

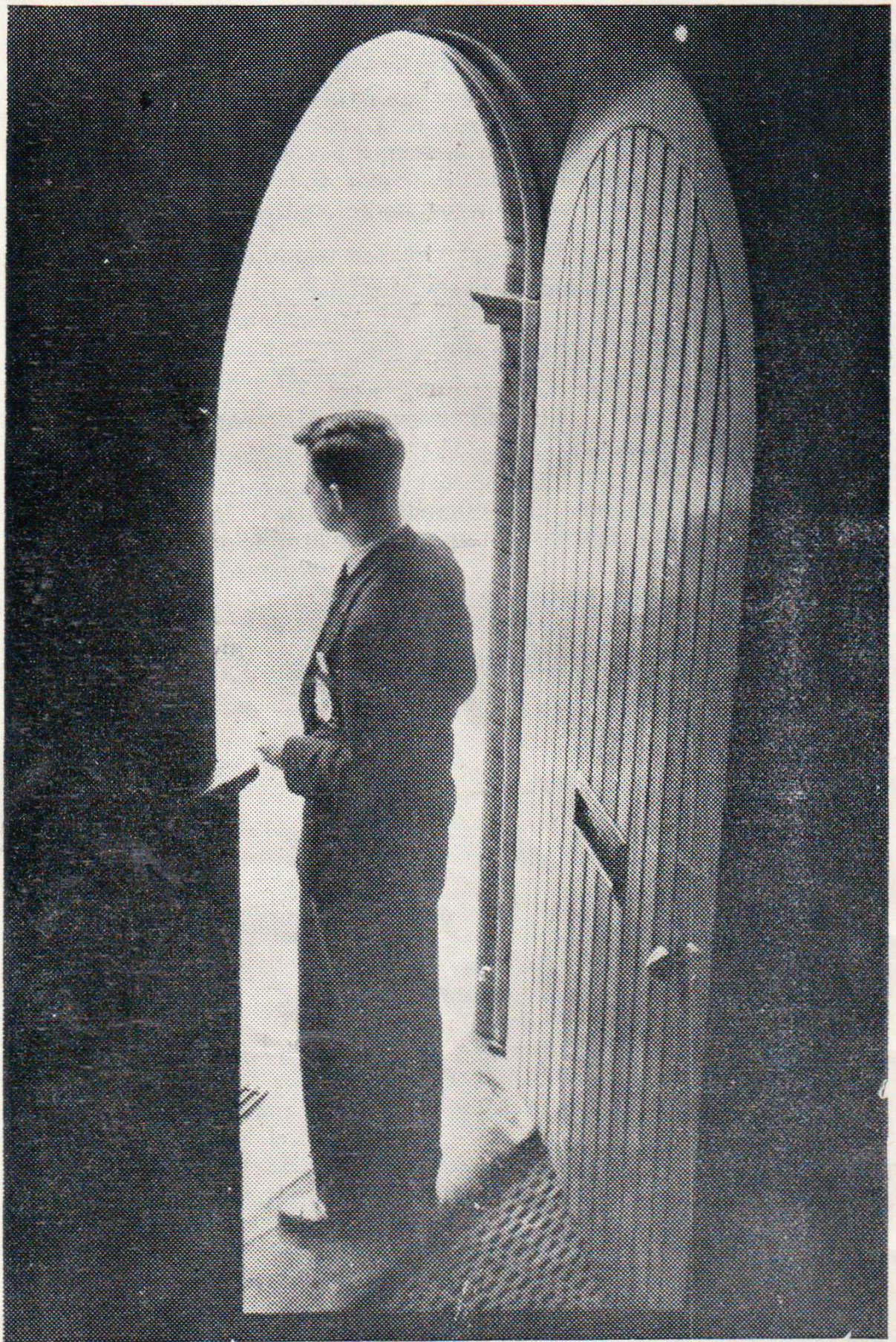
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CHRISTMAS, 1959

"Mercury," Llanelly





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## EDITORIAL

This is the last School Magazine to be published from what popular usage has dubbed "The Top School," and it is with mixed feelings that we contemplate the writing of this editorial. Although a majority of our boys will have spent more time at Pwll than at "Ysgol ar y Bryn," those of us who have spent our more mature schooldays here have already learnt to regard our stay as a privilege. In this well-worn building we have been allowed to share the memories of countless old boys, and to know how tradition is built around a place and a name.

It is easy to be sentimental about the days that are no more, and almost any place where we spent them when young takes on a romantic colour. But we like to think, and surely generations of past pupils will like to think too, that "Ysgol ar y Bryn" was different from other schools. Perhaps that is only a fond fancy, but we are certain that in this building, outwardly so bright and even picturesque, so dark and congested within, we have collected, in the boisterous companionship of our own kind, happy memories which will last a lifetime.

What recompense the new school at Pwll will hold for the recalled legions from the Top School remains to be seen. It has been suggested that the proximity of so much natural vegetation will be instrumental in arousing the upper forms' appreciation of beauty to an even greater extent than does the proximity of the girls' school to their present abode! Perhaps many boys will devote more time and attention to their academic studies when they become inured to their new, remote, and sylvan surroundings; others will pine and fret at this radical and cruel separation, missing their hopeful daily dalliance at gate and street corner. One thing is certain; once we are gathered in the one building, the present temporary cleavage of the school into junior and senior departments will soon be forgotten, and the best traditions of "Ysgol ar y Bryn" will blossom afresh in the new soil, as firmly established and buoyant as ever.

To the staff and students of the Technical College, who are to take over the building after we leave, we would extend our sincerest wishes for their success and happiness in the future. Perhaps they will alter the way of things in the old building, and give new names to its queer corners. But those who were with us in "Ysgol ar y Bryn" will never forget The Room at the Top of the Steps, the Green Hut, and, of course, Uncle Tom's Cabin!



Perhaps this is the place to say good-bye and thank you to the people of Marble Hall Road and Alban Road, and to the staff of Llanelly Hospital, all of whom have borne for so many years what a famous writer once called "the angrily happy shouts of boys playing ball," and who have helped us in so many ways along the years. Never has a school been so fortunate in its neighbours—friendly, uncomplaining people whom we have always regarded as almost members of the school community.

Now only once more shall we go from this place to the convivialities and solemnities of the Christmas break; and so it is perhaps with more feeling than usual that we extend to our readers, old and young, near and far, our best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

LESLIE GRIFFITHS.

D. R. JONES.

### DE OMNIBUS REBUS

There are 816 boys on the School roll at the present time (i.e., one more than last year). An impressively large number of these are "six-footers," and an equally surprising number weigh over 14 stone. VA arts must be the heaviest form in School, having within its ranks two great men who weigh fully four cwt. between them. The percentage of fully qualified car drivers in Form VI. is remarkably high, and it might surprise former pupils to learn that many, if not most, boys have travelled abroad, some of them more than once.

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Mr. Rees, the headmaster, brings further honour to the School by being the Headmasters' Association's delegate at last August's World Congress of the Teaching Profession, held in Washington, and by being elected President of the Old Students' Association of Aberystwyth University.

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Congratulations to Old Boys, Graham Samuel, upon his appointment to the post of London Editor of the *Western Mail*, Clifford Evans, who has taken a leading part in many television plays and the Rev. Llewellyn Williams, upon re-election to Parliament. Old Boys will be interested to know that the Rev. H. Lewis Clarke made the "Lift up your Hearts" series of broadcasts during February.

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The annual Speech Day, held in March, was once more a prestige winner for the School. Addresses by Mr. Bernard M. Evans, O.B.E., M.A., Controller for Wales in the Ministry of Labour, and Mr. S. G. Rees, M.A., were listened to with close



attention, and the efficient chairman, Mr. George McConkey, did an admirable job. The Mayoress of Llanelly, Mrs. (Alderman) T. Glanville Williams, presented the prizes.

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We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. Marcel Williams, who has added yet another academic success to his growing list. During the summer, he was awarded the degree of M.A., for a thesis on the Anglo-Welsh novel.

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Mr. John Bowen, our popular Art Master, continues to extend his activities in the world of art. Recently he made a television appearance, displaying some of his excellent work, in a local exhibition.

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The sad news that Mr. Adams is leaving us to take up a post at Sheffield came as a surprise. The School will be the poorer for his going, and we take this opportunity of wishing him and his family the best of luck in their new home.

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Dorothy L. Sayer's "The Zeal of Thy House" was preformed by the School's Dramatic Society, in March. Stirring performances, brilliant sets, superlative production and excellent off-stage backing, helped to make this a powerfully presented "pièce de théâtre."

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At the annual School Concert, held in the Market Hall last December, a first performance was given of Mr. Adams's concerto for 'cello and strings. The 'cello soloist was Quentin Williams, and the whole evening was a great success.

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The School's annual St. David's Day Eisteddfod was held in the Market Hall, and was as successful as ever. The result of a closely fought competition was that Illtyd became the champion house, followed by Dewi, Cennech and Elli.

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It is not true that the Canteen is to be pulled down and taken to Cyprus as part of the N.A.A.F.I. system.

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In the world of sport, and especially in that of rugby, the School has upheld its high tradition, attained the high standard which has come to be expected of it. Five of our footballers have assisted the "Scarlets" during 1959—Eifion Thomas, Malcolm Smith, Brian Davies, John Davies and Iorwerth Evans; Smith, who now turns out regularly for Swansea R.F.C. and Brian Davies, Llanelly's Junior Sportsman of the Year, represented the Welsh Secondary Schools. Michael Williams, too, earned considerable praise for his forward play for the Welsh Schoolboys' XV.



Congratulations should be extended, also, to John Davies and Wyn Oliver for their athletic achievements in the Welsh jersey (and out of it).

The success of Richard Snowdon Williams, who won the Ashburnham Golf Cup, and Anthony Jenkins, winner of the Llanelly Junior Tennis Tournament, shows the versatility of members of the School in the outside world.

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Academically, too, the School did well; Michael Howard, David Lewis Jones, and Brian Thomas went to Oxford and Cambridge; David Lewis Jones, Roland Wynne, John Alan Jones and Alan Warsop were offered State Scholarships; Roland Wynne won the Evan Morgan Scholarship into Aberystwyth University.

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To the utter disbelief of many little nuisances, all Upper VI. boys were made prefects. Gone now is the time when they could contravene the rules knowing that they were odds-on favourites to be out of sight of a prefect.

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What used to be the pride and joy of the School, namely the lawn, has now become the equivalent of a ploughed field. We suggest that if the boys brought some plants it might be a godsend as a cabbage-patch.

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Congratulations to Gwilym Slimm on being chosen a member of the National Youth Conference, in a national newspaper competition. Also, to Royston Jones, upon winning the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Standard Award, and to Noel Lloyd, who passed his Grade VIII. examination on the pianoforte.

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The School's Welsh Nationalist, David Arfon Rees, deserves dual congratulations: his Welsh Literature in the G.C.E., was the best in Carmarthenshire, and he was invited to attend the Royal Welsh National Eisteddfod (which he did); and his oratory in the mock election induced Mr. Terence Lawson to invite him to submit an essay on Welsh Nationalism to the Christmas edition of the C.E.W.C. magazine.

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We know that this is our last year in this building, but would the boys who have been taking bricks from behind the Physics Lab. as souvenirs, please return them, for Mr. Rolfe complains of a draught.

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Our departure for the Lower School will bring about a wrench with ideas and traditions long associated with the School. Such a tradition has been built up around Mrs. Mattravers and her Tuck Shop. It is hard to believe that the time is approaching when



Mrs. M. will no longer be available to supply the boys with encouragement, sympathy, ice cream or pop. We would sincerely thank Mrs. M. for her constant tolerance in the past and assure her that we appreciate her unsparing hospitality.

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We warmly welcome three masters who have joined the staff since our last issue. They are Mr. Harding Rees, Mr. Howard John and Mr. J. R. Davies. Each as rare and individual gifts. Mr. Rees can speak Russian, and has had an argument with a policeman near the Red Square! Mr. John is, of course, very well-known to followers of rugby football in Wales as one of the best full-backs of the post-war era. He has played for both Llanelly and Swansea in this position. Mr. Davies, keep it dark, is an accomplished soccer player.

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Gifts to the School Library continue to be made and to be thankfully received.

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### HEAD PREFECT'S MESSAGE

To be chosen Head Prefect of the School is always an honour; but the fact that it has fallen to my lot in this year, when we are about to vacate the almost historic building in Marble Hall Road, makes the position yet more significant. As our departure will be commented upon elsewhere in the magazine, I shall refrain from saying more about it than that I personally feel it a wrench to leave the old place.

I am sure that a fine spirit will be built up in the School when it is at Pwll; but somehow, to me and a lot of other chaps, it will never be the same school that we knew. New generations of boys will be as proud of the Pwll School as we are of this, and I think this is the place for me to send my very best wishes to them.

I am naturally proud of all the successful activities that go on in the School—academic, sporting and social. But this year there is a special cause which I am doing my best to encourage, although it is not our affair only. I refer, of course, to the effort being made on behalf of the World Refugee Year, here and in countless other schools. So far the lower school has shown great enthusiasm, and has already collected, by some ingenious schemes, twice as much money as has Ysgol ar y Bryn. Let me appeal to all top school pupils to make a special effort for this great appeal, making our own Christmas richer in meaning by helping these poor sufferers.

It remains only for me to wish you a truly Christian Christmas, and the very best of good luck in the New Year.



