

Llanelly
Boys' Grammar School



CHRISTMAS, 1962

In Memoriam

Ernest James Jacob

Died June, 1962

Frank Hubert Phillips

Died July, 1962

Thomas Nigel Hampton

Died August, 1962

John Llewelyn Bowen

Died November, 1962

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EDITORIAL

This year it has been my privilege to edit the School Magazine. The year, as always, has been an eventful one, bringing joys and sorrows both to the school as a whole and to individuals within it. I congratulate those who have experienced the former and commiserate with those afflicted by the latter.

The school has, however, had its full share of sorrows this year, the most tragic being the deaths of two of the boys, Nigel Hampton and John Bowen, and of John R. Davies who was in school a few years ago. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

We have seen a spate of new societies this year and I, personally, am very grateful that some amalgamation has been possible—it makes the gathering of society reports that much easier!

The great event of the year has, of course, been the National Eisteddfod at Llanelly. For months preparations went on. (It is reported that when the decision to hold the Eisteddfod in Llanelly was made known, one of the staff immediately went out to buy a packet of leek seeds!) The first day's crowd was a record one, but oh, the weather! It rained and rained and rained. But everything went with a swing, with many of our boys acting as stewards. With concerts, Noson Lawen, Plays and community singing, Llanelly has never been so gay, and I am sure that everyone will agree that the sooner the Eisteddfod comes to Llanelly again, the better.

It remains for me to thank all those who have contributed to the Magazine, and to wish the Headmaster, staff, pupils, old boys and all friends of the school a very happy Christmas and successful New Year.

DAVID HUW DAVIES

DE OMNIBUS REBUS

This year fewer boys entered the school, but this is offset by the increase in the number of Sixth Form boys. The total now stands at 845.

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The event of the year was of course the National Eisteddfod. A number of our boys acted as stewards and undoubtedly the school—both staff and boys—helped greatly in the organisation. We congratulate all those who took part in the concerts and competitions.

In September, 1962, there came a change in the school uniform. The old maroon blazer and junior school tie disappeared and the uniform for the whole school became the black blazer and the former senior tie.

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On the last day of the Christmas Term last year the school choir and orchestra gave an excellent public concert, under the direction of Mr. Leonard Pugh. The high standard of the work by the orchestra, choir, and individual performers was much appreciated by a large audience.

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The St. David's Day services this year were conducted by Rev. Huw Roberts (in Welsh) and Rev. Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts (in English). In the afternoon there was a concert by the choir and orchestra, organised by Mr. Pugh.

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For the third time in four years the school won the Public Schools' Sevens at Roehampton. Our heartiest congratulations go to the boys who won this honour for the school.

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The school play this year was "Gallows Glorious" by Ronald Gow. It is the moving story of John Brown's final struggle against slavery and his ensuing death. The combination of good producing and fine acting resulted in a spectacle worth remembering.

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Prize Day was held in the school hall this year. The guest speaker was Mr. W. Idris Jones, C.B.E., D.Sc., M.I.Chem.Eng., F.R.I.C. The prizes were presented by his sister, Mrs. Winifred Evans, J.P., B.A.

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In the county sports at Carmarthen the school maintained its record by coming first in two sections and second in the other two, besides carrying off the Ammanford and Lyric Cups.

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An unexpected visitor to the school this term was Bishop Anthony Bloom who talked to the Sixth Form on the Church in Russia and its progress since the Russian Revolution. Bishop Bloom is the Russian Orthodox Bishop in Great Britain.

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This year we have welcomed a "new boy" from Jackson, Florida. He is Dale Dybowski and we hope he enjoys his period at the school.

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Our congratulations go to the boys who won a general knowledge quiz on the T.W.W. A set of Junior Encyclopaedia Britannica was presented to the school in recognition of their success.

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We congratulate Brian Davies on gaining his first senior Welsh cap and wish him continued success.

Our thanks go to : Tudor Thomas for his gift to the Library ; Handel Nicholson for his gift of the medals won by Terrence Rosser Jones, an old boy of the school, who died in a torpedoed ship during the second World War. The medals are the War Medal, the 1939-45 Star, and the Atlantic Star ; Miss Ceinwen Thomas for the donation of the Touch-judge Flags used by her father in past international rugby matches ; Mr. Fry, F.I.M.L.T., of the Pathological Department, Llanelly Hospital, for pathological specimens, prepared and mounted. These will soon be displayed in " C " corridor.

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Once more we have welcomed students from Aberystwyth and Swansea. We hope their stay with us will be pleasant and wish them all success in the future.

STAFF

During the year some members of the staff have had to undergo surgical treatment in hospital. We are glad to record that Mr. John Harries is now fully recovered and that Mr. Leslie Sutherns is progressing satisfactorily. Mr. Ronald Jacob has fought hard to carry on between periods in hospital and is now making good progress after another operation. All our best wishes for complete recovery go to him and Mr. Sutherns.

Since the last issue of the Magazine there have been some changes in the staff.

As a result of ill health Mr. Tom Jones left the school early in the year. We wish to express the school's appreciation of his valuable service during the many years he was Senior Physical Education Master. His contribution as a teacher of P.E., as Athletics Coach, and as organiser of the annual School Sports will long be remembered. We wish him well in his new post and trust that full health will again soon be his.

Another master who has left us is Mr. Marcel Williams who has been appointed Headmaster of St. Asaph Grammar School. Apart from his fine work as a member of the English teaching staff, Mr. Williams will be remembered for his valuable contribution to music in the school, his work with the Literary and Debating Society, his gift as an actor, and his fund of good humour at all times. We wish him all success.

We welcome to the staff three new members—Mr. Hugh P. Thomas, Mr. Brian Darby and Mr. Gordon Price. They have settled down happily and we hope that they will stay with us for many years to come. We extend our sincere felicitations to Mr. Darby on his marriage in August of this year and wish him and Mrs. Darby every good luck in the future.

During this term, also, Mr. M. B. Thompson served as Assistant English Master. His pleasing personality soon made him popular and we wish him all success in his future career.

We also welcome Mr. Schwartzmeier from Bavaria for a year's study of English and students from Aberystwyth and Swansea.

We regret to have to record the death of two former masters.

Captain Ernest J. Jacob, who died in June, 1962, was the master-in-charge of Physical Education at the school in the period between the two wars. Many of the older ex-pupils will remember him as a fine athlete in his younger days, and will recall his outstanding leadership of the A.T.C. in the school.

Mr. Frank H. Phillips died in July of this year. Before his retirement he was Deputy Headmaster, and had been Senior History Master for many years. His excellent work as teacher and Deputy Headmaster is, perhaps, overshadowed by the invaluable service he gave to the cause of music in the school. Throughout his career, in spite of set-backs in health, he worked unceasingly to build up an orchestra, to foster choral work and the love of music. Many generations of schoolboys will attest to his success.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Captain Jacob and Mr. Phillips.

WHY BRITAIN SHOULD ENTER THE COMMON MARKET

The European Economic Community, known as the Common Market, is, briefly, an agreement between six countries to abolish all import duties between themselves during the course of twelve or fifteen years; and also to put up an outer wall of duties on goods entering this group of countries, namely, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. The result of this will be that goods exported from Britain to the Common Market countries will be burdened with import duties, thus raising their prices in these countries and making them more expensive than those of their competitors.

This then is the first reason why Britain should go in, for Britain has to export in order to live, to pay for the imported goods that we eat. Secondly one can argue for Britain's joining on purely theoretical grounds. What the Economist calls the Law of Comparative Costs, which really means that countries should specialise where a relative advantage in costs is greater or a relative disadvantage is smaller. It is advantageous to allow the prices of foreign goods and the prices of our own exports to be determined naturally and without the interference of duties and tariffs.

If we join the Common Market, our industry will be allowed to specialise in the things that it can do best, the small and inefficient firms will be forced out of business, and the large firms will prosper.

New techniques will have to be explored with greater urgency to the obvious benefit of our industry. The sizes of firms will also increase, thus enabling them to benefit from what is called economies of scale.

Many of the "anti-Common Marketeers" argue that to join will be politically disastrous for Britain. But it must be pointed out that as yet the Common Market is purely an economic unit. Perhaps political union will come later, but this will be a matter separate from the economic union.

Finally, one must consider the problem of whether Britain should remain stagnant and looking back on past glory, or should go forward with the new dynamic community now developing in Europe.

TERENCE MICHAEL ROBINSON, VI.A. Arts

A POLITICAL ARGUMENT AGAINST BRITAIN'S ENTRY INTO THE COMMON MARKET

When one considers the E.E.C. one must always remember that it is a political institution seeking to reach a political goal by an economic method. The idea is that by the economic integration of Europe's industries political unity will be achieved. This idea runs right through the Treaty of Rome as the ideal to aim for. However, though this may be theoretically desirable, the machinery of the E.E.C. government calls for serious criticism.

Although the authors of the E.E.C. prefer unlimited *laissez-faire*, they have had to make some concessions to member states in order to make it morally and politically acceptable. However, apart from attempting to plan agriculture, creating a Social Fund to partially assist displaced workers and founding a European Investment Bank to aid development projects, the E.E.C. is dedicated to *laissez-faire* with rigid rules laid down and plans made to prevent evasion. Thus there is the belief that maximisation of international trade is an over-riding good to which almost every other purpose and principle must give way, and this is the major motive behind the actions of the E.E.C.

It is when one considers the formation of the governing bodies of the E.E.C. that serious doubts arise as to the feasibility of such a union. By the Treaty of Rome, supreme power is given to a nine-man Commission, one of whose duties is to watch for breaches of the *laissez-faire* rules, order the governments concerned to mend their ways, and if necessary bring the recalcitrant country before the E.E.C. Court. The Commission is practically responsible to nobody, such is its power.

No other state in the world, not even the U.S.A., attempts to apply such a rigid set of laissez-faire rules. Governments can only take note of other considerations, such as full employment and the welfare of the people, when it is permitted by the Treaty of Rome ; thus governments must surrender many of their normal planning powers to a body whose policy is to keep planning to a minimum. If Britain joins the E.E.C. those Acts of Parliament concerning such things as Development Areas, location of industry and agriculture would have to be repealed, and no central Common Market legislation could replace them, because no such legislation would be permitted.

The machinery of government of the E.E.C. is open to serious criticism. Whereas we in Britain live under an unwritten constitution which can be modified at will, the E.E.C. constitution is of peculiar rigidity, in that no change can be made in it without unanimous approval. This is difficult now and will be made even more difficult when other countries join, as every country has the power of veto.

This machinery of government provides for a mixture of bureaucracy and anarchy. The nine commissioners can only be dismissed as a body, and only by a two-thirds majority of the Parliament of the E.E.C. Apart from these futile provisions they are responsible to no one.

As it is intended to be the "motor" of the Community, its powers are unprecedented. It can order governments to follow its directives, draw up the budget, take governments into court, and initiate almost all legislation. Thus the Commission's powers are virtually dictatorial.

The other major organ of the administration is the Council. Here decisions can only be passed by a qualified majority (now 12 out of 17 votes), but if it cannot be passed the Treaty makes no provision for what happens next ; thus one stubborn member can stop the whole mechanism.

If Britain goes in she will be tied by precise economic and political commitments which will promote disunity in the Commonwealth which may retaliate by forming similar groups within their own continents, with their own tariff barriers.

Thus the dangers facing Britain's entry into the E.E.C. are many and great. We must instead strengthen our home and Commonwealth economies and wait until the E.E.C. has taken on a more permanent shape before finally deciding whether to commit ourselves to a united Federal Europe.

LIFE IN A FRENCH LYCEE

The life in a French Lycee and the general organisation of the school are very different from what they are in Britain.

There are some details which are immediately obvious, for instance there are no uniforms in France. In Britain one can guess to which school a pupil belongs by the uniform and tie he wears, whereas there is no such thing in France. When a pupil goes to a state school he does not wear any uniform. The only compulsory uniforms are worn by girls in private schools.

But there are more important differences in the school organisation. Take for instance the time-table. There is no morning assembly in French schools. We go to school and start school straight away. These lessons are a whole hour, sometimes 55 minutes if the teacher is kind enough. We usually have four lessons in the morning, starting at 8 a.m. Two hours are allowed for lunch, because we have no morning-break. If during the day a pupil happens to have a free period, he may go home, if he likes, or if his first lesson in the morning is at 10 or 11, he need not come to school until then.

There is no prefect system in France. There is more or less a recognized form captain and there is a special non-teaching member of the staff (le Surveillant General) who is responsible for discipline. The pupils have no responsibility whatsoever in the organisation of the school. This is one of the fundamental differences between English and French schools.

In France there is not that feeling of collaboration and of friendship one sometimes finds in British schools. The staff constitutes a group quite separate from the pupils and seldom does one find a teacher organizing a club or a society for his pupils. In fact, there are no societies or clubs in French schools. The pupils come to attend lectures, the teachers to give them, and they would not think of staying at school afterwards, except for the sports and drama societies, or the "cine-club."

But the main difference is in the syllabus and the examinations. One can say that the French and the British syllabuses are more or less the same up to form four (the French 3e). During the first year in a lycee, the pupils are divided into "arts" (classiques) and "moderns" (modernes).

ARTS take Latin and one modern language.

MODERNS don't take Latin but, as a general rule, learn English.

Both take French, Mathematics, History, Geography, General Science, Gymnastics, Needle-work for the girls, Wood-work for the boys.

There is a change in form 3 (our quatrieme). The pupils are then divided into several streams :

A—take Greek, Latin.

B—take Greek, Latin, and one foreign language.

C—take Latin, and two foreign languages.

D—take Latin, one foreign language and Mathematics.

E—take two foreign languages and go deeper into Mathematics.

They all, obviously, go on with French, History, Geography, General Science, Gymnastics, etc.

One year later (our Troisieme), the pupils must try an examination if they wish to leave school. This is called the B.E.P.C. (brevet elementaire du premier cycle). This examination is not compulsory for the pupils who intend to try the Baccalaureat. Up to this year (1962) the Baccalaureat was divided into two parts. This year it has been decided that there was to be one only. Let me clarify this: in the first year after the B.E.P.C. there was not any examination. In the following year (our Premiere) the pupils used to try the first part of the Baccalaureat, which was more difficult than your "O" level. On top of all the subjects already cited, Chemistry and Physics were taken in addition. Gymnastics was also compulsory. Once that examination was passed the pupil could leave school and start working or go to take the second part. Today this is not possible. The first part of the Baccalaureat has been called "l'examen probatoire" which enables the pupil to go into the higher form. If he fails, he must stay another year in the same form. If he passes he cannot, as previously, leave school but must go on to the higher form. This last year in a French lycee is entirely different from the 6th Form in Britain. He can only choose a new stream:

Philosophy: Where besides History, Geography, Mathematics, Sports, Physics, Chemistry, Cosmography, his main subject (two hours a day) is Philosophy. He would study English and General Science.

