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EDITORIAL.

TIME marches relentlessly on. It seems incredible that half a decade has passed since those mighty stalwarts of the sixth, D. F. Candy and C. A. Watkins, first appealed to the school to submit articles and poems which could be welded into what was to be the first volume of the "The Silurian"

That inevitable companion of time, change, has been very apparent during these five years, but never so much as during the last nine months. New ideas have been put into operation at the instigation of our new Headmaster, Mr. Rees, whom we now take the opportunity of welcoming on behalf of our fellow-pupils. His boundless energy has done much to inspire us in our work.

Among the many innovations has been the inception of a number of school societies. These have already become an integral part of school life, and we hope they will advance from strength to strength as the years roll on.

This year, we miss, above all, the all-round excellence in games of Parry Richards. This versatile individual, who was co-editor of the last issue of this magazine, will always be remembered as one of the finest sportsmen the school has ever produced.

We are fortunate in that one of the original members of the school has submitted to us for publication reminiscences of his early days. This should be of universal interest and is well worth reading.

When Candy and Watkins made their venture, they had no precedents to consult or established forms to follow. We are in a more fortunate position, however, and we hope that we have learned from the mistakes of our predecessors and produced a magazine worthy of commemorating Mr. Rees's first year as Headmaster.

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THE HEADMASTER.

THE HEADMASTER.

In this edition of the *Silurian* we have pleasure in publishing a photograph of Mr. Aneurin Rees, M.Sc., A.Inst.P., who took up his appointment as headmaster of our School last September in succession to Mr. Jacob Morgan, M.A.

Both pupils and staff extend to him and his family a warm welcome to Brecon. Mr. Rees has our sincere wishes for happiness and success in his new post.

Mr. Rees, who is a native of West Glamorgan, was educated at the County Secondary School, Gowerton (1924-30), and the University College, Swansea (1930-36), where he gained high academic distinction. In 1933 he graduated with First Class Honours in Physics. In the following year he joined the Education Department of the College and obtained the Teaching Diploma. After a further period of two years' research work in the Physics Department of the University College, Swansea, he submitted a dissertation for which he was awarded the degree of M.Sc. In 1943 he became an Associate of the Institute of Physics.

Mr. Rees joined the staff of the County Grammar School for Boys, Bridgend, in 1936, as Senior Physics Master. We have testimony of the high quality of his work there, not only in actual teaching, but in the contributions he made to out-of-form activities, notably in connection with the Film and Scientific Societies.

His teaching experience was extended when he became part-time lecturer at Swansea and Bridgend Technical Colleges, and assistant tutor in Physics at the Glamorgan Summer School of Science and Technology held at the University College, Swansea.

As Secretary to the Mid-Glamorgan Scientific Society for several years, Mr. Rees did much to foster an interest in Science in the Bridgend area. The Bridgend Film Society owes much to his enthusiasm and to his untiring work as a projectionist.

During the war Mr. Rees served as Technical Officer at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, being seconded from the Royal Air Force to the Radar Research and Development Branch.

Soon after his appointment to the headship at Brecon news reached us of his active interest in sport. At the University he played for the first teams in Rugby and Cricket, and during the vacations he assisted Llanelly Rugby Team as a forward. He was both a playing and a committee member of Bridgend Cricket Team in the post-war period, and captained the first team in 1951.

It will be of interest to mention that Mr. Rees is a Welsh-speaking Welshman and a Congregationalist, and with the various qualifications already noted we are confident that the School can look forward to a happy and successful future.

L. LEWIS, *Senior Master.*

SCHOOL NOTES.

IN May, 1954, we welcomed two new members to the Staff; Mr. C. E. Roderick, B.Sc., who succeeded Mr. A. J. Phippen, B.Sc. as Mathematics Master, and Mr. J. D. H. Thomas, B.A., who took charge of the History department in succession to Mr. D. Inglis, M.A. In September, 1954, Mr. J. Morgan, B.Sc., replaced Mr. E. Morris, B.Sc., as Physics Master. Finally, in January of this year Miss A. M. Thomas, B.A., joined us as Scripture Mistress.

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We are sorry to announce that Mr. D. T. Havard, B.Sc., is leaving at Easter, and that this will probably be the last year for Mrs. M. Timothy, B.Sc., at our School.

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Mr. B. R. C. Williams, who was School Secretary for five years, left last Summer. "Bryan" will always be remembered as one who held a position between pupil and master, and whose work often included much outside his official duties. We wish him every success in his new appointment. In his place we welcome Mrs. S. Smith.

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Congratulations.—To P. D. Twist and J. M. Williams who were awarded State Scholarships as a result of the examinations held last June. To J. P. Davies and H. Evans who distinguished themselves last October in passing the Civil Service Executive Examination. To A. B. Ottewell who gained admission to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

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Last September, Mr. A. R. Williams, M.A., produced John Van Druten's play "I Remember Mama" at the Girls' School. The cast of this successful performance consisted of pupils from the Sixth Forms of both schools.

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The Discussion Group, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. H. Williams, has held three meetings this year. The first two were held in the spacious, airy classrooms of the Girls' School and the third within the antique portals of our little mansion. Mr. J. D. H. Thomas addressed the Group on "German Re-Armament," W. E. P. Price on "Myxomatosis," and the Headmaster on "Co-Education."

Once again the upper forms of the school were the guests of the Girls' School at their Annual Christmas Party. As the Head Boy remarked in his speech, "This is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year, to which our thoughts are first directed in September."