### AROUND THE SIXTH FORM

In the Upper VI. this year we are lucky to have a number of characters. In fact there are about 85 of them. It has been said that variety is the spice of life. We reckon that this year's Upper VI. must be about the spiciest form of the lot.

One of the most prominent scientists is A—. J—, known to his friends as "Black." Probably because his favourite combination is red into the centre pocket and black into the bottom right hand pocket. Black applies his mathematics to his everyday life and Mr. Llewellyn would be very pleased at the principles of impact (oblique or otherwise) so well displayed. A—. is a man from the districts and raves continually about the Beauty of Pontyates. Unfortunately he is unwilling to disclose her name and address. He is a very keen fan of horror films, and, after seeing "Dracula" he protected us from that fiendish monster by bringing along, and liberally distributing a supply of garlic. Unfortunately the plan backfired and A—. laid out 15 boys who were treated for asphyxia in the hospital and had a narrow escape.

The most notorious character in Form VI. and probably in the whole school is G—. O—. S—. A member of the exclusive club of lab. boys, G—. holds sway over the biol. lab. with one of the saner members of the Sixth—Hywel. It is believed that one of the masters, who has not been seen for some time, is under the formaldehyde there somewhere. Our G—. is secretary of the Photographic Society, and he and one of the masters have been seen crawling along the corridor, taking photographs of everything. Rumours are abroad that they are agents for the Russians, who want to beat the Tech. in the take-over bid. It was hoped that G—. would at one time go towards the arts and become a "faster master alabaster plaster caster."

Among the lads this year is D—. L—. P—, a keen watcher of all birds, who has now given up watching larks. D—. is a Great Auk breeder, and when someone pointed out to him that the Great Auk was extinct, he was heard to remark, "Cor Blimey! No wonder I'm having trouble!"

D—. A—. R—. is a keen anti-vivisectionist and can be seen prancing berserkly outside the biol. lab., condemning all the inhabitants of contravening his convictions. Then, again, he can be seen outside English classes protesting that they are working for the downfall of Wales. He is an adorer of cats and has a Persian sheepcat which he keeps in a leather bag. He is also a magical manipulator of words in his native tongue and is now a qualified tatooist.

E—. E—. is somewhat of a character. When not sleeping in his lessons, he is polishing his glasses. An extraordinary thing is that although E—. uses glasses, his grandmother, who is 93, doesn't—she drinks straight from the bottle. He is known to be an



ardent admirer of Verdi, Mozart, Puccini, Bach and Fats Waller—the last two present a perfect description of him. He is a first-class first aid man and has ingrowing toe nails.

Also among us is A—. B—.

“ There stands A—. B—.,  
A mighty man is he.  
I come up to his ankles  
And I am six foot three ! ”

This year, the Air Ministry has asked A—. to wear a red light on top of his head because of the danger he causes to low flying aircraft. A—. also plays rugby and is constantly asked to “ get down off the prop’s shoulders ! ”

The secretary of “ the Rugby ” this year is F—. M—., who is also president of the Welsh Society. This is affiliated to the Urdd which F—. tells me should be pronounced “ erd ” (as in an ‘erd of cows). F—. hopes to join the Mancunians at the end of the year. We hope that a satisfactory interpreter is available.

The Lower Sixth, too, has its characters, one of these being Q—. Cule W—. Wondering at the origin of “ Cule,” we discovered, upon investigation, that he was one of twins : his mother had named them Molly and Cule. He carries his ‘cello case about with him, and has always told us that it contained his instrument. A raid on the music room, however, showed that it contained peanuts and fizzy-pop, which, he admitted, they dined on in Orchestra Practice.

If anybody wishes to question what has been written, please wait outside the boiler house, at 7.30 on Saturday night, where, among those who won’t be present will be P.L., L.G., T.P. and D.J.

## AROUND THE ROOMS

### The Green Hut

The Green Hut is, by now, the acknowledged sanctum of the cream of the school’s society. If one looks at the ceiling the following names can be seen neatly printed on its rich white-wash—Wil Shakespeare, Joe Loss, Up the ruling classes, and Mind your own xxxxx business. This miscellany of names is the inspiration of the English Department. When Mike Rees broke the large, stately chair in the Green Hut, he is reported as having repaired it with pieces of string, tape and horse-shoes. The results of this handiwork were seen when a certain nameless master made an unwarranted close inspection of a range of books in a nearby cupboard.

Next door the constant mumblings of the boiler are instrumental in disturbing the nest of hornets which live in the ceiling.



### **The General Science Lecture Room**

This must rate as the most original room in school. When the Form VI. P.S. Group is in residence, they are usually noted to be listening intently to the sound track of a film running next door in the General Science Lab. The sound passes quite easily through two queer little cupboards which one Form IV. boy thought was the hall of Mr. Humphreys's house.

It is believed that the sink in the front of the room is not a sink at all, but a built-in grape-treader, and that this is used a lot by some anonymous distillers. The windows are self-adjusting. They manage to open themselves in mid-winter, and jam tightly in the summer.

The lighting of this room is good, since many boys buy bigger and better matches these days, which they bring for this purpose.

### **Uncle Tom's Cabin**

For some unknown, obscure reason, the little old storeroom cum classroom belonging to the sports department has become to be known affectionately as Uncle Tom's Cabin. We are told that it was first erected in 1904 as a temporary gym. It is no extraordinary occurrence to find, at one time, forty boys in this room, which is then somewhat reminiscent of the Black Hole of Calcutta. Smelling of linseed oil, leather, and other familiar aromas, it is a most comfortable abode. Mr. Tom Jones, it is popularly believed, hibernates to this room during the colder winter months, and when the move to Pwll is made Mr. Jones will convert the cabin into a garage for his car—a fitting end to a fine piece of architecture.

### **The Physics Lab.**

Little is known of the Physics Lab., those cool calculating machines, known loosely as scientists which inhabit this mysterious room being disinclined to offer information. It is murmured that, at this time of the year, all the squares sit around the mathematical tables, eating Christmas Pie and Yuletide logs. H. I. B. Jones, however, assures us that there is no root to this story. Nevertheless, we can be quite sure that some odd ritual is practiced behind these forbidding walls. In true scientific style the Physics Lab. and its precious equipment (two spring balances, a run-down battery and a piston from "Little Nell," the first steam train to run between Istanbul and Constantinople) are preserved with mathematical precision. We are told that a stalwart band of physicists have invented a computer, known as FRED, which uses the revolutionary fuel Teuderloitomass, or TLT. Among the cabbage-like physicists we would severely censure the one who firmly believed that the Canterbury Tales hang behind Canterbury Lambs.



### **The Staff Rooms**

The Staff Rooms, of which there are two, are very peculiar (in the correct sense). One seems to be more popular than the other, and is constantly crowded with pally pedagogues. Every break-time Mr. J. R. Williams will be seen to emerge, and pounce upon a small boy to "fetch the tray, bach!" The staff can retire from the babble of youthful tongues, and feel "detached" in their beloved room; and it is known that Mr. Price and his pipe find it a pleasant retreat from the noisy classroom when lessons are over. We would take this opportunity of requesting the masters to refrain from dropping their crumbs on to the floor at elevenses, as we feel that this is the real reason for the presence of rats, next door, in the store-room. The less popular staff room is perhaps so because of its frequent use by Latin, French, History or English scholars, who are said to contaminate the room and instil in it the boyish atmosphere from which the staff are endeavouring to flee. They find solace here in the lunch hour, however, when what goes on isn't quite known (you can't quite see through the smoke!)

### **The Communicating Room**

So called, because, lying between the old Boys' School and the Girls' School, it was the place of communication between the two, the communicating room will be remembered, as will most other schoolrooms, for reasons other than academic. The sacred precincts of this room have long been acknowledged as the home of the prefects. Although being used (sacrilege!) by lower forms, for lessons, the Upper VI. have ensured that the atmosphere remain peculiarly and persistently prefectorial. The "Car Park" sign on the door and the ostentatious decorations on the lockers\* are evidence of the resourcefulness of the Upper VI. The room appears to have been, at one time, a library, and houses such literary gems as "The Dictionary of Universal Biography" and "The Climate of South America." Many volumes have been given "sub-titles," the only printable word which recurs with any regularity being "Iogs."

- \* If any prefect should find difficulty in opening his locker, it is suggested that he should contact a certain Scottish gentleman from Burry Port who will immediately solve his problems.



### **A WALK—AND ITS REWARD !**

One day during February, 1958, myself and two others decided as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award that we would attempt to walk from Brecon Beacons, South Wales, to Snowdon, North Wales, in roughly seven days.

We started planning the trek almost instantly, but knowing there was a lot of work to be done, we did not rush it.

Firstly, we planned the route we would take, trying to take the shortest and, at the same time, the easiest. We also worked out the compass bearings from one point to another, and noted the mileage we had to traverse. Other minor things such as effort put in and weather conditions we would meet up with were also taken into consideration.

We finally finished the planning of the trek during April, after two solid months of weekly meetings. During the few months that were left we bought extra clothing, cooking utensils, maps, etc., so that we would be well equipped for the journey.

After anxious months of waiting, the starting day came, it was Saturday, August 2nd. We were lucky to have it fine and dry to start off, but this was one of the only three fine days we had throughout the trek. We were soaked to the skin on five of the eight days we took to complete the trek. We dried our clothes on numerous occasions but we were not downhearted as we did not expect the trek to be completed without any incidents.

We completed the walk on Monday, August the tenth, and, as usual, it was raining. It had been a wonderful experience for the three of us and we will remember the trek all our lives as a personal triumph.

As a reward for our trek and also for completing the other three sections of the Award, I was invited up to Buckingham Palace during May of this year to receive the Gold Award from the Duke of Edinburgh. Mr. Wills, our leader, went up with us and he deserved his invitation as he had done his utmost to see that we captured the award.

Going to Buckingham Palace was the most wonderful thing I have ever experienced, and if we had not persevered through all odds we would not have gained our achievements.

ROY JONES (VI.)



**HISTORY MADE EASY**

- 1 You might have seen Julius Ceasar arrive  
Had you been living in B.C. 55.
- 2 "It's William of Normandy up to his tricks,"  
Cried Harold at Hastings in 1066.
- 3 King John was anything but keen  
On the Magna Carta in 1215.
- 4 The English thought the Scots unsportin'  
At Bannockburn in 1314.
- 5 Many people met an unkind fate  
With the Black Death plague of 1348.
- 6 The throne of Richard III., did Henry Tudor deprive  
At the Battle of Bosworth in 1485.
- 7 Columbus discovered horizons new  
When he sighted America in 1492.
- 8 King Henry VIII. liked to marry anew  
He had wed six wives by 1542.
- 9 The Spanish ships were much too great  
When England defeated the Armada—1588.
- 10 Cried the Pilgrim Fathers, "A land of plenty"  
(Scene: America, 1620).
- 11 Royalist and Roundhead fought through and through  
When Civil War broke out in 1642.
- 12 Fortunes were lost and pockets were empty.  
After the South Sea Bubble in 1720.
- 13 At Scotland did Bonnie Prince Charlie arrive  
To conquer England in 1745.
- 14 The victorious Nelson failed to survive  
The Battle of Trafalgar, 1805.
- 15 The British and Dutch were far from matey  
In the first Boer War of 1880.
- 16 "Gosh!" cried the sparrows, "who thought we'd see  
The Wright Brothers fly in 1903."
- 17 Ramsey MacDonald said, "Now is the hour"  
With the first Labour Government 1924.
- 18 The Americans' said, "They're shooting a line"  
When Russia hit the Moon in 1959.

JULIAN R. GRICE, 6a Arts



### DEFINITION OF ISMS

- CONSERVATISM—You have two cows all your life.
- NATIONALISM—You have no cows but you want to have two cows.
- DESPOTISM—The King has two cows, you have none.
- LIBERALISM—You have two cows and you sell their milk.
- NIHILISM—You have two cows and you shoot them.
- SOCIALISM—You have two cows, the State buys both and gives you the milk.
- COMMUNISM—You have two cows, the State takes both and sells you the milk.
- FASCISM—You have two cows, the State takes both and shoots you.
- ANARCHISM—You have two cows, the State takes both and you destroy the State.
- RADICALISM—You have two cows but you want to turn them into bulls.
- CAPITALISM—You have two cows; you sell one and buy a bull.
- NATIONAL SOCIALISM (NAZI-ISM)—You have two cows. If they are not thoroughbreds you shoot them.
- SYNDICALISM—You have two cows but if you are not a member of a trade union they are taken away from you.

JULIAN GRICE (6a Arts)

### Vith FORM FORUM, 1959-60

<i>President</i>	.....	.....	.....	Mr. F. PHILLIPS
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<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	.....	.....	.....	PETER LANE, VIA Sc.
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	LESLIE GRIFFITHS, VIA Arts

*Committee* : Frazer Morris, VIA Sc., Alvar Jones, VIA Sc., Roger Thomas, VIA Sc., Alan Davies, VIB Sc., David L. Rees, VIA Arts, David A. Rees, VIA Arts, Julian Grice, VIA Arts, Terry Pratt, VIB Arts, Mr. J. V. Harries, Mr. W. Rees.

This year's session has continued with increasing popularity. Many hitherto shy boys have been induced to express their views, and because of this, the Forum's fame has spread. Since last year's magazine the Forum has been addressed by people whose occupations range from journalism (Mr. Alun Brown) to politics (Rt. Hon. James Griffiths, M.P.), from rugby (Mr. Alun Thomas, Mr. Handel



Rogers and Mr. W. H. Clement) to broadcasting (Mr. Aneurin Talfan Davies), and from Nuclear Physics (Mr. Brian Way) to local affairs (Mr. W. S. Thomas).

