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# EDITORIAL

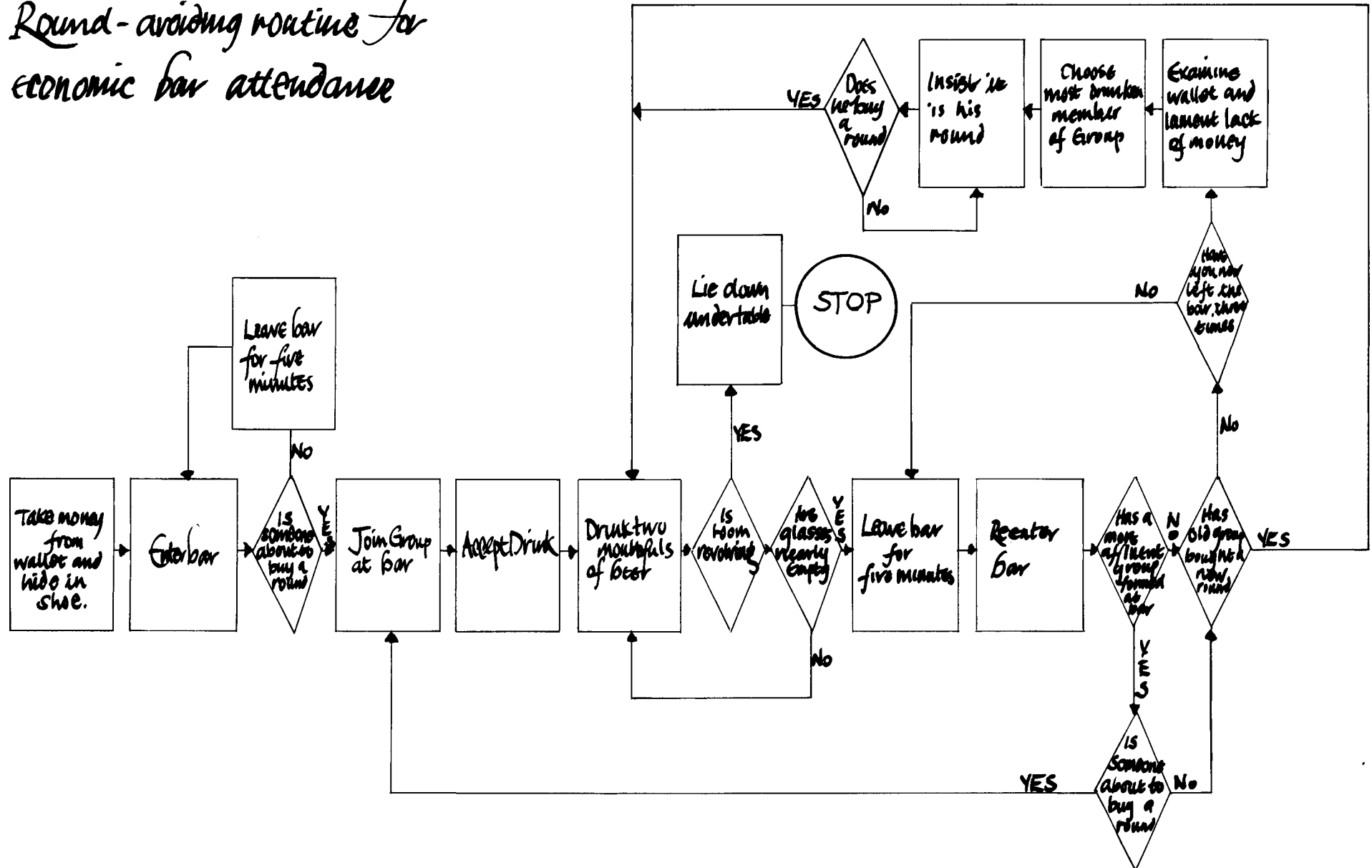
Look at the **Letter from Marlborough**, the interview with M. Guillon, and Reflections on a German Gymnasium. Most of the time, they have two things in common. On one point they are unanimous: for older boys, masters cease to be authoritarian and become friends at their schools. This is quite natural. It is purely acknowledgement of increased maturity, of the fact that boys have become young men, taking more decisions for themselves. But at Mill Hill, a comparatively small number seem to feel that many of the masters are their close friends, for the atmosphere does not encourage such relationships. This deficiency should be remedied as soon as possible by both Masters and boys. For although the cure should be relatively easy, the atmosphere of trust is highly important. Only through this **two-way** exchange (a foundation of a good changing society), can we hope to solve harder problems.

Harder problems, such as why a lot of the seniors of the school say they are fed up. M. Guillon and John Lane both say similar things. Tony Paterson, on the other hand, admits (privately) that most senior boys at the Gymnasium find it quite good fun. (At best, many of our seniors would call it an existence at Mill Hill.) Why should the Gymnasium have no problems of this sort. Because it is co-educational? Because of being day-boys? Whatever the reason, that that school has solved the problem means it can be solved. That it should be solved more completely at Mill Hill is beyond question, for dissatisfaction among the seniors is similar to some bad apples in a box of good ones — the whole box turns sour.

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*Round-avoiding routine for economic bar attendance*





## A CYNICAL (?) VIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING

First of all before anything else is said I must say I realize you're not prejudiced. After all, nobody is anymore except maybe a few ignorant peasants down south. But knowing you're not prejudiced or anything, I do have a couple of questions I'd like to ask you. When was the last time you saw a negro in a television commercial? OK, how many Negroes are in your classes? Two, maybe three? How well do you know them? And when was the last time you were in the home of one of your black friends? Tell me something else. How comfortable would you feel if you were the only white person in a bus? Be honest. And what do you feel when you see a group of black kids approaching you. What kind of thoughts run through your head? And how many times have you been in Harlem in the last week? Last month? In your life? How did you feel there, what did you think? Oh, excuse me, it slipped my mind, a person could get killed up there! Someone once said maybe we'll all be happier when we're all coffee coloured. But then I forgot nobody's prejudiced anymore except maybe a few ignorant peasants down south.

G.L.

I will not be ordered, I'll just refuse.  
Why not? Go ahead, it can but amuse.

What do you mean, do you like it like this?  
No, but then who does, you can't be remiss.

I don't understand; we'll stand up and fight.  
Down to the very last man? Yes that's right.

For God's sake, surely someone will help me.  
Oh! not I, nor me, we've tried it you see.

Oh I see, you want to give up and run.  
What else can one do? I'd rather have fun.

So you can see, my friend, what is the point?  
Yes, I understand, but must you exploit?

Now, my friend, calm down, become one of us.  
Well, I don't like it, but why make a fuss?

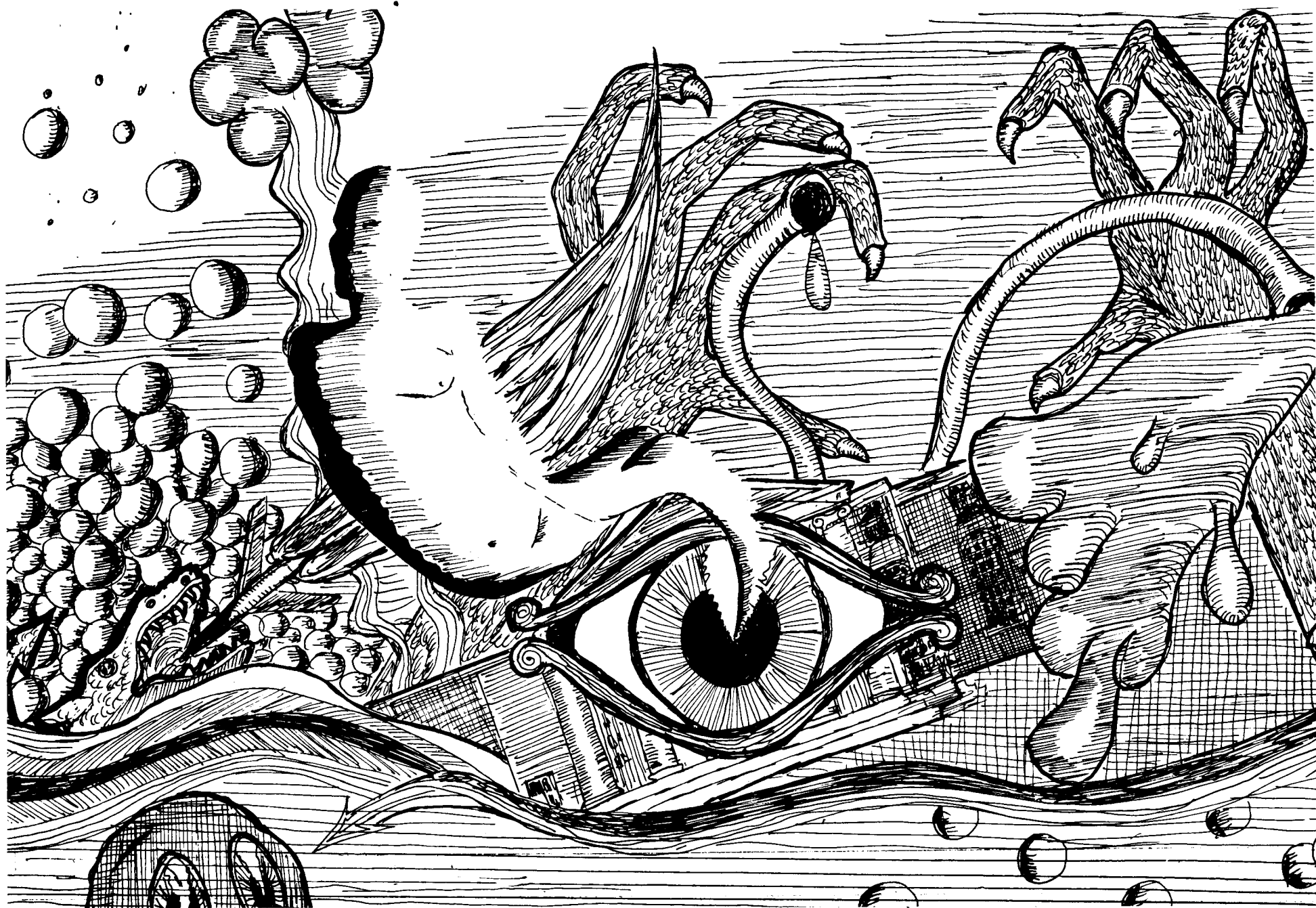
Reason's forthcoming, the way becomes clear?  
Yes, I see indoctrination is near.

Don't worry my friend, it comes to us all.  
Was this a case of pride before the fall?

Undoubtedly, then, it's all over now.  
Yes, of course that's right, I'll not make a row.

Oh! how excellent, another goes down.  
Who'll be next to join our merry-go-round?

P.E.



## From The Embankment

A pall of thick, black, smoke  
Supresses the sun on the horizon.  
Orange points of light lie in rows  
Like soldiers on parade.  
Big, depressing blocks of brick and cement  
Arrest the already limited view.  
The long, tapering rails disappear into the dusk,  
Their silver sheen quickly fading.  
Somewhere down the line  
A train whistles:  
A long, shrill scream  
That shatters the urban quiet assunder.  
A green light flickers.  
Dark red rust hisses on the ballast  
As it falls  
From the stark, skeletal outlines of the bridge,  
Dislodged by vibrations.  
Somewhere a child begins to wail.

K.N.M.

today  
i met a  
yank who  
wasnt overpaid  
wasnt gumchewing  
didnt wave cigarettes around  
and wasnt a loudmouthed b.....  
NEEDLESS to say i almost had  
a mild coronary for i  
was always under  
the impression  
yanks slouch  
as they  
walk

B.K.F.

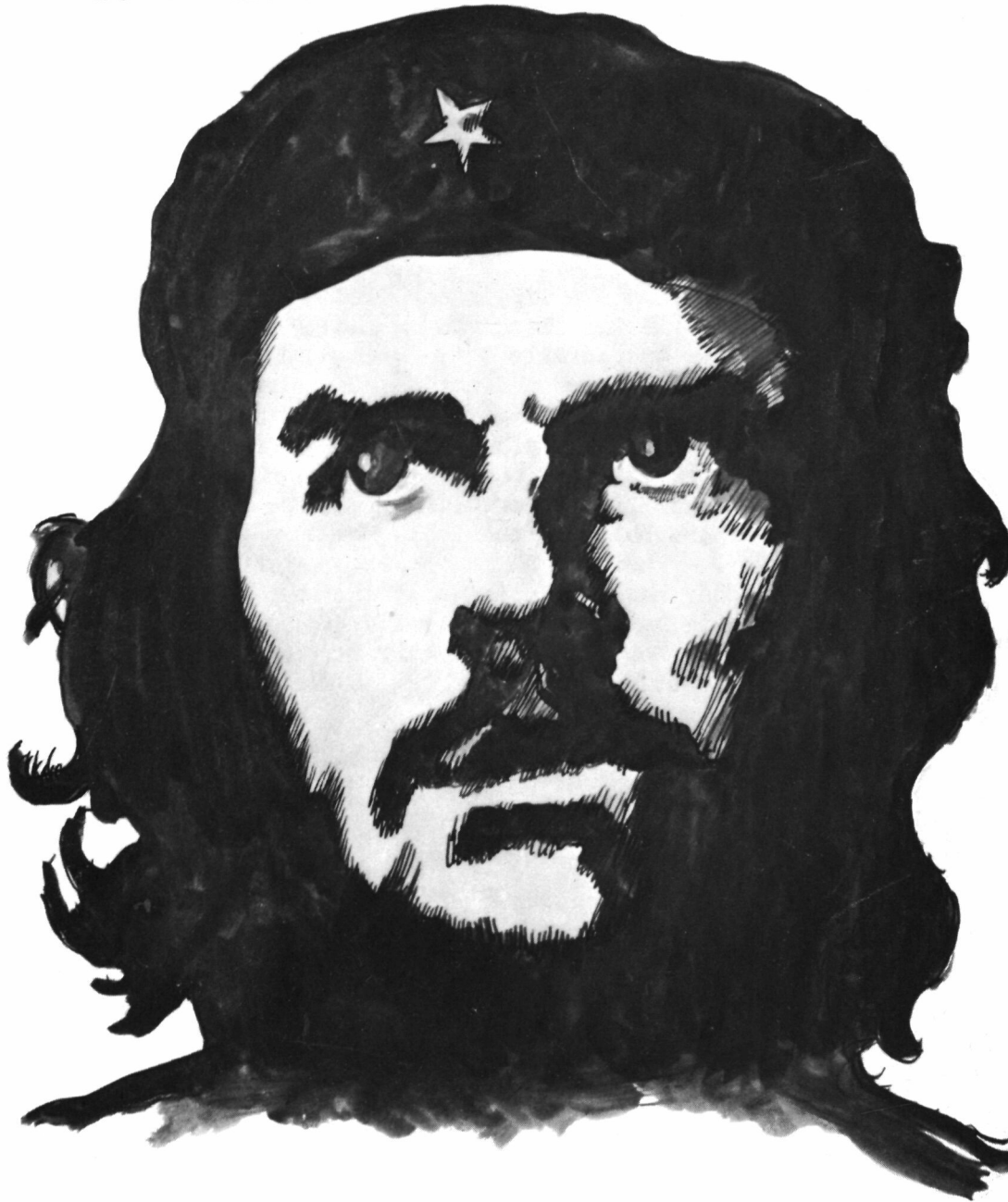
## Life After Death

Nowadays, everyone is afraid of death. They may not admit it, but there is always that lurking fear of the unknown and inevitable which is, in fact, the basis for belief in life after death. How it came about is obvious: A person is afraid of death, therefore he tries to obtain some way of comforting himself. What could be more comforting than life after death? So he adopts that belief. In the clergyman, a human element is brought into play: the ability to do right and wrong. But life still continues, even under the definition, eternal death. That is the religious viewpoint. However, it does not necessarily have anything to do with religion. Totally irreligious people, in fact, may believe in some form of life after death, such as reincarnation. These beliefs, then, are formed completely by fear. There is no logical background to these ideas. Nobody has ever come to inform us of this. If they have, then it has to be assumed that they have come back from death, for that is the only way they could inform us of what it is like. So, the only hypothesis one has is that, for there to be life after death there must have been life after death, if you follow the reasoning. This at the best is a rather ridiculous and useless argument. But, unfortunately, it is the only existing one. Spirits and ghosts have nothing whatsoever to do with the problem. It is only we who associate death with them, after all. So we cannot prove life after death. We can prove, however, that consciousness is due to certain molecules, if you like, moving in paths through the brain cells, and also that a now-accepted definition of death is the time at which this movement stops.

But to say that as an argument, the thesis, "you cannot prove me wrong" is valid, is I think, either sheer stupidity or unreasonable obstinacy.

B.K.F.

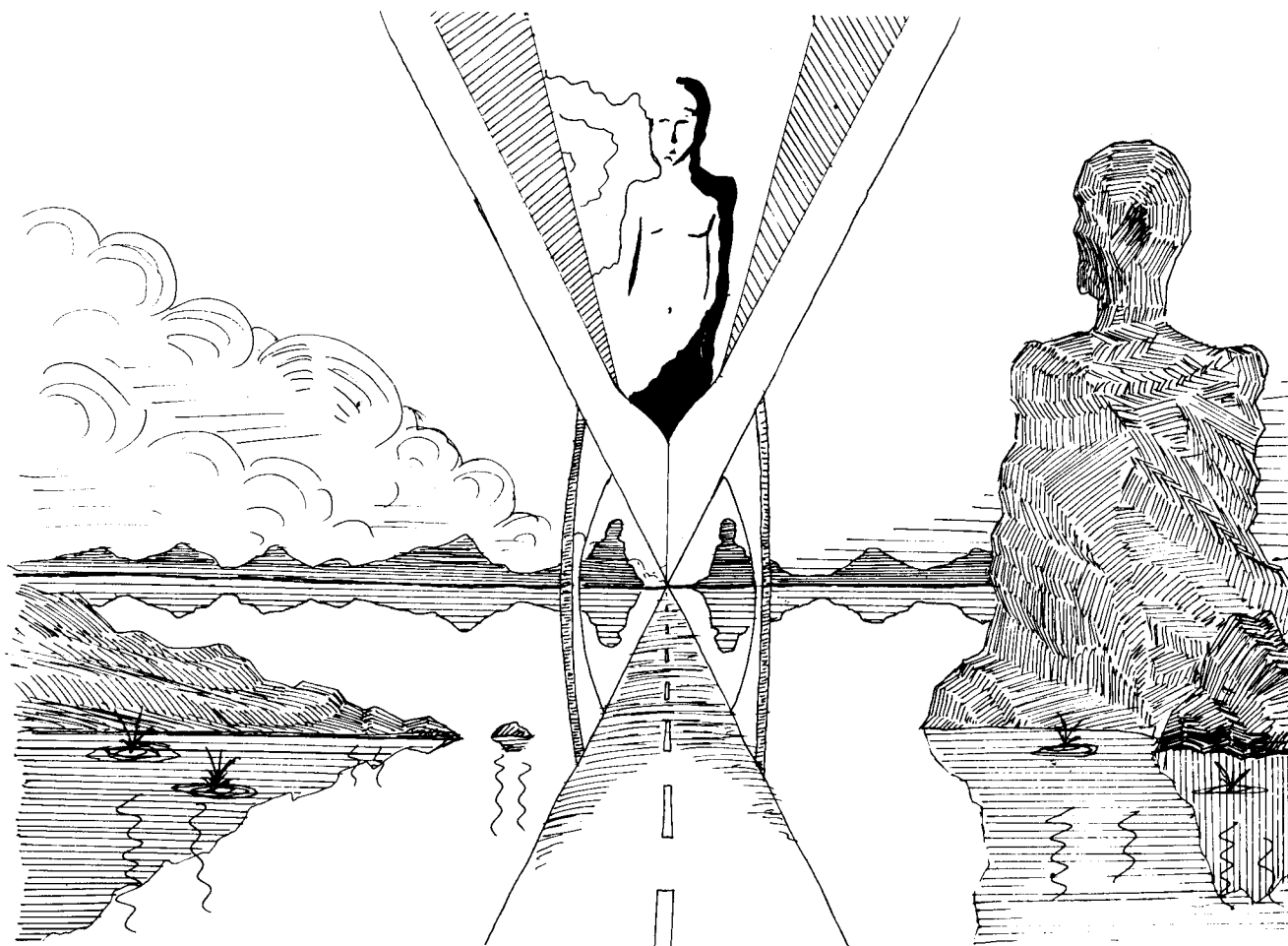
# REBELLION



## A Shorter Lexicon of The Bourgeois Society

1. Even in the best of homes . . .
2. Fortunately all of Charles's friends are nice boys.
3. I expect a boy to respect my daughter when she gets to that age.
4. I don't care if everyone in the world is living in sin, it's none of my business.
5. Children should *learn* to be happy living in a completely free atmosphere.
6. I don't think our children would be happy living in a completely free atmosphere.
7. I object to being told anything by my kids.
8. Conscription was a jolly good thing.
9. Dance halls in the West End are not good for a boy of sixteen.
10. Freud doesn't know everything you know.

