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EDITORIAL

Surrounded as the Editorial Board is by hordes of small boys, it is difficult oftentimes to realise that each of these seemingly stereotyped little individuals, the morning soap still upon his face and his bag of books so heavy upon his back, is already a V.I.P.—an apple in his mother's eye and a future "cap" in his father's! Each one, whether lean and hungry or fat but still hungry has a personality of his own—compound of a love of lollipops, of doting relatives, of alliterative cowboys and of daily excursions to Mars and the Milky Way.

We feel that, among its many faults this modest publication has not fully reflected in its pages that strident and compulsive background. We have failed because to be aware of a great wonder is oftentimes but to be reminded of our own futility; and so it is that once more we have to present our 'Ark' of boys only as members of societies and teams or as names (how often only differentiated by initials!) in dreary lists.

But there are times when we are especially aware of our common brotherhood and never more than at Christmas. May we then conclude yet another editorial by wishing the Headmaster, Members of the Staff, our fellow pupils, Old Boys and all friends of School a Merry Christmas and a most successful New Year, while adding to it the advice of Scrooge to all of us at Christmas: "As light as a feather, as happy as an angel and as merry as a schoolboy!"

GETHIN H. WILLIAMS

SIFTS TO THE LIBERARY

DE OMNIBUS REBUS

It is our pleasant duty to welcome two new members of the Staff, Mr. E. Jones for German and Mr. W. J. Harries to assist with chemistry. We trust that their stay with us will be long and happy.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr J. Bowen on the sad loss of his mother during the term.

With another school concert near at hand, we are glad to witness the successful return of the orchestra as a prospering society. The first concert given last Christmas was highly successful. All were glad to see Mr Phillips, recovered after his illness, weilding the baton with such inspiration and vigour.

The annual prize-giving day held at the end of the spring term was yet another successful school function. Mr. Shaw giving his annual report to the governers stated what a remarkable year in the history of the school 1952 had been. Academic achievements were better than ever before. The principal speaker at the ceremony was Canon Islwyn Davies, Ph.D., and Lady Dynevor issued the prizes to the prize-winners.

This year again we have the pleasure of the company of the students from Aberystwyth and Swansea. We trust their stay with us will be a happy one.

We are pleased to note the very good form of this years 1st XV. Last year was not a very successful one in the history of the school rugby, but this year's young XV, which has up to date won five games in succession premises to have a very successful season. We wish them every success on their trip to Harrow.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts to School: Edmund Aubrey £ 2 2s. to be divided amongst the Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics. and English libraries; Rev. D. Huws Jones: A large number of books to bt divided among all the school libraries; Graham P. Thomas: A number of valuable volumes and £2 2s. to be divided between the Chemistry and Biology reference libraries.

OLD BOYS' UNION

At the Annual Meeting held at the Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday, 29th September, the following committee members were elected:

Messrs. W. Haydn Davies, D. Alun Thomas, Cliff Thomas, Hubert Davies, W. Leyshon James, D. J. Lewis Morris, Denzil Thomas, W. J. Daniels, T. Bowen, Islwyn Price, and Ronald Thomas. Mr. G. L. Hughes was re-elected Press Officer.

Membership of the Union is steadily increasing, the number on the register at the time of going to press is now 641, of whom approximately 300 have paid for this year. It is hoped that the remainder will send in their subscriptions. May we appeal to those who have paid to contact their particular friends and remind them of their subscription. Any help you can give with respect to enrolling new members will be gratefully received as it is our wish to obtain the target figure of 1,000 paid up members as soon as possible.

Our ever popular Dance will be held on Tuesday, December 29th, and needless to say all tickets have been sold.

The Annual Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 30th December, at the Stepney Hotel, to commence at 6.45 p.m. The Principal Guest will be Prof. J. Heywood Thomas, M.A., D.U.P., who is Professor of French at Cardiff University College. His Toast will be proposed by Mr. Stanley Rees, M.A., Headmaster of Pontardawe Grammar School. The Toast of the School will be proposed by Mr. Gerald Jones, Chief Fire Officer of this area, and that of the O.B.U. by Mr. D. E. Wilson, High Sheriff. Entertainment will be provided by the Rees Brothers. The London Branch will be represented by Mr. W. Martin Williams. Tickets are priced at 10s. 6d. and very few remain unsold.

On Friday, March 5th, 1954, Capt. Peter Churchill, D.S.O., will give a lecture at the Public Hall. Further details will be given in the local Press.

Last year Mr. Dd. Roderick retired from the school after many years service. We are sure that all who studied in that "perfumed" lab, and listened to Mr. Roderick explaining the use of the "Bunsen" with dry humour, will join with us in wishing him many enjoyable years in reirement.

At the time of writing these notes we are making an appeal to substantiate the Memorial Fund set up by Mr. G. J. Thomas in 1919 as a Memorial to those Old Boys who fell in the First World War by commemorating also the fallen of the Second World War. In consultation with Mr. Thomas, the aim is to provide "Fives Courts" at the New School at Pwll and from preliminary instincts we require at least £700 of which we have £200 from the Fund set up in 1919. We sincerely hope that you will help us as generously as you are able by sending your donation to the Hon. Treasurer of the Fund, Mr. Herbert Sweeting, c/o Barclays Bank, Ltd., Llanelly. Cheques, etc., should be made payable to "Old Boys' Memorial Fund."

The Past and Present Quiz will again be held after Christmas, and we hope to hold a return match with the Old Girls' Union.

The Union Tie may still be purchased at Messrs. Robert Jones, Park Street, price 9/- each. The Blazer Badge, price £3/3/0, is on sale at "Alcwyn's," Cowell Street. Purchasers of either must show their Membership Card or current receipt.

We sincerely congratudate our Treasurer, Mr. Ronald M. Thomas, B.A., on his appointment as Headmaster of the New Welsh School at Llwynhendy, and wish him every success.

We also congratulate Mr. Arthur J. Lloyd, of "Winscott," Felinfoel Road, on his well deserved appointment as a Justice of the Peace.

Since our last issue we are pleased to record the following academic successes and extend our sincere congratulations.

At the moment of going to press we learn with deep regret of the passing of Mr. T. Roblin. He was a Vice-President of the Union and had taken a keen interest in its affairs since its inception. To those of us who had the pleasure of being under his jurisdiction for maths, we treasure his memory for his admirable way of imparting knowledge and his happy knack of being a good friend to all. We extend to the family our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

The William Lewis Prize was won by Heward Rees.

The Old Boys Scholarship was retained by Bernard Andrews.

And now in conclusion we wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

F. T. EDWARDS.

Hon. Secretary.

Doctor of Philosophy (Wales):

Leslie Wynne Evans Master of Arts (Wales):

Raymond Williams

Bachelor of Dental Surgery (Durham):

Henry Harries

Bachelor of Arts (Oxford):

Stephen Murphy (1st Class Hons. Chemistry).

Mathematical Tripos Part I. (Cambridge):

John Wynford Evans (Class I.)

Bachelor of Science (London):

John Ll. Davies (Electronics)

Graham T. D. Jones (2nd Class Hons. Economics).

Bachelor of Science (Wales):

Cedric Hopkins (2nd Class Hons. Mathematics) H. Gwyn Davies (2nd Class Hons. Physics)

David G. Rees (Agriculture) P. Alun Richards (Agriculture)

Richard John Davies

Frederick Webber Bachelor of Laws (London):

John Basil Evans (with Honours).

Gilmor Evans

Bachelor of Arts (Wales):

Kenneth J. Bowen (2nd Class Hons. Music) John Glynne Evans (2nd Class Hons. Music)

Penri Williams (2nd Class Hons. Welsh)
Bachelor of Arts (St. David's College, Lampeter):

P. Leonard Felton

O.B.U. LONDON BRANCH

The London Branch of the Old Boys Union is still progressing and growing in strength. New members continue to be enrolled and attendances at meetings have been good.

Our last Annual General Meeting was in November 1952 when an amendment to the rules of the Branch was passed altering the date of the Annual General Meeting to March in each year. Consequently the Officers elected at that meeting will remain in office until March 1954. Dr. Jim Hopkins was elected to succeed Hubert Anthony as Chairman. Howell Thomas, who has served as Secretary since the formation of the Branch in 1937, resigned from this office owing to the pressure of business, and was elected Vice Chairman. Howell Thomas was re-elected Treasurer and was succeeded as Secretary by Ronald Lawday.

The Annual Dinner of the Branch held in December 1952 at Simpsons in the Strand was an unquallfied successs. It was unfortunate that owing to illness Jim Hopkins was unable to take the chair, his duties being undertaken by the Vice Chairman. Mr. Roderic Bowen, Q.C. the Member of Parliament for Cardigan was the principal guest, and in his reply on behalf of the guests delighted the company with a most entertaining speech. Other speakers were Mr. A. M. Rees of the Old Llandoverian Society who supported Mr. Bowen's reply, Phillip Francis, who proposed the toast to the guests, and Ifor Jenkins, who proposed the toast to the School. Regret was expressed that it was not possible for any of the present or past members of the School staff to be present, and the academic and sporting honours achieved by the School, as announced by the Chairman, were received with the greatest pleasure.

By the time this account of our activities is published we shall have held our Annual Dinner for 1953 and we have no doubt that this too will be as enjoyable as have been past gatherings.

In February the annual meeting with the London Branch of the Old Llandoverian Society was held at Williamson's Restaurant in the City. On this occasion our Branch were the hosts and entertained our guests to a Buffelt meal. The guest speaker was Mr. Max Robertson, the well known B.B.C. commentator, whose speech on his broadcasting experiences was warmly received.

It is with the deepest regret that we record he death of one of our oldest and staunchest member Harry Knoyle. Harry served as a member of the Committee for a number of years and his presence is sadly missed.

The Branch would like to take the opportunity of extending a welcome to boys leaving school who intend coming to London to study or work. One of the principal objects of the Branch is to assist and advise these young men, particularly students. It is stressed, however, that this assistance and advice is not forced on any boy, but is available to him should he so desire and as so many of our members hold responsible positions in various professions, their guidance and experience can be of great value.

It is essential. if the Branch is to thrive and prosper in years to come, for the younger members to play an active part in the running of the Branch, and for this reason we do ask every boy who comes to London to join the Branch. All that is required is for the name and address to be given to the Headmaster or the Hon. Secretary, Ronald Lawday, 7. Pragnell Road. Lee. London, S.E. 12., and details of metings, etc. will be sent by return. Should any boy be able to give the name and address of any Old Boy in London, we should be most pleased to receive the details through the Headmaster or Secretary.

RONALD LAWDAY,

Hon. Secretary.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

President
Vice-President
Joint Secretaries
Committee:- Roy Lewis David Phillips, Gareth Morris, Brian Davies
Brian Harries, Mark Lewis.

MALCOLM JAMES
SPENCER THOMAS
Gareth Morris, Brian Davies

The first meeting of the term was held on October 2nd. The meeting opened with the election of officials of the society for the coming year; a radio game "One minute please" and an impromptu debate making up the rest of the programme. The two teams in the game, which was a contest between Arts and Science, consisted of Spencer Thomas, John Thomas and Brian Davies. on the Arts side and Roy Lewis, John Leyshon, and David J. Phillips on the Science side. After a keen struggle the Arts team gained a narrow victory by 22 points to 21. The debate which followed, on the motion "The Conquest of Everest was worthwhile," produced many interesting and amusing opinions on this subject. The voting resulted in a win for the affirmative by 14 votes to 10.

The next meeting took place on October 16th and consisted of a debate on the motion "Degradation of moral standards is inevitable in a scientific community." The principal speakers for the affirmative were Roy Lewis and John Thomas, and for the negative Michael Russel and John Leyshon. The first speaker, Roy Lewis, gave many examples of immorality because of science and pointed out the bad effect of the cinema on many people. Replying for the negative, Michael Russel said that in this scientific community cases of immorality were magnified beyond all proportions by the press and pointed out that in reality science was improving moral standards. The debate was then opened to the floor, and all those present spoke. On the motion being put to the vote the negative were declared winners by 14 votes to 1.