With the arrival of the new session many tributes were paid to the outgoing secretary, Kenneth E. Evans, who did a magnificent job.

### **September 10th**

Mr. T. I. Ellis, of "Round Britain Quiz" fame, spoke about "Wales—1960 and onwards." An invigorating discourse on Wales's future, Mr. Ellis's talk stirred the audience with some astounding facts. Votes of thanks were given by Hywel Thomas and Julian Grice.

### **September 17th**

Mrs. Diana Collins, wife of Canon Collins of St. Paul's Cathedral, spoke on "Why we should ban the H-Bomb." Some of her facts roused the forum into as interesting a discussion as has been heard for a long time.

Haydn Jones and Terry Pratt gave the votes of thanks.

### **September 24th**

An interesting talk was given today by Mr. J. Price Jones, making one of his rare visits from the wild jungles of South Africa. An old boy, Mr. Jones is now a District Commissioner in Nyasaland, and his talk "The life of a District Commissioner" was greeted with roars of laughter and approval.

Votes of thanks given by David Rhys Jones and Edward Ephgrave.

### **Thursday, October 1st**

Today the Forum was brilliantly addressed by Mr. Harding Rees, a recent pupil, and now a member of the staff. He spoke of his experiences when he visited Russia. His explanation of the way in which he got into a Press Conference, under the pseudonym of *Western Mail* Reporter, was typical of the humour Mr. Rees displayed. His sincerity in proving that the Russians wanted peace, added to the significance of his address.

Votes of thanks were given by Michael Rees and Alan Davies.

### **Thursday, October 8th**

Today's Forum was addressed by Mr. Terrence Lawson, National Secretary of the Council for Education in World Citizenship. This was indeed a day to be remembered. Mr. Lawson spoke on "The Economic Outlook, and Consequences of World Increases in Population."



Votes of thanks were given by Julian Grice and Richard Davies, President and Secretary (respectively) of the School C.E.W.C. organisation.

Since this was election day, a school election was held in conjunction with the Forum. The candidates made their speeches to a huge, good humoured and sometimes critical audience. The results were as follows :

Julian Grice (Labour)	.....	.....	159 votes
David Arfon Rees (Welsh Nationalist)	.....	.....	87 votes
Peter Lane (Conservative)	.....	.....	77 votes
John Rosser (Communist)	.....	.....	65 votes
Geoffrey Frazer (Liberal)	.....	.....	25 votes

Geoffrey Frazer lost his deposit. The returning officer was Leslie Griffiths.

#### **Thursday, October 15th**

The Rev. Emrys Davies spoke on a highly controversial and topical issue. His talk was on the "World Refugee Year." The Forum was deeply moved by the speaker's sincerity, and we know that not only were our hearts touched, but also our pockets.

Votes of thanks were given by Roger Williams and Hugh Edwards.

#### **Thursday, October 22nd**

"That there is no practical use for the Welsh language." That was the motion for a debate. Speaking for the motion, Leslie Griffiths struck vigour and fear into the hearts of the members of the Forum, but this was cooled off by the soothing, sincere words of Desmond Davies. The motion was defeated by 79 votes to 26.

#### **Thursday, November 5th**

Mr. Elvet Jones, M.B.E., addressed the Forum on "The office and duties of a J.P." He gave a most illuminating and detailed talk and this was enriched by a ready supply of apt examples.

Votes of thanks were given by Frazer Morris and Peter Daniels.

#### **Thursday, November 12th**

Today's Forum took the form of a Press Conference in reverse. Mr. Gareth Lloyd, the assistant editor of the *Llanelly Star*, was extremely adroit in answering some very difficult questions from the floor. He was thanked by Roger Owen and Hugh Lawrence.

#### **Thursday, November 19th**

This was rather an unusual meeting, taking the form of an "Any Questions" panel. The panel, David Rhys Jones, Peter Lane, Geoffrey Frazer and Leslie Griffiths, answered the questions



put by the chairman, Tudor Thomas, adeptly, wittily and appropriately enough, David Rhys Jones's answer to the question, "In view of the coming ice age, what is the panel's views on the Russian moon programme?" ended the meeting. He replied, "Out of this world."

LESLIE GRIFFITHS (Secretary)

### OLD BOYS' UNION

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, 23rd October, 1959, at the Old School. It is interesting to note that this is the last time the meeting will be held in these familiar precincts. Although transferred to the new magnificent quarters at Pwll, I am sure all Old Boys will hope that the old song "Yr Ysgol ar y Bryn" will be maintained.

The Officials and Committee for the year are :

*President* : Mr. S. G. Rees, M.A. ; *Hon. Treasurer*, Mr. R. M. Thomas ; *Hon. Secretary*, Mr. F. T. Edwards. *Committee* : Messrs. 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 Edmund Cooper. *Membership Liaison Officer*, Mr. K. Walters.

The Annual Dinner will be held on Monday, 4th January, 1960, at the Stepney Hotel. The Principal Guest will be Dr. David John Davies, of Preston, and his Toast will be submitted by Mr. T. I. Williams, F.R.C.S. Other Toasts will be proposed by Mr. Harry Davies—The School, Mr. Alan Brown—The Old Boys' Union. A member of the London Branch will extend their greetings and of course our revered friend Mr. G. J. Thomas will contribute his words of wisdom. Tickets are priced at 13/6d. and the function will commence at 6.45 p.m.

The Annual Dance will be held at the Ritz Ballroom on Friday, 8th January, 1960. The Ritz Ballroom Orchestra will be in attendance from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. and tickets are 10/6d., and there are some tickets still unsold.

Successes since our last issue include : Mr. J. R. E. James, F.R.C.Gein., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.O.G., F.R.C.O.G. ; Mr. W. H. Jayne, M.Surgery ; Edmund Aubrey, Ph.D. (Cantab.).

Once again we have been privileged to donate the books for the School Prize Day.

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

F. T. EDWARDS, *Hon. Secretary*



### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

*Chairman* ..... JOHN ROSSER, VIA Sci.  
*Secretary* ..... G. O. SLIMM, VIA Sci.  
*Treasurer* ..... VERNON MORGAN, VIA Sci.  
*Form Representatives*: VIA., Michael John; VIB., Barrie Williams; V., Phillip Jones; IV., Phillip Rees.

The membership of the Society has increased a great deal this year. The total number of members is now about 70—all of whom have paid their subscription fee of one shilling. Any boys who wish to join may do so next term.

The first meeting took the form of a lecture on "Colour Photography" given by Mr. V. L. Rees. A large number attended and the lecture, together with a practical demonstration, was thoroughly enjoyed.

The next meeting was also a lecture given by Mr. Hugh Owen on "My experiences as a Photographer." Some of his experiences were quite humorous and the talk was enjoyed by everyone present.

A meeting, held in the Girls' Grammar School, was not a success because film strips were shown and the boys got restless owing to the fact that they were used to moving pictures with sound.

The half-term trip this year took the form of a tour. Places visited were Talley Lakes, Lampeter, Cardigan, Tenby and Carmarthen. The trip was enjoyed though the weather turned against us.

The Easter trip will be to Stratford-on-Avon. As many will want to go, it will be a case of first come, first served.

The last meeting of the term took the form of a Photographic Lesson. Members were taught how to print, develop and enlarge photographs.

Two Christmas parties were held this year; one for junior and one for senior members. They were enjoyed by all who attended.

G. O. SLIMM, *Secretary*

### 6 FORM SOCIETY

Four meetings of this Society have been held so far and attendances have been very good at each one.

The first meeting took the form of miscellaneous quiz and panel games, but this evening was a failure because the "mike" was missing and the gramophone refused to work.

The second one was a Brains Trust, the panel of which consisted of Ann Williams, Cora Williams, Peter Lane and Haydn Jones. Difficult questions were answered very intelligently.

A Welsh Folk Dancing evening was next held with Mr. Dai Smith in charge. The large number of members present enjoyed this very successful venture.



The last meeting held began as a Brains Trust and ended up with the life of David Arfon Rees being revealed by John "Eammon Andrews" Rosser and his company. This proved to be uproariously funny, and was easily the most popular programme held in the Sixth Form during the last few years.

Before the end of the term the usual dance will be held. Music will be provided by records and Keith Marshall's Trio. A full-size band is not being hired because the proceeds which would otherwise be used for paying the band will be donated to the World Refugee Fund.

D. BRIAN DAVIES

*Committee*: D. Brian Davies, Tudor Thomas, Mel Williams, Geoff. Davies, Frazer Morris, Haydn Jones, Les Griffiths, and a committee of the girls.

#### C.E.W.C.

<i>President</i> .....	JULIAN R. GRICE
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	DAVID L. REES
<i>Secretary</i> .....	J. RICHARD DAVIES

Also on the committee was Ronald Harries, 5A Arts.

The school branch of the Council for Education in World Citizenship has enjoyed a most successful Christmas term, continuously increasing interest being shown by the school.

During the term there have been three meetings and another two are planned before the end of term. At the first meeting Haydn Jones gave a talk on South Africa which was followed by a general discussion. The attendance was not very great but the meeting proved a great success, and as the Chairman, Julian Grice, said, perhaps the quality will make up for the lack of quantity.

The second meeting took the form of an address by the Head on his recent visit to the U.S.A. This meeting was also attended by a large party from the Girls' Grammar School. Needless to say the attendance figures broke all previous records! Mr. Rees's talk was very interesting and he was thanked by David Arfon Rees and David L. Rees.

The third meeting of the term took the form of a film show when the film "The Waiting People" was shown. This film was part of the campaign to improve the schools' collection for the World Refugee Year. Under the direction of Mr. Harries and Mr. G. Evans the Society has undertaken the responsibility for the collection.

Another feature of interest to the Society during the term was the visit of Mr. Terrence Lawson, who is the General Secretary of the Council for Education in World Citizenship. He gave a very



interesting talk on the Refugee Problem. He was thanked by the President and Secretary of the School Branch. Mr. Lawson in a communication later in the term described the School Branch as a "very lively Society."

During the Christmas holidays three members of the Society will represent the School Branch in the Christmas holiday lectures and conference on the topic "Peace and Population." The school representatives will be J. R. Grice, D. L. Rees and J. R. Davies. It is hoped that these members of the Society will recount their experiences on their return next term, and it is hoped that they will take an active part in the discussions which will follow the lectures in London.

J. RICHARD DAVIES, *Secretary*

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## ORCHESTRA NOTES

### School Orchestra

We are very sorry to report that the end of this term will see the departure of our extremely capable and much respected music master. Mr. Adams leaves us after three years' service to the school, during which he has added many works to the repertoire of the orchestra, among them a 'cello concerto. His character will leave an indelible impression upon his pupils who will miss him greatly.

The orchestra will also lose the services of one who has, more than anyone else, been responsible for the formation of the school orchestra. Mr. Frank Phillips has for over thirty years encouraged young string players to become active members of the orchestra. Many, who have since become professional musicians, remember with gratitude the encouragement and enthusiasm of Mr. Phillips.

We extend our best wishes to Mr. Phillips in his retirement and to Mr. Adams in his new post at Sheffield.

We are pleased with the response to our appeal for young 'cellists. A class has now been formed under the guidance of Mr. Donald Preece.

Before Christmas some members of the orchestra will play in a three night production of "The Gondoliers" given by the Girls' Grammar School—we look forward to this with great pleasure.

The orchestra hopes to give a concert in the near future.

### County Youth Orchestra

The County Youth Orchestra has gone from strength to strength. We have attended day schools during the year, and have recorded works for the B.B.C. during our annual residential course at Trinity College, Carmarthen. Our conductor was Mr. Alwyn Jones of the



B.B.C. At the day school held in Llandeilo Grammar School, we were privileged to be conducted and addressed by Mr. Edward Holmes, principal 'cellist of the B.B.C. Concert Orchestra.

We are grateful to Mr. Elved Morgan, County Music Director, for arranging these instructive courses.

### **National Youth Orchestra of Wales**

This year, four members of the school orchestra attended the N.Y.O.W. course at Bangor, North Wales. They were Roger Williams and John Harries (violas), Dennis Jones (double bass) and myself ('cello). After a week's rehearsal, under the baton of our famous and well-loved conductor, Dr. Clarence Raybould, we gave a series of concerts, which took us from Caernarvon in the North to Cardiff and Swansea in the South. We also appeared in the B.B.C. "Concert Hour" on T.V. A concert at the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea, ended our most successful course.

QUENTIN WILLIAMS, VI.

### **CHESS SOCIETY**

<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	PETER LANE
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	MERFYN THOMAS

The Chess Club is as popular as ever with many new boys joining this year. The school tournament will be held early in the New Year and it is certain from the popularity of the Society that there will be many entries.

This year has been a very successful one for the Chess team. The team has had four home matches and five away matches. The School had convincing victories in most matches and lost only one, when they were unfortunate to lose against a far more experienced team, in Cardiff.

M. G. THOMAS, *Secretary*

### **THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY**

<i>President</i>	.....	.....	Mr. R. JACOBS, B.A.
<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	PETER WILLIAMS
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	.....	.....	PETER DAVIES
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	COLIN BABER

*Committee*: Lower 6th, David Aubrey; Form 5, John Bowen; Form 4, Keith Evans.