Edited by Steve Wright from a work by Joe Benke.



# FEATURE

## *Life Elsewhere Existence at Mill Hill*

### INTRODUCTION :

This set of articles is divided into two parts. The first part takes a serious look at schools other than Mill Hill. The aim of including the pieces is to show how different types of schools are run, how students help govern, and the general atmosphere in them. Admittedly the scope is minute, but some of the alternative methods of running a school are noteworthy, to say the least.

The second part should speak for itself.

### REFLECTIONS ON A GERMAN GYMNASIUM

An electric bell tingles sounding more like a clock chime than a school bell and the “Gymnasium’s” assorted students move up the stairs and into ultra-modern classrooms. Some wear jeans and sweaters and others the more conventional style jackets and trousers. “Students” as opposed to “pupils”, ages ranging from eleven to nineteen attend the Gymnasium: Germany’s school system for educating people up to Abitur, the equivalent to our “A” level.

Here one does not regard the pupils as a uniformed and trimmed majority but more as free acting individuals. There are no traces of uniform and beards and long hair are not in the least uncommon. These restrictions being absent, one notices a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere. There is no need for “assembly” here for what the Headmaster wishes to announce to his students is broadcasted throughout the school by a system of intercom. In the break students meet, talk, and smoke if they want to. A special room is provided for these purposes. Smoking is certainly not encouraged, but it is not forbidden on any account for if somebody want a cigarette, let them have it, and be it on their own head if they die of lung cancer.

Most “Gymnasiums” are coeducational, the result being that girls are not regarded as something from outside, the great unknown, but human beings. There is no feeling of embarrassment among the male students working with their female counterparts. In fact, they help to stabilize the atmosphere in the classroom. At least if anybody has any relationship with the opposite sex it is not regarded as something “out of the ordinary”.

One of the impressive factors of German schools is their cleanliness. The lavatories are clean and the classrooms are clean, comfortable and modern.

Neither monitor nor prefect exists in the Gymnasium and any authority is maintained by the staff. Masters are at the Gymnasium to teach and are not concerned with regulating out-of-school life. They are treated with respect but not the respect of the commoner to a king but rather as friends. They have no power over pupils’ appearance, desires or habits. Teaching on this basis seems to work quite well and there is more of an instilled desire to work than a feeling of being driven to it.

On the whole the atmosphere of the Gymnasium is very liberal, relaxed and pleasant. The atmosphere is not curbed by numerous rules but freely encouraged.

A. G. Paterson

# FEATURE

## *Life Elsewhere*

### INTERVIEW WITH GUY LESSER

Jay Flynn:

How much do the students participate in the decision-making at your school?

Guy Lesser:

I think I'd better mention two schools I was at which were basically different. One was called New Lincoln, a rather radically oriented school, which other people slander as really progressive, and the other one is Bronx High School of Science, reputed to be one of the best in the country. In New Lincoln, students played a very active role in so-called student-government. There were a variety of councils and they did have a say, a mere token. Students did half of the administration of the schools in many ways, not to the extent of paying the teachers, but they really decided what projects and that sort of thing would be done. It ended up being very good and it was quite effective. Bronx High School of Science had a token student council which did absolutely nothing. However, the students there, and I know from experience, exercised a rather negative type of influence in the sense that a variety of demonstrations were staged which were not very effective.

First of all, both of these were day schools, and so they obviously had a different slant from Mill Hill. Both of the schools had no regulations on hair or clothing. Bronx High School of Science did have some rather mediocre absurd regulations. One of them was that you could wear any sort of dungarees or levis other than blue, and we staged a protest against this and about 500 people turned up in blue dungarees. Well, we were all herded into the auditorium and given a lecture. However, it seemed to have some effect in the sense that about two weeks later other similar actions at other schools caused regulations to be changed so that blue dungarees could be worn.

J.F.: I understand that the law is very tough on drinking in the States.

G.L.: Oh, yes, definitely. It varies from state to state. In New York, the age at which drinking is permitted is 18, but it's 21 in some other states. They enforce the laws more stringently than they do here.

J.F.: Are you allowed to smoke?

G.L.: Yes. At New Lincoln they have what they call a student lounge which they use during what you call here frees; they play cards and smoke — it's a lot of fun. Bronx Science, on the other hand, takes the same view as is taken here. "Smoking just doesn't exist" but they just turn a blind eye. As I said, it was a day school, so there's no great problem.

J.F.: Are the schools co-educational?

G.L.: Yes. Both of them are. But how can you expect people to have effective dealings with the opposite sex if they are split up from them?

J.F.: Do you find that the boys are unduly distracted at work and do stupid things as a result of this?

G.L.: No, not at all. I think that perhaps if Mill Hill went co-ed, for the first term or so things would be a bit chaotic, but I think after that things would settle down and you'd find it a much more rewarding system.

J.F.: How do the school fees go?

G.L.: At New Lincoln it was approximately £1,200-a-year day school. At Bronx Science it was free; it was run by the City.

J.F.: What can you tell me about student movements?

G.L.: They exist. Let me tell you about the one at Bronx Science. There are two parts of it. First of all a publication called "Sans Culottes" which is referred to formally as free high-school press and it's run independently of all faculty control and its purpose is to enable any high school student to express his opinion about censorship and other problems. The second part is very much like the movements we both have in our universities — in other words, co-ordinated demonstrations.

# FEATURE

## *Life Elsewhere*

Dear Matt,

### **Letter from Marlborough**

I will now say what I can in reply to your request, beginning with answers to your direct questions. Concerning communication of student opinion: I think we're good on this. We have certain official meetings whereby student opinion is made quite plain to the staff. These are in the form of Junior Parliament, Chapel Committee, Hall Committee, Captain's meetings and Prefect's meetings. For the first three there is a representative from each house, who collects opinion from his house on the relevant subjects, (i.e. Junior Parliament—general, Hall—food and meals). He gives a list of topics to the Senior Prefect, who boils them all down into an agenda for a general meeting of representatives. At this meeting all the most important topics are discussed, and by the end of the meeting there is a final list of all the most important topics. This is then given to the Master and relevant beaks (sorry, that's our word for masters). From then on the ball is in their court. (I speak only from experience of the Junior Parliament, but I presume it's the same for all other committees). Reforms from Junior Parliament are small and on points of detail, but even so its very presence provides reassurance. The Hall committee has also produced little, except perhaps a slight improvement in quality but not variety of food. The big change in Hall, the change-over to a cafeteria system, which will happen soon, will not have been a result of any general feeling but as a result of necessity brought on by the difficulty in employing kitchen staff.

The other main reform of recent times, the introduction of a small number of girls (15 among 820 boys), was not brought about solely by student opinion. Certainly it was pro-girls, but the real reason for it was that the Master wanted to give as many girls as the Council would let him have here, the opportunity of better academic and general prospects than they would normally have at a girls' school. However, although the experiment was as successful as could have been expected, considering the proportion of boys to girls, it would be fair to say that the girls tend to group among themselves and among a closed circle of boys.

The second type of student communication, Captains' and Prefects' meetings, are slightly different and have different consequences. The Captains' meetings is a meeting of those in authority at the top of the house. At these meetings problems of administration are discussed with the housemaster and small administrative changes made. The prefects' meeting is the same sort of thing, but concerning the whole school rather than each individual house. On the whole, these meetings are of little consequence.

There is probably more communication on the personal level than on any other. There are many beaks who are willing to talk to boys privately and hear what they have to say in complete confidence. These beaks are usually not chaplains or housemasters, because they have greater responsibility to "the system". They are rather unattached beaks with less direct responsibility. Their patience and advice mean a lot to many individuals. It is a great relief to be able to talk to someone considerably older than oneself on personal matters.

As regards reaction to reform, certainly among boys it is mostly favourable, simply because any reforms are inspired by our general feeling. Most of the staff also react favourably to reform, for obviously they have no mean say in what reforms are made. Only a minority of the older, more conservative, beaks are opposed to any reforms.

Concerning authority, the system is worked mainly on a house basis. Each house has so many House Captains and a Head of House, who is a School Prefect. Only the Senior Prefect is chosen outside the house system. In all but one of the houses there is no voting system for choosing the House Captains and their election is certainly not democratic. The onus rests almost solely on the Head of House and housemaster, with, I suppose, the approval of the Master.

Despite all this the general feeling is of frustration rather than contentment, but I don't think one can blame the system. At the moment people want to be able to smoke and drink. And when they can do that they will want to do something else ad nauseam. This never ending desire for reform is not the fault of the system, it can't be because that's what they're trying to break down. It must be the fault of something less inert . . .

J.L.



# FEATURE

## *Life Elsewhere*

### INTERVIEW WITH M. GUILLON

Jay Flynn:

How do the pupils help in the decisions?

Philippe Guillon:

It's very different between the higher and lower forms. In the higher forms, they can always go and see the masters to discuss any points they wish, and they do it very often. But there is a system whereby about once a month or twice a term a council of all the masters meet two delegates from each form and they discuss any point they like. A report written about the discussion is read to the whole form. In the lower forms there is the same sort of system but it doesn't help so much. It isn't taken as seriously as in the top forms.

J.W.F.: What is the nature of the relationship between the teachers and the boys?

P.G.: Well, it depends mainly on the teacher and how he wants to manage his form. Some are very friendly but there is sometimes a strong opposition from the parents because they consider that the child should not be asked what he would like to do — that the master should decide. The Head Master is much in favour of free discussion and masters being there to help with a student's work, rather than to decide what has to be done.

J.W.F.: Are people happy in the school?

P.G.: Well, it mainly depends on the person. I'd say that pupils in the youngest, say about 4th form are happy apart from a few exceptions. But they get bored when they are about 15 or 16 and there is always plenty of trouble in what is about the equivalent of 5th form.

J.W.F.: What are the rules concerning smoking and drinking?

P.G.: Day boys are not allowed to do either on the premises. For boarders from about removes or 5th form onwards they are allowed to smoke in their common room mainly in the evening, but not in the playground so as not to produce a bad effect on smaller boys who are not allowed to smoke. But at home it's quite frequent that they are allowed to smoke from when they are about 15.

Drinking? Well, it can't really be answered because it seems accepted and obvious that it's not a vice in France. Most of them, I suppose, once or twice a week, go to a cafe after leaving school just to have a drink of beer or anything else, but they are not really keen on alcohol. They wouldn't go for a Martini or that sort of thing; they just don't like it.

J.W.F.: Have the headmaster and any of the

teachers at school been thinking in the long term of going co-ed?

P.G.: Well, it will certainly be co-educational within, let's say, the next 20 years, but it has already started in secondary schools when it was necessary. The local authority reckon that you must have at least 500 or 600 students to be able to run a school. So if they can't gather enough people to make up the sets and all the sections they need, they just put boys and girls together. From an educational point of view, I personally think that it's the best thing to do, and it will be done, but I can't really say how the headmaster feels about this.

J.W.F.: What kind of out-of-school activities do you have?

P.G.: On Thursday afternoons, they have team sports. There are 4 teams in soccer, 1 in rugby, 4 in handball, 3 in basketball, and one in netball, which compete against other big schools in the county. This year we have started a new system for Saturday afternoons. There is no school any more and they can choose between 30 different activities from classical guitar to typewriting or mending old bicycles. We try to cover all the different possible fields of interest.

# FEATURE

## *Existence at Mill Hill*

Mill Hill School, situated 12 miles away from the smoke and grime of London and 3/4 miles away from the Ivy, has a world of its own, yet in its own delightful way, this rural retreat contributes a fair part of the smoke.

School colours are highly regarded in the school. They can either be purchased at Blenheim Steps, or imported from such places as India or Pakistan.

It has been announced that, in an attempt to rival the hostile competition now flourishing in the village, Blenheim Steps will now make available a third lump of sugar per cup of tea, on Saturday afternoons.

Emphasis at the school has for a long time been on a sporting note. The success of the first fifteen is of great interest, and the theory "If you can play with a wooden bowl, you can win with a leather ball" has greatly contributed to it.

The hard men of the gym have provided the makings of a flourishing minor sport. Enthusiasm has returned to the shooting eight following the adoption of a new type of target, the moving moustache. On a more academic note, the school has opened a new workman's course which offers fine opportunities for instruction in drain laying and digging on Fishing Net.

The Natural History Society boasts many rare species this year. The Lesser Bald Coot has been seen strutting on the Park, as has the Greater Beaked Parrot, which has presumably escaped from a nearby house. This society also makes use of the well-equipped Biology Block which nestles in the lee of the Science Block like a locust sheltering from the elements (fire, water, gas, etc.).

Another building suffering a slow death is the 20-year-old temporary Economics Block. In an attempt to claim the distinction of being the levellest place on the car park, Murray's second house seems to be sinking towards its sister on the farm. By gracious consent of the school, Murray might be third time lucky. We wish them every misfortune. This hut makes the total number of wrecks up to three, and they all join in off-setting a brilliant red sports car, which can occasionally be seen inching its way onto the Ridgeway.

On Friday afternoon, the Quad trembles with the patter (and other obnoxious noises) of tiny stormtroopers, in contrast to the other troopers who seem to be receiving instruc-



Master's Meeting

tion in the more manly arts of skating and bowling.

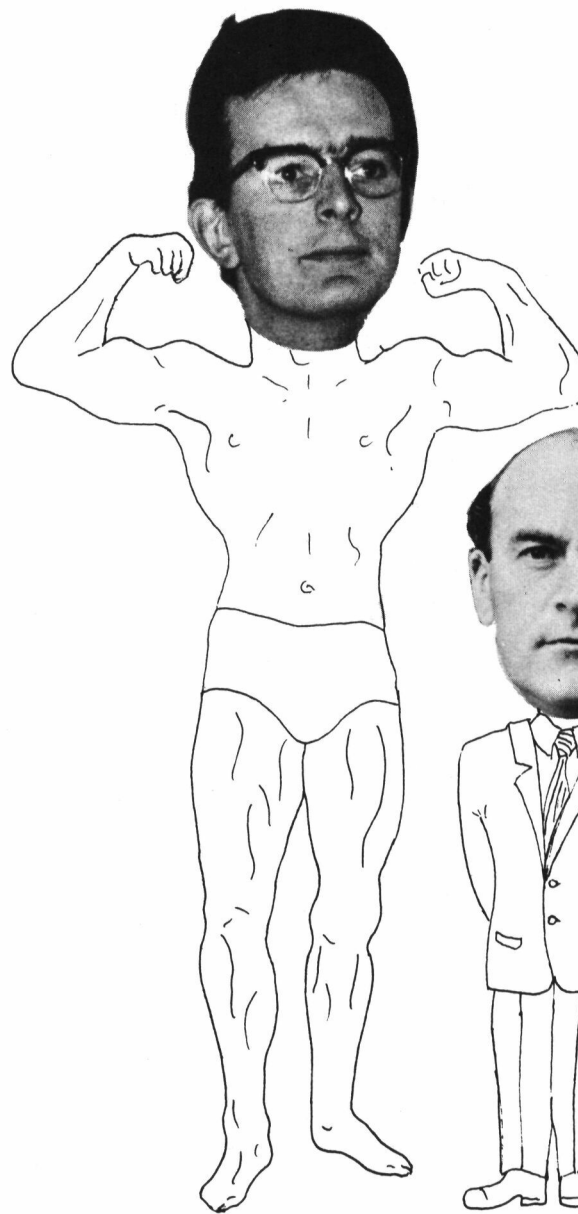
As the day grinds to a halt, so occasionally does the library clock. But not everything is silent, for one knows that School House is still ticking over (at 1.0186 beats per second), recharging for the challenges of the oncoming day.

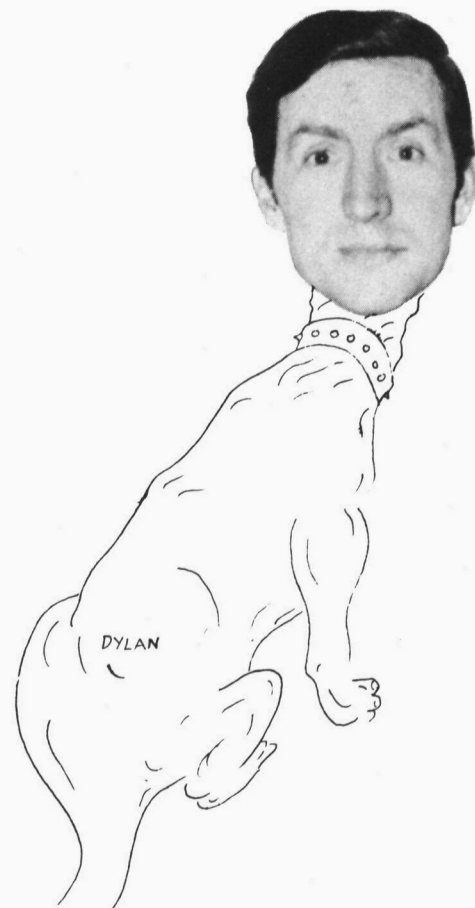
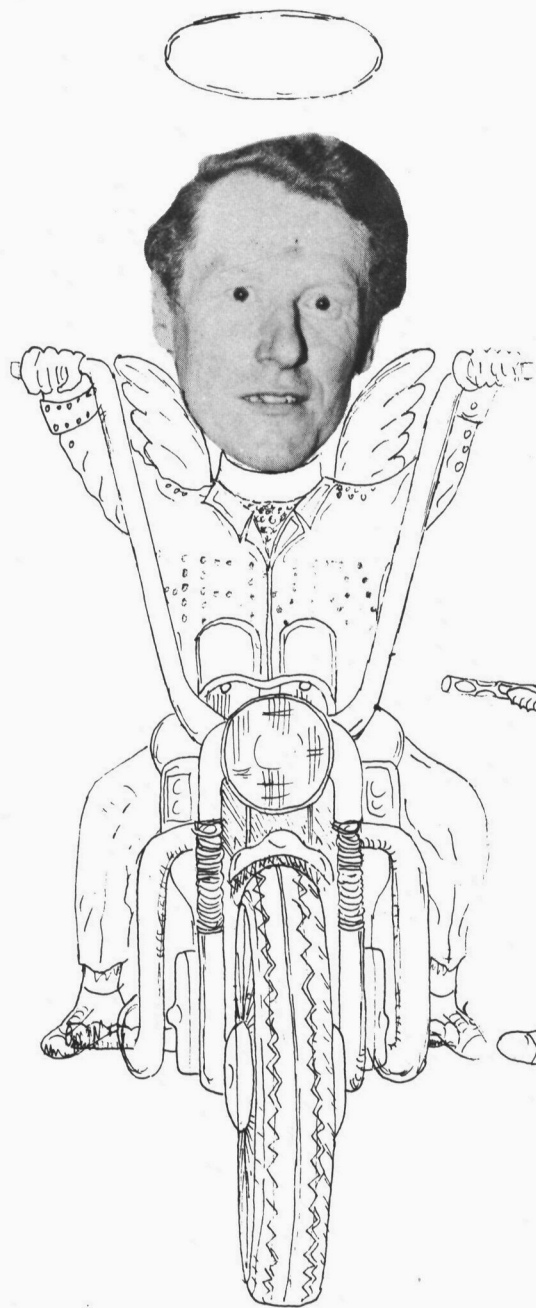


Exchange students discover one of our peculiar body-building exercises



Prefects are now allowed to wear their own clothes







## THE AMERICAN NEGRO

In view of all the violence arising from negro dissent and dissatisfaction, it may be interesting to remind ourselves exactly what is happening and why.