The third meeting of the term, held on October 30th, consisted of two impromptu debates, the first of which was on the motion "Strikes are never justifiable." The debate brought forth a great number of widely varying opinions and on the motion being put to the vote the negative gained a victory by 10 votes to 4. The second debate on the motion "International sport does nothing to improve international relations" also produced a lively discussion though in a rather lighter vein than the previous one. The voting resulted in a tie 7 votes each and the chairman cast his deciding vote in favour of the affirmative.

On the 13th of November the last meeting of the term was held and it took the form of a mock election. A full account is given on another page.

JOHN HARRIES, (VI A) JOHN LEYSHON, (VI B)

THE SMOKER'S PROGRESS

Smoking is both a habit and a curse to man and woman kind. This becomes especially apparent to people who smoke over thirty-five of these weed-filled, paper-covered cylinders per day. After smoking the above number per day for twenty years one develops water-proof lungs. This is no doubt a great asset to frogmen, but since the lungs are water-proof, they are also air tight, and this is of no great advantage to the man in the street.

There are many types of Smokers, a few of which I shall take the trouble to describe to you in great detail.

Firstly, there is the type who smokes only for bravado. He especially

smokes in the presence of the gentler sex taping massive pulls of his cigarette, holding that terrific volume of smoke in his mouth, then, blowing it out through his nostrils, the sides of his lips, ears, even around the corners of his eyeballs, giving the effect of the fierce fiery dragon which almost overcame the noble St. George.

Secondly there are those who are known as the secret smokers. A high percentage of these are under the age of sixteen, and,—not wanting to let anyone know they indulge in the gentle art their farthers indulged in before they left the nursery—hold the cigarette in the palms of their hands as if hiding a scrumptious sweetmeat from the irate master. Then putting the cigarettes to their lips—usualy behind their hands—take a short quick drag, and expel it violently though soundlessly from the corners of their mouths while helping to diffuse the smoke by violent flappings of the hand.

Thirdly there is the type who has to show everyone that he has the ability to take the smoke down. He takes a large drag, opens his mouth like some prehistoric reptile in the process of digesting a tremendous ox, goes up on t.p toes, and with a wheezing sound breathes in a gulp of air. Puffing his cheeks out, he becomes red in the face and puffs the smoke out resembling a grampus which has just run a four minute mile. But many a one of this type, after performing this fete, turns green, puts a hand to his mouth, and runs to the nearest place of privacy.

Fourthly we have the puff smoker. He is the morose looking type one finds hanging round classrooms, dance-halls, and almost anywhere where there is a still, hot atmosphere. He makes no attempt to take the smoke down, but,—rather like a Red Indian sending smoke signals to a man who has just put tin-tacks in his bath-water,—emits intermittent puffs of smoke obviously attempting to blow smoke-rings.

Fifthly we have the man who cannot do without, who thinks he can not live any longer without that little smoke. He gets up in the morning—usually afer a restless night—with aface resembling a dead North Sea cod-fish, a cross between a wheezing and rumbling low down in his chest—not unlike a Bessemer converter at full blast, and his body generally looking,—and no doubt feeling—like a wet baby's napkin. The first thing he gropes for in this stupor is the packet of cigarettes on the washing stand. He lights the cigarette, takes a few drags, and begins to cough. He now proceeds to dress taking the cigarette out of his mouth only to pull his shirt over his head and, while putting on his tie; his eyes water like the Mississippi in full flood. He next begins to cough, and any person in the room would imagine our smoker is attempting to mimic a herd of rhinoceri with advanced whooping cough. During a lull in his bout of coughing he has the cheek to say, Ah that feels much better!

Lastly to conclude this short survey we have the person who is convinced that small strands of the obnoxious weed keep breaking loose from the cigarette and into his mouth. He remedies this in two ways. Firstly he delves into his mouth with yellow smoke-stained fingers after an enemy who is obviously carrying out some successful evasive action, because he never produces the fruit of any of his labours. Secondly he spits and splutters, spraying the unfortunate people around him with a cloud of saliva, and giving them their first experience of a tropical monsoon.

Most smokers in their time pass through these six stages, and thus they may be made known to the world as the Six Ages of a Smoker.

HEAD PREFECT'S MESSAGE

The end of the first term of another School year draws to its close. For many of us it is our last of many happy and memorable years before we go "to play our part in the larger life of the world." For many of you younger boys it is the first of what we hope will be many happy and memorable years.

At the end of last term the School said farewell to Mr. Roderick. He will be remembered with gratitude for his long and devoted service to the school, and with great affection for his droll humour and inimitable manner. It will be a long time before School will have another like him. We all hope he will enjoy many happy years in his well earned retirement.

This term the Prefects are building up a wonderful reputation for themselves and in the opinion of many of the Masters they are the best Prefects, the School has had for many years. It is only to be hoped that they will continue the good work throughout the year.

After the half term break, School caught the "Election Fever." This was due to the mock election held by the Literary and Debating Society. All the parties who took part must be congratulated on a fine display not forgetting the artists who painted the posters so well.

The end of the term draws near and, terminal examinations having gone far better or far worse, the festive season will soon be in full swing, bringing relaxation to most. To those preparing for the G C E examinations next June, we wish good luck.

Finally on behalf of the pupils of the School I wish to extend to the Headmaster, Staff, Old Boys, and all friends of the School a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

DAVID WILLIAMS (Head Prefect)

"THE 'MOURNING' TINKERS," OR "AS GOOD AS NERO"

Old John Jenkins was slicing bacon when the tinkers came in. There were three dark skinned men, a woman and a bare-footed child. It was Jenkins who spoke first.

"Mornin', men."

"Mornin', mister," they all murmured.

"Nice day now, is'nt it?"

"It is a nice day."

The tallest of the three men stepped forward from the bunch, and came nearer the counter.

"Wonderin' we were about a coffin, a coffin for an old man."

His tone was soft and mournful, and Jenkins felt a deep sympathy for them in their loss — being by nature a kind-hearted person.

"What size did you want?"

"Oh! about Pat's size," said the spokesman pointing to the woman, "and he'll shrink a bit when he's dead."

"He's not dead yet then?"

"No, but he won't last the night," answered the woman.

"Well you'd better go upstairs and choose one and bring it down with you."

Up they went and Jenkins fussed about in the shop, at the same time listening to the shuffling of feet in the room above. He put the goods ready for Mrs. Jones, Noddfa, and for Miss Eynon, Y Bryn, before the tinkers reappeared.

"This one, if you please," said their leader.

Jenkins rubbed his hand over the wood, feeling its smoothness.

"That'll be £1," he said.

To his surprise they did not bicker over the price, but gave the money silently and filed out with the young child sucking an orange which it did not have when it entered the shop.

And Jenkins left it at that. But the episode did not end there. The following evening just before Jenkins was about to close for the night, he was disturbed in the midst of a long, sonorous yawn by the door being opened briskly and the three male tinkers walking in with smiles all over their faces.

Again it was the tall one who stepped forward.

"You know the old man, mister?"

Jenkins knew alright but he wondered why he should be reminded of him, "Yes?"

"Well, he did'nt die after all!"

"Fit as a fiddle,"

"You would'nt believe it."

Pretending to be thankful for the deliverence of the old man, Jenkins offered his praises to heaven, but was not prepared for what followed.

"So we won't be wantin' the coffin after all."

Jenkins hesitated, and managed to mumble, "Er No, indeed you won't."

"then will you take it back? You can easily sell it again — it's as good as new."

"You want your money back?" he asked slowly.

They nodded.

"Well, I'm afraid I can't do that," said he with an air of sadness that would have deceived anyone, "but I'll tell you what, I'll give you one pound's worth in goods."

They did not seem to be in complete accordance with the plan, but they took the coffin back upstairs and then chose their goods—tea, sugar, flour, bacon and some tinned food—and then left silently. Jenkins yawned loud and long while he put the shutters up, being heartily glad to be rid of the tinkers.

On his way upstairs he stopped a moment to examine the coffin, to make sure it was his own and that no damage had been done to it. It was as good as new. But the old man was in it and he was as dead as a doornail.

GARETH R. MORRIS, Lower VI (Arts)

THE SCHOOL TRIP TO TINTERN ABBEY

"here I stand not only with the sense
Of present pleasure but with pleasing thoughts
That in this moment there is life and food
For future years."

These lines were written by William Wordsworth on the occasion of his visit to tht banks of the Wye on July 15th. 1798. and when we, over 150 years afterwards visited Tintern Abbey we soon realied what he meant.

The visit was arranged by Mr. J. R. Williams, towards the end of the last term for certain Forms in the Junior School. As it took place soon after the terminal examinations, most of the boys and members of the staff who were able to go, welcomed this oportunity to visit Tintern.

We started off at nine o'clock on a somewhat cloudy but fine Friday morning. There were three coaches, with four masters in each, and as we left the Town Hall everyone was in the best of spirits. Our first stop was at! Ewenny, having passed through Neath and Port Talbot on the way. There were two places of interest at Ewenny, the famous Priory and the pottery. Unfortunately, on the day of our visit, there were several other school trips there; and as it would have taken some time, we did not go into the actual pottery. although several of us bought ornaments at the little shop nearby. The Priory was a little way out of Ewenny, and, as in parts the road was so narrow, we had to walk some of the way to reach it. It was well worth the walk though, as there were many interesting features there, and some boys with cameras took photographs. From Ewenny we went through Cowbridge and Cardiff without stopping until we reached Newport. where the coaches, halted, and we left them for a welcome spot of exercise.

The next stop was Llanvaches. where the first Welsh Independent Chapel had been founded by William Wroth, in 1639. We visited the "William Wroth Memorial Hall" where Mr. Williams gave us some interesting facts about it. From Llanvaches we progressed to Caerwent where the point of interest was a Roman Amphitheatre. Although so old, the Amphitheatre was in a good state of preservation, and it was well worth the three-pence charged to go and see it. Our next halt was a fairly long one at Chepstow where we had a chance to explore the ancient town.

Unfortunately, the castle was being repaired and not open to the public but there were many places of historic and other interest to see in Chepstow which made up for this bit of bad luck. Tintern was the next stop and to arrive there we passed through the beautiful Wye Valley. It was this wonderful scenery that so impressed one of the greatest poets. William Wordsworth, when he wrote his poem about it. Indeed, as many of us remarked, this glorious view alone was worth the journey. After the descent into Tintern itself we were all inspired by the noble solemnity, and quietude of the ancient Abbey, though it was now in ruins. On looking fully around us we all realised just what had inspired Wordsworth, and the truth of his words.

We stayed in Tintern for nearly an hour, and we had our tea, at a little tea garden near the Abbey. There was plenty of time to take photographs and walk around, and few missed this opportunity. The time passed all too quickly and soon we were in the coaches homeward bound. We did not however take the same route on our rreturn journey, as on the outward. We halted rarely as there were not so many places of interest and it was getting rether late. Our route took us through Monmouth, Abergavenny, over the

Brecknock Beacons, through Llandovery and Llandilo. In our coach at least there was plenty of jolly, if rather inharmonious singing. and when we eventually drew near to Llanelly everyone was rather sorry.

At last the coaches drew to a final halt, and everyone dispersed towards their various homes. feeling that they had had a most enjoyable day, and had seen some scenery unsurpassed in this country. Also they had learnt some interesting facts, and had seen the ruins of one of the most impressive buildings in the country.

PETER HAVARD NURSE, 3A2

SOME OLD CASTLES

Old Castles are thought of as having their walls broken and towers fallen. Such Castles were built in the time of the Normans, as the Normans wished to live in Wales as they had lived in Normandy. The Welsh also followed their example and built their own Castles. Edward I. saw the value of the Castle and built Caernaryon, Harlech, and Conway Castles to conquer the Welsh: He built these Castles towards the end of the thirteenth century.

In Carmarthenshire we have many Castles, :— Llanstephan, Carmarthen, Kidwelly, Dryslwyn, Carreg Cenen, Dynevor, St. Clears, Laugharne.