The Society has so far been one of the most active in school and has indeed held more meetings than any other Society. There have been four meetings since the beginning of the new school year



and there has been an excellent attendance, averaging 40. It is very encouraging to think that the great majority of these were members of Forms 4 and 5, thus giving excellent prospects for the Society in the future.

The year opened with a very interesting talk by Mr. Rees, the headmaster, on his trip to the U.S.A. as a delegate from Wales to a world congress of school teachers at Washington, D.C. Mr. Rees also showed some excellent slides which he had taken. He was thanked by Peter Davies and Hugh Davies.

The second meeting took the form of a talk by Mr. Harding Rees on his trip to Moscow during the summer holidays. Need I say that Mr. Rees kept us all on the edges of our seats until the very last word. He was thanked by Richard Davies and Geoffrey Davies.

On October 19th, we were most fortunate to have Mr. Graham Evans, an old boy of the school, to show us an excellent film on a tour of the U.S.A. and Canada which he undertook in his own car. He was thanked by J. Grice and P. Daniels.

The last meeting was on the Monday following half-term when three excellent films were shown. The first was a colour feature on the River Rhine. Secondly we saw a vivid contrast between the Wye and Rhondda Valleys, and we finished with a film on the Pygmies of Central Africa.

On closing I should like to thank, on behalf of the committee, the General Science Lab. boys whose help has been invaluable in the showing of the films.

COLIN BABER, *Secretary*

### SCIENCE SOCIETY

*Chairman* ..... PETER G. SAMUEL

*Secretary* ..... STEPHEN R. LAST

*Committee* : Form VI., Stewart Reece ; Form V., Dafydd Gibbon ; Form IV., Howard P. Jones.

Several meetings have been held during the past year ; all of these, however, have consisted of film shows. Three meetings were held during the Spring and Summer terms.

Two meetings have taken place this term. At the first, "Foot-hold on Antarctica," dealing, in colour, with the preliminary expedition to the Antarctic, and "Station 307," about under-water oil prospecting, were screened. A film dealing with the development of a new drug was also shown.

At the last meeting, a film of special interest to boys taking Agricultural Science, "Barnmoor Farm," was shown. This meeting was somewhat disappointing, however, as the supporting films did not arrive.



Attendances throughout the year have been poor, and it is hoped that more enthusiasm and interest will be taken in the coming terms.

Our thanks are due to the film organisations, especially Shell Oil and the Petroleum Films Bureau, without whose help the Society probably could not exist.

S. R. LAST (IV.), *Secretary*

### **DADLAU AM Y GYMRAEG**

Erbyn hyn ymddengys fod dyfodol yr iaith Gymraeg i amryw o bobl yn bur ansicr. Fel testun i lawer o ddadleuon brwd yn ystod y misoedd diwethaf yma, y mae'r Gymraeg a'i siaradwyr wedi bod o dan lawer o driniaeth. Yn wir, cawsom ddadl felly yn ddiweddar yn "Forum" y Chweched Dosbarth. Bu dau fachgen yn ddigon dewr i godi ar eu traed i sôn am eu credoau. Hawdd oedd canfod fod un ohonynt yn Gymro i'r carn, ac fe'n sicrhawyd ni o hyn pan ddechreuodd grybwyll am lenyddiaeth Cymru. Cymerai ef ddiddordeb ynddi ac edmygai ei henwogion. Iddo ef yr oedd dyfodol yr iaith yn ddisglair.

Wrth gwrs, y mae dwy ochr i bob stori ac fel dadl, nid oedd hon yn eithriad. Ni welai'r siaradwr arall ddim dyfodol i'r iaith. Yn ei farn ef, gan fod y Saesneg ar gael wrth law, nid oedd angen y Gymraeg o gwbl. Yr oedd yn amlwg nad oedd ef wedi ymdrafferthu i ddysgu'r iaith. Condemniodd lawer ar yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol, prif hyfrydwch y Cymro, ac yn ei ystad ddibrofiad galwodd hi yn Syrcas. Ni wneid dim yno ond cynadledda a gwastraffu amser. Yma eto yr oedd yn amlwg na fu'r siaradwr hwn yn agos i unrhyw Eisteddfod erioed. Dywedodd lawer o bethau eraill di-sail, ond rhaid imi ofalu rhag bod yn rhy feirniadol, oherwydd tuedda hyn awgrymu pa un o'r ddau yr wyf yn ei gefnogi. Felly terfynaf wrth ddweud ei bod yn biti nad yw pob Cymro yn medru gwerthfawrogi a mawrygu ei iaith a'i wlad.

NEVILLE EYNON, Dosbarth VI. Isaf

### **ATGOFION O WYTHNOS YN EISTEDDFOD GENEDLAETHOL FRENHINOL CYMRU, 1959**

Medrais fynd i'r Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yng Nghaernarfon drwy fod mor ffodus ag ennill rhodd gan Gronfa Addysg y Bwrdd Canol a'm galluogodd i ymweld â'r Eisteddfod am ddim.

Y peth cyntaf am trawodd wrth gerdded drwy dref Caernarfon oedd Cymreigrwydd hollol y lle—yr oedd hyd yn oed y "Teddy



Boys" yn siarad Cymraeg llithrig. Sylwais ar y Sul mai dim ond un Capel Bedyddwyr oedd yn y cylch; yr oedd hyn bron yn anhygoel i mi.

Cefais wythnos fythgofiadwy yn yr Eisteddfod, ac yr oeddwn mor ffodus â chael wythnos heulog; ni chawsom ddiferyn o law, ac erbyn dydd Sadwrn yr oedd y maes yn dew o ddwst, ac nid mwd fel sydd yn draddodiad ar faes yr Eisteddfod.

Yn fy nhyb i dydd Mawrth, dydd y coroni oedd yr un mwyaf cyffrous. Yn ystod y prynhawn hwn dylynwadodd awyrgylch hollol Gymraeg yr Eisteddfod yn ddwfn arnaf—a theimlais am y tro cyntaf fy mod yn Gymro—gyda'r un teimladau a dyheadau cenedlaethol â'r mwyafrif o'm cwrpas. Yn y pafiliwn y prynhawn hwnnw teimlais fod y genedl Gymraeg ar ei gorau—ni fedrwn feddwl am droi yr unig ŵyl hollol Gymraeg hon yn un hanner Seisnig—fel y mae ein bywyd beunyddiol yn barod wedi ei droi.

Yr wyf wedi gweld y coroni o'r blaen ar y teledu ond dyma'r tro cyntaf i mi fod yn y dorf—da o beth yr wyf i yn meddwl yw i gnewyllyn y genedl ymgynnull fel hyn unwaith bob blwyddyn i atgyfnerthu eu hunain yn erbyn yr holl rwystrau sydd yn ceisio dileu ein bywyd cenedlaethol.

Gwelais bobl o bob gwlad yn yr Eisteddfod ac er nad oeddynt yn deall y Gymraeg yr oeddynt yn hoffi ei chlywed—yn enwedig yr Americanwyr a'r Cymry alltud di-Gymraeg.

Mwynheais yr wythnos honno yn fawr iawn ac y mae gennyf atgofion melyn o'r profiadau a gefais yn yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol.

DAVID ARFON REES, VIA.

## YMWELIAD Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG I WELD DRAMA YN ABERTAWE

Ar nos Iau y 19eg o Dachwedd aeth llawn bws o aelodau Cymdeithas Gymraeg ein hysgol a rhai o ysgol y merched i glywed drama yng Ngholeg y Brifysgol, Abertawe. Perfformiwyd y ddrama "Llygad y Geiniog," gan Gymdeithas Ddrama Gymraeg y coleg. Actiwyd y gomedi hon yn rhagorol, ac fe gawsom ni fwynhad mawr wrth edrych arni. Chwaraewyd prif gymeriad y ddrama yn wych iawn gan John Rogers, un o gyn-ddisgyblion ein hysgol. Cymerwyd rhan arall gan Rowland Maddocks, myfyriwr a fu yn athro-prawf yn ein hysgol ni.

Cyfarwyddwyd y ddrama yn fedrus iawn gan Dafydd Wyn Jones, mab gweinidog y Tabernacl, Llanelli.

Yn ystod y noswaith fe gyfarfuom â rhai o gyn-ddisgyblion ein hysgol sydd yn awr yn fyfyrwyr yn y coleg; yn eu plith yr oedd Ken Evans a ymadawodd â'r ysgol yr haf diwethaf.

Yr oedd yr ymweliad yn un llwyddiannus iawn, ac fe lanwyd y chwaraedy.

DAVID AFRON REES



**Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG**

*Llywydd* ..... FRAZER MORRIS  
*Is-lywydd* ..... ROGER WILLIAMS  
*Ysgrifenyddion*..... MICHAEL DAVIES a DESMOND DAVIES

**Ffilmiau**

Y cyfarfod cyntaf ar ôl gwyliau'r Nadolig, 1958, oedd noson o ffilmiau Cymraeg. Dangoswyd y ffilmiau "Ar Bererindod" a "Noson Lawen." Dyma'r tro cyntaf yn fy nghof y cynhaliwyd y gymdeithas yn y "Gen. Sci. Lab."

**Senedd-yr-Ysgol**

Ar 5ed Chwefror cynhaliwyd Senedd-yr-Ysgol o dan ofal Mr. Smith. Y testun oedd "A ddylai'r ysgol gael prifffects?" Arweinydd yr wrthblaid oedd Frazer Morris, a'r blaid gadarnhaol tan arweiniad Eurion John. Yr oedd yn amlwg fod y "prefects" yn amhoblogaidd iawn.

**Seiat Holi**

Am y tro cyntaf ers tro byd cafwyd "Seiat Holi" yn y gymdeithas. Y panel oedd, Mr. Huw Roberts, Mr. Maelgwyn Thomas, Mr. Joe Lloyd a Mr. Marcel Williams. Cafwyd noson ddiddorol iawn.

**Yr Eisteddfod**

Y cyfarfod nesaf oedd yr Eisteddfod yn Neuadd y Dref. Rhoddwyd awr i bob tŷ i ddifyrru'r gynulleidfa â rhaglen amrywiol, yn cynnwys drama. Tŷ Illtud oedd yn fuddugoliaethus y flwyddyn hon.

**Noson Lawen**

Eleni, croesawyd cymdeithasau Cymraeg ysgolion Caerfyrddin, Ysgol y Merched Llanelli, a'n hysgol ni gan ysgol y Gwendraeth i gymryd rhan mewn Noson Lawen. Llywyddwyd gan Eurion John, a rhoddwyd tair eitem gan ein hysgol ni.

**Mr. Huw Roberts**

I ddechrau'r tymor 1959-60, daeth Mr. Huw Roberts, yn ôl ei arfer, i siarad â'n cymdeithas. Cymharodd Mr. Roberts yr iaith Saesneg â'r Gymraeg. Gobeithiodd y byddai'n hiaith yn llwyddo yn erbyn ei hanawsterau fel y llwyddodd y Saesneg yn ystod ei gyrfa hi.

**Mr. Harding Rees**

Yn ystod gwyliau'r haf aeth Mr. Harding Rees i Rwsia, a siaradodd am y daith a'r wlad yn ei araith yn y gymdeithas.



Pwysleisiodd Mr. Rees mor frwdfrydig oedd pobl Rwsia yn eu hawydd am ddod i'r wlad hon, a hefyd am gael heddwch yn y byd.

### **Pawb yn ei Dro**

Nid yw'r gymdeithas yn gyflawn erbyn hyn heb gael "Pawb yn ei Dro" o dan ofal Mr. Wynne. Yr oedd y ddau dîm o dan ofal Roger Williams a Desmond Davies, a chymerwyd rhan gan Meilyr Hughes, Mervyn Thomas, Michael Davies, Neville Eynon, Hywel Thomas, D. Arfon Rees, Rhys Phelps a Frank Williams.

### **Darllen Drama**

Dilynwyd hwn gan Mr. J. R. Williams yn darllen drama. Dangosodd Mr. Williams ei ddawn i ddarllen drama unwaith eto, a'r ddrama y tro hwn oedd "Y Ticed."

### **Dawnsio Gwerin**

Ar 12ed Tachwedd, cynhaliwyd noswaith o ddawnsio gwerin yn Ysgol y Merched rhwng ein cymdeithas ni a chymdeithas y merched. Yr oedd y noson o dan ofal Mr. Smith, a chafwyd awr bleserus iawn o ddawnsio.

### **Mr. T. I. Ellis**

Rhodddwyd anerchiad gwych gan Mr. T. I. Ellis yn y "Form Six Forum" ym mis Hydref ar broblemau Cymru gyfoes. Y ddau brif bwynt yn ei araith oedd edwino'r iaith Gymraeg a dirywiad Anghydfurfiaeth yng Nghymru. Yr oedd yn anrhydedd i'n hysgol gael y fraint o gwrdd ag un o Gymry mwya'n hoes.

### **Llwyddiant Arfon**

Yn ffug-etholiad yr ysgol, David Arfon Rees oedd ymgeisydd Plaid Cymru; cymerodd ychydig llai na hanner y pleideisiau. Dyrchafwyd Arfon i sylw arbennig am nifer o resymau eraill eleni hefyd. Ef a gafodd y marciau uchaf yn y Sir ym mhapur Llenyddiaeth Gymraeg y G.C.E. Hâf, 1958, ac am hynny gwo-brwywyd ef drwy ei alluogi i dreulio wythnos yn yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yng Nghaernarfon yn rhad ac am ddim. Hefyd, yn un o gyfarfodydd y "Form Six Society," Arfon oedd gwrthrych "This is Your Life"—er mawr syndod iddo.