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In October a party of boys visited the Cathedral where they were taken on a conducted tour by Mr. A. Tilley.

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Old Boys will be interested to learn that at long last the "Plough" has been vacated and that the "W's" are now part of the school. This movement was brought about by the erection of prefabricated classrooms behind the school. Another event of great importance is the official recognition of the old stock-room as the Prefect's room.

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On 15th March, Mr. J. E. Davies took a party of boys to Ystradgynlais to see the Elizabeth Theatre Company's presentation of "Hamlet."

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Mr. C. R. Jones, District Commissioner for National Savings, who made an appeal to the School on behalf of the movement last September, organised a "Top of the Form" contest between the two Grammar Schools. This formed part of a National Savings Rally held at the Guild Hall, in March. The School was represented by the following team:—W. E. P. Price, R. B. Williams, A. S. Twist, D. G. Powell, W. J. Griffiths. The team's chivalrous action in allowing the girls to win is to be commended!

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Squadron Leader Owen made two visits to the School this year. He represents the R.A.F. Educational Service and always gives interesting talks on life in the Services.

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Theo. have once again won the Football Championship this year, and thereby become the first House to retain the Beverley Jones Challenge Cup for three seasons in succession.

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The School has been to see three films of educational value this year: "Oliver Twist," "Martin Luther" and "King Henry V."

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We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones on the birth of a daughter—Susan Frances.

R. G. TUCKER, VI.

SCHOOL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES.

DURING the course of the year seven School Societies have been formed by senior boys, with the full support of the Headmaster and Staff. This is a new and important feature of School life which has already proved a popular venture.

CHESS CLUB

CHAIRMAN : W. E. P. PRICE.

The Club was founded with two aims, namely, to instruct novices in the rudiments of the game and to improve the standard of play among the more experienced players. During his time as Headmaster, Mr. Jacob Morgan took a keen interest in the game; and when he heard that a Club was in existence, he kindly presented a gift of money with which two Chess sets have been purchased.

During the Spring Term the Club held a tournament, as the result of which T. D. B. George was proclaimed Chess Champion of the School and O. J. Wallis his runner up. At the end of the term the Headmaster presented the champion with a book token.

FILM CLUB

SECRETARY : R. B. WILLIAMS.

TREASURER : G. A. H. THOMAS.

Ten meetings were held this term when films on a wide range of subjects were shown. The Club is grateful to Mr. O. Timothy, who provided a projector for every show, and to Mr. C. E. Roderick who rendered the great service of organising the Club. Perhaps conditions were not up to the standard of the local cinemas, but it is hoped that "technical hitches" will be avoided when the new projector arrives next year.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

The Society has met on two occasions. The first took the form of a French evening, during the course of which members sang "Alouette" and later listened to a recording of "Oceano Nox" and saw a film entitled "Haute Seine."

On 18th February, 1955, Mr. J. H. Williams accompanied a number of members to Cardiff, where they saw a performance of "Le Barbier de Seville" by Beaumarchais.

MUSIC SOCIETY

SECRETARY : D. J. CHATFIELD.

TREASURER : R. M. HOWELL.

The Society has met on several occasions, when its activities have taken the form of gramophone recitals. A selection of seasonal music

at the end of the Autumn Term and a programme in tribute to Glen Miller stand out as the most popular of the recitals.

It is clearly apparent that the School in general does not appreciate serious music and so it is one of the aims of the Society to acquaint its members with this type of music. The first step in this direction was taken on 24th March when a film on the life of "Chopin" was shown.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

CHAIRMAN : R. LUCAS.

SECRETARY : D. I. THOMAS.

The Society has held two meetings. In the first meeting a film was shown on the manufacture of Steel. At the end of the Spring Term the Society held its "Question Time," when a panel of experts from the Sixth Form answered a variety of questions on such topics as "anti-freeze," "gramophone needles," "chemo-therapeutic drugs," and "heavy water." The question master was T. D. B. George, and the panel consisted of Annette Coutts, D. J. Chatfield, R. M. Howell and R. Lucas.

TABLE TENNIS AND JOKARI CLUB

J. F. Stroud and O. J. Wallis are responsible for the regular meetings and efficient organisation of the Club. It is one of the most popular clubs among the junior boys and meets practically every evening. The weather has not permitted the playing of Jockari as yet, but those who have been introduced to the game find it most invigorating and prophesy a bright future.

Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG

CHAIRMAN : H. EVANS.

The Society has held three highly successful meetings.

On 3rd December, 1954, Mrs. Ogwen Thomas, B Mus. (County Music Organiser) addressed the Society on Welsh Folk Songs and illustrated her remarks with a selection of appropriate records.

On 4th March, 1955, Mr. Odwyn Jones introduced the Society to the basic features of Welsh Furniture, and thereby alerted the minds of his audience to the wealth of interesting material about them. Another interesting feature of Mr. Jones's talk was his references to some of the traditional customs of Wales.

The Meeting on 4th April, 1955, took the form of a Debate. The motion set before the society was : "Wales is no longer the land of song." W. E. P. Price and G. Jones spoke in defence of the motion and R. G. Tucker and A. J. Jones opposed it. When the vote was taken at the end it was found that the motion had been defeated by 39 votes to 9.

R. G. TUCKER, VI.

VISIT TO BELGIUM. July 16th—25th, 1954.