Experimental Science: Where the same subjects are taken, but the students go deeper into Mathematics and Science and learn only a little Philosophy.

Elementary Science: Where the stress is put primarily on Mathematics.

This is quite different from what happens in Britain. There are, in these two different ways of considering education, two ways of thinking: in Great Britain you think it is better for a boy to choose as early as possible the field he prefers, that he is more interested in. Thus his knowledge is limited in some subjects but very advanced in others. In France we consider that it is dangerous for a young mind to decide by himself too soon, and we prefer him to know something about many subjects. I shall not try to judge.

Once that Baccalaureat is passed he may go to a university, where he may choose a specialized subject.

QUAINT QUOTES

Sixth Form swotting :

“ Our brains ache,
Wearied we keep awake because the night is silent . . .
Low, drooping flares confuse our memory of the salient.”

Exposure—Wilfred Owen

The Argus :

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

Macbeth

The Masters' Room :

“ Hover through the fog and filthy air.”

Macbeth

The Covered Way in Winter :

“ When icicles hang by the wall,
And all aloud the wind doth blow.”

A Winter's Song—Shakespeare

The School Choir :

“ First rehearse your song by rote
To each word a warbling note
. . . . will we sing.”

A Mid-Summer Night's Dream

Boy on the way to the Gym. :

“ What studied torments
What wheels? racks?
What old or newer torture
Must I receive.” — *Mere!*

Winter's Tale

Puzzled Examinees :

“ But knowledge to their eyes her ample page
Rich with the spoils of time did ne'er unroll.”

Grey's Elergy

The School Cleaners :

" If seven maids with seven mops
Swept it for half a year
Do you suppose
That they would get it clear."

Lewis Carol

Heard in the " Lit. and Deb." :

" I am no orator as Brutus is ;
But as you know me all, a plain blunt man."

Julius Caesar—Shakespeare**Examination Papers :**

" Those obstinate questionings
Of sence and outward things."

The Answers :

" Those shadowy recollections."

Wordsworth

J. ALLAN COOK 6A (Arts)

THE SCHOOL PLAY

This year as usual the School Play was one of the great events of the year. The play chosen for this year's production was " Gallows Glorious " by Ronald Gow in great contrast to Marlowe's " Doctor Faustus." The school drama society, however, showed its versatility in adapting itself so well to this relatively modern play.

The play is about the events leading up to and immediately after the death of John Brown, who has since been immortalized in the song " John Brown's Body." It is the story of the fight of this man and his family against the slavery that existed in the Southern States of America in 1859, and more particularly of a raid by him, his sons and his men, on the Government Arsenal in Harper's Ferry, Virginia. The part of John Brown was excellently portrayed by Mr. John Bowen, and he was ably supported by Frank Williams, Cenwyn Edwards, Vivian Davies and Carel Williams as his sons, and Mrs. Williams, Miss James and Miss Roberts as his wife, daughter and daughter-in-law.

All praise should go to the orchestra, conducted by Mr. Pugh, to Arwel Williams and Stuart James (directed by Mr. Bowen) for the excellent sets, which were built by Mr. Hugh D. Jenkins, to Mr. M. Rees for his stage management, and finally and most important, to Mr. J. R. Williams for his production.

D. H. DAVIES, VI.A. (Arts)

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

<i>Conductor</i>	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mr. PUGH
<i>Leader</i>	.....	.....	.....		JOHN DAVIES

There are now 45 members of the orchestra, about ten of whom have joined since this time last year. This increase is most noticeable in the Brass and Woodwind sections.

Under the enthusiastic guidance of Mr. Pugh, the orchestra is now progressing to new and more difficult works, such as Benjamin Britten's "Simple Symphony" (which was recently broadcast) and Purcell's "King Arthur" suite. The less ambitious works in the repertoire include the famous Trumpet Voluntary by Jeremiah Clarke, and several works by famous composers such as Bach and Handel from the "Edric Album" for string orchestras.

On December 21st last, the orchestra and choir gave a concert in the School Hall. Orchestral pieces included an "Overture" and "Tango and Concert Waltz" specially written by Mr. Pugh, and Purcell's "Air and Rondo." Items were given by the brass group and recorder consort. The choir and orchestra combined to perform Beethoven's Creation Hymn and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah."

A section of the orchestra played in the School Play in April. The orchestra has also been playing in morning assembly and recently we have played a few voluntaries before assembly.

Membership of the orchestra is increasing and we would welcome the support of boys who play stringed instruments, especially violin players, as we hope that the Viola, 'Cello and Double Bass sections will be strengthened by next year.

NOEL G. LLOYD, VI.B. Science (*Secretary*)

THE SCHOOL CHOIR

During the past year, the School Choir has excelled in size and tone; there have been more sixth form and first form members than usual, and it is hoped that they will keep up the numbers.

At last a four part choir has been formed: soprano, alto, tenor and bass, all of which form the Full Choir. and sing in assembly, whilst the "Junior Choir" consists of soprano and alto only.

The choir now has a set of the "Oxford Easy Anthem Book" from which, it is hoped, that a wide repertoire may be acquired so that at least one anthem, accompanied or unaccompanied, may be sung per week in assembly.

Earlier in the year the "Junior Choir" took part in a concert at Moriah Chapel, given by the Cymrodorion Society, whilst the "Full Choir" has participated in two recitals, both being held at the Parish Church. Perhaps the greatest achievement of the year was the performance on St. David's Day of the Cantata "Dewi Sant" by Gwynne Williams.

W. N. REES, 5 Arts

CAERMARTHENSHIRE ; A.D. 1769

This county, which is in South Wales, takes its name from its principal town, Caermarthen, or as the Welch call it, Kaer Vyrddin. It is a maritime county, and is bounded by Cardiganshire on the North, by St. George's Channel and the Severn sea on the South; by Brecknockshire and Glamorganshire on the East, and by Pembrokehire on the West. It extends in length about 35 miles, is 20 miles broad, and 102 in circumference. Its air is esteemed milder and wholesomer than that of most of the neighbouring counties, and the soil being less rocky and mountainous, is more fruitful in corn and grass; it produces coals and lime in great plenty, has woods enough, and is well watered.

The chief rivers are the Towy, the Cothy and the Tave. The Towy, which is a considerable river, rises in Cardiganshire, enters this county at the north-east side, and running south-south-west, falls into the English Channel about eight miles below Caermarthen. The Cothy rises on the north side of this county, and runs mostly in a southern course, till it joins the Towy about five miles above Caermarthen. The Tave, or Teivy, rises in Cardiganshire, and soon after becomes the boundary betwixt that county and Caermarthenshire, the north-west side of which it waters, till joined by the Keach, after which it parts this county from Pembrokehire.

Its less remarkable rivers are the Dulais, the Brane, the Guendrath-vawr, the Cowen, the Towa and the Amond. Caermarthenshire feeds vast numbers of good cattle, and abounds with all the necessaries of life. Fowl and fish are in great plenty, particularly salmon, for which the river Towy is famous.

This county is divided into six hundreds, and contains eight market towns; it lies in the province of Canterbury and diocese of St. David's, has 87 parishes, 2,765 houses, and about 17,000 inhabitants, but only sends two members to parliament, one for the county and one for the town of Caermarthen. On entering this county from Swanzey in Glamorganshire, by the most southern road, you pass by Llangenock, which stands about two miles out of the road to the north, and is a village eighteen miles to the south-east of Caermarthen, and three miles east of Llanelly. It has an annual fair on the 23rd of October, for horned cattle, horses and pedlars ware.

Llanelly or Llanelthy is a town about half a mile in length, 32 miles east of Haverford west, and 214 miles west of London; it is feated between a creek of the sea, and Dulais river, which enables it to carry on a considerable trade in coals; it has a market on Thursdays, well supplied with corn, cattle, horses, and pedlars ware.

At Machanis, or Machunnis, an island not far from Llanelly, about the year 513, St. Pizo founded a monastery, of which he was himself the first abbot.

From Llanelly a road leads north-west to Kydweli, which is eight miles south-east of Caermarthen, 47 east of St. David's, eight west of Llanelly, and 222 from London. Kydweli or Kydwelly, is by some thought to be the place where a great battle was fought anno 458, between ambrosius Aurelianus, with his Americans, and the Britons, who took part with Vortigern, after he had closely connected himself with the Saxons, but which side gained the victory is not known. The battle is mentioned by Bede, who calls the place Catgwalph. These intestine wars lasted till the year 465, and the Britons were so harassed, that many of them abandoned their native country, and one party in particular going on board a galley, sailed to Germany, and rowing up the Rhine, landed at Catwisch, near Leyden, where they settled by the sea-side in an old old Roman Camp, to which they gave the name of Brittenburge. But to return to Kydwelly, it was possessed for some time by the sons of Keianus, a Scot, till they were driven away by Kynedhav, a British prince. Maurice of London then invaded these territories, and after a long and tedious war, made himself master of the old town of Kydwelly, which he fortified with walls and a castle now decayed, being deserted by the inhabitants, who, tempted by the convenience of an harbour, passed the river, and built the new Kydwelly. When Maurice abovementioned invaded this district, Gwenllian, the wife of prince Gryffith, a woman of invincible courage, endeavouring to restore her husband's declining state, entered the field and encountered him, where she was slain with her son Morgan and several other noblemen. This town is seated on the vast bay called Tenby, and is about four furlongs in length. It was formerly noted for the cloathing trade, as it is now for its fishery. It is governed by a mayor, and has two good markets on Tuesdays and Saturdays. It has also four fairs, on May 24, July 22, and October 29, for cows, calves, cattle and pedlars-ware. About the year 1130 a priory of Benedictine monks, subordinate to the moastry of Sherbourne in Dorsetshire, was founded by Roger Bishop of Salisbury; it was dedicated to St. Mary and valued upon the dissolution at 381 per annum. Maurice of London, one of the twelve knights that came into Glamorganshire with Robert FitzHamon, and had for his share, the castle and manor of Ogmore; after a tedious war, as is before noted, became master of Kydwelly and rebuilt the castle. In the year 1093, Kadogan ap Blethyn, who then ruled South-Wales, destroyed this, and all the castles except two, that were in the land of Cadogan and Divet. In the year 1190, Rees, prince of South Wales, rebuilt this castle, and Rees, son of Gruffyth ap Rees demolished it; but it was afterwards built again, and underwent various revolutions till it fell to the crown. It was granted by Henry the Seventh to Sir Rice ap Thomas knight of the garter; but being forfeited by his grandson Rice Griffith, it was granted to Richard Vaughan,

earl of Carbery, lord president of Wales. The ruins of this castle are very large and magnificent and plainly show what it has formerly been.

Pennybed is a village three miles south from Kydwelly, close to the marsh, it has only one fair, which is on December five, for cattle, tallow and pedlars ware, and at a place called Three Lords are two fairs, viz. Ascension day and November 12, for cattle, sheep and pedlars ware.

From hence a road extends north-east to Caermarthen, which is situated 27 miles south-west of Llanidawfry, and 206 west of London.

Caermarthen, called by the Britons Kaer Vyrddin, is a place of great antiquity; famous among other things for the birth of the wise Merlin, about the year 480. His true name was Merdin Emerys. All the monkish writers that take notice of him make him either a prophet or a magician, but Mr. Lhyd, a judicious author, informs us he was a man of extraordinary learning and prudence, considering the time in which he lived; and that many fables were invented of him by the vulgar, because he had some skill in the mathematicks; these fables were afterwards put into writing, and thus handed down to posterity.

Caermarthen is the capital of the county, and is called by Ptolomy Maridunum, but by Antoninus Maridunum, both evident corruptions of the old British name abovementioned, for it was very customary with the Romans to substitute on some occasions the letter M for the letter Y. It is seated on a rising North Bank, of the fine river Towy or Tobias, over which there is an handsome stone bridge; the river is navigable to the town for vessels of 100 ton, here is a convenient key for them to load and unload their merchandize. It is plentifully supplied with salmon and other fish; and with all other provisions at an easy rate. The town is large, well built, very populous, and is much resorted to by neighbouring gentry, who have houses in which they spend the winter months. It was formerly well fortified, as may be seen by the present remains of the old wall, and the ruins of a very strong castle. Soon after the Normans entered Wales this town fell into their hands, and for a long time encountered with many difficulties, it having been often besieged, and twice burnt, first by Griffyth ap Rees or Rhyr, and then by Rhys said Griffyth's brother; but the walls and castle being afterwards repaired by Gilbert, earl of Clare it was freed from these misfortunes. This place was formerly reckoned the Capital of all Wales, and the Ancient Britons made it the seat of their parliaments, or assemblies of wise men. When the eldest sons of our kings became princes of Wales they here fixed their chancery and exchequer for the fourth part of their principality,

which continued till the jurisdiction of the court and marches of Wales were taken away. The people of this town are reckoned the wealthiest and most polite in all Wales, and being remarkably industrious, the inhabitants have of late carried on a considerable trade, and are in a flourishing condition.

It has now but one church, dedicated to St. Peter, which is a very large one, though it had formerly a chapel called the Rood church, dedicated to St. Mary, standing where is now St. Mary's street; and one called the king's free chapel, in the castle. At the east end of the town, a priory for six black canons was erected to the honour of St. John the Evangelist, before 1148, of which the remains are still visible. There was also a house of grey friars.

Caermarthen is a town and county incorporated; and is governed by a mayor and two sheriffs, sixteen aldermen, clothed on solemn occasions in scarlet, a town clerk, a sword-bearer, and two serjeants at mace. They had a new charter granted them, with some alterations, in 1765. It has three markets, on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and six fairs, on June 3, July 10, August 12, September 9, October 9, and November 14, for cattle, horses, and pedlars ware.

