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SCHOOL NOTES.

Staff changes since July, 1962 :

Mr. Ron Arthur, master in charge of Physical Education and Games, left to take up an appointment as Assistant Lecturer in the Physical Education Department at the University College, Aberystwyth.

Mr. D. G. Edwards, B.A., Head of the Welsh Department, left on 31st December to take up a similar post at Llangefni.

Mr. D. Gwerfyl Davies, B.A., B.Mus., Head of the Music Department, left on 31st December to take up an appointment as organiser of Music in the City of Leicester.

Mr. S. P. Beddows, B.Mus., from Cardigan High School, is now Head of the Music Department.

Mr. A. J. Wyatt, from Beverley Grammar School, took over Mr. Arthur's duties as master in charge of Physical Education and Games as from 1st September.

Mr. J. Arwyn Evans, B.A., is now Head of the Welsh Department. Mrs. J. E. M. George, B.A., joined the staff as temporary Assistant for Welsh and will continue as a part-time member of Staff next year.

Congratulations to Denis Morgan of 4a on winning a Fourth Prize in the British Trades Alphabet Essay Competition, 1963, the only pupil from a Welsh School to appear in the prize list.

Number of Pupils in the School at end of Summer Term, 1962 was 345.

Congratulations to J. T. Farr and T. Gillard of Vm on passing qualifications for entry into the Royal Navy as Artificer Apprenticeship.

The number of Pupils who left School at end of Summer Term, 1962 was 50. Distributed as follows :—

13 to the Universities, 4 to Training Colleges, 1 to a College of Advanced Technology, 1 to Banking, 1 to Merchant Navy, 1 to Police Force, 3 to post-'A' level apprenticeships, 1 to hospital administration following 'A' level, 1 to Civil Service, 1 to B.B.C. as trainee studio manager, 4 to engineering apprenticeships, 5 to local employment or farming, 14 transferred to other schools.

EXAMINATION WORK.—Advanced Level—33 pupils (23 in 3 subjects, 8 in 2 subjects, 2 in 1 subject) were entered for the July, 1962, examination. 13 obtained passes in 3 subjects, 11 passes in 2 subjects, 7 passes in 1 subject. There were 3 subject distinctions.

Ordinary Level.—48 Fifth form pupils were entered for the examination (number of subjects entered ranged from 5 to 9 per pupil). Average number of passes per pupil were 4.7. 24 pupils were entered for 1 or 2 supplementary subjects.

THE JACOB MORGAN PRIZE.

THE Jacob Morgan Prize is awarded annually to the boy, who in the past academic year, has best upheld the name of the school.

This year it was awarded to D. J. Jones. "D.J." was a born leader. He was a prefect for two years and was prominent in all school activities. Perhaps he will be remembered most of all for his outstanding athletic ability. He was a House Athletics Captain for two years, and he captained the school athletics team last year on the memorable occasion when they won all the available trophies at the County Championships at Llandrindod Wells. As a result, "D.J." received the great honour of being chosen as Captain of the Brecon and Radnor S.S. Athletics team.

He was also outstanding on the rugby field and he received his County Rugby Colours after just failing to gain a Welsh S.S. under-18 cap.

Academically, David was also of some repute. He gained eight 'O' Level passes, and passed in Physics, Pure Maths and Applied Maths at the G.C.E. 'A' level.

At present he is studying Mathematics at Swansea University. David was respected and admired by everyone, and we wish him every success and good fortune in the future.

P. G. POWELL.

SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1962



J B David, H A Williams, D G Evans, G H Jones, A H Major, M Gittins, D R Isaac
D J Peters, P A James, H C Giles, T J Watkins, W D Morgan, G D Gittus, D J V Davies, R A D Jones
Mr. A. Rees, R. Adams, R. Humphreys, D M Adams, P G Powell, H C Lewis, D G Isaac, M A Williams, Mr. J H Williams

SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD

On St David's Day the annual Eisteddfod was held at the Boys Grammar Technical School, Brecon. The President was the Mayor (Ald. E. R. Morgan), and the adjudicators for the day were Rev. Eifion Thomas, Mr. Gwerfyl Davies and Mr. G. A. Williams. Present at the eisteddfod were many parents and visitors.

The chaired bard this year was D. G. Isaac, a sixth form pupil, and during the churning ceremony he was greeted in verse by the runners-up P. G. Powell and Tim Hughes, and by adjudicators and members of the staff.

The winning house was Gam with 341, Theophilus 289 and Vaughan 279.

The prizewinners were :—

English recitation :—Junior : 1, M. R. Thomas, 2, A. J. Thomas, 3, A. R. Jinks. middle : 1, D. K. Evans, 2, D. Prosser-Roberts, 3, P. J. Morris. senior : 1, H. C. Lewis, W. A. Howcroft.

Welsh recitation :—Junior : 1, Malcolm Davies, 2, L. P. Bradley, 3, Colin Moses and D. A. Lewis. Middle: 1, Geraint Davies, 2, G. T. Williams, 3, P. H. Powell. Senior: 1, H. C. Lewis, 2, Gwynfryn Davies, 3, D. R. Davies. Welsh reading: 1, H. C. Lewis, 2, Gwynfryn Davies, 3, D. R. Isaac.

Music :— Junior solo : 1, Julian Gliddon, 2, William Jardine, 3, S. T. Rogers; middle : 1, G. B. Reynolds, 2, J. C. Morgan, 3, L. D. Bingham; senior : 1, H. C. Lewis, 2, D. Hatton, Martin Owen and D. G. Evans.

Pianoforte solo :— Junior : 1, Raymond James, 2, L. P. Bradley; middle : 1, A. R. Powell, 2, G. B. Reynolds, 3, M. A. Boxhall; senior : 1, D. P. Jones.

Metalwork :— Junior class (a) : 1, Colin Moses, 2, R. H. Griffiths, 3, A. J. Thomas; (b) : 1, Leslie Gwynne, 2, William Smith, 3, L. R. Davies; middle class (a) : 1, B. J. Williams, 2, Robert Lally, 3, J. T. Williams, (b) : 1, Robert Lally, 2, A. G. Hurford, 3, B. A. Williams; senior : 1, Vernon Davies, 2, R. Fantham, 3, C. Jenkins.

Art :— Junior painting : 1, L. P. Bradley, 2, Christopher Brown, 3, Charles Earp and Colin Williams; Junior handwriting : 1, A. R. Jinks, 2, Paul Silk, 3, R. A. C. Davies; middle class (a) : 1, M. Powell, 2, R. A. Bovey, 3, G. T. Williams and John Samuel; (b) : 1, Mansel Davies, 2, David Jenkins, 3, B. J. Jones; senior class (a) : 1, R. J. Griffiths, 2, Robert Jardine, 3, D. T. Williams, and R. V. Dunning; (b) : 1, Vernon Davies, 2, Roger Banning, 3, G. R. Powell and D. G. Evans; (c) : 1, Robert Jardine, 2, Bruce Williams, 3, R. V. Dunning.

Geography :— Junior forms : 1, C. D. Williams, 2, P. Kendrick, 3, R. A. C. Davies; Form 2 : 1, Charles Earp, 2, A. Moy, 3, S. T. Roger and D. T. Thomas; Middle Form 3 : 1, David Jenkins, 2, M. A. Boxhall, 3, Idris Jones; Form 4 : R. A. Bovey, 2, M. Sims, 3, B. Carpenter; Senior : 1, H. C. Lewis, 2, D. J. Peters, 3, B. L. Jones.

Maths :— Junior : 1, S. T. Rogers, 2, Julian Gliddon; Middle : 1, A. E. Lee, 2, R. S. Thomas, 3, D. G. Morris; Senior : 1, David Adami, 2, P. Hudson, 3, P. Mogg.

Woodwork :— Junior Form 1 : 1, Michael Lewis, 2, Graham Paton, 3, C. D. Williams; Form 2, 1, D. H. Price, 2, Jonathan Arter, 3, J. A. Evans; Middle : 1 D. G. Plunkett, 2, D. J. Hall, 3, Mansel Davies; Senior : 1, Vernon Davies, 2, C. Jenkins, 3, D. C. Williams.

House competitions :— Choir : 1, Theo, 2, Siddons, 3, Gam; Welsh choral recitation : 1, Theo, 2, Siddons, 3, Gam and Vaughan.

THE ELEVENTH PARIS CULTURAL HOLIDAY

6th -16th April, 1963.

Last Easter some twelve hundred students attended the Annual Cultural Holiday at Paris. The majority of these hailed from England and it was a privilege for G. H. Jones, P. A. James and myself to number among them.

Our tedious twenty hour journey began in the early hours of April 6th. Via Newport we set out for London where we joined the assembly and thence travelled to Folkstone. After a particularly stormy Channel crossing on "The Maid of Orleans" we reached Calais where we boarded an express bound for the "Gard du Nord" and whence coaches took the various parties to their centres of accommodation. Our centre was College Stanislas where we arrived in time for the exotic french 'diner'.

Sunday was spent viewing the Ile de la Cite, with its magnificent gothic Cathedral of Notre Dame, and the boutiques of bookstalls perched precariously on the walls overlooking the wharves along the Seine.

During the week we were obliged to follow a timetable which took us to lectures in the mornings and on guided tours in the afternoons. The former were given in the amphitheatre of the Sorbonne—the University of Paris—and dealt with the books set for study at 'A' level this year.

For the most part the tours were on foot and were conducted by French undergraduates. Despite the time given to study we were able to visit most of the landmarks and place of beauty such as the Luxembourg gardens; Les Invalides and Napoleon's tomb; The Pantheon—resting place of most of France's great men of letters: the Tuileries; the Arc de Triomphe de l'Etoile and the Louvre. In the latter we saw the world-renowned Joconde or Mona Lisa. We also visited Versailles—royal seat of government set up by the Sun King, Louis XIV and, of course, the Eiffel Tower. This thousand feet high tower is awe-inspiring in its grace and charm. Elegantly poised on the very verge of the Seine, it commands a view of the whole of the city. At the top I was re-assured that ours were return tickets.

The evenings were spent for the most part in the American Centre where one could dance, play table-tennis or swim. It was here that several acquaintances were made (solely in order to improve our oral proficiency, of course) and here that we ensured that the 'cultural' side of our holiday was not overstressed.

Highlights of our stay were a reception for the party given by the Mayor of Paris in the Town Hall, and a performance of Molières 'Bourgeois Gentilhomme' by the celebrated cast of the 'Comedie Francaise'.