LAST Summer, a party consisting of 23 boys under the leadership of Mr. J. H. Williams, assisted by Mr. Bryan Williams, left Brecon for the Belgian port of Ostend. The following diary was compiled by G. J. Evans, a member of the party.

FRIDAY, 16th JULY. We left Brecon for Paddington at 8-45 a.m. It was discovered at Victoria that four of our number were missing. Three of these wanderers arrived as the train to Dover was about to depart; the fourth caught a relief train that left ten minutes later. After passing through the Customs at Dover, we boarded a crowded boat which carried us past the North and South Goodwin lightships to Ostend where we arrived after a rather rough crossing.

SATURDAY, 17th JULY. Our first day at Ostend was to some extent spoiled by rain. The morning was spent walking around the town which we found possessed a good shopping centre and a spacious harbour. Ostend is famous for its fine fishing fleet. In the afternoon, Mr. Williams organised a party to go to the luxurious swimming baths known as the Thermal Baths.

SUNDAY, 18th JULY. An uneventful day. Boys visited the cinema and the Thermal Baths and some patronised what are perhaps Ostend's greatest attraction—the pedal cars.

MONDAY, 19th JULY. To-day we visited Bruges. We were first taken around the canals by motor-boat and saw the splendid sights of that ancient town. After partaking of lunch at one of its hotels, we were conducted on a sight-seeing tour by a guide. We entered the Town Hall and the "Chapel of the Holy Blood," where a marvellously constructed receptacle is reputed to hold a drop of Christ's blood. Other places visited were the Beguinage (where the delicate manufacture of lace is carried on by the women), and the cathedral of Notre Dame.

TUESDAY, 20th JULY. After a quiet morning we visited Blankenburg—the Blackpool of Belgium. In the evening we witnessed a magnificent firework display on the beach at Ostend.

WEDNESDAY, 21st JULY. Today we made an excursion into France. Having viewed the German defences, we passed through Dunkirk where we saw the spot where the S.W.B. band played during the famous retreat. Our first halt was at Calais, a town much damaged during the war, and from here we were taken to that objective of all Channel swimmers—Cap Gris Nez. Unfortunately, there was too much haze over the sea for us to see the English coast. We saw the

famous Bleriot Memorial before returning via Boulogne, where we stopped for half an hour, to Dunkirk. We made a tour of the harbour in our coach and then set foot on the famous beaches, which, in their tranquillity showed no sign of the disaster of which they had been the scene. Our base at Ostend was reached at 7-30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 22nd JULY. We departed from Ostend at 8-30 a.m., our objective being Holland. Our first impression of this country was that the flatness of the landscape was a great contrast to that of Wales. We passed through Sluis and Breskens, and after waiting for two hours at the ferry, crossed the Scheldt to the Isle of Walcheren. We passed on to Middleburg where it was market day, and the people were dressed in the lovely traditional costume. We were impressed by the scrupulous cleanliness of the Dutch countryside, and at Middleburg in particular we were amazed at the number of British.

FRIDAY, 23rd JULY. A beautiful day, which was spent at the base town of Ostend. After dinner, at 6-30 p.m. we left for Bruges, to see the illuminations. These were indeed marvellous, and the guide who had conducted us on Monday had described them aptly when he said they were like a "scene from a Walt Disney film." Most impressive was the square in which stands the great tower of Bruges.

SATURDAY, 24th JULY. Our last full day was spent at Ostend when presents were bought for relatives and friends.

SUNDAY, 25th JULY. At 10 a.m. the boat on which we were to return to Dover left Ostend. The sea was at first only choppy, but it became steadily rougher until we ran into a rain storm and mist near the English coast. This caused us to be almost an hour late at Dover and we had rather a rush in London in crossing from Victoria to Paddington. We arrived in Brecon about 10-30 p.m. fully satisfied with our ten days in Belgium, but wishing that it had been of longer duration.

G. J. EVANS, VE.

CAROL SERVICE.

For the first time a service of nine lessons and carols was held by the School in the Plough Congregational Chapel at Christmas.

Lessons were read by members of the various forms, and Mr. D. T. Havard conducted the singing. We would like to thank Mrs. D. J. Davies for accompanying us on the organ. W. O. Jones sang a carol which was much appreciated.

We were pleased to see several visitors at the service, including Mr. Jacob Morgan, our former Headmaster.

OLD BOYS' REMINISCENCES.

NICHOLASTON COTTAGE,
PENMAEN, SWANSEA.

DEAR EDITORS,

When it was suggested that readers of the "Silurian" might be interested in recollections of the early days of the school, I thought it would be easy to set some down, but I find that after nearly 60 years my memory plays tricks, and there are very few clear pictures to record of my three years attendance.

When the school was opened in 1896, entrance was on a fee-paying basis, with an examination for a number of free places for boys from elementary schools in the County and five from Brecon. I was given one of the Brecon places, and I like to think I was the first Brecon boy. When we opened I found myself in Form IV with only Jack Kennedy of Talgarth, and Rhys Prytherch, of Trefeinion.

The examination was held in a house in the Struet. The Girls' School later opened in this house and the boys took over the hall and vestries of Dr. Coke's Chapel in Lion Street—the permanent building came after my time.

It must have been difficult to sort the first entry into forms, for we all came from elementary schools and must have been about the same age. Prizes gained in 1897, 1898 and 1899 show that I remained in Form IV, but there was no higher one. We all had to start from scratch in such subjects as French, Latin, Algebra and Euclid, and I cannot recollect that any boy proceeded to a University in my time. Most boys left to go into the father's business or home to the farm. Other openings were limited, but by the turn of the century the new standards of education throughout Wales were being recognised and many boys went into Banks and other businesses and professions.