It seems that currently there is a fundamental reason why negroes are rebelling. They are rebelling against the fact that they do not have a stake in the success and prosperity of society and because they feel they have no chance to earn it. With reference to the negro, this means a lack of satisfactory housing conditions and unequal opportunities. Consequently, failing all other means, they use violence which, for better or for worse, is essential when democracy refuses to face an urgent problem. Indeed, significant progress only began to be made when negroes first adopted violence as a means to their end and, as such, it has remained singularly effective.

Thus, it becomes evident that the problem of social welfare is the big stumbling block and the main reason why such slow progress has been made in this area is that, from a humanitarian point of view, many of the Senate and even more, proportionally, of Congress have not sorted their priorities out. Granted, their problems with the Vietnam war, the "Space Race" and the "Missile Race" are monstrous, but, in spite of these, I still find that their failure to pass more of the vital welfare bills is alarming in view of the fact that they are supposedly qualified to run a nation.

Thus, it is not very surprising that the negroes are tired of trying to compromise and obtaining comparatively little or nothing in return. Whether or not "man was created in God's image", he is still imperfect and, since he has only one life to live, he is not likely to feel he has time on his side. As far as the negroes are concerned, therefore, violence seems to be the logical if not rational conclusion, something which the white population of the United States has been slow to learn, and may have to the hard way.

However, lack of housing and equal opportunities have caused a different reaction among black students at university who have felt driven to seek identification as a race in terms of their history as Africans. Most of them think that it is wrong for white society to impose the teaching about Anglo-Saxon culture to the exclusion of their culture. Consequently, they have rejected some of the teaching and have begun to try to reconstruct their own culture. This is not to suggest that they should become a separate group in the universities but rather that Afro-American studies and black history courses should be initiated at their own institutions. This leads us to question whether the study of black culture, as such, is valid or not. If there were any query as to the existence of such a culture there would be no validity in such a step but rather efforts should be directed towards its development. Logically, however, there is no reason why one culture should take precedent over or even replace another. Moreover, a culture with historic relevance would give the students a sense of purpose and direction and an improvement of morale is most urgent if the negro cause is to progress.

J.W.F.

## BELMONT LETTER

Dear Sir,

Like every other school, our outdoor activities have been seriously curtailed by the weather, but the rare occasions that we have been able to play, both our rugger and soccer teams did well. Against two defeats our first XV were able to set four convincing wins and the standard of football which they reached was high.

The weather was not the only enemy this term. Our ranks were decimated by a strange virus during the last fortnight necessitating the postponement of the music competition and concert until next term. The cast of the school play, "St. Joan", was seriously affected but, true to the tradition of the theatre, the show went on with the help of boys reading parts at very short notice. It was disappointing for the producer, Mr. Steele, and the cast, and they are to be congratulated on putting up such a good performance.

Earlier in the term, the IV forms had to postpone for a fortnight their performance of "Tom Sawyer" in the Chapel. Happily the cast was complete on the postponed date and they scored a resounding success. This was a new enterprise which we hope very much will be repeated.

The first fruits of the Rifle Club became apparent when seven boys gained I.A.P.S. certificates for marksmanship at different levels. Our first venture into the I.A.P.S. competition showed that we have a long row still to hoe but there is no lack of enthusiasm and, with increasing experience and confidence, I have no doubt we will move steadily up the league. The new rifles generously subscribed by parents of members will be of the greatest assistance.

Two boys have been chosen to represent the London District in the national Schoolboy Judo championships. This is the first time Belmont has been honoured thus and we congratulate the boys and Mr. Bent, our instructor.

Parents' Day is being held rather later than usual this year — in mid June rather than the end of May, in the hope that the chill blasts of an English spring may have softened somewhat.

Yours sincerely,

Belmontian.

# Press Conference on The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

Needless to say, one of us arrived late, and in his rush was not struck by what the other had been taking in for the last ten minutes: that this was big stuff. Not quite a President's Press Conference, but all the same we must feel **honoured** at being invited to this one. Although the silver of the chairs was somewhat scratched, the robe red carpeting and golden ornaments were a striking reminder that St. James' Palace still is a palace. It was all the more impressive for the lighting, which was so strong that we could have been outdoors. And not only were ITN there, with their rickety, stilt-legged newsreel grinders, but also the sophisticated, three-eyed monsters of the BBC. "Psst. And Michael Barratt."

And asking questions he looked and sounded just as he does on **24 Hours**. But when the Duke of Edinburgh walked into the dutiful silence, he was a different man. For in photos, his face speaks of the insides of Palaces, but in the flesh the weatherbeaten complexion paid homage to beating sun and lashing sea spray, the deep lines to a craggy Welsh mountain. His eyes were calmer and had matured a stage from the adventure and danger of the past. Danger had also taught him calm thought, plain to see at question time.

So the man who had learnt so much from adventure had come to talk of it. It pleased H.R.H. to announce changes in his Award scheme. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme was ten years old and experience had shown where improvements could be made. The main change announced was that the Award no longer differentiates between boys and girls, but generally the whole structure of the Award was to be streamlined.

After the outline of the changes, questions were invited. A few concerned the changes but the main emphasis was on the fundamental aims and effectiveness of the Scheme. Much reference was made to juvenile delinquency, and how well the Scheme was reducing it, but no figures were available. Now here was what worried one most: Was the Scheme a lot of expensive hot air with very little to show in results? How many youths did bother themselves to attempt a Medal? One hardly ever met one, or even heard of one. The Duke was quite satisfied with the numbers: they ran into hundreds of thousands.

So the Scheme does a good job, for the right type of people. But it probably should attract more adults as helpers and young people as candidates. The fulfilment Award-seekers obtain for themselves is probably more of an experience than many people who do not enter for it realise.



His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, presenting certificates at a Gold Award Award Reception in the gardens of Buckingham Palace.



# One for the Pot

HUGH JONES

The production of comedy, especially farcical, is by even the most hardened producers' reckoning, a formidable task always liable to be a complete "flop". The School House Company, however, under the guidance of Simon Trewin, managed to produce a most successful production of the old Brian Rix farce, "One for the Pot". Most ardent playgoers can, I think, remember the past efforts of this Company, which in retrospect are open to a fair amount of criticism. The step taken this year, into the realms of farce was ambitious, to say the least, but any doubts of the Company's ability were dispelled by the audience appreciation of the actors' obvious flair for the comic.

Timing in productions of this sort is, of course, all important. Only twice were the entrance and exit routines noticeably mis-timed, with the dreaded silence of anti-climax creeping in to steal the laughter. The inevitable but always welcome ridicule or fun-poking at the more clandestine members of our association was enacted amidst roars of enthusiasm from the gallery and vaguely appreciative clapping from below. The plot was fairly simple at the outset, with Richard Hoare chasing a considerable legacy under the astute eye of a scheming Simon Trewin. As the plot thickened and Richard Hoare began to multiply, the routines warmed up, the timing improved and the triplicate became more and more exhausted. He seemed to pop up in the most unlikely places through numerous holes in the set, and never once lapsed into the wrong accent. His performance was as near perfect as it could have been, and obviously stood out as the best of the evening. The stock character of the butler, Jugg, was played admirably by Chris Wickenden whose corrupt tendencies were put to good use by the producer. The producer-cum-actor, Simon Trewin, must have had by far the most nerve-wracking evening of all, but managed to survive both his roles unscathed, fitting his twisted part to a "T", and Simon Townsend, though rather stiff at times, performed well.

The audience, of course, formulates its judgement on the performance, but it must be remembered how much effort went into this, especially from behind the set. First and foremost, Miss Adnams was, as always, the saving-grace of the wardrobe department, notably for fitting Jeremy Old into a rather prim piece of dancing attire. Brian Slater, Mrs. Harris, and the Belmontian Mr. Williams handled the make-up problem very professionally, putting fifty years onto Simon Townsend with great flair. The Electrician, Les Fox, kept his fuses intact and Dave Hopkins' prompting was silent in the auditorium. Last, but not least, Woodie Thompson survived a few weeks of argument with the Belmont Company to produce a fine set which luckily kept its seams together.

The production, then, was a great success and a pleasant contrast to the complexities of the main School Play. It is a great feat when the younger generation can produce such successful entertainment almost entirely off their own bat. Not detracting from the efforts of all concerned, congratulations must go especially to Simon Trewin who has even more firmly established the "School House Play" as a regular feature of school entertainment.





# Obituaries

## LT. COL. JAMES CROSS-BROWN, D.S.O., O.B.E.

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Colonel Cross-Brown. He was at Mill Hill from 1895 until 1900, and was always interested in the School. His long association is marked by the annual 1st XV fixture with Col. Cross-Brown's XV, and he attended as usual in 1968.

A separate obituary notice appears elsewhere in this issue, but we at School will miss his presence at the annual match, his liveliness and good humour.

## MISS DORA STARK

Miss Dora Stark came to Mill Hill soon after the end of the war. As Caterer in those days of rationing she was most ingenious in contriving to feed the School with a varied menu and inventing dishes to use rather dull rations. It was a great day when ice cream first appeared on the menu.

Then we had "points" for jam and at the end of each month Miss Stark was to be seen in her office (now the Careers Room) surrounded by piles of confetti-like pieces of paper laboriously counting them before despatch to the Food Office. A careless entry causing a draught would be met with a cry of dismay as "points" showered down over the floor.

When she gave up her post as Caterer, she did not sever her connection with Mill Hill because she went to keep house for her cousin, Dr. Borland (an O.M.) who had been recently widowed, and she was able to keep in touch through his sons.

She returned to Mill Hill for a while to look after the late Bursar's children while Mrs. Horne was in hospital for a year, and yet again she came to the rescue when Mrs. Muriel Moore died and she went to The Grove to act as hostess and housekeeper for Mr. Moore.

Dora Stark was a good friend of Mill Hill and we remember her with affection.

M.L.A.

## OCCASIONAL NOTES

At the end of the Summer Term we shall be saying good-bye to **Mr B. F. C. Sennitt, Mr R. S. Hind and Mr R. Auger**. Mr Sennitt is going to teach Biology and Botany for two years at St. John's College, Tirunelveli, S. India, where he will be joining Mr R. P. Burn, formerly Maths. master at Mill Hill; but we hope to see him back eventually. Mr Hind has been appointed Head of the Physics Department at the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover; and Mr Auger goes to teach Chemistry at Shrewsbury School. We thank them all for what they have done at Mill Hill, and wish them all success.

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**Mr and Mrs Winter** return from Lakefield College School, Ontario, in September, and so we also say farewell to **Mr and Mrs A. D. Harris** after their year here, as they return to Lakefield. It has been refreshing to hear how much Mr Harris has appreciated the way of life in England.

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**Congratulations** are due to Mr Auger and to Mr Farrow on their engagements.

**Congratulations** also to Mr J. Burnet, Master of Belmont, on his appointment as Justice of the Peace in the Gore Division.

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**During the Easter Term the San.** was run by Sister Thomson; we thank her for her work, and welcome Sister O'Kelly in her place. We also welcomed M. Philippe Guillon at the School again, with a party of twelve boys from France; this was a three-week exchange with boys of ours who went to their school, L'Institution Join-Lambert in Rouen, accompanied by Mr Veit. Herr Reiner Pilger was also here to teach German during this period.

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**The Speech and Reading Competition** on Sunday, February 23rd, was kindly and efficiently judged by Mr M. Nightingale, father of S. Nightingale who left as Senior Monitor at Christmas.

**Mrs Hart's drama group** presented another short play for a limited audience as part of the Activities now established for First-year boys on Friday afternoons.

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Fifty-five boys doing English in the Sixth forms went to the Palace Theatre, Watford, to see Harold Pinter in his play "The Homecoming". A Lower Sixth party saw "Hamlet" at the Round House, Chalk Farm. An interesting production was made more memorable by Hamlet's dramatic announcement to the audience that he would not continue, but after a delay he was persuaded back.

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H. James, who is appearing in the film musical of "Goodbye Mr Chips", writes:

"There were some 500 boys at Sherborne for the first week of my eight-week stay, and every week it decreased till in the last four weeks there were only the 53 boys who had come down from London; they were the boys with singing and speaking parts.

"If you have ever imagined life on the set, or filming, as exciting or lively, you are very much mistaken. Some days we had absolutely nothing to do from six in the morning to ten in the evening. Others, I grant, were over-busy and disorganization was evident, with the wardrobe saying they couldn't fit 180 women in 1924 dress at such short notice and the director slowly going round the bend.

"They were all very kind on the set, except perhaps the wardrobe staff who most of the time had good reason; boys ripping trousers on bicycles was a common trick."

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It is worth mentioning that the School has its first girl pupil, who attends some Classical Sixth lessons. Wind of change? — but the ratio is 426 to 1.

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A photo in this issue shows the **transformed scriptorium**. The complete re-decoration and re-furnishing has been carried out through the generosity of Mr J. E. Whitehead, former master, and when the lighting has been changed it will be a very good working-room. We are most grateful for this very kind gift, some of which remains to be spent on the Library itself.

## THE FRENCH TRIP

For most of us, the three weeks were spent in comparative ease, because although lessons lasted a whole hour instead of a modest 45 minutes, the work at "Join-Lambert" was less involved than we were used to. Thanks to Mr. Veit, a trip to Paris was organised, which relieved us of lessons for the day. We were shown all the usual places of interest, but to add to the interest two of the party managed to lose themselves up the Eiffel Tower. Also, an England v. France Soccer match was arranged, but we were routed 8-0. (Luckily, our home team fared much better.) But despite three weeks of constant indoctrination to the French way of life, we still managed to stick out as (perfect?) English Public School Boys.

R. Myers

## THE SCHOOL CHOIR

About twenty-five members of the School Choir took part in a recital in the Union Church, on February 11th and sang part of Haydn's "Creation". The principal soloists were J. Hopewell, H. Manton, P. Jeffes, D. Kenning and S. Terry.

Three boys, P. James, P. Jeffes and S. Terry, joined by D. James (O.M. 68) assisted at a recital given by Mr. Barlow in Emmanuel Church, Northwood, also in February.

The School Choir has spent this term on Haydn's "Creation". We seem to know pretty well the choruses we shall sing in July — let us hope it proves so.

## CHAPEL IN THE SPRING TERM

The first six Sunday services of term had a common theme. We asked preachers to talk about their reasons for doing the particular jobs they are doing.

Fr. Hanrahan was our first-ever Roman Catholic preacher and was asked to talk of the work of the parochial and missionary clergy he teaches at St. Joseph's College, Mill Hill, as well as his own personal calling.

Dr. Sidney Gauntlett is a doctor who decided that he must offer his services to the Salvation Army; the Rev. Wilfred Kerr has left the "parish ministry" to work with War on Want, and the Rev. John Pellow, besides being an author and script-writer, is at work in Stepney and has written of his experiences in "Concrete Village". Each in quite a different way dealt with his personal priorities and raised many interesting points for discussion.

The Head Master summarised the series at its half-way point and the Chaplain at the end. The latter also made some comments on our giving of money in Sunday collections for good causes, particularly in relation to the fact that considerably more was given five or six years ago.

There was a service of music and readings for Lent which included a recorded extract of Jesus describing his Temptation from "The Man Born to be King" and the recorded voices of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy, with some very vigorous hymns and three short anthems by the Choir.

The last two services of the term took the form of dramatic readings from a script that we prepared from the book by Stuart Jackman, "The Davidson Affair". Pilate, Caiaphas, Thomas, Nicodemus and Cleopas were questioned, as in a television interview. These parts were effectively played by boys of the school. We are grateful also to Elizabeth Bampton, of Cophthall Girls' School for taking the part of Mary Magdala.

H.W.S.

## THE MUSIC COMPETITION

The 1969 Music Competition involved more boys than ever before, and in the three weeks before the competition, three hundred and seventy-nine boys were heard in the preliminaries. The House Choirs in particular reached a high standard, and all the house music managers did splendid work.

Mr. Derek Gaye, Director of Studies at the Royal Academy of Music, came to Mill Hill to adjudicate the finals on Sunday, March 23rd, and he proved himself to be an adjudicator of sympathy and encouragement.

The Music Competition Cup was retained by Collinson after a very close challenge by Ridgeway, with Winterstoke a good third. Weymouth won the house choirs cup by a mere flicker from Ridgeway and Collinson; and Murray withstood good performances from Burton Bank and Weymouth, to retain the House Ensembles Cup.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Working conditions in both the Library and the Scriptorium are now much improved. New heaters have been installed in the Library and the Scriptorium has been completely transformed through the generosity of Mr. Whitehead. We hope that new strip lighting will have been fitted by the start of the Summer Term, thus removing the only remaining inconvenience.

Many books have been added to both the Main Library and departmental libraries. We acknowledge with gratitude the following presentations:

N. K. Ross (O.M.) for a gift of 106 books on Art, History and Poetry.

K. M. A. Barnett (O.M.) for a copy of his own Report on the Hong Kong Census of 1966.

Lakefield College School, Canada, for a copy of Canada, A Year of the Land.