In the early hours of the 16th we sadly took our leave of the city, having fully explored and enjoyed Hardy's 'rookery of pomp and vanity' and having seen for ourselves that the French capital really does live up to its high reputation. Paris in the springtime is veritably an unforgettable experience.

W. D. MORGAN.

SCHOOL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE.

THE School's Annual Remembrance Day Service was held on Monday, 12th November. The service was attended by the Mayor of Brecon (Councillor E. R. Morgan) and a number of other Old Boys of the school. It was conducted by the Headmaster and the devotional part by Rev. Eifion Thomas. The traditional lines from Laurence Binyon's "For the Fallen" were read by the Headmaster and the tribute by Peter Powell, the Head Boy. The Proem was read by Mr. J. H. Williams. The Roll of Honour for World War I was read by Mr. Mervyn Jenkins and for World War II by Mr. A. R. Williams. Wreaths were hung under the School Memorial Tablet by Councillor David Lewis of the Old Boys Association and by M. H. Gittins and P. Silk on behalf of the School.

THE WORLD CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE AT COLEG HARLECH

THREE Boys from the school were fortunate to be chosen to visit Coleg Harlech to attend the Annual World Citizenship Conference. The boys were P. Moon, V. G. Jones, B. L. Jones. The lectures were most instructive and dealt with the political and social problems of the world today. The Conference was attended by sixth form pupils from all over Wales who, at the final report session, showed their unanimous appreciation for the hospitality of Coleg Harlech.

P. MOON, VIb.

PRIZE DAY, 1963.

The School's Annual Prize Day was held on Wednesday, 27th March. Rear Admiral D. J. Hoare, Principal of the Atlantic College at St. Donats, was the Guest Speaker and he also distributed the prizes.

The Head Boy, P. G. Powell, delivered the Speech of Welcome which was followed by the Chairman's Address given by Councillor R. V. Williams.

Next came the Headmaster's Report which dealt with almost all school activities. Firstly he gave details of the examination results, and then summarised briefly the developments within the school during the past five years, with special reference to the introduction of General Studies in the Sixth Form.

After the Headmaster's report the prizes and certificates were distributed by Rear Admiral Hoare, and this was followed by a musical interlude given by the School Choir, with H. C. Lewis singing a solo, and P. J. Gardner giving a consummate violin solo.

This delightful interlude over, Rear Admiral Hoare commenced his address. He gave a most interesting outline of the activities and aims of the Atlantic College at St. Donats.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. D. J. Davies and seconded by Councillor J. V. Like.

ATHLETICS TEAM



T B Williams, V G Jones, R B Jones, N A Williams, J Twining, D F Jones, B A Williams, S J Barrett, R Isaac
Mr. D R Morris, R Woodford, R Hatton, A Hughes, P Saxon, H C Lewis, M G Davies, G R Powell, B S Jones, P Havard, Mr P Rowlands
Mr A Rees, P Powell, D J Peters, J Davies, R Adams (capt.), A Hodges, H E Jenkins, P Morris, Mr A J Wyatt
D A S Williams, J I Williams, S J Richards, A Perry

COPING WITH CLARENCE.

It was a still, moonless night in June. "Ideal for moths," I thought as I set out, net in hand and pocket bulging with empty bottles galore. That night I was particularly after the luminous swallow-tails which I knew to frequent one distant part of the old village road.

Having netted my share of the nightmarish may-bugs, I was pursuing a fast-flying hawk moth when I blundered into a scene which has certainly changed my life.

There, protected from my sight by a corner in the road, was the first and only ghost that I have ever met. He was a thin, weedy-looking ghost, looking more like a spiral of smoke than the relic of a human being. Everything he had—even his hair and clothes—had that smoky colour; that is, save his eyeballs, which had a stronger glow and which were the only life-like parts of his figure.

At first, he did not notice me. He merely stood near the bank and kept passing his hand through and through the bloom of a deadly nightshade, as if he was mourning its very existence.

It was then that I dropped my net.

The clatter brought him once more to the present. He whipped round and saw me. His blurred features showed no trace of emotion in that minute as we stood staring at each other. I, for my part, felt a curious twinge in the pit of my stomach when I realised that I was able to look through him and see the bank behind him.

"I must keep my spirits up. There's to be no panicking," I told myself.

Then, something seemed to register on his memory. It must have been that he knew he must scare me away. He opened his mouth and let out a small, not-in-the-least terrifying "Booh."

When he saw that it did not affect me at all, he first took on a rather puzzled look and then tried again. This time I was ready for him and put an expression of scorn upon my face.

He looked inquiringly and then slowly lost control. He began to sob: "Why can't I haunt like other ghosts? What did I do to earn this?"

"What did you do?" I asked, becoming bolder at his apparent distress and glad of a diversion.

"That's right," he snapped in his queer, high-pitched voice, "You poke fun at me again."

"Again?" I asked, wondering what he meant.

"Yes, again," he replied, "They didn't believe me either."

Seeing my puzzlement, he looked at his tattered ghost-clothes, sighed loudly and then started the story that all pathetic beings tell.

Clarence Mortimer—for such was his earthly name, had devoted his post-college life to the task of seeking the ambrosial food of the gods—the Elixir of Life.

Please do not laugh at this little man's great ambition. Lesser people have carried off achievements just as great. However, back to the story!

As his income dwindled, his fervour increased and he became more sure that his goal was just ahead. Thus, more than once, he became very near to being arrested by his country, which was ever aware of the dangers of the anarchists.

Eventually, he was forced to live, eat and sleep alone with his apparatus in a dingy basement not fit for humans, occasionally venturing out to earn food or to buy apparatus.

In these conditions, he caught the dreaded tuberculosis and soon he was in such a state that he gave himself a matter of weeks only.

In these, the last days of his life, he was reaching the last phase of his research. Knowing that he would not have enough time to complete it properly, he determined to take a chance and act as a guinea-pig for his "Elixir formula." Thus, if it worked, he would live. If it didn't he would die.

His research had not been fruitless. Within a matter of seconds of his taking it, he was stretched out on the stinky basement floor, killed by the most deadly poison ever created. He took all and felt no pain.

The coroner, in view of Clarence's undoubted anarchist principles, recorded a verdict of suicide, death being due to an unknown agent.

But this was not the end. They, also, treated it as suicide.

His soul, after leaving the still quivering body, rose high above the earth and then became fixed on a sort of "radar beam."

At first, he thought he was not moving—there was no resistance to his path—but he soon changed that notion when he saw how the stars were moving from their millennium-old pattern.

As time progressed, he lost all track of his position and the beam on which he was fixed strengthened. Soon, he was at a huge, tent-like structure, which suddenly appeared out of nowhere, and he was jostling amid a throng of silent, ghost-like apparitions. Some, he could see, were from the earth of his birth, some were from other worlds.

"Mortimer—Clarence—Earth 21," went a voice.

Somehow, he knew he had to go inside that tent.

Inside were seven sombre-faced judges. One face he knew, but was just not able to place it in his memory.

"Clarence Mortimer?" asked the central figure which had the face he knew. "We find you guilty of unlawfully taking your life. We condemn you to a century of the ether. Next case?"

And that was that.

On leaving the tent, he made his way back to the earth in the same way as he had come before, but more slowly.

He decided to frequent the narrow country lanes of his former homeland because there were less people there and he did not wish to frighten them by his attempts at haunting. It was then the thirty-third year of his term.

His narrative finished, he fixed his eyes on me.

"Will you make me one promise?" he asked.

I nodded my assent, wondering how I would cope with him if he asked me to kill myself and keep him company.

"Don't you ever commit suicide and land in trouble as I have" he ordered, his ghost-eyes glowing.

With that, he vanished.

Since then I have been sorely tempted several times to make an end of it all. But the ghost of Clarence Mortimer still lingers on in the back of my mind, and I know that I shall always keep my promise, for I can only cope with his order when I am still alive.

P. J. MORRIS, IVa.

TOP TUNES.

Mr. Beddows	... <i>Hey Mr. Base Man</i>
Mr. Morris	... <i>An Angel sent from Heaven Above</i>
Mr. Morgan	... <i>I wish I was a Space Man</i>
Mr. J. Thomas	... <i>Big Bad John</i>
Mr. Giles	... <i>Mystery Man</i>
Mr. A. Williams	... <i>If I were a Tower of Strength</i>
Mr. Whittingham	... <i>Globetrotter</i>
Mr. Wyatt	... <i>Let's Limbo Some More</i>
Mr. Moses	... <i>If I had a Hammer</i>
Mr. Foulkes	... <i>She Taught me to Yodel</i>
Miss Richards	... <i>You can Count on Me</i>
Staff Room	... <i>Human Jungle</i>
Mr. P. O. J. Rowlands	... <i>I'm Not the Marrying Kind</i>
Mathematical Problem	... <i>How do You do It?</i>
Maths. Lecture	... <i>Say I won't be there.</i>
The Admiralty	... <i>Do you want to know a Secret</i>
Herr Hippler	... <i>Stranger on the Shore</i>
Conscientious Pupil	... <i>Breaking Up is hard to do.</i>
Dr. Williams	... <i>Cigarette and Coffee Blues</i>
Mrs. George	... <i>Devil Woman</i>
Miss Harvey	... <i>The Bird on the Second Floor</i>
Mr. Angell	... <i>Multiplication</i>
School Dinners	... <i>Taste of Honey</i>
A. Major	... <i>Romeo</i>
P. Powell	... <i>A Bird up on my Bike</i>
The School	... <i>Wormwood Scrubs Tango</i>
The Mob	... <i>Run, Run, Senoritas</i>

ATHLETICS.

Master-in-charge : Mr. Wyatt. Captain : R. J. Adams

School Sports.

The School Athletics Meeting took place on Wednesday, 22nd May. For the first time competitors were able to use the excellent new facilities, in particular the track. Despite this apparent advantage, few records were broken. R. G. Hatton set new records for the 100 yards and 220 yards (Junior), while in the Minor section M. R. Thomas equalled the 220 yards record and the Gam Relay team surpassed the previous best.

The outstanding performance of the day undoubtedly stands to the credit of J. M. J. Davis who won four 'firsts' in the Intermediate section—High Jump, Javelin, 440 yards and 880 yards.

As is now traditional, the Mayor of Brecon spoke to the athletes after the meeting. Mr. George Davies, whose first official function this was, is a former pupil of the School. Mrs. Davies presented the cups to the captains of the winning House teams.

MINORS : "The Minor Cup"—Vaughan.