Lewis Bayly, a wealthy prelate of the seventeenth century and author of the celebrated book, called the Practice of Piety, was born in this town, and educated at Oxford; but in what college is uncertain. It only appears that he was admitted to the reading of the sentences in 1611; at which time he was minister of Evesham in Worcestershire; chaplain to prince Henry, and rector of St. Matthew in Friday street, London. Being an excellent preacher he was appointed one of the chaplains to King James 1, who in 1716 promoted him to the see of Bangor. In 1621 he was committed prisoner to the fleet, but for what crime is doubtful; unless, perhaps, it was for some share he had in prince Charles's match with the Infanta of Spain. He died in 1632 and was buried in the church of Bangor.

Note the use of a symbol 'f' for initial and medial 's.'

"A Description of England and Wales, containing a particular account of each County." In 10 Volumes. Printed for Newbury and Carman, No. 65 the North Side of St. Paul's Churchyard in MDCCLXIX.

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SGWRS Y GOLYGYDD

Ein tuedd yr amser yma o'r flwyddyn yw edrych gyda rhyw nostalgia rhyfedd dros ddigwyddiau'r flwyddyn flaenorol, ac ymhyfrydu yn ei rhagoriaethau.

Bu'r Ysgol yn hynod o lwyddiannus eto yng ngornest "Sevens," ac er efallai i'r tim rygbi beidio bod mor ddisglair cafodd nifer o'i aelodau brofion i Gymru, ac un ohonynt ei ddewis i chwarae dros Ysgolion Cymru. Amlygwyd enw'r Ysgol hefyd ym Mabolgampau Cymru, ac ar y meysydd criced lleol. Ym myd ysgoloriaeth bu'r disgyblion yn llwyddiannus eto, ac anrhydeddwyd hwy ar y Dydd Gwobrwyo.

Yn ystod y flwyddyn cychwynodd llawer o ddoniau newydd eu gyrfa yn yr Ysgol; rhaid edrych atynt hwy am y dyfodol a gobeithio y cânt eu hysbrydoli gan rhai o'r "cewri" presennol a chynt.

DAVID THORNE, VI.

AR Y TELEDYDD

Anrhydedd mawr i mi oedd cael ymddangos ar y teledydd mewn cwis yn ystod gwyliau'r haf. Teithiais i Gaerdydd ar bryn-hawn Llun a bu'r ddau dim yn ymarfer yn galed nos Lun gogyfer â'r rhaglen ddydd Mawrth. Fy nghydymaith yn y cwis oedd Geraint Hughes o Harlech a gwrthwynebwyd ni gan ddwy o ferched Ysgol Ramadeg Abergwaun. Holwyd ni â chwestiynnau amrywiol. Cawsom bleser mawr yn eu hateb ac yr oedd yn drueni mewn ffordd mai dim ond un tim a fedrai ennill. Fel y digwyddodd, y ni'r bechgyn a gariodd y dydd, ac o gydnabyddiaeth i'n llwyddiant cyflwynodd y B.B.C. bensil arian i ni'n dau. Profiad fyth gofiadwy oedd aros yn nerfus hyd nes gweld y golau coch ar y camera a oedd yn ddangoseg fod y rhaglen "ar yr awyr." 'Rwy'n siwr y bydd y profiad hwn yn gaffaeliad mawr i mi yn y dyfodol.

J. EURFYL AMBROSE, VI.A. Arts

YR YSTAFELL YMHOLIADAU

Os gofynnir i rywun beth y mae'n ei olygu wrth y term "Yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol," y peth cyntaf sydd yn dod i'w feddwl ydyw'r seremoniau a'r babell len. Prin y soniai neb am yr Ystafell Ymholiadau; yn wir nid oes llawer yn gwybod am ei bodolaeth. Ond, os ydych am wybod popeth am Yr Eisteddfod, yn enwedig y pabellau sydd yn amgylchynu'r maes, yr ystafell hon ydyw'r gorau at y pwrpas hwnnw. Pan aethom i gyfarfod â Mr. Tomi Scourfield, Ysgrifennydd Eisteddfod, Llanelli, fore Llun yr Wyl, dywedodd wrthym mai ein gwaith pennaf fyddai gwerthu

beirniadaethiau i'r ymgeiswyr ac ateb cwestiynnau, a oedd gan amlaf yn rhai dwl, oddi wrth y miloedd a droediai'r maes yn ystod yr wythnos. Ac felly y bu.

Caban pren, oer a diflas ydoedd yr Ystafell Ymholiadau, a safai gerbron y Pafiliwn yng nghanol y maes. Gwydr ydoedd ochr bellaf y caban, ac yno y dangosem ganlyniadau'r rhagbrofion. Yn yr ochrau, i'r dde ac i'r chwith 'roedd yna rhyw bedair ffenestr a agorai o'r tu mewn. Pwrpas y rhain ydoedd i bobol eu defnyddio i ofyn eu cwestiynnau yn lle defnyddio'r drws bob tro. Gellid cael amcan da o olwg y caban o'r tu allan os cyferbynnir ef â chw b fflowls.

Ar y diwrnod cyntaf 'roedd pethau yn weddol ysgafn yn y caban oherwydd nad oedd llawer o gystadlu wedi bod, ac hefyd nad oedd digon o amser wedi mynd i bobol ddechrau colli pethau a'u hunain. Ond, fel y treuliai'r wythnos yn ei blaen, cynyddodd y gwaith, ac 'roedd gennym lai o amser i siarad â'n gilydd. Diddorol ydoedd sylwi ar wynebau rhai o'r cystadleuwyr pan ddeuent i gasglu eu beirniadaethau. Y rhai buddugol yn llon a serchus ac yn barod i dalu punt am eu beirniadaeth, ond yr oedd y rhai anfuddugol bron i gyd yn ddiserch ac yn grwgnach talu swllt amdanynt. Rhyw denor enwog, a oedd yn ei dyb ei hun wedi cael cam, yn talu am ei feirniadaeth dan rwgnach ar y pwyllgor am ddewis beirniad na wyddai ddim am gerddoriaeth. Ond, erbyn diwedd yr wythnos 'roeddem wedi hen gynefino â'r cystadleuwyr gwamal hyn ac yn eu hanwybyddu'n gyfangwbl.

Yr oedd i'r gwaith yn yr Ystafell Ymholiadau ei ochr ddigri hefyd, yn enwedig gyda phobl yn gofyn cwestiynnau dwl fel y'n rhybyddiwyd gan Mr. Scourfield. Gofynnodd un gŵr a oedd yna blwg trydan yn y caban y medrai ei ddefnyddio i eillio gyda'i beiriant eilliw trydan. Holodd un arall, a oedd rhywun wedi gweld ei wraig, a wisgai ffrog goch a het wen, yn cerdded ar hyd y maes. Rhywun arall yn gofyn os oedd canlyniadau'r gystadleuaeth i gorau meibion yn Eisteddfod 1924 wedi dod i law eto. Cawsom lawer i ymholiad dwl oddi wrth bobol ar y ffôn a oedd gennym yn y caban. Atebwyd y ffôn un tro gan ryw Americanwr a oedd ar goll yn Llundain yn gofyn os oedd hi yn werth dod i'r Eisteddfod dydd Sadwrn. Dim ond ychydig enghreifftiau ydyw'r rhain o'r ugeiniau o gwestiynnau a gawsom yn ystod yr wythnos honno.

Anodd a helaeth oedd y gwaith yn yr Ystafell Ymholiadau ond eto'i gyd yn bleserus i'w gyflawni. Prin yr aeth munud heibio yn ystod yr wythnos pan nad oeddem yn chwerthin am ben rhywun neu rywbeth 'Roedd yn brofiad anghofiadwy canys pan elwyf i unrhyw Eisteddfod Genedlaethol arall cofiaf am y bobl hynny a fydd yn y "chw b fflowls" hwnnw yng nghanol y maes gyda'r llythrennau YMHOLIADAU uwch ei ben, yn gorfod ateb cwestiynnau sydd yn dangos pa mor ddwl y medr dynion fod.

D. CENWYN EDWARDS, Dosbarth VIA. (Celfyddydau)

Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG, 1961-62

<i>Llywydd</i>	.....	.....	FRANK WILLIAMS
<i>Is-Llywydd</i>	.....	.....	ALED JONES
<i>Ysgrifennydd</i>	.....	.....	EURFYL AMBROSE

Fel arfer agorwyd ein Cymdeithas am y flwyddyn newydd gan Mr. Huw Roberts, B.A. Y mae fel petai ar ddechrau pob blwyddyn newydd yn ail-gynneu'r fflam sydd yn rhoi nerth a phwrpas i raglenni'r Gymdeithas. Cymru a'r Gymraeg oedd testun ei araith ac anogodd aelodau'r gymdeithas i fod yn ffyddlon i'w gwlad a'u hiaith. Diolchwyd i Mr Roberts gan Aaron Jones ac eilwyd gan Cenwyn Edwards.

Y cyfarfod nesaf oedd cyngerdd IW, dan lywyddiaeth Keith Griffiths. Cafwyd noson â digon o amrywiaeth ynndi—canu, adrodd, unawd ar y piano a'r clarinet a hefyd nifer o sgetsiau ar wahanol destunau. Cynigiwyd pleidlais o ddiolchgarwch i Mr. R. I. Dennis Jones a fu'n eu hyfforddi gan Eurfyl Ambrose a Gary Nicholas.

Llwyddiant mawr oedd Seiat Holi'r meistri. Y panel oedd Mr. Donald Hughes, Mr. David Smith, Mr. Roy Davies a Mr. Maelgwyn Thomas. Cadeirydd y noson fythgofiadwy hon oedd ein prifathro hynaws, Mr. S. G. Rees. Cafwyd atebion amrywiol a deallus i'r cwestiynnau a ofynwyd. Bu'n noson ddiddorol dros ben.

Yn nhymor y Nadolig hefyd cafwyd "Senedd yr Ysgol" dan ofal Mr. David Smith. Testun y ddadl oedd "Mai camgymeriad oedd symud i'r ysgol newydd yn y Pwll, a gadael yr hen 'Ysgol ar y Bryn.'" Y Prifweinidog oedd Frank Williams, ac aelodau'r llywodraeth oedd Aaron Jones, Eirian Daniels a Wyn Richards. Arweinydd yr wrth-blaid oedd Aled Wyn Jones ac aelodau eraill oedd Keith Williams, Rhys Phelps a Barry Lewis. Cafwyd digon o siarad a gwaeddu, a hefyd digon o sbri.

I ddiweddu'r rhaglen am y tymor cafwyd parti. Cafwyd noswaith ddifyrrus iawn, yn gyntaf yn gwledda, ac yna yn gweld doniau bechgyn o'r chweched dosbarth mewn Noson Lawen.

Hoffwn longyfarch y meistri ar ran y gymdeithas am gyflwyno'r ddrama "Pelenni Peter" mor ardderchog. Chwaraewyd rhannau blaenllaw gan Mr. Harding Rees, Mr. Donald Hughes, Mr. Marcel Williams a Mr. David Smith. Rhaid hefyd llongyfarch Mr. R. I. Denis Jones a Mr. J. R. Williams am gynhyrchu'r ddrama mor effeithiol.

Agorwyd tymor y Gwanwyn gyda Mr. J. R. Williams yn ddarllen drama, "Y Cân Gwag" (Eic Davies). Fel arfer, daeth Mr. Williams â'r cymeriadau yn fyw o flaen ein llygaid, a chafwyd noson odidog. Diolchwyd i Mr. Williams gan David Buckland Thorne a Gary Nicholas.

Cyfarfod nesaf y Gymdeithas oedd noson o recordiau dan ofal Miss Olwen Williams, prifathrawes Ysgol Dewi Sant, Llanelli. Y record fwyaf poblogaidd gan y bechgyn oedd recordiad o'r dyrfa

ym Mharc yr Arfau, Caerdydd, yn canu. Diolchwyd i Miss Williams gan Hywel Thomas a Huw J. Williams.

“ Pawb yn ei dro ” oedd rhaglen nesaf y Gymdeithas. Yr oedd y noson dan ofal Mr. Robert Wynne. Y ddau dim oedd :—

Tim A.—Frank Williams, Eurfyl Ambrose, Aaron Jones, Gary Nicholas ac Eirian Daniels.

Tim B.—Aled Jones, Keith Williams, Cenwyn Edwards, Rhys Phelps a David Buckland Thorne.

Cafwyd noson hwyliog a thim A. a gariodd y dydd.

Gorffenwyd rhaglen y Gymdeithas am y flwyddyn â pharti yn Ysgol y Merched. Cafwyd digon o fwyd a sbri ac wedyn cafwyd “ Dawns Werin ” dan ofal Aled Jones. Bu hon yn noswaith benigamp i ddiweddu blwyddyn lwyddiannus dros ben.

WYNEBU MILOEDD YR EISTEDDFOD

(Ar gais y Golygydd dyma adroddiad Gary Nicholas a'i brofiadau yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol, 1962)

Yr oedd wythnos brysur o'm blaen pan ddaeth yr Eisteddfod i Lanelli. Yr oeddwn yn un o facwyaid y Llys yng Ngorsedd y Beirdd. 'Roedd yn rhaid imi fod gyda'r Orsedd ar fore a phrynhawn dydd Mawrth, ac ar fore a phrynhawn dydd Iau. “ Thrill ” arbennig oedd cyfarfod â rhai o feirdd gorau'n gwlad yn y cnawd, ac hefyd cael set flaen, fel petai, yn seremoniau'r Coroni a'r Cadeirio Un peth a oedd yn poeni Meurig, y macwyad arall, a mi serch hynny, ydoedd fod yn rhaid inni'n dau fynd yn ôl i drowsus byr am y tro.

Ar y nos Fawrth cefais y fraint o gael bod yn Llefwrwr ym Mhasiant y Plant, y tro cyntaf imi fod ar llwyfan y Genedlaethol a'r Pafiliwn yn orlawn. Dyna brofiad ichwi, dim un sedd yn wag, a'r bobl yn gorfod sefyll ar hyd yr ochrau, a phob un ohonynt a'i lygaid arnom ni.

Daeth dydd Iau â braint arall i'm rhan; yr oedd gennyf ragbrawf adrodd. Yr oedd rhyw ddeg-ar-hugain ohonom yno, a mi yr olaf ohonynt yn adrodd. Deuthum allan ohonno yn bur dda, oherwydd 'roeddwn i adrodd ar y llwyfan drannoeth.

Am ddeg o'r gloch ddydd Gwener, yr oeddwn yn un o dri yn eistedd ar y llwyfan mawr. Fi ydoedd yr olaf i adrodd yma eto. Wel, mae'n nhw'n dweud mai'r olaf fydd gyntaf, ac yn wir ichwi cefais y wobr gyntaf am y seithfed tro. Yr oeddwn yn falch o hyn, oherwydd yr oedd fy chwaer wedi ennill yn barod ar y dydd Mawrth, ac hefyd oherwydd mai Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Llanelli ydoedd.