Llanstephan Castle is situated on high ground at the mouth of the Towy. The walls are now in ruins. From Llanstephan it is quite easy to go to Laugharne and I found the Castle there more interesting than Llanstephan Castle. The Castle is not absolutely in ruins and there was one tower which I could climb. I didn't stay long at the top because of the height. I saw there the cannon balls belonging to Cromwell when he came over to Wales to fight against Charles I. The Welsh supported the King and used the old Castles to fight Cromwell. There is no Castle here now. If the river Towy is followed, Llandovery may be reached. Very little remains of the Castle now.

Carreg Cenen Castle is situated on a steep and slippery hill. The Castle itself is not very large but quite interesting. There are steps leading from the Castle to an underground well. From the towers one is able to see the beautiful county of Carmarthen and the course of the river Loughor.

Dryslwyn Castle which is now in ruins, stands in the beautiful vale of Towy. It is a very steep climb to reach the ruins.

The last Castle which I will mention is Kidwelly Castle. It is the Castle which I have seen and visited most. It is the best kept Castle in this part of Wales. Last year I saw a play about Norman times on the green inside the Castle. This Castle is also made famous by the story of Gwenllian who lost her life in the fields nearby when she led her Welsh soldiers against the Norman soldiers.

From all these examples we can see there is no need to go far to see plenty of these remains of a life which was common at one time in our country.

MEIBYR HUGHES 2A2.

REMINISCENCES

This winter the extremely popular inter-sohool quiz programme "Top of the Form" is again being broadcast by the B.B.C. Apart from a change in the signature tune the programme is identical with that which the school team took part in not long ago—pity about the signature tune really. I got quite attached to that jaunty little melody which signified the fact that "Top of the Form, a battle of wits between girls and boys in schools throughout the British Isles" was once more on the air.

As I listen to the present series, I find myself assuming a smug, superior, benevolently appraising attitude the attitude of one who has already experienced the trials and tribulations of this rudimentary business and who disdains the efforts of his successors. This approach is coloured perhaps by a little bitterness and exaggerated self-esteem, but then the programme continues. Questions, answers, laughter, and applause follow each other in rapid succession and the somewhat superior attitude is banished by the depth of appreciation and understanding of events, which are born of personal experience, the latter giving rise also to a greater insight into the minds of the competitors.

Such contemplation leads inevitably to a wistful questing down memory's shaded avenues and long past scenes emerge from the mists of time to speak of incidents, of experiences, which would perhaps be remembered more particularly by the actual team members in the 1951-53 Top of the Form series. The things which ones memory likes most to digest are not the results of the contests. the actual questions, and their relative difficulties, but minor incidents, trivialities, which when placed in their chronological context form a chain which represents the whole series.

First events are naturally recalled first and the selection of the team encourages visions of an unlit Biology room its mumified specimens (no reference to the present members of the Biology section) staring emptily out of the gloom. It was here we assembled, "herded" would perhaps be the better word. to await the subsequent rigorous interrogation. I remember staring morbidly at a dissected rabbit, decorated in lambent shades of red and blue, and reflecting that he might have known a lot about life—but it didn't do him much good. Then a stealthy hand would beckon round the door and, strikingly like rabbits, we were hypnotically induced into the sulphurous, bunsen pervaded atmosphere of the General Science Lab. Here, we would babble a few words to the electric light lamp hung in front of us and stumble blindly off the platform.

Eventually however the team was decided upon and the next picture is of an extremely efficient and helpful Miss Joan Clark inducing us to divulge what other occupations we possessed besides the customary bit of weekend homework. These particulars were duly taken down, their ultimate purpose being left to the imagination.

Afterwards, we were impressed with the necessity of adding to our accumulated scraps of knowledge. A much "bacon-fatted. marmaladed" quiz book was circulated amongest us, it contained 729 questions all told, and in attempting to work my way stolidly through it I remember realizing what an incredible amount a £1,000 is, let alone £75,000

Then came our meeting with the question masters before the first contest. They told us the nature of each round, one of them was to deal with dates and I recollect in the corridor immediately afterwards, arguing pleading, and fuming in a frantic attempt to rake up a few dates. My

knowledge of them did not strech beyond Christmas day. my birthday, and the edible variety, so I was unaware of the existence in my calendar calendar of the date which was kept for my benefit.

Before the round began the procedure was explained to us, and upon being asked if we understood we had to give a hasty signal of assent. I personally had been picking the flaking black enamel off the lip-microphone in a kind of dazed fascination. When I therefore made to answer my first question I received a mouthful of cold steel and rust. A spitting espliphering attempt to get rid of the unpleasant taste was received with hearty applause and I was kindly told that that was the right answer.

We sat amid a tangled wilderness of table and chair legs, wires, lines, and hand-speakers, and in an attempt to disengage himself of the loving attentions of a cable which had coiled itself round hirs leg, my worthy neighbour on the left nearly succeeded in lassooing the water-jug and washing out the whole show.

Such incidents as those make memory's milestones, and a most pleasant memory is that of the refreshments provided for us after the contest. It was nervous reaction which made us spill the tea into the saucer, perhaps it was that which obliged us also to dispose of as many pastries and sandwiches as we could in the shortest time possible—who knows!

IMPRESSIONS OF THE ELECTION

FRIDAY, the 13th of November was a momentous day in the school's annals. On the evening of this historic day, an election was held by the Literary and Debating Society.

The days preceding the election were marked by the feverous activity of the parties contesting the election. The three candidates addressed crowded dinner hour meetings and the main corridor was decorated with posters. A salient feature was the posters of the Green Hut Party which very skilyfully and anusingly drawn by their trtist. Mike David.

About 120 were present when the three candidates took the stage, together with their agents and supporters. Randall "Ter" Evans, the candidate of the Geolly Party was clad as befitted a cowpuncher and was accompanied by his agent. Doc Kierns (Spencer Thomas), his father, the Lisco Kid (Keri Gouldstone) and his grandfather. Wtld Bill Hickock (Keith Walters), who brought with him two Injen guides, Sitting Bull (Roy Lewis) and Flying Eagle (Vivian Jones). John L. Thomas, the candidate of the green Hut Party attired in a dressing gown and boxing gloves was accompanied by his seconds (John Harries and Gareth Morris). The entrance of this candidate was heralded by an utterly discordant blast on the euphonium (the party's secret weapon), in the capable hands of the school's tminent musician, Gethin Williams, who also acted as John L.'s agent, The weapon referred to above was substquently used to provide some devastating heck-

ling. David "Phlops" Phillips the Fizz Party candidate, accompanied by his agent Huw "Willy Henry" Thomas, made a relatively sober entrance.

When the platform party had simmered down, the president called upon Doc Kierns to introduce the Geolly Party candidate. After a few words of introduction from Doc Kierns and Wild Bill Hickock, Ter rose to speak amidst great cheering from his supporters, who seemed to be in the majority, judging by the volume of applause. Brandishing his pistol for emphasis. Ter presented his policy in his customary forceful manner. He proposed improvements which he claimed he had seen in schools "way back in the States." These improvements included bonuses for hard-working pupils, co-education, a re-introduction of the annual rag, a school swimming-pool, movies in the dinner hour, and plush seats. Other points of his policy were the aboilition of examinations, the compulsory retirement of undesirable masters, and an insurance society to compensate boys who fall foul of masters. Ter then brought his speech to a close by singing his famous signature tune with disarmonious accompaniment from the euphonium.

The next to speak was the Fizz Party candidate, David "Phlipos" Phillips, who was inutroduced by his agent as "the man you all look up." to," Phlops presented his policy with the, calculating logic which is typical of a fine mathematician. He claimed that his policy aimed at alleviating the burdens of the schoolboy. (To quote his own heart rending words, "You're working too hard, lads.") He proposed the abolition of homework, no morning school, and a four day week. He then pointed out that the masters were getting out of hand, and to correct this grave trend, he proposed that a ballot be held annually for the expulsion of undesirable masters, that the masters should sit the terminals instead of the boys, and finally that the masters should pay the boys for keeping them employed. His other impdovements included a swimming pool for mixed bathing, which only the Fizz Party can affird to build as it has access to the unmeasurable wealth concealed in the cupboards and drawers of the physics lab.

The last speaker was John L. Thomas. tre Green Hut candidate, who was introduced by his agent, Gethin Williams. John L. immediately assumed a soothing, paternal air and with suave assurance, proclaimed "the and he denounced Ter and the Geolly Party as childish humbug. Among the proposed innovations of the Green Hut Party were a weekly half-day, improved sporting facilities, and a twoo-week trial for all new masters. He recognised examinations as a necessary evil which could be mitigated by allowing examination candidates to use reference books and dictionaries. He opposed co-education as too much of a good thing, but referred to his "better relations" policy:. He also proposed that continental holidays which the education authorities would finance ("because it's good for you, boys.")

At this juncture the card vote was taken and the president then announced the result.

Randall Ter Evans: 60 votes; John L. Thomas, 39 votes; David Phlops Phillips, 20. votes.

When the applause had subsided, the president said a few words on behalf of the Society and then called the meeting to a close.

MALCOLM JAMES,

President of the Literary and Debating Society

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Anerchiad gan Mr. Raymond Williams, hen lywydd y Gymdeithas a brawd Mr. Marcel Williams a gafwyd yn y cyfarfod cyntaf eleni, a llonwyd pob un a fu'n ddigon ffodus i fod yn bresennol gan ei ffordd fyw, ddiddorol o siarad. Sôn am bwrpas a phwysigrwydd y Gymdeithas a wnaeth Mr. Williams ac eglurodd hyn drwy gyfeirio at ei fywyd ei hun. Yr oedd y Gymdeithas, meddai, yn cadw'r iaith yn fyw, yn ennyn diddordeb mewn pethau Cymraeg, yn gyfrwng i wneud ffrindiau ac yn help i siarad yn gyhoeddus, ac yn fwy na dim yn dysgu pob un i'w adnabod ei hunan.

Cynigiodd Howel Jones bleidlais o ddiolchgarwch iddo ac eiliwyd ef gan Keri Goulstone.

Dadl gymysg a ddaeth yn nesaf rhwng ein hysgol ni ac Ysgol y Merched. "Caerdydd a ddylai fod yn brif-ddinas Cymru," oedd y testun a siaradodd Beryl Williams a Keri Goulstone dros y cynnig a Gethin Williams a Mari Ann Phillips yn ei erbyn. Wedi'r bedair araith wych gwahoddodd y llywydd rai o'r llawr i ddweud eu barn. Derbyniwyd y gwahoddiad gan Alun Bowen (VI); Gwenallt Rees (V); Keri Rosser (VI); Howel Jones (VI); Gethin Hughes (VI); Oliver Jones (VI); Ken Richards (IV); Howard Rees (VI); Peter Williams (VI); ac amryw o ferched.

Cynhaliwyd y Noson Lawen rhwng Cymdeithasau Cymraeg Ysgol y Merched, Ysgol y Gwendraeth a'n hysgol ni eleni yn yr Ysgol Newydd yn y Pwll. Cawsom ein difyrru gan Jeff Hobbs a Dennis Jones yn canu, parti'r pedwerydd Dosbarth yn cyd-adrodd; Keith Howells ar yr harmonica; Mr. Griff Williams gofalydd yr ysgol yn canu "Gwalia Annwyl; Gethin Williams yn adrodd helyntion Matilda, ac yn arbennig gan gastiau Wynne Jones, Gethin Hughes, Glyn Walker, Keri Goulstone, John Rogers, Gwenallt Rees, a Rowland Morris. Cymerwyd rhan hefyd gan aelodau o'r ddwy Gymdeithas arall

Lledodd y Gymdeithas ei hadenydd pan aeth y parti Noson Lawen i gapel Bethania ar wahoddiad eu Chymdeithas Pobl Ieuainc. Gwnaeth y croeso a'r gymeradwyaeth a gawsom, y Noson yn un fyth-gofiadwy i bob un o'r parti.

Ym mis Chwefror cawsom wahoddiad arall i gapel Calfaria ac yma, yr un fath ag ym Methania, cawsom amser hapus iawn.