100 yards. 1, M. R. Thomas (V), 2, H. Perkins (G), 3, M. H. Davies (G)
Time, 13.6 secs.

220 yards. 1, M. R. Thomas (V), 2, H. Perkins (G), 3, P. Poole (S)
Time 30.7 secs (equals record)

High Jump. 1, P. John (V), 2, P. Poole (S), 3, K. Watkins (G)
Height 3ft. 8 ins.

Long Jump. 1, M. R. Thomas (V), 2, H. Perkins (G), 3, J. J. Morgan (S)
Distance 13ft. 2ins.

Cricket Ball. 1, M. Farr (V), 2, A. J. Price (T), 3, D. J. Powell (T)
Distance 139ft. 2ins.

Relay. (4 x 100) 1, Gam, 2, Vaughan, 3 Siddons. (Record)

JUNIOR.—"The G. Davies Cup"—Theophilus.

100 yards. 1, R. G. Hatton (T), 2, S. Barrett (T), 3, H. E. Jenkins (S) and W. Woodford (S). Time 11.6 secs (New Record).

220 yards. 1, R. G. Hatton, (T) 2, W. Woodford (S), 3, S. Barrett (T).
Time, 26.2 secs (New Record)

Hurdles. 1, G. Reynolds (S), 2, E. Morgan (G), 3, B. G. R. Davies (T)
Time, 13.9 secs.

High Jump. 1, M. E. Davies (T), 2, G. Reynolds (S) and D. Osborne (V)
Height 4ft 2ins.

Long Jump. 1, S. Barrett (T), 2, L. Bailey (G), 3, R. G. Hatton (T)
Distance 15ft 1½ins.

Pole Vault. 1, S. Richards (V), 2, M. E. Davies (T), 3, H. D. Thomas (S)
Height 6ft. 5½ins.

Weight. 1, B. A. Williams (T), 2, M. E. Davies (T), 3, L. R. Davies (S),
Distance 39ft. 4½ins.

Discus. 1, B. A. Williams (T), 2, T. B. Davies (G), 3, C. Moses (S)
Distance 92ft.

Javelin. 1, R. Francis (S), 2, B. A. Williams (T), 3, T. B. Davies (G)
Distance 98ft. 3ins.

Relay (Under 15.) 1, Theophilus, 2 Siddons, 3 Vaughan.

INTERMEDIATE : "The D. J. Powell Cup"—Theophilus and Vaughan.

100 yards. 1, D. B. Jones (V), 2, D. W. James (S), 3, P. J. Morris (T)
Time, 11.5 secs.

220 yards. 1, D. B. Jones (V), 2, J. R. Jones (S), 3, P. J. Morris (T)
Time, 25.6 secs.

440 yards. 1, J. M. J. Davis (G), 2, B. Seage (V), 3, H. Beavan (T)
Time, 57.4 secs.

880 yards. 1, J. M. J. Davis (G), 2, D. W. James (S), 3, G. Crocker (T)
Time 2 min. 22 secs.

Hurdles. 1, R. P. Phillips (G), 2, S. J. Price (T), 3, P. Sussex (S)
Time 18.6 secs.

High Jump. 1, J. M. J. Davis (G), 2, B. S. Jones (V), 3, R. J. Griffiths (V)
Height, 5 ft.

Long Jump. 1, S. J. Price (T), 2, D. B. Jones (V), 3, T. Gillard (G)
Distance 16ft. 3ins.

Pole Vault. 1, A. Hodges (S), 2, R. Herbert (V), 3, I. Miles (V)
Height 8ft 0½ins.

Triple Jump. 1, D. B. Jones, (V), 2, R. J. Griffiths (V), 3, D. W. James (S)
Distance, 37ft 9ins.

Weight. 1, G. Powell (T), 2, T. Gillard (G), 3, G. T. Williams (S)
Distance, 37ft. 7ins.

Discus. 1, G. Powell (T), 2, G. T. Williams (S), 3, T. Powell (T)
Distance 113ft.

Javelin. 1, J. M. J. Davis (G), 2, G. Powell (T), 3, G. T. Williams (S)
Distance, 135ft. 3ins.

SENIOR : "The Staff Cup"—Theophilus.

100 yards. 1, R. Adams (T), 2, I. Thrupp (V), 3, B. David (T)
Time, 11.1 secs.

220 yards. 1, R. Adams (T), 2, I. Thrupp (V), 3, J. Twining (S)
Time, 24.9 secs.

440 yards. 1, R. Adams (T), 2, T. B. Williams (V), P. Powell (S)
Time, 57.4 secs.

380 yards. 1, T. B. Williams (V), 2, R. Isaac (V), 3, D. F. Jones (S)
Time, 2 mins. 16.1 secs.

Mile. 1, M. A. Williams (V), 2, D. F. Jones (S), 3, A. Paton (V)
Time, 5 mins. 11.9 secs.

Hurdles. 1, V. Jones (T), 2, J. Peters (G), 3, J. Twining (S)
Time 19 secs.

High Jump. 1, J. Peters (G), 2, M. G. Davies (T), 3, D. F. Jones (S)
Height, 5ft. 1½ ins.

Long Jump. 1, J. Peters, (G), 2, V. Jones (T), 3, M. H. Gittins (G)
Distance 17ft. 11ins.

Pole Vault. 1, R. B. Jones (G), 2, T. Payne (G), 3, A. Webb (S)
Height, 8ft. 5ins.

Triple Jump. 1, J. Peters (G), 2, R. Adams (T), 3, J. Twining (S)
Distance, 38ft. 5ins.

Weight. 1, P. Powell (S), 2, H. C. Lewis (G), 3, R. B. Jones (G)
Distance, 37ft. 5ins.

Discus. 1, H. C. Lewis (G), 2, T. Payne (G), 3, P. Havard (T)
Distance 102ft. 0½ins.

Javelin. 1, P. Havard (T), 2, M. G. Davies (T), 3, H. C. Lewis (G)
Distance 139ft. 1ins.

Relay. 1, Theophilus; 2, Siddons; 3, Gam. Time 19secs.

Aggregate Trophy: "The L. Lewis and Dr. G. Price Cup"—Theophilus.

BRECON AND RADNOR SCHOOLS A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The School, team captained by R. Adams, was as follows;

Lower Junior. 100 yards, H. E. Jenkins, 1st; 220 yards, H. E. Jenkins 1st (standard); Long Jump, D. A. S. Williams 1st, (standard); High Jump, J. I. Williams, 6th; Weight, H. E. Jenkins 3rd (standard); Cricket Ball, D. A. S. Williams, 6th; Relay, H. E. Jenkins, S. J. Richards, A. Perry, D. A. S. Williams, 1st (standard and record).

Junior.—100 yards, A. Hodges (unplaced); 220 yards, S. Barrett, 5th; 440 yards, W. Woodford, 5th; Hurdles, A. Hughes; High Jump, B. S. Jones, 1st (standard); Long Jump, S. J. Barrett, unplaced; Pole Vault, A. Hodges* 1st (standard equalled record); Triple Jump, P. Saxon, 5th (standard); Weight, B. A. Williams 7th (standard); Discus, B. A. Williams, 5th; Javelin, A. Hughes, 2nd (standard); Cricket Ball, A. Hughes, 3rd (standard); Relay, R. G. Hatton, S. J. Barrett, A. Hodges, W. Woodford, 3rd in heat (standard).

Intermediate.—100 yards, I. L. Thrupp, 3rd; 220 yards, I. L. Thrupp, 4th (standard); 440 yards, J. M. J. Davies*, 5th (standard); 880 yards, T. B. Williams 1st, (standard); Mile, D. F. Jones, 5th (standard); Hurdles, V. G. Jones 3rd; Long Jump, D. B. Jones, 3rd (standard); High Jump, J. M. J. Davies, 4th; Triple Jump, D. B. Jones, 6th (standard); Pole Vault, J. M. M. Davies, 1st (equal) (standard); Weight, R. G. Powell 2nd (standard); Discus, P. G. Havard, 2nd (standard); Javelin, P. G. Havard, 4th (standard); Relay, I. Thrupp, D. B. Jones, P. Morris, J. Davies, 2nd (Standard).

Senior.—100 yards, P. Adams* 1st; 220 yards, R. Adams, 1st (standard); 440 yards, P. Powell, 2nd (standard); 880 yards, D. R. Isaac, 4th; Mile, M. A. Williams, 2nd; Hurdles, J. Twining, 2nd; Long Jump, D. J. Peters, 1st (standard); Triple Jump, D. J. Peters, 2nd (standard); High Jump, D. J. Peters, 1st (standard); Pole Vault, R. B. Jones, 2nd (standard); Weight, P. G. Powell, 4th (standard); Discus, H. C. Lewis, 1st (standard); Javelin, M. G. Davies, 4th; Relay, R. Adams, P. Powell, D. J. Peters, J. Twining, 2nd (standard).

*Captain.

The school won the Lower Junior, Middle and Senior Trophies losing the Junior Cup to Maesydderwen. The Aggregate Trophy also remains with us.

Performances worthy of note in this excellent all-round effort, are the new records set by the Lower Junior Relay Team, Alan Hodges' fine vaulting to equal the Junior Pole Vault record, and the "double firsts" of Richard Adams, John Peters and Haydn Jenkins.

The following members of the team were selected to represent Brecon and Radnor at the Welsh Schools' Championships at Aberystwyth: Junior, B. S. Jones, A. Hodges, R. G. Hatton; Middle, T. B. Williams; Senior, R. Adams, D. J. Peters, H. C. Lewis.

COLLEGE REPORTS

CARDIFF TRAINING COLLEGE.

I AM at present the only old pupil of the school here at Cardiff Training College, which, incidentally, is one of the few colleges in Britain offering an advanced main course in Physical Education. I am fortunate enough to follow this course and also a main course in English Literature.

I have been fortunate enough to represent the College first teams and the Welsh Training Colleges teams in soccer and athletics. I also have an occasional "dabble" at the "other game," rough though it is, and also participate practically and theoretically in all aspects of physical education which the college curriculum offers—gymnastics, cricket, swimming, tennis, camping, the study of anatomy, physiology, kinesiology and the psychology of growth and development.

I am an active member of the college literary and debating society and am on the editorial staff of the college magazine and fortnightly broadsheet.

My leisure hours are usually spent at college hops or dances, the occasional party or film, and in the summer term wallowing on the beach or playing golf (miniature).