Everyone

Fe euthum i'r Eisteddfod ar y dydd Sadwrn, ac am mai'r diwrnod olaf ydoedd teimlwn yn bur drist. I feddwl na welwn yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yn Llanelli eto am ryw ddeg-ar-hugain o flynyddoedd efallai. Am hynny yr oeddwn yn mawr hyderu y byddai'r diwrnod olaf hwn yn un braf, gwresog, a'r haul yn tywynnu ar faes Pen-y-gaer. Ond siomwyd fi glawiodd drwy'r dydd, a phawb yn teimlo fel pysgod ar y cae. Er hynny bu'r diwrnod hwn mor llwyddiannus ag un diwrnod arall. Gadewch inni obeithio y cawn eisteddfod lwyddiannus sych pan ddaw hi i Lanelli y tro nesaf.

GARRY NICHOLAS, 6B (Arts)

TIM RYGBI BECHGYN YSGOLION LLANELLI (dan 15)

Y mae'r tîm hyd yn cael tymor llwyddiannus iawn. Yr ydym wedi chwarae deuddeg gêm ac ennill pob un, a sgorio 297 pwynt yn erbyn 9.

Y mae deg o fechgyn wedi chwarae i'r tîm o'r ysgol hon, ac y mae saith ohonynt yn Gymry Cymraeg. Y mae un ar hugain o fechgyn wedi chwarae i gyd, o bump ysgol, ac y mae unarddeg yn Gymry Cymraeg. Y mae'r rhan fwyaf o'r lleill yn medru deall a siarad tipyn o Gymraeg.

Yr ydym wedi ennill yn rhwydd fel rheol, ond y mae ambell gêm wedi bod yn galed, e.e., ennill yn erbyn Caerdydd 3-0; Casnewydd 6-0, a Sir Benfro 17-9. Sir Benfro oedd yr unig dîm i sgorio yn ein herbyn.

Yr ydym yn gobeithio y gwnawn yn y dyfodol cystal ag y gwnaethom hyd yn hyn.

POWYS JONES, 4A (Sci.)

Mamm...

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Crowds around watching
Enjoying the marching,
No-one recalling
Who did the dying.

Minister preaching
Sergeants saluting
Mayor's chain jangling
Nobody caring.

Autumn leaves falling
Last Post sounding
Children jabbering
Nobody crying.

Poppies fluttering
Babies slaving
Teenagers jiving
Nobody thinking.

Archestr...
6th formers talking
Mr. Wynne preaching
Nobody listening

Eleven bells striking
Everyone silencing
No-one recalling
Who did the dying.

M.A.
Archestr...
Nobody listening
Mr. Wynne preaching
Nobody caring

D. H. DAVIES, Upper VI. (Arts).

1. O. Phillips
 N. Linton
 H. Jones talking
 Nobody singing

2. Mr. W. J. Preece
 N. Linton
 Mr. Rees
 Mr. Conroy

HEAD PREFECT'S MESSAGE

To be chosen Head Prefect of a school such as ours is always a very great honour but it has certain disadvantages. Besides the ever-increasing number of boys who find an excuse to get past the prefect on duty and so litter the corridors with their sweet papers, there is also the head prefect's message to be written. This can prove most difficult.

As expected, the school year has been an eventful one. The "Sevens" Rugby team has won at Roehampton yet again. There have been successes in the academic field and boys of this school are studying in Universities and Colleges throughout the country. Representatives of the school were very successful in a Television General Knowledge Competition. I offer my congratulations and thanks to all who have enhanced the good reputation of the school.

I wish to thank the Headmaster and Staff for their understanding and support, and my fellow prefects for the help they have given me.

I must also thank those people who are sometimes forgotten—the clerks, the cooks, the cleaners, caretaker and groundsmen who play such an important part in the life of the school.

I wish you all success in the examinations and a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

PETER TOWNSEND (Head Prefect)

Message to prefects

OLD BOYS' UNION

The Officials and Committee for the year are: President: Mr. S. G. Rees, M.A.; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. R. M. Thomas; Hon. Secretary: Mr. F. T. Edwards; Committee: Messrs. W. Haydn Davies, D. Alun Thomas, W. Hubert Davies, Denzil L. Thomas, W. Leyshon James, T. J. Bowen, D. J. Lewis Morris, H. J. Richards, W. J. Daniels, W. Islwyn Price, E. D. Cooper, David Hughes, J. T. Davies, C. H. Ward and J. P. Williams. School Recruiting Officer: Mr. Ian Pyle.

It was decided at the Annual Meeting to co-opt on to the Dance Committee, some Old Boys who are now in Universities and it is hoped that this move will enhance the success of the dance, which this year will be held at the Ritz Ballroom on Friday, 28th December, 1962. Tickets are priced at 10/6d. each and dancing will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Late transport will be provided.

It was also resolved that in future years the Annual General Meeting would be held on the second Tuesday in September of each year.

The Annual Re-Union Dinner will be held at the Stepney Hotel, Llanelly, on Wednesday, 2nd January, 1963, at 6.45 p.m. The Principal Guest will be Mr. Bernard M. Evans, O.B.E., M.A., Controller for Wales, Ministry of Labour. Tickets are priced at

annual meeting

15/- each and may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary. It is of course hoped that Mr. G. J. Thomas, M.A., will be present and delight us with his *piece de resistance*.

We sincerely hope substantially to increase our membership this year and one way in which we aim to achieve this is by asking the pupils, whose fathers are Old Boys, to persuade them to join the O.B.U.

Again this year it has been our privilege to donate the books for the School Prize Day and it is only by building up a healthy membership that we can carry on with this donation in the future.

Finally it only remains for me to wish you all a most pleasant Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year.

F. T. EDWARDS, Hon. Secretary

Vith FORM FORUM, 1962-63

<i>President</i> .....	.....	.....	Mr. S. G. REES
<i>Chairman</i>	HARDING	GRIFFITHS, 6a	(Science)
<i>Vice-Chairman</i> .....	.....	HUW DAVIES, 6a	(Arts)
<i>Secretary</i>	FRANK	WILLIAMS, 6a	(Arts)

Committee : Arts : Eurfyl Ambrose, Huw Davies, C. Hatchet ;
Science : Keith Williams, Peter Townsend.

“ The Forum is still failing in its original purpose . . . there is perceivable a shyness or unwillingness to stand up and speak.” That is what was said in the 1960 edition of the magazine about our Sixth Form Forum. Reluctantly we realise that matters have not changed ; the above words could well have been written about this, our sixth year. The Forum is still “ carried ” by the faithful few ; the majority, presumably unmoved, remain silent. It must be remembered that fundamentally it is not the speakers invited to the Forum that determine its success as a society. That responsibility lies with the boys themselves. Remembering this, one despairingly asks, “ Will the Forum ever truly succeed ? ”

In contrast to this black picture has been the fact that two of our speakers this term spoke of their indebtedness to the Forum as the place where they learnt to express their views, and speak in public with confidence—ample proof of the important influence that the Forum has, and can yet play, in our school and in after life.

September 6th :

The speaker at the first of our meetings this year was Mr. Leslie Griffiths, an undergraduate of Cardiff University College and an old boy of the school.

Mr. Griffiths spoke on Christian unity and the importance and significance of the British Conference of Christian Youth held at Leicester.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Harding Griffiths, and seconded by Terrence Robinson.

September 13th :

Mr. R. J. Birchall, the Borough Architect, was today's guest speaker. With the aid of plans and drawings, Mr. Birchall gave a talk on aspects of the work of his department in the town, and also spoke of the qualifications needed to become an architect.

The speaker was thanked by Huw Davies and A. Cook.

September 20th :

The guest speaker this week was Mr. David Rhys Jones, an undergraduate of Caerleon Training College, and another ex-pupil of the school. Mr. Jones, an under-thirty-five Welsh bowls international, talked on "The History of Bowls."

Brian Pratt proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, and was seconded by Noel Lloyd.

September 27th :

Today's address was given by the Rev. R. T. Davies, curate of St. Paul's, Llanelly. His subject was "The Proclamation of the Gospel," and he dealt with the importance of his work as a clergyman. His main mission was to preach not in the conventional sense, but in the sense of "to advise."

The speaker was thanked by Peter Townsend and Michael Evans.

October 4th :

Today's speaker was Mrs. Winifred Evans, J.P., B.A., who was, before her retirement, on the staff of the Llanelly Girls' Grammar School. The speaker took as the subject of her talk "The History of the Magistrates' Courts," tracing the development of the J.P.'s work from Tudor times up to the present. Mrs. Evans emphasised that the aim was to reform whenever possible.

The speaker was thanked by Ian Pyle and Christopher Hatchet.

October 11th :

A recent addition to the school's staff has been Mr. Michael Thompson, B.A., as English master, and today the Forum extended him a warm welcome. Mr. Thompson spoke on "Undergraduate Life in Oxford"—social and academic. The talk had a distinct air of informality and humour.

Cenwyn Edwards and Keith Southern proposed and seconded votes of thanks.

October 18th :

For the first time since its inauguration in 1957, today's meeting of the Forum took the form of play reading. The play was "A Night at an Inn," a thriller of an Oriental flavour by Lord Dunsany. It was read by members of the newly formed Drama Society, and the play was well received. Mr. J. R. Williams introduced the proceedings and explained briefly the society's aim. The players were: Stuart James, Michael Evans, Eurfyl Ambrose, Frank Williams, Cenwyn Edwards, John Wilkins and Brian Hughes. The producer was David Slack, and lighting effects were by Martin Haigh.

November 1st :

The speaker today was the deputy Headmaster, Mr. Harding Rolfe. His talk covered the events of the past fifty years with a forecast of life fifty years hence. Mr. Rolfe recalled the greatest event of his youth, that of Captain Scott's expedition to the South Pole. Dealing with the future Mr. Rolfe forecast that space travel will be common-place, and that there will even be a change in our diet—it will consist merely of "pills."

November 8th :

Canadian teacher, Miss Barbara Griffin, was guest speaker in today's forum. Miss Griffin spoke of the educational system of Columbia. She also traced her journey from Canada to this country. Her talk was illustrated with a film on the highway system of British Columbia.

Miss Griffin was thanked by Ian Pyle and Peter Townsend.

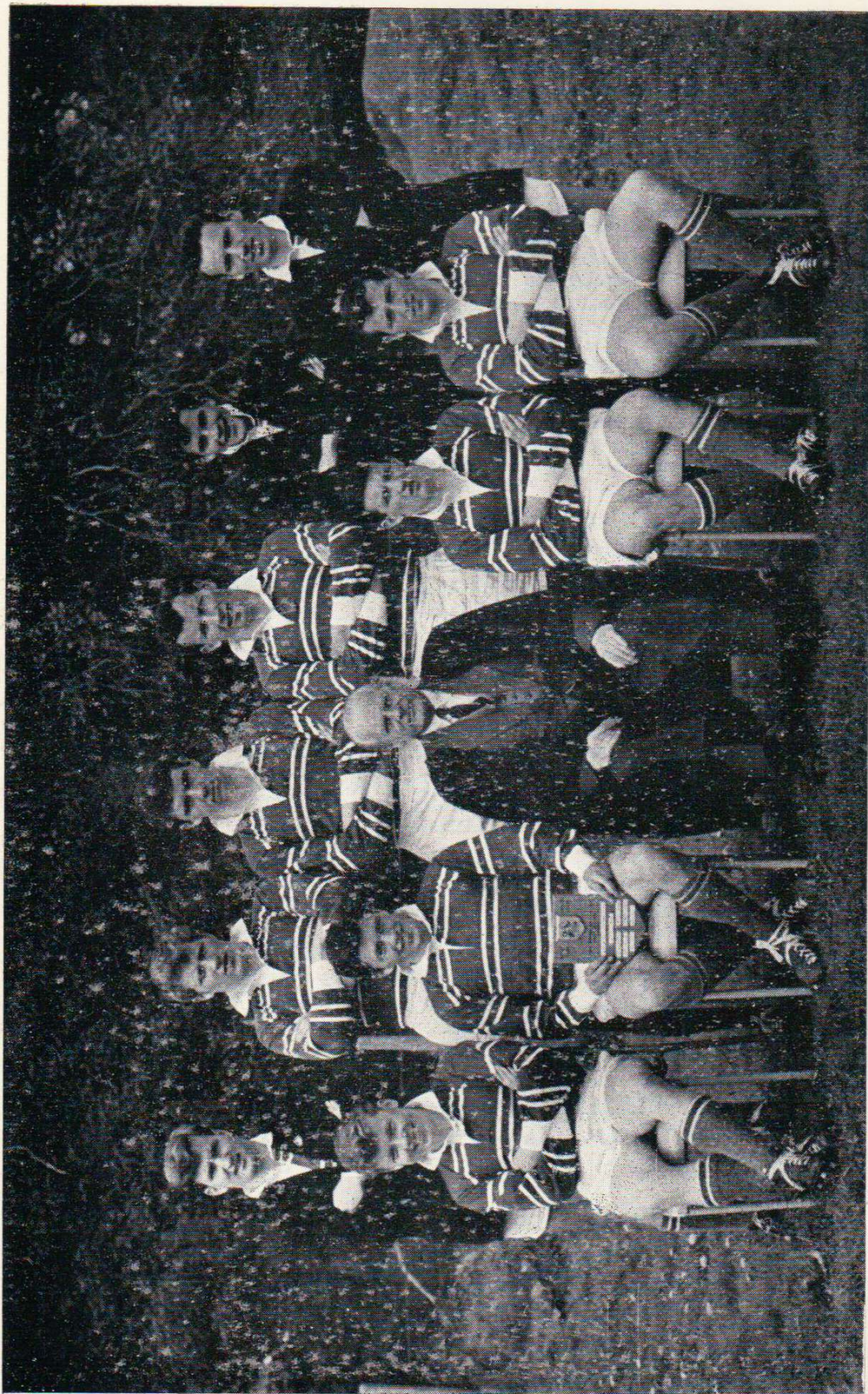
November 15th :

Today's meeting proved to be one of the most popular ever held in the Forum. The guest speaker was Mr. Vinelott, who spoke of his experiences as a meteorologist with an expedition to Antarctica. The speaker captivated his audience for the best part of two hours, and as Huw Davies said at the end, he had "dumb-founded the arts boys with science, and amazed the scientists with orotary." Mr. Vinelott supported his talk with some excellent slides.

