



THE SUMMER JESTER



THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER OF THE GRAIG COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL, LLANELLI

Ambush at Jet Creek

One of the legends of the Wild West was re-created on Thursday of last week when in the afternoon, a party of intrepid "young" teachers was on a goodwill mission to raise funds for the Year of the Disabled. The object of the exercise was a Tug-of-War against a team of girls from 3D. In front of a crowd of about 150, the teachers showed their strength and control by pulling the girls into a very muddy pool. So far, so good. Unfortunately it was at that moment that the teachers were charged by a horde of screaming savages and, even worse, prefects. Apparently this treacherous attack had been planned by some untrustworthy pupils in 3D. The ten teachers, now faced with a demented mob of several thousand tribesmen (or so it seemed) put up a brave fight and, in their opinion, gave as good as they got. Most of the mud was soon coated on teachers and pupils alike and when referee, Dr. Edwards, finally blew his whistle, several dozen heaps of slime slithered back to school, to the welcoming smile of Miss Colette Davies in whose showers most of the mud had gathered! The teachers, now knowing how General Custer felt, smiled bravely, and used up all the hot water before the boys could get in the showers.

All the Summer's a Stage.....

Two Graig sixth-formers, Alan P. Thomas and Christopher Morgan, have been successful in obtaining places with the National Youth Theatre of Wales in Cardiff for a month during the summer holiday.

They are two of the eight members who will be sponsored by Dyfed County Council. Alan, who took over as the lead r. Squeers in this year's school play at very short notice (See Page 17), will attend the course as an actor and Chris will attend as a member of the production team as a lighting designer. Christopher leaves school this year for a full-time course in Stage Lighting with the Association of British Theatre Technicians at Paddington Technical College.

We have sent three former pupils to the National Youth Theatre in the past and all benefited from their month of full-time theatre. Five boys tried the auditions/interviews this year which were held at Theatr Felinfach, near Lampeter. A report of the Theatre's activities will appear in the autumn issue of "The Jester".

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 "THE JESTER" STAFF WISHES
 ALL ITS READERS A HAPPY
 SUMMER HOLIDAY. BE CAREFUL
 ON THE ROADS AND COME BACK
 REFRESHED ON THURSDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 3rd.
 SEE YOU THEN!
 BYE FOR NOW!

Y. Burger

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HERE AND THERE

A TESTING TIME.....

The School has been selected at random by the National Foundation of Educational Research (The N.F.E.R) for practical testing in English, Mathematics and Science. This is part of an assessment of performance in these three subjects which is being undertaken in Welsh, English and Northern Ireland schools.

In Mathematics, a test sent by the Foundation will test five pupils selected at random. Next term there will be a Maths test and practical testing in Science has already taken place for 27, thirteen-year olds. The Science Tests are being undertaken by the Department of Education and Science which is collecting information of pupils' scientific performance in many of the schools in the countries named above.

SCHOLARS.....

Congratulations to Philip Gravelle and John Marc Davies who have both gained scholarships to the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. We wish them well.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOUND....

A prominent member of the "Jester" Editorial team, Peter Wayne Toft, of 50, will be leaving us this summer term. He is to go to Dean Close Public School, in Cheltenham, a temple of learning of considerable national repute. Peter tried a Scholarship examination last February and as a result of his success he was granted a bursary which reduced very considerably the fees which the school commands. Again, our congratulations and best wishes for the future.

LUNCHTIME THEATRE.....

The famous actor DAVID KING and his dog, Dougal, visited the school recently to give a lunchtime poetry recital to some junior pupils.

Entitled "One Man and His Dog", he gave his audience a delightfully light and well-balanced programme of poetry and prose. It only goes to prove that all children like and enjoy poetry when it is well-delivered! Our thanks to Mr.King for his kindness in coming to us. Dougal was the hit of the show and was very well behaved!

The Lower School produced a stronger number of entries than the Middle School. Winner of the Lower School Section was Dominic O'Brien 3J and the Middle School Section had joint winners: Bridget O'Brien and Carol Williams, both of 4D. Dominic was the overall winner and will be presented with the engraved cup. The Parents' Association hope to continue the competition each year and present a cup to the overall winner. An exhibition of entries for the competition and classwork was shown in the Small Hall during the Fair last Saturday.

A NUG'S GAME.....

One of the more novel items to raise money for the Year of the Disabled has been the appearance in H Corridor of several photos of members of staff when they were babies! Speculation is high as to who is who and great amusement has been derived from the competition. Entry fee was 10p. There is no truth in the rumour that Mr.Noel Rees removed his moustache so as to make the competition easier!

PROMOTION.....

We congratulate Mr.Sam Alford on his appointment to Deputy Headmaster. Mr.Alford replaces Mr.Hayes who retires this term. His duties will begin in September. We wish him well.

BEANZ MEANZ NOISE.....

Discos were held during the afternoon last week in order to provide items for the Summer Fair. There was no admission charge but disco-fanatics were required to bring a tin or bottle of something which could then be later sold at the Fair. The idea was a great success and provided invaluable additional items for Saturday's event. Thanks are to be extended to Tim Hamill and Ian Lloyd of Solid Gold Disco for providing the noise and flashing lights.

SQUASHED IN.....

Adrian Davies of 4D has secured a second place ranking in the Junior British Squash scene. The School has a fine record for squash and has produced five Under 18 National Squash Team Members over the years.



MARKING TIME

Mr. GORDON PRICE, of the Geography Dept. has just finished a seasonal chore.

At last the marking's over, it drives me quite insane,
 I'd rather surf Niagra, or trim a lion's mane.
 I feel I've read a thousand scripts, my mind goes round and round
 With all the strange accounts I've had and mixed-up facts I've found.
 Are Arabs riding kangaroos? At least, that's what I read
 To keep up with the Jones's p'raps, and be one jump ahead!
 The Eskimos have few mod.cons. improvement's overdue,
 I s'pose an Ig. is just his house that's waiting for a lool!
 The Lapps are few and far between, I couldn't resist a smile,
 Seb.Coe I'm sure would like to know there are four Lapps to the mile.
 The pygmies' spears are two foot six, I know it does sound daft
 But I was told they're six foot two, they must be overstuffed!
 And when I asked just who you'd find in forests hot and wet
 The answer should be "Indian Tribes"- but "Tarzan"'s what I get.
 The Aborigines are black and need no underwear
 The heat's to blame not 'cos they have no Marks and Spencer there!
 Arabian camels have one hump, but some have two or three;
 The Bactrian is the one with two, the other's called Humphrey!
 Why is it that in Arctic lands, for six months it is night?
 Because, sir, they just can't afford to have electric light!
 The 'orrible farmer grows his cröps (arable it should be)
 And a cannibal who's on a diet dines on slim missionary.
 And those Antipodeans are odd, no doubt of that
 I've get to see that Aussie's pet--a platy-pussy-cat!
 Mr.Denis Jones had best beware and keep a handy fist
 'Cos in New Guinea, I was told, Head Hunters still exist!
 Ah well, I've got six weeks or so, to straighten out my mind
 And hope, like Manx cats, that these tales will all be left behind!



GORDON QUILL
(Pen-name)

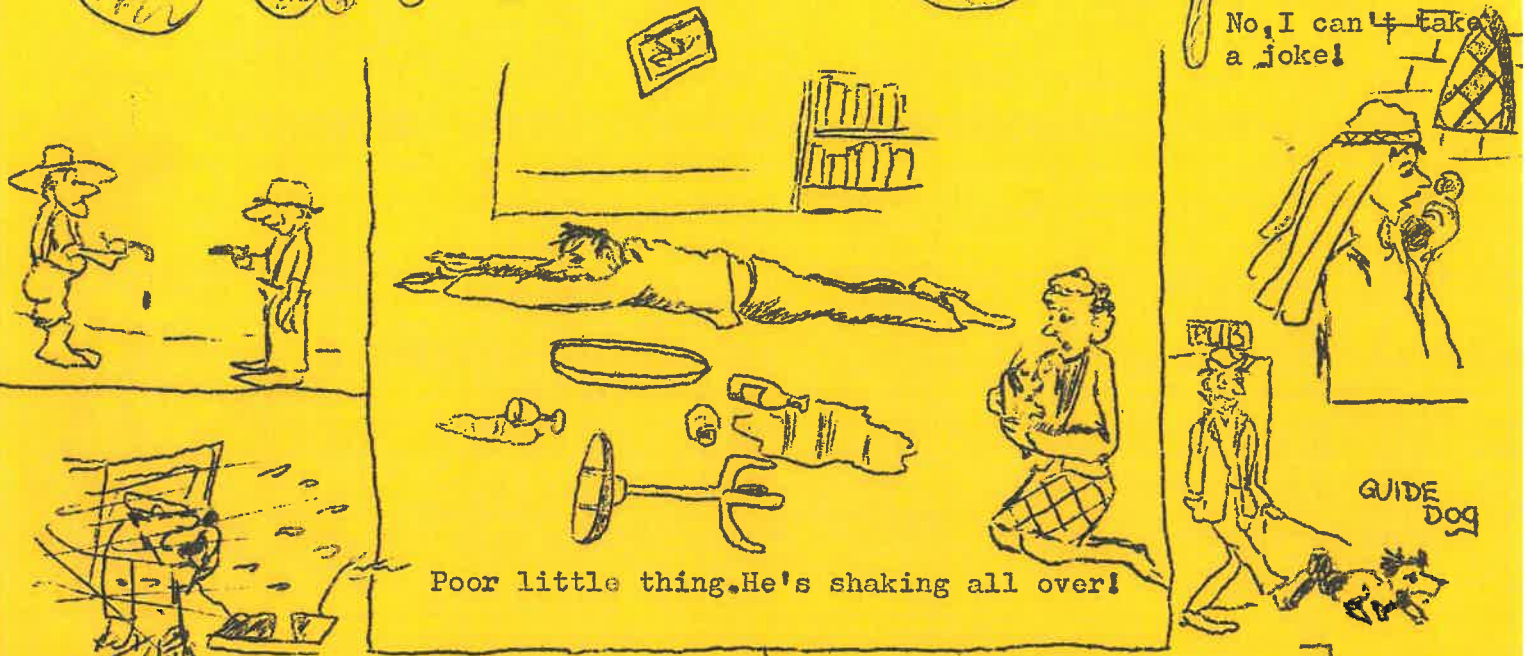
STRANGE COINCIDENCES.....