### **Gwerthu Llyfrau Cymraeg**

Yn y flwyddyn newydd, gobeithir cynnal ymgyrch gwerthu llyfrau Cymreig unwaith eto. Flwyddyn yn ol gwerthwyd 996 o lyfrau tan arweiniad Mr. Dennis Jones. Beth am fynd heibio i'r ffigwr hwn eleni? Bydd Mr. Jones yn gwerthu stampiau bob



wythnos er prynu llyfrau ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn. Fe lwydda'r ymgyrch yn ei ddwylo ef. Llynedd gwerthwyd hanner cant o gopiau o gylchgrawn ysgafn Urdd Gobaith Cymru "Blodau'r Ffair." Yr ydym eisoes wedi gwerthu cant eleni.

MICHAEL DAVIES a DESMOND DAVIES, *Ysgrifenyddion*

## HANES DRAMAU YR YSGOL YN EISTEDDFOD GENEDLAETHOL YR URDD YN LLANBEDR-PONT-STEFFAN

Penderfynwyd cynnig ar ddwy ddrama yn Eisteddfod yr Urdd eleni. Aeth y cwmni o dan bymtheg oed ati i ddysgu drama galed Eic Davies, "Fy Mrodyr Lleiaf," tra pherfformiwyd drama D. Mathew Williams, "Llest y Bwci," gan y bechgyn hynaf.

Aeth y ddau ati o ddifrif i ddysgu eu rhannau Aberthwyd llawer awr ginio er mwyn yr achos, ac erbyn mis Mawrth yr oeddem yn barod. Draw â'r ddau gwmni i'r Hendy i'r gystadleuaeth sirol. Cymerwyd rhan gan chwech o gwmniau y noson honno a mawr oedd yr hwyl a'r dryswch yn y "dressing rooms." Yr oedd dramâu yr ysgol yn dra wahanol, un yn grefyddol a'r llall am dafarn ac ysbrydion, a mawr fu'r helynt yn newid y llwyfan. Yn oriau mân y bore cafodd y ddau gwmni glod uchel gan R. Gwynedd Jones y beirniad, ac enillodd y cwmni 15-19 oed darian y sir am y drydedd flwyddyn, a'r cwmni 12-15 y darian am yr ail dro.

Rhai wythnosau wedyn, daeth y newydd llawen fod y ddwy ddrama o'r ysgol i'w hactio yn Llanbedr. Nid oes eisiau disgrifio'r llawenydd. Aeth y ddau gwmni i lawr ati i wella'u hunain os oedd eisiau gwella oherwydd yr oeddynt yn dda yn yr Hendy.

Daeth wythnos Sulgwyn ac ar y dydd Mercher, draw â'r cwmni lleiaf i Lanbedr. Dyma fel yr hysbyswyd y cwmni ar y rhaglen.

### Adran Ysgol Ramadeg y Bechgyn, Llanelli

"FY MRODYR LLEIAF" gan Eic Davies

#### Cymeriadau :

<i>Martin</i>	.....	.....	J. EURFYL AMBROSE
<i>Andreas</i>	.....	.....	KEITH HOWELLS
<i>Seimon</i>	.....	.....	CENWYN EDWARDS
<i>Y Fam</i>	.....	.....	GARY NICHOLAS
<i>Y Wraig</i>	.....	.....	LEIGHTON JONES
<i>Y Cwet</i>	.....	.....	AARON JONES
<i>Llais</i>	.....	.....	HUW ROBERTS

*Cynhyrchydd*—R. I. DENNIS JONES

Gwnaethant eu gwaith yn rhagorol a mawr oedd y llawenydd ar ddiwedd y noson pan drechwyd chwech o gwmniau i ennill y wobr gyntaf, sef Cwpan Arian. Yr oeddynt mor dda nes i'r Teledu



eu gwahodd hwynt i ymddangos y Sul canlynol. Felly draw i Lanbedr aeth y cwmni unwaith eto nos Sadwrn ac ar y Sul gwelwyd hwynt ar y teledu yn siarad am eu profiadau yn y ddrama.

Nos Iau, tro y bechgyn hynaf ydoedd, a hwythau yn awyddus i ddod â'r cwpan arian unwaith eto i'r ysgol. Dyma fel yr hysbyswyd y cwmni ar y rhaglen.

“ LLUEST Y BWCI ” gan D. Mathew Williams

Golygfa : Cegin Tafarn Lluest y Bwci.

**Cymeriadau :**

<i>Siams</i>	.....	.....	.....	FRANK MORGAN
<i>Ifan</i>	.....	.....	.....	DEWI MORGAN
<i>Siencyn</i>	.....	.....	.....	D. FRASER MORRIS
<i>Dai</i>	.....	.....	.....	DENNIS JONES
<i>Ianto</i>	.....	.....	.....	RYAN LEE

*Cynhyrchydd*—R. I. DENIS JONES.

Fel pob actor mawr, yr oeddem yn dra nerfus, ond cyn gynted ag yr aethom ar y llwyfan, diflannodd ein hofnusrwydd a chawsom hwyl fawr er nad oeddem cystal ag yn y gystadleuaeth sirol yn yr Hendy. Bu llawer o gnoi ewinedd gan y cwmni nes i'r beirniad, R. Gwynedd Jones fynd i'r llwyfan a dyfarnu cwmni'r ysgol yn gyntaf. Bu'r tô bron dod i ffwrdd gan floedd hapus bechgyn yr ysgol a oedd yno. Yn gwmni hapus iawn gyda'r cwpan arian, deathom adref i Lanelli.

Er i'r bechgyn yn y ddau gwmni wneud eu rhan yn rhagorol, a phob un yn haeddu clod, rhaid i ni gofio am y dynion o'r tu cefn i'r ddwy ddrama a wnaeth y llawenydd yn bosibl, sef y meistri ac yn enwedig Mr. Denis Jones. Efe a gynhyrchodd y ddwy ddrama. Rhaid hefyd cofio am Mr. Harding Rees a oedd yno o hyd i gynnig ei help, Mr. J. R. Williams a roddodd awgrymiadau gwych i'r actorion er mwyn eu gwella, a hefyd i Mr. Ronald Jacob am goluro'r actorion mor dda, Mr. V. Rees am oleuo, Mr. G. Anthony a Mr. H. Thomas am ofalu am y llwyfan. Diolch i bawb.

D. FRASER MORRIS (VIA. Sci.)

### CHWARAE RYGBI DROS GYMRU

Ers pan oeddwn yn fachgen bach, fy uchelgais fwyaf oedd i chwarae rygbi dros Gymru, ac fe gyflawnwyd yr uchelgais honno ym mis Rhagfyr diwethaf, pan y'm dewiswyd i chwarae dros ysgolion eilradd Cymru yn erbyn Sir Efrog. Yr oeddwm ar bigau drain tan i'r dydd wawrio, ond pan ddaeth y diwrnod mawr canfuwyd na ellid chwarae'r gêm oherwydd yr oedd rhew wedi



caledu'r ddaear. Wedi pythefnos o aros di-ddiwedd, a noson ddi-gwsg cyn y gêm, gwawriodd y bore. Yr oedd dynion allan ar y cae yn fore iawn er mwyn cael y cae yn barod i'r chwarae.

Pan oeddwn yn eistedd yn dawel yn yr ystafell newid, estynnwyd imi crys coch â thair pluen wedi eu gwinio yn ddeheuig iawn arni. Wrth i mi wisgo'r crys coch, daeth teimlad o hiraeth arnaf, oherwydd yr oeddwn ymhell o gartref; ac yna yr oeddwn yn barod.

Dilynodd gêm fythgofiadwy, ac enillasom o un-ar-hugain o bwyntiau i dri. Ond yr oedd yr eiliad orau i ddod eto. Honno oedd diwrnod y gêm rhwng Cymru a Lloegr ar barc y Cardiff Arms.

Pan ddaeth yr amser arweiniwyd ni allan â'r haul tanbaid yn goleuo'r parc, ac fe aeth banllef allan oddi wrth y miloedd o fechgynsgol a oedd yn bresennol.

Safodd y ddau dîm ochr yn ochr tra chanai'r band y ddwy anthem genedlaethol. Dyma'r foment y bûm yn breuddwydio amdani ers pan ddechreuais chwarae'r gêm. Bob tro y bûm yn ymweld â gêm ryngwladol, pan genid "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" gan y dorf, yr oedd ias yn mynd i lawr asgwrn fy nghefn. Droeon, edmygais fy arwyr a safent ar ganol y cae, ac yn awr yr oeddwn i yno—profiad fythgofiadwy.

D. BRIAN DAVIES (Dosbarth VI.)

### CERDDORFA IEUENCTID CYMRU

Eleni fel llynedd treuliais ran helaeth o'm gwyliâu haf ymhlith cerddorion ieuainc Cymru, gyda Cherddorfa Ieuenctid Cymru, neu'r N.Y.O.W. fel y'i gelwir yn Saesneg. Ffurfiwyd y gerddorfa ryw bedair blynedd ar ddeg yn ôl, a'r ddau enw mawr a gysylltir â hi yw Mr. Irwyn Walters a'r Dr. Clarence Raybould. Y mae i'r sefydliad orffennol disglair: efallai mai'r ddau binacl yn ei hanes oedd yr ymweliad â'r Edinburgh Festival, a'r daith drwy'r Iseldiroedd.

Trefnir cwrs o ryw dair wythnos ar gyfer y gerddorfa'n flynyddol gan y Cyd-Bwyllgor Addysg Cymreig—wythnos o ymarfer caled, a phythefnos yn teithio a rhoi cyngherddau. Ein pencadlys am y bythefnos gyntaf eleni oedd hen dref Bangor, a rhwng muriau'r brifysgol osgeiddig y cymerodd yr ymarfer le. Yno y digwyddodd yr hyn a eilw'n harweinydd "the annual miracle"—sef y ffaith fod rhyw gant o ieuenctid yn medru paratoi rhaglen o fiwsig clasurol mewn wythnos o amser. Wrth edrych dros raglen y gerddorfa, daw un ffaith amlwg i'r golwg, sef bod cerddoriaeth yn gelf nad yw na gwlad nac iaith yn rhwystr iddi. Yn wir canwyd gweithiau gan Sibelius (Finland), Strauss (Yr Almaen), Holst (Sais) ac Alun Hoddinott (Cymro).

Tra'n y gogledd rhoddwyd tri chyngerdd yng Mghorwen, Cricieth, ac ym Mhafiliwn yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yng Nghaer-narfon. Wedyn symudwyd ein pencadlys i Abertawe, a thra'n y



De rhoddwyd cyngherddau yn y brifddinas, ym Mhort Talbot, yn Abertawe ac ar y teledydd.

Cynrychiolwyd ein hysgol yn y gerddorfa eleni gan Dennis Jones (double bass), Quentin Williams ('cello), a John Harries (fiola).

ROGER WILLIAMS (VI.)

### NODIADAU GOLYGYDDOL

Y mae'n bleser digymysg gennym ni olygyddion adran Gymraeg ein cylchgrawn, gyfarch yr ysgol ar ddiwedd blwyddyn arall. Hwn fydd y llyfryn cyntaf i rai ohonoch gael y fraint o'i ddarllen, ond sylweddolwn ni gyda braw, fod y seithfed Nadolig ar y rhiniog, er pan droediasom ysgol y Pwll gyntaf. Y mae'n debyg mai hwn fydd y tro olaf y cyferchir chwi o'r "Ysgol ar y Bryn"; buan y symudir y meistri a'r bechgyn, y llyfrau a'r llwch i'r adeilad newydd. Blin gennym adael hen gynteddoedd sanctaidd yr ysgol er ei holl anfaiteision; ond hyderwn y bydd yr un "ysbryd" yn fyw yn yr ysgol wrth droed y Bryn.

Da gennym ddweud i fywyd Cymraeg yr ysgol fod mor fyw ag erioed yn ystod y flwyddyn a aeth heibio, er holl honiadau pobl fel Arglwydd Raglan. Cafwyd llu o gyfarfodydd penigamp o dan nawdd y Gymdeithas Gymraeg a'r Urdd. Enillodd dwy ddrama'r ysgol yn Eisteddfod yr Urdd, ac fe gymerodd llu o fechgyn ran flaenllaw yn yr eisteddfodau cylch a'r eisteddfod Sir. Rhaid crybwyll hefyd, i Gary Nicholas ennill yn y Genedlaethol. Gwelwch gyfeiriadau lu at ddigwyddiadau bywyd Cymreig yr ysgol ar hyd a lled y cylchgrawn.

Yn ystod y flwyddyn, daeth athro Cymraeg newydd i'n plith, sef Mr. Harding Rees. Enillodd ef le yng nghalonau ei ddisgyblion mewn amser byr; y mae yn ŵr a fydd yn siŵr o ystwytho bywyd Cymreig yr ysgol yn y dyfodol. Blin gennym ffarwelio â Mr. Adams ein hathro cerdd; ef efallai, yw'r unig Sais rhonc ymhlith y staff; hyderwn ei fod yn dychwelyd dros glawdd Offa â chofion melys iawn am Gymru.