Votes of thanks were proposed and seconded by Huw Davies and Ian Hugh.

November 29th :

This was the last meeting of the Forum this term. The speaker was Mr. Gerald Manners, of the Geography Department of the University College of Swansea. His talk, entitled "The Crisis in British Planning Today," was so complete that only three questions

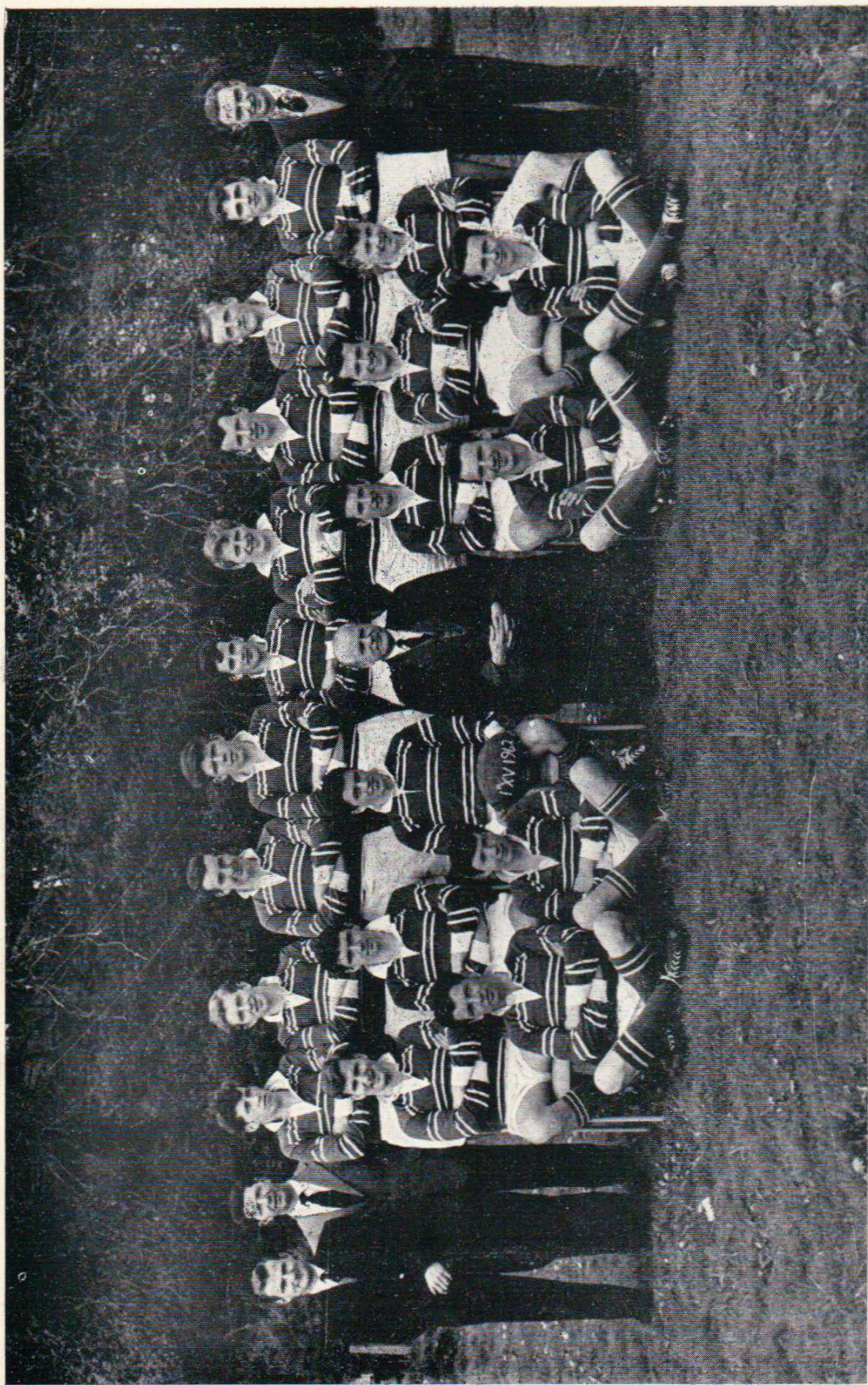


SCHOOL VII's TEAM

Winners of the 1962 Public Schools' Sevens at Roehampton.

Back Row, Left to Right—M. Hopkins, M. Williams, B. Denman, T. Price, G. Davies, A. Bendle.

Front Row, Left to Right—K. Denman, G. Davies (captain), Mr. S. G. Rees, M.A. (Headmaster), S. Davies, G. Williams.



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Back Row, Left to Right—Mr. K. Davies, Mr. H. Thomas, I. Richards, J. Smith, B. Llewelyn, R. Phillips, G. Davies, M. Williams, T. Price, H. Rees, R. Phelps, Mr. L. Sutherns.

Second Row, Left to Right—M. Hopkins, B. Denman, G. Davies (captain), Mr. S. G. Rees, M.A. (Headmaster), S. Davies, G. Williams, K. Denman.

Front Row, Left to Right—C. Dorman, P. Davies, A. Bendle, M. Yandle.

were asked in the discussion at the end. Mr. Manners stressed time and again, that planning is essential in modern day development. New towns must be built thirty to forty years ahead of their time. The speaker also stated that if present trends were to continue in the building of housing estates, and in the continued growing of over-large cities, there would be by the end of the century a continuous "town" from Liverpool in the North-West, to London in the South-East.

Mr. Manners was thanked by G. M. Davies and by David Scott.

FRANK WILLIAMS, Secretary

REPORT ON THE SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

The Sixth Form Society, which is organised in conjunction with the Girls' Sixth Form, has been particularly active this year and a debate, a brains trust and Welsh Folk Dancing took place during the first two meetings.

Our sincere thanks go yet again to Mr. David Smith and Mr. Donald Hughes whose help is greatly appreciated. Thanks go also to Huw Davies, Ian Hugh, Gareth Jones, Terry Robinson, and the four girls who took part in the meetings.

On Wednesday, December 19th, there will be the usual Christmas dance, held this year at Pwll. If the first two meetings are any indication, this should prove to be a great success.

PETER TOWNSEND

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

<i>President</i>	.....	.....	Mr. M. B. THOMPSON, B.A.
<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	D. HUW DAVIES
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	J. ALLAN COOK

Committee Members: John Bowen, 6a (Arts), Noel Lloyd, 6b (Science) and Carel Williams, 5a (Arts).

The "Lit. and Deb." has entered its second year since it has been restarted, and continues to be well supported. We were sorry to lose our old President, Mr. Marcel Williams, to St. Asaph Grammar School, and we wish him well in his new post. In his place we have been lucky to get Mr. Michael Thompson, who brought much of the vigour of Oxford to the society.

There have been three debates this term. The first was on the motion, "Capital punishment should be abolished." John Bowen and Roger Morris argued that capital punishment was society being revenged on the individual, and that it was not a deterrent,

as the murder rates were no higher in those countries which had abolished it. Ian Pyle and Allan Cooke argued strongly that it was a deterrent. Of the many speakers from the floor the most interesting was Frank Williams's reading from Dostoyevsky's, "The Idiot." The society divided at twelve votes each with one abstention.

The second debate was on the motion "To much time and money is spent on sport, in the country in general, and this school in particular." Karel Williams and Keri Davies pointed out that sport was "inflicted" on many boys who were just not interested. From the health viewpoint they argued that walking to and from school was as healthy as compulsory sport. Michael Evans and Peter Charles more or less granted the case as far as school went, but argued strongly for more sport's facilities in the country in general. This led to a heated debate from the floor, at the end of which three votes were taken. The first on the original motion was defeated; the second, that "To much time and money was spent on sport in the country as a whole," was also defeated; the third, that "To much time and money was spent on sport in this school," was carried by a large majority.

The last debate was on the motion, "Censorship of the Arts is a good thing." James Lambert and Ian Pyle argued that the public as a whole should be protected from bad or immoral literature. Mr. Thompson and Frank Williams in turn argued that people who would be corrupted by works of art, would be corrupted anyway. Both sides accepted the need to keep secret things of military or political importance, and to maintain the laws of libel and slander. The society divided at six votes to five.

The "Lit. and Deb." have arranged a quiz with the Girls' School early next term, and a return debating match with Gowerton Grammar School is being arranged. We thank all those who have supported the society so far, and hope for your continued support in the coming year.

J. ALLAN COOK, Secretary

THE CURRENT AFFAIRS SOCIETY

President BRIAN PRATT, Upper VI. Arts
Secretary KAREL WILLIAMS, V. Arts

Representatives: Upper VI. Arts: David Huw Davies; Upper VI. Science: Hugh Stanbury; Lower VI. Arts: Stuart Cole; Lower VI. Science: Clive Dorrian; Form. V.: Hywel Thomas; Form IV.: Ian Roffe.

The Society has enjoyed very successful session. The departure of the old guard, in the form of Byron Harries, Paul Thomas and Ronald Harries, had left some members apprehensive;

but their fears were soon dispelled, the society is as healthy as ever, new faces have sprung up to replace the old, and as yet the society shows no signs of senile decay.

After the annual meeting, at which officials and committee members were elected for the year, 1962-63, we got under way with a report from the society members who attended the Swansea Conference on East-West Co-existence, which was sponsored last July by the Council for Education in World Citizenship. The conference of sixth formers was a great success, and something of the spirit present there was perhaps communicated to those who did not attend it.

The next meeting consisted of a film, followed by a brief talk given by Stephen Landy (V.b. Science), both on the subject of the emergence and growth of the new Israel. The first meeting was rather poorly attended, but as every society secretary knows, there is nothing like a moving picture to bring in the masses, and attendances have since been very encouraging.

After the half-term had come and gone the society met once again to hear Mr. Thompson speak on the subject of Academic Life in an Ancient University. Mr. Thompson, as always, proved a popular speaker and indeed no one was disappointed since his talk was witty, and illuminating for those who aspire to the heights of academic achievement.

Our last meeting of the term was addressed by Herr Schwartzmeier on Education in Germany, a topic on which, I must confess we were particularly ignorant before Herr Schwartzmeier proceeded to lighten our darkness.

The closing weeks of the term have been marked by rumour and speculation about the new International Society. Phrases such as "Poachers" and "Take-over-bid," have been bandied about by our less restrained members, but much of the confusion has now been dispelled, and the Current Affairs Society wishes its International counterpart the best of luck.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mr. Gwyn Evans, Mr. Ifor Evans and Mr. Harding Rees, for giving of their time to organise the society, and helping a somewhat junior secretary to find his feet, Brian Pratt, our President, and the committee, and all the Society members who have attended our society so well, and made all our efforts worthwhile.

KAREL HOWARD WILLIAMS (V. Arts)

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

Reforging an African Link

This term the International Society merged with the Current Affairs Society because it was found that our interests overlapped.

It is, however, still dedicated to removing barriers of ignorance and prejudice of race, colour and creed.

With these aims in view, a contact has been arranged, by the society, with an African School.

The school is the Methodist College Uzuakoli of East Nigeria. It has 310 boys, all boarders, who are taught entirely in English. There is a staff of 20, amongst which is an old friend, Mr. Mars, who left our staff nearly two years ago.

It is hoped that as well as cultural exchanges, there will also be exchanges of botanical, geological and zoological specimens during the course of next term.

I. EVANS and P. JOHN (Joint Chairmen)

SIXTH FORM FRENCH SOCIETY

President Mademoiselle AGRAPHIOTY

Committee Members: Upper Sixth: Susan Thomas, Keith Roderick; Lower Sixth: Pamela Howard, James Lambert.

Inspired by the presence last year in Llanelly of Mademoiselle Agraphioty, a French student from the Sorbonne in Paris, the idea was born early in the Christmas term of forming a Sixth Form French Society between the Boys' and Girls' Grammar Schools, and some time later the society itself came into being. The first meeting was held after school in the Girls' Grammar School, and the above officials were duly elected. The rest of the meeting consisted of a quiz with Mademoiselle Agraphioty acting as chairman. At the second meeting the Boys' Grammar School acted as host, and once again the majority of the time was taken up with quizzes. But towards the end Mademoiselle Agraphioty taught the members present "La Marseillaise," the French national anthem. The third meeting of the society took place once again at the Girls' Grammar School, and this time consisted of a series of coloured film slides on France. The last meeting of the society took on a party atmosphere, when one of the girls, Verna Owen, brought a birthday cake along. The rest of the meeting consisted of two talks in French, one on the French Political System, given by Pamela Howard, and the other on the History of Paris, given by Huw Davies, Vivian Davies and James Lambert. In addition to these four meetings, the society also organised an excursion to Swansea University to see a performance of Moliere's "L'avare."

On behalf of the boys, I would like to thank the girls who very kindly provided us with a tea at all four meetings, and I am sure I speak for all the boys and girls when I extend our thanks to Mademoiselle Agraphioty. Without her the society could not have existed and due to her enthusiasm and able leadership the society can boast success in realising what it set out to achieve, namely, to make sure that only French was spoken at all society meetings.

JAMES LAMBERT, 6a (Arts)

CHESS SOCIETY

<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	.....	BRIAN PRATT
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	IAN HUGH
<i>Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	PETER TOWNSEND
<i>Treasurer</i>	.....	.....	.....	JAMES LAMBERT
<i>Committee Member</i>	.....	.....	.....	GARETH C. JONES

The Chess Society has gained in strength in the past year, and is again among the most popular societies in the school. This is made particularly evident by the number of junior members which far surpasses the number of Chess Sets and the accommodation offered by D2. The juniors now meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and the seniors have Thursday, during the dinner break.

The past season was also the most successful ever for the school Chess team. Of the twelve matches played they won ten, drew one, and lost one. The team won the West Wales Chess League but were eliminated in the quarter-finals of the Welsh National Chess Tournament by Aberdare, the eventual winners. Many of the team took part in the Welsh Championships in Cardiff, where Graham Phillips was runner-up in the under 18 Championship. He also gained his international cap, representing Wales against England, Scotland and Ireland.

