round—School 17 pts., Millfield Nil

In this game, School completely outclassed their old rivals and was never in any danger of defeat. Our points came from the tries of Keith Williams, Glyn Richards, Hefin Jenkins, Keith Thomas, who also converted two.

Semi-Final—School 12 pts., Hampton G.S. Nil

In this round, the School met with a very strong and fast Hampton side. The game will always be remembered as "Hefin's Game." Hefin Jenkins scored a try, made the break for the tries scored by Keith Thomas and Glyn Richards and then made three " copy-book " saving tackles in the second half when the Hampton side threw everything into attack. In fact our opponents came off the field thinking that Hefin had beaten them by himself and not the whole team ! School's other try was scored by Keith Hughes.

Final—School 18 pts., Bablack G.S. 13 pts.

School took the field in a very tense state. They soon conquered their nerves however, and were ten points to three by half-time, due to tries by Keith Hughes and Keith Thomas, both of which were converted by Hefin Jenkins. Bablack's reply was an unconverted try.

The second half was indeed a feast of good play from both teams. School first scored an excellent try when they worked the ball clear to winger Glyn Richards, who rounded two men to score an unconverted try. Then the School team scored again when Keith Hughes (who had always been depended upon to break when it was most needed throughout the tournament) cut through the entire Bablack team to score a wonderful try which Hefin Jenkins improved upon. Bablack hit back with two converted tries which were as good as any scored by School throughout the tournament. Bablack had left their challenge too late and School ran out winners. A special mention must be made of Robert O. Davies who proved a constant thorn in the Bablack team's side in attack and defence.

During the tournament, School scored 70 points to 16 against. Scorers for School were: Keith Thomas (25 pts.), Hefin Jenkins (15 pts.), Keith Hughes (12 pts.), Glyn Richards (12 pts.), Keith Williams (3 pts.) and Brian Jones (3 pts.).

None of this success would have been possible had it not been for the wonderful help, understanding and encouragement of Mr. Hywel Thomas, Mr. Keri Davies and Mr. Gordon Price, and the team thanks them most sincerely.

Tennis Club

Brinley Lewis, Secretary

Captain, J. Anthony Thomas; Vice-Captain, Richard Davies.

This year the School team was undefeated both home and away. It is the first time that this has been achieved for many seasons.

Gowerton Grammar School (Away)

This first match produced an easy victory for School by eight matches to one.

Bishop Gore School, Swansea (Away)

This second away game was well played by the School team and we defeated Bishop Gore by seven matches to two.

Gwendraeth Grammar School (Away)

In this match we combined with the Girls' Grammar School to play a mixed team and won comfortably by six matches to three.

Carmarthen Grammar School (Away)

Owing to the fact that this match was played on Whit-Saturday, with the result that some players were unavailable, a few substitutes had to be found. The team, however, fought hard and eventually brought off a five-four victory.

Neath Grammar School (Away)

Due to some cancellations, this match against Neath was to be the last of the season, it proved to be the toughest and fine play was demanded to achieve a victory. The team responded well and the match resulted in a close five-four win.

The best pair for the School was Graydon Staples and Roger Jones who did not drop a rubber. The winner of the Nestle's Ladder Tournament was J. A. Thomas. The following boys received their colours this season: Anthony Thomas, Roger Jones, Graydon Staples,

Roger Davies and Stuart Donald. Others who played for the School team were : Nigel Bowen, Lyndon Staples and Terence Parker.

Finally, I would like to thank, on behalf of the team, Mr. Thorne for his constant interest and encouragement.

Judo Society

Caron Williams, 6A Sci, Secretary

Chairman, George Parker, 6A Sci ; Treasurer, Richard Lewis, 5T.

Although we have been unable to arrange any inter-school contests this year, members of the Society have gained three gold and three silver medals in the Welsh Judo Championships as follows : Michael Salvidge, 1G, Gold Medal ; Caron Williams, 6A Sci, Two Gold Medals ; Keith Bassett, 3T, Silver Medal ; Richard Lewis, 5T, Silver Medal ; George Parker, 6A Sci, Silver Medal.

Badminton Society

Ian Shapter, Secretary

Captain : Chris Daniel

This year the Society has functioned more fully than usual. This is due to greater support from the fifth form and lower sixth. Last season, School were again unbeaten, extending their unbeaten run to two seasons.

Last season saw the re-introduction of the Staff match, and also the continuance of the match against the Girls' School.

School v. Bishop Gore Grammar School

School avenged previous defeats by convincingly beating Bishop Gore by nine games to love.

