

Llanelly
Boys' Grammar School



CHRISTMAS, 1958



In Memoriam

Mr. J. AFAN JONES, M.A.
June 9th, 1958

Mr. W. T. STOCKTON, B.A.
September 25th, 1958

WARREN EYNON (Form V.T.)
February 2nd, 1958

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EDITORIAL

Each new issue of this magazine seems to emphasize the fact that the School is not only growing older, but that it is also, rather like a middle-aged bachelor, becoming set in its ways. Anyone who glances back over past numbers of the magazine cannot fail to notice that there has been no radical change in the personality of "Ysgol ar y Bryn." All that has happened is that its girth has inflated steadily over the years, there has been a deepening of its familiar voice, and an expanding and maturing of the interests and proclivities established in its youth.

It is possible that during the coming year and almost certain that during the following year, the "top school" will move to our new quarters at Pwll to form a united school once again. And although bricks and mortar do not make a school, no one can doubt that the old building, so pink and white outside, so dark and slightly conspiratorial inside, will always be a part of the picture of his years at school which every old boy carries with him. But whatever else we must leave behind us, we can take along to the new school our determination to keep alive the spirit of happy endeavour which has animated the school since its inception.

Our present issue contains ample evidence that the range of this endeavour among past and present pupils was never wider, that its success in every field of study and sport never greater.

It is on this note of pride in the past and confidence in the wider that we close by wishing our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DANNY JONES.

D. LEWIS JONES.

DE OMNIBUS REBUS

There are 815 boys on the School roll this year. According to statistics carefully compiled by Mr. Tom Jones, we are not only more numerous but actually bigger than of yore. Twenty-one boys are over six feet tall; a Fourth-former, Perris Edwards is 6 ft. 2 ins. and weighs 16 stone 8 lbs. And even he is a lightweight when compared with the redoubtable John R. Davies of Form VI. who tips the scales at over 17 stone! Incidentally, you may see John's photo in this month's "World Sports" as he puts the shot for Wales in the Empire Sports at Cardiff.

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Since our last issue the School has lost, to our great sorrow, both Mr. J. Afan Jones and Mr. W. T. Stockton. Mr. Jones had been Senior Master for some years after having taught Latin and Welsh since the end of the First World War; Mr. Stockton, retiring in

1951 after an equally long period of service as French Master, had remained a frequent and always welcome visitor to the School. Our sadness at their untimely passing is of a kind with the sense of deprivation which present and past pupils must experience when they think of the impending departure of "Ysgol ar y Bryn" itself from its old place. They were so much a part of the School, living so near to it and giving so much of themselves to it over the long years that they will be remembered with great affection by any who can say that they were once pupils at "the Old School." We offer our sincerest condolences to the relatives in their great bereavement.

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This year has been an eventful one for School sport. We won national fame by winning the Public Schools' Seven-a-Side tournament at Roehampton. The Rugby captain, Brian Davies, has recently been chosen as Llanelly's "Sportsman of the Year," while Wynne Oliver and John Davies, who were runners-up for this title, represented Wales at the British and Empire Games. All the School teams have played well this season, especially the Junior Rugby team.

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We extend our felicitations to Mr. Dennis Thorne upon his recent marriage to Miss Sutherns. It seems that Biology is becoming quite a family business!

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Congratulations to Stephen Chubb on his outstanding success in winning a State Scholarship and a scholarship to Manchester University.

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When the School decided this year to stage John Masefield's "Good Friday," at the Public Hall, they were embarking upon a task as ambitious and exacting as one of those undertaken by Mr. Afan Jones in the hey-day of his brilliance as a producer. The outcome was completely successful and impressive. It would be invidious to single out for special praise any one of the many people who gave of their best on and off the stage. Perhaps it would be enough to say that Mr. J. R. Williams both produced and inspired the play, and that there were other masters and a band of dedicated boys who never flinched from the long preparation and the arduous presentation. We were fortunate too, that we had the assistance of so talented and experienced an artist as Miss Yvonne Watkin-Rees to take the part of Procula. Mr. Adams had composed music which beautifully enhanced and supported the presentation of this sublime theme.

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Gifts of books for the School Library from G. J. W. Lewis who left last year and from an old pupil of many years ago, the late Mr. John Charles Edwards, were very gratefully received during the year.

The annual Eisteddfod which is fast becoming a fine School tradition was held again this year at the Public Hall. Scenes of uproarious enthusiasm followed each triumph.

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An article which appeared a few weeks ago in "The Listener," entitled "Does Christianity need a 'New Look'?" was from the pen of Dr. John Heywood Thomas, a comparatively recent old boy of the School. He is, of course, a brother of Mr. Neville Thomas, until a few months ago one of our Mathematics Masters (and is not to be confused with another very distinguished old boy, Professor John Heywood Thomas, of University College, Cardiff).

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Points from an old School Magazine of 1908: School fees were £4 13s. 0d. per annum. Pupils could enter School at nine years of age. The curriculum included Euclid and Shorthand. The main theme of controversy seems to have been the suffragette movement. Boys were much as they are today. Evidence was forthcoming that a pupil's lateness varies directly with his proximity to the School. A correspondent complained bitterly that the price of beer had gone up from 3d. to 4d. a pint. Working upon the assumption that the consumption of an average sixth former was 24 pints per week, an eminent mathematician of that time concluded that boys were 2/- out of pocket and consequently could buy 24 fewer packets of "Jolly Boys"!

HEAD PREFECT'S MESSAGE

This is perhaps the last Christmas the school will celebrate as two separate bodies, and I the last Head Prefect to preside over the senior school only. It is, therefore, an occasion which evokes nostalgia within those of us who have savoured the distinctive spirit and atmosphere of this, the "school on the hill." I should have liked to have established a relationship with the junior school, closer than that afforded by an occasional visit, but this is a privilege my successor will enjoy. Our sadness at leaving this building, so hallowed by tradition if not by the years, will be made easier perhaps when we consider the obvious advantages of a united school.

The school I have known most intimately has presented many amusing and despairing incidents. It is peopled by such a colourful diversity of characters—I sometimes suspect that I am in an animated Madame Tausauds. To avoid becoming too cynical or impervious, I mutter from time to time these lines from "Twelfth Night":

"Not yet old enough for a man, nor young enough for a boy"—this to the amusement and concern of my friends.

It is difficult to say anything without resorting to clichés. May I, however, offer heartfelt thanks to the prefects, an indefatigable army; to the staff for their support and guidance; and to the Headmaster for his benevolent understanding.

Together at this time, I think we should remember those people whose services are an integral part of our school life, the office staff, the caretaker, the cooks and cleaners.

It remains for me to wish you all every success in your future examinations, much enjoyment during the Christmas festivities and every blessing for the New Year ahead.

D. ANDERSON EVANS, Senior School, '58

THE SCHOOL TRIP TO BELGIUM

An overcast Tuesday morning early last July marked the beginning of what must surely have been one of the most eventful school trips ever. From the moment the whistle blew at Llanelly station early that morning there began a succession of those little things which make long trips bearable. Although our journey took from dawn till dusk, it was nevertheless interesting and revealing.

Our destination was Blankenberghe, a large and internationally over-populated resort near Ostend. It could almost be called the Tenby of Belgium, but with several important differences. Our hotel was large and pleasant, and on arrival we suddenly became aware that a slimming course was included in the tariff; some food was also provided.

After wandering about the town for some hours it became evident that the next few days were to be expensive but enjoyable ones, and that the town could at least cater amply for our needs. As regards the beach, however, it seems that the town authorities were on to a good thing having organised a number of beach-combers and disguised them as lifeguards.

Every other day we would leave the town in a cloud of dust for other places. We visited Middelberg, Ghent, Brussels and Bruges. Common to all these places was a certain haunting mediaeval charm in the atmosphere which made their winding streets and leafy canals timeless.

Entering the International Fair at Brussels was like leaving one world for another, deserting the ancient for the ultra-modern. The fair was truly fabulous and well worth the visit, and as it has been amply described in numerous other journals we will refrain from putting forward our own crowded and very individual recollections.

It is here perhaps that we should mention, with the gratitude of all those who went on the trip, three masters, Mr. M. Thomas, Mr. J. R. Williams and Mr. R. Jacobs, who organised it so efficiently, with great presence of mind and an unfailing sense of humour.

We would also like to mention some of the characters, senior and junior alike, who gave the trip a certain "joie de vivre" quality, but to mention a few would be unfair perhaps to them all. Of the return journey let it suffice to say that we arrived home safe and sound, with the exception of Mr. Jacobs who was last seen waving from the quayside at Ostend.

DAVID EDWARD MARSHALL and ALAN WARSOP, VI.aSc.

ROCK

Rock me baby. What do you mean?
Come on. Don't fret. So if you're seen?
It's great, much more than gin and rum—
What does it mean? Don't think, just come.
Hear it? Oh man! I'm gone! It's real!
But what is there to feel?—
I dig the lot; I'm really keen—
What's that? You asked what does it mean?
It's more than just the beating drum,
The double bass—its swinging hum,
It's more, much more, than any meal;
It's got the power to heal.

Oh hear the guitar's cry-blue tone,
That raw rebellious saxophone,
It sends me into ecstasy
Is this what they call liberty?
I'm free. From what? Oh, you again,
From full and foolish men.
From parents and the fountain pen.
This smoky cellar is my den,
This is one place I'm not alone
Here I can mould the music's moan,
The guitar's electricity,
My personality.

But tell me why not stop and think?
Well why don't you show us the link?
The world; the wild wide world out there—
Does it make sense? And do you care?
Do you know where we're going to?
Do you know what to do?
You just keep working at the sink—
Well do you ever stop and think?
And do you ever wish you dare
Do something more than stand and stare?
I ask in vain for even you
Don't know what's false or true.

Don't know, don't care, perhaps we're wrong,
But man just listen to that song.
The message comes through loud and strong
That solo sax is stinging long.
The world outside will stop to mock.
They're fools. We're fools. Come on let's rock.

AN OUTSIDER.

The wind blows hard against the strong, safe wall,
 Its weird howl echoes through the chimney
 But it cannot overcome the roof so tall,
 It cannot even rouse temerity.
 The aggressive weapons Nature vainly uses
 Fail to damage invincible mankind;
 Both wind and cold—devastating abuses
 Do not trouble even the simplest mind.
 But can almighty Nature be so weak
 That it retreats before man's vain delusion?
 Or is it only restrained and lovingly meek
 That it shirks from causing complete confusion?
 Do the rattling windows only sound a warning
 Of the dreadful Doom that will come one sad, sad morning?

MICHAEL HOWARD.

OLD BOYS' UNION

The Annual Meeting was held on Monday, 20th October, 1958, and the following Officials and Committee were elected:—

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. M. Thomas; Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. T. Edwards; Committee: Messrs. W. Haydn Davies, D. Alun Thomas, W. Hubert Davies, Denzil L. Thomas, W. Leyshon James, T. J. Bowen, D. J. Lewis Morris, H. J. Richards, W. J. Daniels, W. Islwyn Price, D. Hughes and E. D. Cooper.

Mr. K. Walters was re-elected Membership Liaison Officer.

The Annual Dance will be held on Friday, 2nd January, 1959, and at the time of going to press a few tickets remain unsold.

The Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, 9th January, 1959, at the Stepney Hotel. The Chief Speaker will be Alfred H. Badger, Esq., M.A., Ph.D., and his Toast will be proposed by Mr. Harding Rolfe, B.Sc. Other speakers will be Mr. Idris G. Richatds—Toast of the School; Mr. Glanville R. Davies—Toast of the O.B.U. Greetings from the London Branch will be extended by their Chairman, Mr. Donald Davies. During the course of the evening a presentation will be made by Mr. Handel C. Rogers on behalf of the O.B.U., to the victorious members of the School "Sevens" Team. The artistes will be Messrs. John Lewis and Glanville Davies.

The membership fee is still 5/- per annum for employed members, but the fee for student members has been increased to 2/6d. per annum.

We record with profound regret the passing of Vice-Presidents Mr. J. Afan Jones and Mr. W. T. Stockton; also an Old Member, Mr. Morton Russell.

Mr. Afan Jones, who retired at the close of the Easter term, unfortunately died in June, and had no time to enjoy his well earned retirement. He had served on the Staff for 44 years and

enjoyed the unique distinction of having served under the four Headmasters. He rendered valuable service in the production of the School Plays.

Mr. Stockton, who retired in 1950, will be remembered for his service to the Literary and Debating Society, also as "props" man for the Dramatic Society.

Mr. Morton Russell had unfortunately suffered a long and trying illness. To those of us who were privileged to know him, we will remember his everlasting cheerfulness, a spirit which he maintained until the end. We extend our very sincere sympathy to the relatives of all.

Successes during the year includes Dr. Douglas Bassett, of Llwynhendy, who has been appointed Head of the Geology Department of the National Museum of Wales.

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

F. T. EDWARDS, *Hon. Secretary.*

UNEMPLOYMENT IN LLANELLY

For some time now a great deal has been said about the unemployment situation in the Llanelly district, and this is a short review of the matter, with special reference to the economic and social environment in which it has developed.

It is common knowledge that Llanelly is one of the worst pockets of unemployment in Britain today. Indeed, nearly 10 per cent. of the insured working population are unemployed, and only North West Wales and Northern Ireland have corresponding unemployment percentages. The rate for the whole of the United Kingdom is only 2.3 per cent.

In the United Kingdom, during a period of full employment, about two per cent. of the available labour force will be unemployed. Economically this is unavoidable, for such things as seasonal and frictional unemployment are apparent in the healthiest economic environment. But Llanelly is definitely not in a healthy economic state, and it is only natural for one to attack the economic structure of Britain as being responsible for this situation. If for one moment we were to look at the unemployment percentages of the various regions in Britain, it would reveal a rather fantastic situation. Wales and Scotland have 3.7 per cent. unemployed, and in Northern Ireland it is higher, whereas in England only the North Western region has a percentage higher than the national average, and even this region is relatively well below Wales.