This season the school team has entered the *Sunday Times* Chess Tournament, the National Chess Tournament and the West Wales Chess League. In the former tournament the team has won its way into the third round and at present also heads the West Wales League, being unbeaten in their matches this season. It now remains for me to thank the officials and Mr. John Davies for their unfailing support, and the team members who have given up their time to represent the school. Special thanks go to Hugh Stanbury who acted as chauffeur to the team in their away matches. It is only with the combined effort of everyone that the Chess Society has become as successful and popular as it is.

IAN HUGH (Secretary)

RECORD CLUB

<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	.....	KEITH EVANS
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	V. SAMUEL

Committee: Gareth Jones, Phillip Case, D. Prescott, Hefin Thomas, Jeffrey Fry, Brian Benbow.

During the weekly meetings of the Record Club throughout the year the attendances have been satisfactory, though many more devotees and connoisseurs of music, of whom there are certainly many in the school, would be welcomed at the Music Room at 12.30 on any Monday.

Though classical music has predominately been the form presented, jazz has been considered by the committee.

This year also, the repertoire of the Club has been greatly increased by the acquisition of a ticket for the Llanelly Public Record Library by the school.

Here are a few of the works enjoyed and appreciated by the Club this term :

Beethoven's 5th Symphony ; Haydn's Trumpet Concerto ; Rachmaninov's 2nd Piano Concerto ; Smeterna's Ma Vlast ; Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite No. 1.

VIVIAN SAMUEL, Secretary

JAZZ APPRECIATION SOCIETY

<i>President</i>	.....	.....	.....	Mr. M. THOMPSON
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	Mr. E. JONES,	Mr. G. PRICE,	Mr. L. PUGH.	
<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	.....	STUART JAMES
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	KEITH C. WILLIAMS
<i>Committee :</i>	D. Cadman, I. Thomas, K. Hodge, P. Richards.			

The Jazz Appreciation Society has been revived under the chairmanship of Stuart James after the lapse of a year. There have been two meetings of the society held this year and both have met with considerable success.

The first meeting, held on 15th October, was in the form of a "Juke Box Jury." Records by such well-known artists as Benny Goodman, Sidney Becket and Kid Ory were played and then the panel, composed of David Cadman, Martin Haigh, Brian Hughes and Keith Williams, made their comments. Many interesting views on such points as the arrangement, style and quality of the records were heard. In all it proved to be a very interesting and informative meeting.

The second meeting, held on 13th November, was in the form of a talk on the theme "The Jazz Age" by Mr. Evan Jones. In his talk, which he illustrated by records, Mr. Jones stressed that the only really great era for Jazz was the 1920s. Mr. Jones went on to prove this by playing recordings made at that time. He was thanked by Colin Rees and Neil Harries.

The aim of the society is to promote Jazz as a serious form of music and it is with this purpose that the programme for the coming year has been planned.

All boys in Forms V. and VI. are welcomed and it is hoped that future attendances will be as encouraging as past attendances have been.

KEITH C. WILLIAMS (Secretary)

SCRIPTURE SOCIETY

<i>Chairman</i> .....	.....	.....	D. THORNE
<i>Vice-Chairman</i> .....	.....	.....	G. DAVIES
<i>Secretary</i> .....	.....	.....	P. CASE
<i>Assistant Secretary</i> .....	.....	.....	D. EDWARDS

VI.a., J. Wilkins ; VI.b., G. Nicholas ; V., T. Pike ; IV., P. Chillington.

Because of a growing demand for a Scripture Society amongst the senior boys, the Headmaster was asked if it would be possible to start one or rather restart it as there was a thriving society some time ago. The Headmaster gave his permission and under the guidance of Mr. Wynne the society was formed. The first meeting was well attended and the above officials were elected.

The second meeting took the form of a film strip lecture on "The Dead Sea Scrolls" given by Mr. Wynne. The third meeting was to have been a talk given by the Headmaster, but unfortunately it had to be postponed.

So far we have had good attendances and there has been much interest ; we hope that this will continue throughout the year. Our thanks are given to Mr. Wynne for his assistance and guidance.

P. CASE (Secretary)

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

<i>Chairman</i> .....	.....	.....	B. J. HUGHES
<i>Vice-Chairman</i> .....	.....	.....	T. ROBINSON
<i>Secretary</i> .....	.....	.....	D. M. EYNON
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	.....	.....	D. I. BEVAN

Committee : G. Dodgeson, R. Williams, P. Jones, K. Hopkins, N. Rees.

During the past year the Photographic Society has had many successful meetings, and has managed to meet every Friday. It has a membership of 40. The first meetings of the year were devoted to enlarging and toning, which proved very informative.

During the Summer Term the society made a film about three vandals (P. Thomas, G. Noy and myself) breaking into the school, and their apprehension. The climax came when the members of the society, after a chase, threw the remaining vandal into the sea. For the making of this film, thanks are due to S. Last, and also to N. Rees, for its showing.

The new school year started off with practicals on contact printing and enlarging. The first half of the term ended with a trip to Pembroke, Pembroke Dock, Bosherton and Tenby. The next meeting on November 2nd was a talk, given by Mr. V. Rees,

during which he demonstrated how to develop a film. During the following weeks, a talk and practicals on table-top photography were given by our chairman and Mr. V. Rees.

In this coming year we hope to see the completion of the film and at Easter, another trip.

D. M. EYNON (Secretary)

DRAMA SOCIETY

The Drama Society was formed to promote an active interest in dramatics. At the first meeting the following officials were elected :

<i>President</i> .....	.....	.....	Mr. S. G. REES
<i>Co-Chairmen</i>	DAVID SLACK,	FRANK B. WILLIAMS	
<i>Secretary</i> .....	.....	.....	STUART JAMES

Form Representatives : Form VI.A. : D. H. Davies, T. Robinson ; Form VI.B. : N. Lloyd, G. Nicholas ; Form. V. : K. Williams, P. Hopkins ; Form IV. : R. Jones, B. Davies ; Lower School : E. Phillips.

The senior members of the society presented the play "A Night at an Inn," at the President's request, for the Forum. It was only to have been a reading but the play thrilled the actors so much that they used stage sets, lighting, costume, etc.

Mr. J. R. Williams introduced the production and explained that primarily the play was only to be read. The play was received enthusiastically by the audience and it was not too obvious that the cast used scripts.

The cast were as follows : Frank B. Williams, Eurfyl Ambrose, Stuart James, Michael Evans, John Wilkins, Cenwyn Edwards and Brian Hughes.

Thanks is extended to Martin Haigh who assisted with the stage lighting. David Slack was the producer.

The society next met to listen to a talk given by Mr. J. R. Williams, a very able producer (although too modest to admit that himself), entitled "Some Aspects on Production."

It was a very interesting and instructive talk, and the questions put to the speaker were most intelligent. It was a pleasure to welcome a former member of the staff, Mr. Thompson, who gave some insights on his personal experience of producing at Oxford.

At the moment of going to press the society is rehearsing "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas.

It is hoped that more people will take an active interest in the Drama Society and thereby benefit their general education.

S. JAMES, Secretary

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

<i>President</i>	.....	.....	.....	Mr. R. JACOB
<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	.....	HARDING GRIFFITHS
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	GERAINT PRICE

The Geographical Society this year started with a surge of enthusiasm from some of the sixth formers, after a long period of inactivity.

The Society's first meeting took the form of a talk by Mr. Emlyn Davies on "Old Llanelly." Mr. Davies is not only a prominent geographer, but was during his time of office responsible for the birth and growth of an incomparable Geology Department in the school.

Mr. Davies has delved deeply into the history of Llanelly, and started his talk by mentioning the pre-Roman remains, still seen at "Gaer Fach," not far from the school. He went on to describe in detail the development of Llanelly up to 1800, when the parish had grown sufficiently to house 2,500 people, 500 in the town itself. The town grew around the "Old Church" or "Llan-Elli," and that is how the town came to be so called.

It is hoped that Mr. Davies will return before the end of the school year to bring the history of Llanelly right up-to-date.

The second meeting of the society was a film presentation called "Water for Dry Land." A short introductory talk was given by Bernard Ford. The film described the problems of irrigation in the arid and semi-arid States of Southern U.S.A.—Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, and how the waters of the Colorado River are harnessed for this purpose.

To describe the activities of the society without mentioning its President would be unpardonable. Mr. Jacob has been a silent inspiration during the last two years in his struggle to attend school between long periods in hospital. I echo the feelings of all the boys who know him when I wish him a complete recovery.

Last but not least in our list of contributors to the society, we wish to thank Martin Haigh who is always ready to act as projectionist and Mr. Ivor Evans for procuring the films.

THE STAMP CLUB

Officials :

<i>Hon. Patron</i>	.....	Mademoiselle AGRAPHIOTY
<i>Hon. Chairman</i>	.....	BYRON DAVIES, IV.a. (Arts)
<i>Hon. Vice-Chairman</i>	.....	PHILIP JENKINS, IV.a. (Arts)
<i>Hon. (Acting) Secretary</i>	.....	BYRON DAVIES, IV.a (Arts)
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	.....	JEFFREY WATKINS, IV.a (Science)

Altogether the Stamp Club has been a success throughout the year. The first job of the members was to elect officials. Voting took place and the above officials were elected (14th September).

21st September : A stamp auction took place with 1,000 stamps auctioned.

28th September : A discussion took place.

4th October : A talk by Rhion Jones (4a Arts) on stamps with the aid of the epidioscope. This was a thorough success, with boys probing into Rhion's knowledge with "How much is this stamp worth?" Rhion, to the best of his ability, answered their questions with the utmost sincerity.

11th October : A contest on stamp knowledge between Forms IV. and I., and Forms III. and II. Forms IV. and I. won by 33 points to 27. Rhion Jones was Question Master.

That is a brief account of the work of the Stamp Club during the dinner break on Thursdays.

BYRON DAVIES, IV.a (Arts), Acting Secretary

HOBBIES CLUB

As a large number of new societies have been formed this year the Headmaster requested the combination of these, and a number of others, into the Hobbies Club. During the first meeting the following officials and society representatives were elected on behalf of their respective societies.

<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	.....	M. DANIEL
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	H. THOMAS

Committee Members : Science Society : M. Daniel, H. Thomas ; Model Railways : P. Wesley, M. Harries ; Photographic Society : B. Hughes, D. Eynon ; Astronomical and Astronautical Society : D. Scott, P. Scudamore ; Aeromodelling Club : B. Llewellyn, K. Hodge.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	MICHAEL DANIEL, 6a Science
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	HENRY THOMAS, 6b. Science

Committee Members : 1W., John Selwood ; 2E., Christopher Ace ; 3A., Christopher Daniel ; 4T., Ronald Lichen ; 5A. Science, Jonathan Hawkins.

The first meeting of the year was held on Tuesday September 25th, when the above representatives were elected. At this meeting two films "Pulsed Infusion Shot-firing," and "The History of Motor-racing, Part I." were shown. The next meeting was a practical dissection period and we are grateful for help given by the sixth formers during the practical period. The two following meetings took the form of glass working sessions. During the last meeting on October 30th, two films, "History of Motor-racing,

Part II." and "Rig 20," were shown. The attendances during the year have been fairly encouraging, especially for practical periods, which have been recommenced after an interval of several years. We hope that during the coming terms attendances will be as promising as those during the last term. We would like to thank all the masters concerned for the help given during the year.

H. THOMAS

AEROMODELLING SOCIETY

Chairman *BRIAN LLEWELLYN*
Secretary *KEITH HODGE*

Committee: Philip John, Peter Roberts, Keith Leach, Richard John, David Phillips.

The Aeromodelling Society was founded during the Christmas Term, and after a very successful first meeting, was absorbed into the Hobbies Club. The first flying meeting took place one Saturday morning. Unfortunately weather conditions were bad and only two or three models were able to get off the ground, one of which promptly met an untimely end on collision with the tarmac.

The attendances for the society's meetings have been very encouraging and we, as a committee, would like to thank everybody who has helped us.

KEITH HODGE, 5a Science

THE ASTRONOMICAL AND AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

Chairman *DAVID SCOTT*
Vice-Chairman *IAN HUGH*
Secretary *PAUL SCUDAMORE*

Committee: Wyn Dowling, Roger Hughes, John Maclean, Jeffrey Watkins, Paul Howells, Philip John.

This society was formed by Wyn Dowling and Jeffrey Watkins under the heading of the Science Fiction Club, which held its first meeting on 20th September. These meetings took the form of discussions on such topics as Flying Saucers, the Loch Ness Monster and Life on other Planets.

Then, under the leadership of David Scott, the Science Fiction Club changed to astronomy as its main subject, hence the present name. On Mondays, discussions were held, and on Friday evenings, weather permitting, practical meetings were held. During the course of the term, two films were shown, one on "Keplar and His Work," and the other on "Rockets and How They Work."

Our thanks are extended to Mr. Humphreys for the support he has given to us during this term.

PAUL SCUDAMORE, Secretary

THE RADIO SOCIETY

This year, the Radio Society met every Thursday in the General Science Laboratory during the dinner break. In the earlier part of the year, the work of dismantling old television sets was carried on, and the boys made crystal sets from parts obtained from these T.V. sets. Later on, a new project was started, namely that of building the Pocket 4 Transistor Receiver. Support for this project was good, but even better support will be needed in the future.

It is also hoped that an old T.V. set now in our possession will soon be restored to working condition.

Plans are now being discussed for purchasing an ex-Army Communications Receiver for the Short-Wave enthusiasts of our Society and consequently some of our time next year will be taken in making a fairly accurate log of the Short-Wave.

KEITH LODER LEWIS (5a Science)

THE MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

<i>Chairman</i>	.....	.....	.....	P. WESLEY (4T)
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	M. HARRIES (4T)
<i>Treasurer</i>	.....	.....	.....	H. JOHNS

Committee: Form 1, C. Davies; Form 2, W. Samuel; Form 3, J. Leonardi; Form 4, R. Davies.

The Model Railway Society, formed during the Christmas Term, has now joined with others in the Hobbies Club. Attendances at the meetings of this new society have been very promising and the members are very enthusiastic.

Discussions and the beginning of a survey of G.W.R. locomotives have taken place this term and ambitious plans are in hand for a model railway lay-out. This has been the main activity this term, and the track will gradually take place in the new year. It is hoped that the complete lay-out will be ready for exhibition by Prize Day next year.

M. W. HARRIES, Secretary

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SEVENS, ROEHAMPTON

On April 24, the school team comprised of Geoff Davies (capt.), Stuart Davies, Terry Price, Gwyn Williams, Mike Williams, Ken Denman and Brian Denman, together with three reserves, Alan Bendle, Goronwy Davies and Mike Hopkins travelled up to London.