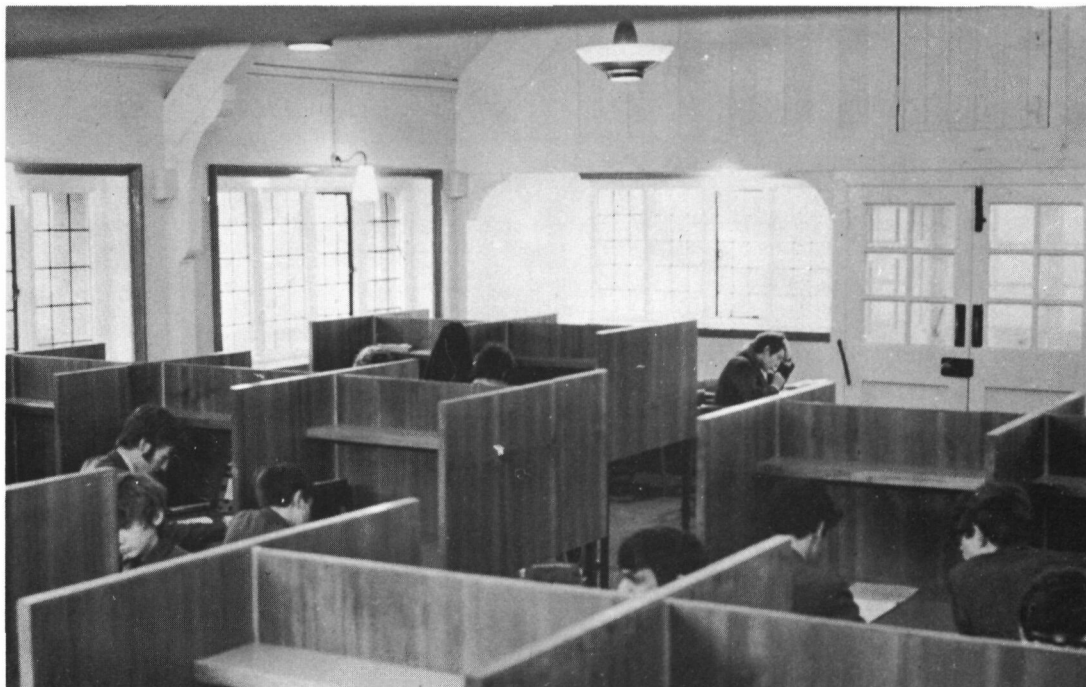
Mrs. Ackroyd, great-niece of William Spooner Brough (O.M.) for Fletcher's Life of Constantine the Great and Maurel's The Duke of Wellington.

G. F. Timpson, Esq. (O.M.), for Goethe's Hermann und Dorothea.

Dr. J. M. Mungavin for Porphyria, a royal malady.

A sobering note to end on — large sums of money are being spent on new books but, unfortunately, many books both old and new have been "removed", accidentally or intentionally; this is just one sign of the disappointing attitude now current among senior boys. The Library and Scriptorium, now more than ever, deserve our respect and there must be rules, if the Library is to fulfill its function.

G.R.O.

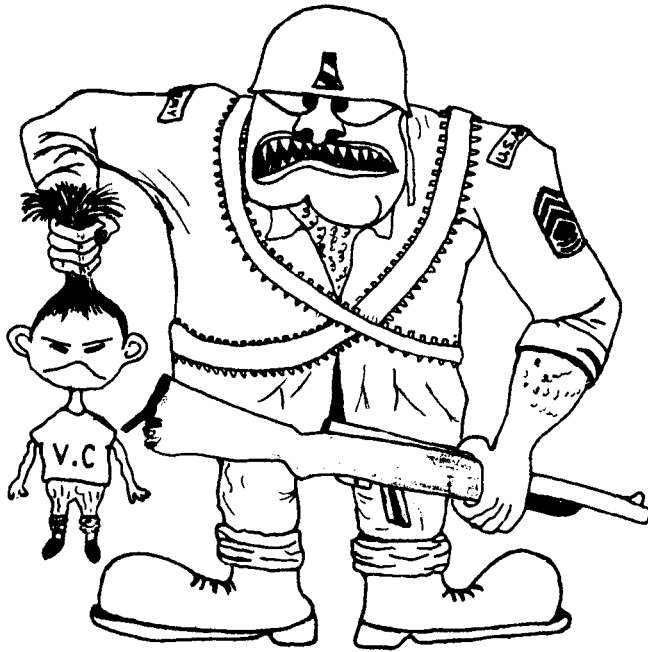


# Scouts

## VENTURE SCOUT UNIT

Work on our hut has proceeded apace; after much labour we succeeded in digging a trench in front of the door big enough to prevent any of us getting in — our heartfelt thanks to Messrs. Farrow and Sennitt. We went skating twice but unfortunately on the second occasion we were approached by the manager and cautioned for loitering with intent. To round off the term we had a hike with the local Rangers (Girl Guides), including two of our housemasters' daughters, which as you can no doubt imagine, was very pleasant.

N.K.B.R.



## TASK FORCE

This term we have continued to send a party to the Mental Hospital in Friern Barnet and, even though this is the most valuable work we do, we are having increasing difficulty finding people who are willing to go. This was, to a certain extent, predictable as many who have gone there have found the atmosphere depressing. Hopefully, the £1 million grant they have just received will change this and it may help to change the groups on a regular basis.

Several boys have continued to go to the John Groom Crippleage and we are hoping to manufacture a dozen page-turners next term to send to the Crippleage.

The Venture Scouts have done a substantial amount of gardening and decorating jobs and we hope that they will continue to give us their much-needed help.

J.W.F., G.H.R.



## ARMY SECTION

Apart from normal weekly training parades, the Army section has done a number of unusual exercises. On the first of the three long afternoons we did some orienteering on a local course planned and marked by the newly formed orienteering section who seemed to have an unerring instinct for finding the stickiest patches of clay for the check-points. On the next, a party went to Ivinghoe and followed a fairly vigorous map-reading scheme, complicated by some new fences that were too large to be climbed and were not marked on the map. On the last occasion, the cadre went to Frimley Park and learnt a little about watermanship, ending with a team race across the pond, over an assault course (having moored the boats) and then back across the pond. Meanwhile, the NCOs made and used a hay raft — a tarpaulin filled with hay, on which one man can lie and paddle himself across a stream. Surprisingly, we returned almost as dry as we went.

For this term's field day, the REME section visited Roote's factory in Coventry, and the Band went to Neller Hall. The remainder of the army section left Mill Hill on Saturday afternoon and spent three days in the Edale area in Derbyshire. The weather here was bleak and snow lay sufficiently deep to make walking interesting, though there was a distinct advantage in that the usually boggy tops of the hills were hard enough to cross without difficulty. The recruit company did a day's scheme in the region of the reservoir near Hayfield while the signallers and cadre went further afield and tried to be more ambitious. In fact, their scheme had to be curtailed because of lack of time. The signals sets worked well over short distances and only became temperamental in mist. On the last day, we had time only for a short search and rescue scheme before breaking camp and returning to base.

We had some successes in the Proficiency Test, though many of our younger candidates failed in drill and will have to take it again next term.

E.W.C.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

The weather had the last say again this term and although, this winter, flying at White Waltham has been arranged on seven occasions, only once have cadets managed to get off the ground. On another occasion, cadets got as far as sitting in Chipmunk cockpits awaiting take-off before the heavens opened and flying for the day was abandoned.

The results of last term's Proficiency were not too good, but of those who passed, eight joined the Joint Services Cadre while seven spent their time studying for Advanced Proficiency, an examination that Mill Hill cadets have not taken for some time. We await their results and those of the Proficiency re-takes with interest.

Field Day this term was spent by the majority of the section at B.A.C. Weybridge and a very informative and interesting day it turned out to be. Having been shown some of the rigorous ground tests that various parts of an aircraft have to undergo, we were introduced to one of Sir Barnes Wallis' team of designers who showed us a working model of the Swallow swing-wing aircraft which, incredibly, was designed about fifteen years ago. After a good lunch and some films, the party was shown around the works and saw some of the Concorde parts being made.

R.A.F. Camp this year is at Locking, near Weston-Super-Mare. Although this is a non-operational station, we are hoping for an interesting week which might include a visit to B.A.C. Filton where Concorde is being built. The Chairman of B.A.C., Marshal of the R.A.F. Sir Dermot Boyle, will be inspecting us at the general inspection next term and it is hoped that the R.A.F. Section will put on a good display for him.

S.M.J.P.

## ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

Much more of our time has been spent out of school this term. For instance only two of the long C.C.F. afternoons were spent in school and this was due to adverse weather conditions. Friday afternoons were spent in normal training for proficiency examinations. Early on in the term a map-reading exercise was arranged in conjunction with the Royal Signals. Although radio contact was established only when the returning parties were visible, everybody managed to get back to school safely. For C.C.F. day this term the section split up into groups on our most varied field day yet. About five senior boys took part in the Lyke Wake Walk. A combined services party went on this expedition — the object of which was to cross 40 miles of the North Yorkshire Moors in 24 hours. Averaging it out on paper this works out to a comfortable  $1\frac{2}{3}$  m.p.h.; however, as I still nurse the bruises and blisters, I can assure all from first-hand experience that it is no joy-ride; in fact it was completed in 19 hours. Looking back, it was all good fun, but at 2 o'clock on Monday morning it was no joke!

The others of the section spent the day at Edale in the Pennines or on a trip round H.M.S. Excellence — the Naval Gunnery School. At last, towards the end of term, the exams came and now, to sighs of relief, they are over. The results will not be known until next term and meanwhile everyone crosses his fingers and cleans up the spare stripe he has been holding in hope for so long.

S.R.T.



## OPERATION WITCH-HUNT

(A report on the Lyke Wake walk, completed by a section of the C.C.F. on Field Day this term.)

"Watching over corpses at night." That is what Lyke Wake means. How appropriate can you get! How many were watching over the Corps that night of March 9th—10th. Looking back on the 45 miles, I do not think any of us realised how mad we were: and I doubt whether many of us have ever been so foot-sore before. Feet were not the only trouble: "My knees have gone" complained the Captain after 32 miles, yet Messrs. Bromehead and Prosser-Harris surprised us all by completing the entire course amid groans and lamentations.

The weather was very agreeable — the temperature stayed a pleasant  $-2$  or  $-3^{\circ}\text{C}$  throughout the night and the snow on the ground (in places up to five feet deep) enabled us to crunch on in a relentless manner, regardless of fell or bog, amid the odd warning of "Hole!" or "- - - -" meaning "I didn't see it".

Perhaps it is wise to mention that we only got lost three times at the most — this accounts for the walk being 45 and not 40 miles long.

Also, I can now recommend G.C. coffee as best sampled after walking twelve miles through the snow. It sure can taste good; and this leads on to the fact that none of us could have possibly stood the strain of the walk had it not been for the marvellous way in which Messrs. Auger and Orr — despite the severe environment — prepared a meal for us in the wilderness. Talk about Moses and Manna! — and this Auger and Orr did four times.

So we made it — well, 14 out of 18 did — in 20 hours. The sense of achievement we all got was fantastic, I am sure, and I wonder if the sheep will see the same human idiots undergoing the walk again next term. A great Corps weekend, although not all of us may like to admit it.

J. W. R. Martin

We are very grateful to Mr. Bromhead for leading this venture as his expert knowledge was essential, when taking into account the size of the party. I hope that we may borrow him for future trips.

D.M.F.

### LYKE WAKE WALK

Renamed — DISLYKE WAKE WALK

#### PARTY

Messrs. D. Bromehead (Leader), Vine and Prosser-Harries, Belton, Bishop, Johnson, Trewin, Martin, Hogarth, Reid, Murray, Griffiths, Lowe, Lorimer, Tothill, Kingon, Milburn.

#### SUPPORT PARTY

Messrs. Orr and Auger.

#### JOURNEY

From Osmotherly to Ravenscar via North Yorkshire Moors.  
Average elevation 1,200 ft.



# HOUSE REPORTS

## BURTON BANK

Heads of House : T. A. Kempster, C. J. E. Leach  
House Prefects : S. R. Allen, S. P. Macrae, M. Pekin, C. J. Trier, W. F. Snell, M. Muller

This term might well be described as the negative term of the year. We didn't win any of the cross-country competitions. We were beaten in the semi-finals of the sevens by Murray, and our Juniors failed to achieve any success in the fives or squash competitions. Needless to say, we didn't win the music or chess competitions; and we lost in the hockey final.

B.B.'s social life has been pretty dismal as well. Only six girls arrived at the junior house dance, and after the wretched display of last term, the seniors didn't bother. We had a house debate one Sunday evening, and the playreading society thrives in the quiet room. However, we seem to have survived the notoriously bad term of the year, and look forward to more success next term.

T.A.K., C.J.E.L.

## COLLINSON

Head of House : S. P. Pinning  
School Prefect : S. J. Fisk  
House Staff : J. D. A. Zarno, G. J. A. Dutton, A. A. D. James, M. R. Phillips, J. D. Wiles, S. P. Robinson, C. A. Wotton.

Life's gone on as usual. Dick's got engaged, and we got a new table-tennis table provided by Mrs. Turnbull's sweet shop. Unfortunately though, Mrs. Kentish isn't too keen on the idea of competition, and so it will have to close down. Our individuality will be further detracted from by the retirement of Z. Still, it was fun while it lasted.

Over forty had a go at cross-country and we did well at swimming standards. We won the Music and Fencing competitions with the result that everybody's happy.

S.P.P.

## MURRAY

Head of House : I. J. Turnbull  
Monitor : J. D. E. Gallagher  
School Prefects : W. N. T. Olesen, P. M. R. Tinker  
House Prefects : J. P. P. Olesen, D. M. Desai, G. A. Mizner, N. C. Winter, A. P. T. Wilkinson

We have been fully occupied this term in sport and other activities. In Cross-Country our junior team carried off 1st place, with the seniors and U. 14½s coming 2nd and 3rd respectively. Our senior sevens team reached the final having overcome B.B., but were narrowly beaten by Winterstoke. The juniors, although determined, were out-paced. Congratulations to the ensemble on retaining the cup. We reached the semi-final of the hockey. Our shooting team has got off to a rather disastrous start leaving Nigel and Peter to score something like 300/200.

Off the sports field, an attempt to introduce some culture failed when the producers of the house play realized they lacked T.V. cameras. The debating society still flourishes, and Mark never ceases to stupify the members with his fiery radical speeches.

Finally, rumour has it that a certain member of the house plans to introduce ten families of London squatters into the house over the holidays — brave people!  
I.J.T.

## RIDGEWAY

Head of House : D. B. Kenning  
School Prefects : C. J. Whiteman, M. D. Stuart, C. A. L. Weber  
House Prefects : H. P. Shaw, M. H. Pritchard, J. W. Widdaker, R. F. Harris, M. Fowler

This term has been very much a matter of "Jack of all trades, Master of none." We have entered most competitions with high hopes and returned with a brow-beaten second or loss to the winners. Consequently the first years are finding less and less polishing to do.

The first sporting item this term was the cross-country and both our junior and our first-year teams put up a respectable performance, though neither increased our collection of cups. Next came the sevens where both senior and junior teams were put out by the winning teams in the semi-finals.

We were also knocked out in the second round of the water-polo although rather unfortunately after a goalless draw by the toss of a coin.

In the latter half of term our hopes for the hockey shield were dashed by Burton Bank who lost in the final. We worked long and hard for the Music Competition (and there were many evenings when a choir could be heard singing out of tune to our out of tune piano) but we just failed, coming second in both the choir cup and the overall cup.

However, the term was saved from being a complete rout by our shooting team who managed to win the shield for us.

Overall, despite the lack of silver, we have not entirely failed, and our near misses add up to a successful, if rather unlucky, term.

D.B.B.K.



## SCRUTTON

Head of House : S. A. Clarke  
House Prefects : I. C. Bedwell, J. A. Brunskill, K. A. Chinoy, J. R. B. Dabney, M. C. Grant, J. A. B. Gray, F. G. A. Passmore.

We have not done very well this term so far, but the junior fives and junior sevens competitions are yet to come, both of which we should do well in. Cross-Country has never been one of Scrutton's strong points, but this term we excelled ourselves in coming second in the under-14½ and also coming second in the junior competition.

The staff from time to time have to be roused from their newly acquired bed-sits as they are liable to isolate themselves, but this is becoming the exception rather than the rule now.

Amazingly school-house hasn't had any major water leaks, although the walls do not seem to provide much insulation against the cold. In some instances the snow had blown through between the window and the frame and settled on the inside window-ledge showing absolutely no signs of melting.

Next term the staff have got "A" levels, and thus a lot of the responsibilities of running this house will be left to the dormitory prefects. I know I can trust them and look forward to a happy term next term.

S.A.C.

## WINTERSTOKE

Head of House : S. J. E. Terry  
Monitor : M. J. Fuchs  
House Prefects : J. R. Douglas-Jones, C. I. Purkis, S. R. E. Trenchard, J. D. Riddell, G. H. Roberts, P. R. Clark

Despite our usual concentration on academic studies, our standard in the "sporting" sphere has been exalted not only by the efforts of the gallant few, but also by the contribution of the majority of the House, in spite of the counter-attraction of bridge. Although swimming has apparently flopped slightly, we have won the senior sevens and the cross-country. The more "high brow" pursuits of chess and music have yet to be completed, but even the junior squash and sevens teams show glimmerings of hope!

Mr. Veit departed for France with three Winterstokians in a flurry of last-minute messages. The main effect of the arrival of M. Guillon with his three French boys was the enforced prompt attendance at breakfast — in direct contrast to Mr. Veit's normal policy! In the absence of the House Master who retired to his sick-bed "for the first time in nine years". M. Guillon succeeded in setting up a new house-record in a fire practice — in the rain. We also had a house dance; a very ceremonious occasion. We might even condescend to do some work next term!

S.J.E.T.

## WEYMOUTH

Head of House : T. R. C. Parker  
School Prefects : M. J. Freeth, R. J. Hailey  
House Prefects : M. E. Carter, J. L. L. Foley, P. W. Jeffes, C. A. Ramsden, J. D. Watts

Weymouth has had a quiet term. In the Cross-Country competitions we won the Under-14½, did not enter a Junior Team, and only entered four Senior Runners. The Senior Sevens confirmed our doubts about the team's lack of practice; we were unable to practice because of School Hockey, involving the majority of our team. However, we did win the Senior Hockey. The Junior Squash has yet to be played and the Music Competition goes on. As yet this term has not been a term of great achievement; I hope there is still time. As usual the term ends with the annual School House play, a sure success, the farce "One for the Pot". So term ends . . .

T.R.C.P.

# Valete

P. J. Boast (66-69); Burton Bank; Lower Arts Sixth; Travelling.

J. D. E. Gallagher (63-69); Ridgeway & Murray; Upper Classical Sixth; Monitor; Lower Classical Sixth Form prize 1966; 1st XV Rugger 67-68; 2nd XI Cricket 68; Boxing Team 63-4-5-6; Athletics Team 65-6-7; Squash Team 65-6-7-9; Chess Team 63-64; Rugby Sevens Team 68-69; Choir and Choral Society; C/Serg. in A coy.; Interpreter (Hegemon); Geographical Society; Y.F.C. (Hon. Sec.); Working in France before entering King's College, London to read Classics and Law; Shenley Cottage, High Street, Mill Hill Village, London, N.W.7.

Jean Walker (65-69); Lower Arts Sixth; 3rd XV Rugger 68; 1st VIII Shooting 67-69 (half colours); Swimming Team 67-68; Athletics Team 66-67; Corporal R.A.F.; Travelling; Trident House, Bareway, Royston, Herts.

J. Zarno (63-69); Collinson; House Prefect; Fencing Team (vice-capt.); 2nd in Public Schools Sabre 68, 4th in National Schools Sabre 69; 5th XV Rugger; Chess Team; Magical Society (Pres.); Koinonia (committee); Science Society; Interim; 24 Manor Hall Avenue, London, N.W.4. Pursuing studies etc. at University.



# SOCIETIES

## RAILWAY SOCIETY and MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

Patron : The Rev. H. W. Starkey  
President : C. I. Purkis  
3rd Member : J. Brooke

Activities continue.

C.I.P.

## MODELLING SOCIETY

Patron : The Rev. H. W. Starkey  
Chairman : G. F. Chase  
Hon. Sec. : M. M. Franks

Membership has been rather poor with only ten members turning up regularly and so the future of the Society seems uncertain.