At the age of four, Roger Lausier was saved from drowning off Salem, USA, by a woman named Alice Blaise. Nine years later, in 1974, on the same beach, Roger paddled his raft into the water and pulled a drowning man from the water. The man was Alice Blaise's Husband.

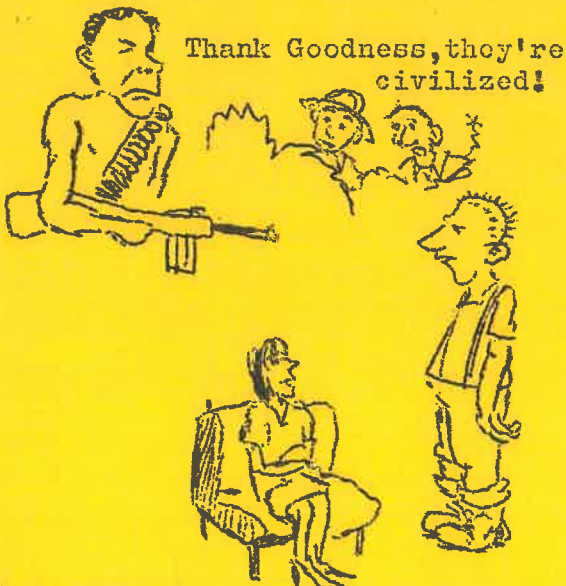
FALLING BABIES.....

In the Spring of 1975, a baby in Detroit fell fourteen stories and landed on Joseph Figlock who was walking below. A year later, it happened again. Figlock and both babies survived!

Cartoon Capers



Put it off! Because of a little shower?



Want to dance?
Yes,
Good, I'll have your seat then!

How do you open this door?
Turn the handle on your side.
I've not got a handle on my side!

RETIREMENTS

Mr. J. V. Hayes

The end of this term sees the retirement of Mr. John Vivian Hayes, Head of Middle School and one of the Deputy Headmasters of the School.

Mr. Hayes was educated at Gowerton Boys' Grammar School and Aberystwyth University where he gained an Honours degree in Classics. He then started his teaching career just before the outset of the Second World War. During the war he was commissioned as an officer in the Royal Air Force, serving in the Middle East and Italy. On leaving the forces, Mr. Hayes was appointed to a teaching post in Milford Grammar School where he remained until 1958 when he was appointed to teach Classics in Llanelli Boys' Grammar Technical School. Having taught both Latin and Greek for a number of years, he was then promoted to become the Head of the Classics Department in the School and was also asked to take over the responsibility for organizing the W.J.E.C. examinations, a task which he performed meticulously for several years. He was then appointed Deputy Headmaster of the Graig Comprehensive School two years ago, upon the retirement of Mr. Myrddin Rees. As a teacher, Mr. Hayes was characterized by his scholarly love of learning and his enthusiasm for his subject which he saw as the cornerstone of Western civilization. He was a firm believer in the importance of good discipline and hard work, and did not spare himself in furthering the interests of his pupils, some of whom achieved remarkable successes under his guidance. As a deputy headmaster, he applied himself to his duties with the same thoroughness that he had shown in organizing the examinations and did all in his power to ensure that the best of the traditional values of the school were continued in the comprehensive system. He set himself high standards and expected the same from others.

It is a cause for regret that Mr. Hayes has not been with us for the past few weeks because of an eye operation. We very much hope, however, that he will soon be fully recovered and wish him many years of happy retirement.

He will be missed, not least of all, by those members of staff who depended upon his assistance to complete "The Times" Crossword.

(DLS)

Mr E. W. Griffiths

This term we say farewell to Mr. Ellis Griffiths on his retirement.

Mr. Griffiths was an old pupil of the Llan Boys' Grammar School, "Yr Ysgol ar y Bryn". He proceeded to Cardiff University where he graduated in Mathematics.

He taught at Penarth Grammar School from 1952-66, as a member of the Mathematics Department for four years and as Head of the Scripture Department for ten years. He joined the staff of Llanelli Boys' Grammar School, now the Graig Comprehensive School as a member of the Mathematics Department in 1966. Since 1977, Mr. Griffiths has been the "School Bank" Manager. For the last ten years, in addition to the School Bank role he has also been the W.J.E.C. External Examinations Officer.

He has been a faithful member of the Llan Boys' Grammar School Old Boys' Union Committee for many years and is now a Vice-President of the Association. Conscientious, patient and persevering, Mr. Griffiths always had the interest of his pupils at heart. We will all miss his enthusiasm in his teaching. On the School Sports' Field, he will be remembered in rugby as a referee; in cricket as an opening batsman and a stock bowler in the Annual Staff Match.

The greatest comfort which he will receive in his retirement will be the satisfaction and pleasing remembrance of the many benefits and friendly deeds he has done for others. We wish him a speedy recovery from his illness and a long and happy retirement.

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HUY - A FAIR EXCHANGE

by ANDREW MORRIS, 6B Arts--Our Man on the Spot.

No-one who stood in the waiting room at Llanelli Station on that cold, wet April evening was quite sure about what to expect from our Belgian guests who were due to arrive any minute. The train, as expected, was late, but it eventually bundled into the station, and out tumbled many Belgians babbling away in a strange tongue which we were informed, was called "French".

Any apprehension that had clouded our minds quickly vanished as introductions and greetings were made, and each Belgian said something that sounded remotely like "Au revoir" to his friends, when shown to his family's car and driven off to a new house and a new way of life.

Of course, praise must be given to the week's organisers:- Mr. Meurig Evans of Dyfed Education Authority, Mrs. Ann Clwyd, Euro M.P., Mr. Denis Jones of Graig School, with Mrs. Lloyd and Miss. C. Davies, and Mr. Clement of Coedcae, with M. Lenette and Ms. Chapman.

The week truly provided ample opportunity to see everything of interest in this part of Wales. Excursions were made to Cardiff, Kidwelly and Swansea, and all free! Dances and displays were held at each school. Everyone found plenty to do in their spare time; parties were held and the group met to visit the beach, swimming pool and the town's parks.

The Belgians' most striking characteristic, in my opinion, was their effervescence their singing on the coach, their bubbling enthusiasm for us as a party, their novel humour were all pleasantly surprising. Very few members of the party found that their partners were not quite their idea of fun, but even these problems were usually solved before the end of the week. Indeed, many of the female members of our party (who have threatened me with gruelling torture if I so much as mention their names) found themselves quite attracted to the Belgian boys, while the Welsh boys were not averse to a touch of continental charm.

The week passed quickly - much too quickly. At 5.30. on a cold Sunday morning, we tearfully waved goodbye to our friends, only comforted by the prospect of seeing them again in a month's time, and secondly by the prospect of a warm bed and the first real rest for a week, a week filled with excitement and jollity. To the girls' delight, kisses were exchanged, and the Belgian coach rolled off in a cloud of dust.

The month passed quickly, with the help of the involvement in this year's School Play, and to our surprise, the day of departure suddenly presented itself before us.

The journey flew by, the walk to Dover, the swim across the Channel and jog from Ostend to Huy. A great reception awaited us at Huy, and like our Belgian guests, we were driven off to our different "homes". The weekend was spent with the families, and new friends were made. When we were reunited after the weekend, everyone had settled in and was happy with the way things had gone. The week brought trips to the cities of Liege and Brussels, interesting visits to some caves, and informative lessons on the area and local history. The weather was fantastic and the food delicious. In the School, the lack of uniform (hint, hint!) led to a relaxed atmosphere, the teachers were friendly and everyone understood each other. The way of life was novel and fascinating, the girls were novel and even more fascinating!

Of course, the day of departure soon came round, to our sadness, and everyone had to say "goodbye" once more. Our girls would not let the Belgian boys go, and many suitcases bulged suspiciously, muffled cries coming from within.