On the first day, Tuesday the third, school met Perse in the first game of the preliminary round. Under poor conditions with a wet ball and heavy going, school defeated the opposition by 11-0. First to score was Ken Denman closely followed by Stuart Davies and Brian Denman, while Terry Price converted the first try.

After a short rest, school took on Ipswich, on pitch number two, which was in better condition and coasted through to win with ease by 20-0. It was a classic display of ball handling and running with fine play by Stuart, Geoff and Terry. Scorers were Stuart Davies, Geoff Davies, Terry Price and Ken Denman. Terry also converted all four tries.

On the following day, after a night of rain, Llanelly took the main field on a dull, cold, overcast morning against St. John's, Leatherhead, in the first round and again showed the same fine form by beating them by 18-0. First to score was Brian Denman after a fine run, closely followed by Terry Price, Stuart Davies and Ken Denman. Terry, again in great form, kicked three conversions.

In the second round, school met their first real opposition in Worksop and their line was crossed for the first time. But school soon showed their mettle and retaliated with two fine tries by Geoff Davies, one by Brian Denman and one try and one conversion by Terry Price in a fine display of open running to make the final result 14-3. Geoff played well throughout the tournament but in this game he played supremely, striking his best form ever and this game will go down in the annals of school history as "Geoff's Match."

On the third and final day of the tournament the pitch was in a terrible condition with heavy, ankle deep mud and surface water in places and it appeared as if open football would or could not be the order of the day. But in spite of these conditions school put on a fine display.

In the third round they were drawn against a strong side in Blundells. After a strenuous struggle school went ahead to win by 10-6, but it was a vary closely contested match with school's points being collected by tries by Ken Denman and Terry Price, who converted both, with a heavy, greasy ball, from the touchline.

In the quarter-final the tournament took on the form of a local derby, when school was drawn against Llandovery College, who had been showing good form. In the first half, Llandovery gave school a testing time, but fitness soon began to tell and they were unable to keep up the pressure and in the second half Llanelly went ahead to win by 13-3, with scores by Stuart Davies (two tries) and Brian Denman one try, while Terry Price converted two and closely missed the third.

In the semi-final, under steadily worsening conditions, school met Belfast Methodists, who did very well to hold a strongly attacking school side to a 5-0 win. Belfast defended strongly but never got enough of the ball to threaten the Llanelly line, thanks to the

hooking of Gwyn Williams, who played magnificently throughout. School points were scored by Geoff Davies and magnificently converted by Terry Price.

In the final, with an atmosphere charged with tension, school met Kings College, Canterbury, a very large side, who gave school a very close fight for the title. Kings were first to score with a penalty goal but by half time school had retrieved the situation when Geoff Davies made a break and after a well-timed pass put Terry Price over to score after a fine run. Terry then converted.

In the second half, with both teams tiring, Kings made a last desperate effort and drove the ball through at their feet, but a superb one-handed pick-up by Terry Price saved the day and school maintained their lead to win the match and the tournament for the second year running and the third time in five years.

N. HOWELL-JONES, Secretary, 1961-62

WELSH SCHOOL SEVENS

In the third annual Welsh School Sevens, held at Stradey Park, school were strong favourites, having not long returned from winning the Public Schools Sevens and having won the tournament for the last two years and, true to form, they did win it for the third consecutive year.

In this tournament, school entered two teams, the A team composed of Geoff Davies, Stuart Davies, Brian Denman, Mike Yandle, Terry Price, Gwyn Williams and Mike Hopkins and the B team, Goronwy Davies (capt.), Parry Davies, T. Bendle, Brian Llewellyn, Eirwyn Griffiths, I. Richards.

In the first round the school A team met Cardigan Grammar School and defeated them after an easy game by 26 points to nil. The B team were drawn against Howardian High School, Cardiff, and defeated them by 11-0, with tries by Goronwy Davies and Eirwyn Griffiths (2). Parry Davies converted one.

In the second round the A team met Maesydderwen and defeated them by 11-0 after a tougher game than their previous round, but the B team went down to Crossly Porter G.S., Halifax, who were eventually in the final, by 6 points to 5.

In the quarter-final, school met their first real opposition in Whitchurch. Whitchurch were first to score with a dropped goal, but then school piled on the pressure and Geoff Davies, after a fine swerving run cut inside to score under the posts and Terry Price converted. But then from the kick-out, Whitchurch dribbled a loose ball through to score in the corner. However they didn't keep this lead for long. From a scrum, Mike Yandle made the break, and put Mike Hopkins over for a fine try which Terry Price converted. Thus at half time school were leading 10-6.

From the kick-off, Terry Price came near to scoring after a good run. Then again pressing hard, almost on the Whitchurch line, school switched direction and Brian Denman jinked his way through four players to put Terry Price over in the corner. Whitchurch attacked hard but Brian Denman, receiving the ball on his own 25 line, ran the length of the field, outstripping the opposing wing to score under the posts. Terry converted leaving school with an 18-6 victory.

School met Gwendraeth, one of their greatest rivals, in the semi-final and proceeded to win by 10-0. Gwendraeth kicked off but there was a scrum back. School won the scrum and with a fine movement of the ball all along the line gained 40 yards. School continued to attack, and after a direction switch by Mike Hopkins, Terry Price ran through and scored under the posts. He then proceeded to convert it. Gwendraeth retaliated and attacked hard and a good run was only stopped by a fine tackle by Geoff Davies.

After half-time, school gave a sparkling demonstration by throwing the ball about and gaining ground all the time. Brian Denman was tackled on the line, but he flicked out a reverse pass to Mike Hopkins, who had showed up well in the loose, who scored. Terry Price then converted.

In the final, school met a strong side in Crossly Porter G.S., who kicked off and pressed hard from the start. Crossly pounced on a handling mistake and came very close to scoring, but fine covering by Terry Price forced a line-out on the school line. School took a long line but a scrum was forced and Crossly won the heel, the fly-half kicked across, scored and converted, leaving school 5-0 down.

Crossly were a very strong side and marked very closely making any movements very difficult, but Terry Price made a break from the halfway line, beat three men by side-steps and then out ran the opposition to score under the posts. He then capped this by converting as well leaving the score 5-5 at half-time.

School kick-off and pressed hard and some fine running and jinking by Brian Denman and Geoff Davies came near to scoring but desperate tackling by Crossly Porter kept them out. Crossly Porter then came away but were stopped by Stuart Davies. A bit of scrappy play by school resulted in a scrum on their line but they managed to come away with long kicks by Terry Price and Stuart Davies. Crossly Porter continued to attack hard and only desperate tackling and Gwyn Williams heroically falling on the ball kept them out. When the final whistle went the score was still 5-5.

In extra time school were pressing hard and, following a cross-kick, Denman gathered the ball, gave it to Terry Price, who out ran the opposition to score the winning try of the match and the tournament.

WELSH SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

Junior Competition

The annual Welsh "Sevens" at Stradey Park, which has now become a tourney renowned for its production of fast, open, entertaining rugby, was this year completely dominated by school. The entries were not restricted and teams from many parts of England and Wales competed for the privilege of taking the wonderful winner's cup back to their respective schools. School, who did not look to match other teams with individuals, showed complete dominance in their superior team work and fitness which enabled them to run their opponents into the ground.

School were not really challenged until the semi-final and coasted through the earlier rounds with comparative ease. The School "A" team comprised Huw Williams, David Thomas, Gareth James, Lyndon Jones, Peter Jones, Philip Case and Alan Cadman.

School entered into the first round after having had a bye in the preliminary, to meet a Bishop Gore seven who were completely outplayed in all phases of the game and school emerged victors by the margin of 14 pts. to 3 pts. Tries were scored by Lyndon Jones (2), Gareth James (2), Alan Cadman converting one.

The second round brought a different outlook, as Gwendraeth were a fast team, but excellent combination on behalf of the school team brought victory. Lyndon Jones getting two tries and Huw Williams one. Alan Cadman was on target with two of the kicks.

Competition now became keener as teams were tiring and the better teams were qualifying for the final rounds to be completed on the second day. School opened the day against a big, mobile St Julian's team who were much surprised by the two quick scores school obtained by means of wing Lyndon Jones and centre Gareth James. St. Julian's had no reply to the superb artistry of the school side who came out victorious after a hard-fought game.

The semi-final was the most exciting round of all. Carmarthen, who were the "fancied" side of the tournament, kicked-off and soon afterwards outside-half David Thomas who, until now had taken a quiet, but important role in the proceedings, received the ball and ran away to score his maiden try of the tournament. However, this was not enough, because Carmarthen made a stern reply and scored to put both sides level. School took command in the second half and Gareth James and David Thomas scored breathtaking tries enabling school to win by 9 pts. to 3 pts.

The final, which usually provided the spectacle, turned out to be another easy round for the all-conquering school team. Victory came after two early goals and later a tight defence. The scorers for school were David Thomas (try), Gareth James (try) and Alan Cadman converting both.

School also entered a strong "B" team: Keith Williams (capt.), Leighton Jones, Roger Dunn, Meurig Nicholas, Michael Richards, Michael Hawkins and Peter Hopkins, but after winning their preliminary round had the unfortunate experience of meeting the eventual runners-up and being beaten after a keen encounter.

HUW WILLIAMS (Captain), Va. Science

SENIOR RUGBY

1st XV.

<i>Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	TERRY PRICE
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	GWYN WILLIAMS
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	NIGEL FRANCIS

So far this season school have played seven matches of which they have won six and drawn one. Points for, 57 ; against 6.

Terry Price has missed the last five games through a leg injury and Gwyn Williams has filled the breach as captain.

Twelve players were chosen from the undefeated school team for the first W.S.S.R.U. trial at Pwll. After another three trials the W.S.S.R.U. selectors picked Gwyn Williams, Robert Thomas and Geraint Price to represent school in the East v. West trial. These boys are pressing strongly for Welsh caps this year and we wish them the best of luck.

The only sad moment of the season has been the tragic death of one of our very popular players. His presence will be deeply missed on the rugby field.

September 15th—School v. Gwendraeth G.S. at Gwendraeth

School 6 pts. Gwendraeth 3 pts.

In heavy conditions school gained more than their fair share of the ball and kicked intelligently throughout. The points were scored by Terry Price who kicked two fine penalty goals. Gwendraeth replied with a push-over try.

September 22nd—School v. Gowerton G.S. at Gowerton

School 13 pts. Gowerton nil

School gained a convincing win over Gowerton as a result of new moves from the lines-out and scrums. Geraint Price opened the scoring with a try and after the interval Irwyn Richards and Terry Price scored a try each, Terry Price converting both tries.

Thursday, October 4th—School v. Llanelly Wanderers R.F.C. at Pwll
School 16 pts. Llanelly Wanderers 3 pts.

In their first fixture with a senior club School outplayed their opponents. The scoring was opened with a try by Parry Davies after an interception by Geraint Price. Eurwyn Griffiths added the conversion points. The remaining 11 points were scored by tactical movements in the threequarter line and in the forwards. The scorers were Huw Williams, Huw Rees, Geraint Price, who scored a try each, and Parry Davies converting the last try.

October 6th—School v. Carmarthen G.S. at Pwll
School 14 pts. Carmarthen nil

With dew on the ground the ball became very wet and slippery, and thus prevented School handling as they should have liked. With supreme efforts School emerged with a fine win from Geraint Price, try and conversion by Parry Davies and a try and penalty goal from Eurwyn Griffiths.

October 13th—School v. Amman Valley G.S. at Ammanford
School 6 pts. Amman Valley nil

With School's forwards dominating the play, only hard tackling by the Amman Valley threequarter line prevented School from making the margin bigger.

The first try came when Eurwyn Griffiths made a Doug Hopwood movement and scored in the corner. The remaining three points were added to the score when the ball was switched from a three-quarter movement to the forwards and after a passing movement in the forwards Brian Llewelyn crashed over for a try.

October 20th—School v. Pembroke G.S. at Pembroke
School 3 pts. Pembroke nil

In this game Pembroke's three year old home record was broken by the undefeated School team. School's threequarter line proved very dangerous, but much of the play was confined to the forwards. The only score of the game came when a Pembroke defender was caught in possession by School's back-row and Irwyn Richards robbed him of the ball to score an unconverted try.

November 17th—School v. Whitechurch G.S. at Whitechurch
School nil Whitechurch nil

In a very hard-fought game, School retained their unbeaten record. The mud hampered any open rugby and the play was confined to the forwards. All School's forwards were magnificent throughout, but Brian Llewelyn, Robert Thomas, Gwyn Williams

and Ian Fener deserve extra praise. The half-backs Toplis Edwards and Ken Denham fought hard to control the game with fine kicks to touch.

Second XV.

<i>Captain</i> .....	.....	.....	TOPLIS EDWARDS
<i>Vice-Captain</i> .....	.....	.....	NOEL REES

So far this season the Second XV. have played six matches of which they have won three, drawn two and lost one. Points for 26; against 8.

September 15th—School v. Gwendraeth at Gwendraeth

School nil Gwendraeth 3 pts.

School dominated the set scrums and only the ferocious tackling of the Gwendraeth team prevented School from scoring. Unfortunately School were penalised two minutes from the end of the game.

September 22nd—School v. Gowerton at Pwll

School 9 pts. Gowerton nil

School were on top from start to finish and scored nine points through tries from Ken Morgan, Huw Williams and Francis Howell-Jones.

October 13th—School v. Amman Valley G.S. at Ammanford

School nil Amman Valley nil

School came close to scoring on a number of occasions. One of School's main threats came from loose forward rushes in which John Howells was prominent.

October 20th—School v. Pembroke G.S. at Pembroke

School 9 pts. Pembroke nil

School opened the scoring with a difficult penalty by Berkeley Morgan. When School pressed their advantage, Grahame Williams scored in the corner. This was quickly followed up with a try from Clive Jones.

November 17th—School v. Whitechurch G.S. at Whitechurch

School 3 pts. Whitechurch nil

After a hard fought battle School scored through Alton Murphy. He was helped considerably by Christopher Butler, who made a fine break and then passed the ball out to the scorer.

Junior XV., Season 1961-62

<i>Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	P. LYNDON JONES
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	G. HUW WILLIAMS

Masters in Charge : Messrs. Hywel Thomas, Keri Davies, Gordon Price.

