

Llanelly  
Boys' Grammar School



CHRISTMAS, 1960

"Mercury," Llanelly



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## THE EDITORIAL

It is my great privilege to be the editor of the first School Magazine to be issued from the School's new location at Pwll. This has undoubtedly been the most momentous year since the establishment of the school in 1895 for not only is the School united once more in a truly magnificent building in such a picturesque setting, but we were also privileged to receive a visit from His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh who performed the official opening of the School.

During the past decade the School has existed in two sections and it is to the credit of the headmaster and staff that both sections have functioned so efficiently under such harrowing circumstances. However, this year the buildings to house the Senior boys were completed and a mass migration began from Marble Hall Road to the more congenial setting below Stradey Woods. What boy can fail to be proud of this magnificent new school with the impressive assembly hall, pleasant airy classrooms well-equipped laboratories and workshops, a superb library and the ultra-modern gymnasium? Here surely, is a building worthy of a School with such great achievements as ours.

Undoubtedly the most outstanding event of the year was the official opening of the new School by the Duke of Edinburgh. To those privileged to be present on such an auspicious occasion, it was a momentous and exciting spectacle and all were moved by the Duke's dynamic personality and vigour. Although his visit was comparatively short, the romantic figure of the Duke gripped the imagination of every boy present, and each boy will always remember that momentous day.

Yet it is a melancholy thought that future generations of schoolboys will no longer enter "Yr Ysgol ar y Bryn" or throng its dark mysterious corridors. This red-bricked building had an air of reverence and dignity which filled many aspiring scholars with a great feeling of awe and respect. In these hallowed walls were educated many pupils who later won great achievements in many walks of life. But now it is an empty shell; "Yr Ysgol ar y Bryn" is no more, instead, we now have "Yr Ysgol o dan y Bryn." By no means let us forget the past, but let us not neglect the future. We have inherited a great tradition which every boy must strive to maintain. Although the School may have descended from its former altitudinal height, I feel sure that it will attain even greater



heights in the realms of athletic and academic prowess. A new chapter in the history of the School has been opened, and it will undoubtedly prove to be a glorious chapter.

This wonderful year is drawing to a close and the festive season is almost upon us. May I extend to the headmaster and the staff and to all pupils, present or past, sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

VYVYAN ROGER DAVIES (Editor)

### DE OMNIBUS REBUS

There are 840 boys in School this year, 150 of whom are in the Sixth Form.

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The senior members of the School have unusually worn and haggard faces nowadays since they are deprived of the proximity of the Girls' Grammar School and must content themselves with the aesthetic beauty of the Gower Peninsula. Another source of complaint is that, owing to the limitation of dining hall space, there are two sittings for dinner and the hapless seniors must wait for the second sitting.

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The annual Prize Day was held once more with great success at Moriah Chapel on March 29th, when the guest speaker was Dr. T. E. Williams, Inspector of Schools. Both he and Mr. Rees, the headmaster, were introduced by Mr. George McConkey, Chairman of the School Governors. Prizes were presented by Mrs. S. A. Williams.

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At the end of the Spring Term, two of the School's most popular and respected masters, Mr. Frank Phillips, the Deputy Headmaster, and Mr. J. L. Morris, of the General Science Department, retired. Both had had long, active and fruitful careers in the teaching profession, but of the two it was Mr. Phillips who had enjoyed the longer and closer connection with our School. Indeed, no master has been more closely associated with Ysgol ar y Bryn than he, as former pupil and master. Certainly no one can have given greater service to it. For many years, he was in charge of Music, a task into which he flung himself with such complete devotion and enthusiasm that many who knew him then must wonder that he has survived to retiring age! In more recent years he has been in charge of History and during the last two years, Deputy Headmaster. When Mr. Morris joined the staff, some twenty years ago, he brought wide experience to his teaching of General Science, and became immediately popular with the boys in classroom and out of school activities. Our sincere wish is that both masters should enjoy a long and happy retirement.



Academically the School continues to do well. Many good results were gained in the W.J.E.C. Advanced and Ordinary Level and four boys gained State Scholarships.

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Since the School has been united under one roof, most of the School Societies have announced an increase in membership, particularly in the lower forms. In view of the more advantageous location of the School and the improved facilities, it is hoped that every boy will take a more active interest in these societies and so contribute more to the social life of the School.

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Another contribution which the School makes to the social life of Llanelly is the annual presentation by the School Dramatic Society of some noteworthy play. Previous productions have reached an exceptionally high standard and have earned much admiration for the School. This year's performance of "Strife" by John Galsworthy was no exception and much praise must be given to the large cast of masters and boys who took part (it would be invidious to single out any individual contribution) and especially to Mr. J. R. Williams for his invaluable work in producing the play.

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The School took an active part in the World Refugee Year and easily attained its goal of £400. Weekly collections were held in each form and, judging by its record contribution, 2R appears to be the most philanthropic form in the School. We should like to thank the whole School for its unstinting support of such a deserving cause.

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We should like to extend a cordial welcome to three new members of the staff, Mr. Pugh to the Music Department, Mr. Mars to the Physics Department and Mr. Donald Hughes to the Welsh Department, and we trust that their stay will be both long and enjoyable.

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The mysterious and complicated machines which have recently been established in the workshops are not responsible, we are assured on good authority, for the many new £1 notes seen circulating among the boys of 5T!

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The School has acquired a new television set. Could this be to stop the disturbing spate of illnesses on the day of the Inter-Varsity match?

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To those who bewail that the School has lost the distinctive atmosphere of the old building in Marble Hall Road by moving to its new abode in Pwll, may we point out that one particular atmosphere still remains from those halcyon days and daily pervades our nostrils, namely the distinct odour from the science labs,



### A ROYAL OCCASION

November 3rd, 1960, was a Royal occasion in the lives of the 842 pupils of the Llanelly Boys' Grammar Technical School since it marked the opening of the newly completed School by the Duke of Edinburgh. Although future history text books may not attach as much prominence to this date as to 1066, it will long be remembered by those privileged to be present at the ceremony.

The blustery squalls and driving rain had caused much anxiety that the Duke would have had to cancel his visit, but heavy storm clouds gave way to blue skies as a large red helicopter of the Queen's Flight, piloted by the Duke landed in front of the new building. The Duke was met by the Lord Lieutenant of Carmarthenshire and other dignitaries, then walked from the helicopter past the excited crowds of parents and boys whose ardour had not been dampened by the rain. Following the opening ceremony, the Duke went inside to the vestibule where he was introduced to members of the Governing Body of the School and to Mr. Rolfe, the Deputy Head, Tudor Thomas, the Head Boy, and the Rev. T. V. Shaw and Mr. G. J. Thomas, former headmasters of the School.

The Duke was then conducted round various sections of the School, visiting the Library, the Science Labs., the Technical block, and the Gymnasia. He was keenly interested in the activity of the boys in these buildings, often asking many questions or uttering a typical witticism. One of the boys he met was Royston Jones, specially "borrowed" from his university for the occasion. Royston, a holder of the Duke's Gold Standard Award, had recently returned from an expedition to Greenland and had brought back some mementoes which interested the Royal visitor.

The Duke then proceeded to the assembly hall where he delivered a short speech in which he described the School as "a marvellous place" and said that he had seldom seen "such a splendid school." He also remarked that it was futile to ask him to open the school "when it is evident to everyone that it is already open."

He then continued that only a minority of young people knew what careers they wanted when they left school, and he advised against early specialization in subjects. "Specialize if you want to but take advantage of the opportunities you receive for a sound general education which is bound to be useful to you in whatever career you choose." He also advised the boys that careers were not the only important things in life for they would find it beneficial to participate in various games and leisure activities. "Join your community and you will get the great satisfaction of working with and for others without thought of reward. Your school has a high reputation, and has been very successful in turning out useful citizens. Live up to this reputation and, if you can, improve on it."



In his vote of thanks, the headmaster said, "To the junior boys you are a romantic Prince come to life. To the senior boys, you are an embodiment of the spirit of high adventure which has so captured the imagination of the public and made you an inspiration to the youth of our land."

The Duke was presented by the head boy, Tudor Lloyd Thomas, with a silver ink-stand on behalf of the senior boys, and a rugby ball from the junior forms to Prince Charles. The headmaster later said, to the Duke's obvious amusement, that he had been presented with a rugby ball in the hope that, if Prince Charles ever played at Twickenham, he would be "on the right side."

But all too soon the Duke's visit came to an end, and he departed for London, leaving behind many happy memories of his brief but momentous visit.

VYVYAN R. DAVIES (6A Arts)

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### HEAD PREFECT'S MESSAGE

It is my very great honour this year to be the first Head Prefect of the united Llanelly Boys' Grammar School, an honour made even greater by the fact that this is possibly the most glorious year in the history of the School. Apart from the knowledge that we now possess one of the most modern schools in the country, we achieved the rare distinction of having a visit from a member of the Royal Family in the person of H.R.H. Prince Philip, who, very graciously officially opened the School on November 3rd. Although much has been said and written about this auspicious occasion, may I just add that I am certain the School will greatly benefit from this visit which must surely have enhanced still further the distinguished reputation which Llanelly Boys' Grammar School already enjoys.

It would be quite untrue to say that these happenings have completely dispelled the feelings of sadness which many of us felt at our departure from what had affectionately become known as the "Top School." I myself never knew the Pwll School apart from very occasional visits, until this year, and for those of us who spent our more mature school years at Marble Hall Road the distinctive atmosphere of the old building is something we shall remember for many years. I feel confident that the traditions in which the old school was steeped will surely continue in our new surroundings at Pwll.

I am extremely pleased to note that the School Societies have quickly organised themselves this term and are again wending their successful ways. I wish them every success, particularly the Rugby team in their quest for the coveted Public Schools "Sevens" Trophy, which for the past two seasons since our first success, has only just eluded us.



May I also take this opportunity of thanking the Prefects for their support and devotion to duty. It has, of course, been a new experience for the junior boys to have Senior Prefects in their School, and a little restraint on both sides has led us through this experimental first term quite successfully and the School is now running as smoothly as ever.

Finally, it only remains for me to wish you all every success in the Examinations, a most pleasant Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

TUDOR LLOYD THOMAS,

Christmas, 1960

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### AROUND THE VI. FORM

Since the senior school has emerged from the murky gloom of the old building in Marble Hall Road, a number of unusual specimens were brought down to Pwll, which later turned out to be members of the VIth Form.

Perhaps the most striking personality in school is G . . . O . . . S . . ., one of the more interesting relics preserved from the old school. He is a strong advocate of school dinners, since he believes that their nourishing quality greatly benefits his cross-country running.

Many people thought that the school was haunted when they saw a strange figure striding through the corridors at dead of night carrying an umbrella ; but they need not have worried. It was only T . . . P . . . who had been chosen to protect the Duke from rain on his recent visit and was merely practising for this important post. However, on the appointed day, the winds were so strong that it was doubtful which would take off first—the umbrella or the helicopter.

T . . . L . . . T . . . is the head of the school in more ways than one, for it has been recently discovered that he takes size nine in hats and has his caps specially made. This is partly due to the amount of hair he has—and because of this he is affectionately known as “Fluffy” by the junior boys. He vigorously denies that his middle name is Lancelot or that he is any relation to the T.V. character of the same name.

J . . . P . . . is a great authority on cricket and spends most of his leisure hours studying Wisden. He can often be seen practising his fast deliveries in the school corridors during lunch hour, but one day forgot to release the ball and became the first man in space. He is also a keen fresh air enthusiast and insists on having all the classroom windows open. This probably explains why most of his classmates have streaming colds.



H . . . L . . . is another unforgettable character. He refuses to journey to school by bus as most boys do, preferring to travel on his motor scooter, which is far more pleasant and more profitable since he runs his own taxi service to and from school.