Eraill a gymerodd ran ar hyd y tymor yn y Noson Lawen oedd Howel Jones, Leslie Morris, Neville Rees a Warren Taylor.

Wrth edrych yn ôl ar y flwyddyn gallwn ddweud yn ddigon gonest fod y flwyddyn wedi bod yn un lewyrchus iawn, er y carem weld y nifer yn cynnyddu. Ar y cyfan nid oes dim achos i gwyno a diolcha'r pwyllgor i bawb a gymerodd ran yn rhaglen y Gymdeithas eleni ac yn arbennig i Mr. Hughes a Mr. Williams am eu ffyddlondeb a'u cynorthwyo diffuant.

G. HOWEL JONES

D. W. GETHIN HUGHES

Cyd-ysgrifenyddion

Y WIBDAITH GYMRAEG

Wedi ystyried y ffaith ein bod eisioes wedi ymweled â'r Gorllewin, ac â'r Dwyrain, a chan nad oedd ar un ohonom chwant mawr i dreulio diwrnod cyfan yn y Morfa, troesom ein golwg tua'r Gogledd. Rhag ofn y buasai pobl Aberystwyth yn cael braw wrth weld y fath dorf o wŷr 'diddeud' y De yn dod i amharu ar eu tawelwch, penderfynasom wneud 'D-tour' heibio i Lanwrtyd, Llanfair ym Muallt a Phonterwyd a threiglo i fewn i'r 'North' yn ddistaw bach.

Ym Mhonterwyd y mae cartre Syr John Rhys, ac wedi ymweled â hwnnw a chael araith fer ar ei fywyd a'i waith gan Alun Bowen (VI) ymlaen â ni drwy Bont-y-mynach

Yn Aberystwyth aethom yn syth i'r Llyfrgell Genedlaethol a bu'i hawdurdodau yn ddigon caredig i anfon swyddog i'n harwain drwy'r adeilad. Ar bob tu i'r drws yn y bloc ffrynt yr oedd swyddfâu y gwahanol swyddogion ac aethom heibio i'r rhain at yr Ystafell fapiau.

O'r ystafell yma i fyny'r grisiau i Ystafell y Cyngor. Yn yr ystafell hon y cyferfydd y pwyllgor, a dodrefnwyd hi ar gyfer achlysuron felly. Drwy'r ffenestr gallem weld Aberystwyth oddi tanom a môr Bae Ceridigion yn ymestyn draw at y gorwel. Eglurodd y swyddog fod y rhan olaf o'r Llyfrgell heb ei gorffen ac mai'r sŵn a glywem oedd y gweithwyr yn brysur wrth eu gwaith.

Yr Ystafell ddarllen oedd yr ystafell nesaf y daethom iddi. Ar hyd y pared yr oedd rhesi a rhesi o silffoedd a'r rheini yn cynnwys cannoedd ar gannoedd o lyfrau ar bob math o bynciau. Ystafell fawr hir oedd hon ac ar hyd y llawr gosodwyd byrddau i fyfyrwyr gael gweithio wrthynt

Y mae'r Llyfrgell hon yn un o chwech ym Mhrydain Fawr a all hawlio copi rhad gan y cyhoeddwyr o bob llyfr newydd a gyhoeddir, ac aeth ein harweinydd â ni i weld yr ystafelloedd lle y cadwyd hwy. Ar hyd un ochr i un ystafell yr oedd copïau o adroddiadau pob comisiwn Llywodraeth. Uwch ein pennau yr oedd tair ystafell wedi eu trefnu yr un fath ac oddi tanom yr oedd yr ystafell lle y cedwid copi o bob cylchgrwn neu bapur newydd Cymraeg neu un Saesneg a rhywbeth ynglŷn â Chymru ynddo, ac ar un o'r silffoedd gwelsom gopïau o gylchgrawn ein hysgol ni.

Oddiyma aeth â ni weithdy'r rhwymo llyfrau, a bu'r henfrawd, a oedd dros ei bedair ugain oed, yn ddigon caredig i sgyrsio ychydig am ei waith.

Câi rai llyfrau, meddai, mewn cyflwr gwael iawn a rhaid oedd eu glanhau a'u hadnewyddu. Tynnai pob dalen yn rhydd a'u golchi mewn rhyw ddŵr arbennig ac ar ôl eu sychu, eu rhwymo yn daclus.

Synnwyd pob un ohonom pan ddangosodd ei ffordd o drin hen lawysgrifau. Wedi eu golchi mewn dŵr a sebon holltai'r ddalen yn ddwy. Ymddangosai hyn yn amhosibl ond eglurodd ei ffordd ef o wneud hynny. Gosodai'r llawysgrif rhwng dwy ddalen o bapur arbennig ac yr oedd glyniad dau wyneb y llaw-ysgrif i'r papur yn gryfach na defnydd y papur ei hun. Yna dodai ddalen dda o bapur rhwng y ddwy ochr a sticio'r cwbl at ei gilydd â phast cryf. Yna golchai'r cwbl mewn rhyw ddŵr arbennig arall ac mewn ychydig amser gallai grafu'r papur arbennig oddiar wyneb y llaw-ysgrif a dyna lle'r oedd dwy ochr y llaw-ysgrif a dalen o bapur da rhyngddynt. Oni bai fy mod wedi ei weld â'm llygad fy hun ni chredwn i byth fod y fath beth yn bosibl.

Triniai pob llaw-ysgrif fel hyn ac yna eu rhwymo yn daclus a'u clorio â lledr a'u cadw yn daclus yn y 'Manuscript bays.'

O'r fan yma aethom i'r Arddangosfa. Ar y muriau yr oedd llawer o ddarluniau gan arlunwyr enwog o Gymru, ac yn y cypyrddau gwydr yr oedd Llyfr Du Caerfyrddin, a Llyfr Taliesin, y ddau lyfr hynaf yn y Gymraeg a llawer o hen lyfrau eraill

Wedi diolch i'r swyddog a'r hen ddyn, y rhwymwr llyfrau, aethom i gael cip-olwg ar Aberystwyth cyn dychwelyd adref.

LEONARD RICHARDS, 4A

TAITH "HANES CYMRU"-GORFFENAF, 1953

Fore dydd Gwener ar y drydedd o Orffennaf cychwynnodd y bechgyn mewn tri bws o Neuadd y Dref am ddeng munud wedi naw ynghŷd â deg meistr. Nid oedd y tywydd yn ffafriol iawn ar ddechrau'r daith. Yr oedd niwl yma ac acw, ond ar ôl myned drwy Dreforus a dyfod i Gastellnedd agorodd y tywydd dipyn. Yng Nghastellnedd yr oedd y strydoedd yr un peth ag arfer. Dim baneri nac addurniadau i ddathlu'r coroni yn unman.

Wedi pasio'r gwaith dur mawr ym Margam ger "Port Talbot" daeth y bwsiau i Ffatri Llestri Pridd, Ewenni. Cerddasom o amgylch y gwaith gan edrych ar y llestri pridd a oedd wedi cael eu gosod yma ac acw. Yr oedd piseri pridd a phlatiau ac amryw o bethau eraill ar fyrddau. Aethom i mewn i un ystafell lle yr oedd pob math o lestri pridd. Gwelsom mewn hanner awr greffh a chelfyddyd y Cymro. Aethom oddiyno i Briordy Ewenni. Yr oedd y rhan fwyaf o'r Priordy yn adfeilion, ond yr oedd Eglwys y Priordy yn aros yn gyfan. Aethom i mewn i'r Eglwys ac eisteddasom i lawr tra darllenai bachgen ychydig o hanes yr eglwys. Cerddasom o amgylch yr eglwys gan edrych ar yr hen Feiblau. Yr oedd beddau rhai o enwogion yr eglwys yno hefyd. Oddiyno aethom i Gaerdydd. Yr oedd y castell yn y ddinas wedi ei addurno â baneri o wahanol wledydd.

Wedi cael rhyw hanner awr yng Nghasnewydd-ar-Wysg yr oedd yn ddau o'r gloch. Aeth y daith ymlaen i Gaedleon lle yr oedd hen "amphitheatre" Rhufeinig. Yr oedd olion gwersyll Rhufeinig mewn cae gerllaw. Gadawsom Caerleon ac aethom ar ein taith i Lanfaches. Yno aethom i mewn i Neuadd Goffa William Wroth. Yno darllenodd bachgen ychydig o hanes y Neuadd. Y tu mewn ar un o furiau'r neuadd, yr oedd llechen i goffau'r ffaith mai yn y fan honno y sefydlodd William Wroth yr eglwys ymneilltiol gyntaf yng Nghymru yn 1649. Cyn ymadael â'r Neuadd canasom ddau emyn er coffa am waith mawr William Wroth.

Ymlaen â'r daith eto i Gaerwent. Yno gwelsom weddillion yr hen ddinas Rufeinig. Dyma'r sefydliad Rhufeinig hynaf yng Nghymru. Wedi aros ychydig amser cludwyd ni i dref Casgwent, tre hardd â'i chastell mawr ar lan yr afon gyda'i phont lydan.

Aeth y bws â ni eto drwy ddyffryn Gwy i Tintern. Yr oedd ar un ochr allt serth o goed. Wedi cyrraedd aeth y bechgyn o amgylch yr Abaty yn Tintern, gan dynnu darluniau o bob cyfeiriad. Wedi treulio rhyw awr yno yr oedd yn rhaid dechrau'r ffordd adref.

Aethom drwy Drefynwy ac Abergafenni lle gwelsom gerrig Gorsedd, i Grug-Howel ac Aberhonddu nes dod i Lanymddyfri a Llandeilo ac adref i Lanelli unwaith eto.

Ar ran y bechgyn diolchaf i chwi feistri am eich trafferth i baratoi taith â chymaint o wers ac addysg ynddi.

LEONARD RICHARDS Form 4A (Arts)

Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG A'R URDD

Llywydd HOWEL JONES
Is-lywydd GETHIN WILLIAMS
Cyd-Ysgrifenyddion PETER J. WILLIAMS GETHIN HUGHES

Agorwyd y Gymdeithas cleni, fel y mae'n arferiad bellach, gan Mr. Huw Roberts, ffrind annwyl a chyn-athro Cymraeg yr ysgol. Cynhaliwyd y cyfarfod agoriadol yma yn yr Ystafell Gerud. Siomedig oedd y cynulliad end creoedd Mr. Roberts awyrgylch hapus a theuluol. Siaradodd mor huawdl a brwdfrydig ag erioed ar desfun sydd yn agos iawn i'w galon, sef "cadw'r iaith Gymraeg yn fyw."

Cynigiwyd pleidlais o ddiolchgarwch iddo gan Keri Goulstone, ac eiliwyd gan Gareth Watts. Oherwydd amgylchiadau anffodus methodd Mr. Hughes a Mr. Williams fod yn bresennol yn y cyfarfod, ond llanwyd yr adwy gan Mr. Wynne a Mr. Phillips. Cafwyd gair ganddynt ill dau.

Ar nos Fercher, Hydref 14, cynhaliwyd cyfarfod ar ffurf y rhaglen radio, "Pawb yn Ei Dro," a dau dîm o blith y pwyllgor yn cystadlu yn erbyn ei gilydd. Brwydrodd Peter Williams, Gethin Williams, Vivian Jones, Wynne Jenkins a Brian Williams yn erbyn Gethin Hughes, Keri Goulstone, John Richards, Hugh Griffiths a Gareth Watts. Gofynwyd i aelodau o'r ddau dîm i adrodd stori ddoniol, i actio scets, ac i gyfansoddi llinell goll, "llinell lythyren," a phenillion ar "Dîm yr ysgol" ar y pryd. Cynlluniwyd y rhaglen gan Mr. Wynne ac yr oedd yn ei elfen yn rhoi'r beirniadaethau. Ar ddiwedd yr ornest cafwyd fod y ddau dîm yn gyfartal.

Cynigiodd Dafydd Treharne bleidlais o ddiolchgarwch i Mr. Wynne a'r Pwyllgor, ac eiliwyd gan Neville Rees. Felly y gorffenwyd cyfarfod llwyddiannus arall.