G.F.C.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Patron : J. A. Turnbull, Esq.  
President : A. M. Smith  
Hon. Sec. : L. D. Bender  
Hon. Treas. : H. Hafter  
4th Member : P. I. Catlow

The Society has had two outings this term. The first was a tour of the B.B.C. television centre at Shepherds Bush where we saw Z-cars being filmed. Our thanks go to Mr. Turnbull who arranged the visit and took us there by car. The second outing was to the Kodak factories at Harrow. Although we arrived over half an hour late due to a misunderstanding with the coach driver, we were welcomed by Mr. Pole and his team of guides, who gave us a most enjoyable afternoon. We hope to arrange a further outing next term where members can actually take pictures, and we look forward to a good display of photography on Foundation day.

L.D.B.

## MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

Patron : M. W. F. Brown, Esq.  
President : C. J. E. Leach

This term we were lucky enough to have lectures relevant to texts set to be learnt for next term's "A" levels. Mme. Mateley talked to us at great length on "Le Grand Meaulnes" and a lively discussion arose at the end; several members also had the good fortune to see this novel on the screen at the French Institute. Several members of the society cried off attending the next meeting, pleading too much work; this was their misfortune, for M. Schweitzer talked most entertainingly on the "Comedia dell'arte" and its relevance in Moliere's works. These were the only two meetings this term: I hope that the Modern linguists in the school will in the future appreciate Mr. & Mrs. Brown's efforts a good deal more, and show an interest in a society designed to benefit them.

C.J.E.L.

## ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY

Patron : C. S. Baker  
Presidents : P. M. R. Tinker, A. M. Smith

In spite of lack of enthusiasm from the older members of the society, this term has been moderately successful. Several members attended the R.I.B.A. "Architect's approach to Architecture" lectures, where the bright young men of the '60's, represented by Peter Wormesley, known primarily for his highly original domestic designs but also the creator of several ingenious public buildings, all illustrating his subtle handling of materials, were contrasted with the older generation of hide-bound academics obsessed by "tradition" as they imagine it to be.

No architectural justification has yet been found for our outing to Hochhuth's "Soldiers" described as "this century's most controversial play". Opinions remain

divided as to the worth of the play and of the performance, but it is certainly true that the critics have vastly exaggerated the suggestion of discrediting Churchill (John Colicos) and have overrated the importance to the plot of whether Sikorski was killed intentionally, since the play centres far more on the rights and wrongs of civilian bombing. We owe our thanks for the enthusiasm and patience of our patron and many other nameless helpers.

P.M.R.T.

## ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Patron : T. J. Huxtable, Esq.  
President : J. B. Woodhams  
Hon. Sec. : T. R. Spencer  
3rd Member : J. W. R. Martin

The Society is now over a term old and is still flourishing. The big event early in the term was our first lecture from a visiting speaker, Mr. Henry Wildey, F.R.A.S. He gave us a slide-illustrated lecture on the history of Astronomy and finished with some beautiful colour slides of galaxies and nebulae. The other big event in the term was our affiliation to the British Astronomical Association and I hope that all members will read the journal.

Unfortunately, due to shocking weather conditions, we have not been able to use the telescope very much, but despite this we have seen Venus and the Great Nebula in Orion. We are still hoping to use the telescope at the University of London Observatory, but as yet nothing is going through.

Finally we would like to thank our patron Mr. Huxtable for all the help he has given the society.

J.B.W.

## INTERPRETES

Hegemon : J. D. E. Gallagher  
Scriba : S. P. MacRae

"Vae Victis!" — the last bastion of conservatism, the classical society, has unbarred its doors to the uninitiated. However, the march of progress does have its attractions in the form of the first member of the gentle sex to assail this stronghold of men, who all succumbed without even a struggle — "O tempora, o mores". So far this has had no effect on the writing of Latin verse, but Spring is not far off; and with a Chloe so near at hand to provide living inspiration, perhaps another Horace may yet arise; whether master-drummer or beatnik boy, who knows?

On a less frivolous note, a paper was delivered by the Hegemon on the Sophists, and a visit is planned to the British Museum. Finally, we are indebted to Mr. Griffith for taking over the patronage of the society in Mr. Barsby's absence.

J.D.E.G.

## WITAN

Patron : W. A. Phimester, Esq.  
Prolocutor : S. J. E. Terry  
Hon. Sec. : P. M. R. Tinker

This term has seen peculiar inactivity since our historical slumbers were but once suspended when we were visited by Mr. David Gee, Senior History Master at Shrewsbury, who delivered an absorbing paper dealing with "Bias in National History Text-books" in which he demonstrated the emasculated forms of history achieved by those who sought to eliminate bias. The question of whether truth indeed exists or if perhaps it is for each individual to decide what is true for him was hotly debated at some length.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Gee, and to Mr. and Mrs. Phimester for their continued hospitality.

P.M.R.T.

## CONCERT SOCIETY

Patron : M. P. Seagrim, Esq.  
Hon. Sec. : A. H. Croysdill

This term's outing was to the Royal Albert Hall for a performance of the Verdi Requiem Mass, marking the centenary of the birth of Sir Henry Wood, with soloists, choir and orchestra from four London colleges of music, conducted by Sir John Barberoli. This was of particular interest as the school performed this work for the concert for Foundation Day 1965.

Once again our thanks go to Mr. Starkey for the loan of the Scout van for our transport.

A.H.C.

## SOCIETY OF PHILATELISTS

Patron : E. W. Crooke, Esq.  
President : S. P. Robinson  
Secretary : I. G. Blair  
Treasurer : P. J. Edmed

So far this term the society has been rather inactive due to the increasing difficulty in arranging meetings. However, owing to the great success of having Mr. Marsden Wray to speak to the society last term, the President has arranged a further meeting of this sort when Miss Jenifer Toombs will be coming to speak on "Stamp Designing" on the last Sunday of this term.

Towards the end of term an outing was arranged to visit Stampex, which was very successful with 30 boys in all going. Next term most of the time will be spent on preparing for Foundation Day.

Finally the committee would like to thank Mr. Crook for his support and help throughout the term.

S.P.R.

## GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

President : A. Prosser-Harries, Esq.  
Hon. Sec. : R. J. W. Thompson  
Hon. Treas. : J. A. B. Gray

There was one very interesting meeting this term, when Mr. Orr spoke on his native land. Otherwise coronary troubles restricted our meetings. They will expand with the improvement of the weather.

R.J.W.T.

## MOTOR CAR & CYCLE CLUB

Patron : R. Auger, Esq.  
President : S. P. Pinning  
Hon. Sec. : P. L. Taylor

Having been in the Doldrums for a year or so, we have attempted to put the club back on its feet this term. Unfortunately we have only managed two meetings, but hope for an outing and more meetings next term.

Many thanks to Mrs. Hart for providing the club with her old car, now installed in the hut.

P.L.T.

## COMPUTER GROUP

Co-Chairmen: J. L. Fox & N. M. Trier

The theme of this term's policy has been "expansion", and so the group opened its ranks to allow select candidates to join, and there are now approximately seven members instead of last term's three. The powers that be that finance us have demanded material evidence which they can understand, to prove our productiveness, thus delaying the start of the far greater, but slower and more expensive project of building a transistorised computer until we have produced an ingenious, but fortunate-

ly cheap, toy which can play noughts and crosses with you and never lose . . . we hope. Incidentally, any chunks of computer hardware lying or walking around the school will be very welcome.

N.M.T.

## SCIENCE SOCIETY

President : J. A. Turnbull, Esq.  
Vice-President : R. S. Hind, Esq.  
Chairman : S. Wright  
Secretary : N. M. Trier  
3rd Member : J. Riddell  
4th Member : T. R. Spencer

The Easter re-birth of the Science Society has been a long time in gestation, but in the glory of its birth all was forgotten as we re-emerged into the world with a triumphant entry into the realms of the tea drinkers at the Laboratory of the Government Chemist. The Science Society "heads" attempted to appropriate a phial of L.S.D., absent-mindedly forgetting the methedrine — well, boys will be boys?

Our emergence into maturity continued with a lecture on Ergonomics . . . ? by Miss A. Spencer who left us educationally richer, but unfortunately poorer. (Our Secretary's bankruptcy case comes up soon — all members are invited to attend). We had four girls along to this — 'nuff said, but we hope they come again.

On a parting note of extreme optimism — Ve haf vays off making you join, but we do need a bit of help from so far apathetic Upper sixth formers.

S.W.

## THE INNOMINATES

Patron : D. M. Hall, Esq.  
Hon. Sec. : W. N. T. Olesen

The Society met twice this term; once for a play-reading and once for a theatre outing. Both these provided much entertainment for all concerned. Once again we thank Mr. and Mrs. Hall for their keen interest and generous hospitality.

W.N.T.O.

## NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

President : B. F. C. Sennitt, Esq.  
Hon. Sec. : R. G. Pugh  
Hon. Treas. : M. J. Fuchs  
3rd Member : A. M. Kingon  
4th Member : H. Belton

This term has been reasonably successful considering that it is the winter term. We have had three sets of films which have been very effectively arranged by 'Gus Kingon. They were: "Southern Rhodesia Wildlife", "The Rain Forest and Nairobi National Park", and "Birds of East and Central Africa". All were very interesting and enjoyed by large numbers of the society, especially the last which was exceptionally well attended.

The only lecture of the term was given by Professor Warmington and was about the birds of this area. Professor Warmington has lived in this area for a very long time and is an expert on his subject. His lecture was illustrated with a number of hand-painted slides which were ideal for showing the birds at their best.

The term has been a good one for ornithologists as the day outing to Sheppey at the beginning of term was also of particular interest to them. Although I was not present myself, I am told it was a very successful trip and enjoyed by everyone who went.

Lastly, our congratulations to Henry Belton who has this term joined us on the committee and of course our thanks to Mr. Sennitt for his usual hospitality and tolerance of our normal shortcomings.

R.G.P.



## THE MUSIC CLUB

The Club met on five occasions last term; this term. Colin Peter and his Jazz Quintet, assisted by the superb Don Rendell (Saxophone) entertained us at the sixth meeting. At the seventh, the Opera Players again visited us — how welcome they are — and gave us a vivid performance of "Don Pasquale" by Donizetti. Alfredo Campoli, with Daphne Ibbott as his pianist, next gave a memorable recital — not only does Mr. Campoli play every note dead in tune, but he plays it with the most lovely sound. We hope he may play to us again before long. Finally, Lawrence Richard, bass-baritone, sang a performance of *leider* and operatic arias. At Mill Hill he was, of course, an outstandingly promising singer. We note with very great pleasure that Lawrence Richard is now an artist of stature. The past year's activities have given much pleasure. One feature worthy of note is that coffee has been available during the interval. This has been a most welcome feature which has enabled many members of the Music Club to become better acquainted on several bitterly cold evenings. One further meeting is arranged — a recital by the talented young pianist, Julia Cload, notice of which will duly be given to members.

## KOINONIA

Patron	: The Rev. H. W. Starkey
Hon. Sec.	: R. J. Hailey
Committee	: N. C. Andrew, S. P. Pinning, S. J. E. Terry, R. J. W. Thompson, I. J. Turnbull, J. D. Watts, J. B. Woodhams

The one meeting this term was given by Irshad Ullah Khan, who is one of the top men of the United Nations Association International Service. He spoke about the aims of the organisation in general, and then he pointed out the opportunities offered to students. Unfortunately, the speaker had to catch an early train to Oxford that evening; the meeting was, nevertheless, highly interesting.

The other activity of the term was an outing to The Central Hall, Westminster, to hear a talk by Mrs. Martin Luther King, who is now carrying on her husband's work.

Next term, it is hoped that a group of people will go to a Quaker Meeting; an outing planned for this term, but time was too short.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Starkey for their kindness and hospitality throughout the term.

R.J.H.

## CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP SOCIETY

Committee: P. L. Binder, C. F. H. Bishop, M. A. Johnson

Judged on attendance, this term has not been singularly successful. It is, however, true to say that those who have come have profited from the meetings. This poor attendance has not been for lack of interesting speakers, especially Mr. Gill who came from Eastbourne. Our thanks go to him, all the others, and also to Mr. Sennitt whose hospitality we have enjoyed throughout the term. We hope for better things next term, especially as Mr. Sennitt will be leaving for India towards the end of it.

P.L.B., C.F.H.B., M.A.J.

## PYTHAGOREANS

President	: E. W. Crook, Esq.
Hon. Sec.	: D. B. B. Kenning
Third Member	: S. A. Clarke

The society has been very busy this term. We started with a talk on hypnotism, by our newly elected third member, Stephen Clarke. The main feature this term was our open meeting, when we invited the members of the other science societies to become educated. The subject of this meeting was "The special theory of relativity" and we were very fortunate to have Mr. John Dorling from London University to lecture to us on this subject.

This meeting marks a small change in the constitution of the society since it was the first time that maths has been discussed in a meeting. During the rest of the term we had another two meetings, one heard a talk by Simon Fisk on "Witch

craft" and the other heard Anis Husain talk about Egypt, where he spent four years. He talked about the ancient civilisation and compared it with the modern.

Our thanks again go to Mr. and Mrs. Crook for their unfailing hospitality, and also to Mr. Dean for the interest that he has shown this term.

## PRINTING SOCIETY

Patron	: E. P. Stanham, Esq.
Chairman	: M. C. Grant
Hon. Sec.	: H. C. Williams
Hon. Treas.	: T. Jones
4th Member	: A. F. P. Lorimer.

After the Christmas vacation, we came back to school, to discover that we had lost our beloved big printing press to Mr. Baker, much to our dismay, but we were greeted with the good news that Mr. Stanham had managed to acquire an even bigger press fitted with an electric motor. The first half of term was therefore mainly consumed in cleaning the various parts of the new press and then assembling it, and for this, we are very grateful to Mr. Stanham who did the majority of the work.

After half-term, a reasonable amount of printing was attempted by the Junior members, but very few Society orders, if any, were printed.

Having a larger press, we were able to fit more on in one go, and the School House Play Programmes were therefore printed in two impressions instead of the customary three or four. Tragedy reared its ugly head two weeks before the end of term, when the electric press jammed while a nameless individual was using it, and a small but fairly vital part snapped, thus putting the automatic inking system out of action; but thank goodness the rest of the press was in perfect working order. We hope to have it repaired properly by next term.

Many thanks to our patron, who has once again been the mainstay of the Society.  
M.C.G.

## ECONOMICS SOCIETY

This has been the most eventful term to date in the history of the society. Since the beginning of the year (the activities of the autumn term are included as, unfortunately, a report of them never materialised) three meetings and one outing have been arranged.

The society, being open to a total of around fifty sixth-formers, offers a great deal of scope for both formal and informal meetings (at times, however, poor turnout mars our activities).

The sole meeting of the autumn term was in November when we welcomed Mr. Bruce Jones, a branch manager of Lloyd's Bank, who spoke to us on "How to invest one's money". This was not only helpful for our studies but good, practical advice.

The spring term activities began with a talk by Mr. Martin Harper, director of the merchant banking firm of Keyser Ullman Ltd., who spoke on the "Role of the Merchant Bank". This was interesting in subject matter and led to an enjoyable informal discussion about the "City" in general.

The highlight of the term came in March when we were fortunate to secure Mr. Michael Shanks, Business Correspondent of "The Times" and Chief Economic Advisor to British Leyland, to speak to us about the British economy in general. Mr. Shanks put forward his views in an optimistic and, even to us, comprehensible way and answered questions which were both relevant to our "A" level syllabus and interesting. We hope to welcome him back at some future date.

Thanks must go to Mr. Seagrim and Mr. Gallagher for help in these meetings and Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson for entertaining Mr. Shanks so well.

During the last week of term an outing is arranged for Society members to see "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie". It is awaited with anticipation. (And we thank Clive Whiteman for organising it.)

N.C.W.





"The Rugger Eight?"



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# SPORTS SECTION



Front Row: M. J. Freeth, S. Wright, I. J. Turnbull, Mr. Fowler, K. Chinoy.  
Back Row: L. G. G. Taylor, H. L. Jones, P. I. Kino, D. A. Harrison, T. J. King, M. H. Pritchard.



## RETROSPECT

For the first time in the school's Hockey history the First XI won all the school matches it played. If this seems something of a miracle the greater miracle was that six out of the eight took place; the games against The Leys (H) and Wellington (A) were cancelled and could not be re-arranged. The coach is in the ironical position of having to explain away yet another set of results he doesn't understand.

In the past seasons the XI have played pretty well at times but goals have been scarce. They have never let many in but for some years the odd goal was always scored by the opposition until last year when we lost only once but played four 0-0 draws. This year with very little practice the side only played really well twice. Once because it was allowed to against The Reeds and then for half the match against Felstead when the ball was moved from man to man in a very confident and fluent fashion. In the rest of the games we have been good in either circle and adequate in mid-field creating a few good chances in each game, enough of which have been converted into goals.

The side had to be selected from the evidence of last year's form, the Gym, the Quad and the Rugger field. There seemed to be plenty of forwards about and some members of the seconds were perhaps unlucky, but it was more a question of the right formation and getting the Captain, Turnbull, into the right slot. He played best at Inside Left and this determined Fowler's position at Inside Right. On the Right Wing Harrison was preferred to Ramsden and played better and better lacking only in self-confidence to be really good. King on the Left and Chinoy in the Centre completed the forward line and both got into the games well. As a line they worked hard with Turnbull's ball control and dummy outstanding and he came in with a goal in all the early matches which gave the whole side confidence. Fowler's three goals against Cranleigh were typical of the determination with which he and the rest played all season.

In defence things looked much more difficult and the game against Cranwell's XI highlighted the problem. Inexperience, weak tackling and lack of urgency were all apparent. In the end, Wright, who would have made a very fine C.H., had to revert reluctantly to L.B. where he held the defence together in almost every game. Freeth had to remain out of position at L.H. for the third year and did very well. Taylor, though he was inclined to dribble over much, played very well at C.H. especially in the last match. On the right Haggis and Pritchard alternated at wing-half adequately and Jones made an effective and well disciplined R.B. All were a bit slow getting rid of the ball and were over committed in the tackle but they were playing in front of a good goal keeper, Kino, in whom they had confidence.

To win all six school matches some luck is necessary. The Game against The Reeds gave the side confidence for they deserved their success. Then came the snow and we had to play away against a weakened Stortford side after no practice. After a slow, very defensive start the side improved and though we defended a lot of short corners some open chances were created — and missed. The goal was a solo effort by Turnbull. Felstead were a bit lethargic until two goals down but we did play well. It was against Aldenham and Cranleigh that we got our slices of good fortune. Only once since the war have we beaten Aldenham away and this result, their only loss, was the result of a very 'soft' goal in an even contest. On the all weather surface at Cranleigh we won against the run of the play, especially the second half. It was determination, Fowler's in particular, that won this game for though we were never behind the deciding goal was from a short corner in the last minute of a game the opposition had looked more like winning. Against Stowe on a wet pitch in difficult conditions the side played direct forceful Hockey deserving to win.

The team can feel very pleased with itself for they did it on their own in a difficult season, playing five of the six games away from home. Only once, at St. Owe, were the opposition in the lead. Five of the side were in a not very good colts side last year and there has been very little hockey this. A tribute to the skill of Wright in defence and especially to Turnbull and Fowler who have got things going on the pitch and kept people at it very well without overdoing things. Never have a side needed (or wanted!) so little practice and yet done so well.

The last match of the season was against a very strong XI brought by J. M. Broadley and though losing 2-5 the school played very well indeed. Fine performances by Turnbull, Taylor and Fowler encouraged the rest who looked a little over awed.