Many other boys spring readily to mind, but time and the Editor, named V . . (2 "y's" please !) D . . ., prevent me, so I now propose to spend the rest of my school career in obscurity, hiding from the above-mentioned Vith Formers.

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### THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET

In March, 1957, the Treaty of Rome was signed by the Foreign Ministers of six countries—France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—agreeing to the formation of the European Common Market. According to this treaty tariffs between the countries are to be removed gradually in four stages over a period of twelve years (which will be increased to fifteen years if necessary). The first reduction of internal tariffs took place on January 1st, 1959, and free trade will become reality in 1970. A common tariff will exist between the six member nations and the outside world.

This community possesses a strong supra-national framework and control is firm and powerful. The executive body is the commission and the framework also consists of three other institutions — the Common Assembly, Council of Ministers, and the Court of Justice. A strong hold must be kept on such things as competition and wages in order that contentment may prevail. But also much command over certain problems have been left to the administrative institutions to decide, and is not included in the treaty.

In the opinion of Paul Bureau of the *News Chronicle*, the Common Market is a strongly protectionist organisation. The common tariff which is to encircle the market is high, to the liking of France ; social charges have been raised to the French standard ; France's overseas possessions are included in the agreement ; and finally agriculture is controlled. France, a high-tariff nation imbued with protectionism, supported by Italy, has inflicted this mercantile element on the four liberal members of the community.

But economically the Common Market is extremely advantageous. Generalising, the advantages are three-fold.

First, there is the advantage of comparative costs. With a wider economic unit the location of industry will be such so as to give maximum output. Second, there are the economies of large scale production. Europe will be able to compete on the same level with the huge market on the other side of the Atlantic. Finally



the "winds" of competition will stretch over a wider area and will give manufacturers the incentive to increase their market, their efficiency, etc.

Why, therefore, has Britain not become a part of this evidently beneficial economy? In the first place, she had to think of her own interests. As Adam Smith said, "defence is greater than opulence." Her agriculture could never stand up to the impact of foreign competition on our home market. Britain also owes allegiance to her Commonwealth. If she became a member of the Common Market colonial preference would have to go by the board. Secondly, Britain is not prepared to accept the complete freedom of labour movement. In the short run the Common Market is socially undesirable. The economists of the community have yet to face the very serious problems of social dislocation and destruction of communities. But the most serious differences are over the harmonizing of social payments. Here Britain fears for the welfare state. There are also, of course, economic disadvantages.

But on the other hand, an undertaking of this importance could not be ignored. Nor could Britain be isolated from it. Only a compromise therefore remained. The Free Trade Area was formed, the seven nations concerned being Britain, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Austria, Switzerland and Portugal. A free trade area in industrial goods was Britain's proposal but this has now been amended to include controlled agriculture. The progress of tariff reduction is to be kept in line with that of the six. Also in the F.T.A. each country will have its own external tariffs, contrary to the Common Market.

Whether or not the F.T.A. becomes a complement of the Common Market, what clearly must be avoided is rivalry between the inner six and the outer seven.

Let us fully realise the magnitude of this free trade project, but let us also not forget the ultimate and fundamental aim at the back of all this. The object is not to stop at economic integration, but to go on to political integration—in other words, to create a United States of Europe. For a variety of reasons, the most convenient first step was to pool the economic resources. It was recognised at the time that partial integration was likely to lead to difficulties. But this did not deter the supporters of the integration movement. On the contrary, they considered it would act as a stimulus towards wider measures of integration. That is indeed what is happening—though the path is far from smooth.

A great many people believe political union to be an impossibility. National feeling and interests are too varied to allow it. But these people are thinking of the modern age as a separate entity. One must not forget that we are living in merely a minute portion of the life of man and the earth. Italy and Germany have been unified for only a 100 years, Britain for only 250. Patriotism



which has only existed for such a short time can easily disappear—history has proved it. Nevertheless, one cannot be definite about either opinion, for the whole possibility of a united Europe hinges on the contrariness of human nature.

PETER DANIELS (VI.A. Arts)

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### QUAINT QUOTES

#### **The New School Building**

“ Earth has not anything to show more fair  
Dull would he be of soul who could pass by  
A sight so touching in its majesty.” (Wordsworth).

#### **To boy leaving dining hall**

“ It is reported that thou did'st eat strange flesh  
Which some did die to look upon.”  
(Shakespeare) *Antony and Cleopatra*

#### **The Examination Room**

“ Regions of sorrow, doleful shades, where peace  
And rest can never dwell, hope never comes. . .”  
(Milton) *Paradise Lost*

#### **Boy found out of bounds**

“ Retiring from the popular noise, I seek  
This unfrequented place to find some ease.”  
(Milton) *Samson Agonistes*

#### **Headmaster's Study**

“ Such place Eternal Justice had prepared  
For those rebellious . . .” (Milton) *Paradise Lost*

#### **Said of third year VIth students**

“ They have more in them than mortal knowledge.”  
(Shakespeare) *Macbeth*

#### **Heard in Masters' Room**

“ Give us a light, there, ho !” (Shakespeare) *Macbeth*

#### **Efforts of Form VI-ite to sing**

“ On came the whirl-wind—like the last  
But fiercest sweep of tempest blast.” (Scott)

#### **Before a W.J.E.C. Exam.**

“ There is much matter to be heard and learn'd.” *As You Like It*



**Heard outside the examination room**

“Morituri te salutant.”  
 . . . . . Afterwards . . . . .  
 “Veni, vidi, vici.”

**Criticism of a Vith Former's essay**

“ . . . it is a tale  
 Told by an idiot full of sound and fury  
 Signifying nothing.”

*Macbeth***The School corridors during break**

“O what noise!  
 Mercy of Heav'n! What hideous noise was that!”

*Samson Agonistes*

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**THE SCHOOL TRIP TO SWITZERLAND**

This, the first school trip for me, was in a way a new sort of adventure, as I was shortly to find out for myself. It went off to a rousing start early one summer's morning at Llanelly station, where the customary lugubrious farewells to the next of kin were exchanged and finally with the rather discordant note of “. . . and be a good boy!” echoing in our ears, we set off.

The journey from our home town to London, and from there to France was, for the most part, uneventful, but the nightmare journey across France is most worthy of note. It began with a gentleman from our numbers, who will remain nameless, cleverly dropping his sole pair of spectacles from the train window and pulling the communication cord; the ensuing commotion can only be sufficiently summed up in the word Bedlam.

It was our dire fate to have to travel through the night across France, eight of us crushed like the metaphorical sardines into each compartment. The ingenious idea of sleeping on the luggage racks was soon hit upon by a few fertile imaginations, and in a matter of seconds the idea had spread like wildfire through the length of the coach. I was one of the poor subservient many who had to make do with the hard French seats, curled up like a hedgehog, waking up at frequent intervals with a fellow traveller's foot planted firmly in my face.



Having survived this superhuman ordeal, however, we arrived none the worse at Basel, where we broke our fast with coffee and rolls. From there on, we went by Swiss railway to Montreux, our destination. This journey, with its breathtaking beauty, more than compensated for the previous night's journey. As we climbed higher and higher into the wooded mountains, the point that impressed me most was the balmy atmosphere and the exhilarating quality of the air, accompanied of course by the dazzling beauty of the scenery, interspersed with silvery waterfalls. In no time whatsoever we were wafted through the precipitous peaks to the splendid town of Montreux, situated on the banks of Lake Lemman, better known as the Lake of Geneva.

Shortly after our arrival, we were herded into our respective rooms in the Villa Victoria, our future home for ten days. This modern hotel held a splendid view across Lake Geneva, and the Alps rising sheer, like sentinels from its opposite banks, and capped with blinding white snow.

Our first visit, after a long, much-needed rest, was to the Château de Chillon, an ancient noble fortress, jutting out into the lake itself, thus making it practically impregnable, upon which the famous poem, "The Prisoner of Chillon" by Byron was based. We spent a great many of our leisure hours bathing in the lake itself. Contrary to our beliefs the blue-green glacier water was beautifully warm. As one walked alongside the lake itself, passing by tropical plants on one side and the fabulous speed boats and yachts of the millionaires on the other, one got the feeling that one was on the Riviera.

During our stay, we made a circular tour of Lake Geneva, stopping at several of the large towns. We also visited the Rochers de Naze, high up in the Alps, from where we beheld the most splendid panoramic view imaginable, a view, which I may add that we did not get on our visit to the Great Saint Bernard, when all we saw through the chill mountain mists were the gigantic dogs—without brandy casks fortunately. The historians amongst us took full advantage of our visit to Geneva, a very charming and historic town, where old and new did not seem to clash as they too often do these days.

The last few days, however, proved to be the most hectic, when we were all feverishly occupied in making a last few purchases. Cuckoo clocks, elaborately carved pipes, watches, post cards and many other knick-knacks were among them, and by the last day our pockets resounded to the pathetic tinkle of centimes. But this had been truly a holiday to remember; full of mirth and communal fun. The memories that we took back with us from Switzerland will surely remain with us for ever.

R. M. REES (6A Arts)



**Vith FORM FORUM, 1960-61**

<i>Joint Presidents</i> .....	Mr. W. REES, Mr. J. HARRIES
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<i>Vice-Chairman</i> .....	TERRY PRATT, 6A Arts
<i>Secretary</i> .....	PETER DANIELS, 6A Arts

*Committee* : 6A Arts : John Prickett, Desmond Davies, Geoffrey Davies, John Harries ; 6A Sci. : Nicholas Hurley, Alan Smith, Tudor L. Thomas, Geraint Davies.

The fame and popularity of the forum have once again taken enormous strides during the new session. Reports of our weekly meetings are printed in both the *Evening Post* and the *Star*, and eminent people from all parts of the country are clamouring to be heard in our forum.

But despite this enormous success the forum is still failing in its original purpose. It was first inaugurated as a meeting place for the arts and sciences where views could be expressed and where previously shy boys could learn to speak in public with confidence. By now, in its fourth year of existence, outside speakers have come to the forefront in increasing the fame of the society, and boys are no longer enthusiastic towards voicing their opinions. Due to the lack of debates and member-speakers there is perceivable a shyness or unwillingness to stand up and speak, which we must make an effort to remedy in the near future.

Nevertheless the forum still attracts important speakers to its meetings as the following reports reveal :

**September 8th**

For the first meeting of the new session, following an opening address by the Headmaster, Mr. Llewellyn took the chair and the above named officials were elected.

**September 15th**

We were honoured to have as our first speaker of the new session, Prof. H. E. Street, from the Department of Botany, University College of Swansea, who was lecturing at the W.E.A. School during the same week. His talk stressed the importance of biology and the future need for more biologists.

Votes of thanks were given by Peter Lane and Terry Lyon.

**September 22nd :**

This week's forum took the form of an impromptu debate on the motion, "That the Arts contribute more to society than the Sciences." Speakers for the Arts were Peter Daniels and Michael Rees. Peter Lane and John Rosser opposed the motion.



**September 29th**

Ex-senior master, Mr. F. Phillips, paid a welcome return to the school today and addressed the forum on the history of the school during its many eras. Mr. Phillips spoke very highly of our ex-headmasters and remarked how lucky the present day scholar was compared with students of his age.

The speaker was thanked by Desmond Davies, in Welsh, and Barry Ashford, in English.

**October 6th**

At very short notice, Mr. Eric Thorburn, spoke on "The School. How and why it is here," giving a very interesting talk on the architectural history of the school. He was thanked by Geraint Davies and John A. Jones-Parry.

**October 13th**

A lively discussion took place this week, the subject being the Anderson Report on the means tests for grants. The speakers were Terry Pratt and Desmond Davies. The headmaster took the chair.

**October 20th**

Mr. T. R. Jenkins, of Swansea Training College, was this week's guest speaker. His speech was entitled "Some Thoughts on Freedom Today," and it was followed by a very enlightening discussion.