I shall be sitting my remaining finals—English, P.E., and Education Theory, in June, and in September, depending upon my success in these finals, take up a teaching post at the Campbell Secondary School for Boys in Barking, Essex.

SHAUN GALLAGHER

APPRENTICESHIP.

THIS year I am studying for the first year of the Ordinary National Certificate of Engineering course. This is approximately equivalent to 1st year sixth Form work.

I am now settled into Wellington House, which serves as the Leyland Motors Student's Hostel. There are twenty-six students in residence at the House, a further thirty-five students being elsewhere in the vicinity. This year I was one of twelve students accepted into the course. Wellington House is really a very nice place, with tennis and squash courts, a medium sized gymnasium and beautifully kept lawns and grounds

DAVID JENKINS

SANDWICH COURSE

THIS, the first year of my 1-3-1 Sandwich Course in Electrical Engineering with Associated Electrical Industries (Manchester) Ltd., has proved extremely valuable as a preview of Industry before going up to Bristol University next session. Known as a "University Student Engineer," I have almost completed eight weeks Basic Workshop

training, six weeks Drawing Office training and will have done time in at least three departments of my choice by the end of the year. This has all been of great interest and I advise anyone else thinking of entering the engineering profession to consider this type of course. The Apprentice and Hobbies Clubs and swimming keep me pre-occupied from noticing the bleak surroundings of Manchester.

R. A. BASTABLE.

SWANSEA.

THE senior student amongst us is Geraint Jones, who is doing his second year of research in Chemistry. He takes an active interest in sport and is also a keen bridge player.

Ron Samuel is now in his fourth year doing Teacher's Training after his degree in History last year. Alun Jones, after obtaining his M.A. in Latin at Aberystwyth, is also here doing Teachers' Training. Neither Ron nor Alun are seen around the College very often, but both lead a very active social life when time permits.

Malcolm Lloyd is in his third year and hopes to take an Honours Degree in History. Despite the fact that he is working very hard (he is ever occasionally to be found working in the College library) he is still a keen member of the Film Club.

In his second year, reading Botany is John Sullivan. He frequently makes an appearance on the rugby field, and regularly attends the college hops.

Harley Simpson is in the second year of a Diploma Course in Social Science. Much of his spare time is given over to the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament within the College. In addition to this he is Secretary of the United Nations Students Association, assistant editor of the official college newspaper "*Crefft*" and a member of the Socialist Society.

Peter Phillips is in his second year studying history. He is often to be seen at College debates and occasionally at a Saturday night dance. In addition to this he is a member of U.N.S.A.

As anticipated by Peter Phillips last year, there has been an exodus from Brecon to this College on the Welsh Riviera.

Gwyn Griffiths, D. J. Jones, D. L. Jones, D. P. Jones, Tom Thirgood, Tom Protheroe and Bill Thomas are all studying an assortment of science subjects and in addition to being members of various inter-departmental societies, they take an active part in the social or sporting life of the College.

D. J. Jones and D. L. Jones have both represented the College in athletics this term, and D. J. also played regularly for the rugby 2nd XV.

D. P. Jones is a member of the Socialist Society and also enjoys an occasional game of squash.

Gwyn Griffiths and Tom Thirgood are both residents of Neuadd Gilbertson and their sporting life is confined to walking the two miles to college every day.

J. TUTHILL.

BIRMINGHAM COLLEGE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

I am, I believe, the first Old Boy of the School to enter such an establishment and doubtless many of you reading this have little knowledge of a College of Advanced Technology. There are twelve CAT's, as they are known, throughout the country and they cater mainly for B.Sc. and Diploma in Technology courses.

The Birmingham CAT was opened in 1949 and moved into its present surroundings in 1953. This impressive building looks down on the busy city centre of Brum, and at present occupies $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres of ground. Under the development scheme the college should soon occupy in the region of 16 acres. At present there are some 5,000 students attending the College and they come and go at the oddest of times to do a variety of subjects.

In this progressive country where University places are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain, scientists cannot ignore the importance of such colleges as this which offers equal and in some respects better opportunities than the traditional Universities.

I have just completed my Part I course in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics for an external London University degree. It is a full course and my spare time has been spent in the Physical and Debating Societies or in other equally interesting pursuits. In the sporting field I've tried to keep as fit as ever (*sic*) by playing for the Rugby 3rd XV, the soccer 2nd XI and the Cricket 1st XI.

TONY DACEY.

CARDIFF.

THERE are six Old Boys at the University College, Cardiff, this year. Three of us are freshers, while the other three are by now "old stagers." The University is now in the middle of a vast building extension and there has been talk of a "sky scraper" being built in Cathays Park. The new arts building is as good as any in the country and its benefits were felt in the severe weather of last winter. All the Old Boys in Cardiff hope to see many more Breconians here next Autumn.

GERALD CURTIS is the contingent's most senior member and has taken his honours degree in Biochemistry this summer. The pressure of work has kept Gerry "hard at it" during the year although he has managed to indulge in some soccer and cricket.

HAYDN OWEN has just completed his second year and is studying Architecture. Little is seen of Haydn during the week as most of his time is spent in the College of Advanced Technology just across the way from the University in Cathays Park. At weekends, however, he is to be found enjoying the social life that the University offers and is a regular visitor to the College "hops."

DENNIS PARRY has also just finished his second year and is now preparing himself for his degree year. During the winter Dennis has made full use of the rugby facilities offered by the College and has

played regularly for the 2nd XV. During the summer term he has, apart from studying for his sessional examinations, played some tennis for the college.

The three freshers this year are : Howard Parry, Winstone Griffiths and myself. It is a pleasure to report that all three of us have survived the rigours of the first year and have all managed to pass Part I. Howard Parry, after studying English, French and German in Part I has been accepted into Honours German for next session. Winstone Griffiths has been accepted into the Honours History class and has settled down extremely well in Cardiff. Winstone played basket-ball for the College during the winter and has also taken an active part in the Debating Society. As for myself, I have been accepted into Honours Archaeology for next session. I was perhaps influenced in taking Archaeology by a few words I found in one of the more fashionable newspapers under the title "Old Bones." I quote the passage that was overheard in the Students' Union Building in Cardiff : "I want to marry an archaeologist. As I grow older I want my husband's interest in me to increase."

ROBERT OWENS.

VISIT TO SHAKESPEARE THEATRE.

September saw the first school trip of the year which was to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon. Here we saw a performance of 'Macbeth' marred for many by the distracting sets, inaudibility of Lady Macbeth and the rather farcical Porter scene. Nevertheless it was enjoyed by all and, more important still, it gave us of the Upper Sixth English form a chance to see Shakespeare performed.

W. D. MORGAN.

VALE.

We extend congratulations to Mr. Glyn Williams on his appointment as Deputy Warden of Croesyceiliog Community College, where he will take up his duties next term.

CROSS COUNTRY.

So severely did the weather affect the Rugby and Soccer programme that a large part of "game time" was devoted to cross-country running, largely in deep snow. The course chosen included the School fields and the Priory Groves, and was a reasonably testing one.

For the first time a House Cross Country Championship took place. Vaughan won the Senior section, Siddons the Middle and Theo the Junior. Individual winners were M. A. Williams (Senior), Mansel Davies (Middle) and R. G. Hatton (Junior). Over-all champions were Vaughan.

Four teams travelled to Lucton School, near Leominster. Despite several good individual performances by Brecon runners, the home side were far too strong and won all four events easily. Captains of the teams were : G. W. Jones (Senior 'A' and 'B'), M. Morrison (Junior 'A') and E. D. Morgan (Junior 'B').

RUGBY.

THE season was notable for the departure of Mr. Ron Arthur from Brecon and for the arrival in his place of Mr. A. J. Wyatt. Under his enthusiastic leadership School rugby has continued to go from strength to strength.

Teams were fielded from the usual age groups and often as many as sixty boys represented the School on the same day.

Congratulations are due to T. E. Payne who was capped for Mid-Wales and Monmouthshire and who was reserve for the final W.S.S.R.U. under 18 Trial. V. G. Jones and D. J. Peters were reserves for the Mid-Wales and Monmouthshire team.

A School "Seven" reached the final of the Llandovery Seven-a-Side Tournament, defeating Llandeilo G.S., Llandovery H.S. and even the much-vaunted Llandovery College on the way. The tournament was won by Llanelly G.S. who later won the Public Schools' Sevens for the third time, not to mention the Welsh Schools' Sevens.

In the Seven-a-Side Tournament organised on Easter Monday by the Brecon Club, a School team reached the final, losing narrowly to Ludlow R.F.C. on this occasion. It is interesting to note that among their victims in the early rounds were the Christ College Old Boys.

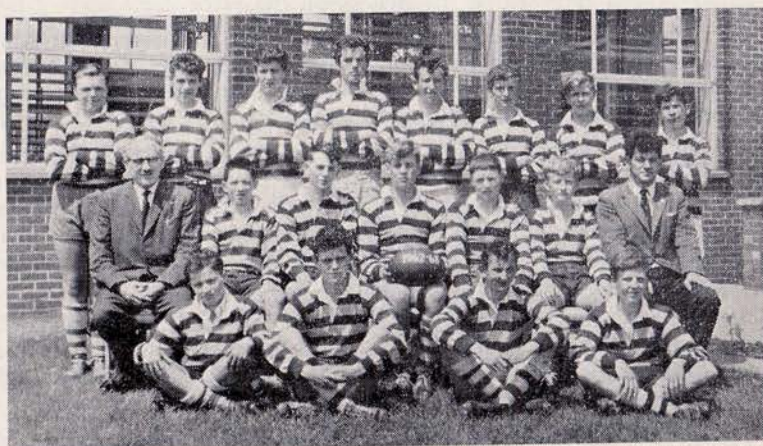
The focal point of the season was, however, quite apart from all this: the First fifteen and the Under fifteens travelled in December to Cheadle, Cheshire, to play against Moseley Hall G.S. The venture was socially a great success and we shall certainly welcome the return visit next season. We shall also hope to win back the Welsh dolls which were given to the Cheadle teams as trophies.

RUGBY TEAM. 1st XV, 1962-63



V G Jones, R A D Jones, M A Williams, M G Davies, A Jones, A R Sneade, Mr. G Angell
Mr. A Rees, P G Powell, B M Watkins, D J Peters, J B David (Capt.), T E Payne, P J Havard, R Adams, Mr. A J Wyatt
T B Williams H W Beavan Absent: I L Thrupp

UNDER FIFTEEN XV. 1962-63.