Darllen drama gan Mr. J. R. Williams oedd y cyfarfod nesaf a gynhaliwyd ar Nos Iau, Hydref 29. Heb os nac onibai dyma un o gyfarfodydd mwyaf poblogaidd y flwyddyn. Daeth tua 80 o fechgyn i wrando ar Mr. Williams a chafodd, yn ei eiriau ef ei hun, "groeso tywysogaidd." "Canpunt" oedd enw'r ddrama ac, fel arfer, gwnaeth y cymeriadau yn fyw o flaen ein llygaid. Cawsom wledd yng ngwir ystyr y gair.

Cynigiodd Wynne Jenkins bleidlais o ddiolchgarwch i Mr. Williams ac eiliwyd ef gan Vivian Jones. Cafwyd gair hefyd gan Mr. Wynne

Ar Tachwedd 11ed cynhaliwyd dadl ar y testun "fod syniadau'r Cymry ar sut mae byw wedi sefyll yn eu hunfan." Y prif siaradwyr dros y cadarnhaol oedd Vivian a Roland Morris, a dros y nacaol Wynne Jenkins a Brian Williams.

Siaradodd y pedwar o'r llwyfan yn synhwyrol a chlir a datblygodd y ddadl yn un ddiddorol dros ben. Ymunodd pob bachgen a oedd yn bresennol yn y drafodaeth. Yn y bleidlais y nacaol a gariodd y dydd.

Diolchodd Gethin Hughes i'r prif siaradwyr a chafwyd gair hefyd gan Mr. Hughes a Mr. Wynne.

Dau gyfarfod sydd ar ôl o raglen y tymor yma, sef "Gŵr Gwâdd" a "Noson Lawen." Edrychwn ymlaen atynt yn eiddgar.

PETER J. WILLIAMS, GETHIN HUGHES

Cyd-ysgrifenyddion

Y "FFEIAR BRIGED"

Bu Wil, Ty-pella yng Nhaerdydd ar ei wyliau eleni. Bwriad tad Wil yn mynd yno oedd gweld ei sir yn chwarae criced yn erbyn yr Awstraliaid a chan fod gan Wil ewyrth yn byw yno gwariodd ef a'i dad wythnos gyfan yno. Tra yr oeddent yn cerdded ar hyd y dre un diwrnod gwelodd Wil frigad dân yn rhuthro i ddiffodd rhyw dân a dorodd allan yn uno'r dociau.

O'r funud hon, y brigad dân oedd popeth gan Wil a thranoeth aeth ei dad ag ef i weld arddangosfa'r brigad yn y ddinas. Yr oedd Wil wrth ei fodd a chafodd ganddynt lyfryn bach yn dweud popeth am y frigad.

Wedi dychwelyd i Gwmcoch ychydig a gofiiai am y gêm griced, y "ffeiar brigêd" oedd y cwbl. Ni allai Wil gofio gweld brigad yn dod i Gwmcoch ac wedi mynegi hynny wrth ei gyfeillion daethant i'r penderfyniad y dylent hwy wneud rhywbeth. Y cam nesaf oedd cynnal 'pwyllgor' ym mharlwr Wil a chan mai ef a awgrymodd y peth, ac mae yn ei dŷ ef y gyfarfyddent, etholwyd ef yn 'gadeirydd.'

"Yn awr gyfeillion," meddai Wil fel petai yn hen law, "gwyddoch ein bod wedi cwrdd i siarad ynglŷn â chael brigad dân i Gwmcoch." Swniai Wil fel pregethwr yn siarad â'i flaenoriaid a bron iddo yrru'r lleill i ddechrau porthi "Gan nad oes gennym arian" aeth ymlaen "rhaid inni wneud rywbeth ein hunain. Nawrte eich awgrymiadau Mr. Cadeirydd os gwelwch yn dda! "Beth am gael"

"Mr. Cadeirydd" bloeddiodd Wil ar draws Huw Davies a oedd ar fin gwneud awgrymiad.

"Y...y...Mr. Cadeirydd...y...Wil...y...beth am gael benthyg yr hen gart 'na oedd gan Rees y builder, "ma' 'da fe un newydd 'nawr."

"Mae Rees . . . "

"Mr. Cadeirydd" bloeddiodd Wil eto.

Mr. Cadeirydd—mae Rees wedi torri'r hen gart yn goed tân. Byddai'n well os gallem wneud un ein hunain." O enau Owen Ifans, mab y sgŵl y daeth yr awgrym hwn.

"Well done, wir," meddai Wil gan deimlo y rhoddai ambell air Saesneg fwy o urddas i'w swydd. "Ma' 'da ti Owen whîls?"

"Oes"

"Odyn nhw'r un maint?"

"Y . . . nagyn"

"Odyn nhw'n troi?"

"Odyn"

"Wel dim ots am y maint os ydyn' nhw'n troi. Galla' i gael dau focs orenau ac fe ofynnai i Wncl John i'n helpu mi. Mae e'n saer."

"Mister Cadeirydd"

"Ie Elfyn, beth sy'n dy boeni di?" Gallwn ni ddim diffodd tân a dim ond cart."

"Eithaf gwir," atebodd Wil fel un newydd ddarganfod oleuni newydd. Dewch inni gael y rhestr sydd yn y llyfr.

"Tender, Extinguisher, Hose, Foam, Breathing apparatus . . . "

"Twt, lot o hen lol yw hwnna," meddai Jock bach o'r gornel "beth am dipyn bach o rywbeth a synnwyr ynddo 'fe?"

"Mae gyda ni hen dwba sinc, os gwnaiff o'r tro i ddala dŵr" meddai Huw Davies.

"Great 'w" atebodd Wil, "na hwnna wedi setlo."

"Ond bydd raid i ni gael 'e nôl bob tro fyddwn n'in batho'r ci?" ychwanegodd Huw yn ddiniwed.

"Reito, nawr beth am "stirrup pump?" Lle mae hen un dy dad, Jock?"

"Yn y shed rhywle," atebodd Jock. "Wel dere â hi, bachan."

Pwyllgor gweithgar iawn oedd gan Wil ac yn ei frwdfrydedd anghofiodd yntau am "Mr. Cadeirydd." Ac felly aeth y busnes ymlaen ac mewn byr amser yr oedd y 'brigad yn barod. Rhyw gymysgfa ryfedd oedd o ddau focs orenau, bocs afalau, a thri phlane wedi eu hoelio â hoelion chwe modfedd o hyd. Dwy olwyn pram oedd ar y blaen a dwy olwyn beic y tu ôl ac yr oedd y cortyn a'r weiar yn amlwg drosto. Tyrrwyd y twba, y 'stirrup pump' a chant ag un o fân bethau arno. Y farn gyffredinol oedd nad oedd eisiau cloch arno, cadwai ddigon o sŵn ei hun.

Ond rhaid oedd gwneud y fantais hon yn hysbys i'r cyhoedd ac ar wal yn y sgwar gosodwyd notis:—

"CWMCOCH FFEIAR BRIGED IN CES OF FFEIAR, PLIS CALL AT 10, TAN YR ALLT."

Cyn pen wythnos daeth galw am wasanaeth y 'brigad.' Rhuthrodd ryw grwt bach i dŷ Wil i ddweud bod sied Mrs. Davies, hen lances dros ei 70 oed yn llawn mwg. Mewn hanner awr cyrhaeddodd y 'gwŷr dewr' y sied ac ar ôl deng munud arall i ddod o hyd i'r top dwr a 'fixo pethau' chwedl Wil dechreuwyd daflu dwr ar y shed ond i'w syndod gwthiodd Mrs. Davies ffordd allan drwy'r 'mwg'—golchi dillad oedd hi a 'stêm' oedd y 'mwg'. Yr oedd Mrs. Davies braidd yn fyddar, ac ni chlywodd y twrw tu allan, ond pan welodd y galanast yn yr ardd aeth yn gaclwm gwyllt a gorfu i'r 'firemen' dewr ffoi am eu bywydau. Fore tranoeth galwodd Mrs. Ifans, y sgŵl Wil a'r pedwar arall i'w ystafell ond nid i gael 'medal' fel y tybiai Wil ond i gael crasfa dda, a bu'r pump yn unfarn mai anfon at y cyngor sir fyddai orau. Ond, fel yr ychwanegodd Wil wrth ddod allan o ystafell Mr. Ifans,—cwestiwn llosg oedd y cwbl.

G. HOWEL JONES (VI).

NODIADAU GOLYGYDDOL

Ar derfyn blwyddyn arall gorchwyl bleserus iawn yw nodi twf diddordeb mewn pethau Cymraeg yr ysgol.

Bu hyn yn fuddiol i'r Gymdeithas Gymraeg, a balch iawn ydym i weld y bechgyn ieuengaf yn dangos diddordeb brwdfrydig ym mhethau Cymraeg yr ysgol. Gresyn na chymerai y bechgyn hŷn yr un diddordeb. Tebyg fod y gŵyn hon yn un gyffredinol ym mhob adran o'r ysgol.

Gwelsom yn ystod y tymor hwn gyfarfod teledu yn Gymraeg a chawsom yr anrhydedd o fod yn dystion o'r 'Awr y Plant' gyntaf a deledwyd yn yr iaith Gymraeg.

Croesawn i'n plith ddau athro newydd sef Mr. Evan Jones i ddysgu Almaeneg a Mr. Harries i'r adran wyddonol. Hefyd estynnwn groeso i'r myfyrwyr a ddaethant yma i ymarfer yn ein plith, yn enwedig Mr. W. J. Harries o'r Bont.

Felly gydag adroddiad byr o ddigwyddiadau yr ysgol dymunwn Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chwi i gyd.

GETHIN HUGHES (VI)

THOUGHTS WHILE SITTING IN A COLD BATH

Dear friends, I have come to a conclusion. I stumbled upon it not so very long ago while indulging in the luxury of having a bath—a warm bath. Having finished with the awful necessity of washing, and being quite content with my present state of nudity, I lay back, and reflected on things in general.

Seeing a cold drip emerge from the tap before me, my thoughts were turned back to the Old School—and to the so many drips which frequent its shadowed portals. Such happy, contented little fellows! Such industrious and concientious workers. To think that I have the honour and privilege to be numbered among them, to share their little joys and sorrows. But come, I can wait no longer—let me take you for a little while among my dear friends.

The Old School is a veritable hive of industry these days.

Up in the laboratories, or, to the young Arts student, the Great Beyond, they have evolved an all-time law in animal life, The Prefect. Not being able to express myself in anything that will pass the heavy axe of the censor, I will be content with saying "Never have so many thrown their weight about so unnecessarily to control so few."

After dealing with these freaks of human nature, we must come back to the average man-in-the-street, or as he is democratically dubbed here, the-boy-in-the-corridor. There is however, no average one. There are fat ones, thin ones, red ones, genuine and even a few unrivalled clots. Whichever way you look at them they are Units, and do not kindly take to being treated otherwise.

Perhaps the most interesting types are the Quiet One at the Back sort of boy. This one deserves special care, for his mind is probably in the Other Place. His favourite phrase may be "Life is a tragedy," but all the while his untrained little mind is wandering among the hockey-sticks and blue berets of our fellow institution. Poor little fellow, victim of the ribaldry of his form-mates who hav'nt the nous to appreciate his problem.

There they live, all together, like one big happy family, to the world outside everything is unison and bliss. Meanwhile I have reached my conclusion. The water in this bath has been cold for the last ten minutes.

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"ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY"

This summer, five young musicians represented Llanelly in the National Youth Orchestra of Wales—an orchestra composed of 120 young musicians from all over Wales. Michael Evans (Principal cello) and Gethin H. Williams (viola) had both attended previous courses but to W. Hugh Thomas (violin), Eleri Owen (viola) and myself (double bass) this was a new experience—indeed an unforgettable experience.

Wrexham Training College was to be our home for parrt of the Course As soon as we arrived, the friendship and hospitality of all soon made us feel at home and that we were—in the words of Mr, Irwyn Walters the organiser—members of "one big happy family."