Vyvyan Davies and Peter Skehan proposed and seconded the vote of thanks.

**November 10th**

Llanelly's rugby captain, Mr. D. O. Brace, entertained the forum today with an amusing and interesting autobiography. The speaker thought that Newport would be the team most likely to defeat the South African toutsists; and his best opponent at scrum half—Andy Mulligan.

Votes of thanks were given by Geoffrey Davies and Stuart Davies.

**November 17th**

Today's address was given by Mr. Braham, editor of the *Star*, Llanelly's only surviving newspaper. He spoke on journalism as a career and answered some very difficult questions.

Votes of thanks were expressed by Peter Daniels and H. I. B. Jones.



**November 24th**

We were honoured to be addressed by Prof. Singer, of Swansea University, this week. The speaker's talk on metallurgy was illustrated with slides and I am sure it gave several boys second thoughts about selecting a career. Prof. Singer was thanked by Richard Roberts and David Andrews.

PETER DANIELS (*Sec.*)

**COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION IN WORLD CITIZENSHIP, 1960**

During the term C.E.W.C. has continued to hold talks and discussions on matters of topical interest. At the first meeting in September, the following committee members were elected:

<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	PETER DANIELS
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	BYRON HARRIES

Upper 6 Sci.: Alwyn Jones Parry; Upper 6 Arts: David Aubrey; Lower 6 Sci.: D. Andrews; Lower 6 Arts: R. Harries; Form 5: J. Richard.

The subject chosen for the first discussion was the Congo situation, which is one of the most difficult problems the United Nations has yet had to deal with. Alwyn Jones Parry opened the discussion with a short talk which proved to be very informative.

Very little has been heard of Japan since the atomic bomb attacks of 1945. All the more reason, then, to welcome a talk on this subject from Mr. J. G. Jones, local secretary of The Church Missionary Society, who illustrated his excellent talk with a film. He showed the divisions in Japanese life today and her development since the war and showed what we in the West can do to help this unfortunate country.

Our last meeting this term was addressed by Peter Daniels, who discussed the arguments for and against the Common Market, with a special reference to the part Britain should play in it. Peter put his points across with great success and placed a very difficult topic within the grasp of his audience.

In the New Year it is hoped to continue the discussions, opening in January with a debate on Defence. As is customary, some members of the committee will attend the National Conference in Westminster Hall early in January. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to hearing their report which we hope will be as good as that of Julian Grice and Richard Davies who represented the school this year.

This is probably the last time that the society's annual report will appear under the heading of C.E.W.C., as the committee are considering changing the name to something which will make the purpose of the society more easily recognisable.



We hope that boys will continue to support the society in the coming year by attending the talks and discussions and thereby increasing their knowledge of the world around them.

BYRON HARRIES, *Secretary*

Dear Sir,

This letter is written to the editor, but is not really intended for anyone who will read this magazine. Should, however, anyone who is responsible for the situation which I am about to describe happen to read it, I hope he will repent of his sins or try to put the situation right.

The Duke of Edinburgh left with a good impression of the school—the main reason for this is that he didn't have to open any of the doors in the school. The doors are divided into three categories. (1) Openable and Shutable, (2) Unopenable, (3) Unshutable.

Although the majority belong to the first category, there are still PLENTY of the last two varieties.

The first offender is the very first door of the school at the entrance to the new block. This is fitted with two handles on the outside and hence should apparently be pulled open. However, all attempts prove fruitless. Being physically completely exhausted, you now lean against the door for a rest—the door swings open and you fall flat on your back. This is not the end of the story for the door refuses to swing shut and an icy blast screams up the corridor in the general direction of the hall.

The next offender on the list is the library door. This looks a harmless, efficient creature from the outside and is easily opened by a firm, quiet push. The door is also easily shut from the inside. However, on the way out the question arises as to how one should shut the darn thing. Most people seem to have solved the problem by giving it a big swing and a slam. This may be effective but is rather jarring to anyone trying to work in the library and doesn't do the door much good. How anyone could conceive constructing a door, which does not automatically shut, without a handle at all is *quite* beyond any sane person's comprehension. Anyone who could supply a solution to this problem will probably receive a decoration from the government.

The next door on our list is the one at the end of the "covered way" (a brain child of the staff of the gymnastic department who are dead keen on compulsory showers this year), opposite the headmaster's study. This door is fitted with a "thing-me-jig." For anyone who does not know, a "thing-me-jig" is a device by means of which a door may be kept open. Unfortunately, it also prevents it from being shut. Would someone please REPAIR it.



Another set of doors fitted with "thing-me-jigs" are the ones at the top of the second set of stairs which had an ingenious timing device to prevent one from shutting before the other; "had" is the operative word as anyone who has tried to shut them properly must have found out.

Doors which should have a properly functioning "thing-me-jig" are those at the library-end of the upstairs corridor, now held open by a most expert piece of carpentry. Should this be so necessary in such a new building?

Last, but by no means, least are the "French windows" into the hall (why blame the French anyway). These are most expert Chinese puzzles put together by drunken Arabs probably under the supervision of cross-eyed Turks. The problem, here again, is shutting them. The discovery of the secret to this process took me about a month to learn. I have been advised by my solicitor that this is a State secret and that it would probably be classed as treason if I revealed it. Anyone who is really "burning" to find out the intricacies of this mechanism should try shutting them himself.

If I have offended anyone in this article, then he should be at the North Pole any seventh Thursday of any month when I shall be pleased to see him. Appointments cannot be made under any other circumstances.

Yours faithfully,

P. F. LANE, VI.

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### REPORT ON THE SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

Each year, a notable feature of the Sixth Form Society is that it distinguishes itself in some way, this distinction not always being confined to the academic field. The Society this year has been no exception, its distinguishing feature being a marked absence of meetings as compared with the Societies of previous years—in fact only one has taken place throughout the term. It is, therefore, unfortunate to have to record that the answer to the frequently asked question, "Is there a Sixth Form this week?" has generally been in the negative. This however is not due to lack of enthusiasm or support, but rather to the circumstances under which the Society is run, and to the number of events which clashed with "Society Night," the Society having to take second place.

The one meeting this term was extremely successful taking into consideration the fact that it was the inaugural meeting of this year's Society, and many of the newer members were "feeling their



way." It took the form of a Brains Trust in which questions were first put to a panel consisting of two boys and two girls, and then opened to everyone for general discussion, Mr. Maelgwyn Thomas very kindly taking the chair. There was an encouraging response from the "floor" which augurs well for more meetings of this type in the future, for it is hoped, that for the rest of the year the Society will be allowed to move from second to first place, resulting perhaps in many more successful meetings being organised.

TUDOR LLOYD THOMAS.

*Committee* : Terry Pratt, Desmond Davies, Peter Lane, Geoffrey Davies, and representatives of the Girls' 6th Form.

### THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

<i>President</i>	.....	.....	.....	Mr. R. JACOBS, B.A.
<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	.....	GEOFFREY DAVIES
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	PETER DANIELS

This is the first year that the Junior School has been able to attend the Society's meetings, and as a result the attendances have risen to an average of almost 70.

Owing to difficulties in obtaining films, activity this term, up to the time of writing, has been limited to two meetings.

The present session opened with a meeting in which three excellent films were shown. The first, entitled "The Changing Coast," was made by England and Wales for an international series of physical geography films. This was followed by a colour feature showing an ascent of Helvellyn in the Lake District. Finally we saw a film on Wales.

The British Academy Award for the best documentary of 1948 was given to "Louisiana Story," which was shown to the Society in the next meeting. This simple story by Robert Flaherty has now become a film classic.

It was noticeable in the meetings, however, that junior boys made up a large section of the audiences. The committee invite all boys to attend and it is hoped that more from Forms 4 and 5 will be present at future meetings. Visual aids can extend one's mental horizon and to most boys these opportunities should be too good to miss.

Finally, I should like to thank the Gen. Sci. Lab. boys for their invaluable help with the projection of the films.

PETER DANIELS (*Secretary*)



**PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**

<i>President</i>	.....	.....	.....	Mr. V. L. REES
<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	.....	G. O. SLIMM
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	B. D. WILLIAMS
<i>Treasurer</i>	.....	.....	.....	B. BURGESS
<i>Committee</i> : M. Rees, J. Rosser, J. Pricket, M. John.				

The total membership this year has been rather less than was hoped for, the reason for this being that the girls from the Girls' Grammar School no longer attend our meetings.

The meetings this term have been in the form of film shows, the most successful of which was concerned with "Colour Photography." This film strip was accompanied by a tape recorded lecture on the subject.

In the near future, Mr. Victor Rees will be giving practical demonstrations on developing, printing, and enlarging. The committee hope that these meetings will be better attended than those previously held this year. The half-term outing had to be cancelled this term owing to lack of support from Club members, but nevertheless we intend to organize another trip next Easter.

BARRIE D. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*

**SCIENCE SOCIETY**

<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	MARTIN A. HAIGH
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	STEPHEN R. LAST

*Representatives* : Form V., Michael A. Daniel; Form III., Nicholas Lupini; Form I., Timothy Evans; Radio Section, Secretary, Dafydd Gibbon; Industries Section, Secretary, Keith Anthony; Biology Section, Secretary, Carl J. Smith.

In common with most other school societies, our activities have been somewhat disturbed by the change of school, but during the year we have managed to hold several meetings.

In the Easter term, two meetings were held, which were both film shows. The first show dealt with helicopters and model aircraft, while the second was about various aspects of the fishing industry. Three other meetings, dealing with cars, electronics and the Antarctic crossings, were cancelled because of the non-arrival of the films.

Because of poor attendance at the Easter term meetings and other reasons, no meetings were held in the Summer term.



In the new school, two meetings have been held, one a film show about air-lines and electric motors, and the other a practical meeting of the Radio Section. It is hoped that there will be a visit to Buckley's Brewery by Society members, but at the time of going to Press this has not been fully arranged. Members are also hoping to attend the Faraday lecture on "Transistors" in Swansea at the end of term.

STEPHEN R. LAST, *Secretary*

### CHESS SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the Society the following officials were elected:

<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	.....	PETER LANE
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	TERRY PRATT

This year the Chess Society, especially among the junior members of the school, is one of the most popular societies in the school. Indeed, so great is its popularity that it has become necessary to divide the junior members into two groups, meeting in the break on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The senior members meet on Tuesday evening. Unfortunately, however, in spite of the unprecedented number of members there is still a marked scarcity of chess sets and at the moment there seems no hope of obtaining any more.

The School has joined the West Wales Secondary Schools Chess Association this year and consequently has a match arranged every fortnight. Because of various difficulties School has only played two matches so far. In the first the team gained an overwhelming victory over Gowerton Grammar, but in the second lost narrowly to Neath.

TERRY PRATT (*Secretary*)

### THE CHOIR

Ever since Mr. L. Pugh joined our school staff about six months ago, the music room has been a hive of activity. He has formed three recorder groups, a music society and different orchestra groups. Perhaps his greatest success is the choir. It has a membership of about 40. Mr. Pugh has high hopes of forming a choral society out of members of the choir in the near future.

NEIL HARRIES, 3H, *Leader*

WILLIAM ROPER, 3H, *Leader*



**MUSIC SOCIETY**

<i>President</i>	.....	.....	.....	Mr. L. PUGH
<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	.....	JOHN HARRIS
<i>Secretaries</i>	.....	KEITH EVANS and ALLAN FEWSTER		

Also on the committee are Tudor Thomas and Peter Lane.

We are glad to report that the Music Society has proved very flourishing indeed. It has attracted numerous young recruits from the lower forms and these have shown great delight in the proceedings. We sincerely hope that these young boys will be the representatives of the future.

The first meeting took the form of a discussion on a future programme, and resulted in the election of the above officials.

The second meeting was a request programme of gramophone records, which included the Allegretto from Beethoven's seventh symphony and other miscellaneous works.