B A Williams, B J Jones, S. J. Price, G T Williams, D B Jones, T E Powell, D J Younger, P Saxon
Mr. A Rees, P D Sussex, P J Morris, G Crocker (vice-capt), R P Phillips, I W Miles, Mr. P Rowlands
D K Evans, M Powell, R L A Jones, J B Morgan. Absent: D W James (Capt.), B Seage, D Gardner.

1st XV.

Captains : D. J. Peters (Sept.-Dec.) and J. B. David (Jan.-April).
Secretary : V. G. Jones. W.S.S.R.U. Representative : Mr. Angell.
Master-in-charge : Mr. Wyatt.

Colours : 2nd Re-Awards : J. B. David, P. G. Powell.

Re-Awards : D. J. Peters, T. E. Payne, P. J. Havard, R. Adams,
B. M. Watkins.

Awards : R. A. D. Jones, I. L. Thrupp, A. R. Sneade, Alan Jones,
T. B. Williams, M. A. Williams, M. G. Davies, V. G. Jones, H. W.
Beavan.

Opponents		Result	For	Against
Llandrindod G.S.	Away	Won	31	0
Vaynor and Penderyn C.S.	Home	Won	33	0
Abergavenny K.H.G.S.	Home	Drawn	3	3
Maesydderwen C.S.	Home	Won	19	0
Nantyglo G.S.	Away	Lost	3	8
Brynmawr C.S.	Home	Won	21	0
Christ College, Brecon	Home	Lost	6	9
Ebbw Vale G.S.	Away	Drawn	8	8
Merthyr C.S.	Home	Won	14	5
Llandrindod G.S.	Home	Won	42	3
Aberdare G.S.	Home	Drawn	3	3
Pontllanfraith G.S.	Home	Won	14	0
Moseley Hall, Cheadle	Away	Drawn	0	0
Brynmawr C.S.	Away	Drawn	0	0
Maesydderwen C.S.	Away	Won	11	3
Abersychan G.S.	Away	Won	9	3
Abergavenny K.H.G.S.	Home	Drawn	0	0
Old Boys	Home	Drawn	6	6

Played 18, Won 9, Lost 2, Drawn 7. Pts. for 223, against 51.

A most successful season saw "the double" over Maesydderwen, a side never previously defeated by the School first XV. Other memorable games were those against Christ College and Moseley Hall. Seldom can there have been such excitement on Penlan as there was during the match with Christ College, a far more even battle than we saw last year.

Three-quarter play improved steadily as the season progressed, as did the tackling of almost all the players. The pack became a good, mobile unit after scrummaging troubles early in the season. Particularly interesting was the improvement in handling, possibly the result of the increased emphasis on basket ball as a training activity.

2nd XV.

Captain : H. C. Lewis ; Vice-Captain : M. Gittins.

Masters-in-charge : Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Morris.

Builth G.S. 1st XV	Away	Lost	3	9
Builth G.S. 1st XV	Home	Drawn	9	9
Cwrt-y-gollen (Junior Soldier)	Away	Won	6	3
Christ College, Brecon	Home	Won	11	9

Played 4, Won 2, Drawn 1, Lost 1. Pts. for 29, against 30.

More fixtures were arranged for the 2nd XV this year than in any previous season. The weather, however, wrought greater havoc among them than among those of the other teams. All four surviving matches took place early in the season and proved most useful in revealing several potential 1st Fifteen players—not least Alban Jones and Meirion Williams. Charlie Lewis led the side with great enthusiasm and, furthermore, scored in every game.

Under 15 XV.

Captain : D. W. James. Vice-Captain : G. C. Crocker.

Master-in-charge : Mr. Rowlands.

Llandrindod G.S.	Away	Won	22	0
Abergavenny K.H.G.S.	Home	Won	17	11
Builth C.S.	Home	Won	60	3
Mountain Ash G.S.	Home	Won	12	6
Llandrindod G.S.	Home	Won	17	6
Quaker's Yard G.S.	Away	Won	6	0
Maesydderwen C.S.	Away	Lost	0	3
Brecon S.M.S.	Home	Won	15	3
Moseley Hall G.S.	Away	Lost	6	8
Brynmaur C.S.	Away	Drawn	3	3
Maesydderwen C.S.	Home	Lost	6	9

Played 11, Won 7, Drawn 1, Lost 3. Pts. for 164. Against 52.

As may be gathered from the results this was a very successful season, including notable victories over Mountain Ash and Quaker's Yard. Perhaps the best performance was in the match with Moseley Hall, Cheadle, when defeat did not by any means bring dishonour.

Two narrow defeats by Maesydderwen were due to indecision among the mid-field players, who did not fully realise their undoubted potential. This was a very competent side, well led by David James, with able support from Gilbert Crocker and Tim Powell as pack leaders. Derek Jones was top scorer (50 points), hotly pursued by Roy Jones (49 points).

Under 14 XV.

Captain : W. K. Boxhall. Vice-Captain : M. Powell.

Master-in-charge : Mr. Rowlands.

Vaynor and Penderyn C.S.	Home	Won	14	0
Nantglo G.S.	Away	Drawn	3	3
Ty Mawr School	Away	Lost	6	13
Aberdare G.S.	Home	Won	9	5
Neath G.S.	Home	Lost	0	17
Neath G.S.	Away	Lost	0	32
Brecon S.M.S.	Home	Won	20	0

Played 7, Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 3. Points for 52. Against 70.

The record of the Under 14's is not, at first glance, very impressive, but closer examination reveals an excellent victory over Aberdare and

a well-earned draw with Nantglo. The main deficiency of the team was lack of speed behind the pack, a deficiency for which only fate may be blamed. This was painfully obvious against the very speedy Neath XV. In general the backs used their limited resources quite well, with Tony Farr showing great ability at scrum half. In attack the forwards were usually adequate, seldom brilliant: in defence they too often left matters to Farr. The leadership of Ken Boxhall and Mike Powell was unobtrusive—even sometimes invisible, but the side generally deserves credit for breaking even. Top scorer was B. A. Williams.

Under 13 XV.

Captain : R. G. Hatton. Vice-Captain : V. J. T. Davies.

Master-in-charge : Mr. Morris.

Mountain Ash G.S.	Home	Won	6	0
Merthyr C.S.	Home	Won	27	3
Quaker's Yard G.S.	Away	Won	3	5
Maesydderwn C.S.	Away	Drawn	3	3
Brecon S.M.S.	Home	Won	48	0
Neath G.S.	Home	Drawn	6	6
Neath G.S.	Away	Lost	3	6
Abersychan G.S.	Home	Won	54	0
Merthyr C.S.	Away	Lost	3	6

Played 9, Won 5, Drawn 2, Lost 2. Points For 155. Against 27.

In a season in which the Under 13's registered many high scores, the most noteworthy performances were in the matches against Neath where the mere avoidance of defeat is an achievement of some moment. The success of the team was based upon a powerful and fleet footed pack and upon the tremendous speed of Roy Hatton. Occasionally, too much was left to Hatton, who is, after all, only human! Leadership was good, apart from a tendency towards excessive jubilation when ahead. Top scorer was Roy Hatton (21 tries).

Other matches :—

Under 13½ v. Christ College, Brecon.	Away.	Won.	13—0.
Under 14½ v. Christ College, Brecon.	Away.	Won.	6—0.
Under 16 v. Christ College, Brecon.	Away.	Lost.	6—11.

BASKET BALL.

BASKET Ball has been one of the "minor" games on the school curriculum for several years. This year has produced a little more finesse and considerably less violence than previous years had done!

The influence of the game on the handling of the Rugby players is mentioned elsewhere, but it cannot be emphasised too much. The teams from the Middle School have also taken to this activity with great enthusiasm and with similar results.

When the fields were snow-covered cross-country running and basket ball filled the gap admirably. This applied to other schools and Rugger clubs also. As a result two fixtures were arranged. The first was against Christ College, Brecon, with four teams from each school taking part. Results (School scores first): Senior 'A' 51-14; Senior 'B' 12-3; Junior 'A' 13-17; Junior 'B' 16-11.

The second match was a meeting of Abergavenny R.F.C., Brecon R.F.C and two school teams. The School teams met in the "final" of a light-hearted competition in which the "A" team were, surprisingly, extended by Brecon Rugger Club, the score being 19-17.

The captains of the four teams were: D. J. Peters (Senior 'A'), A. H. Major (Senior 'B'), I. Thrupp (under 16), and D. B. Jones (under 15).

HOUSE SPORT.

CRICKET

Vaughan 9 pts. Gam 7 pts. Theophilus 6 pts. Siddons 2 pts.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL—

Championship incomplete due to weather.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—

Senior, Vaughan. Middle, Theo. Junior, Theo. Overall, Theo.

CROSS COUNTRY—

Senior, Vaughan. Middle, Siddons. Junior, Theo. Overall, Vaughan.

Innovations in house sport this year include the Cross Country Championship and seven-a-side senior Rugby competition. The latter produced far more interest than is usual in house matches.

CAROL SERVICE.

THIS was held at the Cathedral on 19th December, 1962. This service was especially memorable, since it was the last at which Mr. D. G. Davies conducted the school choir. The choir sang a number of comparatively unknown works, and the congregation joined in the singing of the traditional Christmas hymns. The readers were Colin Moses, Philip Morris, Gwynfryn Davies, D. Prosser Roberts, Denis Morgan, David Adami, Peter Powell, Mr. D. G. Davies and the Headmaster.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Of all the games played, Soccer was the hardest hit by the weather not only as far as fixtures are concerned, but also on "games day," when practice was impossible for much of the season. Consequently when matches were played the teams were not match fit. Add to this a marked paucity of fixtures—through no fault of our own—and the picture is not a very happy one.

1st XI.

Master-in-charge: Mr. Wyatt.

Captain: R. A. D. Jones. Vice-Captain: J. B. David.

Secretary: D. R. Isaac.

Presteigne G.S.	Home	Lost	2—3
Builth G.S.	Away	Won	2—1
Llandrindod C.S.	Home	Lost	2—3
Staff	Home	Won	1—0
Old Boys	Home	Lost	1—2

Played 5. Won 2; Lost 3. Goals for 8; against 9.

The first team had a disappointing season, but several players showed distinct promise. Five players were selected for Brecon and Builth to oppose Llandrindod and Presteigne in the Rich Cup Final: J. B. David, R. A. D. Jones, P. Moon, B. L. Jones and D. R. Isaac. The Llandrindod-Presteigne side won easily by seven goals to two.