Rehearsals began at once and 8 hours hard practice each day was the

rule. Mr. Clarence Raybold, the conductor,, with a patience and sense of humour which endeared him to all, moulded the Orchestra into shape, and, only a week after our arrival, we were ready for our first public performance.

The first two concerts were given at Wrexham and Newtown and the reception received was truly worthy of the efforts of both conductor and orchestra. However on August Bank Holiday Monday, for the first time in its history, the Orchestra was to give a televised concert from the Pavilion of the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales at Rhyl.

The concert at the "National" had always been the highlight of previous concert tours but a television broadcast was a new experience to all. Mr. Raybould that evening conducted like a man inspired and led the Orchestra on to the greatest success of its career.

It was acclaimed by the critics on the following day as being the best of the Bank Holiday television programmes and critics compared the technique and interpretation favourably with those of professional Orchestras

With the applause of that packed Pavilion still ringing in our ears, we travelled down to Swansea and on the following nights gave concerts at Cardiff, Port Talbot and Swansea. Wherever we went, the reception was magnificent and each of us was proud to be a small part of such a widely-acclaimed Orchestra. The last concert at Llanelly brought the Orchestra's most-successful season to a close and next day, after a recording session by the B.B.C. in the morning, everyone made for home.

Looking back over those hectic weeks one realizes that tremendous work had been put in by everybody. Mr Raybould and Mr. James Whitehead, assistant conductor, had worked harder than anybody to make the Orchestra as near perfect as possible and had achieved their ambitions.

I hope that all the younger members of the School Orchestra will now practise with renewed vigour so that one day they may enjoy the experience we have already had and keep up the standard of this wonderful orchestra.

ROLAND MORRIS, VI

VIEWER'S SOCIETY

This year we have seen the inauguration of a new society—The Viewer's Society, the object of which is to allow its members to see interesting programmes of a wide variety on the School television set.

The idea of starting such a society originated with Mr. Phillips and at a well-attended first meeting, officials were elected. Ieaun Jones and John Leyshon as secretaries and Ken Roberts and Calvin Roberts, technical advisers. Since that first meeting over two hundred boys have attended the meetings, which have included the programmes on the Farnborough Air Display and Welsh National Biography and ranged from plays and music recitals to football matches and floodlit athletics.

The society is at present a well attended and successful one and would like to thank Mr. Phillips for giving up so much of his time to making it run smoothly.

JOHN LEYSHON, IEAUN JONES (Joint Secretaries)

THE SCRIPTURE SOCIETY

This year the school saw the founding of yet another society—the Scripture Society. This society was the result of some hard pioneering work by Peter Rose who received the support of Mr. Shaw, Mr. Wynne and some of the Senior boys.

Mr. Shaw kindly consented to open the Society and he delivered a very interesting address showing that there is little, often no difference between Science and the Bible.

After this highly interesting meeting we had a series of Bible Studies in St. Mark, conducted by Peter Rose and a few other members of the Society, which proved to be very profitable.

The Rev. Ieuan Jones, an ex-missionary and present lecturer at the Swansea Bible college ended the term with an interesting address on the Bible as a whole, paying attention to the grouping and naming of the books.

Again this term Mr. Shaw kindly and willingly consented to open the Society and he spoke on the "Ten Commandments in the Twentieth Century." He gave us a wonderful light on a dark subject which at the time was very topical.

The Bible Study this term has taken the form of character studies of famous kings in the Old Testament as outlined in the Scripture Union's monthly magazine "The Pilgrim." These studies have been conducted in turn by Howel Jones, Keri Goulstone, Vivian Jones and Royston Cann.

God has richly blessed us in these meetings and we pray that He will continue to glorify His name in our midst.

HOWEL JONES. VI. ROYSTON CANN, V.

THE JUNIOR SCIENCE SOCIETY

Chairman
Secretary
Committee:

P. JOHN (3B2), A. EDWARDS (3B2), MICHAEL CARR (2A1), DAVID MARSHAL (2A1), G. MOORE (2B1), DAVID JONES (2A1), ALUN EVANS (2A2), D. A. EVANS (2B2).

The first meeting in the Lower School took the form of a lecture by Haydn Morris (3B1) on "The keeping and welfare of Rabbits." The meeting was well attended.

The second meeting, held on a Tuesday, was very well attended, when Godfrey Rees (3B2) gave a talk on "Model Aeroplanes." This talk included some models which the speaker had brought along.

Our first film show was called "War under a Microscope." This film showed us how malaria affected great people and conquerours, and how a solution was discovered.

The Science Society hopes to put on a film show for the school at the end of term.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Chairman: JOHN A ROBERTS (V)
Secretary: DAVID I. WILLIAMS (V)

Committe: KERI DAVIES (VI), AUBREY JONES (V), JOHN SAN-

GER (V), PETER GRIFFIN (IV), JOHN MEXOM (IV),

JOHN LEWIS (III), TERRY SAUNDERS (III).

Report: from Christmas 1952

The Society last season had as usual some very interesting and educational films. One film was the showing of the laying down of a "Pipe Line Under The Ocean," which was laid under the channel from Britain to France carrying oil etc. It was called "Job 99 Pluto."

There was also the usual Christmas presentation of the feature film. It was seen by the school on 16th December and gave details of the work of an Anthropologist and his work in fighting racial predjudice.

An early meeting in the term was a lecture on "Cancer" by David Thomas who was at the time our Head Prefect.

Mr. Russel Williams of the Llanelly General Hospital gave a lecture on "Clinical Pathology. He is an old boy of the school and a past chairman of this Society.

Aubrey Jones gave a lecture on "Static Electricity," and very ably illustrated his points with experiments.

During the Spring term we received an address from Mr. Shaw. He entitled it "Journey in Space," and took his audience on an imaginary journey through space giving details of the planets, satellites and stars which we passed on the way. We were very pleased to be brought home safely for tea!

There were also practical meetings held, during which boys carried out experiments under the supervision of Mr. Humphreys and members of the committee.

This season has a varied programme which members have had the opportunity of reading about in the printed cards.

The first meeting was a lecture by David Howell on "Jet Engines," the most commonly seen over Llanelly and district.

John Platt then gave a lecture on Electricity entitled "Electricity—Power Station to home," showing diagrams and an illuminated circuit, made by himself, together with experiments.

The committee wish to appeal for as good an attendance at forth-coming lectures as is customary at our film shows.

And to conclude we wish to thank Raymond Jones for his services to the Society and wish him well in his new post.

DAVID I. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

RUGBY NOTES

This year the School team is captained by Ieuan Jones assisted by Ellis Williams the vice-captain. Up to the time of writing, the team has been quite successful having won six of the nine games played.

Sept. 19th — School 25, Dynevor G. S. 3

Including only six members of last year's team, School, in the first game of the term, showed promise of a successful season. School were superior in every phase, and it was only the poor conditions and a greasy ball which prevented a higher score.

Scorers for school were: G. H. Williams (2 tries), F. Davies, G. Morris, C. Morris, J. Harries, E. Williams (one try each). J. Jones made two con-

versions.

Sept. 26th — School 3, Carmarthen G. S. 16

Carmarthen opened the scoring in the first few minutes with a penalty which was soon followed by a converted goal. School played throughout the second half with fourteen men and it was during this time that the heavier Carmarthen pack took command. Carmarthen added two further tries, one of which was converted. School fought back well and J. Harries obtained a corner try.

Oct. 3rd — School 9, Gwendraeth G. S. 6

School opened the scoring with a try by C. Morris which was soon followed by a try by D. J. Phillips. After the interval Gwendraeth drew level with two tries. The school pack showed much fire in the loose and as a result of their determined efforts H. Morgan scored the winning try.

Oct. 10th - School 5, Ammanford G. S. 8.

In this game the school pack again played magnificently although handicapped by the loss of two men in the first half. Ammanford led at half time by an unconverted try. In the second half the school's six forwards rose to great heights and as a result of continuous pressure on the Ammanford line J. Harries scored a try which I. Jones converted. In the closing stages Ammanford obtained a converted goal.

Oct. 17th — School nil, Gowerton G. S. 3

The school team attacked for most of this game but the backs could make little headway against a sound defence. Gowerton took the lead with a second-half try and they managed to hold on to his lead until the final whistle.

Nov. 7th — School 6. Pembroke Dock G. S. nil

The game produced a fine forward battle between two good packs. The close marking of the Pembroke backs prevented much open play. Both School's tries were scored in the second-half by G. Williams and D. J. Phillips.

Nov. 14th — School 5, Neath Technical nil

Dominating the set scrums and displaying fire in the loose, the school pack provided the backs with an abundant supply of the ball which they put to good use. School took the lead in the second half when A. Templeton scored a try which was converted by I. Jones.

Nov. 18th - School 10, Trinity College 2nd XV .8

This was School's best display of the season. The school forwards were far superior to their heavier opponents and gave their backs plenty of

the ball . School opened the scoring with a converted goal but Trinity Coll. soon equalized. The school team obtained another converted goal in the second-half and the Collegians replied with a penalty goal.

Scorers for School were: A. Templeton and J. Harries (tries), and

I. Jones two conversions.

Swansea G. S. 5 School 8. Nov. 21st.

School were the first to score with a corner try by J. Harries which I. Jones converted. Most of the game was confined to the forwards and the school pack again excelled in the loose. Soon after the interval Swansea equalized but school regained the lead with a penalty goal by I. Jones. I. JONES.

2nd XV RESULTS

School 13 points-Carmarthen G. S. 3 points Sept. 26

School 3 points-Gwendraeth G. S. 15 points Oct. 3

School 10 points-Ammanford G. S. 21 points Oct. 10

School 5 points-St. Mary's, Llandilo 10 points Oct. 24

School 3 points—Swansea G. S. 3 points Nov. 21

PEN PORTRAITS

This ginger-headed fury was selected as this year's captain Ieuan Jones .-He has graduated through the various grades of school football obtaining his international cap as an outside-half for the Welsh under-fifteen's. He played in two of this season's trials and was reserve for the third. He has an excellent chance of obtaining his cap next season. He is also the school's place kicker.

Ellis Williams:- "Small in stature but big in heart" would be an admirable caption for School's vice-captain. He continued his partnership, begun in the colts, at half-back with Ieuan this year. He was unfortunate to break his collar bone, but he is eager to send out his speedy pass once again. He would have had a trial if he had been fit.

John Harries:- He appeared in the opening trial as a wing, whereas his normal position is wing forward from where he leads the pack. He only commenced playing last season and his improvement has been astonishing. He is the leading try scorer.

Frank Davies:- He is the utility man of the team and has appeared in all back positions as well as at wing forward. He is the deputy scrum-half and in that capacity represented Pembrokeshire against Carmarthenshire in the second trial match.

The remaining members of the back division are: Gareth Williams who only commenced playing this season. He has scored a few times and the highest hopes are entertained of him; Gareth Morrris and Peter H. Williams who last season played at half-back for the 2nd XV continued their partnership this term as centres. The latter played at scrum-half in the first Welsh trial; Gethin Williams, last seasons regular wing, had the misfortune to break his nose at Carmarthen. He played his first game since his injury against Neath.

RUGBY 2nd XV

Captain: Dennis Thomas

Vice-Captain: Spencer Thomas

Results:-

v. Carmarthen

won

v. St. Mary's Tregeybi

lost

v. Gwendreaeth

lost

v. Ammanford

lost

Despite the discouraging results, it is significant that only three members of the side are in the Upper Sixth. Couple this with the youthfulness of the 1st XV and the outlook for school rugby is very bright indeed.

SPENCER THOMAS (Secretary)

CRICKET NOTES.

Captain: ALUN DAVIES. Vice-Captain: BRIAN STEPHENS.

School ended the 1953 season with one of the most successful playing records for many years. Of the eight games played, four were won and two drawn. It was unfortunate that a number of matches had to be cancelled owing to bad weather.

Congratulations must be extended to Gethin Williams on his selection to the Welsh Secondary Schools XI when they played England at Worcester and Glamorgan Colts at Cardiff. Lyn Francis was selected to appear in the Final Welsh Trial at Barry but was unable to do so owing to illness. County Caps were awarded to Gethin Williams, Lyn Francis, Alun Davies and Frank Davies.