Finally thanks must go to all those who cope under very difficult and sometimes depressing circumstances with the other teams. There are limits to the joy of the Quad and Gym and other sides have to suffer for the needs of the First XI, especially in a season like this on clay. One would also like to commend to the notice of all boys the need for courtesy to visitors and hosts and the responsibilities of hospitality. These things are as much part of a game as the match and they are too often rather selfishly ignored.

Team: I. J. Turnbull, M. Fowler, M. Freeth, S. Wright, K. Chinoy, H. L. Jones, L. G. G. Taylor, T. J. King, D. Harrison, P. Kino, M. Pritchard, K. Haggis. (All colours).

### Results

Guy's Hospital.	Away	Cancelled	
J. Cranwell's XI.	Home	0 - 4	Lost
Reed's School.	Away	2 - 0	Won (Turnbull, Harrison)
Southgate H.C.	Home	Cancelled	
Midland Bank.	Away	Cancelled	
Wellington.	Away	Cancelled	
The Ley's.	Home	Cancelled	
Bishops Stortford.	Away	1 - 0	Won (Turnbull)
Felsted.	Home	3 - 1	Won (Turnbull 2, Fowler)
Aldenham.	Away	1 - 0	Won (Turnbull)
Cranleigh.	Away	3 - 2	Won (Fowler 3)
Stowe.	Away	3 - 2	Won (Harrison, Wright, Chinoy)
Old Millhillians.	Home	Cancelled	
J. Broadley's VI.	Home	2 - 5	Lost (Fowler, Turnbull)

A.P.H.

## HOUSE MATCHES

In the House matches Winterstoke got a bye. Weymouth beat Scrutton 3-1, Murray beat Collinson 2-0 and Burton Bank beat Ridgeway 1-0. In the second round Burton Bank beat Winterstoke 2-0 and Weymouth beat Murray 2-1.

The Final between Burton Bank and Weymouth took place on the day before the end of term, in the best weather of the season. There was deadlock up to full-time but in extra time Weymouth scored three to win 3-0.

## 2nd XI REPORT

This term's XI was a very well balanced team with strong attacking forwards and sturdy, calm defenders. A happy confident air was apparent at all times in a side that received coaching from either many different quarters or none at all.

The weather made things very difficult, there were very few practice matches but the side contained some good stick players like Sarna and Shaw, hard workers like Dugay, good strikers like Phillips and Clarke and some pace with the captain, Leach, on the right wing and Ramsden at centre-forward. Special mention must be made of Clive Ramsden for he must have been very near to a First XI place and he scored half the teams goals. He, and Wiles in goal, gave the team purpose in both circles.

The match against Southgate is virtually "borrowed" by the First XI and was not really our responsibility and the season proper opened in a hailstorm against The Reeds. The margin in this match could have been much wider but it was a good start. The side had an alibi for the Stortford as several quite hopeless positional changes were made at the request of the First XI. Desai was not a right-back and Clarke was not a centre-half, but by the time this had been established we were 0-3 down. In the second half a saner line-up was adopted and a more even contest ensued.

Of the remaining matches that against Felsted was the hardest fought and local knowledge (Collinson Field) prevailed over greater finesse. After ten minutes combined defence against Cranleigh we were a bit unlucky to get only a draw by the end of the game. A good season.

Team: J. D. Wiles, M. Phillips, K. D. Haggis, D. Desai, S. Rudlin, C. J. E. Leach (capt.), M. Dungay, C. Ramsden, G. S. Sarna, M. E. Shaw.

Also played: M. Prichard, R. Hailey.

#### Results

Southgate H.C.	2 - 3	Lost
Forest		Cancelled
The Reeds	3 - 0	Won
Wellington		Cancelled
Bishop's Stortford	1 - 4	Lost
Felsted	2 - 1	Won
Aldenham	4 - 1	Won
Cranleigh	2 - 2	Draw
Stowe		Cancelled

C.J.E.L./A.P.H.

#### 3rd XI REPORT

This was not one of our better seasons. The weather again was our main enemy. Unfortunately we had very few games on grass, or anywhere else, it being right and proper that the more important teams should have priority in using the school's limited facilities. There are still many boys who would like to play serious hockey. It is pleasing to know that the 3rd XI can always be chosen from such a group of willing and keen players, who always try to play properly.

The members of this year's XI were so keen to display their individual talent that they forgot in their two matches that hockey is best played as a team game. That coupled with an inexperienced defence led to disaster.

#### Results

Forest School		Cancelled
Wellington		Cancelled
Bishop's Stortford		Cancelled
Haberdashers' Aske's	0 - 3	Lost
Felsted	0 - 6	Lost
Stowe		Cancelled

A.R.

#### COLTS REPORT

This was a disappointing season marred by bad luck, bad weather and sickness. However, several players showed much promise and with a bit more practice could have improved even more. The defence was at times suspect but several players, Arghebant, Shaw and Linsell especially, held it up manfully. The forward line had little punch but their passing improved throughout the season. The forwards played much better on a fast pitch, as at Aldenham and a 2-0 loss was not a proper reflection on the team's skill. Individuals will serve the school well next year.

Team: M. I. Constable, P. S. Arghebant, C. J. Shaw, H. P. Manton, J. S. Linsell, C. J. Smith, R. A. Leach, N. Morter, C. J. S. Belshaw, R. J. Dawson (capt.), M. P. Walker.

Also played: D. Tothill, C. P. Mann, J. R. Souray, A. G. C. Hogarth.

#### Results

Reed's School	Away	4 - 0	Lost
Leys	Home		Cancelled
Bishop's Stortford	Away	3 - 1	Lost
Felsted	Away	3 - 0	Lost
Aldenham	Away	2 - 0	Lost
Cranleigh	Away	6 - 0	Lost
Haileybury	Home		Cancelled
Stowe	Home		Cancelled

#### JUNIOR COLTS REPORT

Our under-15 side played very little on grass during this weather-beaten term, but one hopes they will have gained useful experience from the gym and quad practice and from the three matches played. Reed's were a good side and comfortably defeated the sleet, driving rain and us. At Haberdashers' either side would have been lucky to scramble a goal in that mud, but our opponents did it, and our stickwork was beaten by robust determination. We looked better on a better pitch against Aldenham.

Players will have to work hard to make up for a season largely ruined, but in particular Richardson, Dean, Wilkinson, Clark, Sleath, Ockenden and Fisk all showed promise.

H.S.S.

#### Results

Reed's School	Home	0 - 3	Lost
Haberdashers' Aske's	Away	0 - 1	Lost
Aldenham	Home	1 - 2	Lost
Haileybury	Home		Cancelled
Stowe	Away		Cancelled

#### SPRING TERM RUGBY

The weather dominated what little rugby was played this term. Top Fields, Gears and Long Field had standing water on them throughout the term and fifteen-a-side games were out of the question.

Some Seven-a-Side rugby was played and we took part in two outside competitions. Haileybury had an Invitation Sevens Tournament attended by six schools all of whom played three games. It was a pleasant social occasion and we managed to win all three of our games.

In the Middlesex Schools Sevens we lost to the eventual beaten finalists in the quarter finals. Conditions at Sudbury were indescribable and the competition really ought not to have been played. Between rounds we took the team jerseys and shorts to a nearby laundrette, which if it did nothing else, made the kit warm.

The Senior House Sevens were won by Winterstoke who scored the absolute minimum of points in doing so. In three rounds they won 5-3, 3-0 and 3-0 against Murray in the final. The Junior competition was won by Scrutton who beat Collinson 20-0 in the final.

D.M.F.

#### CROSS COUNTRY

##### TEAMS

##### Senior:

A. G. Paterson (co-capt.) 1965, 66, 67, 68, 69  
J. P. P. Olesen (co-capt.) 1964, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69  
N. K. B. Robertson 1968, 69  
M. E. Heywood (Hon. Sec.)  
N. C. Winter  
R. H. Belton  
G. Mizner  
I. J. Turnbull

##### Junior:

W. J. Reid 1967, 68, 69  
N. J. Lidwell  
W. A. Studd  
G. Griffiths  
J. B. G. Adams  
J. L. Penny  
J. D. Harding  
G. M. Joseph  
C. P. Mann

The seniors failed to win any matches outright this season but that third place in triangular matches is no longer left for us. Tony Paterson, Peter Olesen and Nigel Robertson were the most consistent runners and turned in some creditable positions on occasions. It was a lack of people training for the senior team that caused problems this term, so that several times juniors were called upon to run for the seniors. The juniors were much keener and a large training squad formed. They won several matches and Reid added to these triumphs by winning two matches outright.

Mr. Sennitt leaves the school to teach at University in India next June. His enthusiasm and support will be missed by the school team as a coach but may be more so in his role as President of the Hammer Hounds. We wish him every happiness and hope he returns to Mill Hill before long to manage the cross-country teams as he has done since 1957 when cross-country was re-instated as a minor sport.

#### House Competitions:

Senior	1st	Winterstoke
	Individual:	A. G. Paterson
Junior	1st	Murray
	Individual:	W. J. Reid
Under 14½	1st	Weymouth
	Individual:	J. B. G. Adams

J.P.P.O./A.G.P.

## SQUASH

### SENIOR

Hon. Sec.: M. D. Stuart

#### TEAM

1. M. D. Stuart
2. C. A. L. Weber
3. A. M. Kingon
4. J. Gallagher
5. M. E. Shaw

#### Results

Haileybury	Lost	5 - 0
St. Edwards	Lost	5 - 0
Dulwich	Lost	4 - 1
M.T.S.	Lost	5 - 0
Barnard's Castle	Lost	5 - 1
O.M's	Lost	3 - 2
Enfield Grammar	WON	5 - 0*

WORDS just can't describe it!

M.D.S.

### COLTS

We met our strongest opponents on their own courts early in the term. Witten, perhaps overplaced at three, lost for the only time against Haileybury, who won points when it mattered (4 games each 8-all and each went against us). We began to score points against Harrow, games against Dulwich, and after, never looked back; even Wilkinson learnt to win eventually.

Each player improved out of all recognition during the term; all of them enjoy winning and try to do so from the front of the court, four of them take the ball early, four of them understand the geometry of the game, and three of them carry the racket head high. All should do well in senior squash if they are prepared to work at the game.

#### TEAM

1. C. E. R. Wilkinson
2. C. J. Shaw
3. L. Cheney
4. P. J. Palmer
5. P. H. Witten

Also played: C. J. S. Belshaw

#### Results

Haileybury	Lost	1 - 4
Harrow	Lost	0 - 5
Dulwich	Lost	2 - 3
St. Edward's Oxford	Won	3 - 2
Merchant Taylor's	Won	2 - 1
U.C.S.	Won	5 - 0
Highgate	Won	5 - 0
Forest	Won	5 - 0
Masters	Lost	1 - 4

C.D.

## FIVES

Through lack of practice the team did not do as well as we thought it would. But we had some well deserved victories, especially Harrow.

The first pair often played well, but opponents were usually too well drilled. Our strength lay mainly in our second and third pair who were of equal ability. Credit must go to Mike Phillips who was consistent throughout the term. Next season things ought to go better with an almost unchanged team.

The junior team was very reasonable. Dawson and Palmer were a very strong first pair, but the other pairs were not anywhere near their standard.

Team: Palmer, Dawson, Leach, Manton, Constable, Warren-Thomas.

Senior Team: First pair—George Sarne, Trevor King; Second pair—Mike Phillips, Pete Kino; Third pair—John Riddell, Graham Taylor and Dave Harrison.

#### Results

Highgate	Lost	3 - 0
Q.E.B.	Won	2 - 0
Harrow	Won	2 - 1
City of London	Lost	1 - 2
Berkhamstead	Lost	1 - 2

T.J.K.

## GYMNASTICS

The Gym team performed excellently, with great performances to their credit. Unfortunately we lost every match (3 lost, 2 cancelled). Owing to lack of gymnasts there was slight trouble in raising teams. Our thanks go to Mr. Farrow for his help.

## FENCING

This term's fencing has improved in all directions throughout the term. The club has worked hard on technique and it has paid off in results in the latter part of the term.

Unfortunately we have been missing Graham Chase as one of our first foilists throughout the term and this effected our early matches.

In a match v. Aldenham, Mill Hill narrowly lost both events (First and Second Foil) — the eventual result being 10-8.

Again Mill Hill narrowly lost against St. Dunstons. However, this was with a much weakened team through illness.

A match was arranged against St. Paul's in which we won the sabre events convincingly. The match was held at St. Paul's in their new salle which contains four "boxes" and four metallic pistes.



A considerable improvement in the second half of term gave us our two victories. The first was a convincing win against Haileybury in which we won everything.

The second victory was a triangular match against City of London school and Whitgift. All foil events (first, second and junior) were won by Mill Hill, also both sabre events. The overall result was:

Mill Hill	36 wins
Whitgift	28 wins
C.L.S.	20 wins

S.R.T.

## CHESS

Patron : A. H. Vine, Esq.  
 Captain : A. M. Kington  
 Hon. Sec. : A. M. Pandit

This is the best term we have had for years, losing only one school match out of seven with two matches still to come. The only team to beat us, Harrow, have been our superiors for the last four years but we hope to gain our revenge next year as only one of our team departs.

I would like to say a special thank you to Fred Migeod who, over here from Germany for a term, has played a major part in our success this term by winning six of his seven match games.

I would also like to thank Ashwin Pandit, who has been a very efficient secretary, and is unbeaten in matches this term, Mr. Vine and Mr. Ochser for their transport and interest in the club.

### Results

#### Senior:

Eton	Won	3½ - 2½
South Hampstead		
Girls' School	Won	6 - 0
Felsted	Won	5 - 1
Berkhamsted	Won	4 - 2
Orange Hill	Won	4 - 2
Harrow	Lost	1½ - 4½
Stowe	Won	3½ - 2½

#### Junior:

Felsted	Lost	1 - 3
Orange Hill	Lost	0 - 4

### TEAMS

#### Senior:

1. A. M. Kington
2. A. M. Pandit
3. F. Migeod
4. C. J. Bryant
5. C. J. Ranson
6. M. S. Futter

#### Junior:

1. C. E. R. Wilkinson
2. J. N. Linsell
3. R. Murad
4. J. Harrison

Those above the lines were awarded ties.

A.M.K.

## SWIMMING

Captain: I. C. Bedwell

To encourage more people to take an active interest in swimming, this term two developments have taken place. The first was to make swimming standards easier by introducing bottom standards to supplement the existing set of top and ordinary. Now, anyone with reasonable swimming ability can score points for his House. Nevertheless, standards sessions, though well supported by juniors, are still lacking in seniors. The second was to reintroduce an inter-House water-polo tournament. With great response, all Houses competed, and in the final Collinson beat Scrutton, in extra time, by two goals to one.

For the team, the main event of the term was a friendly against the Otter S.C. During the match, K. Bush distinguished himself by breaking both 96 yards breast-stroke and individual medley records; and L. Gibson gained the 47 yards free-record. The match ended in a close win for the Otter.

I.C.B.

Team: I. C. Bedwell, R. W. Atchley, K. Bush, P. Edwards, N. T. Farrow, L. W. Gibson, A. Grunberg, A. A. D. James, M. R. Phillips, G. H. Roberts, R. S. Scott, S. J. Studd, J. Hunter-Smith, D. C. Watts.



# OLD MILLHILLIANS' SECTION

## OLD MILLHILLIANS' COLUMN

Items for insertion in the Old Millhillians' Column should be addressed to: The Editor, Old Millhillians' Column, Old Millhillians Club, 4, Whitehall Court, London, S.W.1. and will be acknowledged. The editor would particularly welcome any brief contribution which describes an out of the ordinary event or experience enjoyed by an O.M.

### BIRTHS

**CHESHIRE** On 21st December, 1968 to Judy wife of Lt. Cdr. Peter Cheshire, R.N. (1948-53) a son Thomas Edward.

**HAMMOND** On 6th September, 1968 to Lynda (nee Roe) and Derek I. Hammond (1954-59) of 32, Heathlee Road, Blackheath, London, S.E.3. a daughter, Elizabeth Helen Rebecca.

**DUDMAN** On 19th March, 1969 at 27, Welbeck Street to Diana (nee Stoneham) wife of Timothy J.C. Dudman (1951-56) a daughter Claudia.

**PARROTT** On 7th February 1969 to Angela (nee McGuinness) wife of John S. Parrott (1950-55) a son Brenton, brother to Nicola at the Marymount Maternity Home, Johannesburg, South Africa.

### ENGAGEMENTS

**MILLS-TURK** Robin D. Mills (1957-62) has recently become engaged to Janet Lynne Turk, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Turk of Scarsdale, New York, U.S.A. The wedding is on June 14th, 1969.

### DEATHS

**CROSS-BROWN** In January 1969 Lt. Col. J. Cross-Brown, D.S.O., O.B.E. (1895-1900) of Waverley Abbey House, Nr. Farnham, Surrey.

**FEW** On 19th January, 1969 John Spicer Few (1927-32) of Pinfold Cottage, Riccall, Yorkshire, brother of K.S. (1925-30) and H.S.S. (1931-36).

**MARTIN** In February, 1969 Basil Kingsley Martin, B.A. (1914-16) in Cairo.

**MURRAY-WOOD** On 21st December, 1968 W. Murray-Wood (1931-35) of Walnut Tree House, Green-Street-Green, near Dartford, Kent.

**PALMER** On 11th November, 1968, suddenly, Ian Andrew Palmer, A.C.A. (1952-56) at Diss Norfolk. He was the eldest son of R.A.J. Palmer (1920-26) and brother to Roger and Geoffrey. He leaves a wife, son (age 3) and daughter age (1).

**RADCLIFFE** On 22nd January 1969 Joseph Edward Radcliffe (1899-99) aged 85 at Mirfield, Yorkshire.

**TURNER** On 1st August, 1968, Harry Turner, M.C., J.P., F.I.O.B. (1908-15) suddenly while on holiday at Tenby, Pembrokeshire.

### OBITUARIES

#### LT. COL. JAMES CROSS-BROWN, D.S.O., O.B.E. (1895-1900)

Lt. Col. James Cross-Brown (M.H. 1895-1900) died in January, 1969 aged 85. His family lived in Highgate and he came to the School as a day boy. After leaving he entered the mining business in which his father was prominent. For many years he was Managing Director of Mason & Barry, the big copper mining company in Portugal and, in latter years also Chairman. He made regular visits to Portugal and as a result was mainly responsible for forming the Anglo Portuguese Society and acting as the Secretary during its early years. Latterly he was Chairman of the Executive Committee; only retiring from active participation in the Society in April 1968. For his services he received the O.B.E. and, The Order of Christ from the Portuguese Government.

In 1911 he married Violet Turnbull, sister of two Old Millhillians. They had two sons and three daughters, both sons being at Mill Hill.

In 1914 he was commissioned in the A.S.C. During the latter part of the war he served in various staff jobs in Egypt, eventually becoming A.D.S.T. receiving the D.S.O. for his work.

From the time he left School he was an active member of the Old Boys Club an interest which he retained for the rest of his life. He served on the Committee for many years and was President in 1933. He was a member of the Court of Governors for 35 years from 1925 to 1960.

In 1903 he was one of those who promoted the revival of the Football Club, a most important factor in the Club's history. He played for various teams for some years, and in the annual matches against the School until 1924.

Jimmy, as he was known to his many friends, was a lively and friendly personality who had many interests.

He developed an unusual art as a solo whistler being really first class, and was in great demand for concerts. He was a member of an O.M. concert party which functioned for several years before the first war, and incidentally had a reunion fifty years afterwards in 1955, in which he took part.

The School and Club owe much to the work of a genial and friendly character.