Ah, well, here we are back in Llanelli. The aura has just about worn off, yet fond memories are held about everything in those two superb weeks. Our French was enormously improved, anyone who gets under 70% in the terminals must have either slept the whole week or been deaf! Thank you once again to all involved, it can only be hoped that this fantastic project will be carried out for many years to come. *Merci à tout le monde qui a fait partie de l'échange superbe entre les élèves de Huy et de Llanelli au printemps de 1981.*



With the long overdue arrival of Computer Technology at school approaching, it is not too difficult to foresee an increase in the popularity of Computer Science as an "O" Level subject. As from next term, Computer Science lessons will be taught at the School by Mrs. Helen Smith of the Mathematics Department.



One regret is that there will be no more excursions to the Technical College, no more unreliable buses, no more missing Assembly and no more early dinners! The 4 Commodore CBM Micro-computers (formerly PETS) which the school is to receive are part of the Government's \$4million scheme to install a Micro-Computer in every school in the country by the end of 1982.



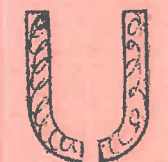
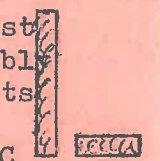
For interested pupils, there now follows a short insight into the subject. The course will be dealing in how to instruct the computer, the computer's machinery, the history of the computer's development and the effect of computers on society.



IS VIC THERE?.....

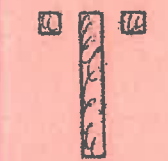
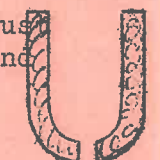


The release of the new Commodore VIC 20 will probably be one of the great success stories of 1981. The VIC 20 is to be released in August as announced in the Commodore PET Show (18-20 June) and will probably cause a revolution in the Micro-Computer world. The computer gets its name from the Video Interface Chip which allows the computer to be connected to a standard Television through the ariel socket. The VIC has a typewriter keyboard, colour capabilities, portability and already a single floppy disk unit is available for it. Selling at just under £200, it will be of more than competition for the Acom Atom and Sinclair ZX81.



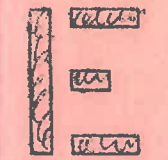
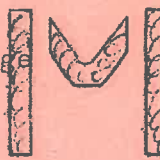
BASICLY IMPROVED.....

Commodore, in all their wisdom, have decided to give the PET a new Basic with more sophisticated disk handling commands. The new Basic (Basic 4.0), which the schools' computers have, has been acclaimed by an independant review, to be the fastest 6502 based Basic language on the market.



THE ACORN ARE GROWING.....

With the success of the Acom Atom, the Cambridge-based firm Acorn has become established as a micro-computer manufacturer and the range of Acorn computers is growing. The BBC have chosen the forthcoming Acorn Proton as the micro-computer to be sold in conjunction with the 1982 series, "Hands on Micros". Also, Acorn have produced the Econet (a network system) allowing machinery to be shared between up to 255 Acorn computers.



MAGAZINE REVIEW.....

Name: Personal Computer World. (PCW), publised monthly at 75p and the value is excellent.



Comments: Lots of adverts, true, but also lots of valuable features, of which the Junior Computer page and program listings are especially interesting. A valuable insight of the micro-computer world best appreciated by micro owners and enthusiasts. Mainly a hobbyist magazine.

FACT FILE

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The World's Ten Most Intelligent Animals

- 1. Chimpanzee
- 2. Gorilla
- 3. Orangutan
- 4. Baboon
- 5. Gibbon
- 6. Monkey
- 7. Smaller Toothed Whale
- 8. Dolphin
- 9. Elephant
- 10. Pig.

The Five Most Hated or Feared Persons in History:

- 1. Adolf Hitler
- 2. Idi Amin
- 3. Richard M. Nixon
- 4. Dracula
- 5. Mao Tse-tung.

The Five Shortest Airline Flights:

- 1. Papa Westray Island to Westray Island, 1.5 miles in 2secs.
- 2. Bethel to Napaikak, Alaska, 7 miles in 10 secs.
- 3. Saipan to Tinian, Mariana Islands, 11miles in 10 secs.
- 4. San Francisco to Oakland, USA, 15 miles in 23 secs.
- 5. Fullerton to Los Angeles, 15miles in 10 secs.

Did you know that Joan of Arc (1412-1431) was actually put on trial after she was dead?

THE WIMBLEDON RAQUET!

Wimbledon fortnight is the world's greatest pageant of tennis; it is more than a study of the game itself, but is a study of attitudes and personalities, of the pressure that exists at the summit of the game. Seldom does the fortnight pass without some incident remarkable in nature, and this year was no exception, raising important and fundamental questions concerning the conduct of the players at this, the world's most prestigious tournament of tennis.

Once again, the primary spotlight fell on the progression of the men's singles and especially on the champion of champions, Bjorn Borg, holder of the title for the last five years, the Swede famous for his ice-cool temperament and devastatingly competent baseline groundstrokes. His major opposition came in the form of fiery John Patrick McEnroe, whose brilliant fluency and variety of strokeplay are often overshadowed by his impudent and often blatantly improper conduct on the tennis court. In McEnroe's section of the draw, the seeds fell like ninepins, the major defeat being that of Ivan Lendl, the young Czeck whose style of baseline play so resembles that of Borg and who was seeded four in the championship. Eventually, no seeds other than McEnroe himself remained in that half of the tournament.

Unfortunately, the number two seed started badly in his title challenge, meeting Tom Gullikson in the first round. The tennis was excellent but the behaviour deplorable, as McEnroe initiated dispute and argument with the umpire, Llanelli dentist, Edward James. After a discourse with the tournament referee, and repeated outbursts, McEnroe won the match and also landed a fine of fifteen hundred dollars with the threat of further, more severe, fines and even disqualification from the tournament. The importance of such action against McEnroe cannot be underestimated. The umpire should be the final authority on the tennis court; players such as McEnroe must begin to realise this fact and to respond to the implications. Abuse such as that which McEnroe has made his doubtful trademark simply cannot be tolerated from any player, otherwise the disciplined nature of the game itself, and the fine tradition which must be upheld will fall into ridicule.

McEnroe augmented his monetary fines with further unacceptable behaviour in his doubles match (with his equally temperamental partner, Peter Fleming) against the Amritaj brothers, and in his semi-final singles match against unseeded Australian Rod Frawley.

It is, perhaps, ironic that McEnroe won both the men's doubles (a straight-set needle match against American adversaries Bob Lutz and Stan Smith) and the men's singles, terminating Borg's five-year domination. Worst of all, the man happens to be a superb tennis player, and a very worthy champion indeed, but his on-court behaviour must detract from his popularity both in the eye of the public and in that of tennis circles. His four set defeat of Borg, performed with all the flair, efficiency and prowess of someone at least equal to the great man was tangible proof of his very great talent and determination. In the final, his behaviour was exemplary; so was Borg's excellent acceptance of defeat, but this one match must not blunt our awareness of the fact that McEnroe has a great problem to contend with before he can truly assume the position of the world's number one tennis player.

Controversy also surrounded the ladies' singles competition, with the number two seeding of the young Czeck, Hana Mandlikova. However, she justified her seeding with talented destruction of several skilled opponents, most notably her (ex) compatriot, Martina Navratilova. Hana, unfortunately, seemed over-awed by her first Wimbledon final and lost, playing well below her best level of tennis, to a confident, experienced and determined Chris Lloyd who had not conceded even one set to an opponent during the course of the tournament. However, we are sure to see Miss Mandlikova winning this prestigious event in the future, since her talent and determination must ensure such an occurrence.

The tournament reached conclusion without too great hindrance from the activities of our unpredictable British weather, and play ran to schedule (unlike last year's delay and fiasco). Let us hope that every year of Wimbledon will provide such colour and event, without the scar of poor conduct on court.

Wimbledon.



VS



DAL



JUST NOT CRICKET!

says
GARETH
WILLIAMS

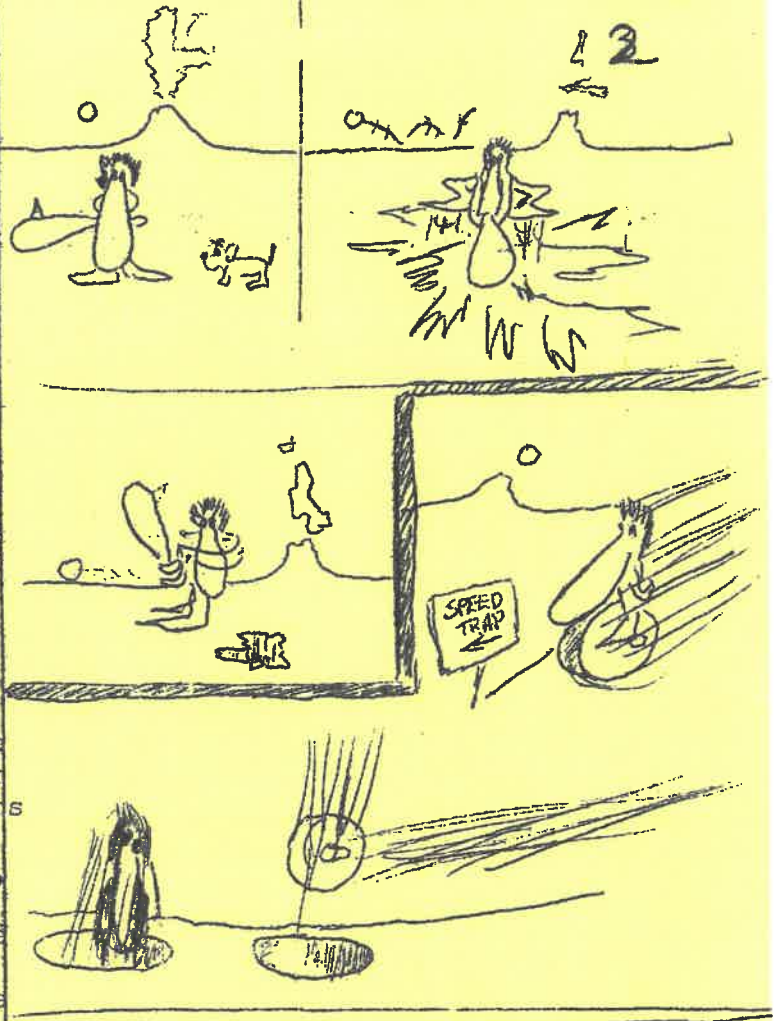
Although the English Cricket Scene boasts numerous quality players, it is surprising to see that England's cricket team is.... useless!