The background of the situation in Llanelly is found in the nature of the Welsh economy. This economy has developed on the natural resources of the country—coal, slate, water, agriculture,

and by the mid-1960's, when the Milford project will be complete, oil and iron ore could be added. The steel and tinplate industry is directly dependent on these resources. It is significant that these are all primary or basic industries, on which secondary (manufacturing) and tertiary (organising and distributive) industries might be based.

Although Wales possesses the foundation for secondary and tertiary industrial development, very few of these industries are to be found in the country. Instead, [the Welsh primary industries support many of the English industries. Our economy may therefore be described as little more than a colonial economy, which provides for the industrial activity of England. This disparity between the economic activity of England and Wales is best shown by the following figures :—

Occupations by	Percentage in Primary	Percentage in Secondary	Percentage in Tertiary
Wales	31%	37%	32%
England	19%	45%	36%
Borough of Llanelly.....	39%	31%	30%

On closer examination the Llanelly unemployment figures reveal that the greatest percentage of unemployed are in the primary producing industries. The reasons given for this are the modernisation of the steel and tinplate industries, and a decline in the demand for their products. The unemployment figures by age groups reveal that here the greatest percentage is in the group over 45 years old. The reasons for this are that these older workers cannot be reabsorbed into other industries, and because it is more difficult for them to move away from the town to seek employment. Consequently the longer this situation prevails in Llanelly, the worse conditions will become. Indeed, delay has already been far too long, for modernisation in the steel industry was apparent as early as 1947 when the Steel Company of Wales was established.

The main need of Llanelly, as of Wales, is that there should be far greater diversity in her industrial structure. There are many secondary and tertiary industries which should logically develop from the primary products of our economy, and this should be our long term policy. In the meantime, the Distribution of Industries Act should instruct light industry to come to the area, and this should relieve the unemployment situation until the secondary and tertiary industries of our long term policy would have time to develop.

These suggestions could well be the policy for a Welsh Industrial Development Corporation. Such a corporation could improve the road and rail communications, and develop some of the larger Welsh ports. It could also advertise all over the world the possibilities of capital investments in Welsh industries. This is by

no means a high-falutin suggestion, for United States capital is already seeking investment in Europe, especially since proposals have been made for a European Free Trade Area. This corporation could also try to give far more attention to the social implications of modernising industries.

I believe that the key to the future for Llanelly, and Wales, lies in greater diversity in industrial activity, better communications and a world wide advertising campaign to attract foreign capital. We have the foundations for increased economic activity and it is about time that this foundation was built upon.

W. P. CHARLES, VI.a

OUT AND ABOUT

(By our special Correspondent)

The Biology Lab.

Housed within the walls of the aforementioned institution, I found the country's future doctors, dentists, veterinary surgeons and agricultural scientists—A truly mixed bag !

Much speculation is abroad as to what exactly goes on in the small communicating room adjoining the Biol. Lab. The Zoology and Botany boys all seem convinced, after peering through slits in the blackout curtain, that seances are being held there, under the supervision of Mr. Victor Rees.

Twin scientists Anthony Ramsay and Peter Samuel told me in confidence that soon the Royal Society intends to publish a paper of theirs, on the social life of the honey bee.

The Geology Lab.

Here, by all accounts, quite a large musical element is to be found. Messrs. Sims and Morgan tell me that the notorious Geol. Lab. choir has at last succeeded in obtaining permission to enter the National Eisteddfod. Up until now, they have been denied admittance to the competition, lest the contest should become rather one-sided.

The Chemistry Lab.

The chemistry boys have noticed with concern the appearance of one more grey hair on Mr. Roberts' head, due, I am sure, to worrying over the future of the conscientious and hard working pupils in his care.

Mr. Smith would do well to investigate the goings on in the chemistry store-room. Many are the times when I have knocked on the door and heard a hurried scraping of stools, and muffled

oaths. In spite of these things I am assured by Messrs. P. and A. Davies and P. Webster and Co., that everything is quite above board.

The Physics Lab.

Not very much is known by the average member of the school of the various activities concerned with the Phys. Lab. I, however, possess the authentic facts.

In a recent interview, Mr. Rolfe revealed that, because of the vast resources of the Physics Lab., which are hoarded under the trapdoor, it has been possible to perform hitherto fantastic experiments. Messrs. Little and Jones have been responsible for this work, and long after school has finished, and the cleaners gone home, they may be found in the Physics Lab. surrounded by rows of high tension batteries, induction coils, transformers, and flashes of coloured light. They will not rest, I am sure, until they succeed in summoning a shining visitor direct from outer space.

Last of all, I hope, dear reader, that you will not take these revelations too seriously, and there is, I can assure you, no foundation for the appalling thought that an underworld exists in "Yr Ysgol ar y Bryn."

KEITH MARSHALL, VI.a Science.

THE GREEN HUT

The maxim "Silence is a virtue" glares down upon the contemplative scholars, who, being virtuous young men, strive to behave accordingly, with reverence as befits so great a seat of learning. Indeed, the profound silence which reigns within this noble and narrow edifice is broken only by the gurgling of the boiler, the vibrant voice of Mr. Williams in his storeroom, and the constant ticking of the death-watch-beetle.

Gathered together beneath this roof we find the cream of the school, which is not as sour as it looks—the country's future lawyers, teachers, singers, dustmen and literary critics.

Our foremost lawyer is Mr. Howard, an existentialist, who, in his attempts to cut himself off from the rest of humanity, goes around all day in a state of trance with a blank look on his face. When roused, however, the colour rises in his cheeks and he becomes a frothy demagogue. Our other lawyer is Mr. Jones, a tall, dark, silent type, known affectionately as "Half-mast" because of the length of his trousers. He is also no mean literary critic, being constantly in search of enjambment, and famous as the originator of that profound remark, "We are not in a position to criticise." Our foremost critic, however, is no other than our Head Prefect, Mr. Evans, who has the amazing ability, which he often uses, of

being able to speak interminably on absolutely nothing, and sound most convincing about it. As is customary among Head Prefects he is a singer of great renown. (You might remember his performance in the school play, after which he received several offers from record companies). Other notable songsters are Messrs. Brazell and Williams, one of whom is tone deaf, and the other flat, although he has been known to break into an occasional falsetto. For some unknown reason their repertoire consists entirely of drinking songs. We emphatically deny the rumour that the back desks have been converted into a bar.

Comic of the Green Hut is a yokel by the name of Terry, alias Fred or Mary, for whom we have the deepest sympathy. For a long time there has been conjecture as to why his head is so shaped. Contrary to the popular belief that he was dropped head first from Blackpool Tower during his infancy, we must now state that it has always been that shape.

I could not possibly finish this account without first mentioning our mad, passionate lover Raymond. We are informed that Romeo and Juliet have nothing on Raymond and Juliana.

Note to American Tourists.—Souvenir photos of the signature of the Immortal Bard may be obtained from the school Photographic Society, famed for its quality, low prices and quick service.

AN UNUSUAL SCHOOL TRIP

During the half term holiday five sixth formers led by Mr. Humphreys, visited the cave known as Ogof Ffynon Ddu. The entrance is about half a mile from the South Wales Caving Club Headquarters at Craig-y-Nos in the Swansea Valley.

It is one of the finest cave systems in Britain. Nearly four miles of passages have been surveyed. To explore only half of it is a satisfying and exhausting day's work. The innermost series consists of a network of passages of various dimensions in which it is possible to become hopelessly lost.

The water has carved the walls into attractively faceted and rippled surfaces, and the roof into beautiful networks comparable to sponges.

Ogof Ffynon Ddu is of great scientific importance and it has been used as a kind of laboratory in which to work out the laws governing the flow of underground water (Hydrology). The way in which the stream has cut through the zones of limestone of differing ages has increased our knowledge of how caves are formed.

About five hundred feet in, a "window" in the passage wall leads to a chamber from which only a very tall man can climb out without a rope. When excavation broke into the cave in 1946 a

skeleton was found in this chamber. The horror which this man went through alone in the darkness can well be imagined. Tradition has it that this poor fellow was a travelling vet. who entered the cave many years ago and lost his way inside.

The main passage leads to "Pluto's Bath." To get past this obstacle means edging one's way around with body on one side and feet on the other. Underneath is a pool of ice-cold water nine feet deep.

A short distance after this hazard the stream course is met and progress onwards is by wading against the stream. Care must be taken that the water is not too high for safety. The roar of the fast-flowing stream in the deep rift, together with the soft caress of the water around the knees, send tingles of excitement down the caver's spine.

There are about two miles of dry passages to be reached by climbing above the stream by rope. The most important of these is the toast rack. This is a descending passage cut into water-filled sections by calcite partitions, like the ice tray of a refrigerator. It leads to many fine grottoes with which the whole cave is endowed. Other interesting spots are "the column," "Swiss Village," "Flowstone Grotto," "The Maypole," and the Coral Pool.

Some physical exertions are required, together with climbing skill, toward the end of the cave system. Here the caver has to climb a half-inch chain in order to enter Lowe's Passage high above the main passage.

This main passage, which is the course of the swiftly flowing stream (swift because it descends rapidly) becomes very exciting, because a series of potholes up to thirty feet deep occur in the floor. These are partly crossed by acrobatic exertions which the long-legged find easier than the shorter ones, and partly by laying iron tubes across the potholes. It is very difficult to find these tubes under the torrent of descending water, and edging along them sideways always makes the writer feel like a canary on his perch.

However, the team overcame all hazards with nothing worse than a ducking, and returned to a welcome fire together with hot soup at the Headquarters of the South Wales Caving Club.

R. ALUN JENKINS, VI.a.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

On being promoted from Form 1 :

"2B or not 2B, that is the question."—*Shakespeare, "Hamlet."*

The F.A.'s ultimate ambition :

"20,000 leagues under the sea."—*Jules Verne.*

Monday Morning :

"Hurled headlong flaming from the ethereal sky, to bottomless perdition."—Milton, "*Paradise Lost*."

The Gloom of the Top School Corridors :

"The light that never was on sea or land."—Wordsworth.

On hearing the G.C.E. results :

"What I aspired to be, and was not, comforts me."—Browning.

The master in charge of detention :

" He, above the rest
In shape and gesture . .
Stood like a tower."—Milton, "*Paradise Lost*."

When the bell rings :

"Hence ! home, you idle creatures, get you home."—Shakespeare
"*Julius Caesar*."

Students at Advanced Level :

"They have more in them than mortal knowledge." Shakespeare,
"*Macbeth*."

The postman, after an encounter with the dog :

"For in these limbs its teeth remain,
With marks that will not wear away."
Lord Byron, "*The Prisoner of Chillon*."

After a session in the Headmaster's Study :

"I cannot tell how long I lay there, but I found my life coming back, and a kind-voiced man was patting me, and encouraging me to rise." Anna Sewell, "*Black Beauty*."

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Vīb Arts

CILGWYN SUMMER SCHOOL, 1958

JULY 11th—18th

" West Wales in her bewitching loveliness,
The winding Teifi, and the house beyond,
Cilgwyn, that haven fair."

These famous lines sum up beautifully the setting of this delightful old mansion set in the heart of West Wales, near Newcastle Emlyn. But, for the sixty sixth-formers, from grammar schools all over the Principality, it was to prove a week of hard work and

concentration. The scenery had to be forgotten. The main object of the course (to be conducted in Welsh) was to give some idea of Welsh society, and way of life: yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Orders were given to arrive there at 6.30 p.m., on Friday, July 11th. Nearly everybody failed to carry them out, and, as a result, official tempers were on edge. As invariably happens when strangers meet, there were very few topics of conversation in common, and a rather embarrassed silence ensued in the comfortable library, until one of the officials decided to introduce himself and his companions. These proceedings were conducted in Welsh. This question of language brings up a very important point, in that none of the sixth formers spoke a word of Welsh to each other, and all communications was carried on in English. Very strange, perhaps, considering the nature of the course, but just as well, because the boys and girls from the north failed completely to understand the "pidgin Welsh" of the south, and we, likewise failed to understand them. Such a weakness was found to be only too obvious, when one boy from the north (who shall be nameless) settled down very comfortably in one of the girls' dormitories until forcibly ejected—by the girls.

Hard work began on the Saturday morning following our arrival, an idea absolutely alien to the majority of us, and with many groans and sighs, note books were prepared, pencils sharpened, and classes began to assemble. Everybody was placed in a specific group under the eye of one of the lecturers, to be profitably educated in writing, drama or Welsh literature. This grouping together occupied everybody until at least mid-morning every day.

Lectures were to form the chief dish in this feast of knowledge, and in this respect, we were particularly fortunate in having some of the most eminent scientists and scholars of Wales to talk to us. The lecture on Saturday morning was given by Dr. William Thomas, and his topic was "Science and Society." On Saturday evening an entertainment was presented which was rather strange to the large majority of the gathering—folk dancing under the guiding eye of Mr. Aneurin Jenkin-Jones. After repeated efforts to imitate Swan Lake, the boys at least gave the whole thing up as an impossibility, and congregated in one corner, until ordered once again to participate.

Sunday morning was spent at a chapel service in Newcastle Emlyn and the evening at a festival of hymn singing, under the leadership of Mr. John Hughes. This provided a very pleasant break in the work, and was welcomed by all.

Monday morning saw the re-sharpening of pencils, and note-taking begin once again when Mr. John Hughes delivered a most amusing but informative lecture on "Music in Wales," illustrated by his own delightful piano playing. Immediately after dinner, a talk on "Owain Glyndwr" was given by Mr. A. H. Williams,

H.M.I. Needless to say, the scientists of the group dozed off, but for the humanists, and especially the historians, it was a very interesting talk.