Our first Head was Mr. Nathan John with Mr. Thomas Butcher and Mr. Morgan assisting. They must have had a task in dealing with more than one class each in the same room.

Mr. Butcher had given up his own private school in the town to come to us and I remember his stern discipline. He had great scorn for our knowledge of "Kilimanjaro and Timbuctoo" and ignorance of "Penyfan and the Honddu."

Mr. Morgan opened for us the new world of chemistry and elementary science with little more apparatus than a kitchen sink and a bunsen burner on a landing at the top of the stairs. What a thrill

when, after some months we unpacked the first consignment of test tubes, flasks and stoppered bottles. Classes from the Girls' School then came to us for chemistry. On these occasions they usually found the stopper had somehow been removed from the sulphuretted hydrogen bottle.

The Friday music lesson from Mr. Musk was a high spot. We were too tough for his mild methods and freely parodied such songs as "The Minstrel Boy." He made us proficient enough to make some sort of show at the first Prize Day when Sir Joseph Bailey—the first Lord Glanusk—made the presentations. This was held at the Guild Hall where the stage was large enough to hold all the pupils of both Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Owing to lack of transport the boys from rural districts had to find board in town for the week. Mr. Butcher took several. Among them were "Chicken" and "Roger" Williams whom we rather envied because their weekly journey from Bwlch was on (not in) their father's car, which was probably the first motor in the County. Talgarth and Bronllys boys, after long walks to the station, arrived at Brecon at 7-45 a.m. and left at 5-30 p.m., so had strenuous days.

For a few years there were no games, but later there was some physical drill, of the barrack square type, under Capt. Dickey.

Your readers may be reminded that during this period Queen Victoria was still on the throne, and there were no motors or telephones—even telegrams came to Brecon over the Railway Companies' wires. For private and public lighting the fish tail burner had not been displaced by the incandescent mantle. A small crowd would gather daily to see the horses canter away from the Post Office in Lion Street—promptly at 5-30—drawing a light "box on wheels" to catch the mail train at Abergavenny. Doctors made their rounds on horse back or in dog-carts—Dr. Francis using good class hackneys in tandem. Eggs were sometimes 24 for 1/-, and my first smoke was a "Cinderella" at 5 for a penny, with matches at 12 boxes for 1½d.

My memories seem to be less of school than of the prevailing conditions and as you have pupils who will presently proceed to Universities to do historical research, I suggest that it would be a good exercise for one of them to dig into old School Board minutes and files for the *County Times* and *B. & R. Express* and put on record the story of how the Welsh "Intermediate Act" was put into operation. I should like to have some further information.

Yours faithfully,

BERTRAM JONES.

(Retired Manager, Nat. Prov. Bank).

THE CURSE.

It was an evening in late October. The churchyard gate was open. The owls had already begun to stir and hoot in the dark yew trees. There was a rustling of falling leaves, and a dog barked in the distance. The Sexton was digging a grave; he was alone in the churchyard. He threw out the red-brown soil rhythmically, his breath disappearing quickly in the cold damp air. Nearby, there was a polished grey stone tablet and monument. The light was failing; a few bats were wheeling about, and a raven cronked its way across a darkening sky.

Jim, the Sexton's son, called impatiently at the lych gate. There was no reply. The boy walked over to the edge of the grave, and pressed his heavy boot-toes into the soft mud.

"Nearly finished, Dad?"

"Aye son, nearly done now."

The Church clock struck five in its metallic tones.

"When's the funeral, Dad?"

"Tomorrow. Last of the old Squire de Courcy's family going in 'ere."

The sharp shovel grated and screamed on a hard stone.

"Quiet it is here Dad."

"Aye, all quiet here son."

Jim read from the tombstone.

"Dad."

"Hullo?"

"This family came over here with William the Conqueror."

"Aye, 'tis said they did."

"There's a lot of forrin 'language on this one!"

"Latin I s'spect."

Jim shivered.

"Oh, come on Dad. Tea's ready. Mum's made a pie!"

"Nearly finished now—oh damn!"

There was a thump, and the sexton stood gaping.

"What's up Dad"

The side of the coffin of the next grave had fallen in, and inside lay a skeleton, as white as alabaster. The fingers were covered with rings, and there were necklaces, bangles and ornaments all flashing in the dim light. Both stood gaping.

"What shall we do, Dad?"

"Prop the side up somehow; came on, give me a hand."

As they looked, a covetous gleam came into the Sexton's eyes.

"Worth a fortune, them are. Jus' think what we could buy with what they'd bring in!"

"But it's stealing, Dad! Stealing from the dead!"

The Sexton leanded over and took one of the bracelets from the skeleton's wrist bones.

"Look, covered with diamonds—this is worth a packet!"

Jim implored his father not to take it, but he took no notice and fastened the bracelet on his wrist. Just as he was climbing out, he slipped, and cut a deep gash in his wrist on the shovel edge.

The next day, after the funeral was over, Jim filled in the grave while his father stood by with his wrist bandaged up. Just then, the Rector happened to walk up.

"What does the Latin on this stone mean Rector?" asked the Sexton.