One of the most enjoyable meetings that we have had so far was, when Mr. Frank Phillips, who as we all know, has been a great figure in the musical life of the school, gave a talk on the life of a personal friend of his, the late Sir Walford Davies. A vote of thanks was proposed by Graham Rees and seconded by Byron Harries.

Later this term, under the guidance of Mr. Pugh, coach arrangements were made for us to visit the famous Festival of Music at the Brangwyn Hall in Swansea. We heard some wonderful music including Schumann's Spring Symphony and some guitar solos played by the famous guitarist Andres Segovia.

The most recent meeting took the form of a concert in which many of the members took part. John and Ronald Harris gave a rendering of "The Sanctuary of the Heart," on their violins, Noel Lloyd, the talented young pianist, gave a brilliant contribution to the programme. Those twin singing stars, John and Robert, of Form I., sang duets with Mr. Gethin Hughes accompanying them.

The committee wish to appeal for good attendances at forthcoming meetings.

KEITH EVANS and ALLAN FEWSTER (*Joint Secretaries*)

**THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA**

The last twelvemonth has seen several changes which have had direct influence on the musical life and traditions of the school.

Last Christmas saw the departure of Mr. H. Adams, who during his relatively short stay at Llanelly did much valuable work in maintaining the high musical tradition of the school, particularly with regard to the School Orchestra. Mr. Adams's incidental music



for the school plays, a 'cello concerto, and other orchestral works, remain with us as a permanent reminder of his musicianship and personality. We wish him every success in his new post at Sheffield.

The orchestra suffered yet another blow last Easter in the loss of Mr. Frank Phillips, the founder of the School Orchestra. Mr. Phillips's contribution, not only to the orchestra, but to all musical activities at school is incomparable. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Following the loss of Mr. Phillips and Mr. Adams, the School Orchestra now welcomes another fine musician in Mr. Leonard Pugh, whose enthusiasm is reflected in some of the ambitious work he has undertaken since his arrival and his acceptance by the staff and boys.

This year the School Orchestra has a membership of twelve boys and thirteen girls, and it is anticipated that it will be augmented in the near future by the recorders, woodwind and brass.

It is also hoped before the end of next term to hold a choral and orchestral concert, when the fruits of Mr. Pugh's labours, not only with the choir and orchestra, but also as conductor and composer, will be seen. We wish Mr. Pugh a long and happy stay at the School.

JOHN HARRIES, 6A Arts (*Secretary*)

#### SCHOOL JAZZ SOCIETY

*President* ..... ALAN DAVIES, 6A Sci.

*Secretary* ..... TEIFION HARRIES, 6B Arts

*Committee*: Gerald Bailey, 6A Sci.; Keith Thomas, 5 Sci.; David Andrews, 6B Sci.

The new School Jazz Society was formed this term as a result of the belief of Mr. Pugh, our music master, that jazz music is a music to be studied and appreciated, that it should hold its place with the other forms of music and not be regarded as inferior and noisy. After tentative enquiries had been made in the school as to the future membership it was decided that enough boys were interested, so we held a general meeting on Monday, November 14th, at which the above officials were elected.

On November 23rd we held the first meeting to have an arranged programme. The meeting was a great success, the number present being very satisfactory. The programme, entitled "The Different Forms of Jazz," was a description of jazz from its beginnings in New Orleans to the present day, and was illustrated by gramophone records.



Not to be beaten by the School Orchestra the new society has formed its own band ! Personnel of this " Trad " band are : Keith Thomas, cornet and trumpet ; Gerald Bailey, clarinet ; Stuart James, piano ; Teifion Harries, guitar ; Geoff Griffiths, drums. We have already had our first practice and are confident that we shall soon have moulded ourselves into a jazz band really worth listening to.

And so the new Jazz Society has made a good start. We are conscious of the fact that it will encounter more difficulty than the other school societies, but, given the opportunity, we will do our best to show that the impression many people have of jazz is a wrong one.

TEIFION HARRIES, 6B Arts (*Secretary*)

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### Y NODYN GOLYGYDDOL

Wrth daflu golwg dros y flwyddyn a aeth heibio, gwelwn mai'r peth pwysicaf a ddigwyddodd i ni fel ysgol oedd agor yr ysgol newydd. Ar ôl blynyddoedd o gael dwy ran i'n hysgol, fe ddaethom i gyd, unwaith eto, dan yr un tô. Yr oedd agor yr ysgol newydd yn ddigwyddiad pwysig, ac fe'n hanrhydeddwyd ni pan ddaeth Ei Fawrhydi, Duc Caeredin i berfformio'r seremoni.

Fe fu traddodiad hynod yn yr Ysgol ar y Bryn, traddodiad hollol Gymreig. Gobeithiaf y bydd pawb ohonom, fel Cymry, yn yr ysgol newydd yn cadw'r traddodiad yn fyw. Y mae'n ddyletswydd arnom i siarad yr iaith Gymraeg ac i gadw yn ffyddlon yn y pethau Cymreig yn yr ysgol. Er newid ein hysgol, rhaid i ni gadw'r traddodiad heb ei newid.

Carem, yn y fan hon, estyn croeso cynnes i Mr. Donald Hughes, B.A., i'n plith. Bu Mr. Hughes yn athro yn Ysgol Ramadeg Tŷ Ddewi am ychydig, ond yn awr y mae wedi dychwelyd, ac yr ydym am estyn croeso cynnes iddo, gan obeithio y bydd yn hapus iawn gyda ni.

Cyn diweddu, yr wyf am ddiolch i bawb a ysgrifennodd i'r magasin, a dymunaf lwyddiant mawr iddi y flwyddyn hon eto.

DESMOND DAVIES

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### GWERSYLL LLANGRANNOG, 1960

Y mae gwersyll i blant Cymru gan yr Urdd yn Llangrannog. Y mae plant o bob rhan o Gymru yn dod yno. Pan gyrhaeddwn cawn ein rhoi mewn pebyll a chabanau, pedwar ar y tro. Hefyd cawn ein rhannu i bedwar tŷ Gwynedd, Powys, Dyfed a Gwent, pob tŷ o dan ofal swyddogion (swogs).



Yn y bore y mae'r gloch godi yn canu am hanner awr wedi saith, ac y mae'r plant yn ymolchi, a thacluso'r pebyll a'r cabanau, am fod marciau yn cael eu rhoi am daclusdod. Cawn frecwast am hanner awr wedi wyth. Yna y mae'r banc yn agor i ni gael arian allan, a hefyd y mae siop George yn cael ei hagog i gymryd yr arian yn l ô! Am ddeg, dechreuwn chwarae gemau i ennill marciau i'r tai. Wedi chwarae dwy gem, cawn ginio.

Wedi cinio, awn i lawr i'r traeth. Cawn nofio am ugain munud, o dan ofal y swyddogion. Ar ôl newid, awn yn ôl i'r gwerysll i gael te. Wedi te cawn fod yn rhydd i chwarae ping-pong, chess, neu pêl-droed a chriced, a hefyd cawn ddarllen llyfr o'r llyfrgell. Cawn swper, ac yna awn i'r "Gym." i gael noson lawen. Pery hon am ddwy awr, ac yna cawn epillog, neu wasanaeth byr. Ar ôl yr epillog awn i'r gwely a chana'r gloch fel arwydd fod rhaid cael tawelwch, ac yna mae'r gwerysll yn dawel am y nos.

DD. PHILLIPS, II.

### TRIP YR YSGOL YN Y SWISDIR

Ar 13eg o fis Gorffennaf eleni, gadawodd parti o'n hysgol ni, tua hanner cant mewn rhif, gyda phedwar athraw—Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. M. Thomas a Mr. J. R. Williams—orsaf Llanelli yn hapus iawn. Aethom yn gyntaf i Lundain, ac erbyn y nos yr oeddem wedi dechrau ein taith ar draws Ffrainc.

Cyrhaeddwyd Montreux, y dref lle'r oeddem i aros, tua hanner dydd y diwrnod canlynol sef dydd Iau. Yr argraff gyntaf a gefais oedd glendid y dref a'r awyr iach. Tref ydyw Montreux ar lan llyn Geneva. O'n gwesty yr oeddem yn gweld y llyn yn glir ac hefyd yr Alpau yr ochr draw i'r llyn.

Y bore Gwener canlynol cawsom drip i gastell Chillon, a oedd ond tua dwy filltir i ffwrdd. Castell hen iawn ydoedd, a nifer o bethau diddorol i'w gweld. Yno, yn y ddaeargell, y cafodd Byron ysbrydieth i ysgrifennu y gerdd enwog, "The Prisoner of Chillon." Y prynhawn hwnnw, bûm yn nofio, gyda llawer o fechgyn eraill yn y llyn.

Daeth dydd Sadwrn ac i ffwrdd â ni ar y tren-trydan i Geneva, taith o ryw hanner can milltir. Daeth gwraig i'n cyfarfod yno i ddangos mannau diddorol y dref. Cawsom y gweddill o'r prynhawn i grwydro'r dref. Bu rhai bechgyn yn gweld adeilad y "League of Nations" tra yr aeth eraill i weld y siopau. Erbyn yr hwyr, cyraeddasom yn ôl i Montreux.

Dydd Sul aethom i ben mynydd cyfagos, sef y "Rochers de Naye." O'r fan honno, yr oeddem yn medru gweld am ddegau o filltiroedd. Rhaid dweud yn y man hwn ein bod wedi cael tywydd rhagorol hyd yn hyn.



Aethom am drip ar y llyn, ddydd Llun. Aeth y llong â ni i Lausanne ac yna ar draws y llyn ac yn ôl ar hyd y lan arall i Montreux. Dydd Mawrth aethom yn y bws i fyny i'r Grand St. Bernard's Pass. Dyma y man uchelaf lle y mae pobl yn byw yn Ewrob. Yno y mae mynachdy a adeiladwyd i roddi gorffwys i weithwyr a oedd yn teithio o'r Eidal i'r Swisdir. Y dydd hwnnw yr oedd yn niwlog a gwynt llym yn chwythu. Yn anffodus, ni allwyd gweled rhai o'r golygfeydd prydferth o'n hamgylch.

Cawsom y dydd Mercher canlynol yn rhydd, a bûm yn prynu anrhegion. Prynawn y diwrnod wedyn gadawsom Montreux, a theithio yn ôl drwy Ffrainc yn y nos, a chyrraedd Llanelli y nos Wener canlynol.

AARON JONES, 5A (Arts)

### AR Y TELEDYDD

Profiad ardderchog ydyw mynd ar y teledu. Cofiaf y tro cyntaf yr euthnm arno. Yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Glyn Ebwy yr oeddwn, wedi ennill y wobr gyntaf am adrodd, pan ddaeth si allan fod fy eisiau ym mhabell T.W.W. ar y cae. Yno gofynnwyd i mi adrodd ar y rhaglen Gymraeg y prynawn hwnnw. Yna, o'r babell hon, mynd mewn modur i Stiwdio Pontcanna yng Nghaerdydd—lle hyfryd, ag ystyried mai hen dŷ ffarm ydoedd. Dodi fy enw ar lyfr yr ymwelwyr ac i mewn â mi yn syth i Stiwdio I. fel y gelwir hi. Wrth reswm yr oeddwn yn nyrfus, am mai dyma'r tro cyntaf i mi fynd o flaen y camerâu, ond dyna od, yr oedd y cynhyrchydd a'r "camera-men" yn eich dod chi'n gartrefol ac yn dawl eich meddwl, ac nid anghofiaf byth y bobl hynny.