The event which was perhaps most looked forward to was the visit to the wool factory on the following day, Tuesday. We were shown the factory at Velindre, and the processes were explained in detail from beginning to end. This was the practical side of the course, showing one of the traditional Welsh crafts which still flourishes today. Only two items were planned for Wednesday; firstly, a lecture on "Wales and the Classics." The students of Greek and Roman civilization must have found this talk by Dr. J. H. Jones of great benefit, but the inability of the majority to understand the many relevant quotations, and the many subtle remarks rather spoilt the talk, given by a very famous classicist. Secondly, during the evening, the study groups split up once more to deal with the week's work, and then between 8.30 and 10.30, the work of the week was presented, and was a great success.

Again, on Thursday, there were two important occasions which were to prove the climax of the week's stay. In the morning, Sir Ifan ap Owen Edwards honoured us by giving a very touching and human account of how his father had striven so hard to raise the standard of the working man in Wales. After he had finished, there was a breath taking silence, and then a thunderous storm of clapping, which conveyed the tribute of an intelligent audience to the memory of a great man. The second important event on the penultimate day of our stay was the eisteddfod held in the evening. Rather a light-headed and light-hearted affair, it was still further brightened by the introduction of a raucous din at the back of the room. A grand party was held at midnight, which culminated in a reckless exodus to the rooftop at 4 a.m. to watch the sun rise. Minor details, such as thick cloud and heavy drizzle, were forgotten as eyes were strained to see the golden orb. Bed was then the order of the morning, and the most fortunate had a maximum of two hours sleep before getting up for breakfast. It was a group of very tired and befuddled travellers who boarded the southbound bus on Friday morning, after a successful week in which many new and lasting acquaintances were made.

RAYMOND WITHEY, VI.a.

Vith FORM FORUM

Session 1957-58

During the Easter and Summer terms the Forum was visited by many prominent personalities, including Mr. Gwyn Lloyd, the Chief H.M.I. for Wales. The subjects of the talks delivered were wide and varied, ranging from "Dangers of Smoking" to the "Art of Mime." Speakers have been: Mr. Hopkins, Harrow:

"Universities in General"; Dr. Morgan, Llanelly Chest Clinic: "Dangers of Smoking"; Mr. Baldwin, College of Advanced Technology, Cardiff: "Engineering as a Career"; Mr. W. T. Stockton, Senior French Master at School for very many years: "That this modern age is becoming more and more incomprehensible"; Miss Yvonne Watkin Rees, "Art of Mime."

Members of the staff and senior scholars also contributed to the success of the Forum, with talks and debates, which brought to light the latent public speaking gifts of many.

It is hoped that during the next school year the Forum will continue to go from strength to strength and uphold the high quality of its inaugural session.

Session 1958-59

At the first meeting of the Forum this session, over which Mr. Rees, the Headmaster, presided, the following officials were elected:

<i>President</i>	.....	.....	Mr. F. H. PHILLIPS
<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	MICHAEL HOWARD, 6A Arts
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	.....	.....	JOHN HUGHES, 6A Sci
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	KENNETH E. EVANS, 6A Sci
<i>Committee</i> : Mr. J. V. Harries, Michael S. Carr, 6ASci, David E. Marshall, 6A Sci, Dewi R. Morgan, 6A Sci, Tudor Thomas, 6B Sci, Mr. W. Rees, Neville Carpenter, 6A Arts, D. Eurion John, 6A Arts, David L. Jones, 6A Arts, Leslie Griffiths, 6B Arts.			

The following are abridged reports of subsequent meetings:—

September 11th

Mr. Keith Walters, who proved such a success as a lecturer last year, was again invited to deliver his talk on "Bull Fighting," to open the session for this year. The talk was very colourful both in delivery and in the description of the uniform and the events both in the ring and behind the scenes during the preparations.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Walters was proposed by John Hughes, 6A Sci and seconded by Michael Carr, 6A Sci.

September 18th

Mr. Humphries introduced a serious and controversial subject when he spoke on "Dangers of Atomic Radiation." He marshalled his facts in his usual cogent manner and left the Forum in no doubt as to the serious consequences of uncontrolled "Radiation."

The vote of thanks was proposed by Peter Thomas, 6B, and seconded by Leslie Griffiths, 6B Arts.

September 25th

The Headmaster, Mr. Rees, gave an introductory talk on the "Educational Problems of Today," and invited questions which he

answered in his own inimitable way. As a result of one from Michael Carr, on the future of Television as a teaching medium, Mr. Rees predicted that a new word "telewitts"—a word used to describe people who just sit and watch television day in day out, would prove to be very popular in the coming years.

The vote of thanks was proposed by David L. Jones, VIA and seconded by Eurion John, VIA.

October 2nd

The Forum welcomed Mr. Emlyn Davies, who is enjoying a life of retirement. Mr. Davies gave a talk on "Llanelly—Its Past, Present and Future." Talking of the Coastal Plain of the Llanelly region, he informed the Forum of the numerous small collieries which were worked at one time under the grounds of our new School at Pwll and expressed the hope that the new School would not collapse into these old workings!

A vote of thanks to Mr. Davies was proposed by Wynne Oliver, 6A Sci and seconded by Nevill Arnold, 6A Arts.

October 9th

Miss Yvonne Watkin-Rees, who is no stranger to the Forum, having spoken last year, addressed the Forum on "World Drama." Miss Rees enlarged on a quotation from Aristotle, "Imitation is natural to man from his childhood—one of his advantages over the lower animals, being this, that he is the most imitative creature in the world, and learns at first by imitation. It is also natural for all to delight in works of imitation." Miss Rees dealt with drama from prehistoric times to the present, and with the Church's influence on drama as we know it today.

Vote of thanks was proposed by Michael Carr, 6A and seconded by Hayden Jones, 6B.

October 16th

The Forum debated the motion, "That this house approves that a standard of education should be attained before adult suffrage be granted." Tudor Thomas, 6B Sci, spoke for the motion and Phillip Charles, 6A Sci, against.

Both speakers reached a high standard and answered numerous questions. Eventually the motion was heavily defeated.

A vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by Dewi Morgan, 6A and seconded by Geoff. Harry, 6B Arts.

October 23rd

A hearty welcome was extended to Mr. G. J. Thomas, Headmaster of School from 1917 to 1937, who gave a masterly address on "Toleration," which was recorded for the School archives. Mr.

Thomas stressed that the points of view of everyone, irrespective of class or creed, should be respected.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Thomas was proposed by David A. Evans, 6A Arts and seconded by John Hughes, 6A Sci.

It is sincerely hoped that Mr. Thomas will favour the Forum with visits for many more years.

November 6th

A most entertaining and edifying talk was given by Mr. Harry Davies ("Scarlet") of the *South Wales Evening Post*, when he spoke on "Journalism." He elucidated the build up and functions of national daily, weekly and local weekly newspapers bringing in such jargon as "first and second lead" and "door-step news." Mr. Davies stressed the importance of the local weekly newspaper in communal life.

The part that Science plays in transmitting news to all parts of the world with speed and accuracy was emphasised.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Michael Pearce, 6A and seconded by Roger E. Davies, 6A.

November 13th

Mr. Rolfe spoke on the "Gamut of the Ether." He dealt at length on the seven different categories into which radiations in the Ether are classified, namely, Cosmic, Radioactive, X-, Ultra Violet, Visible, Infra-Red Rays and Wireless Waves, emphasising that they are all electro-magnetic waves but of different wave lengths.

He explained their applications in many fields, e.g. Medicine, Industry and Communication and that much research is still carried on, and quoted Tennyson in this context:

"As Knowledge grows from more to more,
Let more of reverence in us dwell."

A vote of thanks was proposed by Urias Lewis, 6A and seconded by Peter Williams, 6B.

November 20th

Mr. Russel Williams, Haematologist at Llanelly General Hospital, and an "Old Boy," gave a most interesting talk on his work at the hospital.

He outlined the various departments found within a Hospital Laboratory, namely Sterilization, Bio-Chemistry, Bacteriology, Histology or as some may call it the "morbid anatomy" department, and the Haematology Department.

He detailed the different blood diseases, their causes, effects, and the research carried out to counteract them. Mr. Williams stated that as a result of the research it has been found that mild radiation can produce blood diseases, but that it can also serve as a cure when applied in brief intense doses.

The lecture was thoroughly enjoyed by all despite the apparent adverse effect on some members of the Forum !

A vote of thanks was proposed by Danny Jones, 6A Arts and seconded by Peter Lane, 6B Sci.

During the remainder of this term Mr. Glyndwr Davies, of Aberystwyth University, is expected to address the Forum.

During the next term acceptances to address the Forum have already been received from the following: Mr. James Griffiths, M.P.; Prof. E. V. Morgan, Vice-Principal of Swansea University; Mr. W. S. Thomas, Clerk to the County Council; Prof. W. Fishwick, Head of the Engineering Department at Swansea University, and Mr. Aneurin Talfan Davies, of the B.B.C.

KENNETH E. EVANS (*Secretary*).

THE 8.30 a.m.

The 8.30 a.m. consists of 58 seats, a horn and a few rails all screwed onto six wheels. A driver sits on top of the front wheels and blows the horn. An odd fellow called the conductor stands at the back and shouts: "Hold tight, please." He may walk up and down the bus to count the passengers.

Passengers are the people who get in the conductor's way. Passengers who count the buses that don't stop are called the public.

The 8.30 a.m. may be divided into two parts. The top part is called the upper deck and the lower part the saloon, where they don't sell drinks and you can't smoke. Joining the two sections is a staircase with a mirror halfway up. The conductor uses this mirror to watch the fights on the platform.

Each conductor has a machine, something like a barrel organ, riveted to his chest: often, when he turns the handle, nothing happens. When this is the case he opens the lid of the barrel organ, tears off a ticket and gives it to the nearest child.

A time-table is an official publication which should be ignored. It merely gives us a list of buses we can't get on to.

A number of games are played on the 8.30 a.m. I will quote three:

1.—"All Tickets Please!"

To play this game an inspector boards the bus and sneaks upstairs with a pliers. He suddenly yells, "Tickets, Please." Everyone immediately becomes panic-stricken and begins searching for tickets in pockets, handbags and under the seats. Some who find their tickets may take out the knots or stick them together again.

2.—Guess Where ???

This game is played by the mischievous schoolboy and the irate conductor. When the conductor comes round a speechless boy will give him sixpence and say nothing. "A Twopenny?" asks the conductor. The mummy shakes its head. "A threepenny?" guesses the official. Another headshake. "A first class with sleeper, perhaps?" asks the conductor sarcastically. This may go on for some time and is greatly appreciated by psychic conductors. The third game is:

No Standing

The conductor may shout, "No standing on top deck!"

If the driver hears this he will immediately tread on his brakes. An exceptional driver may often lay half-a-dozen passengers flat. If this happens the Company wins. Anyone who falls downstairs or is thrown out of the door is disqualified for cheating.

Anyone who has finished reading this is a moron. Anyone who hasn't doesn't know anyway.

R. ALUN JENKINS, V.I.A.



C.E.W.C. SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the Society this term, the following officials were elected :—

<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	MICHAEL HOWARD
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	DAVID L. JONES
<i>Treasurer</i>	.....	.....	W. PHILIP CHARLES

Committee members : David Williams 6A, Julian Grice 6B, Alan Davies 5A Science, Byron Harries 4A Arts, David Edwards 3G.

The progress of the Society during the short time it has been in being—this is only the third year of the Society's existence—is remarkable. It has come to take a leading part in the social life of the School, and is very flourishing, with a membership of about seventy boys.

The Society has sent representatives to several C.E.W.C. Conferences during the year. Two boys went to the annual C.E.W.C. Conference held at Central Hall, Westminster, last January, and next year three of our members will be there. A group of members went to the Cardiff Conference during the Easter holidays, and two of us visited an Exhibition at the Temple of Peace, Cardiff, in July, taking the opportunity to see some of the events at the Empire Games.

One of the most important events of the Summer term was the C.E.W.C. Conference held at School in the last week of the term. Over 200 representatives were present from various Grammar Schools in Carmarthenshire, West Glamorgan and Breconshire. The Conference was held in the gymnasium and Mr. Rees, the headmaster, was in the chair. The topic was "Racial Problems in Africa Today," and three lectures were given. The first by Mr. Peter Kuenstler on "Partnership in Central Africa," the second by Dr. T. O. Elias on "Independence in West Africa," and the last, in the afternoon session by Miss Mary Benson on "White Domination in South Africa." The Conference closed with a "Brains Trust," when questions from the floor were put to the speakers and Mr. Jacob Jones and Mr. Arnold, the representatives of U.N. and C.E.W.C. at the Conference.

The Conference was a great success and we wish to thank all who helped to make it such. Some of those taking part in it, including Mr. Rees, the Headmaster, Mr. Gwyn Evans and Mr. Ivor Evans, together with the principal speakers are included in our photograph.

The second meeting of this term took the form of a film called "Servant of the People." In this film a description of the work of the House of Commons was given. In it was seen a back bencher M.P., newly elected to the 1945 Parliament, taking his seat, making his maiden speech, and learning the procedure and customs of the House.

At the next meeting, the film "How Britain Votes" was shown. It described what happens at election time—how the political parties prepare for it, how candidates are put forward, how they carry out their campaigning, and how the actual voting takes place.

The most important day of the year with C.E.W.C. is United Nations Day, which is October 24th. On this day each year is celebrated the coming into being of this world organisation.

Twelve girls from the Girls' Grammar School came to our United Nations Day meeting. The film, "The Colonies and Britain" was seen. It was a study of the relationship between the Colonies and Britain. After the film, a discussion took place on the "British Commonwealth," and it was a great success. This was the second "discussion meeting" to have been held by the Society and we hope to hold regular discussions in the future on matters of topical interest.

On December 10th, the world will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which sets forth the individual's rights in the civil, political, economic, social, and cultural fields. A meeting to commemorate this event will be held by the Society.