#### WILLIAM MURRAY-WOOD (1931-36)

The death of William Murray-Wood at the early age of 51 was announced in January this year. In an epoch when Mill Hill's laurels were borne pre-eminently by Rugger celebrities, Murray-Wood was one of the very few Millhillians who became a first-class cricketer.

Many will remember the aura of promise which preceded even his arrival at the School in the summer term of 1931. This could have been a handicap for the slightly built boy facing our hopeful scrutiny. But his gifts and temperament did not let him down. He got his place in the Colts XI immediately and in that first term played for his House in the Senior Cricket competition; in the first round indeed, on the Park, he made a century, a prodigious feat for the newest of new boys, little more than 5 ft. in height.

Five years later, a good foot taller and with all the powers of perfect timing developed in him, he repeated the performance by making a century against Gloucestershire in his first game for Oxford University as a freshman. Thus he joined the illustrious few who have made centuries on their first appearance in first-class cricket.

His school cricket career was outstanding at the time; the sheer statistics of it have never been surpassed. He excelled both as a batsman and as a leg-break bowler with a genuine googly which he had mastered in his first term. At Oxford, his cricket had more mixed fortunes, and for some years after the War little was heard of him. Then, in the fifties, he became the Captain of Kent. It cannot have been an easy task; the County's cricket was not riding high then and the invidious tradition still maintained of a yeoman-style captain among the hardy professionals. Perhaps unduly modestly, Murray-Wood always batted in the lower half and rarely bowled unless a partnership bringing despair to his side had to be broken. Often he did it, and took himself off.

Latterly he was Vice-President of the O.M.'s Cricket Club, but living and farming at Green-Street-Green he was too far away to play for us. Nevertheless, many of us will for a long time cherish the memory of seeing his superlative gifts, which no other game could better have graced, develop and flower in the years of his youth at Mill Hill.

#### BASIL KINGSLEY MARTIN, B.A. (1914-16)

Basil Kingsley Martin, who died in Cairo in February, 1969 aged 71, was best known as editor of the New Statesman and Nation. He held this post for almost thirty years until 1960.

Born in Herefordshire, the son of a Unitarian minister he came to Mill Hill late in his school career after his father had moved to London. He joined the Classical VIth where he found the narrow concentration on grammar and composition irksome, although he greatly appreciated the periods taken by Sir. John McClure. In sport he found the transition from soccer to rugger difficult and never enjoyed the latter. He concentrated therefore on cross country running where he won the "6 mile". He also enjoyed single handed hockey.

Unfortunately his happiness at the School was not increased when it became known that he was the son of a Conscientious Objector, a viewpoint that was highly unpopular during the first world war.



He left and spent the rest of the war in the Friends Ambulance Service and then went up to Magdalene College, Cambridge where he read history. He next became a Lecturer at the London School of Economics where he wrote a number of books, one on Lord Palmerston, and another on the general strike. As a result of the latter work he quarrelled with the then Director, William Beveridge. He was therefore happy to accept the offer of a job as a leader writer on the Manchester Guardian and leave the academic world for good.

He had however moved further to the left from his original radical background and his strong idiosyncratic Socialist views clashed with the papers Liberal tradition and views. He found his real place when appointed editor of the New Statesman and Nation in 1930. This he moulded into an interesting and highly controversial journal of the left building up its circulation and revenue. He contributed many leading articles himself but left his deepest impression on the paper with his "London Diary" which he wrote weekly throughout his long tenure of the New Statesman chair.

The secret of his success is revealed in his autobiography. He was an immensely readable journalist.

#### **J. E. RADCLIFFE (1899-99)**

Joe Radcliffe who died in January 1969 won a considerable reputation as a cricketer both in his year at Mill Hill and afterwards. During the years before the first world war his cricketing fame spread over the North of England. Unfortunately the demands of the family oil business at Mirfield, with which he was associated for 68 years, compelled him to give up playing but he continued to take a lively interest in the game until his death.

#### **H. TURNER, M.C., J.P., F.I.O.B. (1908-15)**

Harry Turner died suddenly on 1st August, 1968 while on holiday in Tenby, he was 71. He came to Mill Hill in 1908 and had a successful and distinguished school career. He left as Senior Monitor and had played for the first XV as well as for the first XI at both Cricket and Hockey.

On leaving School he joined the Royal Artillery and served as a lieutenant in France, Egypt and Palestine. Severely wounded outside Jerusalem, he was over-run by the Turks, but was picked up by Allied troops in their counter attack. He was awarded the Military Cross.

He became Joint Managing Director of the family firm of E. Turner & Sons Ltd., Building Contractors of Cardiff. He was both a magistrate in the City of Cardiff and governor of the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire.

He gave a lifetime of service to the Baptist Denomination. He was a Life Deacon at Grange-town Baptist Church, Cardiff, where he had been Superintendent of the Sunday School for over 40 years. He had held a number of other offices, serving as Chairman of the South Wales Baptist College, Cardiff, Chairman and Treasurer of the South Wales Area Joint Board of the Baptist Union, and President of the East Glamorgan English Baptist Association. For 20 years he had been a member of the Council of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

His wife and two daughters survive him.

## **PERSONALIA**

**M. W. CORBY** (1953-58) has again figured often and prominently in the sports pages of the National Press. He reached the quarter finals of the British Open Squash Championships where he lost to Geoff Hunt the world champion. He has also represented England again at Hockey playing in the side which drew with West Germany.

**F. H. C. CRICK** (1930-34) who won a joint Nobel Prize for the discovery of D.N.A., figures largely in a book written by his Cambridge colleague and joint prize winner James Watson and recently published under the title "The Double Helix"

**K. S. FEW** (1925-30) is currently President of the Cambridge City R.U.F.C.

**D. I. HAMMOND, L.L.B. (Hons)** (1954-59) Solicitor, has been appointed Company Secretary of Fortes & Company Ltd., Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.1.

**M. D. HENDERSON** (46-50) has been elected to the Council of Management of Moral Re-Armament in Great Britain. For the past three years he has been on the London District Committee of the Institute of Journalists.

**G. F. HENDERSON** (48-52) has returned from West Africa and is now living in London. He has just edited a volume of speeches by Peter Howard 22/29 which has sold 14,000 copies.

In May Hodder & Stoughton are publishing a new book about Peter Howard by his daughter Anne Wolrige Gordon. It is entitled "Peter Howard—Life and Letters".

**CAPTAIN J. C. LEWIS** (1953-58) has recently completed two and a half years seconded to the Sultan's Armed Forces, Muscat. He was the Sultan's Artillery Advisor and commanded Arab and Baluch soldiers. He was decorated by the Sultan for Distinguished Service and Her Majesty the Queen has given Captain Lewis her unrestricted permission to wear the medal. He is now stationed in Colchester with 1st Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery.

**F. A. MALLETT** (1934-40) has been appointed Deputy Clerk of the West Riding County Council. He was previously second Deputy Clerk of Hertfordshire County Council.

**R. D. MILLS** (1957-62) has been at the Cornell University Business School. In the summer he was a Salesman in the Mid West and drove over 9,000 miles selling Vicks. To round the summer off he was in Chicago for the Democratic Convention but denies any part in the riots! At Cornell he has been coaching the Rugby team as well as playing. Their season was high-lighted by a great victory over Harvard. Their Easter tour this year was to Jamaica.

**LORD OGMORE** (1917-20) has had the honour of being invited by Her Majesty the Queen to carry the Coronet of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at the Investiture of His Royal Highness at Caernarvon Castle.

**J. M. PENNY** (1936-41) now lives at The Lodge, Lower Cowsley Wood, Wadhurst, Sussex, when he is home from his tobacco plantations. After 14 years in Ceylon, followed by some 7 years in the Sudan he is being transferred to Ghana. His work in the Sudan was marred when the entire stock of tobacco and his factory were set on fire during the recent civil war in the southern part of the country.

**W. C. RAMSAY, C.B.E.** (1912-18) Treasurer of the Rugby Football Union was made a Chevalier of the Order of the Legion of Honour on the 1st January, 1969 in recognition of his services to French sport.

**P. E. TRIER** (1935-38) Research Director of Mullard Ltd., was appointed Faraday Lecturer of the Institution of Electrical Engineers for 1968-69. The theme on this occasion was 'Micro Electronics' The Faraday Lecture, intended for the general public, was presented in 12 cities throughout the United Kingdom with 29 deliveries, and with a total audience exceeding 50,000. More recently Trier was appointed Group Director of Research by Philips Industries, of which Mullard is a member company.

**R. H. WADE, N.A., LL.B.** (1918-25) has been elected President of the Leeds Incorporated Law Society.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**MANCHESTER DINNER:** The North West Old Millhillians intend to hold their Dinner at the St. James Club, Manchester on July 4th next. Full details will be sent to all members known to be living in the area, and others who would like to attend should communicate with the Area Secretary, G.N. Elliott, "Wychgate" Kenwood Avenue, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire.

## **FUNCTIONS SINCE LAST ISSUE**

### **THE BALL**

The Ball held on Friday, February 28th at Quaglino's was without a doubt an outstanding success and the attendance was as good as on the last occasion. It was a pleasure to see such a large number of O.M.'s gathered together with their ladies and, in particular, the increase in the number of recent School leavers present.

Guests were received by the President and Mrs. Anderson and the Headmaster and Mrs. Hart. The Dinner was most enjoyable and up to the expectations of those who have dined at Quaglino's in the past. Dancing commenced after Dinner to Nat Temple and his West End Band, and there is no doubt that one of the greatest successes of the evening was the light hearted Cabaret by Ruff Cowan, Bob Marshall-Andrews and Patrick Twigg. It is encouraging that we have such entertainers among our numbers. The Head Master has invited Ruff, Bob and Patrick to the School to entertain the boys.

The Raffle in aid of Headstone Lane Ground Fund raised over £100 and I should like to express my thanks to those who donated the wonderful selection of prizes.

MARTYN THOMAS

## THE LAWYERS' DINNER

On Friday the 14th March, 1969 the Old Millhillian Lawyers assembled in the magnificent Gray's Inn Hall by kind permission of the Treasurer and Benchers of the Inn, for their 12th Annual Dinner under the Chairmanship of the Right Hon. Sir Frederic Sellers.

Some 53 attended including as our guests the Headmaster, the Chairman of the Court of Governors, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, and the Bursar, Mr. J.F. Symons.

We were especially pleased also to welcome Tom F. Jackson, W.P. Phillips and P.J. McAllister, the latter in his new capacity as Hon. Secretary of the Club, and also a number of younger members.

There were certain notable absentees, chiefly through illness, among them were F.W. Beney (who has attended all previous Dinners), His Honour Percy Lamb and The President.

After an excellent meal the toast to the School and the Headmaster was proposed by P.O. Walker (1916-20).

The Headmaster replied to the toast in his usual felicitous manner.

## MEMBERS TRAVELLING OVERSEAS

Will members travelling overseas please advise John P. Bolton (1936-40) Overseas Liaison Officer for the Club whenever possible. Overseas travellers should also contact Overseas Area Secretaries and other members in those areas they may be visiting by using the Year Book.

Members Overseas often hear of the visits of Old Millhillians to their Countries, but on many occasions are not contacted.

All are assured of a warm welcome from Overseas Members, and the following have particularly expressed the wish that any members visiting West Africa or the West Indies should look them up:-

A. G. N. Hampton (1944-48)

Crop Culture Overseas Ltd.,  
TIKO, West Cameroon.

R. B. Buckland (1933-37)

Turks Islands Importers Ltd.,  
Grand Turk,  
Turks & Caicos Islands,  
West Indies.

## CLUB PREMISES

At the suggestion of the House Committee it was agreed by the Council on the 25th March that the Club should be closed on Saturday mornings during the high summer. Last summer very few members used the Club on Saturday mornings. The Club will therefore be closed on Saturday mornings from July 19th to September 13th, both days inclusive.

## SUBSIDIARY CLUB REPORTS

### CRICKET

After last season's soaking the Cricket Club is hoping for much better weather in 1969. One new enterprise is that we are entering this year the Cricketers Cup Competition and we are scheduled to play Harrow Town C.C. in the first round at Headstone Lane on May 15th. All support would be most welcome for this first round match in a nation-wide competition which we should win if we play well enough in each round! Otherwise, our calendar is much as before with the Sussex Tour being repeated and anyone who would like to take part either in our normal weekend cricket or in the Tour should contact the Team Secretary, J. White, 75, Finchley Lane, Hendon, London, N.W.4. Telephone: 01-203-2291, 01-985-2291.

During the winter we have been using the Middlesex Indoor Nets at Finchley so by the time the season actually begins there is a risk that some players may have passed their performance peaks. Otherwise, our period of hibernation has been enlivened by an excellent evening at the Cock Tavern in January, when we had our annual dinner which made up in quality what it lacked in numbers. We were stimulated by the clowning of John Cranwell, the humour of Michael Hart and the scintillation of Roger Spong, a well blended trio specially chosen for the occasion and to whom our sincere thanks are due.

## GOLFING SOCIETY

The Diamond Jubilee of the Society's beginning in 1908 was celebrated at the Trafalgar Suite, Whitehall Court, when our members had the pleasure of entertaining several guests at our annual dinner. The Society's health was proposed by the representative of the Old Cholmeleian's G.S., whom we first played in 1909, and against whom we have played some 60 matches since. At the Dinner the Headmaster accepted a School Golf Trophy presented by the Society. This trophy is a silver cup in the style of the members of Parliament Cup, the Society's oldest trophy. It will be for inter-house scratch competition commencing this summer.

The Society's match-play tournament is resumed this season, not played since pre-war days. We have split the draw into two halves, North and South, so as to reduce the distance travelled for matches. A fairly encouraging entry of twenty has been received, we hope to build up to a higher proportion of the Society's members in future seasons. The tournament is played under handicap and the home player bears a reduction of three in his handicap for local knowledge. We aim to reach the final, played on a neutral course, in September.

In the coming season we shall hold three weekend meetings, at Henley-on-Thames in the Spring, Ashdown Forest New in the Summer, and Deal in the Autumn. On Sunday in the Spring, and both days in the Summer. We allow members to introduce guests. In addition we play three all day matches on a Saturday, and four midweek evening matches, all in the home counties.

For the team tournaments we go further afield, the allegedly fitter members tackle Burnham-on-Sea links, a high class field, and anything the March gales throw at them. The reason for this trial of endurance, said to be character forming, is the Brent Knoll Bowl. Having recovered we hope from this experience, the team will be joined by other star golfers for the Halford Hewitt, the key event in Old Boy's Golf. This year we have Forest in the first round at Royal St. Georges. We beat the Leys at St. Georges last year by the narrowest of margins, and Forest in 1965 by only a slightly greater margin.

Later in the year, if we survive the qualifying round at Addington, we challenge for the match play stages of the Grafton Morrish Trophy at Hunstanton and Brancaster in October. This tournament has grown so rapidly that now only about one school in three qualify. Our senior stars will challenge for the Mellin Trophy at West Hill in July, and hope to maintain our consistently good record in this event.

We extend a warm invitation to Golfing O.M's of all standards to join the Society; we confidently promise you a pleasurable time in the members' company. The Secretary is W.G. Hawes, 28, York Street, London W1H 1FE.

## HOCKEY CLUB

Since the last report 4 of the 6 matches due to be played by the Hockey Club have been cancelled owing to rain. Both matches played however resulted in wins for the Club, the score against Scorpions being 3-0 and that against Old Reedonians being 4-3

For the first time for a number of years the match against the School was to be played on a Tuesday instead of a Saturday and this enabled the Club to field two teams. It was disappointing that the matches had to be cancelled because the pitches were flooded.

The Club will be competing in April in the Public Schools Old Boys Six-a-Side Tournament at Surbiton and the Thanet International Festival at Ramsgate.

The Club's Secretary is now Gavin Turner, 1, Newberries Avenue, Radlett, Herts.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

The last report of the affairs of the Rugby Club seems to have roused a certain amount of controversy, especially amongst the members of the 'B' XV. I hope that if you refer to the back of the Magazine you will see some letters to the Editor on this subject.

Since the last report, the 1st XV has met tough opposition and has not yet been able to maintain the record of the first three months. They are now recovering from a bad patch in January and February when a considerable number of games were cancelled. At the present count the 1st XV have eleven wins to their credit, and with the inclusion of several extra fixtures after the Easter Tour they could well amount to fifteen or sixteen wins by the end of the Season.

The Easter Tour is as well booked as ever. This is the penultimate time on which we shall be playing Torquay on a permanent basis. They have advised us that from 1971 they wish to play us alternate years. It is going to be very difficult to find as good a fixture as this for a West of England Tour. Marcel and Francis Mann with the very able help of their father are trying to arrange a tour in Bordeaux for September of this year. If this is successful it may well be that a tour to France every other year would be an acceptable substitute for Torquay.

The fortunes of the other XV's can be seen by the summarized results at the end of this report. After my previous efforts to comment on their progress, I think I will only say that the results do not give a true picture of the spirit with the rest of these sides.

We have been advised by Mr. Fritz Grunebaum, the co-ordinator at the American end of our Tour in Boston, that American Clubs are unable to play in September, because at that time of year it is too hot for rugby in the New England States. They have therefore said that the only time they can accommodate us is in May. It is now up to us to decide whether we can organize a successful Tour in May, or whether we cannot, and must discard this idea for the time being.

May I put in my usual plea for support of S.W.A.P.A.S. I am serious when I say that unless this is better supported, we shall probably be forced to make it a condition of playing membership that a certain number of tickets are retained. Please contact Mike Leon if you are not taking your fair share.

### FIRST FIFTEEN

	Points For	Points Against	Result
Camelot (Friendly) ... ..	13	12	Win
North London ... ..	11	5	Win
Sutton ... ..	9	8	Win
London Hospital ... ..	24	3	Win
Old Alleynians ... ..	19	8	Win
Bury St. Edmunds ... ..	18	18	Draw
Aldershot Services ... ..	9	3	Win
Old Belvedere ... ..	17	27	Lost
Old Paulines ... ..	10	3	Win
K.C.S. Old Boys ... ..	14	0	Win
Saracens ... ..	3	11	Lost
Old Merchant Taylors ... ..	0	6	Lost
U.S. Portsmouth ... ..	6	17	Lost
Rugby ... ..	6	14	Lost
St. Thomas's Hospital ... ..	24	0	Win
Old Whitgiftians ... ..	3	35	Lost
Wasps ... ..	6	22	Lost
Old Haberdashers ... ..	18	3	Win
Old Blues ... ..	17	3	Win
St. Mary's Hospital ... ..	16	6	Win
Manchester ... ..	3	8	Lost

### 'A' FIFTEEN

Won: 6      Lost: 9      Drew: 1

### 'B' FIFTEEN

Won: 7      Lost: 7      Drew: 1

### EXTRA 'B' FIFTEEN

Won: 4      Lost: 9      Drew: 2

### 'C' FIFTEEN

Won: 3      Lost: 9      Drew: 2

M. H. T. JOURDAN

Hon. Secretary,

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

## YACHT CLUB

As this edition of the Magazine appears another sailing season will be starting. Some readers may think of yachting as a pursuit of the rich and superior, an activity for the select few. This was true before the first war, but sailing today is very much friendlier and less snobbish. More important perhaps the facilities that the O.M.Y.C. provide enable members to enjoy their sailing very cheaply indeed.