Yn y stiwdio, dim ond dynion a chamerâu oedd i'w gweld ymhobman, a'r peth oedd yn fy synnu i ydoedd gwaith iddyn nhw i gyd. Yna, dyma ddechrau'r rihyrsal cyntaf, a'r goleuadau cryf o'm blaen a'r camerâu bron â chyrraedd fy nhrwyn. Ar ôl ychydig amser, dyma'r "Floor Manager" yn gweiddi, "Break. Back in ten minutes." Yna mynd allan i gael paned o de a siarad â hwn a'r llall, a gweld rhai pobl sy'n amlwg ar y teledu, sef Ivor Emmanuel, Bruce Lewis, Maureen Staffer ac eraill, ac yr oedd eu gweld nhw yn y cnawd yn dipyn o "thrill."

Cael galwad wedyn yn ôl i'r stiwdio i gael rihyrsal arall, a meddwl y byddwn mewn rhyw awr eto ar yr awyr. Aeth y rihyrsal hwn eto yn hwylus, a wedyn cael "break" arall am ryw gwarter awr cyn i'r rhaglen iawn ddechrau.

Hedfanodd y chwarter awr hwnnw a dyma'r amser wedi dod o'r diwedd. Mynd i mewn i'r stiwdio ac yno yr oedd popeth a phobun fel y bedd. Yn sydyn, clywed y cynhyrchydd, drwy feic yn gweiddi, "Ten, nine, eight, seven . . . !" nes o'r diwedd daeth yr eiliad olaf. Gweld y lleill yn gwneud eu rhan a meddwl am y funud y doi fy amser i. O'r diwedd, daeth y profiad byth-gofiadwy, i feddwl bod yna filoedd o bobl yn edrych arnaf y funud honno.



Dyma ddiwedd y rhaglen a chlywed y cyflwynydd yn dweud, "Prynhawn da." Nid oeddwn i symud am eiliad neu ddwy nes i'r "Floor Manager" ddweud fod popeth yn glir. Yna wedyn, cael gair o ddiolch, a gair bach o longyfarchion gan ambell un gan obeithio fy ngweld yn fuan eto. Yr wyf wedi bod yn teledu dros ugain o weithiau wedi hynny, ond nid anghofiaf i byth y tro cyntaf hwnnw.

GARRY NICHOLAS, 4A (Arts)

### " Y BRAWD BLAIDD "

Anrhydedd mawr i mi oedd cael bod yn aelod o'r parti a actiodd "Y Brawd Blaidd." Y gamfa gyntaf i ni fel cwmni ydoedd y rhagbrawf Sirol a gynhaliwyd yn Neuadd yr Eglwys, Llangennech. Dyfarnwyd ni yn flaenaf yn y rhagbawf hwnnw. Wedi ychydig wythnosau cawsom wybod bod y cwmni i ymddangos yn y prawf terfynol yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd yn Nolgellau. Cafodd ein cynhyrhydd hynaws Mr. Dennis Jones, M.A., wahoddiad gan "Aelwyd yr Hendy" i chwarae'r ddrama yno; manteisiodd ar y cyfle a chredaf fod ail-chwarae'r ddrama yn gyhoeddus wedi bod o fantais mawr inni. Pan ddaeth y dydd mawr i fyned i Ddolgellau yr oedd y cwmni yn hyderus o fuddugoliaeth. Yr oeddem yn dri chwmni yn y prawf terfynol, a dyfarnwyd ni yn orau am yr ail flwyddyn yn olynol. Credwn fel cwmni fod y clod a ddaw i'r ysgol yn wobwr ddigonol i ni am ein llafur. Chwaraewyd y ddrama hefyd yng ngyfarfod agoriadol tymor Cymdeithas Cymrodorion Llanelli. Aelodau'r cwmni oedd: Cenwyn Edwards, Aaron Jones, Huw Roberts, Keith Howells, Gary Nicholas, Leighton Jones a minnau.

J. EURFYL AMBROSE (VA. Arts)

### AGOR EIN HYSGOL

Ar y 3ydd o Dachwedd, 1960, cafodd ein hysgol ei arnhydeddu pan agorwyd hi yn swyddogol gan Ei Fawrhydi Dug Caeredin.

Glaniodd yr awyren-hofran tua 3 o'r gloch, dim ond ychydig funudau ar ôl yr amser. Croesawyd y Dug ar ran yr ysgol gan yr Henadur W. Douglas Hughes, cadeirydd llywodraethwyr ein hysgol, ac ar ran y dref gan y Maer, Alfred J. Evans.

Ar ôl y cyflwyniadau, cafodd y Dug ei arwain gan brifathro'r ysgol, Mr. Stanley G. Rees, ar daith drwy nifer o ddisbarthiadau. Yr oedd rhai o'r bechgyn wedi ymgasglu yn y labordau cemeg, bioleg a ffiseg, yn y gweithdai celfyddyd, yn siop y crochenydd a hefyd yn y ddau "gymnasium."



Daeth ei ymweliad i'r uchafbwynt pan aeth i'r neudd lle'r oedd gweddill y bechgyn a'r dynion gwahoddedig wedi ymgasglu. Torrodd y dorf allan i ganu "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" pan ymddangosodd y Dug ar y llwyfan. Wedyn croesawyd ef yn swyddogol gan yr Henadur W. Douglas Hughes. Trosglwyddo allwedd yr Ysgol i'r Dug ydoedd y seremoni nesaf, a gwnaethpwyd hyn ar ran "Bennett Bros.," Abertawe, gan glerc-gwaith y Sir. Ar ôl hyn, anerchodd y Dug y dorf gan ddweud wrthynt ar y diwedd yn anffurfiol fod yr ysgol yn awr yn fwy ar agor nag yr oedd hi hyd yn oed pan ddechreuodd ef siarad. Cyflwynodd y prif-ddisgybl wedyn anrheg o stand-inc aur ar ran y bechgyn hynaf a phêl-rygbi ar ran y bechgyn lleiaf, i'r Tywysog Siarl, Tywysog Cymru. Cawsom air gan y prifathro i gloi'r gweithrediadau.

Gwahoddwyd y Dug wedyn i fynd i ystafell y prifathro i gael lluniaeth, ac i arwyddo llyfr yr ymwelwyr. Erbyn hyn, yr oedd y bechgyn i gyd ar y lawnt yn hanner cylch o amgylch yr awyren-hofran yn disgwyl y Dug. Pan ymddangosodd trwy ddrws yr ysgol gwaeddodd pawb. A chawsom fwy o wefr pan lywiodd y Dug yr awyren-hofran ei hunan.

CENWYN EDWARDS, Form 5A Arts

### TRO I EISTEDDFOD CAERDYDD, 1960

Yr wythnos gyntaf ym mis Awst, 1960, ac wele dyma wythnos bwysig yn hanes ein gwlad, sef wythnos yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yng Nghaerdydd. Bûm yn yr ŵyl ddau ddiwrnod, ond credaf mai ar ddydd Mawrth y cefais y mwynhad mwyaf.

Ar ôl teithio o Lanelli yn y trên cyraeddasom Gaerdydd am ddeg o'r gloch. Yr oedd yr orsaf wedi ei haddurno'n hardd ar gyfer yr achlysur pwysig. Yr oedd holl adeiladau amlycaf y brifddinas fel pe baent yn talu teyrnged i'r ŵyl fawr.

Ar faes yr Eisteddfod, golygfa hardd oedd gweld yr holl dorfeydd, a hyfryd iawn oedd cwrdd llawer o bobl nad oeddem wedi eu gweld ers tro.

Ar y maes, yr oedd llawer o ymweliwyr o wledydd tramor, rhai ohonynt yn ymweld â Chymru am y tro cyntaf ers blynyddoedd. Yr oedd yno bartion o Lydaw yn eu gwisgoedd cenedlaethol o felfed du â brodwaith cain arni.

Ar y maes yr oedd amryw bebyll, a'r rhain yn gyrchfan i lawer o ymwelwyr. Fodd bynnag, meddylir am ddydd Mawrth fel dydd y plant a'r ieuencid, ac y mae'n galonddid i ni Gymry fod plant yn meithrin eu meddyliau drwy ganu ac adrodd darnau yn yr iaith Gymraeg.

Uchaf bwynt dydd Mawrth oedd seremoni coroni'r bardd yn ôl braint a defod Gorsedd Beirdd Ynys Prydain. Caewyd drysau'r pafiliwn am ddeng munud wedi dau ac ar ôl canu'r corn-gwlad



daeth gorymdaith fawreddog i mewn. Wedyn traddodwyd y feirniadaeth, ac erbyn y diwedd yr oedd pawb ar bigau'r drain yn aros i weld pwy oedd y bardd buddugol. Yr enillydd ydoedd y Parch. W. J. Gruffydd, o Sir Benfro. Ef a ddaeth yn gyntaf allan o naw ar hugain o gystadleuwyr am ysgrifennu ar y testun Unigedd. Wedi'r ddawns-flodau a'r holl seremoni orffen, ail ddechreuodd y cystadleuthau, sef y corau plant. Yr oedd y rhain yn ddiddorol iawn, a rhai yn cyrraedd safon uchel dros ben.

Wedi cael mwynhad mawr yn yr ŵyl, dechreusaom ein ffordd tua'r orsaf wedi cael dydd gogoneddus ym mhethau gorau'n gwlad.

ALLAN FEWSTER, Lower 6 Arts

### Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG (1959-60)

#### 27ed Tachwedd, 1959—Senedd yr Ysgol

Trist iawn oedd meddwl ar y noson hon mai dyma'r tro olaf i ni gael senedd yr ysgol yn yr Ysgol ar y Bryn, ond serch hynny cawsom noson ddiddorol o dan ofal Mr. D. Smith.

Y testun y tro hwn oedd "Mantais fydd symud i lawr i'r ysgol isaf."

O blaid y cadarnhaol yr oedd Frazer Morris, Hywel Thomas a Mervyn Thomas. Yr wrthblaid oedd G. O. Slimm, Rees Phelps a Desmond Davies. Ar ôl dadlau brwd, yr wrthblaid a enillodd y dydd.

#### 11fed Rhagfyr, 1959—Parti Nadolig

Ar y dyddiad uchod daeth llu o ferched a bechgyn ynghyd i gwrdd yn yr ysgol isaf er mwyn cael parti.

Ar ôl y te blasus a gafwyd, trefnwyd Noson Lawen ac un o bethau annisgwylidwy'r noswaith oedd "Dyma Hanes eich Bywyd" o dan ofal Mr. D. Smith, a chafwyd hanes bywyd Mr. Harding Rees yn drefnus iawn. Cyfraniad Ysgol y Merched oedd "Gwaelod y Dosbarth" yng ngofal Dosbarth VI.

Ar ôl y Noson Lawen fe fu dawnsio gwerin i fechgyn a merched y dosbarthiadau uwch.

#### 5ed Chwefror, 1960—Mr. D. Smith yn Awstria

Eisoes wedi dangos ei ddawn fel un sy'n medru arwain noson o ddawnsio gwerin, dangosodd Mr. Smith yn y cyfarfod hwn ei fod hefyd wedi meistrolï'r ddawn o areithio.

Bu ychydig o fechgyn yn Awstria yr haf diwethaf, a hanes yr amser a dreuliwyd yno a gafwyd gan Mr. Smith. Adroddodd Mr. Smith yr hanes yn ddiddorol, a gwelwyd trwy ei eiriau fod y bechgyn wedi cael hwyl a sbri ar eu gwyliau.



**Chwefror 19—Recordiau**

Yn y cyfarfod hwn bu Roger Williams yn chwarae recordiau o fiwsig sy'n boblogaidd yng Nghymru yn y dyddiau hyn.

Bu ei ddewis yn ddoeth iawn, cawsom ychydig o "rock 'n' roll," darnau o'r "Messiah" a chaneuon gwerin ein gwlad. Cyn chwarae record, dywedodd Roger ychydig o eiriau, gan roddi tipyn o hanes y miwsig.