Finally, a few words about the United Nations itself. Often we tend to think of it as a purely political organisation designed to prevent future wars. It is that, but it is also much more. Preventing war is not enough; a world must be created in which peace is worth working for. There are 88 nations working together to improve the health of the world. There are 80 nations trying to solve the problems of education. Over a hundred countries benefit from the work of the United Nations' Children's Fund—one small example of the work done being the sale of U.N.I.C.E.F. Christmas Cards in this School. Thus it can be seen that the United Nations, though perhaps not making great strides in the political field, is doing wonderful work through its economic, social and cultural organisations.

DAVID L. JONES (*Secretary*)

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

This year has seen a considerable increase of up and coming violinists in the ranks of the School Orchestra. These young musicians are being tutored by Mr. Donald Preece, who has now become a familiar figure in the musical life of the School.

Of necessity, we lose some of our older and more experienced members as they enter university, and this year, we have lost our very capable leader Elenid Williams. Myra Evans (violin) and John Lewis (viola) have also left us. These three are members of the National Youth Orchestra of Wales.

The conductorship of the School Orchestra is shared by Mr. Frank Phillips and Mr. Herbert Adams, our rehearsals at present being devoted to the following works:—Prelude on "Rhosymedre" by Vaughan Williams; F Minor Piano Concerto by Bach and Miscellaneous pieces by Bach.

Also, Mr. Adams' 'cello concerto which will receive its first performance in a concert to be held in the Public Hall on the 16th of December.

During Easter, the orchestra had the honour of playing incidental music to the play "Good Friday" by John Masefield—produced by the School. The music had been especially composed by Mr. Adams for the occasion and the whole production was extremely successful.

Several members also had the great pleasure of playing in the Girls' School production of "The Pirates of Penzance."

We must end this report with an urgent appeal. Although there is now an abundance of violinists in the "happy family" the lower section is sadly depleted. We would, therefore, welcome any young 'cellists and double bass players.

QUENTIN WILLIAMS, VA Arts (*Librarian*).

SCIENCE SOCIETY

<i>Chairman</i>	.....	ALUN JENKINS, VI.
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	ROGER THOMAS, VI.
<i>Committee</i> : Alun Phillips (VI.), Gwilym Slimm (VI.), Graham Peckham (V.), Alan Gilkes (IV.), Stephen Last (III.).		

From Christmas 1957 :

The Society held three meetings last year during the Spring and Summer terms. Apparently lack of interest curtailed many of the proposed meetings and the committee had to resort to film shows to create any enthusiasm in the Society at all. This position has improved this year and the meetings held so far have been very well attended.

The film, "Birth of an Oilfield," depicting the various stages of development of an oilfield from its location to the refining of the oil, was shown, together with a film on the uses of scrap metal, at the first meeting.

The record breaking journey of an Austin A40 motor car, which travelled around the world in 21 days was shown on film at the Society's next meeting.

The third and final meeting of the year again took the form of a film show, but one of special local interest. It showed the manufacture of steel and the uses made of it.

This year three meetings have been held.

Earlier in the term, boys were asked if they wanted to carry out any particular experiments (excluding the manufacture of alcohol, gunpowder, etc.) which were outside school work. Those who did, took part in a special practical meeting for this purpose. (The rumour that we are helping to demolish the old School is unfounded).

The next time the Society met was at the showing of the film, "The Tube Age," a fascinating film about the everyday uses of tubes and pipes.

Finally "The Great Jib" was shown, which gave us the life story of the world's largest crane.

The Society hope to arrange many more meetings in the coming year of interest to all budding scientists and laymen alike.

ROGER W. THOMAS, Lower VI. Science.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

President Mr. R. JACOBS

Chairman WILLIAM PHILLIP CHARLES, VIA Sci

Secretary RAYMOND WITHEY, VIA Arts

Committee : Lower 6 : P. Williams, Form 5 : G. Pecker, Form 4 : J. Brown, Form 3 : P. Griffiths.

Visual aids of every kind play a large part in the educational life of the school today, although naturally they figure more prominently in the Science departments. The Geographical Society makes a wide use of such aids, and two aims must be observed apart from that of giving entertainment. They are, firstly, to widen the mental horizon, and secondly, to illustrate the facts and figures given in class. It is true to say that this year the Society has gone far in achieving these twin objects.

The first meeting of the term was held on the 6th October, when the film classic, "Louisiana Story" was shown. Produced in 1948, its essence is simplicity of story telling, dealing with oil prospecting in the Southern States of the U.S.A. It was well received and attendance was good.

At the second meeting, held on the 21st October, form representatives were chosen, and two films shown—"Men of the Alps" and "Mountain Farmers," both dealing with the resources of Switzerland. Attendance was again good.

The last meeting before the onset of the long-awaited Christmas terminals was held on Monday, 10th November, when the two films, "Prairie Gold" and "Tropical Island" dealing with the wheat industry of Canada, and with Java respectively, were presented.

The Society hopes to be able to provide some end of term entertainment by showing the film, "Nanook of the North." In conclusion, it remains for the officials and the committee to thank Mr. Alun Jenkins for his services, and Mr. Humphreys for his kind co-operation.

RAYMOND WITHEY, VIA.

CHESS SOCIETY, 1958

<i>President</i>	.....	.....	.....	D. LEWIS JONES
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	PETER LANE

Once more the Chess Society is probably the most popular society in School. If anyone should doubt this, he should come some dinner hour to the Geology Room (should it be possible to get past the prefects !) and see the way the fanatics bear down on the poor long-suffering souls who carry the sets, and wilfully tear them apart.

The number of boys who wish to play chess is fantastic and the number of sets which the Society possesses is ridiculously small.

This year's chess tournament is as yet nowhere near completion. This is mainly due to the sheer unwillingness of boys to play their tournament games and to the people who enter the tournament believing that en-passant and castling are types of architecture and that ranks and files are to be found only in the metal work shop. These humorists would also have Elvis Presley and Frankenstein drawn in the third round but these, I'm afraid, do not qualify to play in the tournament.

Last term the School played Ammanford on two occasions and lost each time. Fixtures have been arranged against the Staff and Carmarthen G.S. but other schools seem very reluctant to play and seem not very keen on the game.

P. F. LANE (*Secretary*)

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

<i>President</i>	.....	.....	.....	DANIEL JONES
<i>Vice-President</i>	.....	.....	.....	MICHAEL S. CARR
<i>Treasurer</i>	.....	.....	.....	RALPH JONES
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	TERRY DANIEL
<i>Representatives</i> —Huw Williams (VI.A), Ian Williams (V.), Phillip Jones (IV.).				

In this, its second year, the Society has expanded at an almost phenomenal rate. This is due mainly to the amalgamation, embarked upon during the last school year and completed this term, with the corresponding Society in the Girls' School. In this respect, therefore, we are a social, as well as an educational body.

First then, I will deal with the social side. This aspect of our organisation is controlled by our vice-president, Mr. Carr, together with one of the founder-members of the Society—Mr. Ralph Jones. These two able gentlemen, assisted by their colleagues in the Girls' School, arranged and conducted a tour of Brecknockshire and Carmarthenshire, visiting such places of note as Llandovery, the Sugar Loaf, and that famous market town, Llandeilo. The trip was, as was last year's, such a success that it has become an annual institution.

Mr. Daniel Jones, our President, has charge of the actual practical side of the Society. Under his organisation, we hold fortnightly meetings on Friday evenings. In these, we have lectures and films, with practical demonstrations. The Society's excellent equipment, and the practical skill of the senior members is at the disposal of every member of this School.

Finally, a tribute to Mr. Victor Rees, without whose guidance and experience the Society would never have been born, let alone flourish, as it has done.

T. DANIEL (V.I.A Arts), *Secretary*.

Vith **BRITISH EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

B.E.C.G. Council for Wales.

Hon. Secretary,

E. H. Prater, B.A.,

C.C.P.R. Welsh Office,

18, Windsor Place,

Cardiff.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to be able to tell you formally that you have been selected as a member of the Athletics Section of the Welsh Team to take part in the 1958 Games in Cardiff.

Would you kindly make arrangements to be available to take up residence in the Empire Village from July 12th to July 27th.

All further details will be sent to you shortly.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. Prater.

This is the letter which started us out on our journey which many thousands of people would have liked to make. We were two schoolboys who were going to live amongst world famous athletes for a fortnight in the famous Empire Village at St. Athan.

The whole Welsh Team assembled at the Empire Pool in Cardiff on July 12th. We arrived late as we had been competing in an Athletics Championship at Llanrhumney. From the Empire Pool we were transported to the Village where we were met by a Guard of Honour. This Guard of Honour turned out whenever a new team entered the Village.

The athletes who came to Cardiff for the historic Empire and Commonwealth Games from all parts of the world made us realize just how colourful this family of nations could be. For a whole fortnight we lived with these persons at the Empire Village and saw that not only were they exceptional in their sporting skills in various arenas, but were also splendid fellows to live with.

Perhaps the best place to note the characteristics and habits of people of different races, colours, creeds and cultures was in the spacious dining hall. Here we could note with fascination the athletes enjoying their favourite home dishes, while at the same time experimenting with foods customary to other countries. One would often see a colourful Nigerian in his native dress attempting a British meal, but at the same time making sure that he still had his favourite dish of cold chicken covered with baked beans. As there was no segregation in the dining hall it was of interest to note that even the South Africans had their meals at the same table as coloured athletes.

The social life at the Village had been highly organized, for rooms had been set apart where table tennis, snooker, darts and cards could be played. For those who wanted Silence there was the reading room and for lovers of music a record-room containing all types of records. There were sufficient dances held during the fortnight to cater even for the most ardent dancing enthusiast.

As for the sporting activities at the camp we both agree that the only ones who kept to their strict training schedules were the athletes who had a reasonable chance of being finalists in their respective events. How these Australian and English teams trained! For most of the other athletes life was just a permanent siesta.

As the result of accidents to both of us, we had to visit the camp hospital on several occasions and here, it was noticeable that a great number of ebony black Africans thoroughly enjoyed their treatment, given to them perhaps for the first time in their lives by white doctors and nurses.

The Commemoration Medal which was given to each athlete who attended the Games will not only bring back to us memories of the Royal Occasions at the opening and closing ceremonies, but will also remind us that such medals are held by men and women all over the Commonwealth and Empire and that all will hold in glorious memory the happiness of that wonderful fortnight at Cardiff.

By WYNNE OLIVER and JOHN DAVIES.

YR IAITH GYMRAEG

Yn y dyddiau presennol nid yw'r iaith Gymraeg yn gryf iawn yng Nghymru. Gallwn weld yn glir fod yr iaith Gymraeg yn araf yn diffodd, ac os na wneir rhywbeth yn gyflym, bydd ein hiaithond lludw o'r goelcerth fawr a fu. Gellid arbed y golled ofnadwy hon mewn llawer o ffyrdd. Y mae sôn am orsaf deledu i Gymru a'r darllediadau i gyd yn yr iaith Gymraeg. Credaf y byddai gorsaf fel hon yn ateb rhan o'r broblem.

Ond nid yw hyn yn ddigon; dylai ysgolion yng Nghymru gael fwy o lyfrau Cymraeg a dylent ffurfio mwy o gymdeithasau Cymraeg.

Dylai pawb sydd yn medru darllen a siarad ein hiaith barhau ei siarad ar hyd eu hoes er mwyn cadw a chynyddu ysbryd Cymreig yn y wlad.

Y mae'n bosibl gwneud hyn os y gwna pobun ei ran. Felly galwaf ar bob Cymro glân yn ein gwlad fechan, ac ar draws y byd, i gofio y bedair llinell hyn:

“ O bydded i'r hen iaith
Byth, bythol i fyw,
A chario pob Cymro
I freichiau ein Duw.”

ALUN KILLS (5A (Arts))

CERDDORIAETH

Cerddorfa'r Ysgol

Wrth edrych yn ôl ar hyd y flwyddyn a aeth heibio, gellir dweud bod y gerddorfa wedi cael blwyddyn lwyddiannus iawn.

Ym mis Ionawr, cafodd nifer o aelodau'r gerddorfa chwarae ym mherfformiad Ysgol y Merched o'r "Pirates of Penzance." Yna, ym mis Ebrill, chwaraeodd y gerddorfa fiwsig arbennig Mr. Adams i ddrama John Masefield "Good Friday."

Colled fawr oedd colli ein blaenwr, Elenid Williams, a dau aelod arall, sef John Lewis (Fiola) a Myra Evans (Ffidil). Aeth y tri i'r brifysgol.

Ar yr unfed ar bymtheg o Rhagfyr cynhelir cyngerdd gan y gerddorfa yn Neuadd Gyhoeddus y dref. Ymhlith gweithiau eraill, chwarawn gonsierto gan Mr. Adams i'r 'cello, a gosodiad gan Kenneth Gange cyn aelod o'r gerddorfa, o'r geiriau "Canmolwn yn awr ein gwŷr enwog."

Cerddorfa Ieuenctid Sir Gaerfyrddin

Ffurfiwyd y gerddorfa uchod rhyw bedair blynedd yn ôl, ac y mae bellach yn tyfu o nerth i nerth o dan arweiniad cyfarwyddwr cerdd y Sir, sef Mr. Elvet Morgan. Cynhwysir cerddorfa'r ysgol bron yn gyfan gwbl yng ngerddorfa'r Sir.

Yn ystod y flwyddyn a aeth heibio treuliwyd llawer dydd Sadwrn naill ai yn Ysgol Ramadeg y Merched, Llanelli, neu yn Ysgol Ramadeg, Rhydaman, yn canu offerynnau wrth fodd ein calonnau. Cynorthwywyd Mr. Elvet Morgan yn ei dasg gan offerynwyr fel Mr. Donald Preece a Mr. Gethin Jones (athrawon offerynnau llinynnol y Sir).