Last season, as the school had many eligible players, the Juniors were, happily, never short of talent. Following some friendly games the team participated in the Senior Inter-School Cup. After a bye in the first round, School were drawn to play Stebonheath Secondary Modern School. This obstacle was overcome with comparative ease. School romped home winners by 22 pts.-nil, thanks to tries by David Thomas (2), Lyndon Jones (2 and one conversion), Huw Williams (try and one conversion) and Gareth James (try). The final of the cup proved to be most eventful as School and Coleshill battled three times, but each time the result was a nil-nil draw. The cup, therefore, had to be shared. Nine of the team were selected for Llanelly Schoolboys, these being : Gareth James, Peter Jones, Lyndon Jones, Huw Williams, Keith Williams, David Thomas, Cerith Thomas, Alan Cadman and Peter Nicholas. Seven members of the team played in the victorious side which completed a glorious "double" in the Welsh Sevens held at Stradey. On the whole, the season was a happy and successful one. We are indebted to the masters who supervised us for their encouragement and enthusiasm. On behalf of the team, I should like to wish next season's "Juniors" the very best of luck.

L. JONES (Captain)

PAST v. PRESENT MATCH

Past 5 pts. Present 3 pts.

Following the kick-off, the game turned into a scrappy melee with both sides fighting hard, but the steady drizzle made handling difficult and the match seemed certain to be a forwards game. But then after a scrum on the Present's 25 the Past gained possession and John Francis went through to score under the posts and Iorwerth Evans converted.

After this unfortunate beginning the Present began to settle down and play more as a team. Geoff Davies played well and scored after a fine jinking run from the half-way, going through half the Past team on the way. From seven yards out, under difficult conditions, Terry Price failed to convert.

After 15 minutes the Past came very close to scoring again when Terry Davies went down the wing like a rocket with Terry Price following closely and only catching him in time to stop a

score, and play was restarted with a scrum five yards out, but School managed to clear. The slippery surface was causing a lot of mistakes and the Present, perhaps still thinking of the Sevens, were throwing the ball about a little too much under the conditions, as a result of which the Past more than held their own. Thus at half-time the Present were 3-5 down.

In the second half Stuart Davies changed to outside-half but for the first quarter of an hour the play was uninspiring. Present came very close to gaining the lead when they were awarded a penalty for off-side but Terry Price's kick was just deflected by the post. Then the Past were on the move again with John Francis going away to be well tackled by Geoff Davies, but the movement was not stopped until the Present's 25 was reached. From the ensuing scrum Stuart Davies broke away and gave the ball along the line to Roger Lewis who went half the length of the field, but Terry Davies again showed his speed and caught him on the Past's 25 to stop a good movement. The play then deteriorated and moved up and down the field until after a scrum on the Present's line, the Past scored a push over try but it was disallowed and from the drop out the Present cleared and the play again returned to a hard forward slogging match. Then after 27 minutes, School were awarded a penalty from the touchline near the Past's 25, a very unpopular decision with the crowd, but Terry again failed to kick it and a five yard scrum resulted. But this to came to nothing.

Then, in the closing minutes of the game, Dai Rees (Past full-back) made a bad kick which was gathered by Raymond Phillips in between the Past's 25 and line, but instead of going for the line, he stopped dead and what might have been a score was stopped and the game was saved for the Past. Shortly afterwards the whistle went for time.

Looking back on the match, under the prevailing conditions it was good football, but the Past made better use of the conditions and deserved to win, although praise must go to the Present side, who, hampered by injuries, played very well and made a good fight of it.

N. HOWELL-JONES (Secretary), 1961-62

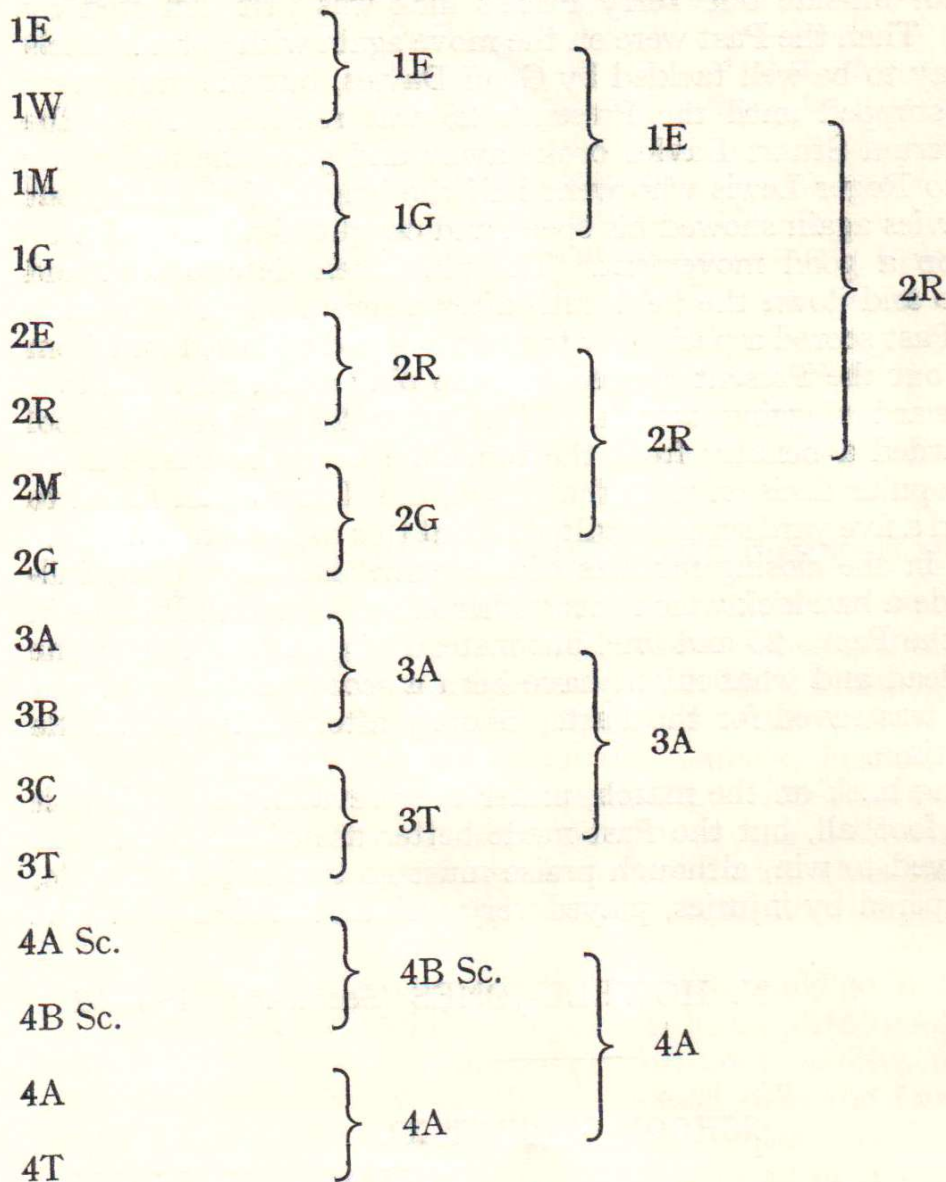
SCHOOL CRICKET XI.

<i>Captain</i>	.....	.....	MICHAEL WILLIAMS
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	STUART DAVIES

Owing to the stopping of dinners for matches and expenses for away games by the County's Education Committee, the School fixture list was curtailed last season so that only five games were played. However, despite this fact, the School's captain for last season, Michael Williams, was selected to represent Pembrokeshire on five occasions, and we extend to him our sincerest congratulations.

Towards the end of the summer term an inter-form competition was begun on a knock-out basis. Every match was closely followed by members of the forms who participated and as everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, it is hoped that this competition can be made an annual feature of the School's end of term activities. Mr. Alford wishes to express his sincerest thanks to all members of staff and senior pupils for their support in making the tournament such a success.

Here are the details of the matches played :



Here are the details of the five matches played by the School Cricket XI. last season.

May 30th—School v. Dafen Mid-Week XI.

School batted first and against some stiff bowling managed a reasonable start. However, Eurfyl Ambrose with a fine knock of 47 and Terry Price with a quick 29 soon pushed the score along and

enabled School to declare at 117 for 8. Dafen were soon in trouble against the School's opening bowlers T. Price and S. Davies, who were well supported by E. Griffiths and J. Davies, and only Islwyn Lewis with a good innings of 38 saved them from humiliation. By the close they were all out for 85.

30th June—Dynevor v. School

Dynevor batted first and were soon in trouble against the School's opening bowlers, John Davies and Stuart Davies. Things did not improve for them and they were all out for 26, both opening bowlers taking four wickets apiece. In reply School scored the required runs for the loss of only one wicket, Ken Denman scoring 14 not out.

7th July—School v. Dynevor

Dynevor batted first on a hard and lively School pitch and were soon in trouble against the accurate bowling of Ken Denman, who took six wickets for eight runs, but managed to reach a total of 87 runs. School replied with a fine opening stand to which Eurfyl Ambrose contributed 15 runs, but a slump in the middle order batting soon put School back on the defensive. However the School tail wagged effectively, notable contributions being made by Byron Evans 11 runs and Raymond Williams 10 runs. School's total was 91 for 9, and this win gave them the double over Dynevor.

11th July—School v. Old Boys

The Old Boys batted first on a good and easy-paced wicket, but found runs hard to get against the School attack, in which Ken Denman, four wickets for 10 runs and John Davies, five wickets for 32 runs in 17 overs, were most prominent. However, after batting for two-and-a-half hours the Old Boys reached the total of 63. School, in reply, started badly losing a wicket in the first over, but a good knock of 21 by Cenwyn Edwards steered them out of trouble. Byron Evans carried on the good work with a chanceless innings of 15 not out. He was well supported by John Davies, 14 not out, who scored the winning run with a glorious six. School's total was 65 for six.

12th July—School v. The Staff

School lost their unbeaten record when they were beaten by the Staff. School batted first on a good wicket, but yet again lost a wicket in the first over. However good batting by Robert Toplis Edwards (20), Eurfyl Ambrose (20) and Nigel Francis (21 not out), enabled School to reach a total of 83 for the loss of six wickets after an hour's play. The Staff got off to a fine start with a good opening partnership of 51 by Mr. Alford (35) and Mr. H. Thomas (23) and were able to pass the School's total for the loss of only six wickets.

D. CENWYN EDWARDS (VI.a Arts), Secretary

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

<i>Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	J. LLOYD
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	P. W. DANIELS
<i>Master-in-Charge</i>	.....	.....	.....	Mr. D. SMITH

The Cross Country Club has made a good start to the 1962-63 season and the senior team has not been beaten since their first fixture. Although this team does not possess any star runners, they pack consistently well and after continuous training on the new senior course they are very fit and looking forward to competing in the Welsh Novices Championship at Swansea on December 1st.

The Junior team, however, has proved very disappointing despite having Peter Honor as the captain. Unfortunately one man does not win a cross country race and through lack of support from members of the Middle School this team has been unable to compete in a number of matches and we can only hope that a number of new recruits will strengthen this section before the end of the season and thus safeguard the prospects of the club for the future.

Once again the School has a strong Lower Junior team and we are particularly pleased to see a number of Form I. boys practising and competing regularly. With this kind of enthusiasm we have high hopes of retaining the County Lower Junior Championship which we won last season.

We should like to congratulate the following members of the club who were selected for the County team last year, i.e., P. W. Daniels, P. Robinson and J. Salvin, who ran for the Junior team and J. Lloyd who was a reserve for the Senior team.

Here are the results so far this season :

October 6th—Triangular Match v. Bishop Gore G.S. and Gowerton G.S. at Swansea

Seniors : 1st Bishop Gore, 15 points ; 2nd Llanelly 29 points ; 3rd Gowerton 43 points. 3rd Peter Robinson, 4th Peter Daniels.

October 13th—School v. Whitland G.S. at home :

Juniors : Lost—Whitland 8, Llanelly 26. 3rd Peter Honor.

Lower Juniors : Lost—Whitland 30, Llanelly 48. 3rd Peter McKelvie, 4th J. Davies.

October 19th—School v. Llandeilo at Home :

Seniors : Won—Llanelly 14, Llandeilo 22. 2nd Peter Robinson ; 3rd Ian Pyle.

Juniors : Lost—Llanelly 18, Llandeilo 9. 1st Peter Honor.

Lower Juniors : Lost—Llanelly 23, Llandeilo 13.

October 20th—Triangular Match v. Bishop Gore G.S. and Cowbridge G.S. at Swansea

Seniors : Won—Llanelly 23, Bishop Gore 28, Cowbridge 33.
3rd Peter Robinson ; 4th Robert Lloyd.

Juniors : Second—Bishop Gore 24, Llanelly 26, Cowbridge 29.
1st Peter Honor ; 3rd R. Chere.

November 3rd—School v. Whitland at Whitland

Combined Senior and Junior team : Won—Llanelly 38, Whitland 40. 2nd Peter Robinson ; 4th Robert Lloyd.

Lower Juniors : Won—Llanelly 22, Whitland 24. 2nd R. Chere ; 4th Jeff Davies.

November 17th—Triangular Match v. Whitland and Llandeilo

Seniors : Won—Llanelly 20, Whitland 24, Llandeilo 33.
3rd Robert Lloyd ; 4th Peter Daniels.

Lower Juniors : Won—Llanelly 15, Whitland 31, Llandeilo 34.
1st R. Chere ; 3rd Peter McKelvie.

BADMINTON SOCIETY

<i>Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	OLIVER STEVENS
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	.....	.....	.....	PETER SKEHAN
<i>Secretary</i>	.....	.....	.....	IAN FENNER

The Society, as in the previous year, did not come into action until late in the season, and because of this only one game was played in the Christmas Term. Of the games played in the season, School won only two and lost three.

School v. Bishop Gore

School lost by six matches to three against a very strong Bishop Gore team at Bishop Gore.

School v. Girls' Grammar School

The School team consisting of four couples beat the Girls by twelve games to nil.

School v. Bishop Gore

In a return match against Bishop Gore School hoped to avenge their previous defeat but were completely outplayed by a very good Bishop Gore team. School lost by nine matches to nil.

School v. Staff

The Staff once again beat the School this time by eight games to one, the only victory for School scored by **Ken Denman** and **John Howells**.

School v. Girls' Grammar School

Once again School beat the Girls by eight matches to one in a very enjoyable game.

We sincerely thank Mr. Maelgwyn Thomas for his **unfailing** help throughout the year.

IAN FENNER VI A.Sci. (Secretary).