"Oh, it's the family motto of the de Courcy's. It reads more like a curse than a motto. Roughly it means, 'Cursed be those who disturb us, and doubly cursed be those who rob us.'"

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A few weeks later, there was another funeral in the churchyard. This was the funeral of the Sexton, who had died from the effects of tetanus.

O. J. WALLIS, VI.

SENIOR PREFECTS, 1954-55.



D. O. P. Jones, W. P. Roderick, R. Lucas, R. M. Howell, D. J. Chatfield, B. Pritchard, T. D. B. George, R. G. Tucker, Mr. L. Lewis, The Headmaster, D. Davies (Head Prefect), H. Evans, W. E. P. Price.

VARSIITY REPORTS.

CHRONICLE FROM "ABER"—1955.

THIS year (1954-55) there are four O.B.'s in residence at Aberystwyth and our fifth representative (D. N. B. Rees) is teaching in France in preparation for an Honours degree in French. At the end of this present session two of our members will take definite leave of the "College by the sea," and it would seem therefore appropriate to renew the clarion-call, sounded each year in this report, for more replacements from the "Alma Mater." There will be three here next year (we hope!!), but that is not nearly enough, and so I solicit the attention of those proceeding to Universities in the year 1955-56. My advice?—go to Aber and join the hallowed ranks of O.B.'s, amongst whom figure the following:

A. B. WINSTONE. This is Brian's fourth year in College and he is officially a member of the T.T. Dept., which, I hasten to add, stands for Teacher's Training! From what I can gather (in surreptitious manner!) he has a definite predilection for the female physicist section of Machynlleth VIA. Apparently they pander to his many witticisms as well as his "pedagogical" aspirations! However, his face bears no lines of worry and there are no grey hairs, so I take it that the many trials of a student-teacher have not weighed too heavily upon him. He is rarely without his pipe, always carries an umbrella and when he *does* have a brief case, the sight never fails to suggest to this chronicler an idea of the Chancellor with his latest "Budget" news.

A. R. THOMAS. A third year student, Alan is pursuing a course in first year Honours Welsh and with it, Final Philosophy. He hopes to do an Honours degree in Welsh next session. Alan is a member of the "duffle-coat division" of Coll., and he too carries an umbrella! The intricacies of Old Cornish and Middle Irish (intrinsic elements in the study of Welsh!) have not dampened his innate good-humour, and the only noticeable change is that he now rolls his cigarettes! He maintains they taste better when a real personal creative touch has been administered.

P. W. HOLT. Peter is, I would venture to say, our keenest member, academically speaking. He is reading a first-year Honours course in English. His aim is Honours English next year. I see very little of Peter except in the Saturday night Coll. "hop", where he is often seen "tripping the light fantastic." However that may be, whenever I spot a beige corduroy cap, I always look twice to ascertain whether or not it's our English expert, for he is rarely seen without his "peakless wonder." He, too, carries an umbrella!

D. W. RICE. I am in my fifth and final year at Aber' and the ordeal of an Honours French examination is upon me in June of this year. I have thought of training, research (!!!), desertion as a coffee-planter in South America, but alas! I'm afraid the military authorities have at last caught up with me, and my attendance is "required" in August. Meanwhile I continue to play regularly for the College First XI, and hope to have my colours renewed this year. I'm unique among the O.B.'s in Aberystwyth—I have *no* umbrella!

To conclude, I would like to wish on behalf of my fellow Aber students, the very best of good luck to all those sitting examinations this year, and also to proffer my thanks the "Silurian" committee for including this contribution in their magazine, which I hope will once again live up to the very high standard of the past five editions.

D. W. RICE.

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BRISTOL UNIVERSITY.

At present there are only two old pupils of Brecon at Bristol.

HAROLD LEWIS is in his final year, and so is working hard for his degree in Physics and Maths. This has made him a very elusive character and he is now not often to be seen about the Union. Harold has continued his career as a cricketer, and last year achieved distinction by becoming captain of the University 2nd XI.

COLIN WATKINS, who is also studying Physics and Maths, is in his second year. Colin's chief interest is caving, and this occupies most of his weekends. During the week he seems to spend most of the time repairing his bicycle, and in addition he belongs to the University society of bell ringers. In between whiles he tries to find time for a little work.

C. A. WATKINS.

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REPORT FROM CARDIFF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

SEVEN Old Boys of the School are at present pursuing courses of study at this University College.

L. HARGEST is taking a one-year course in Teacher's Training. Leighton is Secretary of the World University Service and is on the Committee of the National Union of Students. A hand injury has prevented his playing soccer this season.

W. E. J. GALLAGHER is another Teacher's Training student. Bill having recently returned from his sojourn in the Far East, is very

critical of our inclement weather. Though able to command a regular place in the College 1st Soccer XI, he prefers playing for St. John's Athletic Club.

H. A. J. BUTTER is studying Honours History and consequently his activities are restricted. He occasionally attends the History Society Meetings and makes rather infrequent appearances at the cricket nets.

W. J. DAVIES, having completely recovered from his recent illness, has now returned to College. John, who is reading Final Archaeology, is a member of the History and English Societies and is a founder member of the Archaeological Society.

C. G. PARRY is one of the few to achieve the distinction of being admitted to the Current Honours Mathematic Class. He regularly attends the Photographic Society Committee Meetings and the Union Saturday night dances.

B. E. GRANT is taking Final Electrical Engineering and Subsidiary Metallurgy. He is Secretary of University Hall and is a member of the Engineering Society.