Cafwyd cwrs cerddorol o dan nawdd y gerddorfa yng Ngholeg y Drindod, Caerfyrddin, amser gwyliau'r Pasg, pan astudiwyd nifer o weithiau rhagorol; yn eu plith "Fireworks Music," Handel; "Miniature Piano Concerto," Alec Roly, a Simffoni rhif 104 gan Haydn. Dyma yn ddi-amau y cwrs gorau yn hanes y gerddorfa. Fel diwedd glo i'r cwrs cafwyd cyngerdd llwyddiannus dros ben ar ddiwedd yr wythnos, o flaen cynulleidfa eang. Ein harweinydd gwâdd oedd Mr. Arwel Hughes.

EI GAN OLAF

Tynnai'r cerddor ar y tannau'n rhwydd
 A'i fiwsig a ffrydiai yn wiwlan,
 Canai am lawnder a heddwch, a llwydd
 A chyfoeth i fregus a thruan.
 Gobaith oedd cywair pob nodyn gwyn
 Yn atsain dan drawstiau'r ystafell,
 Syllai'r bobl ar ei fedr yn syn
 A phawb oedd o'i gwmpas yn gyfaill.
 Pan glywyd am farw'r telynor,
 Drannoeth yr ŵyl yn y plas,
 Byr a fu'r wylo; teimlid bod côr
 Angylaidd yn derbyn y gwas.

LEONARD W. RICHARDS.

YR YSGOL AR Y BRYN

Anfodlonrwydd sy'n fy nghalon,
 Anesmwythder dan fy mron,—
 Byth ni allaf gredu 'r syniad
 Am ddod diwedd'r ysgol hon.
 Tyfu wnaeth yn rhan ohonof
 Caraf hi fel y caraf Mam;
 A oes rhaid i gau ei drysau?
 Beth yw'r rheswm—O! Paham?
 Prydferth yw er olion henaint,
 Anrhydeddus yn ei lle,
 Ei phwysigrwydd sydd yn amlwg,
 Yn disgleiro dros y dre.
 Ond cyn hir ni bydd ond adail
 Lle mae'r ysgol bwysig 'nawr,
 Ac i bawb sy'n perthyn iddi,
 Hon fydd golledigaeth fawr.
 Beth ddaw imi yn fy mywyd?
 Nid oes sicrwydd hyd yn hyn.
 Prin mai angof fydd yr Ysgol
 Sydd yn sefyll ar y Bryn.

DESMOND DAVIES, V.A Arts.

O GLAWDD I GLAWDD

Un o'r pethau mwyaf defnyddiol a luniwyd gan ddyn yw'r modur. Ynddo gall fynd i unrhyw le y dymuna heb orfod dibynnu ar "time table" trên na bws, a gall deimlo'n hollol rydd heb fod yn rhwymedig i unrhyw un. Ef yw meistr y modur ac ni raid iddo ufuddhau i neb. Ond cyn cyrraedd y safle bleserus yma y mae'n rhaid i chwi ddangos i'r awdurdodau eich bod yn abl i lywio modur heb achosi perygl i unrhyw un arall. Dyma'r hyn a elwir yn "Driving Test," ac yn yr ychydig eiriau sydd i ddilyn, yr wyf am sôn am y paratodau a ddylid eu gwneud er mwyn dod drwy'r "Test" yn llwyddiannus.

Cyn i mi fynd ymhellach, rhaid gofyn: a oes gennych fodur? Os nad oes, yna gellwch droi i'r erthygl nesaf, gan nad oes fawr o bwrpas i chwi ddarllen ymlaen. Hyd y gwn i nid yw'r awdurdodau yn rhoi "Test" heb fodur. Y mae gennych fodur? Da iawn; fe allwn yn awr fynd ymlaen. Cyn mynd â'r modur allan, rhaid rhoi y llythyren L arno. Pwrpas hon yw rhybuddio'r modurwyr eraill mai gyrrwr go simsan sydd o'i blaenau. 'Wn i ddim pan y mae'n rhaid cael yr L, mae'n ddigon hawdd adnabod un wrth y ffordd y chwifia'i ddwylo pan yn troi cornel neu yn arafu. Yn wir, un o elynion pennaf gyrrwr L yw cramp yn y fraich. Un ffordd o osgoi hyn yw gofalu peidio byth troi i'r dde neu'r chwith, neu stopio. Digon yw dweud na chlywais am neb yn gwneud hyn erioed, hyd yn hyn.

Yr wyf yn cymryd yn ganiataol eich bod yn deall sut mae modur yn symud, hynny yw, yr ydych yn gwybod y gwahaniaeth rhwng y sbardun, y frec a'r clyts. Sylwch ei bod yn bwysig sut y delir y llyw.

Dywed y bobl sydd i wybod y pethau hyn, mai'r safle orau yw deg munud i ddau. Dywed eraill yn bendant mai deg munud wedi deg yw'r unig safle ddiogel. Gadawaf i chwi wneud y dewis. Ond gofalwch rhag disgyn i ugain munud i bedwar. Tueddiad hyn yw arwain i hanner awr wedi chwech; safle beryglus yn enwedig os mai drwy law yn unig sydd gennych. O.N. Rhag achosi dryswch, y mae'r amserau hyn i gyd ar Greenwich Mean Time.

A ydych wedi darllen Rheolau'r Ffordd Fawr? Os nâd ydych, yna sicrhewch gopi ar unwaith, a darllenwch ef. Y mae rheswm digonol dros wneud hyn. Ynghanol yr holl gwestiynnau fel a ydych yn ddall? neu, i ba enwad y perthynwch? sydd i'w gweld ar y "forms" am drwydded gyrru, y mae'r cwestiwn a ofynnais uchod. Os na fydd eich ateb, fe ddaw llythyr yn ôl yn dweud yn eithaf cwta, ei bod yn bryd i rai pobl ddeall nad llyfu stampiau yw unig waith clerod y cownsil; fod yna ddigon o waith heb i ffylliaid difeddwl, lenwi'r "form" yn anghywir; ac yn eich gorchymyn i newid y Na i le yn ddiymdroi. Sylwer fod yna ychydig eiriau ar waelod y "form," lle y llofnodwch eich enw, yn

dweud fod yr oll o ysgrifennwyd uchod, yn wir, yn hollwir ac yn ddim ond y gwir. Os oes gennych gydwybod, yna gwell i chwi i ddarllen y llyfr hwn, rhag achosi poen meddwl wrth ddweud celwydd.

Ond, a bod yn onest, ni wn i pa les sydd i'w gael o ddarllen y llyfryn hwn. Gwir ei fod mewn lliwiau lliwgar, sydd yn ddeniadol iawn—gwyn a du. Ond pan ystyrir fod y pris yn geiniog, dylid meddwl ddwywaith. Ymhellach, nid yw'r hyn sydd ar bapur rhwng y ddau glawr, o fawr fwy o werth, na phe buasai dim rhyngddynt. Dywed rhai pobl fod pwysigrwydd mewn dim. 'Wn i ddim. Yr hyn yr ydwyf yn ei wybod yw y gallesid yn hawdd alw'r llyfr hwn yn Rheolau'r Iard Gefn, o ran yr help a roddir ganddo. Dywed fod yn rhaid, wrth fynd i lawr rhiw serth, roi'r modur mewn ger isel. Dyma ffwlbrï o'r rodd uchaf. Yn y dyddiau yma pan mae pob modur yn yfed petrol heb unrhyw barch at "bank balance" ei berchennog, a phris y petrol ei hun yn codi fel sbwtng, dylid cymryd mantais o bob siawns i'w arbed. Felly, wrth fynd i lawr rhiw dylid rhoi y modur allan o ger, yn wir peth cymeradwy fyddai troi'r peiriant i ffwrdd, rhag gwastraffu'r "batteries." Yn rhyfedd iawn, cymer cyfraith gwlad hefyd yr olwg unllygeidiog yma ar y mater hwn, ac felly os gwelwch blisman, dylid gwneud un o ddau beth: troi i'r dde neu'r chwith os oes cyffordd gyfleus, neu fynd i wrthdrawiad a'r plisman. O.N. Gall hyn achosi difrod i'r modur, felly gofalgwch ei fod wedi ei yswirio godderbyn a gwrthdrawiad a phlisman.

Yn olaf, rhaid i mi eich rhybuddio rhag un o beryglon mwyaf y ffordd fawr—gyrrwyr benywaidd. Yn yr oes oleuedig hon, rhaid cyfaddef fod llawer brycheuyn i'w weld, sy'n amharu ar berffeithrwydd ein bywyd. Un o'r rhai hyn yw'r gyrrwyr uchod. Nid oes gennyf unrhyw wrthwynebiad yn erbyn merched yn eistedd mewn modur i bwrpas hysbysebu; yn enwedig yn y dyddiau yma pan welir hwy yn gwisgo llai a llai a dangos mwy a mwy. Yn hyn o beth gallaf ddweud yn hollol onest, fy mod yn ystyried y duedd yma yn un ffafriol a hapus iawn. Ond pan feddylia merched eu bod yn medru llywio modur, wel dyna newid pethau yn gyfangwbl. Ystyriwch y gwragedd a welsoch yn gyrru modur yn ddiweddar. Mae'n debyg fod y rhan fwyaf ohonynt yn gyrru ar ganol yr heol, ac os y bu i chwi fentro ceisio pasio, yna'r tueddiad fyddai, tynnu allan i'r dde. Gadawai hyn ryw eiliad i chwi roi'ch troed ar y brec, a throi trwyn y modur yn ôl i'r chwith. Yn y broses yma gellid ddweud fod gennych ryw un siawns mewn cant i beidio a bachu ei "bumper" ôl hi, a chyrraedd eich lle yn ddinâf, heb ystyried, wrth gwrs, y draul ar y brecs a'r olwynian. Ond os bydd i chwi, gymaint a chyffwrdd ei modur hi, yna cewch glywed eich hanes yn drylwyr, gyda nifer o ffeithiau pur anymunol ynghylch eich arbraw.

Wel dyna mi bron cyrraedd pen y daith. Yr unig beth sydd yn aros o'ch blaen yw y Test. Darllenwch y paragraffiau uchod yn fanwl. Yna, ond i chwi chiwilio yn fanwl, fe gewch rai cynghorion

gwerthfawr a defnyddiol. Os na lwyddwch gael rhai ar y cynnig cyntaf, peidiwch a thorri chalon ; nid wyf fi wedi darganfod un eto. Cofiwch edrych yn y drych yn ddibaid. Wrth wneud hyn yr ydych yn sicrhau fod y ffenestr ôl yn lân, rhag ofn y bydd angen edrych trwyddi rywbyrd. Cofiwch hefyd, yrru, os yn bosibl, ar fwy na 30 m.y.a. pan mewn tref. Dengys hyn eich bod yn medru llywio'r modur argyflymdra dros 30 m.y.a. pe bai angen gwneud hyn mewn argyfwng. Os credwch eich bod wedi methu, yna gadwech i bapur pumpunt, neu gwell fyth, ddau bapur pumpunt gwynpo heibio'r drwyn. Gall hyn wneud gwyrthiau. Ac yn olaf, peidiwch gwneud yr un camgymeriad ag a wnaeth cyfaill i mi yn ddiweddar. Ar ganol ei "test," dyma'r arolygwr yn taro'i fag, fel arwydd, ei fod am i'm cyfaill stopio'r modur ar unwaith. Ond gyrru ymlaen wnaeth fy nghyfaill heb wneud unrhyw sylw o arwydd yr arolygwr. Ar ddiwedd y "test" dyma'r arolygwr yn dweud :

"Yr ydych yn medru gyrru'r modur yn iawn, ond pan na wnaethoch arafu pan roddais yr arwydd am 'emergency stop' drwy daro fy mag?"

"Y nefoedd fawr!" meddai'm cyfaill. "Dyna pan yr oeddech yn taro'r bag? 'Roeddwn i'n meddwl mai dal chwain yr oeddech!"

ROWLAND WYNNE, VI.A.

NODIADAU GOLYGYDDOL

Y mae blwyddyn arall ar fin llithro o'n gafael yn sŵn miri a gwario' Nadolig, a blwyddyn arall ar ddechrau gyda chanu a chalennig Dydd Calan. I rai, hwn fydd eu copi cyntaf o gylchgrawn yr ysgol, ac i eraill daw fel y rhifyn diwethaf, i rod-di clawr fel petai ar eu gyrfa yn yr ysgol. Ond mewn cymdeithas sydd a'i haelodau'n newid bob flwyddyn, y mae'n dda gweld fod rhai nodweddion yn aros yr un. Hwyrach mai gwyneb newydd sydd gan fachgen yn y dosbarth cyntaf, ond ar y cae chwarae amser cinio y mae ei bengliniau cyn ddued ag y bu pengliniau miloedd eraill o'i flaen. Serch hynny, mynd a dod fydd hanes pawb arall ohonom, yn feistri a bechgyn.

Eleni ffarweliwn â Mr. Emrys Roberts o'r adran gemeg, a byddwn ni'r Cymru Cymraeg yn bwrw ein colled yn fawr ar ei ôl gan iddo fod gymaint cefnogwr o'r Gymdeithas Gymraeg a'r Urdd. Deallwn ei fod yn gadael am fyd masnach, a hyderwn y daw llwyddiant a bendith i'w ganlyn.

I lanw ei le fel athro cemeg, ac fel hyrwyddwr i faterion Cymraeg yn yr ysgol, daw Mr. Raymond Thomas. Mawr obeithiwn y bydd ei arhosiad yn hapus a hir ar staff ein hysgol.

Carwn ddiolch i bawb am eu cyfraniadau, ac fe wnaethpwyd gwaith golygydd yn un hawdd a dymunol. Fel erioed, cafwyd cyfraniadau gan wyddonwyr yn ogystal â gwŷr y celfyddydau.

Gresyn braidd na ellid anfon copi o'n cylchgrawn at ein Harglwydd Rhaglan. Buasai cydnabod mai'r Gymdeithas Gymraeg a'r Urdd yw'r gymdeithas gryfaf mewn ysgol o'n maint ni, ac mai gwyddonwyr yw ei haelodau mwyaf gweithgar bron, yn chwalu ei ddaliadau di-sail ac annheg yn yfflon.