It can be said that the influx of brilliant foreign stars, has ruined our game by saturating English cricket and stifling homegrown potential from developing in the first-class game from as early an age as possible. However, without stars such as Viv Richards of Somerset, Jeff Thompson of Middlesex and Javed Miandad of Glamorgan, the promoters of all types of first-class cricket would be hard-pressed to maintain crowds.

Numerous measures could be taken to improve the standard of English teams against other national teams. Firstly, the foreign players in England could be got rid of. Secondly, countries which have always beaten England, such as the West Indies could have an atom bomb dropped on them; or thirdly, the whole system of coaching cricket in England, and indeed Wales, Scotland and Ireland, could be completely revised.

Therefore, children with ability are progressively coached and are connected with first-class teams as quickly as possible, so as to copy the system which Football uses at the moment. The system of cricket in this country is already creaming off the best young players in schools, but there is an untapped reservoir which is ready to be exploited in addition to the most talented young players.

It is a shame to see the English team in the position it is. However, perhaps the fact that England has played ten of the last twelve tests against the West Indies had led us to make unmerited criticism of the state of English cricket. Whatever criticism is levelled should, I believe, be backed up by a reflection of the coaching system-- definitely inefficient, perhaps a forerun to the fate of English Test Cricket.



THE WORLD'S LEAST-LIKED CITY.....

It's BUENAVENTURA, Columbia. The reasons? Poverty, thieves, bad government, unfriendly people, corrupt officials, filth, bureaucracy, lack of facilities and rain. Out of every nine people who come from Buenaventura, seven of them have either been robbed or assaulted. It is known as the "Hell Hole of the World".

CODES.....

In the months before June 6, 1944--the day of the Normandy invasion, the London "Daily Telegraph" crossword puzzle included many top-secret code words for the Allied operations; Omaha, Utah, Mulberry, Neptune and the code for D-Day itself, Overlord. The puzzle was compiled by a schoolmaster who couldn't have any knowledge of the codes.

FROM BEHIND THE STAFFROOM DOOR

By Our Inside Correspondent.

WELCOME BACK.....

We are delighted to see Mr. Brian Darby back with us after his operation and hope that he is making steady progress. He came back to marking examinations and has also organized the end-of-term films. There is a feature about these elsewhere in the issue.

Mr. Alan Rees has returned after a Sabbatical year in which he gained a B.Ed degree in Art and Design at the South Glamorgan Institute of Higher Education in Cardiff. Congratulations!

During his absence he visited many different schools in London and Leicestershire, researching on the significance of drawing in relationship to design education. He feels he has benefited greatly from the course as he studied with a group of other teachers with whom he was able to share experiences and gain information on the administration of other schools. He is now glad to be back after his intensive year's study and we are glad to see him back, too! (Karen Jones)

AND GOODBYE.....

Mr. Robert Greenhalf taught in the School while Mr. Alan Rees was away. His subjects were Mathematics and Technical Drawing. He is an old boy of the Llanelli Boys' Grammar School and has also had industrial experience before becoming a teacher. He was a student teacher at the School last year. He enjoys reading, the arts and playing chess.

Since January, Miss Caroline Davies, has been a temporary teacher of Needlework, replacing Mrs. M. Sellick. Before coming to our School, she taught for eighteen months at a Girls' school in Brentford, Middlesex. She has enjoyed teaching here very much and has found it a friendly school and will be sorry to leave at the end of the term. Her hobbies include knitting, tennis, badminton, driving and reading. On Tv he particularly enjoys "Tales of the Unexpected" and most sports' programmes. We wish her every success in the future. (Judith Thomas)

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowler previously taught in London and in several Dyfed Schools as a temporary teacher. She came to the Graig in January of this year and on various occasions has taught Biology and Mathematics.

Mrs. Bowler lives in Carmarthen and has an eighteen mile journey to school every day. She has thoroughly enjoyed her stay at our school and finds the school to be very well disciplined and intellectually alive and active. Her hobbies include walking, tennis and reading, when she finds the time. We all hope to see her return in the not too distant future. (Serena Randall)

Miss Jane Smith, PE Teacher at the School who has been with us for a year, is sadly leaving us at the end of term. The demands of a small holding near Llandeilo which produces livestock and essential foods, have meant that Miss Smith and two friends have had to give up the majority of their time to concentrate on the holding. Calves are reared from birth for a local farmer by the trio and rabbits and sheep are also tended. Having taught in Surrey and now Llanelli, Miss Smith now intends to concentrate on her holding while also holding a post at Llys Myddfai, Child Care Centre which is situated near Glangwili Hospital and which has connections with the latter Living near Llandeilo, the demands of Miss Smith's present post are understandable, since although she only works three days a week, the travel time to and from work is considerable. Her work in school, associated with the upkeep of the holding, meant that Miss Smith has little time to pursue other interests, although she enjoys stringing up tunes with her partners on their various instruments and she is still very keen on playing hockey. We wish her well in her future ventures. (Gareth Williams)

Goodbye, too, to Miss Tracy Edwards, after a year as part-time teacher at the School. She has performed an admirable job teaching Domestic Science to the Lower Forms. Miss Edwards has enjoyed her time here very much finding the pupils well-behaved and the staff friendly and obliging. She was full of praise for the equipment and facilities offered by the New Domestic Science wing and especially at the picturesque situation of the new block. Leaving the school to teach Needlework at St. John Lloyd's School for a year, Miss Edwards, should an opportunity arise, would very much like to return to our school in the future. (P. Toft)

More Staff News

Mrs. Margaret Webb leaves the School after three terms as a temporary teacher. We may forgive her if she feels a little schizophrenic ~~for~~ during this time, she has been a supply teacher in the English, Scripture and Remedial Departments! Never a dull moment! During her spare time she reads, gardens, knits and plays the piano. She was previously at Swiss Valley Primary School. She has enjoyed teaching here; the pupils have been courteous and helpful and has much enjoyed the fellowship of the staff. She has particularly enjoyed keeping an eye on Mr. David Webb-- her husband!

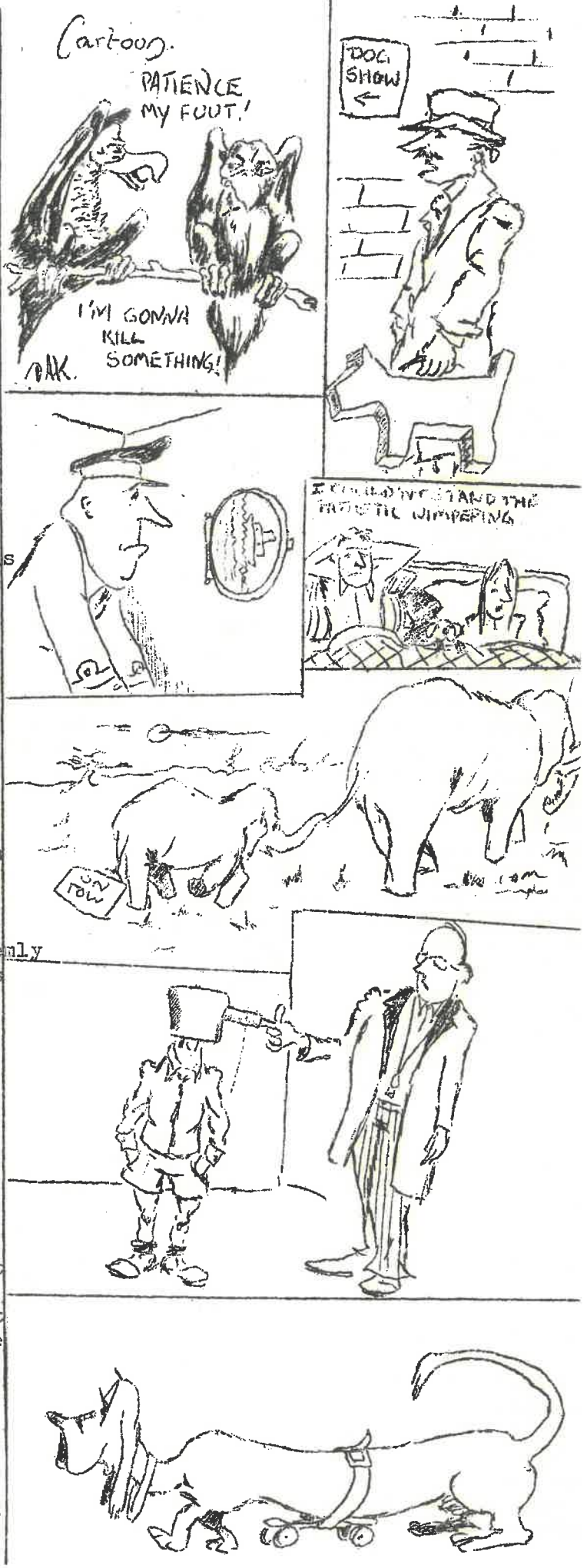
WELCOME, LITTLE STRANGER.....
 We congratulate Mrs. Helen Smith on the birth of her first child, a son, Simon William. Mrs. Smith returned back to teach with us this term.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Nancy Emmanuel is recovered after her operation and is now back on the Staff.