Bydd dau gymeriad cyfarwydd arall yn diflannu o rengoedd y staff cyn ymddangosiad y cylchgrawn nesaf, sef Mr. F. Phillips a Mr. J. Morris. Dyma ddau ŵr a roesant flynyddoedd o wasanaeth diwyd i'n hysgol; dymunwn bob bendith iddynt ar ôl eu hymddeoliad.

Wrth derfynu, hoffwn longyfarch y Cymry a wnaeth mor dda yn eu harholiadau yr haf diwethaf, a dymuno'n dda i'r rhai sydd yn eu hwynebu yr haf nesaf. Diolchwn i bawb a wnaeth swydd y golygyddion yn un hawdd; a dymunwn Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda a llwyddiannus i'n darllenwyr.

MICHAEL DAVIES a ROGER WILLIAMS, *cyd-olygyddion*



### WYTHNOS YN LLANGRANNOG (HAF, 1959)

Ar ôl cyrraedd Llangrannog yr oedd yn rhaid i mi roddi fy enw i bobl y swyddfa, ac yna mynd i'r babell. Ar ôl bod yn y babell a'i gwneud yn daclus aethom i chwarae "table tennis," ac yna yr oedd yn amser i gael te. Ar ôl te aethom i chwarae pel-droed nes oedd yn amser mynd i'r gwely.

Trannoeth, ar ôl cael brecwast yr oedd y plant i gyd yn cael eu trefnu yn dîmau. Yr oeddwn i yn nhîm Gwent. Yna cawsom chwaraeon yn erbyn ein gilydd. Ar dydd Sul cawsom fynd i'r traeth i ymdrochi ar ôl cinio, ac ar ôl te yr oeddem i gyd i fynd i'r capel. Ar ddydd Llun cawsom chwaraeon eto a noson lawen. Ar ddydd Mercher daeth ymwelwyr o Japan i'n gweld. Ar ddydd Iau aethom i lawr i'r pentref i brynu bwyd i'r cino, ac ar ôl cinio cawsom ffair. Trannoeth ar ôl brecwast yr oeddem yn mynd adref.

SPENSER HUGHES

### WYTHNOS YNG NGLANLLYN

Gwawriodd yn fore braf di-gwmwl, a chyn hir yr oeddwn i a'm ffrind ar fy ffordd i Rydaman i ddal y bws a oedd i'n cludo i'r Gogledd. Ar y bws cyfarfuasom â hen gyfeillion a hefyd daeth pawb yn gyfeillion mawr â'i gilydd. Cyrraeddasom Glan Llyn tuag wyth i'r gloch y nos. Rhwng yr amser hwnnw ag amser mynd i'r gwely bûm yn creded o' gwmpas Plas Glan Llyn a daeth atgofion melys im.

Credaf y gellir darlunio'r amser da a gawsom yn llawer gwell os edrychwn yn ôl ar y gwyliau yn gyfangwbl gan ysgrifennu am y digwyddiadau a erys fwyaf yn y cof. Wrth gwrs y peth cyntaf a gofiat yn dda yw mynd i'r capel ddydd Sul. Fel yr oedd yn digwydd, yr unig ddiwrnod braf a gawsom oedd dydd Sul, a mwynhasom ein tro i'r capel yn fawr iawn.

Yr ail beth a roddodd flas anghyffredin i mi oedd dawnsio gwerin. Eto, yr oedd yn fantais fawr i gael merch brydferth i siarad â chwi wrth ddawnsio. Daw atgofion melys iawn o'r math yma ar fywyd gwersyll. Yn wir y mae wedi rhoddi mwy o ysbrydoliaeth i mi, i ymarfer y ddawns werin pan fwyf adref neu yn yr ysgol.

Ond, efallai mai'r digwyddiad y cawsom fwyaf o hwyl arno oedd y twrnameint ping-pong. Digwyddodd hwn ar y diwrnod olaf cyn mynd adref, ac yr oedd pawb ar flaenau eu traed i gael gwybod pwy oedd yn mynd i ennill. Pan hysbyswyd mai Mr. Dai Smith, ein hathro Cemeg ni oedd y buddugwr mawr oedd hapusrwydd ac edmygedd pob gwersyllwr o Lanelli.



Y noson honno cawsom "Beeno," a "beeno" fythgofiadwy ydoedd hefyd. Bwytasom hyd nes i'r bwyd droi arnom, ac yna er mwyn ei dreulio buom yn canu emynau Cymraeg. Tua 2 o'r gloch aethom i'r gwely am y tro olaf oherwydd yr oeddem yn gadael Glan Llyn fore trannoeth.

Gwawriodd y bore yn llawer yn rhy gynnar, ac yn sydyn wele fachgen â llais prudd yn dechrau canu:

"Ffarwel i Blwy' Llangower  
A'r Bala dirion deg.  
Ffarwel i f'unig gariad  
Nid wyf yn enwi neb.  
'Rwyn mynd i wlad y Saeson  
A'm calon fel y plwm,  
I ddawnsio o flaen y delyn  
Ac i chwarae o flaen y drwm."

Torrodd y merched allan i wylo, a phrudd iawn oeddem ninnau wrth gau ein bagiau. Ond pa waeth; erys Glan Llyn eto, ac fe fydd yr un hen blas, y llyn enfawr, y brenin Arthur a'r cychod eraill i gyd yn aros i'n croesawu pan ddychwelwn yno y flwyddyn nesaf.

MICHAEL E. DAVIES (Dosbarth VI.)

### CWRS Y CILGWYN

Yn ystod tymor y pasg eleni cefais wybod fy mod i fynd i gwrs dros y gwyliau ym mhlas y Cilgwyn y tu allan i Gastell Newydd Emlyn. Meddyliais wrthyf fy hun, "Dyma ffordd i fwynhau gwyliau, yn gwrando ar ryw ddarlith sych gan ddarlithiwr hen ffasiwn." Ond pan ddaeth yr amser ac wedi dod i adnabod rhai o'r bechgyn a'r merched, sylweddolais nad oedd y lle mor wael ag y meddyliais. Gallem dreulio yr wythnos yn gwmni diddan yn siarad â'n gilydd ar bynciau diddorol, ac yn chwarae gyda'r nos. Daeth enwogion Cymru i siarad â ni, a chawsom ofyn gymaint o gwestiynau ag a ddymunem iddynt. Yn y modd hwn dysgasom yn gyflym, ac yr oeddem yn mwynhau dysgu. Yr oedd pawb ar ei orau glas i helpu rhywun arall, a daeth pob un ohonom yn gyfeillion mawr i'w gilydd. Wedi dychwelyd yn ôl i'r ysgol dyheais am gael bod mewn ysgol debyg i'r ysgol honno a dreuliasom am wythnos yn y Cilgwyn.

Dymunaf ddiolch i bawb a wnaeth yr wythnos yn bosibl, a hefyd i Fwrdd Addysg Sir Gaerfyrddin a dalodd am gostau'r wythnos.

MICHAEL E. DAVIES (Dosbarth VI.)



### GADAEI YR YSGOL-AR-Y-BRYN

Fel y daw tymor arall i ben, felly hefyd y daw bywyd yr hen ysgol bron i'w ddiwedd. Dywedant wrthym fod yr Ysgol Dechnegol i ddod yn ein lle. Addysgwyd fy nhad o'm blaen i yn yr adeilad hwn a llawer o'ch tadau chwithau, cawsant amser gorau eu bywyd yma. I lawr â ni felly i'r tŷ-gwydr yn y Pwll, i bopeth newydd heb draddodiadau nac awyrgylch. Byddwn allan o gyffyrddiad â'r holl fyd yn y lle anghysbell hwnnw. Yn y tywyllwch y bydd ein hen "tuck shop," "Coopers" ac ysgol y merched. Byth eto y clywn aroglau o dywyllwch y "chem. lab." neu dincial y scalpels yn naddu'r "dog fish" yn y "Biol. lab." Cilia'r seiniau melys o'r ystafell-gerdd, ac ni chlywir y gansen eto yn y Cabin. 'Rwyn siwr fod y meistri yn edrych ymlaen at yr ysgol newydd am eu bod, wrth ddyfod y gaeaf, yn cyfri'r dyddiau cyn i'r boiler dorri i lawr. Yn y staff-rooms newydd mae'n debyg y byddant o'r diwedd yn medru canfod eu gilydd drwy'r niwl tybaco. Byddwn yn galaru hefyd am fyns a "Sausage rolls" danteithiol Mrs. Mctravers yn y tyc-siop.

Gadewch inni hefyd ddymuno'n dda i'r meistri sy'n gadael yn nhymor y Gwanwyn sef Mr. J. Morris a Mr. F. Phillips. Y mae'r ddau wedi gwario hanner eu bywydau yn yr hen adeilad ac 'rwyn siwr y bydd llawer o'r meistri hefyd fel hwy yn hiraethu am y lle wrth i'r blynyddoedd fynd yn eu blaen.

Pan ddaw diwedd Tymor y Gwanwyn felly, rhaid fydd inni ddweud ffarwel iti'r hen le, a dymuno pob hwyl iti yn dy swydd newydd, ond ni'th anghofiwn di fyth.

PAUL THOMAS (VA. Arts)

### MUSINGS FROM THE GREEN HUT

Since eighteen ninety six,  
These very ancient bricks  
Have stood, and stood, and stood,  
Representing all that's good.  
They've passed through two world wars,  
Through strikes and worldly strife;  
Not hiding all their flaws,  
But building up a life  
That shows an independence,  
Common good, and common sense.

But now, these walls of old,  
That have seen the brave and bold  
Of many generations,  
Must live in the narrations,  
In the old reverberations  
Of its scholars, teachers, friends.  
We hope that our traditions,  
Our spirits, hopes and trends,  
Will, in Pwll, reform at last,  
To show the power of the past.



We shall never stop remembering  
 Our famous "ysgol ar y bryn";  
 Yet we with all our strength must prove  
 That we can overcome this move  
 And face the world united;  
 But never leave unsighted  
 That we must make out motto known:—  
 "Bydd Bur, Bydd Eirwir, a Bydd Iawn."

### Y CWRWGL

Nid maes i ti yw'r dociau brwnt,  
 Na phorthladd prysur chwaith,  
 Ond cefaist ti yr afon fach  
 I wneud dy ddyddiol waith.

Byth ni ollyngwyd di i'r môr,  
 Mewn ffordd ddefodol iawn,  
 Ni'th lansiwyd di yn fawr dy fri,  
 Gan seremoni lawn.

Ni roddwyd iti liw na phaent  
 Fel eraill longau'r byd,  
 Ni chefaist ddim ond pyg a phren  
 A chynfas—dyna'i gyd.

Ond paid ag ofni am dy faint,  
 Na'th liw, na'th glod, na'th fri,  
 Mae gennyt hanes lawer gwell  
 Na llongau'n dyddiau ni.

Ganrifoedd cyn y llongau pren,  
 A'u hwyliau'n llawn o wynt,  
 Defnyddiwyd di—O! gwrwgl bach  
 Gan ein hynafiaid gynt.

Yr oeddit fel rhyw frenin teg  
 Ar ddyfroedd Tywi lân  
 A melys ydyw'r hanes hir  
 Yn destun llif fy nghân.

DESMOND DAVIES VI. (Arts)



## RUGBY NOTES

### " The Sevens, 1959 "

In April, 1958, School brought off the almost impossible. Unheralded, we entered the Rosslyn Park Public Schools' Seven-a-Side competition and made history by carrying off the trophy at the first attempt. Came April of this year and our first defence of the highest honour in English Schoolboy Rugby, which we had snatched over Offa's Dyke for the first time.

Could we do it again? Although we went to Roehampton as champions, we still had to take our place in the qualifying rounds along with the newcomers. It was asking a lot, even though our Seven had trained Spartan-like for weeks beforehand. Odds were heavily against School when international duties meant that Brian Davies, the tournament's outstanding player the previous year and Malcolm Smith were non-starters.

This, with a series of gruelling early round matches, proved too great an obstacle and, after battling gamely to the last eight of nearly a hundred starters, School went out fighting to ultimate winners Douai by eight points to three. But it was a glorious failure. One that again brought praises to School, Llanelly and Wales.

School were the obvious " glamour " team of the tournament. The crowds flocked to watch the champions and the London Press, too, showed no little interest in the " intruders " from Wales, who had shown the audacity to win the trophy at their first attempt.

The School team was : Eifion Thomas (captain), Wynne Oliver, Dennis Thomas, John R. Davies, Alan Denman, Steve Jones and Iorwerth Evans. First reserve and the indefatigable linesman was Urias Lewis ; the other reserves were Mel Williams and Geoff Davies.

In the opening round School beat **Surbiton Grammar School** by a Wynne Oliver try in the second half. Although suffering from initial nervousness, School settled down and made progress through sprinter Wynne's try after a clever cross kick by Eifion Thomas.

Next came **Wimbledon College** and, showing something much nearer their normal form, School looked impressive in a workman-like 14 points-nill victory. Eifion Thomas and John Davies were in fine form and each scored a try. Wynne Oliver scored two and Iorwerth Evans converted one.

A hard tackling **Rugby** seven brought out the best from the boys to win their first round proper encounter by eight points to nil. School again showed their " championship look " to go through with scores by Iorwerth Evans (penalty try), after a great 35 yards dash, Alan Denman (try) and Eifion Thomas (conversion).

With a masterly defensive display and superb covering School just prevented the shock of the tournament with a desperately



close three-nil success in the mud over **Plymouth**, who played with traditional West Country doggedness, in the next round. The saviour was Steve Jones, who dribbled through to score a try.