Ond hyd yn oed os yw ein darllenwyr yn "anllythrennog" gobeithiwn y cânt hwyl a mwynhad o ddarllen ein cylchgrawn, a dymunwn i bawb, yn athrawon a bechgyn, Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd dda.

EURION JOHN, VI.A.

HANES DRAMAU YR YSGOL YN EISTEDDFOD GENEDLAETHOL YR URDD YN YR WYDDGRUG

"Nid da lle gellir gwell," medd y ddihareb, a dyna a symbylodd actorion. Cymraeg yr ysgol i wneud cystal yn eisteddfod yr Urdd eleni. Llynedd, er i ddwy ddrama gyrraedd y llwyfan terfynol yn Rhydaman, colli a fu ein hanes. Ond eleni, ein heiddo ni oedd y wobr yn yr adran rhwng pymtheg ag ugain oed. Am y tro cyntaf ffurfiwyd cwmni o dan bymtheg oed, a gwnaethant yn dda rhyfeddol i gyrraedd y llwyfan terfynol ar eu cynnig cyntaf. Fel gyda popeth arall dim ond gwaith caled ddaw a llwyddiant wrth actio drama, ond o'r dechrau cyntaf, ymroes pawb i wella ei feiau a'i ddiffygion amlwg ef ei hunan.

Penderfynwyd cynnig ar ddwy ddrama, "Y Pwyllgor," gan D. T. Davies, a "Lleuad Lawn," gan Eic Davies. Aeth y bechgyn lleiaf ati i ddysgu "Cap Wil Tomos," gan Islwyn Williams. Manteisiwyd ar bob cyfle prin i ymarfer, ac ar ôl perfformir droeon wrth ddesgiau gweigion a photeli cemeg, bendith oedd cael cynulleidfa o'n blaen a rhywbeth tebyg i lwyfan o dan draed. Daeth tyrfa dda i'r gystadleuaeth sirol, pan oedd cwmni Ysgol Ramadeg y Merched un actio yn ein herbyn. Mawr fu yr hwyl, a phawb yn helpu pawb yn y dryswch cyffredinol. Cafodd pawb feirniadaeth ddymunol dros ben gan Mrs. Mary Lewis, ac yn unol a dedfryd pawb dyfarnwyd "Y Pwyllgor" yn gyntaf, "Y Tebot" yn ail, gyda "Lleuad Lawn" yn drydedd.

Rhai wythnosau yn ddiweddarach daeth y newydd syfrdanol i'r dair ddrama o Lanelli gael eu dewis i actio yn yr Wyddgrug. Ac i rhoddi pen ar y cyfan dewiswyd "Cap Wil Tomos" yn un o dair yn ei hadran hithau. Ofer ceisio disgrifio'r llawenydd a'r brwdfrydedd o glywed y fath newydd! Aethpwyd ati o ddifrif i gyboli a gwella'r dair drama, ar ni laeswyd llewys tan wythnos yr eisteddfod.

A phawb yn canu "Sospan Fach" cyrhaeddwyd yr Wyddgrug brynhawn dydd Mercher, ac wedi ymsefydlu yn y tai lle'r oeddem yn aros, aeth pawb ati i baratoi y bechgyn lleiaf erbyn y llwyfan y noson honno. Dyma fel yr hysbysebwyd y cwmni ar y rhaglen:

Adran Ysgol y Ramadeg y Bechgyn, Llanelli

“ Cap Wil Tomos ” gan Islwyn Williams.

Cymeriadau :

<i>Wil Tomos</i>	.....	.....	K. F. WILLIAMS
<i>Jac Tomos</i>	.....	.....	J. E. AMBROSE
<i>Ifan Tomos</i>	.....	.....	KEITH HOWELLS
<i>Jane Tomos</i>	.....	.....	GARRY NICHOLAS
<i>Tom</i>	.....	.....	D. GERWYN EDWARDS

Cynhyrchydd : J. R. WILLIAMS.

Ar yr oeddynt yn dda ! er caleted y ddrama iddynt. Serch hynny, dyfarnwyd hwy yn drydedd ar y sail fod y ddrama braidd y tuhwnt eu gallu i'w hactio. Taw waeth am hynny, ni ellir canmol gormod arnynt am wneud mor rhagorol ar eu cynnig cyntaf. Yn sicr y mae dyfodol disglair i'r ddrama yn ein hysgol os hyfforddir y rhai ifanc hyn. Ond er rhagored perfformiad rhain, nos Iau oedd y noson i'w chofio. Dyma'r rhaglen :

Cystadleuaeth Derfynol yr Aelwydydd (15-19 oed)

Gwobr-Cwpan Arian

Adran Ysgol Ramadeg y Bechgyn, Llanelli

“ Y Pwyllgor ” gan D. T. Davies

Cymeriadau :

<i>Malachi Williams</i>	.....	.....	FRANK MORGAN
<i>Mari, ei wraig</i>	.....	.....	RYAN LEE
<i>Jacob Evans</i>	.....	.....	ROWLAND WYNNE
<i>Mathew Bevan</i>	.....	.....	DEWI MORGAN
<i>Obadiah Griffith</i>	.....	.....	L. W. RICHARDS

Cynhyrchydd : J. R. WILLIAMS.**Adran Ysgol y Ramadeg y Merched, Llanelli**

“ Y Tebot ” gan Claudia Jones

Adran Ysgol Ramadeg y Bechgyn, Llanelli

“ Lleuad Lawn ” gan Eic Davies.

Cymeriadau :

<i>Benjamin Owen</i>	.....	.....	EURION JOHN
<i>Llewelyn Parri</i>	.....	.....	MEILYR HUGHES
<i>Dora Trigg</i>	.....	.....	FRASER MORRIS
<i>W. Herbert Jones</i>	.....	.....	L. W. RICHARDS

Cynhyrchydd : J. R. WILLIAMS.

Sieryd y rhaglen drosto'i hunan. Hawdd oedd i'r gogleddwyr “ sbio ” ! Fel ar adegau felly, aeth bron popeth o'i le. Gan nad oeddynt yn gyfarwydd ag actio'n gyntaf dechreuodd y “ Pwyllgor ”

braidd yn sigledig, ond aethant ymlaen o nerth i nerth. Bu agos i ddrama'r "sosej" fynd yn draed moch hefyd, er nad oedd y gynulleidfa ddim callach. Canmolodd y beirniaid pawb am ei waith a wedi hir aros dyfarnwyd "Y Pwyllgor" yn gyntaf teilwng, "Y Tebot" yn ail, a dim ond trwch blewyn rhyngddi a "Lleuad Lawn," a ddaeth yn drydedd. Gan fod corau o Ysgol y Merched yn y gynulleidfa, hawdd deall i'r neuadd ddiasbedain i nodau adnabyddus "Sospan Fach."

Enillodd yr actorion y cwpan, ond eiddo ein hyfforddwyr y clod. Gwaith peryglus yw diolch i neb, gan i gymaint o'r staff ein cefnogi a'n helpu. Ond rhaid i mi, ar rhan y tri chwmini, ddiolch o galon i'n hyfforddwyr, sef Mr. J. R. Williams ein cynhyrchydd, Mr. Denis Jones a fu'n nerth braich iddo wrth ein hyfforddi ar bob adeg, a hefyd i Mr. Jacobs am ein colurio go gyfer â'r llwyfan. Adlewyrchiad o'u hamynedd hwy tuag atom oedd ein llwyddiant.

Bellach nid yw ein harosiad cofiadwy o hapus yn yr Wyddgrug ond atgof. Nid oes gennym ond gobeithio y bydd y llwyddiant a'r mwynhad a gwasom ni, yn symbyliad i eraill ddilyn yn ein camrau a llwyddo ar lwyfannau yr Urdd yn y dyfodol.

EURION JOHN, Dosbarth VI.A.

Cerddorfa Ieuenctid Cymru

Y mae Cerddorfa Ieuenctid Cymru yn un o'n sefydliadau cenedlaethol godidocaf; sefydliad y dylai pob Cymro ei werthfawrogi a'i gefnogi. Y mae'r gerddorfa yn arwydd o gynnydd mewn cerddoriaeth offerynnol, ac o gynnydd mewn diwylliant cyffredinol yn ein gwlad. Cynrychiolwyd ein hysgol ni yn y gerddorfa eleni gan John Lewis (fiola), Quentin Williams ('cello) a Roger Williams (fiola), ac Ysgol y Merched gan Elenid Williams (ffidil) a Myra Evans (ffidil).

Cynhaliwyd rhan cyntaf y cwrs eleni yn Llandrindod, o dan arweiniad Dr. Clarence Raybould. Cynorthwywyd ef gan offerynnwyr proffesiynol fel Mr. Gwynne Edwards a Mr. Ambrose Gauntlett.

Treuliwyd yr wythnos gyntaf yn ymarfer yn galed ar gyfer y cyngherddau a oedd i ddod, ond cafwyd digon o amser i fynd ar y llyn. Yn anffodus syrthiodd rhai ar eu pennau iddo.

Cynhaliwyd y cyngerdd cyntaf yn eglwys gadeiriol Aberhonddu, yr ail yn Llandrindod a'r trydydd ym mhafiliwn yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yng Nghlyn Ebwy.

Ar ddiwedd yr wythnos symudwyd ein pencadlus o Llandrindod i Abertawe. Yn ystod ein harosiad yno rhoddwyd cyngherddau yng Nghaerdydd, Bargoed ac yn Neuadd y Brangwyn, Abertawe. Ar dydd Sul, y 10,ed o Awst, gwelwyd y gerddorfa ar y teledu.

Ymhlith y miwsig a astudiwyd oedd yr agoriad i'r opera "The Maistersingers" gan Wagner, 5ed Simffoni Beethoven, a'r "Polovtreat Dances" o "Prince Igor" gan Borodin. Yr oedd gennym ddau unawdydd, sef Ifor Bosanko (utgorn) yn chwarae Consierto Haydn i'r utgorn, ac Elizabeth Vaughan (soprano) yn canu "O Don Fatale!" o'r opera "Don Carlos" gan Verdi.

Bu'r cwrs yn gymysgaeth hapus o waith a hamdden, a drych-welasom adref ar ôl bron tair wythnos yn llawen ond blinedig.

QUENTIN WILLIAMS, V. a ROGER WILLIAMS, VI.

Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG A'R URDD

<i>Llywydd</i>	.....	.....	.....	EURION JOHN
<i>Is-lywydd</i>	.....	.....	.....	RYAN LEE
<i>Ysgrifenyddion</i>	.....	ROGER WILLIAMS a MICHAEL DAVIES		

Bu'r flwyddyn yn un lwyddiannus dros ben i fywyd Cymraeg yr ysgol. Heblaw llwyddiant dramâu'r ysgol yn Eisteddfod yr Urdd, cafwyd nifer o gyfarfodydd gwych o dan nawdd "Y Gymdeithas Gymraeg." Hoffwn ddiolch i'r meistri a'r swyddogion a fu'n gyfrwng i gael y rhaglen odidog hon. Credaf bod y llywyddion, sef Gareth Watts ac Eurion John, yn haeddu canmoliaeth arbennig.

Cyfarfod cyntaf y flwyddyn newydd oedd raglen o recordiau o dan ofal Miss Olwen Williams, prif athrawes Ysgol Dewi Sant, Llanelli. Cafwyd noson ddymunol â digon o amrywiaeth. Ymhlith pethau eraill, clywyd recordiau o'r ddrama "Siwan," gan Saunders Lewis, Charles Williams yn darllen rhan o "Dri Chryfion Byd," gan Dwm o'r Nant, a detholiadau o weithiau T. Gwyn Jones, R. Williams Parry a T. H. Parry Williams. Hefyd clywyd côr Godre's Aran yn canu rhan o "Awdl y Glowr" ac "Awdl yr Amaethwr."

Ar y 6ed o Chwefror, daeth cynulliad da o aelodau'r ddwy ysgol ynghyd i Ysgol Ramadeg y Merched, pan gynhaliwyd parti a Noson Lawen. Cafwyd hwyl eithriadol ar ddawnsio gwerin, tan ofal Mr. Smith, a gobeithiwn gynnal noson arall o ddawnsio cyn diwedd y tymor hwn.

Y cyfarfod nesaf oedd noson gymysg, yn cynnwys Ysgol y Gwendraeth, Ysgol Caerfyrddin a ninnau yn Ysgol Ramadeg, Caerfyrddin. Cynrychiolwyd ein hysgol ni â pherfformiad o'r ddrama "Cap Wil Thomas" gan y plant ieuengaf. Y mae dyfodol "y Gymdeithas" yn ddiogel yng ngofal y bechgyn hyn.

Ar y 3ed o Hydref, troediodd Mr. Hugh Roberts, B.A., lwybrau ein hysgol unwaith eto i agor tymor arall gydag anerchiad grymus. Ei neges oedd "Cadw'r Iaith Gymraeg," ac fe'n llanwodd ni â brwdfrydedd dros ein Gwlad a'n hiaith.

Ar y 15fed o Hydref, cynhaliwyd "Pawb yn ei dro," o dan ofal Mr. Wynne, yn Ysgol y Pwll. Dewisiwyd dau dim godidog—y naill o dan ofal Eurion John a'r llall dan ofal Ryan Lee. Y canlyniad rhyfedd fu iddynt orffen yn gydradd.

Ar y pedwaredd-ar-ddeg o Dachwedd, llanwyd yr ystafell gerdd a rhyw bedwar ugain o fechgyn yn disgwyl yn eiddgar am i Mr. J. R. Williams ymddangos i ddarllen drama. Enw y ddrama a ddarllenwyd oedd "Pawen y Mwnci." Yn ôl Mr. Williams ei hun, "drama ddifrifol ac ynddi elfen o drasiedi." Yn ôl ei arfer dangosodd Mr. Williams allu dramatig eithriadol.