**Mawrth 11—Parti Diwedd Tymor**

Y tro hwn fe'n gwahoddwyd ni'r bechgyn gan Ysgol y Merched i barti yn yr ysgol honno. Yr oedd y merched wedi paratoi gwledd i ni, ac fe gafodd pawb ddigon o fwyd.

Ar ôl bwyta, cafwyd eitemau amrywiol gan y merched, ac ar ôl hynny perfformiwyd y ddrama "Y Ditectif" gan y bechgyn.

I ddiweddu'r noson, bu ychydig o ddawnsio gwerin. Hwn oedd cyfarfod olaf y tymor.

DESMOND DAVIES (Ysgrifennydd, 1959-60)

**GWYLIAU YNG NGWERSYLL YR URDD, GLANLLYN,  
AWST 13-20**

Plas bychan ar lan Llyn y Bala yw Glanllyn. Saif tua milltir a hanner o bentref bach Llanuwchllyn. Am chwech wythnos bob haf y mae Urdd Gobaith Cymru yn cynnal gwersyllau ieuenctid yno. Ac yn un o'r gwersyllau hyn y treuliais wythnos o'm gwyliau eleni, gyda chant a deugain o fechgyn a merched eraill.

Cyrhaeddais Glanllyn ar brynhawn Sadwrn yng nghanol Awst. Yr oeddwn wedi cyrraedd yn gynnar ac ychydig iawn o bobl oedd yno. Ond yn fuan iawn dechreuodd y gweddill o'r gwersyllwyr gyrraedd ac erbyn tua hanner awr wedi naw y noson honno yr oedd pawb wedi dod.

Cawsom swper flasmus ac ar ôl bwyta aethom i gyd i mewn i'r neuadd i gael ein croesawu i'r Gwersyll gan y Pennaeth John Lane. Ar ôl hyn cawsom yr Epilog ac wedyn aeth pawb i'w gwelyau, y merched yn y plas, a'r bechgyn yng Nglanllyn Isaf, tŷ arall ar dir y plas.

Bore Sul yr oedd pawb ar eu traed yn gynnar ac ar ôl brechwast cawsom wasanaeth crefyddol yn y neuadd. Wedyn trefnwyd "time-table" yr wythnos. Yn ystod y dydd archwiliwyd y Plas yn fanwl gan y gwersyllwyr, yr ystafelloedd "ping-pong," y siop, y llyfrgell a'r ystafelloedd eraill. Hefyd buom i lawr wrth ochr y llyn. Gyda'r hwyr aethom i'r Capel Methodistiaidd yn Llanuwchllyn ac wedi swper cawsom Gymanfa Ganu yn y Neuadd.

Dydd Llun aethom i lawr i'r llyn i nofio ac i rwyfo, ond arosodd rhai yn y Plas i ddarllen neu ysgrifennu llythyrau, neu chwarae criced, "ping-pong" neu wyddbwyll (chess).



Yn y nos cawsom ddawnsio gwerin a dyna'r peth a wnaeth y gwersyll yn lwyddiant. Cyn hynny yr oedd pawb yn ddieithr i'w gilydd ond yn awyrgylch y dawnsio gwerin anghofwyd popeth am wahanol dafodieithoedd, ac o'r amser hwnnw ymlaen yr oedd pawb yn ymddwyn at ei gilydd fel hen ffrindiau.

Cafwyd trip i'r Rhyl dydd Mawrth ac yr oedd pawb wrth eu bodd yn y ffair yn gwario eu harian ar wahanol stondinau.

Ar y llyn yn nofio ac yn rhwyfo yr oeddem fore dydd Mercher, ond ar ôl cinio cawsom ein rhannu yn bedwar tŷ—Arenig, Aran, Lliw a Llafar. Yr oedd cystadleuath rhwng y tai y noson honno; felly treuliwyd y prynhawn yn paratoi'r eitemau. Bu cystadleuath frwd ond yn y diwedd Arenig a enillodd y dydd, a mawr oedd llawenydd aelodau'r tŷ hwnnw.

Wedi cinio prynhawn dydd Iau aeth y gwersyllwyr i gyd i gerdded y bryniau ar ochr Llangower i'r llyn gan gyrraedd yn ôl mewn amser i gael te. Yr oedd carnifal i fod yn ddiweddarach yn y nos; rhwng te a swper buom yn paratoi ar ei gyfer. Yr oedd yr hwyl a gawsom y noson honnoyn eithaf tâl am yr holl drafferth o ffeindio dillad ar gyfer y "sioe."

Aethom i'r Bala fore dydd Gwener i siopa, prynu anrhegion i'n pobl gartre', ynghyd â phethau eraill go-gyfer a'r "beano" yn y nos. Yn y prynhawn cafwyd amser dymunol ar y cae tu draw i'r llyn, rhai yn chwarae criced neu rygbi a'r gweddill ohonom mewn grŵp yn canu. Ar ôl swper cawsom Noson Lawen ac yr oedd yn llwyddiannus dros ben. Wedyn daeth y "beano" yn y Caban Bwyta; ac i orffen y noson ymunodd pawb i ganu, ac yn sicr i chi, ni chanwyd unrhyw gân â mwy o frwdfrydedd nag yn y Caban honno.

Ond bore Sadwrn a ddaeth, yr amser i ganu'n iach â chymdeithion a oedd erbyn hyn yn ffrindiau mynwesol. Ac yn swm y geiriau:

"Gwela'i di'r haf nesaf,"

gadawodd y gwersyllwyr Glanllyn, pawb yn mynd ffordd ei hunan i'w cartrefi. Yr oeddwn i yn un o'r rhai olaf i fynd o'r gwersyll y bore hwnnw a thrist iawn oedd gadael y lle a fu'n gartref i mi a'm ffrindiau am yr wythnos fythgofiadwy honno.

Dim ond braslun o hanes fy ngwyliau yn Glanllyn yw'r uchod. Rhaid mynd yno eich hunan cyn y gellwch sylweddoli'n llawn y teimlad hwnnw o gymdeithas a brawdoliaeth sydd yn bod mewn gwersyll o'r fath yma. Hefyd profasom oll y teimlad hwnnw o gymdeithas a brawdoliaeth sydd yn bod mewn gwersyll o'r fath yma. Hefyd profasom oll y teimlad ein bod i gyd wedi uno yn yr un Addewid o Ffyddlondeb-

i Gymru,  
i Gyd-ddyn,

ac yn bennaf i Grist.

ALED JONES, VI.



### TEIMLADAU WRTH ACTIO

Yr hyn oedd yn fy mlino fwyaf fel plentyn ieuanc oedd y rheidrwydd i ddysgu geiriau drama. Un rheswm am hyn wrth gwrs oedd na allwn ddibynnu o hyd ar fy nghof, ond y rheswm pennaf ydoedd ei bod yn ymddangos i mi fod y llinellau gosodedig yn cyfyngu cyfle'r ddrama. Credwn y gallwn feddwl am linellau gwell a mwy doniol wrth wneud drama ar y pryd, ac wrth wneud hynny byddwn yn cael cyfle i fod yn actor ac yn ddramodydd ar yr un pryd. Yn y ddrama ysgrifenedig wrth gwrs yr oedd y cof yn chwarae rhan bwysig, ond dewiswyd gormod o actorion oherwydd eu gallu i gofio, tra'n aml anghofiwyd yr actorion mwyaf eu gwreiddioldeb ond byrraf eu cof.

Y ddrama ysgrifenedig gyntaf a gofiau ei hactio ydoedd "Pinocio." Cofiau geisio cerdded fel dyn pren gan wneud hynny'n fendigedig (nid am fy mod yn actor da, ond am na wyddwn unrhyw ffordd arall i symud ar lwyfan). Yr oedd Jepeto yntau a'r cathod yr un mor brennaidd eu symudiadau. Caled oedd credu mai desg John Davies (un o'm cyd-ddisgyblion) oedd y carchar, ac mai cath oedd Anne Evans, ac mai hen ŵr oedd Clive Woodhouse (rhaf eraill o'm cyd-ddisgyblion). Ond hawdd oedd i'r gwrandawyr gredu mai sianto gyda mynachod oedd Jepeto yn hytrach nag adrodd llinellau mewn drama ddoniol.

Y mae i actio-plentyn ei apêl arbennig ei hun; nid yw'r actor ifanc yn sylweddoli, ond ar adegau, fod cynulleidfa yn ei wyllo. Mor hawdd oedd i Jepeto anghofio osgo hen ŵr, a sefyll yn swil ar un goes. Nid yw plant yn gwybod beth yw nerfau—nid oes un arswyd iddynt wrth actio ar lwyfan, ac y mae actio cystal â chwarae yn eu tyb hwy. Ond byr yw'r gwynfyd sy'n dibynnu ar onestrwydd a didwylledd plentyn. Buan daw'r ofnau dyfnion, yr amheuaeth o'i allu ei hun—"Mam, chofia'i byth yr holl linellau yma—Mam, fedra'i byth actio plismon—Mam 'dwy i ddim am fod yn y ddrama." Os daw'r Gielgud bychan trwy'r ofnau cynnar, nid oes dim yn ei aros ond ofnau pellach. Amhosibl yw i'r sawl na fu ar lwyfan ddirnad yr arswyd sydd yn y galon o'r foment pan gyfyd y llen i'r foment pan yw'r mymryn olaf o'r paent wedi ei rwbio oddi ar yr wyneb. Y mae llygaid ymhob un o'r goleuadau bychain wrth draed yr actor ar y llwyfan; y mae wynebau'r gynulleidfa fel cysgodion o'r fall o'i flaen. Y mae'n gobeithio o waelod ei galon nad yw'r dorf yn medru gweld ei goesau'n crynu a'i dafod yn gwlychu ei wefusau sychion bob yn awr ac yn y man. Y mae ofnau yn esgor ar ofnau. Er ei fod wedi ymarfer y ddrama ugeiniau o weithiau. heb anghofio gair, daw'r sicrwydd iddo'n sydyn nad yw'n cofio pa beth i'w ddweud yn nesaf. Gobeithio o waelod calon fod John yn cofio'i linellau yntau heno, neu fe aiff yr hwch drwy'r siop! Pwy ddododd y gadair honna yn rhy agos i'r bwrdd? Paham na fuasai rhywun wedi meddwl am agor



fffenestr—mae'n rhy boeth a'r chwys yn tasgu o'r talcen. Ni fedr amgylchiadau allanol ei helpu na'i rwystro lawer; o'r tu mewn y mae'n derfysg mawr, y terfysg sy'n dilyn mor gyson ag y daw haul ar ôl cawod Ebrill—bob tro y rhydd ei droed ar ddaear "sanctaidd" yr actor.

FRANK WILLIAMS, VI.

### Y DITECTIF

Y ddrama a actiwyd eleni gan fechgyn hynaf yr ysgol oedd y "Ditectif," comedi o waith y Parch. Gwynedd Jones. Y rhai oedd yn gyfrifol am hyfforddi'r actorion a helpu yn gyffredinol oedd athrawon yr ysgol. Cafwyd blas ar y ddrama, a phawb yn cael hwyl wrth ei dysgu a'i hymarfer. Ar ôl wythnosau o waith dyfal aeth y cwmni i neuadd yr eglwys yn Llangennech, a bu'r ddrama yn llwyddiannus dros ben, mor llwyddiannus fel y'i dyfarnwyd yn deilwng i ymddangos ar lwyfan Eisteddfod yr Urdd yn Nolgellau. Ychydig ar ôl hyn rhoddwyd perfformiad arall o'r un ddrama yn yr Hendy er mwyn codi arian tuag at Urdd Gobaith Cymru. Ond nid oedd hyn yn ddim ond rhyw baratoad am y diwrnod mawr pan aeth bechgyn Llanelli i actio yn neuadd tref Dolgellau dirion. 'Roedd pawb yn nerfus, ond tebyg nad amharwyd ar eu actio gan mai'n cwmni bach ni a gafodd y wobr. Ond nid dyna'r diwedd ar "Y Ditectif" chwaith; rhoddwyd perfformiad arall ohoni yn neuadd y plwyf Llanelli i agor tymor y Cymrodorion, a'r ddrama, a barnu wrth chwerthin iachus y dorf, yn dal yn ei blas o hyd.