The pressure was now on and the going tough. Llanelly's was the scalp all were after and **Fettes**, our Scottish third round opponents, showed their desire to win with an all out effort. But School, the better tacticians, won the day through a try by Dennis Thomas, who had an outstanding game, which Eifion Thomas converted.

Whatever luck School might have had in the earlier rounds certainly deserted them in the quarter final when they met their Waterloo. **Douai**, on the other hand, were favoured by the bounce of the ball; but it would be churlish to decry their victory because they proved their worth by going on to be worthy champions.

School never gave up but found the hurdle of being quickly two tries down too great to surmount although they fought back strongly to get a consolation try by Wynne Oliver, who was the undoubted man-of-the-match.

As has now become the custom on the trip to the Metropolis, players, teachers and camp-followers were lavishly entertained by the London Branch of the Old Boys' Union, led by Solicitor Mr. Donald Davies. The dinner given by Mr. Davies in the Tudor Rooms of the Park Lane Hotel will long be remembered by those fortunate to be present.

When we returned there was the usual shoal of congratulatory and hard luck messages including one once again from Mr. Shaw.

Old boy Mr. Handel C. Rogers has ensured a lasting record of the London "invasion" with a delightful colour film which has been acquired for the School archives through Mr. Rogers' kindness.

K.E.E.

### **The Tourists**

Llanelly did not prove a happy hunting ground for visiting Rugby schools last season. We had three visiting teams including one from France, but we did not prove hospitable hosts on the Rugby field! However, we extended traditional Welsh hospitality to our guests after the matches.

Each in turn left with a healthy respect for the standard of school Rugby in Wales in general and in "Sospan" in particular.

**Wednesday, 17th December, 1958**

**School 43 points. Whitgift nil**

Rarely have School played better. The luckless English boys coached by former Llanelly and Wales full-back Gerwyn Williams, were no match for the quick-thing, fast-running, hard-tackling School. With hooker Alan Denman monopolising the scrums,



School had an abundant supply of the ball and the backs didn't waste it. They skated over the Stradey mud in traditional Welsh style to score with almost monotonous ease.

Tries came from skipper Brian Davies (3), Urias Lewis (2), John R. Davies, Geoff Davies, Iorwerth Evans, Colin Willis and Malcolm Smith. Outside-half Eifion Thomas was in tremendous form and notched 13 points with a drop goal and five conversions.

#### **Friday, December 19th, 1958—Pwll**

##### **School 27 pts. City of London School 3 pts.**

Superior speed and greater vigour behind the scrum were the telling factors in School's second-in-three-days victory over a second visiting Public School. But the City of London boys were a harder nut to crack and never gave up the fight. In captain, Philippe Lecamp, they had a shrewd tactical kicker who several times saved possible scores.

School halves Dennis and Eifion Thomas were in great form and each scored a brilliant individual try. They handled the muddy ball with assurance and never wasted a chance.

In a tremendous school pack John Davies and Iorwerth Evans were outstanding.

Try scorers were Malcolm Smith (2), David Alan Davies (2), Eifion Thomas (2), Dennis Thomas and Iorwerth Evans. Eifion Thomas converted three.

#### **Thursday, 26th February—Stradey Park**

##### **School 13 pts. Gurey Le Chatel 3 pts.**

School's first cross-channel visitors put up a plucky but unrewarding display before being beaten, by two goals and a try to a try, by a faster and quicker-thinking School team. However, the French boys who finished with only 14 players were a little unlucky and were deserving of further scores. They were for three years undisputed champions of their country.

The game was somewhat disappointing because both teams made far too much use of the touchline. School were particularly guilty. School led by five points at half time through a Steve Jones try which Eifion Thomas converted with a fine kick. They scored again early in the second half when Iorwerth Evans tore over for an unconverted try.

The third try was the best of the match. Receiving just outside the French boys' 25, Eifion split their defence wide open on a brilliant run which took him under the posts for a score which he also converted. Just before the end the visitors got their reward when forward Pierre Flugas went over in a forward melee.



**Old Boys' Match. Thursday, 19th March, 1959—Stradey****School Past nil. School Present 16 pts.**

The Old Boys started well but long before the end several, who had not played for some considerable time, had bellows to mend and faded. This gave School their chance to set off on a second half scoring spree, which brought them 13 points.

Stars were the half-backs, the Thomases, Dennis and Eifion. The former sent out an immaculate service under trying conditions and the latter was the game's outstanding personality.

Try scorers were Wynne Oliver, Brian Davies, Malcolm Smith and Steve Jones. Eifion Thomas converted two.

Because of last minute withdrawals, two of the present boys, namely, Ben Hughes and Alan Thomas, were included in the Past's team. The full teams were :

**Past :** Roy Griffiths (Bynea) ; Michael Harries (New Dock Stars), Ben Hughes, Andrew Templeton (St. Luke's), John John (Burry Port) ; Ieuan Jones (R.A.F.), Michael Seaman (London School of Economics) ; Peter Newman (Swansea Univ.), Alan Thomas, Gareth Evans (Old Boys), Anthony Bevan (Cardiff Univ.), Russel Rees (London Univ.), Hywel Morgan (R.A.F.), David Marks (Swansea Univ.), and Graham Griffiths, capt. (New Dock Stars).

**Present :** Alan Murphy ; Malcolm Smith, Brian Davies (capt.), Geoff Davies, Wynne Oliver ; Eifion Thomas, Dennis Thomas ; John R. Davies, Alan Denman, David Alan Davies, Mel Williams, Markham V. Jones, Urias Lewis, Steve Jones and Iorwerth Evans.

The referee was Mr. Ken Jones of the W.R.U.

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**Season 1958-59—1st XV.**

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

This proved a happier and more successful Rugby team than many had dared to anticipate. In all 19 matches were played and only two defeats sustained. Both were in the Christmas term.

Notable in a season of outstanding achievements was the feat of wing-forward Iorwerth Evans, who reached his century of points in three seasons with the 1st XV. "Centurion" Iorwerth finished with 106 points.

International caps were won by Brian Davies (against Yorkshire, England and France) and by Malcolm Smith (against France).

The season's complete record reads : P. 19, W. 17, D. 0, L. 2. Points for 303, Points against 47. Eifion "Pwll-bach" Thomas was top individual scorer with 86 points followed by Brian Davies (48), Malcolm Smith (42), Iorwerth Evans (28), Urias Lewis and Steve Jones (12).



**December 6th—School 34 pts., Pembroke Dock nil**

Although forced to make a few late changes, School revelled in the ideal conditions and won as easily as the score suggests. This win was a remarkable achievement when one considered that Pembroke had scored 159 points and conceded only 30 in previous matches this season. An in-form Eifion Thomas scored 16 points with a try, penalty goal and five conversions.

Other try scorers were John R. Davies, Geoff Davies, Alvar Jones, Iorwerth Evans, Collin Willis and Urias Lewis.

**December 13th—School 11 pts., Pontardawe nil**

Although winning easily School were a little disappointing. The forwards lacked their customary fire and, as a result, the backs saw less of the ball, but even so still contrived to make some brilliant breaks through.

Try scorers were Malcolm Smith, Collin Willis and Eifion Thomas, who also kicked a conversion.

**January 10th—School 40 pts., Neath Technical nil**

With the Wales—Yorkshire International match cancelled School had the unexpected fillip of including acting-captain Brian Davies, who showed his gratitude by scoring four great tries in this runaway win.

For the first fifteen minutes, Neath held their own but then faded in the face of some inspired play.

Other try scorers were Iorwerth Evans (2), Urias Lewis, Mel Williams, Alan Davies, Steve Jones, Dennis Thomas and Eifion Thomas. Iorwerth Evans and Eifion Thomas each kicked a conversion.

**January 24th—School 5 pts., Gowerton 3 pts.**

This was the match in which Iorwerth Evans scored his 100th point. But his try, which reached that target, was given added significance because it helped School gain their first victory over Gowerton for eight years.

Iorwerth, who captained the team on this occasion, left it late but sure footed Alan Murphy ensured victory with a fine conversion kick from the touchline. As a spectacle the game proved a disappointment but it lacked nothing in excitement as two evenly matched packs battled for supremacy.

**January 31st—Ammanford 3 pts., School 16 pts.**

Poor finishing robbed School of many tries but even so they were still too strong allround for game Ammanford. There were



some thrilling scores after fine mid-field running in which Brian Davies and Malcolm Smith were prominent. Perpetual-motion Iorwerth Evans got his customary score, a particularly brilliant individual effort from a kick out.

Other try scorers were Malcolm Smith (2), David Alan Davies. Eifion Thomas converted two.

**February 7th—Bishop Gore nil, School 12 pts.**

Injury-hit School put up a fine show in this first match on the Swansea team's new ground. Although Bishop Gore's tackling and covering was of the highest order the more powerful School backs still managed to show their speed and thrust. Malcolm Smith was again in fine fettle and his strong running brought two tries. Another star was full-back Lawrence Jones in his first game.

Roy Price scored the other try and Eifion Thomas kicked a penalty.

**February 12th—School 6 pts., Gwendraeth 3 pts.**

Perhaps too much was expected but this game proved a disappointment. School missed many of their first team players, absent and through illness, and movements lacked the usual co-ordination. The strong-tackling Gwendraeth defence was also a factor in this comparatively low scoring game.

Brian Davies and Steve Jones were School's try scorers.

**February 21st—Pembroke Dock 3 pts., School 6 pts.**

With six reserves the School pack did well to hold the powerful Pembroke eight, against a strong wind, in the first half. This laid the foundation for a deserved victory. School led at the interval by a try scored by centre Brian Davies and the winning points came in the second half when Alvar Jones raced through for a fine score.

**March 14th—Whitland nil, School 5 pts.**

A depleted School team fought hard to win what proved to be a rather drab final game. The forwards on both sides tried to do too much on their own and this tended to make the game lose a lot of its sparkle.

But there was one movement of the very highest order. It brought the winning points, a try under the posts by Brian Davies, after a 70 yards jinking run, which Eifion Thomas converted.



**Season 1958-59—2nd XV.**

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

During the latter half of the season the Seconds played three matches and won them all to maintain their unbeaten record.

Postponements of matches because of bad weather and illness restricted the number of matches played during the season to seven. The complete record reads P. 7, W. 7, L. 0, D. 0. Points for 78; Points against 18.

**RUGBY NOTES****Season 1959-60. 1st XV.**

<i>Captain</i> .....	D. BRIAN DAVIES
<i>Vice-Captain</i> .....	DENNIS THOMAS
<i>Secretary</i> .....	D. FRASER MORRIS

This season School have had to rebuild an entirely new side, because only five of last season's 1st XV. regular players are still in School. Although they started rather shakily, School have now settled down and are a first-class side. It is an interesting point that the average age of the 1st XV. is just under 17 years of age, and it augurs well for the future of School rugby.

School had six players in the first trial held at Pwll, and after three trials Brian Davies (centre), Dennis Thomas (inside-half) and Steve Jones (lock-forward) are pressing strongly for a Welsh Secondary Schools' cap. We wish them the best of luck in future trials.

**September 12th—Gwendraeth 5 pts., School nil**

Although narrowly defeated the School team was far from being disgraced. With a fair share of luck School could have had a reasonable winning margin. Because Gwendraeth resorted to spoiling tactics, School had no option but to play a forward game and in this respect Steve Jones and newcomer David Andrews played an outstanding game. At the base of the scrum Dennis Thomas gave one of his usual sterling performances. Gwendraeth scored an opportunist try.

**September 19th—School nil, Gowerton 3 pts.**

As the score suggests the game was extremely close, and the result could have swung either way. Gowerton were superior in the set scrums, but in the lines-out and loose School had the edge, where Steve Jones, Mel Williams and Michael Hopkins were prominent. Jerrard Protheroe was the best of the backs and his penalty from the halfway line hit the crossbar. Gowerton scored from a penalty.



**October 3rd—Carmarthen 3 pts., School 9 pts.**

School were without captain Brian Davies, who had to withdraw because of injury, but the pack was strengthened by the return of injured Michael Williams playing his first game for School. School started off rather slowly and at half-time Carmarthen were leading by three points. In the second half School rallied and at the end were worthy winners. Dennis Thomas, acting captain, scored a try and Jerrard Protheroe kicked two penalty goals.

**October 10th—School 3 pts., Amman Valley 6 pts.**

School were unlucky not to get at least a draw. For School Michael Williams and Steve Jones were always prominent in the lines-out and in the loose. Roy Price, converted from wing three-quarter to wing-forward, played well, keeping a good opposing outside-half in check. Stuart Davies, outside-half, played well although under constant pressure. School's points came from a penalty goal kicked by Jerrard Protheroe. Amman Valley's points came from a penalty goal and a dropped goal.

**October 17th—Pontardawe 3 pts., School 9 pts.**

School were strengthened by the return of captain Brian Davies for their away game with Pontardawe, which was played in pouring rain. All the forwards played extremely well and after one well-controlled forward rush Michael Williams scored. School half-backs, Dennis Thomas and Stuart Davies, handled and kicked well in the atrocious conditions. Pontardawe levelled the scores through a try by their outside-half, but School soon went ahead through a penalty goal kicked by Jerrard Protheroe. In the dying moments School made sure of the game through a try scored by Clive Aitken, in which all the backs handled.