ROGER WILLIAMS a MICHAEL DAVIES (*cyd-ysgrifenyddion*)

URDD GOBAITH CYMRU

<i>Arweinydd</i>	.....	.....	Mr. GLYN R. HUGHES
<i>Is-arweinydd</i>	.....	.....	Mr. DENNIS JONES
<i>Trysorydd</i>	.....	.....	Mr. J. R. WILLIAMS
<i>Ysgrifennydd</i>	.....	.....	FRANK S. MORGAN, VIA

Bu'r flwyddyn hon yn un eithriadol o lwyddiannus yn hanes yr adran. Yn gyntaf fe gynyddodd rhif yr aelodau o ychydig dros hanner cant y flwyddyn cynt, hyd at cant a deugain. I Mr. Dennis Jones yn bennaf mae'r clod am hyn, a diolchwn iddo am ei gymorth gydag aelodau'r ysgol isaf.

Llwyddiannus hefyd oedd hanes yr adran yn Eisteddfod yr Urdd yn yr Wyddgrug eleni.

Daeth Gari Nicholas yn gyntaf yn yr adroddiad i blant dan 12 oed—"Y Gwdihw," gan Wil Ifan.

Yr oedd Ryan Lee yn y gystadleuaeth derfynol yn yr unawd i fechgyn dros 15 a than 18 oed—"Min y Môr" gan W. Albert Williams.

Yn y gystadleuaeth "Modelu" i blant dros 12 a than 15 oed—Melyn Wynt y buddugwyr oedd, 1, Ian Fenner; 2, Wynne Pugh Thomas; 3, Keith Francis Williams; a daeth Raymond Morris yn drydydd gyda'r model i blant o dan 12 oed—Goleudy.

Yng nghystadleuthau terfynol y dramâu bu'r adran yn llwyddiannus iawn.

Yn y gystadleuaeth i Adrannau o dan 15 oed daeth "Cap Wil Tomas" yn drydedd; ond yn y dramau i aelwydydd 15-19 oed daeth "Y Pwyllgor," gan D. T. Davies, yn gyntaf a "Lleuad Llawn," gan Eric Davies, yn drydedd. Mr. J. R. Williams oedd y cynhyrchydd.

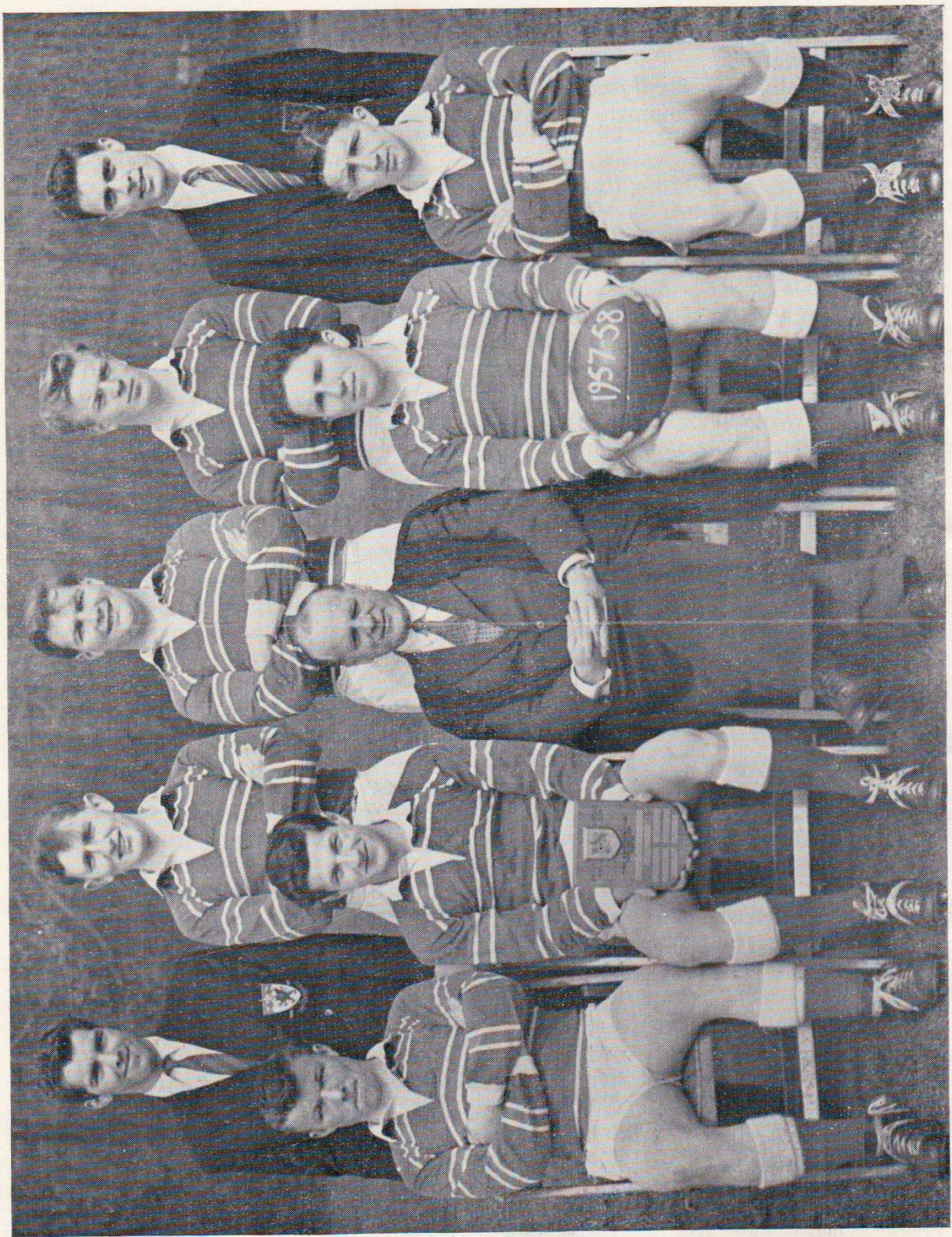
Yn ôl yr arfer bu llawer o'r aelodau yn y gwersylloedd eleni eto, ac y mae'n debyg iddynt gael amser godidog yno.

Enillodd un o'n haelodau D. Brian Davies, glod mawr i'w hunan ac i'r ysgol yn ddiweddar pan ddewiswyd ef yn "Sportsman

of the Year" o Lanelli. Y mae'n siwr fod yr aelodau i gyd yn ei longyfarch.

Felly edrychwn ymlaen am flwyddyn lewyrchus arall yn hanes yr adran, ac ymunwn yn y waedd adnabyddus honno "Ymlaen Llanelli."

F. S. MORGAN, VI.A.



RUGBY NOTES

" The Sevens "

In the course of its history, School has stamped its mark indelibly on Welsh Secondary Schools Rugby. Our players have gone on to win fame on the Rugby fields of the world. We have produced internationals and even international captains, but none can snatch the limelight from the seven heroes of 1957-58.

For that was the season that will go down in the School annuals as the year " we won the Public Schools Sevens."

What a performance! The only non-public school in the Rosslyn Park competition, School battled their way through gruelling qualifying rounds, through the competition proper and into that never-to-be forgotten final on April 10th, 1958.

It is now history that we triumphed in that exciting final with Royal Belfast Academicals by eleven points to eight.

The honour of scoring the try which brought the trophy to Llanelly at the first attempt went to fleet-footed Malcolm Smith who raced fully 80 yards for a superb score as the seconds of extra time were ticking away.

It was a triumph that thrilled not only the School and the Town, but the whole of Wales. It put us firmly on the map and ensured ever-lasting respect on the English playing fields.

The Press also lauded us with praise. Here are some examples : " Llanelly are a Danger," " Llanelly Among Best Teams to Qualify," " Unknowns Capture Sevens Limelight," " Schools Sevens Triumph for Llanelly," " Llanelly Intruders Win," " Llanelly Successful at First Attempt," " Rosslyn Park Sevens Won by Llanelly."

These same Rugby critics who sang their praises for School over the pages of the national press, unanimously rated Brian Davies the most accomplished player in the competition. During the tournament Davies scored 13 tries.

This success-in-a-lifetime would not have been realised but for the generosity of the London Branch of the Old Boys' Union.

They made all arrangements for the accommodation of the team and members of the staff who accompanied them. They met all expenses and ensured that the boys had everything they needed.

We are, indeed, deeply indebted to this small, loyal band who never forget their ties with " Yr Ysgol ar y Bryn."

To all the members of staff concerned we give our thanks for their many hours of patient coaching and preparation. To them goes the credit for the superbly fit condition in which the team took the field throughout the arduous, energy-sapping rounds.

The well-known sporting organisation, " The Voyagers," were also thrilled at our success and have presented the team and members of the accompanying party with autographed drinking glasses in recognition of their achievements.

The boys who made history by beating the cream of the country's Public Schools in the elite competition were : Brian Davies (capt.), Malcolm Smith, Wynne Oliver, Eifion Thomas, Iorwerth Evans, Alan Denman and John Davies.

Others who travelled were Colin Willis, Steve Jones and School captain Michael Pearce, who was unable to lead his team due to injury.

In the preliminary rounds School beat St. Edmund's Ware, 11-0, and Wimbledon College, 9-0.

In subsequent rounds they beat Queen's College, Taunton, 18-3, Wellington School, 8-0, Solihull, 11-5, and Blundell's, 8-5.

In the semi-final School beat St. John's, Leatherhead by five points to three. School were soon three points down through a penalty goal. But just before the end Brian Davies got a brilliant try which Eifion Thomas converted.

The final, which was a very close affair, produced some brilliant Rugby. School were the first to score, through a try by Brian Davies which Eifion Thomas converted.

The Irish boys equalised with a converted try and then went ahead with a try. Brian Davies scored again to equalise and the game wore on into extra time. Again it was terribly close until that memorable Smith try carried the day for School.

The victorious team were afforded a civic welcome by the then Mayor, Alderman Glyn Every, J.P., on their return from London. Others present to welcome them included the Headmaster, Mr. Rees, the Town Clerk, Mr. Selwyn Samuel, Mrs. Loti Rees-Hughes, Chairman of the Governors and Alderman W. Douglas Hughes, Chairman of the County Education Committee.

The plethora of congratulatory letters and messages received includes ones from the Headmaster of the Royal Belfast Academical Institution, who were the finalists with School, from the Bishop of Bangor, and from an active member of the London Branch of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. Howard Edmunds, who in his letter summed up all by saying, "It was, of course, wonderful to think they *won* the competition because most people can remember the name of the *winner* of the Derby, but everybody forgets who came second !"

This year we defend our title at Rosslyn Park.

"Sospana non delenda est."

Old Boys' Match

School Past 14 pts. School Present 11 pts.

After holding a well deserved interval lead School surrendered the advantage to the Old Boys at Stradey Park on Thursday, 27th March, 1958.

The match was a fine spectacle of open Rugby and a drawn game would have been a fairer result.

The game featured a great many imaginative handling bouts with outside-half Eifion Thomas and outside centre Brian Davies showing up well for School, while outside-half Ieuan Jones and right centre Gareth Morris formed the spearhead of the Past's back division.

Malcolm Smith and Ben Hughes scored tries for School in the first half, one of which was converted by Eifion Thomas. The Old Boys replied with a penalty by Ieuan Jones and a try by Keith Howells.

After the interval Ieuan Jones converted a try by Russel Rees and kicked a penalty and Wynne Oliver crossed for a try for School.

The teams were :

Past : B. Williams (Nottingham Univ.) ; K. Howells (Swansea Univ.), G. Morris (Llanelly Wanderers), Ken John (Llangennech), A. Templeton (St. Luke's) ; I. Jones (R.A.F.), M. Seaman (London School Econ.) ; B. Hopkins (Leeds Univ.), B. Hobson (Hendy), J. Keenan (Felinfoel), D. Marks (Swansea Univ.), Wynne Jenkins (Swansea Univ.), G. Griffiths (capt.) (Cardiff Univ.), Russel Rees (Queen's College, London) and B. Brown (Edinburgh Univ.).

Present : Terry Phillips ; Wynne Oliver, Ben Hughes, Brian Davies, Malcolm Smith ; Eifion Thomas, Michael Pearce (capt.) ; Malcolm V. Jones, Alan Denman, Max Smith, John R. Davies, John Mexsom, Urias Lewis, Steve Jones and Collin Willis. The referee was D. M. Hughes of the W.R.U.

Season 1958-59—1st XV.

<i>Captain</i>	MICHAEL PEARCE
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	D. BRIAN DAVIES
<i>Secretary</i>	KENNETH E. EVANS

With the majority of last season's 1st XV. players staying on, School have made a fairly successful start to the season. So far they have won four out of the opening six games.

Unfortunately Michael Pearce, elected captain for the second year, missed the first two games through injury and Llanelly's Sportsman of the Year, Brian Davies, again filled the breach as skipper.

After three trials, one of which was played at Pwll, Brian Davies and Malcolm Smith are pressing strongly for inclusion in the Welsh Secondary Schools' XV. We wish them the best of luck in future trials.

September 20th—School 9 pts., Carmarthen 3 pts.

The School team played well as a whole and only mistakes in handling a greasy ball prevented further scoring. Both Dennis Thomas and Geoff Davies gave impressive first performances and

Iorwerth Evans, an old stalwart, added further to his laurels. Carmarthen's wing forward scored an opportunist try.

Try scorers for School were: Iorwerth Evans (2) and Brian Davies.

September 27th—School nil, Lewis School, Pengam 8 pts.

In the first ever fixture with Pengam, School played well and held their opponents until the last five minutes of the game, when Pengam's J. Price scored a try which was converted by J. Davies who also dropped a goal. Pengam relied on a magnificent pack, a highly mobile unit which contained two Secondary School Internationals. Thus, with Pengam gaining a superiority in the tight and lines-out with O'Shea their international prop outstanding, School's better backs were deprived of the ball and their chances to score were therefore limited.