Rev. Esgar James continues to make progress after his recent illness and we hope to see him again next term.

GOON-DOLIERS.....
 Messrs. Meirion Rees, Mike Evans and Wyn Owen recently made their stage debuts with the Llanelli Amateur Operatic Society in a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers". Mr. Evans gave "The Jester" an extremely laudatory account of the performance, emphasizing that they played to packed houses; and the audiences were delighted with the production. There were on average 286 standing ovations at each performance.

BOWLED OVER.....
 The intrepid Graig Staff Bowls Team, comprising Mr. Mike Evans, Miss Caroline Davies, Mr. Wyn Owen, Miss Tracy Edwards and Mr. Denis Phillips, took to the green against a devilishly competent froup of Stradey School teachers. Our team sustained a narrow defeat perhaps accountable to the fact that Mr. Phillips arrived prematurely and seeing that none of his counterparts had appeared on the battle-field, promptly decided that he had been the victim of a callous hoax. He left the scene with haste. Another factor pertaining to the untimely defeat was that the Stradey team was an uncivilized group of cheats and deplorable characters! At least, this opinion was expressed by Mr. Mike Evans!



NOTTA DAYS

y MATHEW MAINWARING and NEIL THOMAS, 3D

Excitement was mounting amongst the pupils of the Graig Comprehensive School skiing party on the morning of February 24th. This was the morning that we were to set out for Italy on the annual skiing holiday. Rumours had been spread that there was more snow on the motorway in Cardiff than there was in the resort itself.

After a long journey from Llanelli, we arrived at Luton Airport, which was undergoing repairs, and had to wait about two hours before our plane left. When we eventually took off, Stuart Thomas of 3J went as white as snow, but he soon recovered! After two hours, we arrived at Milan where a coach picked us up and took us to Campodolcino, where a cable car took us seven hundred feet further up the mountain to our hotel. After we had had food and had been fitted out with skis, everybody went to bed absolutely shattered!

The next morning everyone was up early and we were all given our drag-lift passes. In the morning, the girls had their lessons and the boys were taken for a practice by the ever tolerant Staff - Mr. Gordon Price, Mr. Mike Evans, Miss. Jane Smith and Party Leader, Mr. Harry Thomas. Everyone was a little disappointed because we weren't doing so well, but things looked up and by the end of the week, most of us could ski pretty well. One person who didn't quite get the hang of things was Gavin Jones, 3L, who, on the first day, skied down the slope slowly, up a small ramp of snow and into a tree! Everybody was on their backs laughing, but poor Gavin never really recovered.

That afternoon we met our Italian instructors - Fully and Guido - who were very lively characters. Fully was a young man to whom we taught some English. Guido was a man of sixty who was, like Mr. Price, extremely agile for his age.

There were many strange events, some of which were very amusing. The first time we went into the town below our village, we went skating. The Madesimo Skating Rink was quite large, but it had bumps of ice here and there, which some pupils found difficult to cope with. Only Mr. Price plucked up enough courage to show off his talents and certainly proved that he had skated before.

Another action-packed adventure was our day in St. Moritz, where we saw some beautiful scenery including the frozen waterfall on an Alpine mountain face. As we went on to the slopes, I saw a man being stretchered off them and into a tram. This made me feel really frightened, but we all came through the day with no such bad luck.

The last major event of the week was the Presentation Ceremony where all skiers were given various medals for the week's achievements. All first-timers were given bronze medals and two from our party - Dafydd Hughes and Geraint Thomas, received silver medals. Gareth Lloyd of 3D also received another prize - for the most unusual fancy-dress - a character called "Flasher Harry", which needs no explanation.

The trip was an excellent experience and was made into an unforgettable holiday because the four members of Staff were tremendous.

WELL DONE, STAFF, Keep it up!

Calling all HORSE LOVERS

A Tale by PETER TOFT

Mr. Kerry Davies has brought to our attention an excellent holiday offer for all horse lovers.

Mr. Davies was most impressed with a children's riding holiday provided by a Mrs. Williams of Taliaris Park, about three miles from Llandeiniarth. The Park consists of a mansion house, situated in a delightful and scenic countryside. Many facilities are offered at the park including tennis, croquet, and other recreational possibilities. The atmosphere, however, is positively equine; photographs of horses adorn numerous walls around the mansion and the air of horses is in the air. The mansion itself has a Georgian frontal exterior but the interior is distinctly sixteenth century, with all the style and splendour of the era. The system of tuition is as impressive as the surroundings. Each child is "given" a horse for the week: thus, for the course of the week, the horse must be cared-for, groomed, fed and the stables mucked-out by the child. Horses are allocated according to ability and so the holiday is suitable for complete beginners upwards. Mrs. Williams' two daughters, both of whom are excellent horsewomen, and one of whom is a qualified instructress, take the children on twice-daily rides, tuition being very individual. For those more advanced exponents of the equine arts, there is a jumping school in front of the mansion house.

This particular scheme has only been in operation for one year and in order to obtain interest in this holiday, Mrs. Williams has deliberately kept the price of a week's holiday down to £55. Mr. Davies assures us that comparable holidays in more recognized establishments would cost upwards from £100 and that the cost is inclusive of all food and board. An ideal holiday for unaccompanied children. You can view before you decide. See Mr. Kerry Davies for full details.

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 cakes, jam, sponge, buns, pies, stews.

"Doctor! Doctor! I feel like a bridge."
 "What's come over you man?"
 "Two buses."

Stanley said he once cleaned 100 fish in one day.
 "Now that," said his friend, "take guts!"

MUSIC NOTES

by PETER LLOYD, 5M

ALBUMS



Canadian Heavy Metal Heroes Rush issue their first compilation album, "Rush Through Time" on the Mercury Label.

On first viewing, this appears to be a live album, but alas, it is just a collection of Rush's arguably best tracks. The album contains classic tracks such as "Bastille Day" and "Fly by Night" but leaves out what I consider to be their all-time best Xandadu, probably because it is too long. This is not a great album and anyone wanting to sample Rush would be better off

buying their live album, "All the World's A Stage".

Staying on the heavy scene, it is worthwhile giving Motorheads debut live album, "No Sleep Till Hammersmith" a mention. If you like Motorhead, you'll love this album. It contains most of Motorhead's best material played even faster than the studio versions. Most notable is "Overkill", which contains the fastest drumming that I think I have ever heard. The album closes with their first single, Motorhead which, incidentally has been re-released, this time as a picture disc.

Siouxsie and the Banshees new album, "Juju" on Polydor shot into the charts largely as a result of advanced orders. It is a good album but fails miserably to compete with their first two, "The Scream" and "Join Hands". It also contains their hit single, "Spellbound".

SINGLES

Kate Bush releases another track typical of herself entitled, "Sat in Your Lap" on EMI. For Kate Bush lovers, it shows that her inspiration is not running out.

Original Mirrors release "20,000 Dreamers" on the Phonogram label, which can be summed up as another typically boring track from a Liverpool Group who try to play with synthesizers. Yawn! Yawn!

QUIZ

Answers on the Back Page

1. Which member of Motorhead once played for Hawkwind?
2. What was the first album released by the Beatles and their last?
3. When was The Jam's debut album released?
4. Actor David Kossow's son, Paul, played in which early seventies rock band?
5. Who was Genesis's founder member and original vocalist?
6. Robert Alan Zimmerman is known better as?
7. Who wrote "Roll Over, Beethoven"?
8. What was the UK Subs debut live album?
9. The highest recorded attendance for a Rock Concert is 76,229 in 1977 in Michigan. What group was playing there?
10. How many members are there currently in Public Image Limited?

A GOOD READ

by PETER TOFT

THE WILT ALTERNATIVE by Tom Sharpe
Not destined for those without a sense of humour, Sharpe's latest novel continues the saga of Henry Wilt, the head of Department at a suburban Polytechnic and his personal battle against the mundane existence of the social rat race. Not the least of his problems are his wife, Eva, a woman of stunningly large proportions, and the quadruplets, four five-year olds, who show promise of achieving equally large physical dimensions. Coupled with the fact that Miss Irmgard Muller the au-pair is in reality a notorious and ruthless terrorist more used to wielding a sub-machine gun than a hand-bag, the making are there for an explosive comedy. Sharpe capitalizes on these ingredients to create a dynamic and hilarious satire on the traumas of modern society, seen through the eyes of the clumsy and sarcastic Wilt. To sum up, well worth reading for an alternative view-point but don't enter the book with any preconceptions.