**November 14th—School 27 pts., Bishop Gore 6 pts.**

This was School's biggest win of the season, when they trounced Bishop Gore. For the first time this season School's pack was at full strength and they were in complete command in the lines-out. School backs handled and ran well, Terry Davies on the right wing being outstanding. Bishop Gore must be complimented on their fine sporting spirit.

Try scorers for School were: Terry Davies (2), Brian Davies, captain (2), Steve Jones, Dennis Thomas and Clive Aitken. Jerrard Protheroe converted three.

**November 21st—School 3 pts., Dynevor 3 pts.**

With four regulars absent due to a W.S.S.R.U. trial, School could only draw with Dynevor. On the whole School forwards, under the leadship of acting captain Roy Price, played well, although the lines-out were a little scrappy. Thanks to good hooking by Alan Thomas, School backs saw enough of the ball, but



were often guilty of running across the field. Outstanding in the threequarters was Geoffrey Davies who handled and defended particularly well. Terry Davies scored a magnificent try for School running almost from his own line to score under the posts. Jerrard Protheroe fluffed the conversion which should have clinched the game for School.

### **Season 1959-60—2nd XV.**

Because of the unsettled nature of the 1st XV. at the start of the season, some boys have been fluctuating between the 1st and 2nd XV., and thus no regular captain was picked for the 2nd XV. Thus the fortunes of the 2nd XV. have varied from Saturday to Saturday.

#### **September 12th—School 29 pts., Gwendraeth 2nd XV. nil**

Gwendraeth were no match for School Seconds, although the Seconds were only 14 men for most of the second half, D. Dunn being off injured. The Seconds forwards monopolised the lines-out and set scrums, due to fine work by R. Phillips and D. Dunne, and consequently the threequarters had enough of the ball. Scorers for School Seconds were Clive Aitken (2 tries), D. Harries (2 tries), S. Davies (try), B. Hunt (try). Lawrence Jones converted four tries and kicked a fine penalty goal.

#### **October 3rd—School 3 pts., Carmarthen 6 pts.**

School Seconds narrowly lost a hard game and the result could have swung either way. The School pack did not continue the high standard they set in the previous game although Raymond Phillips and Roger Thomas were always prominent. For the Seconds David Rees scored a try.

#### **October 10th—Amman Valley 2nd XV. 8 pts., School nil**

School were beaten by a better allround side. School fielded three reserves and made many positional changes, and were only 14 men in the second half, Roger Thomas having to leave the field due to injury. For School Alan Bowen, coming in as a reserve, and Alan Smith gave satisfactory debuts.

#### **November 14th—Bishop Gore 2nd XV. 3 pts., School 6 pts.**

School Seconds, under the captaincy of David Rees, returned to their winning vein by beating Bishop Gore. The Seconds pack played well, and Keith Mitchell and Meirian Davies were always prominent. Alan Smith, inside-half, and Vaughan Jones, hooker, scored tries for School.

#### **November 21st—Dynevov 2nd XV. 5 pts., School 5 pts.**

In a hard fought game School Seconds drew with Dynevov. In the second half when School were pressing strongly, captain Alvar Jones sustained a head injury and had to leave the field. Wing-forward Roger Owen scored a try for School after a kick ahead, Alan Smith converted.



**CRICKET NOTES**

<i>Captain</i> .....	.....	W. P. CHARLES
<i>Vice-Captain</i> .....	.....	K. F. MARSHALL
<i>Secretary</i> .....	.....	R. A. JENKINS

The 1959 season was quite a successful one for School. In a summer blessed with exceptionally fine weather, ten matches were played. Of these, five were won, three lost and two drawn.

Four boys were selected to play for the Carmarthenshire Secondary Schools' side. They were Peter Davies, Allan Sims, Keith Marshall and Huw Jones. In addition, Peter Davies and Huw Jones were chosen to represent the combined Carmarthenshire-Pembrokeshire side at Pembroke.

**May 4th—School v. Ammanford**

School started off the season in fine style, Allan Sims (29) and Peter Davies (28) putting on 55 for the first wicket. School eventually declared at 90 for seven. Ammanford made no attempt to go for the runs and although School spin bowlers Neil McHugh (3-12) and Anthony Jenkins (2-17) caused a middle order collapse, the game ended in an unsatisfactory draw, with Ammanford at 70 for seven.

Result : Drawn.

**May 9th—School v. Carmarthen**

School were outplayed on a sticky wicket at Pwll. Carmarthen batted first and struggled to a total of 41 all out. Our opening bowlers Alwyn John (6 for 16) and Mel Williams (2-6) wrought most damage on this wet wicket. School replied with a dismal batting display, being all out for 22.

Result : Win for Carmarthen by 19 runs.

**May 13th—School v. Llanelly Mid-Week XI.**

School batted first and were eventually all out for 103. Batting honours went to Mike Jones who scored 43 (including five fours) and Huw Jones (23). Apart from C. Mason who scored a stolid 43 for the Mid-week, the rest of the team folded up against accurate fast bowling by Alwyn John (6-22), but the "tail" hung on, and by the close the Mid-week XI. had scored 67 for seven.

Result : Drawn.

**May 16th—School v. Llanelly Wanderers**

The Wanderers batted first and put up such a poor batting display that they were all out in 35 minutes for 14 ! School bowlers Dieter Mathias (3 for 2) and Mike Tanner (3-8) caused this surprising debacle. School quickly knocked up 101 runs mainly due to Mike Williams (23) and Keith Marshall (18). The Wanderers were put in again, but although faring better, were no match for School



fast bowlers. Dieter Mathias (5 for 24) and Alwyn John (3 for 20) who bowled them out for 50.

Result : Win for School by an innings and 37 runs.

### **May 30th—School v. Llanelly Wanderers**

The Wanderers batted first and with the help of two fine knocks from G. Jones (25) and Frank Davies (18) they scored 88. Our left-arm spinner Huw Jones took 5 for 18 and Alwyn John 3 for 7. School easily passed the Wanderers' total with seven wickets down and went on to score 146. Our opening pair Allan Sims (25) and Peter Davies (19) scored 41 for the first wicket, and Neil McHugh scored 32.

Result : Win for School by three wickets.

### **June 13th—School v. Gowerton**

This game produced good totals by both teams on a firm, true pitch. School batted first and due to Allan Sims (24) and Mike Williams and Phillip Charles (17 each) reached 91 all out. Although Ken Long (21) and R. Evans (17) resisted strongly for the visitors our fast bowlers broke through and Gowerton were all out for 82.

Result : Win for School by nine runs.

### **June 20th—School v. Ammanford**

Ammanford were by far the better side in this return match. Batting first, they scored 116 for seven declared. I. Rees was top scorer with 39 not out. School never looked like getting the runs and although stubborn resistance came from Mike Jones (17), Keith Roderick (15), Allan Sims (14) and Geoff Davies (11) they were all out for 83.

Result : Win for Ammanford by 33 runs.

### **July 6th—School v. Ystradgynlais**

This was School's most convincing win of the season. Batting first, they scored 133 for six declared. Fine displays of batting came from Mike Williams (48), Mike Jones (29) and Peter Davies (26). Ystradgynlais were soon in trouble against Colin Williams, who took the first five wickets for 15 runs, and were then completely routed by the left arm spin of Huw Jones (4 for 3). Ystradgynlais were all out for 42.

Result : Win for School by 91 runs.

### **July 7th—School v. " Old Boys "**

This traditional post-examination match proved to be another convincing win for School. Batting first, we scored 113 for eight declared. Mike Williams (22), Alun Killa (30) and Phillip Charles (17) shared the batting honours. The School pace bowlers proved too strong for the " Old Boys " and although Allan Bowen scored 23, they were all out for 71. Colin Williams took 6 for 16.

Result : Win for School by 42 runs.



**July 10th—Staff v. Boys**

The Staff won this light-hearted match for the second year in succession and were by far the better side. The Boys batted first and due to a second wicket partnership of 57 by Peter Davies (49) and Huw Jones (25 not out) they declared at 95 for three. The Staff were soon in trouble with two wickets down for eight runs, but a brilliant display of controlled hitting by Mr. Alun Thomas altered the state of the game. He scored 52 runs which included nine fours and a six. He was well supported by Mr. Hywel Thomas (23 not out) and the Staff passed our total for three wickets.

Result : Win for Staff by seven wickets.

**Leading Averages :**

Batting			Bowling		
	Runs	Avge.		Wkts.	Avge.
Mike Jones .....	112	18.66	Colin Williams .....	12	4.6
Peter Davies .....	149	18.62	Huw Jones .....	11	5.3
Mike Williams .....	134	14.8	Alwyn John .....	28	6.5
Allan Sims .....	108	12.0	Neil McHugh .....	15	9.0

ANTHONY JENKINS, VIA. (Science)

**SCHOOL TENNIS, 1959**

<i>Captain</i> .....	.....	NEVILLE R. CARPENTER
<i>Vice-Captain</i> .....	.....	T. ALAN JARRETT
<i>Secretary</i> .....	.....	JULIAN R. GRICE

**Record :**

P.	W.	L.	Matches For	Matches Against
11	7	4	59	40

<b>Team :</b>	1st Pair	N. R. Carpenter and T. A. Jarrett.
	2nd Pair	J. A. Harry and P. F. Williams.
	3rd Pair	J. R. Grice and A. Jenkins } A. James }

The new school courts at Pwll were completed by Christmas, 1958, and throughout the Easter term of 1959, a party of eight or more boys were able to practice every week. As a result the School team began the season in top form.

**School v. Trinity College, Carmarthen**

School coasted to their first victory of the season beating Trinity College at Carmarthen by seven matches to two. An older and more experienced side, Carmarthen put up a good fight but School played the faster and more powerful tennis and well deserved their victory.



### **School v. St. David's College, Lampeter**

This was the first match to be played at the new courts in Pwll and fittingly School were victorious by six matches to three. This was the first time we had defeated Lampeter in four years. They offered some tough opposition, but after lunch they made defeat unavoidable by losing the last three matches. The second pair played extremely well and won all their matches.

### **School v. Girls' Grammar School, Llanelly**

In this friendly against the Girls' Grammar School, played at Pwll, School won by nine matches to nil. The victory was not as easy as the score suggests and the match was played in the true spirit of the game.

### **School v. Neath Grammar School**

School suffered their first defeat of the season against Neath by eight matches to one. Using the slow Pwll courts to the full Neath showed their superiority and were the better team on the day. Although School fought hard they could do little to avert defeat.

### **School v. St. David's College, Lampeter**

Hoping for their first double of the season School were unlucky to loose by five matches to four. The Lampeter courts were grass courts and the home side were more used to the faster surface than the School team. However, the School's first pair put up a good performance and won all their matches.

### **School v. Carmarthen Grammar School**

The match was played at Pwll in pouring rain and School won by six matches to three each pair winning two matches each. Had it not been for the Carmarthen first pair who won all their matches, School's victory would have been greater. The match between the Carmarthen first pair and School's third pair lasted for over two hours and was the highlight of the day.

### **School v. Amman Valley Grammar School**

Playing again at Pwll School won by seven matches to two. School played forceful attacking tennis and easily defeated an out-of-touch Amman Valley team. The School's second pair again won all their matches.

### **School v. Gowerton Grammar School**

Playing an enthusiastic Gowerton team at Gowerton, School were narrowly defeated by five matches to four. The match was played on a very hot day and both teams were exhausted after a gruelling struggle which was decided by the last match of the day.



### School v. Carmarthen Grammar School

School completed their first double of the season by defeating Carmarthen Grammar School at Carmarthen by five matches to four. Carmarthen offered some real opposition and the score was four-four when the last match began, but School's third pair defeated the Carmarthen second pair and thus ensured victory.

### School v. Neath Grammar School

Playing at Neath, School achieved a double of a different sort and lost by five matches to four. School put up a good fight and nearly pulled off a victory, but Neath still had the better of us and well deserved their victory.

### School v. Amman Valley Grammar School

School finished the season with yet another double when they defeated Amman Valley Grammar School at Ammanford by six matches to three each pair winning two. Amman Valley never gave in but School were definitely the better team and their power tennis played handsome dividends.

JULIAN R. GRICE (*Hon. Secretary*)

### CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

<i>Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	HOWARD MORRIS
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	G. O. SLIMM
<i>Team Manager</i>	.....	.....	.....	ROGER THOMAS
<i>Masters-in-Charge</i>	.....	Mr. D. SMITH	and Mr. T. JONES	

This year the Cross Country Club has a large membership. The senior team is not too strong this year, but the junior team is very strong.

Fixtures this year are very good and there are only five vacant Saturdays in the season.

Here are the results so far this season: Queen Elizabeth Grammar School: Seniors lost, Juniors won; Gowerton Grammar School: Seniors lost, Juniors lost; Mountain Ash Relay: A. team 8th, B. team 11th out of 20 teams; Bishop Gore Grammar School: Won. H. Morris 1st in 15 mins. 30 secs.; West Wales Championships: Senior team came 6th out of 12 teams; Penlan Multi-lateral: Juniors lost.

Among the best runners in the senior team this year are Howard Morris, Geoff. Harries, Haydn Rees, Mike Jones. The best juniors are Keith Thomas and David Richards.

Shock of the season is that the usual runner who comes last has not come last once this season yet.

The senior team is looking forward to New Year's Eve when once again they will run in the Nos Galan Road Race. This was enjoyed last year and the prospects seem as good this year.

G. O. SLIMM, *Secretary*