Of the matches played the Old Boys' match brought great credit to the School team, which, though weakened by the demands of a Geography course, put up a very sound display against very powerful opposition.

V. G. Jones, with three goals, was top scorer. Alban Jones was rewarded with School colours in recognition of his able and enthusiastic captaincy.

UNDER 14 XI.

Master-in-charge: Mr. Wyatt.

Captain: J. Norbury. Vice-Captain: B. G. R. Davies.

Presteigne (under 15)	Home	Lost	0—6
Builth	Away	Lost	0—3
Llandrindod	Home	Lost	1—10

Played 3: Lost 3; Goals for 1; against 19.

As is obvious, the junior eleven was far from successful, but this must not detract from the reputation of skipper John Norbury and one or two of the smaller players, who tried tremendously hard to make up for the lack of ability and inexperience of their colleagues.

Practice makes perfect: no practice—no perfection. Had the weather been better there could have been few other matches, as the three schools mentioned above are the only ones in the district which play soccer.

SOCCER TEAM. 1st XI, 1962-63



V G Jones, A Paton, P Moon, M A Williams, A H Major, B L Jones
Mr A Rees, B M Watkins, D J Peters, R A D Jones (Capt.), J B David (vice-capt.), D R Isaac, Mr. A J Wyatt

CRICKET TEAM. 1st XI, 1962-63



H. G. Giles, B. Watkins, D. Wilkinson, P. Moon, L. Jones, J. Roderick, A. Sneade, B. Burgess, R. Isaac
Mr. A. Rees, B. David, W. Griffith, M. Moon, A. Dacy, A. Jones, Mr. G. Giles.

UNDER 15 XI.

Master-in-charge : Mr. S. Foulkes. Captain : M. A. Stephens.

This was a very young side ; many of its members were under fourteen. Consequently it is not surprising that its record is only moderate. An additional reason for this is lack of match practice, although Mr. Foulkes ran regular net practices.

Results—Neath G.S.—Lost. Merthyr County—Won.
Ystalyfera G.S.—Lost. Maesydderwen C.S.—Won.
Crickhowell S.M.S.—Lost.

GOLF 1962.

Master-in-charge : Mr. C. Giles.

Captain : A. R. Frame. Secretary : H. G. Giles.

THIS year a marked improvement was seen in the standard of play. Two competitions were held in school : a league competition, which ran throughout the term and was won by J. Twining, and the Philips Cup 18-hole medal competition which was won by H. G. Giles.

In the league competition the results were :—

J. Twining, 5 out of 5 = 10 points.
A. R. Frame, 4 out of 5 = 8 points.
H. G. Giles, 4 out of 5 = 8 points.

In the Philips Cup competition the scores were :—

H. G. Giles 42+41=24=59.
A. R. Frame 42+42=24=60.

The following boys were selected to represent the school at Brecon against Christ College, West Monmouth Grammar School and the Staff :—A. R. Frame, H. G. Giles, D. J. Peters, D. M. Adami, G. R. Stroud, A. McRobbie, J. Twining. The matches were lost 6—0, 5—1, 2—1 respectively. Return matches are being arranged and this year we hope to play some other schools as well.

Lastly, the members of the School Golf Club would like to thank Mr. C. Giles for the keen interest which he has displayed.

TENNIS.

For the first time in the history of the School a tennis club was formed this term and is making use of the school's new courts. A ladder tournament is in progress and the school team has played its first match against Christ College. We were easily beaten, but we hope to be in better form for our match against Neath Grammer School on 1st June. Mrs. George has taken charge of the club, with Peter James as Captain and Peter Powell as Secretary.

CRICKET, 1962

Master-in-charge : Mr. C. Giles.

Captain : M. D. Moon. Secretary : H. G. Giles.

WITH the acquisition of nets it was hoped that the school team would have a better season, but because of the lack of interest in the school, the team had to be selected from only thirteen players.

The season was very disappointing ; the team winning two games, losing six and drawing with the Staff and Old Boys. The two drawn games were perhaps the most interesting. Against the Old Boys the school team scored 92 and in reply the Old Boys were 55—7. The school team were unlucky not to win ; only the resistance of two members of the Old Boys prevented it. The Staff match was equally interesting. The school batted first and scored 127 for 3. In reply the Staff team, led by Mr. R. Arthur scored 67 for 6. The two victories of the school team were against Builth by 7 wickets and Maesydderwen by 8 wickets.

Three boys from the school team were selected to represent the County team : M. D. Moon playing in three games, and R. A. D. Jones and J. B. David playing in two games each.

Congratulations must go to R. A. D. Jones who was chosen to play in the first Welsh Trial at Cardiff.

School Colours : Re-Awards : M. D. Moon, J. B. David, R. A. D. Jones, W. J. Griffiths.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Name	Runs	Average
M. D. Moon.	220	31.5
J. B. David	118	13
R. A. D. Jones	94	10.5

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Name	Wickets	Average
M. D. Moon	18	11.66
J. B. David	11	12.1
W. J. Griffiths	11	13

Record—Played 10, Won 2, Lost 6, Drawn 2.

- v Builth. Home. Won. Builth 65, Brecon 66 for 3.
- v Neath. Home. Lost. Neath 141 for 3. Brecon 58.
- v West Monmouth. Home. Lost. W. Mon. 151. Brecon 100.
- v Cyfarthfa. Away. Lost. Brecon 57. Cyfarthfa 58 for 6.
- v Ystalyfera. Home. Lost. Brecon 38. Ystalyfera 40 for 3.
- v Maesydderwen. Away. Won. Maesydderwen 71 for 5. Brecon 76 for 2.
- v Neath. Away. Lost. Neath 123 for 3. Brecon 55.
- v Builth. Away. Lost. Brecon 51 for 8. Builth 52 for 2.
- v Old Boys. Home. Draw. School 92. Old Boys 55 for 7.
- v Staff. Home. Draw. School 98. Staff 67 for 6.

CHESS.

Captain : P. Moon. Vice-Captain : D. Gwynne.

Secretary : J. Roderick.

THROUGHOUT the last year the school chess team has continued the success of the previous school year. This year saw the club, which previously was an entirely self-supporting body, become recognised as a major school sport, for which we would like to thank the Headmaster and Governors. Consequently, the club was enabled to enlarge its fixture list and new teams such as Cyfarthfa, Christ College and Llandovery College were added. Because of the harsh winter, which blocked roads and made driving dangerous, 5 matches were cancelled. Even so, 12 were played and only 2 lost.

Support for the club has also increased and the membership has been raised to approximately 70. To improve play a monthly house championship, a ladder competition and individual championship have been organised.

In competitions the school has met with mixed success. The school reached the second round of the Sunday Times Tournament, to be beaten over the telephone by Ardwyn Grammar School, Aberystwyth. We also reached the semi-final of the Welsh Secondary Schools Chess Cup and defeated Aberdare G.S.

On the 25th May the team went to Cardiff to play in the Annual "Victor Freed" Inter-Schools Trophy match, in which they were placed fourth.

Results :—

Tredegar G.S. (Away)	Won	4—2
Vaynor and Penderyn G.S. (Home)	Won	5 — $\frac{1}{2}$
Cyfarthfa G.S. (Away)	Won	4—2
Ardwyn G.S. (by phone)	Drawn	3—3
Christ College (Away)	Won	5—1
Ardwyn G.S. (by phone)	Lost	2 —3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Llandovery College (Home)	Won	4—2
Christ College (Home)	Won	6—0
West Monmouth G.S. (Away)	Lost	2 —3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Llandovery College (Away)	Won	4—2
West Monmouth G.S. (Away)	Won	4—2
Tredegar G.S. (Home)	Won	4—2
Aberdare G.S.	Won	

This year saw also the introduction of an under-fifteen team, but through lack of opposition they played only 3 matches. The captain was C. Moses.

Results :—

Vaynor and Penderyn G.S. (Away)	Won	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$
Christ College (Home)	Won	6—0
Llandovery College (Away)	Won	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ —1 $\frac{1}{2}$

Lastly on behalf of all members of the Chess club, we should like to thank Mr. Roblin for giving up his valuable time to help and encourage chess in the school.

EPITAPH for THE SCHOOL POND.

WITH mazes of mortar raising their ugly heads like ephemeral monsters around the average instructional institution of today, it is a rare pleasure to find a place of seclusion near our schools.

Yet we are privileged in this respect for in the nether precincts of our "second home" lies a veritable Utopia.

It is towards this last refuge that many boys are seen to saunter ; there to seek the refreshment of spirit and return to sanity, so essential after a morning's toil.

Pursuing a north-easterly path you leave the hectic world behind and soon behold the wild threshold of what would appear to be an imported plot of dense African jungle. Excitement grows as the brambles and branches are brushed aside ; as you unveil and enter the Wordsworthian paradise of Penlan, more commonly referred to, especially by the biographically-minded members of the sixth form as "THE POND." Here you may idly dream away your precious moments of leisure and breathe deeply of the salubrious air, undisturbed by the call of muffled, campanological strains. Yet, though complete silence may reign and an aura of mystic stillness prevail around you, there is always latent life here : for this is the "pad" of the narcotic leaf addict. He too frequents our haven of rest where he partakes of the "true cool flavour" of candy imitations.

Each season the pond, with its quaint surroundings, delights those with the least discernment with striking, colourful scenery captivating and charming from the very first glimpse.

Now, during the gay summer this ellipsoidal stretch of clear water is at its zenith of glory. Its narrow circumambient border is adorned with swaying rushes, stunted bushes and towering trees, linking the very heavens with this corner of the terrestrial climes. Such is its magnificent environment at a glance, but closer scrutiny reveals far more. Indeed, this sportive scene has such prepossessing, even hypnotic qualities. The mauve, fragrant flowers of the rhododendrons wave gracefully in the breeze, like nature's salutation to man, and their resplendent profusion shines in the misty mirror formed by the rippling surface of the water. A million shades of green are reflected there, too, where dragon-flies, flying ants and gnats swoop down as their merry throng is joined momentarily by the bee, humming and wending its whimsical way through nettles and reeds. These are decorated by ferns and flowers, some of pale and others of dazzling hue, forming the platform on which the occasional butterfly precariously alights before continuing its capricious flight.

In striking contrast with the silent butterfly, which melts away before our eyes as its colour merges with that of a nearby water lily, the drone of the bee mingles with the song of the birds, perched somewhere up there in their leafy camouflage. Black-birds, thrushes, swallows, swifts, sparrows and dozens more add gaiety and animation to the picturesque setting.