MAY 9th SCHOOL V. GOWERTON

School commenced the season by entertaining Gowerton at Pwll. Gowerton batted first and School's opening bowlers, Alun Davies (6-13) and Gethin Williams (4-3) quickly dismissed them for 18. Resuming after lunch School batted shakily but finally obtained the runs for the loss of four wickets.

Result: School won by 6 wickets.

JUNE 6th. SCHOOL V. CARMARTHEN

For this match which was played at Pwll, School were weakened by the absence of a number of players who were playing for the Carmarthenshire XI. Carmarthen batted first and were dismissed for 54, losing their last 8 wickets for 11 runs (Ellis Williams 4-23; Roy Rees 5-13). In reply School scored 55-4 (Roy Rees 23).

Result: School won by 6 wickets.

JUNE 13th. SCHOOL V. DYNEVOR

This match was also played at Pwll and once again the visitors batted first. The School's opening bowlers Alun Davies (6-15) and Gethin Williams (4-19) immediately had the Dynevor batsmen in trouble and the first 6

wickets fell for 8 runs. But Dynevor recovered and the innings finally closed for 48. The School batsmen also found run-scoring difficult but a sixth-wicket stand between Alan Dumayne (16not) and Denis Thomas (16) enabled the Dynevor total to be passed for the loss of 7 wickets.

Result: School won by 3 wickets.

July 2nd. LLANELLY MID-WEEK XI V. SCHOOL

School retained their unbeaten record against the Mid-Week XI at Stradey. The home team batted first and totalled 80 (Roy Rees 4-25; Alun Davies 3-22), School replied with 86-8 thanks to a fine unbeaten innings of 32 by Frank Davies.

Result: School won by 2 wickets.

JULY 7th — GOWERTON V. SCHOOL

School sustained their first defeat of the season against their old rivals at Gowerton. Once more the School bowlers had their opponents worried but Gowerton improved after being 10-6 and were finally dismissed for 41 (Gethin Williams 6-10). In reply, the School batting broke down and the innings closed at 33.

Result: School lost by 8 runs.

JULY 4th DYNEVOR V SCHOOL

For their third game in three days, School travelled to Townhill to meet Dynevor. Against a School attack, weakened by representative calls, Dynevor scored easily and declared at 131-p. In reply School played for a draw and stumps were drawn with a total of 82-8 (Brian Stephens 17, Denis Thomas 16).

Result: Draw.

JULY 7th. - SCHOOL V. OLD BOYS

School batted first and against strong bowling were soon in trouble. No batsman reached double figures and School were finally dismissed for 33. The Past batsmen were also in trouble from the start but managed to score the necessary runs for the loss of 7 wickets. The most successful School bowlers were Alun Davies (3-9) and Gethin Williams (3-11).

Result: School lost by 3 wickets.

JULY 13th SCHOOL V.— MASTERS XI

In this long-awaited match only Alun Davies (32) and Gareth Morris (15) faced the Master's bowling with any confidence, and School were at out for 79. On batting, the Masters scored easily but the time allowed was too short and when stumps were drawn their score stood at 59-1.

Result: Draw.

LEADING AVERAGES

Batting:	Runs	Avg.	Bowling:	Wickets	Avg.
Frank Davies	72	12.00	Bowling: Gethin Williams	19	3.68
Roy Rees	40	10.00	Roy Rees	11	4.18
Alun Davies	48	8.00	Alun Davies	19	6.73

JOHN HARRIES (Secretary)

TENNIS NOTES

Captain			-			GEOFFREY	TAYLOR
Vice-Captain						SIDNEY	BERMAN
Secretary						SPENCER	THOMAS
	Committe	ee:	Owen	Garside:	Gethin	Williams.	

Team: Geoffrey Taylor, Sidney Berman, Spencer Thomas, Roy Walker, Keri Goldstone. Stuart Pugh. Graham Griffiths. Stan Evans and Jeffrey Vaughan.

This season we had hoped to use the Girls' School's new tennis courts, but on account of inevitable clashes, recourse had to be made to the public courts. Naturally this is a great handicap, but the standard of school tennis has risen progressively in post-war years despite this and the prospects are that it will reach its zenth during the coming summer.

This assumption is based on solid foundations. Five of last year's "regulars" are still in school, and they will be hard pressed by many up and coming youngsters who helped out in emergencies this season, and who were practising during the November half-term with great vigour. Next season also it is expected that the school will have purchased a number of top-class raquets which will be at the disposal of the team. This is bound to improve the standard of play still further. Lastly there is the unfailing devotion of Mr. Thorne and Mr. Thomas in their interest of the team.

The results of last season's play did not fulfil the expectations of the The team overcame their biggest stumbling block, Carmarthen Grammar School at Peoples Park. The sets score stood at 4 each. both at ha demerged victors by 1 game. They were unexpectedly defeated both at home and away by Neath Grammar School, a rare occurrence. The first game of the season played at Neath was eagerly anticipated and it is probably due to over confidence that school went under by 6 games to 3. In the return game at home, school were defeated by 6 games to 0. However, half the side were reserves who were called upon at the last moment owing to a misunderstanding between the secretaries of both schools. Gwendraeth Grammar School defeated school on their own courts. Here again many reserves were included and although not letting the side down they were as yet raw and inexperienced. Trinity College, Carmarthen who were much older than our boys, defeated us at Parc Howard in a keenly contested match by 5 games to 4. They failed to fulfil the return fixture as examinations interfered, as they did in the case of St. David's College, Lampeter whom we defeated away by 10 games to 6. This was the most notable success of the season owing to the match being played on unfamiliar grass courts. Swansea Grammar School inflicted a defeat once again on school as they have done for years.

SPENCER THOMAS (Secretary)

ATHLETICS SUMMER 1953

CARMARTHENSHIRE SECONDARY SCHOOLS' ANNUAL SPORTS

at Carmarthen Park

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	Team Results
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Senior	(1) Deliver
	(2) Carmareness 97 points
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	(2) Trimment 22 27 points
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Results:—	
Senior (Capta	in - Roy Walker)
	100 yards Geraint Jones (1) D. E. Bewis (7)
	200 yards Geraint Jones (2) D. L. Lewis (6)
	440 vards Denzil Evans (1) Roy Walker (5)
	000 words Denzil Evans (4)
	March Hareld Doving (1) A. V. Davies (0)
	Mile Walk D. J. Philips (2) Brian D. Jones (5)
	Discus Roy Walker (1)
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	High Jump Jelian Wynne Jones (2) 11.
	Long Jump A. V. Davies (0)
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	D la (1 = 110 vds) Lanelly Grainilla (2)
	D. L. Lewis, Roy Walker. Denzil Evans).
Middle (Cor	1 ' M Camons)
Middle (Cal	100 yards—John Harries (1) Ieuan Jones (2)
	220 yards—John Harries (2)
	440 yards—Gordon Thomas (4)
	880 yards—Les Morris (1) Mile Walk—Phillip John and Spencer Thomas (1)
	Discus—Keith Mills (1)
	Shot Andrew Templeton (2) (beat old record)
	II' 1 I Harry Thomas (4)
	Tong Jump—Bernard Sineurey (1)
	Hon Step & Julip—Michael
	450 vards—Arthur Marsh (1)
	Javelin—Graham Evans (3) Javelin—Graham Evans (3) Templeton (1) 14.4 secs. (new
	Javelin—Graham Evans (3) 100 yards Hurdles—Andrew Templeton (1) 14.4 secs. (new
	record). Llandly Grammar (1) 48 secs (new
	record). Relay (4 x 110 yds.)—Llanelly Grammar (1) 48 secs (new Llanelly Grammar (1) 48 secs (new Jenkins, B. Smedley)
	Relay (4 x 110 yds.)—Llanelly Grammar (1) record) (John Harries, I. Jones, W. Jenkins, B. Smedley)
	Cown Johns)
Junior (Cap	Discus—Peter Owen (3) One (exceeds old record)
	Shot—Peter Owen (2) 43ft 9ins (exceeds old record) Shot—Peter Owen (2) 43ft 9ins (exceeds old record)
	High Jump—Leonard Richards (4)
	Long Jump—Gwyn Jones (4) Long Jump—Gwyn Jones (1) 36ft 5ins (new record)
	Long Jump—Gwyn Jones (4) H.S. and Jump—Terry Davies (1) 36ft 5ins (new record)
	Lavolin Peter UWEII (U)
	75 yards Hurdles—Gwyn Johns (4)
	Pole Vault—G. Williams (3)
	role vault—0. Il lines (7)

Lower Junior

75 yards—Brian Davies (3)

Shot—Colin Jones (3)

Javelin-Wyndham Rees (1)

High Jump—David Rees (1)

Long Jump—John Thomas (3)

Walk—Richard Rogers (2)

Relay (4 x 75 yards)—Llanelly Grammar (2)

Once again we have proved that Llanelly Grammar School is easily the most outstanding school in the field of athletics in Carmarthenshire. We are champion school for the sixth consecutive year and we were decidedly unlucky not to win the championship of the Junior Section. Incidentally the middle team has won the championship for three years running. Owing to the continual changing of the age limit for this section, many of the boys were members of the team for all three years.

On the results of the County Sports the following boys were selected to represent Carmarthenshire against Pembrokeshire at Ammanford on June 27th.:- Roy Walker, Geraint Jones, D. L. Lewis, Denzil Evans, Harold Davies, Ieuan W. Jones, D. J. Phillips, B. D. Jones. John Harries, Ieuan Jones. Les Morris, A. Templeton, Harry Thomas, B. Smedley, A. Marsh, K. Mills, G. Evans, W. Jenkins, S. Thomas, P. John. Terry Murphy.

M. SYMONS (Vice-Captain of School Athletics)

CARMARTHENSHIRE v. PEMBROKESHIRE at Ammanford SATURDAY JUNE 27th

Seniors:-

100 yards—Geraint Jones (1) D. L. Lewis (5) 220 yards—Geraint Jones (3) 440 yards—Denzil Evans (4) Roy Walker (5)

880 yards—Denzil Evans (1) Mile—Harold Davies (2)

110 yds. Hurdles-Ieuan W. Jones (4) High Jump—Ieuan W. Jones (4)

Shot—Roy Walker (3) Denzil Evans (5)

Discus—Roy Walker (2)

Middle:-

100 yards—John Harries (1)

220 yards—John Harries (2) 880 yards—Les Morris (4)

100 yds. Hurdles—A. Templeton (1)

High Jump—Harry Thomas (4)
Long Jump—Bernard Smedley (4)
4.50 Jump—Arthur Marsh (2)

Shot—Andrew Templeton (3)

Discus—Keith Mills (2)

Javelin—Graham Evans (4)

Relay—School Middle Relay Team (2) (I. Jones, J. Harries B. Smedley, W. Jenkins

Junior :-

Hop Step & Jump—Terry Murphy (1)

WELSH NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS at Aberystwyth on Saturday, July 11th

Senior :-

100 yards—Geraint Jones (3) 880 yards—Denzil Evans (4) Mile—Harold Davies (6) Discus—Ray Walker (6)

Middle:-

220 yards—John Harries (4) 880 yards—Les Morris (9)

100 yards Hurdles-A. Templeton-Not placed

Hop Step & Jump—A. Marsh (4)

Junior:-

Hop Step & Jump-Terry Murphy (5)

LLANELLY GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

held at Pwll on Wednesday July 8th

Form I:-

75 yards—Brian Davies 1 A 2 (I) 10.5 secs.
150 yards—Brian Davies 1 A 2 (I) 21 secs.
Keith Stallard 1 A 1 (D)
High Jump—G. Tregurtha 1 A 1 (I) 4ft 3ins
300 yds. Walk—D. Jones 1 A2 (D) 1 min. 22.8 secs.

Relay—1 A 2 43 secs.