#### Actorion :

<i>Jim Morris</i>	.....	.....	NEVILLE EYNON
<i>Dora Morris (ei wraig)</i>	.....	.....	FRANK WILLIAMS
<i>Wncwl Ben</i>	.....	.....	DESMOND DAVIES
<i>Bob "Moscow"</i>	.....	.....	RHYS PHELPS
<i>Marged Rees (cymdoges)</i>	.....	.....	MYRON WAIN
<i>Mr. Parry (y gweinidog)</i>	.....	.....	ALED JONES
			FRANK WILLIAMS, VI.

### EISTEDDFOD YR URDD, DOLGELLAU, 1960

Yr oedd ein diddordeb pennaf yn yr eisteddfod bwysig hon eleni yn yr adran ddramau. Paratowyd ar gyfer dwy o'r cystadleuthau, sef perfformiadau o'r ddwy ddrama fer "Y Brawd Blaidd" o dan un ar bymtheg oed, a'r "Ditectif" i rai dros bymtheg a than deunaw oed. Llafuriwyd yn galed yn y rhain, ac fel canlyniad i'n llwyddiant yn y rhagbrawf yn Llangennech, galluogwyd ni i ymddangos ar y llwyfan yn Nolgellau.



Fel y profwyd yn ddiweddarach, yr oedd yn werth yr aberth, oherwydd cafwyd amser bendigedig yn Nolgellau. Cawsom gwmni difyr iawn wrth deithio gan fod bechgyn a merched Aelwyd yr Hendy wedi ymuno â ni i lanw'r bws. Yr oedd bron pawb yn ffrindiau mawr cyn terfyn y daith ac aeth yr amser trafaelio heibio yn rhy gyflym o lawer trwy ganu emynau, alawon gwerin a chaneuon modern hyd yn oed.

Beth bynnag, rhaid oedd dod i ben ein taith, ac wrth weld camerâu T.W.W. ar sgwâr Dolgellau dyma ruthro mawr at y ffenestri yn y gobaith o gael ein llun ar y teledydd. Ond nid oedd angen y cyffro a'r cynnwrf o gwbl oherwydd cawsom ddigon o gyfle i ymddangos ar y teledydd pan gyflwynwyd ni i Hywel Roberts. Gofynnodd un neu ddau gwestiwn i ambell un ohonom a chawsom groeso cynnes iawn gan bawb.

Yna, fe'n dosbarthwyd ni i'n gwahanol letyau bob yn ddau neu dri a dygwyd ni i'n cartrefi-dros-dro gan un o'r trefnwyr. Cyn hir, yr oedd pob un ohonom, mae'n debyg, yn hollol gartrefol ac yn dod i adnabod y trigolion caredig yn well gyda phob munud a âi heibio. Yn wir, pan ddaeth yr amser inni ffarwelio â'r cartrefi hyn cawsom y gorchwyl yn un anodd iawn.

Llwyddiant mawr a fu hanes y dramau ac estynnwyd canmoliaeth uchel i'r ddwy gan y beirniad. Ar ôl gorffen â'r perfformiadau, gollyngdod bendigedig i ambell un, aeth rhyw deimlad o ryddhâd trwom. Yr oedd gennym yn awr ddigon o amser i fwynhau ein hunain, pob un yn ei wahanol ffordd. Treuliodd amryw ohonom ran helaeth o'r amser yn yr Eisteddfod, neu ar faes yr Eisteddfod, beth bynnag. Yr oedd hefyd gyngherddau yn cael eu cynnal yn y babell yn yr hwyr. Aeth eraill i'r sinema neu am dro i'r mynyddoedd i gael awyr iach y Gogledd.

Y peth a saif allan i mi yn bersonol oedd yr hwyl anarferol a gawsom o ganu emynau ar y sgwâr bob hwyr. Os anghofiaf bopeth arall, bydd hwn yn fyth gofiadwy, yn sicr.

Blin oedd pawb i ymadael â Dolgellau.

NEVILLE EYNON, VI.

#### GOBAITH LLANELLI

Mae gennyf grys a thrwser  
A 'sgidiau'r gem bêl droed,  
Gobeithiaf fod fel Carwyn  
Pan fyddai'n ugain oed.

Mae gennyf bâr o ddwylo  
I ddal y bêl yn saff,  
'Rwy'n fodlon chwarae'n rywle  
Ond hoffaf "outside half."

Mae gennyf gic fel Terry,  
A rhedaf fel y gwynt,  
'Rwy'n medru sgori pwyntiau  
Fel Albert Jenkins gynt.

JOHN D. HARRIES, II.R.



## 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 was a season of mixed luck and fortune. In the Easter term, School played 11 matches, winning eight, losing two and drawing against Gowerton. They went until March 12th unbeaten, with notable victories against Gwendraeth and Neath, taking their two years' ground record in the bargain.

The season's complete record reads : P. 22, W. 14, L. 5, D. 3. Points for 156, points against 64. Top scorer was Jerrad Protheroe with 41 points followed by Terry Davies with 33 points. Geoffrey Davies and Alan Thomas played 21 games out of a possible 22.

International caps were won by D. Brian Davies, and Steve Jones represented the Welsh S.S. under 18 team against France.

In the Easter term School had victories over Pontardawe, Gwendraeth, Carmarthen, Pembroke, Whitland, Neath, Tenby and Porth. They lost rather unluckily to Ammanford and Whitland.

On the whole this was a happy and successful season and may I, on behalf of the team, thank all the masters who sacrificed their Saturday mornings to supervise the games, and also thank the masters in charge of Rugby.

D. F. MORRIS (*Secretary*)

### Old Boys' Match. Thursday, 31st March, 1960, Stradey Park

**School Past 8 pts. School Present 16 pts.**

In ideal conditions the game was not up to the expected standard. The Old Boys' pack, on account of lack of fitness, were outplayed in the set scrums, thanks to the hooking of Alan Thomas, and in the loose where Steve Jones and David Dunn were prominent. For the Old Boys', Roy Griffiths was a tower of strength in the lines-out.

Both threequarter lines were unimpressive, except Dennis Thomas at the base of the Present scrum, who gave his usual sterling performance.

Try scorers for the Present were Steve Jones, Roy Price, Wynne Evans and Keith Mitchell. Gerard Protheroe converted two.

Brian Hunt and Colin Willis scored a try apiece for the Old Boys, Eifion Thomas converting one.

The full teams were :

**Past :** Alan Murphy ; Brian Tucker, Archie Francis, Colin Willis, Brian Hunt ; Eifion Thomas, Ben Hughes ; John Davies, Billy Hobson, John Mexsom, Jeffrey Keenan, Alan Davies, Markham Jones, Roy Griffiths, Dylan Roberts.



**Present :** David Rees ; Terry Davies, Geoff Davies, Gerard Protheroe, Wynne Evans ; Brian Davies (capt.), Dennis Thomas ; Michael Thomas, Michael Hopkins, Alan Thomas, Roger Thomas, Steve Jones, Keith Mitchell, David Dunn, Iorwerth Evans, Roy Price.

**Season 1960-61. 1st XV.**

<i>Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	DENNIS THOMAS
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	GEOFFREY DAVIES
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	DAVID L. PHILLIPS

The 1st XV. have played seven matches so far in the Christmas term and have won five of them, scoring 59 points and conceding 39 points.

Leading scorer so far is Terry Price with 20 points and leading try scorer is Alan Bendle with four tries. Alan Bendle, Wynn Evans, Michael Hopkins, Gwyn Williams, Meirion Davies and David Dunn have played in all School games so far this season.

**School 8 pts., Gwendraeth 5 pts.**

Scorers for School in a close game were Dennis Thomas (try), Michael Williams (try) and Terry Price (conversion).

**Gowerton Grammar nil, School 16 pts.**

School gained a convincing win over Gowerton mainly as a result of fine forward play. Scorers for School: Dennis Thomas (try), Douglas Perkins (try), Alan Bendle (try), Terry Price (two conversions and a penalty).

**School 14 pts., Pembroke Grammar School nil**

Outplayed in all aspects of the game Pembroke played exceedingly well to hold School to 14 pts. Scorers for School: Gwyn Williams (try), Stuart Davies (try), Terry Price (try, dropped goal, conversion).

**School 12 pts., Carmarthen 3 pts.**

School had to fight hard to gain this victory over Carmarthen, and it was not until after the interval that they asserted their superiority. Scorers: Alan Bendle (two tries), Geoffrey Davies (try), Wynn Evans (try).

**Amman Valley Grammar School 18 pts., School 3 pts.**

School were very unlucky to lose by such a margin to Amman Valley, and had it not been for two defensive errors in the first half might have held Amman Valley. Scorer for School: Terry Price (penalty goal).



**School nil, Bishop Gore 8 pts.**

With six regular first team members in the W.S.S.R.U. rugby trials, School held Bishop Gore to no score until Mel Williams and David Dunn were injured, then Bishop Gore managed to score.

**Tenby 5 pts., School 6 pts.**

In atrocious conditions School defeated Tenby far more convincingly than the score indicates. Scorers for School: Roger Lewis (try), Alan Bendle (try).

**London Sevens, April, 1960**

We went to Roehampton this year again to do battle with the might of the Public Schools. Having won the Welsh Sevens convincingly the previous week, School were full of hope of bringing back to Llanelly and Wales the Public Schools' Shield.

And how near we came to it! School eventually lost by three points to nil to Royal Belfast Academy, the eventual winners, and runners-up the three previous years. Our boys can justly say "We wuz robbed" because skipper Brian Davies was out of the tournament having pulled a hamstring muscle against Eltham, and in the final game Dennis Thomas was hindered by a small child on the playing area, with the line at his mercy.

School's team was: Brian Davies (capt.), Iorwerth Evans, Dennis Thomas, Terry Davies, Steve Jones, Geoffrey Davies and David Dunn. First reserve was Roy Price and the other reserves were David Andrews and David Rees.

In the opening round School comfortably defeated Emanuel by eight points to nil, and at times seemed far too nonchalant. Brian Davies and Terry Davies scored a fine try each and Iorwerth Evans converted the first.

In blustery rain and with a wet ball, School gave a brilliant display of football when thrashing Shebbear by 19 points to nil. Inside-half Dennis Thomas was particularly outstanding scoring three tries. Other tries were scored by Terry Davies in the first half and by Brian Davies late in the second half, after a run by Steve Jones. Iorwerth Evans converted two.

Next came Ellham, who were easily disposed of by our boys in a 11-3 victory. Brian Davies scoring three tries and Iorwerth Evans converting one. Unfortunately, Brian Davies pulled a hamstring muscle in scoring his third try. School were not extended and David Dunn hooked especially well.

By this time our boys were attracting a large crowd of followers and were tipped by many for the Shield.

In a downpour of rain, School played brilliant rugby to easily dispose of Queen's, Taunton, by 17 points to nil. Brian Davies was a passenger throughout the game playing at scrum-half. The team delighted the crowd scoring tries through Dennis Thomas (2), Terry Davies (2), Geoff Davies (1) and Iorwerth Evans converting one.



For the next game against St. Benedicts, Brian Davies was replaced by Roy Price. In a scrappy game School made hard work of beating St. Benedicts by six points to three. Terry Davies scored a try in each half, the second after the opening had been made by Roy Price.

In a "repeat" of the '58 Final, Royal Belfast Academy, with a big slice of luck, defeated School by three points to nil. Belfast scored a try early on, after a foot rush, and for the rest of the game were content to close the game up. Our boys pressed hard throughout the second half being unfortunate on three occasions not to score; one incident in particular when Dennis Thomas on his way to scoring was hindered by a small boy who ran into the playing area.