To complete our summer portrait of the pond there is the animal wild-life, becoming increasingly conspicuous by its lamentable absence in this nature reserve now practically ensphered by edifices. It is just possible for the patient 'vigilante' to spy the fieldmouse as it noses its way warily through the tall grasses ; the mole, as though from a grave, heaving upwards in seeming revolt against its humble condition, or of the frog flouncing furtively and unobtrusively into the shimmering pool.

Such is the pond and entourage now, with all its grandeur and evocative power, but let us focus our attention on their appearance during autumn and winter. The incipient loss of variety and colour in the scene becomes immediately apparent and yet it retains much of its characteristic beauty and allure. It now lends itself both to somewhat sad reminiscence of the summer, which always seems but a transitory phase of ecstatic delight, and to a foreboding of the death-knell of the storm in nature.

The trees shed their withered leaves which flutter and fly in circles in the air before gliding gracefully to the ground to form a nestling carpet of gold. The occasional evergreen appears estranged, misplaced—the personification of an intruder in a barren waste. All too soon the icy hand of death seizes nature in its relentless grip. The roaring tempest and then the rime wreak havoc on the fair glade. Acorns and pine-cones litter the pathway, surrounded by a host of flowers, drooping, down-trodden by the foot of man and nodding their heads in seeming slumber. On the far margin of the pond lies a tree, its limbs torn, twisted and broken by the elements—witness of the power of old age over nature. Nearby tower the naked oaks, their topmost boughs stretching forth in the sky as though in supplication, like giants heralding the arrival of winter.

The birds still sing but they are fewer now. Yet, as our migratory friends wing their way across the oceans of the world in search of warmer, more habitable regions, the faithful robin hops around at your feet and teems forth his plaintive song in the cold, dank air.

The pond, sparkling in the late-afternoon, is dotted with scum and suddenly glows like a furnace as it is imbued with the fiery flame of the sun, blazing a vermillion trail in the West and sinking slowly over the horizon. The wild wind whips up the water in little waves and chases them from one bank to the other whilst it whistles through the skeletons which not long before, donned their green mantles in honour of the Spring.

As the last flushes of daylight die and dusk falls the surface of the pond, like liquid silver shimmers in the rising half-moon and rain, mingled with the first flakes of snow, patters on the bed of leaves. In the encircling gloom and dim moonlight the trees cast their ghostly weird shapes and an eerie silence pervades, rent only by the mournful cry of the owl. So it is that, despairing and despondent, we may leave this Hades whence seems to have fled all things of beauty, and see the warmth and comfort of the hearth. And yet it will soon be with joy that we once again turn our steps towards that familiar mid-day

Mecca. As by a miracle, the vernal equinox will again bedeck her banks with a labyrinth of plants and flowers, glistening with dew. The spider will weave a myriad webs there and the angelic sounds of insects and birds will reach the ear. The quick-silver sands of time may slip by and the generations pass but nature will remain immortal so long as there are such ever-flowing fountains of wonder to lighten the days ahead as

THE SCHOOL POND.

DAVID MORGAN, VIa.

SCHOOL TRIP TO FREIBURG.

ON 16th July last year a contingent of 32 boys and 3 masters set out on a 10 day holiday in the Black Forest area of Germany. Our spirits and sandwiches were dampened by a drizzly sea crossing, but a hot meal in Ostend soon cheered us up. Next began the sleepless overnight journey by coach to Freiburg which we reached just in time for lunch on the second day.

Here, I should like to say a few words about our coach driver, Alfonse, who was not just a guide, but also a true friend. He was tremendously popular with boys and masters alike, ready to rush to our aid at any time and sustaining an air of joviality throughout the holiday which kept our spirits high when they might have been depressed.

The day after our arrival, we were taken on a conducted coach tour of Freiburg during which we saw the main sights of this sizeable city, including the fabulously decorated cathedral and were given the opportunity of taking photographs of the entire city from the surrounding high ground.

The true magnificence of the countryside was demonstrated to us next day, during our excursion to Feldburg. We paused at the tourist resort of Titisee on the way, to row on the lake and buy souvenirs, and then continued to Feldburg. After eating our packed lunches, we climbed by cable-car to the summit of the nearby mountain. From here there was a truly panoramic view of the countryside—lakes nestling in deep valleys, and forested slopes stretching from the water's edge to the peaks of mountains in the hazy distance. It was a pity to have to leave such a splendid view.

The following day being free, many of us visited one of the four outdoor swimming pools in Freiburg, where the cool refreshing water gave pleasant relief from the hot sun. Others bought presents from the wide range of shops in the town.

Perhaps the main event of the holiday was the trip to Lucerne. This, of course, was an all-day excursion which led us away from the Black Forest and into the mountains of Switzerland. Unfortunately, the beauty of the scenery was marred by low-lying clouds which brought rain with them. Despite the weather, we spent a few enjoyable hours exploring the shops of Lucerne and acquainting ourselves with its historical buildings.

Apart from a morning excursion to St. Margen and Glottertal, these were the only trips we made. Most of our free time was spent swimming or buying presents and souvenirs in Freiburg. One exciting incident which some boys saw was the motor-racing around the treacherous bends near the hotel, in which our own driver, Alfonse, allegedly took part.

It was with deep regret that we bade farewell to the hotel staff at mid-day on 24th July, and began our return journey. We paused in Luxembourg, where the inhabitants were bewildered by an exhibition of a typically English game of cricket. On our reaching Ostend early the following morning, there was time for a walk on its sea front, where life was just beginning to stir.

The journey was continued throughout the day and we arrived in Brecon that night, tired but happy after an enjoyable holiday in the Black Forest, thanks to the efforts of Mr. John Morgan, Mr. Gwerfyl Davies and Mr. Peter Evans.

PETER HUDSON, 5a.

URDD REPORT, 1962-63

THIS year there has been a promising revival of the Urdd movement within the school. Almost seventy members have been enrolled. Twenty-four of these will go to Urdd holiday camps this summer—eleven to Llangrannog and thirteen to Glan Llyn. Llangrannog is a camp for those under fourteen. The camp has a number of permanent buildings, including a large dining hall, kitchen, gymnasium, games hall and chapel. All the boys, and some of the girls, sleep in tents with wooden floors; the remaining girls sleep in huts. It is essentially a recreational holiday. There will be swimming, field games, treasure hunts, hikes and carnivals, and in the evening a film, a concert or a Noson Lawen. Every day ends with a short Epilogue. Glan Llyn, on the shores of Bala Lake, caters for those over fourteen. Camp life centres largely on the main hostel, Plas Glan Llyn, in which the girls are accommodated. Nearby is Glan Llyn Isaf which provides sleeping accommodation for the boys. The camp programme is mainly a recreational one, drawn up by the campers themselves. There are rowing skiffs, canoes, sailing boats and dinghies and, as one would expect, many activities are centred on the lake.

At the Urdd County Eisteddfod, held this year at Cwmtwrch, more than twenty-five boys would have participated, but the senior boys had to leave before competing because their competitions were staged too late to allow the younger boys to arrive home at a reasonable hour. Only the two choral recitation groups competed. At Cwmtwrch the under twelve group were clear winners over twenty-five other groups and, after hours of diligent practising, went to the "National" at Brynaman and after a fine performance were placed second. This was a splendid achievement and Mrs. George, our new Welsh teacher, who coached the group, has already proved that she will be a great asset to the school.

"Awn rhagom o nerth i nerth."

HOUSE FORMATION

THEOPHILUS

House Master : Mr. L. C. Moses. *House Captain* : R. Adams.

Rugby Captains :

Senior : R. Adams ; *Middle* : G. Crocker ; *Junior* : R. Hatton

Soccer Captains :

Senior : B. David ; *Middle* : T. Powell ; *Junior* : R. Hatton

Cricket Captains :

Senior : B. David ; *Middle* : T. Powell ; *Junior* : R. Hatton

Athletics Captain : R. Adams.

GAM

House Master : Mr. C. Giles. *House Captain* : H. C. Lewis.

Rugby Captains :

Senior : J. Peters ; *Middle* : R. P. Phillips ; *Junior* : D. Williams

Soccer Captains :

Senior : R. A. I. Jones ; *Middle* : R. P. Phillips ; *Junior* : D. Williams

Cricket Captains :

Senior : R. A. I. Jones ; *Middle* : R. P. Phillips ; *Junior* : C. Ralph

Athletics Captain : J. Peters.

SIDDONS

House Master : Mr. G. Angell. *House Captain* : P. G. Powell.

Rugby Captains :

Senior : P. G. Powell ; *Middle* : G. T. Williams ; *Junior* : R. Woodford

Soccer Captains :

Senior : D. Wilkinson ; *Middle* : P. Sussex ; *Junior* : R. Woodford

Cricket Captains :

Senior : A. Sneade ; *Middle* : T. G. Williams ; *Junior* : R. Woodford

Athletics Captain : P. G. Powell.

VAUGHAN

House Master : Mr. J. Morgan

Assistant House Masters :

Mr. A. R. Williams, Mr. D. R. Morris, Mr. L. Williams

House Captain : M. Williams

Rugby Captains :

Senior : M. Williams ; *Middle* : D. B. Jones ; *Junior* : W. Salen

Soccer Captains :

Senior : D. R. Isaac ; *Middle* : D. B. Jones ; *Junior* : J. C. Seage

Cricket Captains :

Senior : P. Moon ; *Middle* : Roy Jones ; *Junior* : W. Salen

Athletics Captain : D. R. Isaac.

THE HOUSE WITH THE BLUE DOOR.

IT was a hot summer's day. The blue tits, bullfinches and jays were twittering in the fruit trees in the orchard.

I had been living in the district for only two days, and was beginning to explore my new surroundings. After lunch one day I decided to take a walk up the hill which was behind the house. I started off with a stout ash stick in my hand, and when I reached the top of the hill, I stopped to admire the magnificent view of Cwmdru, Llangynidr, and the distant Black Mountains. I carried on and was surprised to see a forest when I reached the top of the next rise.

I skirted the edge of the forest which was a world of dark, decaying undergrowth, and passed through a small creosoted gate, which swung creakily on its rusty hinges. A carpet of short, springy grass covered the ground, and my feet sank deep into a layer of pine needles. As I walked deeper into the forest, I struggled on through thick brambles, small trees, and overgrown clumps of rhododendron, and eventually came upon another neglected path.