School v. Girls' School

Fielding a young, inexperienced side, School, as usual, beat a surprisingly strong Girls' team by seven games to two. An enjoyable time was had by all.

School v. Staff

The School side overwhelmingly defeated the Staff side by nine games to love.

School v. Carmarthen Badminton Club

In this match, School came very near to losing their unbeaten record, winning the match by the fractional margin of five games to four.

We all sincerely thank Mr. Maelgwyn Thomas for his time and great help he has given o the Society.

Cross Country Club

Hugh N. Evans and Paul Bryan, Joint Secretaries

Captain, Paul Bryan ; Vice-Captain, Hugh N. Evans ; Junior Captain, Clive Williams ; Master-in-Charge, Mr. D. R. L. Smith.

The start of the 1966-67 season has proved a successful and happy one for the Club. Considerable enthusiasm for cross-country running is evident in the Lower Forms and there is a good number of useful runners in the Middle School, from which to choose a team. In the Senior Section we still have to depend on a limited number of runners and the recent injury to the captain, Paul Bryan, is bound to affect the team's prospects in future races. To date, however, both the Lower Junior and Junior teams are undefeated and the Under 12 team has lost only one of their matches.

In addition to the results recorded below, one should mention that six of the School runners were awarded their county badges last year. These were : Peter Honour, Hugh Evans, Roger Davies, Roger Chere, Stephen Gibbons and Glyndwr Richards. Roger Chere captained the Carmarthenshire team that came within one point of beating Glamorgan in the Junior Section in the Welsh School Inter-County race at Newtown, Monts.

September 28th v. R.N.A.S., Brawdy (Away)

School 14 pts., Brawdy 25 pts. (Equal 2nd S. Gibbon and R. Chere, 4th H. Evans).

September 30th v. Carmarthen Grammar School (Home)

Form I. Race : School 33 pts., Carmarthen 84 pts. (1st R. Green, 2nd N. Williams, 3rd P. Laffan).

Lower Junior Race : School 15 pts., Carmarthen 42 pts. (Equal 1st. H. Williams, D. Hickman and Alun Thomas).

Senior Race : School 23 pts., Carmarthen 37 pts. (2nd S. Gibbons, 3rd R. Chere).

October 7th v. Whitland and Carmarthen Grammar Schools at Whitland

Form I. Race : 1st Whitland 67 pts., 2nd School 74 pts., 3rd Carmarthen 79 pts., 4th St. Clears 85 pts. (1st Neil Williams).

Lower Junior Race : 1st School 21 pts., 2nd Whitland 76 pts., 3rd Carmarthen 113 pts., (1st D. Harries, 2nd D. Hickman, 3rd P. Williams).

Junior Race : 1st School 10 pts., 2nd Whitland 28 pts. (1st D. Robinson, 2nd A. Thomas, 3rd C. Williams).

Senior Race : 1st School 17 pts., 2nd Carmarthen 21 pts., 3rd Whitland 41 pts. (2nd S. Gibbons, 3rd R. Chere).

October 14th v. Bishop Gore Grammar School (Away)

Form I. Race : School 34 pts., Bishop Gore 51 pts. (2nd Neil Williams, 3rd Roger Green).

Lower Junior Race : School 13 pts., Bishop Gore 32 pts. (1st David Harries, 2nd D. Hickman).

Junior Race : School 19 pts., Bishop Gore 18 pts. (1st D. Robinson, 3rd Clive Williams).

Senior Race : School 28 pts., Bishop Gore 15 pts. (2nd S. Gibbons, 4th R. Chere).

October 22nd v. Carmarthen Trinity College (Away)

School 28 pts., Carmarthen Trinity 31 pts. (Equal 3rd Stephen Gibbons and Roger Chere).

November 3rd v. St. Clears Secondary Modern School (Home)

Form I. : School 10 pts., St. Clears 44 pts. (Equal 1st P. Laffan, Roger and Robert Green, N. Williams and P. Meegan).

Form II. : School 17 pts., St. Clears 21 pts. (1st D. Hickman, 3rd Alun Thomas).

Form III. : St. Clears 18 pts., School 20 pts. (Equal 1st D. Harries and H. Williams).

Juniors : School 16 pts., St. Clears 22 pts. (2nd C. Williams, 3rd S. Phillips).

November 5th v. Bishop Gore and Carmarthen Grammar Schools (Home)

Form I. : 1st School 45 pts., Bishop Gore 57 pts., 3rd Carmarthen 78 pts. (Equal 1st Neil Williams and Phillip Meegan).