October 11th—School 21 pts., Ammanford nil

After a drab first half School brightened up after the interval and played some entertaining football to outclass the Ammanford backs. Geoff Davies received and passed well. Wings Smith and Oliver, outside-half Eifion Thomas and centre Brian Davies put in some penetrating breaks. Iorwerth Evans was outstanding in the forwards. The scorers for School were: Brian Davies 2 tries, Geoff Davies 1 try, Malcolm Smith one try, Steve Jones one try and Eifion Thomas three conversions.

October 18th—Gowerton 12 pts., School 8 pts.

School were unlucky not to get at least a draw. An injury to forward Steve Jones resulted in his leaving the field when School were pressing hard. The pack played magnificently, inspired by the return of captain Michael Pearce, playing his second game this season. Alan Denman, the hooker, played an excellent game and gained a majority of the ball from the scrums.

The scorers for School were Brian Davies one try, Malcolm Smith one try the latter being converted by Eifion Thomas.

November 15th—School 20 pts., Bishop Gore 3 pts.

School gave another impressive display in this biggest ever win over the Swansea school. In the first half School scored 15 points with Malcolm Smith scoring three corner tries. Despite the muddy conditions School played constructive, direct and open football. School's backs easily had the measure of the opposition and were dangerous as soon as they had the ball. The game deteriorated in the second half due to the fact that Bishop Gore closed the game up, using the short line-out to good effect. Despite this the School pack put up a grand display. Forwards M. Hopkin, M. Williams and

full-back Alan Jenkins had impressive debuts. Regular Iorwerth Evans foraged well in the loose where the School pack was as usual dominant. In the tight more often than not the ball went with the loose head although hooker Alan Denman had the edge on his opponent.

The scorers for School were Malcolm Smith three tries, Brian Davies one try, Iorwerth Evans one try and Eifion Thomas one penalty goal and one conversion.

November 22nd—Dynevor 3 pts., School 13 pts.

In this game School did well despite the absence of six regulars, coming back strongly after being three points down. Keeping the ball forward they hammered the Dynevor pack into submission. Notable in a strong back which was without regulars John Davies and Alan Davies, were utility man Urias Lewis who on this occasion was at prop and hooker Alan Denman who gained a majority of the ball from the tight. When the ball was given back to the three-quarter Geoff Davies was clearly the danger man for School with Dennis Thomas playing soundly at the base of the scrum.

Try scorers for School were : Geoff Davies (1), Dennis Thomas (1) and Alan Jenkins (1). Iorwerth Evans converted two.

It is hoped that School will continue with their successes next term.

Season 1958-59—2nd XV.

<i>Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	ROGER E. DAVIES
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	KENNETH E. EVANS

So far this season the 2nd XV. are unbeaten, having played four games. Their first fixture of the season, that with Carmarthen Grammar away, was cancelled due to unfavourable conditions ; it is hoped to fulfil this fixture early next term.

September 27th—School 8 pts., Pengam 2nd XV. 6 pts.

In a first-ever fixture with Pengam, the Seconds fought their way to a two points victory in a thrill-packed game, while the 1st XV. were losing. Praise must be given to the School pack who dominated play for most of the game.

The scorers for School were Ben Hughes two tries, one of which David Harris converted.

October 4th—School 8 pts., Gwendraeth Second XV. nil

In muddy conditions which resulted in many slips-up School won by a goal and a try. Clive Aitken scored a well-taken try which Roger Davies converted. The other try was scored by Alvar Jones after a good run.

October 11th—Ammanford Second XV. nil, School Seconds 8 pts.

School continued to hold their unbeaten record by beating Ammanford in very muddy conditions. School forwards soon took control of the game in the loose and tight. This enabled School's superior backs to penetrate continuously well into the opposing side's half of the field.

The scorers for School were Roger Davies one penalty goal and one conversion, Ben Hughes one try.

November 15th—School Seconds 11 pts., Bishop Gore Second XV. 3 pts

School got another deserved win by beating Bishop Gore Second XV. by a goal and two tries to one try. In heavy conditions, which gave the backs little opportunity, the play was confined to the pack. Although Bishop Gore had a slight edge in the loose scrummages, the School pack proved superior all round.

Try scorers for School were David Randell, Ben Hughes and Terry Davies, Lawrence Jones kicking an excellent conversion. Bishop Gore replied with a good breakaway try.

It is hoped that during the next term the Second XV. will continue with their fine performance.

ATHLETICS

Carmarthenshire S.S. A.A.A. Meeting at Carmarthen**Senior Section**

Wynne Oliver and Malcolm Smith scored winning doubles, Wynne coming in first in the 100 and 220 sprints; and Malcolm winning the long and triple jumps, he also came third in the 100 yards; he and Wynne were also members of the winning sprint relay team which also consisted of Colin Willis and Iorwerth Evans. These last two were also placed in the first three of their individual events, Colin being third in the 220 and "Iogs" coming in second in the 440. Neville Griffiths finished second in the mile. In the field events John Davies won the Shot, as usual, with a record distance. Peter Owen was third to John in the Shot, third also in the discus and he won the Javelin in which event Neil McHugh came third.

Results :**Senior Section**

(1) Llanelly G.S.....	122½
(2) Carmarthen G.S.	9½
(3) Whitland G.S.	69½

Middle Section

(1) Carmarthen G.S.....	114
(2) Llanelly G.S.	86½
(3) Whitland G.S.....	62½

Middle Section

Brian Davies won the 100 and 220 breaking the record in the former sprint. Terry Davies also had a winning double jumping further than anyone in the long and hop-step jumps. Another victor was Terry Williams in the pole vault. In the discus and high jump, Alvar Jones came in third and second, respectively.

W.S.S.A.A.A. Championships at Llanrumney, Cardiff

Senior : Wynne Oliver came a close second in the 100 and 220 races. John Davies won the shot with a record distance of 51 ft. 9 ins.

Middle : Brian Davies won the 100 and 220. Terry Davies came in second in the long jump.

Welsh Youths Championships, Maindy Stadium

Brian Davies won the 100 and 220 equalling the record in the former and breaking it in the second with times of 10.3 and 22.8 secs. respectively. Terry Davies came third in the long jump.

In the Junior Championships on the same day at Maindy, John Davies broke the record in winning the shot put with a distance of 51 ft. 1 in.

On the same day Wynne Oliver represented Wales against Nigeria at Colwyn Bay.

Later on the School was proud to know that John Davies and Wynne Oliver were to represent Wales in the Empire Games, an account of which appears elsewhere in this magazine.

BRIAN DAVIES, VI.

CROSS COUNTRY, 1958-1959

<i>Captain</i>	.....	.....	ROGER WALWYN THOMAS
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	JOHN COLIN WILLIAMS
<i>Masters-in-Charge</i>	.....	Mr. T. JONES, Mr. D. SMITH,	Mr. E. ROBERTS

So far the School team has had a very successful start to the season. Out of five matches two have been won, and against Carmarthen the junior team won, but the seniors lost.

The season opened with a home match against the Lewis School, Pengam, on September 27th, in which the School juniors beat the Pengam senior team. The next fixture was an away match against Carmarthen Grammar School. The seniors were unable to draw on their reserves from the junior team, and lost heavily, but the junior team made amends for this by inflicting a heavy defeat upon their opponents.

On October 11th, the School sent a team to a 4 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles road relay at Mountain Ash, and the team, whose average age was 15, came eighth out of eighteen teams. This success was even more pronounced because the age limit was 21.

The School juniors (with the aid of one or two seniors !) recorded another win at the expense of Bishop Gore Grammar School seniors on November 15th, and on November 22nd the team came fourth in the West Wales Championships at Carmarthen.

The team has several fixtures in the New Year, the most important of these being the Welsh National Championships at Roath Park, Cardiff, on January 24th. Let us hope that the team continues the season in the same successful vein that it has started it. Results :

September 27th—School v. Pengam

School 17 pts., Pengam 21 pts. (Jeffrey Harries 2nd, Michael Jones 4th, Haydn Rees 5th, Alan Davies 6th).

October 4th—School v. Carmarthen G.S.

Seniors : Carmarthen 10 pts., School 31 pts. (R. Thomas 5th, T. Davies 6th).

Juniors : School 33 pts., Carmarthen 47 pts. (J. Harries 2nd, M. Jones 4th).

October 11th—Road Relay Race at Mountain Ash (4 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles).

8th School Junior Team (A. Davies, H. Rees, M. Jones, J. Harries).

15th November—School v. Bishop Gore G.S.

School 16 pts., Bishop Gore 19 pts. (R. Thomas, M. Jones 2nd, J. Harries 5th).

22nd November—West Wales Championships at Carmarthen

4th School Juniors (K. Davies, M. Jones 16th, R. Thomas 20th).

JOHN COLIN WILLIAMS, VI.B. Science (*Secretary*)

CRICKET NOTES

<i>Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	P. A. DAVIES
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	W. P. CHARLES
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	R. A. JENKINS

The 1958 season was an extremely successful one. Of the six matches played, four were won outright, and in the other two matches, School were by far the better side.

Five boys were selected to play for Carmarthenshire. They were Philip Davies, Brian Davies, Keith Marshall, John Wilkins and Alan Bowen.

In addition, a great honour was bestowed upon Brian Davies who was chosen to play for the Welsh Secondary Schools against the English Secondary Schools at Birmingham.

May 3rd—School v. Ammanford at Ammanford

School were by far the better side, and but for time, would have won easily. School amassed 97 runs and declared with eight wickets down. Batting hours went to Phil Davies (28), Brian Davies (18) and Philip Charles (14). Ammanford's reply was painfully slow and against excellent fast bowling by John Wilkins and Neil McHugh, Ammanford had scored only 19 runs for seven wickets when stumps were drawn.

Result : Drawn.

May 31st—School v. Gowerton at Gowerton

The outstanding feature of this match was the magnificent opening partnership of 53 by Alan Bowen and Allan Sims. The former scoring 34 and the latter 28. Good support came from Philip Charles (17) and Peter Davies (10). School eventually declared at 116 for eight wickets. Gowerton made a sound reply, mainly due to A. Dobbins (21) and W. Roach (20). School pace bowler John Wilkins took four wickets for 20.

Result : Drawn.

June 14th—School v. Carmarthen at Llanelly

School won this low scoring match by the narrow margin of two runs. On a wicket helpful to bowlers, School struggled and mainly due to Philip Davies (11) reached 37 all out. Carmarthen also struggled and although P. Jenkins, their captain, scored 20, School narrowly won the match. Carmarthen being all out for 35. Bowling honours went to Phil Davies three wickets for nought, and Brian Davies three wickets for eight.

Result : Win for School by two runs.

June 28th—School v. Dynevor at Swansea

In this match, Dynevor batted first and slowly accumulated a score of 52. School's off-spinner Alan Bowen taking three wickets for 14. School's reply was very impressive. We passed Dynevor's score for only three wickets, mainly due to Allan Sims (18 not out) and Keith Marshall (14).

Result : Win for School by seven wickets.

July 5th—School v. Dynevor at Llanelly

School batted first, and on a "sticky" wicket, scored 51 for nine wickets declared, Hugh Jones scoring 13 not out. Then the School pace bowlers completely shattered the Dynevor side and in an hour they were all out for 21. School bowling honours went to John Wilkins (five wickets for nine) and Phil Davies (four wickets for nine).

Result : Win for School by 30 runs.

July 8th—School v. "Old Boys"

This was School's most convincing win of the season. School batted first and completely mastered the "Old Boys'" attack. Hugh Jones scored 33, Phil Davies 24 and Brian Davies 21. School were eventually all out for 109. Then the "Old Boys'" innings was devastated by School fast bowler Neil McHugh, who took seven wickets for eight. John Wilkins took three wickets for 15. The "Old Boys" were all out for 31.

Result : Win for School by 78 runs.

July 11th—Staff v. Boys

In this light hearted fixture the Staff somehow managed to beat the Boys ! The Boys batted first and scoring steadily, eventually declared at 50 for eight wickets. Top scorers were Hugh Jones (19) and Philip Charles (14). Mr. Llewellyn took three wickets for four, and Mr. Alford two wickets for eight. Mainly due to Mr. Jenkins (11) and Mr. Llewellyn and Mr. Hayes eight each, the Staff passed the Boys' total for six wickets.

Result : Win for Staff by four wickets.

Leading Averages :

Batting				Bowling			
		Runs	Avge.			Wkts.	Avge.
Phil Davies	.....	71	17.7	Neil McHugh	.....	11	3.6
Hugh Jones	.....	59	14.7	John Wilkins	.....	18	4.0
Brian Davies	.....	39	13.0				
Alan Bowen	.....	62	10.3				

ANTHONY JENKINS (*Hon. Secretary*)

TENNIS

Last season was a particularly successful one for the School Tennis team, despite the fact that four out of the eleven arranged matches were cancelled on account of rain. However, School did well in winning six out of the seven matches played.

May 3rd : Trinity College, Carmarthen (away). School eight matches, Trinity one.

May 10th : Carmarthen Grammar School (home), School four matches, Carmarthen five.

May 29th (Thursday) : Gowerton Grammar School (home), School six matches, Gowerton three.

June 14 : Gowerton Grammar School (away), School five matches, Gowerton four.

June 28th : Carmarthen Grammar School (away), School seven matches, Carmarthen two.

July 5th : Amman Valley Grammar School (away), School six matches, Amman Valley three.

July 10th : Llanelly Girls' Grammar School, Boys six matches, Girls three.

Played 7 ; Won 6 : Lost 1.

Two new players, T. A. Jarrett and J. A. Harry, who formed the third pair, joined the team at the beginning of the season. However a change was soon to be made because D. Sweetland left Llanelly for London. The third new player was G. Davies.

Colours were obtained by J. W. Lewis (capt.) and N. R. Carpenter (vice-capt.) and half-colours by A. Derrick.

It is hoped that the new tennis courts in the junior school will rekindle interest in tennis among the younger boys and that as a result teams in the future will be stronger even than in the past.

J. A. HARRY (*Secretary*)