As always we are looking for new members, not necessarily with any previous experience. If any O.M. would like to try his hand and see whether he would enjoy sailing he has only to drop the Secretary a line (c/o Whitehall Court) without obligation. There is no question of insisting on a prior subscription, though at £10 a year for a full member, and £2 for a junior under 25, these are very reasonable. All it would cost would be the standard messing fee and capitation charge of £3.15.0d. for a week-end plus the cost of any alcoholic liqueur for the drinking fraternity. Guests incidentally, either male or female, are also welcome.

We are fortunate enough to own two boats. The larger and older, Winnie, sleeps 7 or 8 in spacious accommodation of considerable comfort with such conveniences as running hot and cold water. With a powerful auxiliary engine she offers a pleasant week-end cruise to the more sedate. She also can and does undertake long passages and cruises for which she is fully equipped. For the sportier we have Martlett a Westerly 25' with fibre glass hull. She sleeps 4 in one cabin, where space is rather more constricted, but she provides a very handy and manoeuvrable small cruiser of which the less experienced member can take early command.

## ALFORD HOUSE

Alford House is probably regarded by some as a millstone around Mill Hill's neck. This is slightly unfortunate when Public Schools are being criticized so strongly for their insular self-centred existence which leaves them out of touch with the masses. Centres, such as Alford House, provide a valuable opportunity for Millhillians and others to appreciate other people's behaviour, especially when related to their back-ground and local environment. Work in hospitals does not provide a normal, but an abnormal relationship between man and his environment.

That the work at Alford House is useful to one is born out enthusiastically by those of us working in the Club. However, we have only had one O.M. in the last four years to work at the Clubs. What is needed to improve this situation is more co-operation between the School and Club.

Difficult though this is, the value of increased awareness for the School's and the Club's members is derived by few. The present exchanges seem to result in more of an embarrassed rush to the pubs than of any real value, with all concerned glad to return to their 'homes'. Longer term projects developing genuine interest are few and far between.

Alford House needs Mill Hill possibly more than the School needs the Club, but the tendency for one to ignore the other is short sighted in the least. Let there be more co-operation!

## MASONIC LODGE

It is always difficult to match some of the startling happenings which occur in other Old Millhillian activities, and which are faithfully reported in the columns of the Mill Hill Magazine. No reportable incident has taken place under the Mastership of Wor. Brother R.C. Hubbard (1946-51) or of his two Wardens Bro. G.W.H. Peters (1920-25) and Bro. W.R. Irving (1951-56), although the last named attained the distinction of being named in the 1968 Old Millhillian Year Book under the heading 'Addresses Unknown' Regrettably, a Past Master of the Lodge, and a banker to boot, also found his name under the same heading. The necessary information has now been passed on. Due to the mathematical inaccuracy of another Lodge officer, a potential Initiate read that he left the School at the ripe age of 23 years! His housemaster did point out that in his opinion, this was incorrect.

The successful sale of London Bridge by another Lodge member may be considered worth mentioning.

The Secretary will be pleased to give details to any Old Millhillian or Master who is interested in joining the Lodge.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

In terms of business effectiveness, Mr. S. T. "Don" Ryder is one of the top ten business men in England. He succeeds Cecil King as Chairman of the Reed Paper Group, a £250 m. concern, and is also a director of the International Publishing Corporation.

The point of the interview (apart from interest) is to be a guide to industry for boys leaving in the summer and as yet undecided on a career. For the interview provides a valuable insight into the life at the top of British Industry.

(Due to lack of space, the interview has had to be considerably edited.)

Mr. S. T. Ryder, Managing Director of the Reed Paper Group.



**Matthew Fowler:** What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of public school? (not with any particular bias towards industry).

**“Don” Ryder:** I think it would be wrong to make a general sweeping assertion about the benefit of public school. I believe that, at the present time, there is an equally good standard of education in some, but not all, of the state schools. Some of them, I believe, exceed even some of the best we can get in the public schools. I don’t think you can put any hard and fast rule and say the public school education wins hands down. I think that there is an environment at many of the schools;



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there is, in many cases, I find when I go out talking, a greater degree of co-operation, whereas unfortunately, in many of the state schools, there are elements that can ruin the good that could be experienced by those who really want to progress. I think there is a lot of good, and I think that some of the new state schools are being modelled along very good lines, so I’m very pro the comprehensive. I know they don’t seem to have public sympathy at the moment, but they do seem to be achieving some things the other schools aren’t achieving.

**M.F.:** Would it have helped you to have a degree?

**S.T.R.:** Personally, I don’t think it would have helped me in the slightest jot.

**Jay Flynn:** Would you advise someone going into industry to go to university?

**S.T.R.:** Well, this is a very difficult question. If you ask my personnel department, they would answer, most certainly, “Yes”. For my part, I would rather, if the chap is suited for industry, and unfortunately some think they are and they aren’t and others don’t think they are and they are — I would have thought the best possible thing would be a jolly good school record, finishing up with his “A” levels and then really get into industry and be prepared to work, because industry, at the moment, is such, in this country, that if anybody is prepared to work, if they’re fired with ambition, they can make far, far more progress, get far more both monetary reward and satisfaction than if they opt for the safe life, getting qualified to be an accountant or all these other things where they get the qualification and they feel they’ve got a safe life. If they come into industry, industry is more exciting than any of the professions and it’s got boundless opportunities. If you leave your school and have a good school record, to do it, to get straight into industry, you’ve got a three-year start on other people, rather than go to university. I think that if you’ve got what it takes, if you’ve got the guts, if you do want to go to university and then go into industry, I’m sure the “sandwich-course” is preferable because you get that middle year in industry. You’re prepared then to go on shift work, or all the other things, whereas if you leave your university and get your degree, then the person that comes along always seems to be a little bit loathe to start doing some of the menial jobs. He wants

the managing-director’s chair right away.

**M.F.:** Do you find there is any particular bias in the managers towards “O” levels, “A” levels or a university degree at present and how do you feel it’s going to go in the future?

**S.T.R.:** I think in the future, in industry, it’s going to be difficult if you haven’t got “A” levels. I think it’s going to be very, very difficult if you haven’t got “O” levels. You know, a chap’s really got to have something if he comes along to us, and we’re expanding so fast we want more and more people, there’s really got to be an exceptional case if he hasn’t even got “O” levels; we query what he has got.

**J.F.:** How conformist do you expect your potential managers to be? Do things like length of hair affect their ability to do a good job?

**S.T.R.:** You can’t make any sweeping assumption. Here, we are not very conformist. If a chap’s got what it takes and he wants to wear purple pants, well, I don’t think we would have any objection to it. If he was seeing many customers and I thought he was harming the business because he wore purple pants, I would suggest that they were



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fine for wearing outside business but perhaps he ought to wear something more suitable in it. A few months ago I was interviewing in here a chap, he was 19, and I thought he had brilliant potential;

his hair was down on his shoulders, he obviously had ability, and finally I said to him, well, “What would you say if I said ‘yes’, we’d like you to join the Reed Group but you’d have to get your hair cut first.” He said, “I would report the next morning with my hair cut.” I said, “Fine, join us.” If he had said, “No, under no circumstances, if it meant losing the job I wouldn’t take it off”, I would have still said, “Join us”, because he would have been showing spirit. If he’d taken a half-way course, well then I would have thought perhaps this wasn’t the chap for us.

**J.F.:** What qualities do you have that are particularly needed for top-level management?

**S.T.R.:** Well, the top-most quality is assessment of people. Any fool can buy plant machinery and order a new factory to be built — that takes no skill at all. But the most important thing is people,

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and if you haven’t got the right people, you’re really in trouble. Assessment of people is the most difficult thing. Because it is so important I devote two days in a working month to interviewing young people of the Group, of 18, 20, 24, in various categories that are either spotted or recommended to me by the divisional chief. Man-

agement’s got to take an interest in the people its got, and if they’ve got potential you’ve got to be prepared to jump them quickly. People stagger

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here when a chap of 30 is given a job that always before was done by people in their late forties. But you’ve got to do this and where we’ve done it, it’s proved enormously successful. But not unless your judgement on the people’s right.

**M.F.:** Do you look for this quality in your young people or do you look for drive and ambition?

**S.T.R.:** Well, I look for an indefinable quality. I’m often asked: “What is it? How are you so confident after half an hour that this chap has got it?” Well, it’s a combination of so many things. Is the integrity there? Is there the honesty there? Is the ambition there? And I often ask people: “Are you keen? Are you wanting power?” Now power’s a dirty word by common usage these days but there’s nothing dirty about power if you want power, if you want to manage a thing in the best way it can be managed. If people say “No, we wouldn’t lead your life; we want to get on; we want to get to the stage of, say, £5,000 a year, but

we then want to make sure that the right part of our life is spent so that we can have our golf club, and our social life. We wouldn’t sacrifice everything for work.” Well, that doesn’t damn a person because there’s a niche in life whereby we can fit people in. But if he wants really to get to the top it’s got to be a goal that he’s going to sacrifice everything else to reach. Moreover, behind all these things he’s got to have ability, there’s no doubt about that. It’s no good getting an idiot even if he’s prepared to work 24 hours a day.

**J.F.:** What do you find is the most satisfying aspect of your work?

**S.T.R.:** Finding people at lower levels, pinning my faith that they’ve got this ability, taking the bold jump of putting them into senior jobs, often with much head-shaking from my colleagues. Now there, I think you get an enormous satisfaction that you’ve done a thing like that and it proves right.

**M.F.:** Do you find that you personally have to work so hard? I was looking through your folder and it said that you work from 7.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Is it that there are some jobs that you have to do and they run into this length of time? And is it the same with all other top management?

**S.T.R.:** No, it certainly is not. I know many colleagues who are running companies as vast as the Reed Group who work from 10.00 a.m. to

5.00 p.m. and get all their week-ends and so forth. It's not a question of delegating, for there is never an end to a job at the top: it's what you want to make of it. I could stay as Chairman of the Reed Group, working probably from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. I doubt if I'd get the satisfaction because I'm sure the Group wouldn't be progressing on a cohesive policy if I did that.

If you delegate management development, your management and development department can't make progress because all the divisions are intent on making profits. If you go to them and say, "Look, you've got to develop men", they say, "Oh, yes, of course we have"; they pay lip-service to it, but then they look at the next problem which comes on the desk which is this month's profits or next month's profits, and developing managers won't give something in the future. You don't see any reward next week or next month, so it doesn't get done, and this is what's happening in British industry. We are not developing managers to the extent that they're being developed in America, and in the end we shall fall more behind America than we are now on the technology, because we are just not spending the time developing people. This is one of the biggest things that possibly takes so much of my time.

**J.F.:** You don't think you'd have been more satisfied doing any other job? If you had to start again, would you do just what you've done?

**S.T.R.:** I couldn't do any other job unless there was a profit responsibility, because without profit responsibility I don't think there is any gauge, temperature gauge, chart, that shows you what you're achieving. To do a service job, serving other people or telling other people how to do a job — How can you assess yourself, how can you judge yourself at the end of the day or at the end of the year? We employ an awful lot of service people who are work-study people, economists and research and development, but they're all very important and we must have them, but



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you've got to have the mentality to do that job, because there is no yardstick at the end to say how you're succeeding, and I think that certainly with myself, the thing that motivates me is success. We've all got to be motivated by something, money, success; I don't know — money's out of the question as the taxman will take it whatever you do so there's no point in that. But you've got to have something to spur you on.

**J.F.:** You have a plan to take in 20-25 graduates per annum. Do you have an organised plan for the non-graduates?

**S.T.R.:** Oh, yes, of course. The plans have to be organised. We have 60,000 employees in the Group. Now that means to say that there must be several thousand who join every year, even assuming everybody takes their full span and merely retires. Of course, a lot must go off and better themselves; they'd be poor fish if they didn't. So enormous numbers are taken on every day of the week and certainly in the main periods of the year which are the school-leaving periods. We have personnel departments situated at the centre here which is the co-ordinator, but the divisions are responsible for their recruitment. We go to enormous lengths; for instance, so many times in the various school holidays we take parties round Aylesford: we've got 9,000 employees down there and we show them everything, what life is about. We tell them that if they're in any way interested, come along at the appropriate time and be interviewed. I think you get a reputation in time; there is word of mouth that goes round that here is an organization that's interested in people if people are interested in getting on.

**J.F.:** Could you sum up what you think the business schools at the universities are doing?

**S.T.R.:** Yes. You shouldn't take from my article that I'm against business schools; I'm absolutely for them. I think that our future in so many ways depends on them. It's unfortunate that to get action one has to go to an extreme and probably over-criticize and over-stress in order to get the right action. The problem with them at the moment is their objective; I find, though they always deny this, they get much more satisfaction in pro-



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ducing a professor than they do in producing a business man. What we've got to do is to get far more practical business men actively co-operating in the business school to get the realism of business as opposed to the academic achievements. But it's so easy to criticise: we had nothing a few years ago. One had to go outside this country to Harvard, Fontainebleu. We made this start and we

made a lot of progress, but we've got a lot more progress to make.

**M.F.:** In what way do graduates go back into the university: are they too professor-like when they come out?

**S.T.R.:** No, the graduates aren't too professor-like: I think it is a very hard first two or three years for them in industry while they find their feet and get back to the level they've got to get to to start. Now, I often say of some very bright, up-and-coming people we've got "My gosh, how much better if only we could give that chap a barrow and some fruit and make him stand in Oxford Street for the next six months really selling. Because he's unrealistic, he treats every business problem in far, far too much of the academic manner and there's lacking entrepreneurial. Now, this country was built up in its great days on a great entrepreneurial ability: exchanging beads for gold if you like. Now we can't run business on that way. We've got to have all the professionalism in the future that's possible. But if we get the professionalism but lose the entrepreneurial ability, we're lost. Where we have got it, it shines out a mile; I mean, a man will know

that whatever the problem is that he's going to put that and that together and out of that he's going to make two and two make five. That's what being an entrepreneur is.



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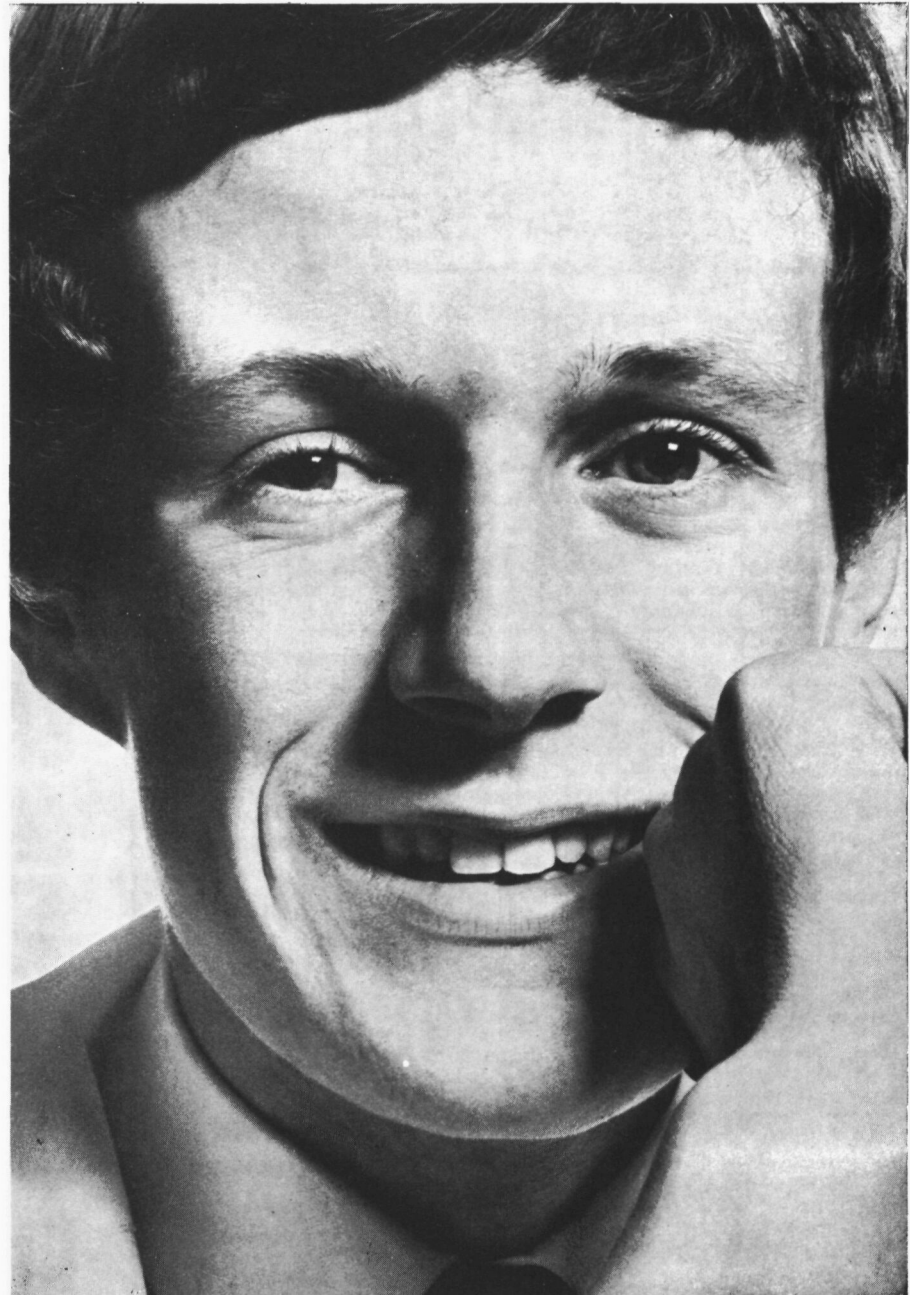
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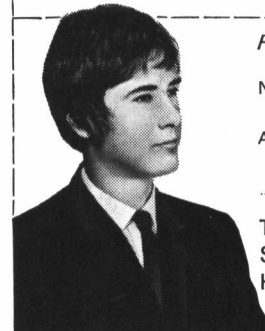
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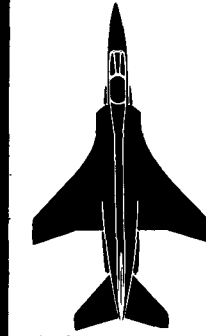
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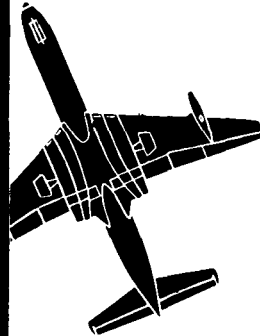
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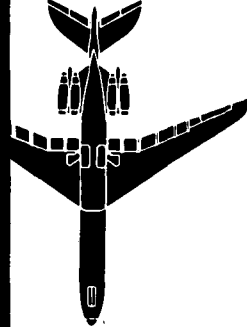
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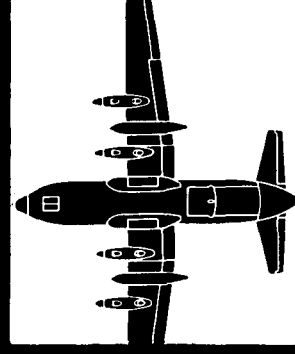
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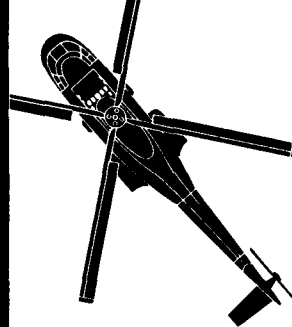
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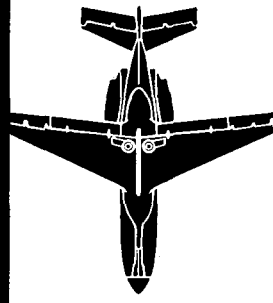
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