L. BEVAN is reading Final General Engineering and Engineering Group II Mathematics. He occasionally does some training for athletics, and is agreeably surprised to find he is being considered for a place in the College Team.

We look forward to the return of John Llewellyn. Next October he will resume his Honours course in History.

L. BEVAN.

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TRINITY COLLEGE, CARMARTHEN.

At present there are no less than five Old Boys training for their Teacher's Certificates. Two are taking their finals in June—John S. Lewis and Lionel V. G. Jones—and the three "new" arrivals, Ron Capper, John Pearce and Vernon Howells, are already beginning to make their mark in the social life of the College.

JOHN LEWIS is specialising in Physical Education and spends much time coaching athletics in the schools of the town.

LIONEL JONES's main subject is English Literature, and whenever one picks up a book in the library, one half expects Lionel to jump out.

RON CAPPER. Little is seen of our historian friend, and it is a common belief that he spends his leisure hours delving into the private life of Henry VIII.

JOHN PEARCE, affectionately known to his friends as "Jan," finds much of his time taken up with Geography.

VERNON HOWELLS specialises in Mathematics. Because of National Service, Vernon started late at College, and the wings he once wore on his chest are now to be seen on his upper lip.

V. HOWELLS.

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ST. DAVID'S COLLEGE, LAMPETER.

DAVID L. JONES is studying for the general B A. degree. He is having a very successful year socially, academically, and on the sports field. He has become a regular member of the Harriers Team, and is often to be found playing for the Soccer Club. He is on the selection committee of both.

W. BRYAN TYLER is at the moment reading Moderations Honours History. He was recently elected Secretary of the Union Debating Society. Owing to his many social engagements, he finds it necessary to curtail his sporting activities.

W. BRYAN TYLER.

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IMPRESSIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OF NORTH WALES, BANGOR.

THAT Bangor has been called the Athens of Wales is not surprising, for although the University College is the most important, Bangor is also the home of four other Colleges. Oxbridge or Red Brick? The University College is neither. Bangor does not follow the classical tradition of the older Universities nor slavishly imitates the model of Red Brick.

Perhaps one is struck firstly by the difference between work in school and study at the College. Indeed, the gulf between the Sixth Form and a University Education is greater than the step from the School Fifth Form to the Advanced Level Class. This essential difference is felt at once in the freedom the student enjoys to organise his academic study. He is at once the captain of his ship and master of his destiny. This is emphasised by the lack of close personal contact between the individual student and his lecturer. I think this can be attributed to the fact that a student is considered to have matured psychologically. This academic freedom contributes to the development of individuality.

One is made aware of this sense of responsibility in the social life of the College. On entering, we are reminded that a successful University education should provide the individual with the opportunity to play an active part in a miniature society. This aspect of College life is adequately catered for at Bangor and societies—such as Cymric, Anglo-Welsh, Debates, are very prominent. The activities

of Anglo-Welsh impressed me because in a bilingual Welsh Society it acts as a stage where the English audience is made aware of Welsh culture. Despite the influx of English and Colonial students, Bangor still remains essentially a Welsh College. This fact is impressed on us by the industrious activity in preparation for both the Bangor Colleges' Eisteddfod and the University of Wales Eisteddfod. The lighter side of student activity is catered for by the Rag—an annual event, which allows scope for originality and individuality.

In the realm of sport the College clubs provide a wide choice—a choice so wide (from fencing to soccer) that any student can find a suitable recreation which he can enjoy. Life here is largely what the individual makes it and this is a good training for service and duty in the larger world outside the University precincts.

E. G. POWELL, Bangor, 1955.

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UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM.

I AM very pleased with my choice of University. The social side of a University career is much emphasised, and the Guild of Undergraduates with its some seventy societies and Union affords great opportunities for students seeking relaxation and culture. Wednesday afternoons are free to be devoted to sport.

Unfortunately, the University is divided into two. One part, mainly the Arts section, is in the centre of the city, whereas the larger part, including the Science departments and the Medical School and the Union, are three or four miles from the city centre.

The highlight of the University session, and one of the highlights of the city life, is carnival week, during which most students forget work. This year's carnival, last October, was different—in more ways than one. It was the first University 'rag' to be televised completely, and also the amount collected was a record.

J. M. WILLIAMS.

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UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM.

BEING a first year student I have not had the opportunity of taking part in the complete cycle of events carried out here at the School of Agriculture. Up to the present time I have found life very pleasant, the course being very varied, covering a wide range of subjects, adequate facilities for entertainment being supplied both here and at the main University.

During the first two terms I have run for the faculty in the cross country team and played in both their 2nd Rugby XV and 2nd Soccer XI.

A. HEPTON.

PRIZE DAY.

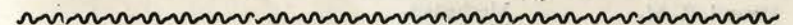
THE School's Prize Distribution was held in the Market Hall, Brecon on Wednesday, 15th December, when the guest of honour was Dame Oliver Wheeler, former Professor of Education at the University College of Wales, Cardiff. The Chairman was Ald. Garnet Morris.

The following boys were presented with book prizes :—

Form VI	...	H. Evans, T. D. B. George.
VE	...	T. L. Powell, D. W. Pulling, S. J. Pritchard, W. Griffiths.
VJ	...	H. J. Phillips.
VP	...	C. B. Like, O. J. Wallis.
IWA	...	Geraint Jones, T. A. Gwynne, Dyfrig Davies, A. E. N. Trimm.
IVW	...	Donald Evans.
IIIA	...	R. W. Parry, J. D. Jones, E. T. Morgan, D. G. Powell.
IIIW	...	T. D. J. Davies.
IIA	...	R. M. James, A. S. Twist, G. C. Williams, W. M. Jones.
IIW	...	T. H. Owen.