### **Welsh Sevens, 1960**

This year marked the opening of an annual venture which will thrill and please all rugby followers, namely the Welsh Schools Sevens. The tournament was held in Stradey Park on Wednesday and Thursday, April 6th and 7th. Altogether, 47 teams from all over Wales took part, 16 teams competed in the over-15 section, and 31 teams in the under 15 section. School had two teams in the over-15 section and two teams in the under-15 section.

### **Over 15 Seven-a-side Tournament**

Due to withdrawals from the original draw, School had a bye in the preliminary round but in round one School's B team met Ystalyfera. School's B team was: Michael Hopkins (capt.), Alan Thomas, David Andrews, Alan Smith, Gerard Protheroe, Roger Owen and Wynne Evans.

School took the lead after a few minutes through a beautiful try scored by Alan Smith after all the team had handled. In the second half, Ystalyfera equalised and in extra time obtained a corner-try.

In round two Llanelly G.S. "A" team took the field against Gwendraeth and were obviously the "glamour" side of the tournament, because it was heard that the "refreshment room" was empty when they were playing. Team was: Iorwerth Evans (capt.), Dennis Thomas, Terry Davies, Geoffrey Davies, Roy Price, Steve Jones, David Dunn.

Llanelly started off well through a glorious try by Dennis Thomas, when he went on the blind side without a hand being laid on him. Soon afterwards, Gwendraeth equalised. School were playing well below themselves except Dennis Thomas who had an outstanding game. In the second half, Gwendraeth nearly scored, but when it went into extra time School's fitness began to show. From a scrum near Gwendraeth's line, the ball was whipped out to Terry Davies who scored in the corner.



In the semi-final, School's "A" team showed their true form when defeating Ystalyfera by 13 points to nil. Terry Davies's speed got him two tries; Dennis Thomas's thrust and resourcefulness one try, and Iorwerth Evans's boot converted two.

In the final our boys lived up to all expectations by outclassing Dyffryn G.S., 18 points to nil. Our seven thrilled the crowd with clever running, quick passing and entertaining tactics. Tries for School were scored by Terry Davies, Steve Jones, Roy Price and Iorwerth Evans, who also converted three tries.

### W.S.S.R.U. Trials

Dennis Thomas, Geoffrey Davies, Stuart Davies, Terry Price, Meirion Davies, David Andrews, Gwyn Williams and Michael Williams figured in the trials.

Dennis Thomas, Geoffrey Davies and Stuart Davies have been chosen for the East v. West on December 10th.

Unfortunately David Andrews and Michael Williams were unable to play in the West Wales v. Pembrokeshire trial because of illness.

### 2nd XV.

*Captain* ..... N. H. JONES

The 2nd XV. have played five matches so far and have won two, drawn one and lost two, scoring 43 points and conceding 12 points.

Leading scorer: Wynn Rosser three tries, and Raymond Phillips have played in all five matches for the 2nd XV.

Gwendraeth	nil	School	nil
School	23 pts.	Pembroke	3 pts.
School	20 pts.	Carmarthen	nil
School	nil	Amman Valley	6 pts.
Bishop Gore	3 pts.	School	nil

DAVID LL. PHILLIPS (*Hon. Secretary*)

### CRICKET NOTES

*Captain* ..... PETER DAVIES  
*Vice-Captain* ..... HUGH COLIN JONES  
*Secretary* ..... ANTHONY JENKINS

Although the 1960 season was not a very successful one for School it was outstanding in that a century was scored by a School batsman for the first time in many a long year. It was scored brilliantly by Michael Williams against Gowerton, Michael scoring 102 not out including three sixes and 12 fours; a truly memorable innings and one which must surely rank with the greatest in the history of the School.



**May 7th—School v. Gwendraeth**

School started off the season at Pwll disastrously, being skittled out by the Gwendraeth fast bowlers W. Thomas and G. Davies for a meagre 20 runs. Gwendraeth only fared a little better against the School fast bowlers Colin Williams (2-8) and Richard Williams (2-7) on this often dangerous School pitch. Gwendraeth eventually passed School's total for the loss of five wickets.

Win for Gwendraeth by five wickets.

**May 21st—School v. Ammanford**

This was another disastrous innings for School, being shot out for 30 runs. Fast bowler A. Davies claiming eight wickets. Highest scorer for School was Anthony Jenkins with eight.

Win for Ammanford by eight wickets.

**May 28th—School v. Carmarthen**

Carmarthen batted first on an unpredictable School wicket and were all out for 41. Colin Williams (4-22) and Mel Williams (3-9) causing the damage. School fared no better and were shot out for 22.

Win for Carmarthen by 19 runs.

**4th June—School v. Dynevor**

School showed a welcome return to form in this game, especially in the case of skipper Peter Davies who scored a fine 21. Thanks to him, David Phillips (13), Oliver Stevens (13), and a sound 19 not out from Meirion Davies, School declared at 105 for five. A fine half century by opening bat D. C. Williams gave Dynevor a good chance of victory, but mainly thanks to good bowling by Dennis Thomas, at close of play Dynevor had scored 101 for five.

Drawn.

**18th June—School v. Gowerton**

This was School's finest display of the season. Up against a powerful Gowerton side, School won easily by 100 runs. School batted first and were soon in trouble being four for two at one time. With the arrival of Michael Williams the situation changed completely, and with Geoff Davies (11) put on 61 for the fourth wicket. Michael carried on to a brilliant unbeaten century. With Oliver Stevens scoring 15, School retired at 150 for seven. The feature of Gowerton's innings was the magnificent fielding of School, Oliver Stevens and Geoff Davies holding particularly brilliant catches. With Stewart Davies taking three for nine and Mel Williams three for five, Gowerton were all out for 50.

Win for School by 100 runs.



**2nd July—School v. Carmarthen**

Due to the condition of the Carmarthen wicket spin bowling alone was permissible. With leg break bowlers Mel Williams and Geoff Davies taking four for 16 and three for 23 respectively, Carmarthen were all out for 76. In School's innings Mel Williams laid the foundation with a solid 18 and then Dennis Thomas 35 not out and Geoff Davies 20 not out hit off the remaining runs. Dennis hitting four sixes clean out of the ground.

Win for School by six wickets.

**9th July—School v. Dynevor**

School batted first in this match and were soon in trouble, but thanks to Dennis Thomas (25), Oliver Stevens (15) and Hugh Colin Jones (12) School managed to reach 85. School's opening bowlers held no terrors for Dynevor and they soon hammered a very attractive 87 for the loss of one wicket.

Win for Dynevor by nine wickets.

**11th July—School v. Old Boys**

School started this match with the Old Boys disastrously losing five wickets for 22 runs, and looked to be heading for certain defeat, but with the arrival of Oliver Stevens to join Hugh Colin Jones these two took the score along steadily until the partnership was worth 70. Oliver scoring an invaluable 51 and Colin a chanceless 28. School were eventually all out for a 100. In their reply the Old Boys started well with Allan Sims and Philip Davies putting on 29 for the first wicket but then wilted under the accurate bowling of Dennis Thomas (5-17) and were all out for 69.

Win for School by 31 runs.

**13th July—School v. Penlan**

In this match the young Penlan side were no match for School who scored 81, Hugh Colin Jones scoring 24. In their reply Penlan crashed to inspired bowling by Stewart Davies, who took five wickets for three runs.

Win for School by 35 runs.

**14th July—Staff v. Boys**

The Staff won this annual fixture for the third year in succession, but as the boys only lost two wickets and the Staff nine, a moral victory was claimed by the boys.

The boys batted first and thanks to Hugh Colin Jones (25), Mel Williams (13), Meirion Davies not out 13, and Eurfyl Ambrose, a member of the junior team, not out 15, School declared at 71 for two. In the Staff's reply, Mr. Howard John (20), Mr. Alun Thomas



(14), Mr. Mars (10) and Mr. Sutherns (9) laid the basis of the score but victory was attained by Mr. Harding Rees, batting at No. 10, who scored an inspired 17 not out, hitting the winning score with a flashing boundary.

In closing the notes for 1960 I would like on behalf of all the boys in the team to thank Mr. Alford for all the time and trouble he has taken in managing and coaching the team.

G. B. DAVIES (VIA)

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### CROSS COUNTRY, 1960-61

<i>Captain</i>	.....	.....	GWILYM O. SLIMM
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	MAURICE JOHN LAPPER
<i>Masters-in-Charge</i>			Mr. TOM JONES, Mr. D. SMITH

This season with the moving of the School to Pwll, provided our masters-in-charge with quite a problem—where was the School course to be run. Finally they decided that the course would run from School, up through Stradey Woods to the Farriers Arms, down Denham Avenue, and home around the School grounds, approximately.

With the loss of many of our best senior runners, and with an extremely strong junior team, the team on the whole have done very well. Our first match was against Whitland, a newcomer to our usual circle of competitors, at home, on October the 15th. At this match the senior and junior teams won; a good start to the season.

Owing to cancellations, our second match was against Bishop Gore at home on November the 5th, when the juniors won and the seniors were heavily defeated. Our last match before going to press was against Bishop Gore, away, on 19th November, when the seniors lost and the juniors were beaten by one point, under atrocious conditions.

With several fixtures in the New Year, including the now famous "Nos Calan" at Mountain Ash on New Year's Eve, we look forward to a successful season, and also wish the many lower junior enthusiasts the best of luck, and all the encouragement in the future seasons. Results:

#### October 15th—School v. Whitland G.S.

*Seniors*: School won by 16 points to 20 points. M. Lapper 2nd, H. R. Griffiths, 3rd.

*Juniors*: School won by 16 points to 24 points. Equal 1st, W. E. Huw Griffiths, 4th Jeff Lloyd.



**November 5th—School v. Bishop Gore G.S., Swansea**

*Seniors* : School lost by 10 points to 31 points. 5th Huw R. Griffiths.

*Juniors* : Won by 16 points to 20 points. 2nd, W. E. Huw Griffiths, 4th Jeff Lloyd.

**November 19th—School v. Bishop Gore G.S., Swansea**

*Seniors* : Lost by 10 points to 24 points. 3rd, John I. Richards.

*Juniors* : Lost by 17 points to 18 points. 1st, W. E. Huw Griffiths, 4th, Jeff Lloyd.

MAURICE JOHN LAPPER, 5x (*Hon. Secretary*)

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**TENNIS CLUB, 1960 SEASON**

<i>Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	JEFFREY HARRY
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	PETER WILLIAMS
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	JULIAN GRICE

The Team was chosen from : J. Harry, Peter Williams, Julian Grice, Anthony Jenkins, M. Rees, G. Griffiths, A. James, Peter E. Evans, B. Ashford and Peter L. Evans.

The School started well by winning the first game by seven matches to two on 7th May at Carmarthen Grammar School. On account of bad weather, School did not play again until 21st May, when School returned from Lampeter College as victors by the narrow margin of five matches to four.

On Saturday, May 28th, School playing at home, lost to Llandovery College by five matches to four. It was a very hard fought match and was undecided until the final match.

Ammanford visited School on 18th June and went away as rather lucky victors by five matches to four. The School took an immediate lead, but Ammanford fought back well to win.

School once more had a home game on 25th June. Gowerton, the visitors, played the better tennis and defeated School by six matches to three.

After the terminal examinations in June, the Tennis Club held a Junior, Middle and Senior Tournament. There were many entries and, although the weather was unkind, the tournaments were completed, the winners were of the Senior, Anthony Jenkins, of the Middle, Jeff Griffiths and of the Junior, R. Philips.

Although during the 1960 season School did not win very many matches, it is hoped that next season the team can do better since many of last season's team are still in School. It is also hoped that, since the whole School is now down in Pwll, next season the team will have much more support from the boys.

B. ASHFORD