JESTA-LAUGH-JESTA-LAUGH-JESTA-LAUGH-JESTA-

In London, the police are trying to stop gambling. It has got such a hold over them that they can't seem to give it up.

The subject for the class essay was "A Cricket Match". One small boy finished before the others. In fact, he's written only three words, "Rain Stopped Play!"

For Ladies Only

Edited by KATHRYN POWELL

CHEESE and GRAPEFRUIT SALAD

Serves 4.
 2 Grapefruits,
 6ozs Cheddar Cheese
 Half a small red pepper
 I tablespoon Olive Oil
 Sugar (optional)
 Seasoning
 Lettuce Leaves

Method:
 Halve the grapefruits, remove segments, put into basin discarding pips and cutting away the skin.
 Dice the Cheddar Cheese and chop the red pepper, discarding the core and seeds, mix with the grapefruit.
 Blend the juice left from the grapefruits with the olive oil, sugar and seasoning.
 Pour the dressing over the cheese and grapefruit and leave for 30mins to allow the flavour to be absorbed by the other ingredients.
 Line the empty grapefruit cases with lettuce and pile the salad in the centre.

SUMMER PEACH DESSERT

Serves 4
 2 large fresh peaches
 4 ozs fresh strawberries
 1 oz icing sugar
 4 fl.ozs fresh double cream
 2 tsp milk
 8 almonds (blanched and toasted)

Method:
 Cut peaches in half and remove the stone. Place each half on individual serving dishes. Slice strawberries and mix with icing sugar. Place in centre of peach halves. Whip cream and milk together until thick. Pipe whirls over strawberries and decorate with toasted almonds. Serve Chilled.

And finally, ICED LEMONADE

Squeeze the juice from 2-3 lemons. Put the peel and pith into a saucepan with one pint of water and simmer for about 10 mins, strain and add sugar to taste, and lemon juice. Chill in a refrigerator.

You can also use this recipe with oranges, limes or pineapple.

ARTFUL DESIGNS.....

The Parents' Association organized a competition open to members of the School to design a poster for the summer fair. The design was to be in Monochrome (one colour). Divided into two sections, Forms 1-3 and Forms 4-6, there was a ten pound prize for the winner of each section and a cup for the overall winner. The winning design by Dominic O'Brien was used to advertise the fair.

COOL, APPLE, FOOL

Serves 4-6
 2lbs Cooking apples
 4-6 ozs Castor sugar
 Juice of one orange (or 3 tabs water)
 Half a pint of cream
 Green colouring.

Method:
 Stew the apples with the sugar and orange juice or water until soft and fluffy.
 Sieve the apples
 Whisk the cream until just stiff, then fold into the apple puree.
 Tint half pale green with the colouring.
 Fill glasses with alternate layers of plain and green puree.

WALDORF SALAD

Serves 4
 6 Celery Sticks (chopped)
 3 eating apples (Chopped)
 3ozs broken walnuts
 4 tbs. salad cream
 6 tbs fresh double cream
 1 tsp vinegar
 salt and pepper
 crisp chopped lettuce leaves

Method:
 Place celery, apple and walnuts in a bowl. Combine salad cream, cream, vinegar, salt and pepper and add to apple mixture. Mix Well. Arrange lettuce leaves in a serving dish and pile salad on top.

Place each half on individual serving dishes. Slice strawberries and mix with icing sugar. Place in centre of peach halves. Whip cream and milk together until thick. Pipe whirls over strawberries and decorate with toasted almonds. Serve Chilled.

TOURNAMENTS CALLED OFF.....

The School much regrets that both the Nestle and "The Jester" Tennis Tournaments have had to be cancelled this year. The Netting around the courts has proved dangerous and therefore has been removed. We hope that new netting will be replaced in time for next year's tennis season. These two social highlights as well as sporting highlights of the year are much missed.

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PIECES

HEADS AH EAD.....

The Head Boy this year is Dafydd Jenkins. The Deputy Head boys are Wyn Edwards, Howard Herbert, Mark Phillips, Anthony Davies and Alan P. Thomas. These were announced at the beginning of this term and we wish them and the elected prefects and successful year

BANDSHOW BANDCALL

The Parents Association are organizing a Super Band Show Concert at the Llanelli Theatre early in September. The date for your diary is Tuesday, September 29th. Tickets will be £1.50 and will be available as soon as we come back after the holiday. The School's Woodwind Tutor, Mr. Robert Marks, is the Musical Director of the Llanelli Stage Band and, if past concerts are anything to go by, there will be a real treat in store.

WHAT'S IN A NAME.....

At long last, the School's name plate has arrived. It is splendidly designed by Mr. John Bowen, the former Head of Art at the Boys' Grammar School and Craig Comprehensive School. It is soon to be placed near the School Gate.

CLIMBING THE HEIGHTS.....

Possible the most spectacular event in connection with the Year of the Disabled Appeal is the forthcoming climb in the North Italian Alps by the twins in 6B, David and Michael Jenkins. The climb is taking place under the auspices of the Llanelli YMCA Mountain Climbing Club. The highest peak will be 14,000 feet. However, they are being sponsored per 1,000 feet of ascent and descent, thus making a total of 60,000 feet. We wish them well and a safe return. to SA.

FILM FUN....

Mr. Darby will be holding film shows again during this week. They will begin after morning break in A5, entrance fee is 20p. Films include: "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" with Spencer Tracy and Ingrid Bergman; "The Runaway Bus" with Frankie Howard and Petula Clarke; "Live a Little, Love a Little" stars the late Elvis Presley. Nature Films include two "Flipper" Films and "The Wilderness Family" series. This summer's selection proves that there is something for everyone in this varied, interesting and captivating choice of films.

MONEY MATTERS.....

On Thursday, July 2nd., a one day seminar was held at the school. The Regional Liaison Officer for UBI (Understanding British Industry) Wales, arranged for the City Communications Centre (based at the Stock Exchange) to demonstrate the role of the city (The Financial Institutions) to a group of some 15 teachers of varying subjects. Talks, film and discussion about the financial institutions in the city were included in the seminar, with a view to providing suitable material for "O" and "A" level courses. An excellent opportunity was provided to find out about this important part of our economic base.

A MUSICAL GOODBYE.....

The Music Department loses two part-time teachers this term. Both Mr. Gethin Hughes and Mr. Michael Way leave us after a year to return to full-time appointments in Stradey School and St. John Lloyd School, respectively. We thank them for their services during the past year and wish them every happiness in the future.

SPONSORED FEAT.....

On Monday of this week, the final event of the term took place to aid the Year of the Disabled. In fact, it is the event which could result in the biggest single amount for the Fund.

At approx. 9 am, over 400 pupils left the School for a 10 mile walk through Stradey Woods, up the Trimsaran Road, over Pembrey Mountain road and back to School on the main Burry Port Road. The weather at the start was not encouraging but enthusiasm was high. The walkers were expected back at approx. 1-2 pm. Refreshments were served en route and the school canteen was kept open for the end of the walk.

A FAIR SUCCESS.....

This year, the School Parents' Association held a Summer Fair instead of an Autumn one. It took place at School on the last Saturday of the term. The weather was tolerable and the final outcome will be well over £800.

ATHLETIC GIRLS.....

The following have been selected for the Llanelli Schools' Athletic Team: Clare Jenl Beverly Morris, Beverly Hughes, Sian Jones, Andrea Morgan, Claire Beynon, Jane Beynon, Anna Lloyd, Jackie Clarke, Barbara Moore and Susan Jones.

SMIKE!

A Pop Musical freely based on "Nicholas Nickleby" by ROGER HOLMAN and SIMON MAY. at Llanelli Entertainment Centre, March 31st- April 5th. 1981.

Despite the fact that an epidemic of measles hit this year's school production prior to its opening, the show went on and the standard achieved was, as usual, of the highest.

Not that the show itself in book and adaptation form lent itself all that well to a pop musical but Simon May and Roger Holman's book, music and lyrics made for an enjoyable if undemanding entertainment.

Musicals are indeed a rare breed and this one was no exception. The conditions in Dickens' Dotheboys Hall were given the glamour treatment in Mr. Noel Rees' production and the basic terrifying implications of the earlier chapters of "Nicholas Nickleby" merely provided a thumb sketch for two hours of lively pop music with tuneful melodies and harmonies; plenty of movement, colour and humour.

Beginning in a modern comprehensive school, the advent of a new teacher provided the opportunity for the bored school-children to go back in time and improvise a play in which they and the School's Headmaster and Staff realize that there certainly are advantages to living and working in the twentieth century.

Dominating the whole production was Alan P. Thomas's portrayal of the modern headmaster and later, the horrendous Mr. Squeers of Dotheboys Hall. This was indeed an astonishing performance since the actor had two days to learn and interpret a mammoth role, upon whom the whole success of the evening depended. Unfortunately, Nigel Bolton was taken ill on the Saturday before the Monday opening. A splendid characterization of depth and controlled humour, a real tour de force and a deserved unqualified success.