Old Boys.—J. M. Williams, A. B. Ottewell, P. D. Twist, A. Hepton, A. W. Lloyd, J. P. Davies, A. C. Went, L. Pritchard.

The School Choir sang "Let all the World," music by Morgan Nicholas.



MEMORIAL SERVICE.

ON November 11th a Memorial Service was held in School in memory of the Old Boys who made the supreme sacrifice in the two World Wars.

D. Davies, Head Boy, read the tribute, and the Roll of Honour for the First and Second World Wars was read by Dr. G. Price and Mr. H. Prosser Roberts respectively.

Wreaths were laid by Mr. E. B. Powell, M.B.E., the President of the Old Boys' Association and by R. Lucas and J. M. Prosser on behalf of the school. Minor Canon D. G. G. Davies, B.A., brought an impressive ceremony to a close with a short address.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS, 1954.

ADVANCED LEVEL.

Davies, D.	... History.
Davies, G. L.	... English, Latin, Gr. and R. History.
Davies, J. P.	... English, Welsh, *French.
Evans, H.	... English, Welsh, History (with distinction).
Evans, P. O.	... English, History, Geography.
George, T. D. B.	... Physics, Chemistry, Biology.
Hepton, A.	... Physics, Chemistry, Botany.
Jenkins, R. W.	... Physics.
Lloyd, A. W.	... History, Geography.
Moses, H.	... Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics.
Ottewell, A. B.	... English, *French, History.
Powell, E. G.	... Physics.
Pritchard, L.	... Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Richards, B. P.	... English, French.
Twist, P. D.	... Pure and Applied Mathematics (with distinction). Physics, Chemistry.
Went, A. C.	... Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Williams, J. M.	... Pure and Applied Mathematics (with distinction), Physics (with distinction), Chemistry (with distinction).

ORDINARY LEVEL.

Aldus, J. G.	... English Language, *French, Geography.
Bull, B. J. F.	... English Language, English Literature, *French, Geography, Mathematics.
Chatfield, D. J.	... Mechanics.
Davies, F. R.	... English Language, English Literature, *Welsh 03, Geography.
Gerrish, P. T. E.	... English Language.
Griffiths, W.	... English Language, English Literature, *Welsh 03, Latin, Geography, Mathematics, Physics. Chemistry.
Howell, R. M.	... Mechanics.
James, I. L.	... Mechanics.
Jones, D. O. P.	... Mathematics.
Jones, W. O.	... English Literature, *Welsh 03, *French, Geo- graphy.
Leonard, J. G. J.	... Geography.
Lewis, W. A.	... English Language, English Literature, French.
Like, C. B.	... English Language, English Literature, Latin, Physics.
Lloyd, A. W.	... English Language.
Lucas, R.	... Mechanics.
Millichip, T. B.	... *Welsh 03.
Millington, J.	... English Language, *Welsh 03, Geography.
Morgan, A. M.	... Geography, Mathematics.
Morgan, J. G.	... Physics.
Perkins, W.	... *Welsh 03.
Phillips, T. B.	... English Language, English Literature, *Welsh 03 Mathematics, Physics.

Powell, E. G.	... Biology.
Powell, T. L.	... English Language, English Literature, *Welsh 03, Geography, Latin, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Price, W. E. P.	... Greek.
Pritchard, R.	... English Literature, French, History, Geography.
Pritchard, S. J.	... English Language, English Literature, *Welsh 03, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Pugh, P. C.	... English Literature, Welsh *03, Geography, Mathematics.
Pulling, D. W.	... English Language, English Literature, *Welsh 03, French, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Ralph, T. J.	... English Language, *Welsh 03, Geography.
Smith, R. W.	... Mechanics.
Stroud, J. F.	... English Language, History, Mathematics.
Sullivan, V. M.	... Mechanics.
Taylor, J.	... English Language, English Literature, *French.
Thomas, D. I.	... English Language, Latin.
Wallis, O. J.	... English Language, English Literature, Latin, Chemistry.
Went, A. C.	... English Language.
White, E. B.	... English Language, English Literature, Geography.
Williams, D. J.	... English Language, Mathematics, Physics.
Williams, G. L.	... *Welsh 03.
Winston, J. C.	... English Language, *Welsh 03, *French.
Davies, F. R.	... Special Arithmetic.
Millington, J.	... Special Arithmetic.
Wallis, O. J.	... Special Arithmetic.

*Indicates a pass with oral proficiency in the subject.

CHRISTMAS PARTY.

At the end of the Christmas Term, members of the staff, led by Mrs. Timothy, organised a party, which was enjoyed by the lower forms.

The party started with plenty of fun and games including, a conjuring act by R. G. Tucker and a charade by the prefects. Afterwards the boys sat down to a tea organised by Mrs. Smith, the Headmaster's Secretary and a willing band of helpers.

After tea, the prefects presented a successful sketch on school life "Willie or Will-he-not."

It is hoped that this party will become an annual event.

R. M. HOWELL, VI.

ST. DAVID'S DAY.