Form II:-

75 yards—John Hughes 2 A 1 (D) 11 secs. 150 yards—R. Nurse 2 A 1 (E) 21.5 secs. 300 yards Walk—Anthony Owen 2 A 1 (D) 1 min. 18 secs. Javelin—J. P. Davies 2 A 1 (C) 98ft 7ins Relay—2 B 2 42 secs.

Form III:-

100 yards—Gwyn Johns 3 B 1 (I) 13 secs. 220 yards—Gwyn Johns 3 B 1 (I) 28.5 secs. 440 yards Walk—Verron Jones 3 A 1 (E) 2 mins. 1 sec. Discus—Peter Owen 3 A 2 (D) Relay—3 B 1 56.8 secs.

Form IV:-

220 yards—Alan Evans 4 B (I) 28 secs.

880 yards— Graham Griffiths 4 B (C) 2 mins. 36. 2 secs.

John Sanger 4 ASc (I) 2 mins. 36.2 secs.

Walk 440 yards—A. Leonard 4 A Arts (D) 2 mins 1 sec.

Shot Peter Owen 3 A 2 (D) 47ft. 4ins.

Relay—4 B 54. 2 secs.

Forms V and VI

440 yards—John Harries VI B Arts (I) 61 secs.

Mile—Harold Davies VI BSc (D) 5 mins. 9 secs.

Walk 880 yards—D. J. Phillips VI BSc (I) 3 mins. 44.5 secs.

High Jump— A. V. Davies VI BSc (E) 4ft. 11 ins.

House Championship:-

(2) Dewi 142 points (3) Elli 82 points (2) Illtyd 120 points (4) Cennech 64 points

Form Championship:-

(1) 2 AI 56 points

(2) 4 A Arts 48 points

(3)

3 BI 1 A2 40 points

HARRIERS 1952-53

Results from Dec. 1952 to Feb. 1953

SAT. DEC. 6th.

WELSH NATIONAL NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP (5 Miles)

at Singleton Park, Swansea (15 teams) —no age limit

Open Championship — Llanelly 6th
Grammar Schools — Llanelly 2nd
School Team - - Individual Results
W. D. C. Thomas (10). Malcolm Symons (16). Les Morris
(29), A. V. Davies, V. Thomas, D. J. Phillips (57)

SAT. DEC. 13th.

SCHOOL V. TRINITY COLLEGE (Carmarthen) V. SWANSEA

V. NEATH at Swansea

Result:-

(1)	Trinity College	42 points
(2)	Llanelly Gram.	43 points
(3)	Swansea Gram.	52 points
(4)	Neath Gram	75 points

SAT. JAN. 24th.

WELSH NATIONAL YOUTHS' CHAMPIONSHIP (3 miles)

at Cefnpennar Park, Mountain Ash (16 teams)

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

(1)	Newport Harriers	21 points
(2)	Mountain Ash Harriers Roath Harriers	(30) points
(4)	Llanelly Grammar	33 points

Grammar Schools: Llanelly Grammar (1)

Individual Results:— H. Davies (6), M. Symons (11)

School Teams:

- (a) H. Davies, M. Symons, L. Morris, D. L. Lewis, A. V. Davies, D. J. Phillips.
- (b) V. Jones, J. Sanger, R. Cann, J. Richards. P. Stephens G. Griffiths.

SAT. JAN. 31st.

SCHOOL V. SWANSEA GRAMMAR at Pwll

Results:-

- (1) School 66 points
- (2) Swansea 69 points

Individual:—
H. Davies and M. Symons (2), V. Jones, V. Thomas, J. Sanger (7)

WED, FEB, 7th.

SCHOOL V. TRINITY COLLEGE at Carmarthen

- (1) Trinity College 22 points
- (2) School (a) 33 points
- (3) School (b) 64 points

Individual:-

H. Davies (4), M. Symons and L. Morris (8), V. Thomas (8) V. Jones (9), D. J. Phillips (10).

M. SYMONS (Captain)

HARRIERS 1953-54

This year, thanks to the attention and coaching of Mr. Tom Jones, cross-country running has reached a level unequalled in its history since Mr. Jones introduced it to this School in September 1945.

Four teams are run—2 senior and 2 junior, junior team runners coming from both the top and bottom schools.

There is a full fixture list this season, composed of inter-school, interclub and championship matches. Besides the Welsh Novice and Welsh Youth Championships, the Glamorgan Youth Championships have been entered this year. In the Glamorgan Boys (under 15) Championship we have great hopes of a team—and perhaps an individual—success. Vernon Jones, who although a junior, runs for the school first team, is the runner for whom hopes are high.

Outstanding in the School team this year are Harold Davies and John Jones. John. in his first season as a cross country runner. is just 15 and is regarded as the most promising runner we have ever had.

As yet, we are undefeated this season and will do our best to keep up this record.

Results from 17th October to November 18th.

SAT. OCT. 17th.

MOUNTAIN ASH V NEATH at Neath

Result:

Llanelly (A)	20 points
Neath (A)	32 points
Mountain Ash	43 points
Llanelly (B)	77 points
Neath (B)	104 points

Individual Results :-

Harold Davies (2) John Jones (4) Les Morris (5) M. Symons (9) J. Sanger (9)

WED. NOV. 11th.

V. R.A.F. PEMBREY at Pembrey

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Llanelly (A)	108 points
R.A.F. (A)	111 points
Llanelly (B)	182 points
Llanelly (C)	278 points
R.A.F. (B)	313 points

Individual Results:-

John Jones (5) Brian Kemp (6)

H. Davies (9), V. Jones (9), A.V. Davies (9), T. Harries (9 M. Symons (14), J. Sanger (14).

SAT. NOV. 14th.

V. NEATH at Pwll

Result :-

Llanelly (A)	30 points
Neath	58 points
Llanelly (B)	75 points
Llanelly (C)	129 points
Llanelly (D)	164 points

Individual Results:-

Harold Davies (1). John Jones (1).
Les Morris (5), Vernon Jones (5)
Malcolm Symons (8).
John Sanger (10)

WED. NOV. 18th.

V. R.A.F. PEMBREY V. LAMPTER COLLEGE at Pembrey

Result :-

School A)	44	points
R.A.F.	58	points
Lampeter Coll.		points
School (B)	121	points

Individual Results:—
John Jones (3), Harold Davies (3), Les Morris, (3).
Malcolm Symons (11), Vernon Jones (11).
A. V. Davies (13).

ROUND AND ABOUT THE SCHOOL WITH WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Words of advice given to a Prefect by a Master:

—arrest him officer,
I would not spare my brother in this case
If he should scorn me so apparently (Comdy of Errors).

Heard from a gasping Masters' Room:

Give us a light, there, ho! (Macbeth) Light, I say! light. (Othello)

Members of form 3A2:

The Muse to a Prefect's cap:

Nor shall he smile at thee in secret thought, Nor laugh with his companions at thy state (Lucrece)

Wise words spoken by higher physics students:

The younger of our nature

That surfeit on their ease, will day by day

Come here for physic(s)

(All's well that ends wtll)

Said of a stout member of VA Arts:

He hath an exellent stomach (Much Ado)

Melancholia of the school wing who has missed four tries: There I have had another bad match (Merchant of Venice)

Description of a master who has waken up at five-to-nine:

Mr.? — with his doublet all unbraced
No hat upon his head, his stockings fouled
Ungart'red, and down — gyuéd to his ankle (Hamlet)

Protestation of the "Geolly" candidate:
O never say hereafter

But I am truest speaker (Cymbeline)

GETHIN H. WILLIAMS

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Scholarships and Bursaries:

Dr. Joseph Parry National Music Scholarship: Heward Rees.

Open Science Exhibition. Bristol University: W. D. C. Thomas.

Both these scholarships were augmented to State Scholarships.

State Scholarship:

Alun John Davies.

Annual Prizes:

J. B. Morgan: Arwyn John, Heward Rees. Alun J. Davies.
Foster Prize: R. Stephen Williams
Graham Rees Prize: W. D. C. Thomas. Alun J. Dumayne.
William Lewis Memorial Prize: A. J. H. Rees

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (Advanced)

Aubrey, J. E., Applied Maths (Dist.)
Berman Sydney, Applied Maths, Pure Maths.
Bowen, A. H., Welsh. Geography
Davies. Alun, Botany, Zoo., Geol.
Davies, A. J.. Hist.. Geog., Econ. (Dist).
Davies, M. S., Art (in one year)
Dumayne, A. J., Geog., Geol. (Dist.), Econ.
Edwards J. N.. Bot., Zoo.
Evans, Keri, Bot., Zoo.. Geol.
Francis, B. M.. Hist.. Econ.
Francis, J. L., Eng., Hist., Music
Griffiths, Dewi, Hist., Geog.. Econ.
Griffiths G. H., Bot.. Zoo.
Jones, H. R., Geog., Geol.. Econ.
Jones, H. M., Eng., Econ.
Lewis, R. D., Geol.
Rees, A. J. H. Rees. Latin, French (O.P.), Music (Dist.)
Rees, P. S.. Bot., Geol.
Rosser Keri. Scripture.
Stephens, F. B., Hist., Econ.
Taylor, D. G., Bot.. Zoo.
Thomas, D. G., Geog., Geol., Econ.
Thomas, A. S.. Eng., Hist.
Thomas, T. J.. English
Thomas, W. D. C. Bot., Zoo., Geol.
Walker, Glyndwr. Scripture
Williams, H. G., Pure Maths., Physics.

GC.E. (Ordinary)

Aston. Royston; Aubrey. D. R.; Bevan, A. J.; Brown, J. R.; Callow, E. A. S.; Chin Peter. Cohen, A. M.. Corcoran. B. S.: Davies, A. V.; Davies, F. C.; Davies, G. J.; Davies. H. J.; Davies, J. K.; Davies, T. I.; Evans, C. A.; Evans, Graham; Evans, J. E.; Evans, Owens; Evans, W. D. G.; Gouldstone, T. R. K.; Harries. F. A.; Harries. K. R.; Harry. D. R.; Hopkins, M. K.; Hopkins. W. G.; Howells, K. J.; Hughes. D. S.; Hughes, E. C.; James T. N.; Jenkins, Wynne; John, P. I.; Jones, D. H.; Jones. Ieuan; Jones. I. G.; Jones, J. K.; Jones, Raymond; Jones, R. T.; Jones,

V. G.; Jones, W. L.; Kemp, T. R. W.; Lewis, B. A.; Lewis, D. B.; Lewis. D. B,; Lewis D. L.; Leyshon, John; Lister. J. K.; Marsh, Arthur; Meyler, Y. C.; Mills, K. K.; Morris D. C.; Morris, D. K.; Morris, D. R. H.; Morris, G. R.; Morris. Gerald; Morris. J. R.; Morris, Leslie; Morris, P. C.; Newman, L. P.; Nicholas, B. M.; Palmer. N. S.; Phillips, D. J.; Quirk, C. W.; Rees, A. J. H.; Rees, D. G.; Rees, Lyndon; Rees, Roy; Rees, T. D.; Richards J. G.; Roberts, J. A.; Rolfe, Brian; Rose, P. S.; Rosser. Keri; Russell. J. M. H.; Samuel, D. G.; Samuel, Gwilym; Samuel, R. G.; Seldon, W. D. R.; Smedley, B. G.; Smith, Colin; Stephens, C. M.; Stephens, P. L.; Symons, M. V.; Templeton, A. H.; Thomas, A. R. H.; Thomas, G. J.; Thomas, Harry; Thomas, H. P.; Thomas, J. A. H.; Thomas, W. S. G.; Walker, Glyndwr; Walshe, Bernard; Walters, H. C.; Wheeler, J. P.; Williams, D. I.; Williams, D. M.; Williams, E. R.; Williams, D. J. F. liams. P. J.; Williams. P. J. E.

EXTERNAL CANDIDATES (ex-pupils)

Davies, W. B.; Williams, H. G.

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James. M. B. Physics. Jones, I. W.. Physics (Dist.) Lobbett, W. B. H., Physics
Phillips, D. J., Physics
Symons, M. V., Physics
Taylor, D. C., Physics. Thomas, H. P., Physics Thomas W. H.. Physics

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