Lower Junior : 1st School 19 pts., 2nd Bishop Gore 41 pts., 3rd Carmarthen 64 pts. (Equal 1st D. Harries and D. Hickman).

Seniors : 1st Bishop Gore 32 pts., 2nd School 39 pts., 3rd Carmarthen 54 pts. (2nd R. Chere, 4th S. Gibbons).

1st Cricket XI.

David H. Marshall, Secretary

Captain, G. Powys Jones ; Vice-Captain, Alun D. Lewis.

Last season did not prove to be very successful for School, this being mainly due to the fact that School were not at full strength for any single game throughout the season.

School played nine matches : winning four ; drawing one and losing four.

During the summer term, three members of the eleven were chosen to play for Carmarthenshire. They were Powys Jones, Henry McDonagh and Alun Lewis.

School began the season with an encouraging win over Maes-y-Dderwen Comprehensive School. Maes-y-Dderwen batted first and were soon dismissed for 28 runs, thanks to the accurate bowling of Denley Davies (6 for 13) and Gerald Townsend (4 for 6). School went in to bat on a drying wicket, and soon passed their total, losing only two wickets. Top scorer for School was Powys Jones with 23 not out.

In their second game, School had rather a weak side and did extremely well to obtain a score of 78 against a strong Gowerton side, who put up a score of 166 for seven declared. Top scorers, of the day, for School were Alun Lewis (19) and Mike Field (13).

In their third game, School played Penlan Comprehensive School and as three members of the eleven were playing for the county on this particular day, School turned out a very weak team and did well to hold Penlan to a draw.

Next on the fixture list came Amman Valley Grammar School, they batted first and knocked up a brisk 80 for five declared. Henry McDonagh taking two of their wickets and Gerald Townsend the other three. School went in to bat and opening batsman Powys Jones (with the fourth ball) soon came walking back to the pavilion, being l.b.w. for o. Brian Walker prevented School from a wide loss by scoring 23 of the total of 54 runs.

A match against Neath Grammar School followed. School batted first and against a very strong Neath side managed to score 70. Neath batted after lunch and soon passed School's total without losing a wicket.

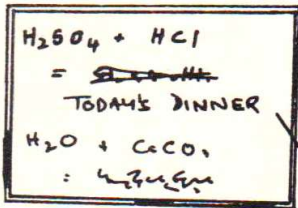
In their sixth match School again lost by ten wickets ; this time to Ystalyfera. New-comers to the eleven, Roger Davies and Chris Daniel, batting at 10 and 11, scored 26 runs between them and brought School's total up to 39 all out. Ystalyfera quickly passed School's total without losing a wicket.

The remaining three matches were all to be victories. Against Pontyberem High School, whom School dismissed for 70 runs, Roger Davies took three of their wickets for 22 runs. School batted after lunch and soon passed their opponents' total, losing only four wickets. Top scorer being Powys Jones (19).

School played the Old Boys the following day at Stradey Park (kindly loaned for this occasion). The Old Boys won the toss and went in to bat, they declared after scoring 158 for six in two and a half hours. Eurfyl Ambrose contributing 42 to this total. Any hope that there might have been of School beating the Old Boys disappeared on hearing this score, but all was not lost, and after the first few minutes of School's innings, the old hope seemed to be reviving in some of the boys. This was due to the fine show put up by our opening batsmen, Powys Jones (34) and Brian Walker (39). Batting at number four was Viv. Davies who scored 35 not out and Brian Mason, at number five, knocked up an useful 22. School drew level with the Old Boys' total and stumps were drawn after the deciding run was hit by Viv. Davies, putting School at 162 for six.

The final match of the season was against the Staff. Due to the lack of time, this match was limited to 20 overs. According to tradition, the boys batted first and scored 165 for six in the 20 overs. Alun Lewis excelled in this match, scoring a grand total of 73, which included eight sixes. The Staff went in to bat, and any hopes they might have had of beating the boys were soon dismissed when a wicket fell to the first ball bowled in their innings. The Staff were all out for 28 runs in 15 overs, top scorer for the Staff was Mr. Donald Hughes, who scored eight. Roger Davies, John Harries and Alun Lewis each took three of the Staff's wickets and Meirion Rees one.

Finally, I should like to thank, on behalf of the captain and the team, Mr. Sam Alford for his support during the season.



"Now boys, the next problem: watch the board very carefully whilst I go through it! Quiet, Smith minor; every time I open my mouth some fool speaks!"

CONVERSION



LEFT OUTSIDE



PROP FORWARD