I wound my way through trees of every imaginable shape and size, and was considering whether to turn back, when to, my astonishment I came upon a little cottage. There it stood, its pinkish stone walls overgrown with ivy and ferns sprouting from the roof and porch. Its paintwork was a drab brown colour, except for the front door which was a beautiful sky blue. As I went through the rickety garden gate, I wondered why such a cottage was left to rot. The pine trees almost touched, forming a roof over the house, and the path was thick with pine needles. The blue door was locked, but the back door opened with a creak when I touched it, and a musky smell played at my nostrils. I closed the door, not wanting to trespass, and retraced my steps.

It was some weeks later when I heard the story of the house with the blue door, and it happened like this :

A Mr. Morgan owned a shop in the busy market town, and when he retired he expected his son Brian to carry on at the shop. Brian was a strong, healthy lad who hated the shop with its smell of oil and paint. His one ambition was to work in the forest. One night Brian told his father of his ambitions and after a bitter argument he left to join the forestry workers, after persuading the shop assistant Muriel to marry him as soon as he could find a house. Muriel was a town girl and didn't really want to leave her friends, but she loved Brian and it was to this cottage that the young couple came one summer.

Brian and Muriel spent many happy hours decorating the house, and although the outside was newly painted in a sensible drab brown colour, to please his wife he painted the front door bright blue.

For many months they were happy, but when winter came his wife began to grumble and tell her husband how lonely she felt when he was out at work all day. He hoped that she would settle down but

one day he came home to find his tea ready on the table, but his wife nowhere in the house. He ate his tea, and still his wife did not return. He went to the clothes cupboard to hang up his coat and saw to his dismay that his wife's thick blue winter cloak and heavy shoes were missing. With a heavy heart he realized that she had gone back to town. Back to her friends and the busy town life.

For some hours he sat brooding in front of the fire, but at last he stirred and went into the kitchen to pump some water to wash. The pump seemed to be blocked, so he took a lantern and walked down to the large stone well which supplied their water. It was several hundred yards in the forest. As he bent over the well with the lantern, he saw something dark floating on the surface. Half afraid, he knelt down and pulled the cloak to one side, and there, shimmering in the pale light of the lantern was the ghastly white face of his dead wife.

They say he never returned to the cottage, and since then the blue door has stayed shut, and every year the forest grows closer and closer.

CHARLES FARP, 2b.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES, 1962-63.

Officers of the Societies.

	Chairman	Secretary
WELSH AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY	H. C. Lewis	D. G. Isaac.
LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY	P. G. Powell	P. A. James
MUSIC SOCIETY	... M. H. Gittins	G. H. Jones
SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY	... H. G. Giles	D. M. Adami

THE activities of the School Societies have flourished more than ever during the past year, and a great deal of the credit must go to the enthusiastic members of the staff.

Several lectures were given during the course of the year. On 28th September the Rev. Paul Wilkinson gave a talk entitled "Science and Religion." Mr. Brinley Jenkins visited the school on 9th November and gave an interesting account of "Drama in Breconshire." At the end of the Spring Term the Sixth form was addressed by Alderman Tudor Watkins, M.P., who spoke on his recent visits to Russia and Scandinavia. The talk was illustrated with some unique colour films taken by Alderman Watkins, while behind the Iron Curtain. The Rev. I. Williams of Hay visited the school at the beginning of the Summer term and successfully explained what life as a parish priest really entailed, and the methods of entry to the ministry.

A popular form of meeting during the past year proved to be the Debate. All discussions were characterised by keen enthusiasm which was little to be wondered at in view of the controversial nature of the topics. The first topic, debated on 5th October, was "The

Americanisation of Britain." Speakers for the motion were A. H. Major and W. D. Morgan; those against, R. Hausheer and J. D. Price.

On 2nd November, B. David and R. Isaac proposed that "Money spent on Space Research is money Wasted." They were opposed by R. Griffiths and D. P. Jones. Perhaps the most successful debate was that on 25th January. H. A. Williams and B. R. Watkins proposed that "School games are a waste of time." This suggestion was hotly contested by M. Owen and J. Davies. In addition, it may be noted that this year an inter-school debate was held with Christ College. The subject under discussion was "Britain is no longer a major World Power." H. C. Lewis and J. D. Price opposed the motion on behalf of the School. It is hoped that this debate will become an annual event.

On 19th October a meeting entitled "My Type of Music" was held. M. Jones, R. Hausheer and J. Price each played two records of their own choice and afterwards explained their reasons for their choices. The school choir continues to flourish and once again led the Carol Service at the Cathedral. A B.B.C. talk entitled "China" was enjoyed by all on 15th October.

With the help of Mr. J. Morgan the Society organised a visit to Cardiff Observatory on 20th December. Unfortunately, weather conditions were not favourable, but the equipment at the observatory proved very interesting.

In conclusion it may be noted that over 40 boys played an active part in the Societies by making speeches, and the enthusiasm of everyone concerned made all meetings a great success.

D. M. ADAMI.

PEACE ON EARTH.

Distress, disaster and despair—the thought
Pursuing all mankind in daily deed;
Choking the cheerfulness in life, much sought,
Sole company of peace—mankind's dire need.

True peace on earth is hard to find.
Amid the cogs and wheels of urban dirt
That solitude is lost, to ease the mind
Of worldly things, unrest and human hurt.

Yet hope of peace seems lost as time rolls by,
One dark sanctuary does still remain,
Twinkling good news like summer rain, the sky
With all its tranquil charm and starry fame.

So long as the night owl echoes over land
His deathly chant, let peace be near at hand.

BARDD CRUGHYWEL.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

THE thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Cafe Royal on Friday, 22nd March, 1963, with Mr. E. I. Rowlands in the chair.

The following officers were elected : President, Mr. E. I. Rowlands; Vice-President, Councillor M. Jenkins; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Morgan; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. R. Williams; Hon. Assistant Secretary, Mr. G. Phillips; Hon. Auditor, Mr. E. I. Rowlands.

The following members were elected to the Committee for the year 1963-64 : Mr. J. A. Miles (Talgarth), Mr. T. G. Powell (Sennybridge), Mr. P. C. Mogg (Crickhowell), Mr. W. B. Hargest (Hay), Mr. W. I. Jones, J.P.; Coun. G. W. Davies, J.P.; Mr. G. Poole, Mr. J. D. Jones, Mr. K. T. Smith, Mr. W. J. Morris, Mr. C. H. Palmer, Mr. E. B. Powell, M.B.E., Ald. F. M. Thomas, Mr. L. R. Williams, Coun. E. R. Morgan.



This year's President : Mr. E. I. Rowlands.

At the first Committee Meeting Coun. M. Jenkins was re-elected Chairman and Mr. P. C. Mogg, Vice-Chairman.

At the Annual Meeting, the Association reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mr. A. R. Williams as Hon. Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Williams has agreed to remain as Treasurer, and all Old Boys are urged to send their subscriptions to him as soon as possible as renewals of annual subscriptions are coming in very slowly.

The Annual Dinner for 1963 was again held at Bishops Meadow Restaurant, and there was a good gathering of Old Boys to hear the guest speaker, Mr. Howell Powell, the High Sheriff.

At the School's Annual Service of Remembrance Coun. David Lewis laid the Association's wreath, the service being conducted by Rev. Eifion Thomas.

The usual matches have been played against the School and for the first time an athletics match was held.

The Rugby Match was played on the Recreation ground and the sum of £11 was collected for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

An Old Boys VII once again played in the Brecon Seven-a-side Tournament on Easter Monday, and for the second year running went out in the first round to an Old Breconian VII

PERSONAL.

We extend our congratulations to :—

Councillor George Davies on being for the third time Mayor of Brecon.

Mr. Evan M. Lewis, Talgarth, awarded a scholarship by the British Council and the Swedish Institute for Cultural Relations to enable him to continue his legal studies at the University of Upsala.

Mr. Gareth Lewis Davies, Bronllys, on passing the Final examinations of the Law Society.

Mr. W. H. Peters on promotion to the post of sub-editor in the general news section of the Exeter Express and Echo; on passing the R.S.A. Stage III examination in English; and on winning for the second year in succession the National Council for the Training of Journalists Prize.

Mr. Philip A. Thomas on appointment as Surveyor and Public Health Inspector to Monmouth Rural Council.

Mr. J. Dilwyn Rees, now of Harrow, on a second term as President of the Middlesex County Federation of Schoolmasters.

Mr. Gordon Poole on election as President of the Midlands Bowling Association.

Ald. E. R. Morgan on appointment as deputy traffic commissioner.

Mr. Clifford Carr on promotion to be Stationmaster at Walcot, Salops

Mr. Ivor Twynog Williams of Pentwyn, Cray, on taking up a three-year teaching appointment at Kantwhata, South Auckland.

Mr. Gerald Curtis on 1st Class Honours in Bio-Chemistry.

Mr. M. Gittins and Mr. Ray Parry on Second-Class Honours in Mathematics.

Mr. G. Gittins on obtaining a Diploma in Technogoly.

Mr. W. T. T. Watkins on obtaining his B.A. (Wales).

MARRIAGES.

Mr. J. F. Rowberry of Brecon and Miss Janice Peevers of Talybont.
Mr. D. J. A. Parry of Talgarth and Miss Shirley Mayall of Hay.
Mr. Windsor Griffiths, Trecastle, and Miss Megan Bennett Llandovery.
Mr. R. G. Young of Sennybridge and Miss E. W. Smith of Llyswen.
Mr. John Taylor of Sennybridge and Miss Megan Roberts of Brecon.
Mr. Alan G. Burgess, formerly of Brecon, and Miss Barbara Kreiger, also formerly of Brecon, at Brisbane.
Mr. Peter Mogg of Crickhowell and Miss Joyce Francis of Tretower.
Mr. Gareth Davies of Slwch House, Bronllys, and Miss Margaret Potts of Park View, Talybont.
Mr. D. O. P. Jones of Newbury and Miss Patricia Edmonds of Aberystwyth.
Mr. Joseph V. Parry of Llanddew and Miss Ena M. A. Ferguson of Llandefalle.
Mr. Malcolm Bevan of Brecon and Miss Margaret Perry of Brecon.
Mr. Wyndham Perkins of Cray and Miss Gaynor Evans of Defynnog.
Mr. D. T. Lewis of Senny and Miss Vera M. Blower of Cossington, Leics.

ENGAGEMENTS :

Capt. A. B. Ottewell of Brecon and Miss P. J. Coleman of Kilcollen, Co. Kildare
Mr. Barry Price of Hay and Miss Christine Watchetts of Camberley.
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