Karen Dellibovi was an excellent Mrs. Squeers. Here is a real actress in the making with a well-developed sense of timing and theatricality. She was well supported by Sarah Williams as a repulsive Fanny Squeers and Mark Phillips, in the role of Nicholas Nickleby, gave a charming and convincing hero for the story. Patrick O'Sullivan in the title role pulled at the heart-strings when required and again the character's interpretation was near the musical style than the Dickens original and was quite in keeping with the production's overall fantasy-style, rather than literal meaning.

There were some staunch supports in the form of fellow-pupils, Wyn Edwards, Nicholas Soady, Jonathan Lewis, Gareth Lloyd and Ian Morgan. In the play-within-a-play James Hill, Jonathan James, Patrick Kavanah and Sara Louise Williams all gave cameo playing of the Dickens characters.

The Chorus, in the form of modern schoolchildren and Dotheboys Boys, in particular, gave a good and well-choreographed moving background for the scene.

The Orchestra, under the musical directors, Mr. Penzi Williams and Mrs. Nans Protheroe, were in cracking form and did a splendid job of accompaniment for the production. Gareth Hughes as production accompanist gave dedicated and loyal support to the musical team.

As spectacular as ever, if on the more dull and sordid side, the settings pivoted and gyrated to split-second timing and the lighting was evocative of the oppressed Dickens society. All the stops were pulled out in technical gimmicks, when anything can happen and annually, usually does! Especially effective was the "Strip Scene"-- a real show-stopper and the Love Fantasy, "We'll find our day". "Dotheboys Rock" which opened Act Two was delivered with exhausting joie-de-vivre and few could not have been moved by the show's prime message, "Don't let Life Get You Down".

The costumes were in the correct period, crinolines, Eton suits, tails and toppers- all credit to the staff who executed them with dedication and accuracy. The backstage team was headed by Jamie Scott Lewis and David Lins and Huw Nowbray as Stage Director and Stage Managers. All was the usual smooth, efficient operation and the fluidity of the action was not held up for a moment, thanks to the well-practised changes. Peter Lloyd and Tim Hamill were responsible for the sound Sound System and enabled everyone to hear the show with the least of effort.

All in all, despite initial reservations regarding the suitability of the original for the musical form, "SMIKE!" was a creditable and worthwhile team effort. Of course next year it will be equalled but the usual question hangs in the air at this time "With What?" and, as usual, only "Sir" knows and he never tells! Well, hardly ever!

(H.H.)

"Prisoner at the bar-- You have been found not guilty of stealing a set of golf clubs."

"Please, your honour, does that mean I can keep them?"

Samson would have made a good actor. He's have brought the house down.

They call our language the mother tongue because fathers seldom have a chance to use it!

Teacher: What is a cannibal? Child: Don't know, miss.

Teacher: Well, what would you be if you ate your mother and father?

Child: Please miss, an orphan.

"Doctor, doctor, I feel like a bridge." "What's come over you?" "Two buses

There was an Englishman, a Welshman and an Irishman. The pilot asked, "What would you do if this helicopter broke down?"

"I would jump" said both the English and Welsh men. But the Irishman replied "I'd jump out and push!"

What did one knight say to the other knight. "Let's call it a day!"

"Doctor, doctor, I feel like a bar of soap". "That's life, boy!"

"Doctor, doctor, I feel like a snooker ball." "Go to the end of the queue."

"Doctor, doctor, I feel like a pack of cards." "I'll deal with you later."

What is oval and wears a kilt and a hat? A Scotch Egg.

What member of the family is always dead? A Mummy.

What would you get if you put boiling water down a rabbit hole? Hot-Cross Bunny.

Why was Adam a fast runner? Because he was first in the human race.

Who invented fractions? Henry the Eighth.

What is green, has six legs, and kills you if it falls on you from a tree? A billiard table.

If a horse has hoese shoes, what has a camel? Sand-shoes.

Why did the bald man put rabbits on his head? From a distance, they look like hare.

Where do roads grow? On Rhododendrom trees.

Why does a frog to go hospital? For an hoperation.

What do you call a pig with no clothes on? Streaky bacon.

What is white and lifts heavy weights? An extra strong mint.

Why did the match box? Because the piano forte.

Sign outside a restaurant "Our Tongue sandwiches speak for themselves".

SIDE

The Great Wall of China isn't. It's st

Lyons' Cafes are doing a roaring trade

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CHARITY BEGINS

A Special Report by
KAREN POWELL &
ELLANA HUGHES,
..... Form 4.

1981 has been designated by the United Nations as the "International Year of Disabled Persons". This country is active in fund raising. It was decided that, under the guidance of Mr. Edward Ephgrave and Mrs. R. Williams, that our School should be actively involved. The guiding principles have been: a) that the participants get as much fun as possible b) that as much money as possible be raised c) that all the proceeds be given to local charities in the Llanelli district.

With the help of the committee, comprising Michael Lewis, Stephen Haynes, Wyn Edwards, Eifion Watkins, Ellana Hughes, Karen Powell, Sarah Williams and Tina Karacs, various fund raising events have been organized.

Numerous 2 1/2 hour stints of sponsorship took place earlier in the year and the participants came from all years in the school. The events included guitar-playing sessions, table tennis marathons, darts matches, snooker and an exasperating pillow-fight!

Disabled persons including Raymond Jenkins, Freddie Hearne, Peggy McCarthy and John Griffiths, were invited to initiate the foregoing events. Also invited was a local guitar tutor, Mr. Clive Gustaffsen.

Other successful fund-raising campaigns have been a car wash organized by Mr. Wyn Owen: a Staff vrs. 6A Soccer match (boys won!), a disco arranged by the Upper Sixth and a bucket of water throw over 6A which, of course, turned many of the participants into big drips!

The Fancy Dress Flag Day proved a great success and over £400 was raised. The collectors, outrageously dressed, ranged from a baby in a pram (complete with nappy) to a Notty Ash Diddy Man. The Diddy Man was chosen to receive first prize from the Mayor of Llanelli.

Two of our own pupils in particular have contributed tremendously to the School's fund-raising-- Julia Protheroe, sponsored for knitting a scarf which reached the incredible length of 100 feet. Lisa Pudner, for swimming 46 lengths of the Jubilee Pool. Lisa also holds the title for being the highest individual fund-raiser to date-- over £33. The form which has collected the most is 5W with £332.

Unfortunately, one event was notoriously unsuccessful: a sponsored slim by the girls of Forms 3 and 4. However, two of the teachers who took part in the event raised a considerable amount. Mr. Ephgrave lost 11 lbs. and Mr. Jeffrey Parker-Davies lost over two stone!

We have also gained knowledge of what all the fund-raising is about. Various visits have been made to disabled societies in the area the Disabled Drivers' Association, the Heol Goffa Special School, the Handicapped Art and Craft Exhibition and the Llanelli Gateway Club.

From the present Funds, donations have already been accepted--
£1000 to the Llanelli Disabled Drivers' Association
£1000 to the Llanelli Deaf Centre. Soon it is hoped that £500 will be presented to Spina Bifida.

SPORTS REPORT

by JAMES HILL and SARA LOUISE WILLIAMS
BIG HIT.....

There was no Upper School Cricket team this year but a few boys were chosen to play for Dyfed Schools' Cricket Team. They were Wyn Lloyd, Richard Bassett, David Alford and Ian Soar. Wyn Lloyd was chosen to represent Wales at International Level.

ATLETICS.....
This year, the Dyfed Schools' Athletics Championships were held in Haverfordwest. A few boys and Girls represented Llanelli having been chosen from the schools' championship at Bryngwyn School. There were many creitable performances and Ian Thomas of Form Six finished first in the 400 m hurdles. James Hill of form six was second in the 1500m. Ian Thomas then represented Dyfed in the 400 hurdles in the Welsh Schools' Athletics Championship and finished sixth.

NETBALL.....
Despite bad weather during the season, the forms 2, 3 and 4 Netball teams kept a full fixture list. Forms 2 and 3 had quite a successful season with a high percentage of matches won. While Form 4 only lost two matches throughout the season, they came second in the Llanelli League and each player received a plaque. In the annual Crime Prevention Tournament, the 4 Year team came runner up and again each member was presented with a plaque. Susan Thomas and Sara Williams were both selected to play for the Llanelli Schoolist Junior VII and Sara was also chosen to play for the First Junior Dyfed VII.

More Sport on Page 21.

FRENCH LEAVE



The itinerary of the recent trip to France made by pupils of the school was as follows:- on Thursday, April 9th, at 3.55 pm, school was left, and after a brief stop at the Leigh Velamare service station, Southampton was reached at about 9pm. After an hour's wait before boarding the ferry, the crossing was made on a fairly calm sea, and Le Havre was reached at about 6.30 am. on the next morning.

Later that morning (the 10th April), a coach took the pupils to Souillac. En route, a stop was made at Cahors, in order to visit the city's cathedral. After passing through Orleans and Limoges, the coach finally arrived at Souillac at 9pm, after an exhausting fourteen hours of travel: the arrival at the Hotel de France was very welcome to all.

The third day was spent exploring Souillac. In small groups, the children wandered around the shops and after lunch, they strolled beside the river Dordogne and a chapel was visited.

On the Fourth day, they visited the caves at Padirac. These caves are rather unusual, in that to get to them, a 150 ft. descent has to be accomplished in a lift, as well as a walk down a flight of steps. The entrance to the cave is a large hole in the ground having vertical walls. When they reached the bottom of the steps, the pupils on boat trip on an underground lake. The boats, each of which could ferry ten children, were long, flat barges propelled by men standing on the rear of the craft, punting with long poles. After the boat trip, another part of the cave was visited where many stalactites and stalagmites (natural underground features) were apparent.

After Padirac, the pupils visited a chateau called Fénelon, where somebody attempted to seize and retain the entrance bell as a souvenir. Every time this bell was rung, an alarm was sounded within the chateau, and since virtually everybody rang the bell, the caretaker was extremely annoyed. Having left Fénelon, Domme, a perfectly preserved medieval town, was visited, and this place also provided a marvellous viewpoint for the surrounding area. They then went to a small village on the banks of the river Dordogne, where a chateau was situated high on the top of a cliff. Another high chateau was visited; together with the geographical problems which were encountered in reaching it, a thunderstorm also occurred and later caused a rapid return to the coach, to return to Souillac.

The fifth day brought an excursion to the caves of Pêche-Merle, which is celebrated for cave drawings. Two hours were spent there during which time a film with a French dialogue was seen, about the history of the drawings and how they were discovered. The pupils then went to an ancient medieval town called St. Cirque Lapopie, which had no electricity and the buildings of which have been kept in the same condition for centuries. After a brief visit to Cahors, where the famous two-towered bridge was seen, the coach returned to Souillac.

The following morning was spent in and around the hotel and shopping centre of Souillac. The afternoon was passed in a large medieval town, Sarlat, which has narrow streets and old houses, in addition to a marvellous conglomeration of old shops. Since five hours were available to the pupils, most of the opportunity of buying gifts there was utilized to good effect. A disco was staged at the hotel in the evening by hotel staff.

For the third time, caves were visited on the seventh day of the holiday, situated at LaCave. Access to the cave involved an underground train journey through a narrow passage and at its end a climb of stairs or an ascent by lift to the destination. The lift guide was a melancholy individual, who threatened to stop the cave tour if anyone took photographs. In the caves, the party saw a series of subterranean lakes in interconnected caves, and one of the latter was lit with ultraviolet light which made any white clothes glow.

After LaCave, the pupils progressed to Rocamadour, a town literally perched on the side of a cliff, and consisting of several long, narrow streets. Above the town was a chateau, and to get to it involved an arduous climb up many steps. When the top was reached, the reward of the efforts was a spectacular view of the valley, in which Rocamadour was situated. The eighth, and final, full day of the holiday, began with an early rise (6.30 am.), as the long journey home had to be begun as early as possible.

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French Leave (continued.....)

Due to a rapid return, some time was left for a short stay at Paris, where the Eifel Tower was visited, and where a coach tour was undertaken, encompassing most of the city's major spectacles.

Having reached Le Havre, the night crossing (on rough seas), was accomplished, Southampton being reached at 7 am. the next day. Finally, Llanelli was reached at 11.50 am.

A thoroughly enjoyable holiday had come to an end, made so, to a large extent, through the efforts of Mrs. Lloyd, whom all members of the trip would like to thank.

QUIZ Answers on the Back Page.

1. What is the twelfth man in a cricket team not allowed to do?
2. Who is the World Heavyweight Boxing champion?
3. What is the longest railway tunnel in the world?
4. Which former Radio 1 Disc jockey is going to attempt to beat the World Water Speed Record for propeller-driven craft?
5. How many issues have there been of "The Jester" including this one?
6. Which Radio 1 Disc jockey is returning from America?
7. Which female starred in the film "Ten"?
8. What is the name of Michael Crawford's latest West End hit?
9. Name one of the original "Top of the Pops" Disc jockeys.
10. What is the biggest mammal?

BATTY BOOKS

By GEORGE COX, and LEIGHTON BATES, 1J.

Guns by R. Tillery

The Haunted House by Hugo First

Insect Invasion by Antony Table

Hot and Cold Weather by Luke Warm

Lumberjacking by Tim Berr

Queue for the Bath by Willy B. Longer

The Barmaid by Phyllis Glassup

My Long Lost Husband by Gladys Back

The Garden's Flowers by Rose Dush

Indian Music by Mustapha Singh

Knock this House Down by D. Molish

Accused by Percy Cuto

A Short Break by T. Anne Biscuit.

JESTA-JOKES.....JESTA-JOKE.....JESTA-JOKE.....

What do ghosts play on a billiard table?

Spooker.

What do you call a brick on an Irishman's

head? An extension.

IN THE SUCCESSFUL SWIM

by SARA LOUISE WILLIAMS

Graig School once again swept the board of cups at the Annual Llanelli Schools' Swimming Gala at the Jubilee Pool, Llanelli.

Our swimming teams have had a very successful season. The Girls' teams won all of their sections. They were awarded trophies for winning the Under 13, Under 15, and Over 15 sections.

The boys' teams were presented with trophies for winning the Under 15 and Over 15 Sections. Catrin Hughes must be congratulated on being selected to swim for Wales.

Girls' Results:

Under 13 team, captain Joanna James.

Under 15 team, captain Clare Beynon.

Over 15 team, captain Nicole Rattenbury.

Boys' Results:

Under 15 Team, captain Martin Walters.

Over 15 Team, captain Adrian Hughes.

The team captains of the teams were presented with their trophies by the Headmaster, Mr. R.I. Denis Jones, in assembly the morning after the Gala.

LATE

A Timely Reminder
by SHARON REES, 1J

She had a bad fault, a schoolgirl named Kat
Wherever she went, she always was late.
She couldn't be bothered to make a big fuss
And got to the depot in time for a bus.
Attending the cinema, lost in the queue,
Kate hardly ever saw the picture right thro
If she went to a disco, a dance or a "hop",
By the time she'd arrived, the dancing had
stopped.

At last came the time for her very first da
But thanks to her habits, she started off l
The boy had moved on by the time that Kate
And she had no one but her late self to bla
So girls, lest you miss out on true love su
Get into the habit of being on time!

JESTA-LAUGH JESTA-LAUGH....JESTA-LAUGH

Dying is to cost more at King's Lynn in
Norfolk. Higher burial charges are being
introduced at cemeteries. The higher cost o
living is blamed.

Heard about the acrobat who fell head-over-
heels in love?

THE BACK PAGE

Answers to Rock Quiz... page 14.

1. Lemmy
2. Please Please Me and Let It Be
3. May 1977
4. Free
5. Peter Gabriel
6. Bob Dylan
7. Chuck Berry
8. Crash Course
9. Led Zeppelin
10. Three.

Answers to the Quiz on Page 21:

1. Play in any specialist position.
2. Larry Holmes
3. Simplon II in Switzerland
4. Noel Edmonds
5. 121
6. "Kid" Jensen
7. Bo Derek
8. "Darnum"
9. Peter Murray, Jimmy Saville
10. Whale.



The Postman Bit Him Back!



Did anybody spot my deliberate mistake?



"What do you mean? Bad spelling! That's Algebra!"



AROUND AND ABOUT.....

Usually when we speak of the British Isles we mean the large two islands of Great Britain and Ireland. However, if we take all the smaller islands and islets into consideration, we arriving and the surprising fact that the British Isles number over 5,000 islands and most of them are inhabited. The Orkneys and the Shetlands have 190 islands between them, with 57 inhabited. There are 140 Scilly islands although only 5 are inhabited. There are great numbers of small islands off the west coast of Ireland.

LONDON BRIDGE.....

The London Bridge was put up for sale at an auction in 1968 and was bought by the McCulloch Oil Corporation for one million pounds. It was shipped in 10,000 granite blocks to Lake Havasu City, Arizona, where it was re-erected over a channel of Lake Havasu. The new London Bridge was completed in 1973.

WHO IS UNCLE SAM ?.....

Uncle Sam was the name given by Americans to the Government and administration of the United States in the widest sense-- the human providence that watches over the welfare of the citizens. On the outbreak of the last war with Britain in 1812, a contractor called Elbert Anderson went to Troy, on the Hudson River in New York State, and there collected and packed stores for the American Army. The stores were inspected on behalf of the Government by Ebenezer Wilson and his uncle, Samuel Wilson, whom the workmen knew as Uncle Sam. The barrels were marked E.A. - U.S., meaning "Elbert Anderson, - United States". But that name of the country was not yet very familiar to the workers and one of them humorously suggested that mysterious initials referred to Uncle Sam. The men took the joke with them into the army and it soon became universal.

A WORDY BOOK.....

The Bible consists of 66 books of which 39 are in the Old Testament and 27 in the New. The Old Testament has 929 chapters, 23,214 verses, 592,439 words and 2,728,000 letters. The New Testament has 260 chapters, 7,959 verses, 181,253 words and 836,360 letters.

A COLLECTOR'S RARE ITEM.....

A few copies of this edition of "The Jester" will become collectors' items. Page two in a few copies has been printed Upside Down! If you have one, keep it, it's worth money.