As in past years the Eisteddfod was held at the Guild Hall on the morning of St. David's Day. The Headmaster conducted the Eisteddfod and at the opening he welcomed the members of the public who had come to listen to the competitions. The Eisteddfod commenced with "Yr Hufen Melyn," sung by the choir.

We were fortunate in securing the services of two very able adjudicators, Mr. Trevor Evans and Prof. D. J. Davies for Music and Literature respectively. The President for the morning was the Mayor of Brecon, Councillor John de Winton, M.A. The accompanist was Mr. D. T. Havard who fulfilled his duties admirably. We feel that a special word of praise is due to Mr. Harvey Williams, who worked exceedingly hard to ensure the success of the Eisteddfod. He was aided on the stage by Mrs. Timothy and Mr. Roderick.

Gam started the day with a lead of 30 points over their nearest rival, and they succeeded in holding the lead throughout. However, Gam finished only 7 points ahead of Theo, who made a great rally during the second half and beat Vaughan into third place. Siddons were fourth.

The final result was :—

Gam	...	314
Theophilus	...	307
Vaughan	...	305½
Siddons	...	273½

The stage was beautifully decorated with daffodils.

The following is a list of individual winners together with their Houses and the test piece set in each competition :—

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS.

Welsh Recitation : "Y Ddwy wydd Dew."

1, D. G. Davies (S) ; 2, R. Rees (G) ; 3, T. G. Tuthill (G).

English Recitation : "Roadways."

1, D. T. Boxhall (T) ; 2, R. L. Grant (V) and R. M. James (S).

Welsh Solo : "Yn Iach i ti Gymru."

1, D. T. Boxhall (T) ; 2, R. Rees (G) ; 3, T. H. Owen (V).

English Solo : "The Lass of Richmond Hill."

1, D. T. Boxhall (T) ; 2, T. H. Owen (V) ; 3, B. A. Wyke (T).

Poem : "My School House."

1, D. P. Jones (S) ; 2, M. G. Williams (V) ; 3, R. W. Stroud (T).

Humorous Poem : "On Getting up Early."

1, D. P. Jones (S) ; 2, R. Rees (G) ; 3, A. C. Hirons (G).

Essay : "My Favourite Walk" or "Brecon to the Moon."

1, A. S. Twist (T) ; 2, D. P. Jones (S) ; 3, A. C. Hirons (G).

Landscape :

1, B. V. Howells (T) and B. Jones (V) ; 3, M. O. Jones (V) and M. G. Williams (V).

Physical Map of Breconshire :

1, B. Jones (V) ; 2, A. C. Hirons (G) ; 3, M. O. Jones (V).

Handicraft : Model.

1, B. Jones (V) ; 2, D. Williams (T) ; 3, A. S. Twist (T).

Handicraft : Useful Article

1, A. S. Twist (T) ; 2, B. Jones (V) ; 3, R. M. Jones (S).

Pianoforte Solo : "Menuette."

1, G. Clayton (S) ; 2, J. Bartley (S) ; 3, D. I. Jones, (V).

SENIOR COMPETITIONS.

Welsh Recitation : "Yr Asyn."

1, D. G. Powell (G) ; 2, R. G. Tucker (V) ; 3, A. R. Parry (G).

English Recitation : "Home Thoughts from the Sea."

1, D. T. Lewis (T) ; 2, D. Davies (G) ; 3, M. R. Burr (T) and W. E. P. Price (V).

English or Welsh Solo : "Codiad yr Hedydd."

1, G. J. Evans (G) ; 2, O. J. Wallis (T) ; 3, W. O. Jones (S).

Pianoforte Solo : "The Merry Peasant."

1, W. E. P. Price (V) ; 2, A. J. Jones (V) ; 3, H. J. Davies (T).

Poem : "The Beacons."

1, W. E. P. Price (V) ; 2, T. D. B. George (T) ; 3, H. Evans (T).

Humorous Poem : "The Staff Cricket Match."

1, O. J. Wallis (T) ; 2, H. Evans (T) ; 3, G. S. Porte (V).

Essay : "Brecon in 2005 A.D." or "Light Industries for Brecon."

1, R. G. Tucker (V) ; 2, D. Davies (G) ; 3, R. Lucas (T).

Short Story : Own Selection.

1, W. E. P. Price (V) ; 2, O. J. Wallis (T) ; 3, D. O. P. Jones (V).

Landscape :

1, B. Bell ; (G) 2, D. J. Williams (G) ; 3, J. G. J. Leonard (G).

Physical Map of Breconshire :

1, D. Powell (T) ; 2, D. G. Powell (G) ; 3, J. F. Stroud (T) and D. O. P. Jones (V).

Handicraft : Model.

1, G. Lambert (T) ; 2, R. M. Howell (S) ; 3, O. J. Wallis (T).

Handicraft : Useful Article.

1, D. G. Williams (T) ; 2, W. M. Bevan (S) ; 3, D. I. Williams, (T).

SIXTH FORM ONLY.

Scripture Reading : Acts, Ch. 6, vv 8-15, and Ch. 7, vv 51-60.

1, R. G. Tucker (V) ; 2, O. J. Wallis (T) ; 3, D. O. P. Jones (V).

OPEN COMPETITIONS.

Parody : "Daffodils."

1, O. J. Wallis (T) ; 2, W. E. P. Price (V) ; 3, W. P. Roderick (V).

Welsh Recitation : "Pantycelyn."

1, A. J. Jones (V) ; 2, D. T. Lewis (T) ; 3, H. Evans (T).

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This year St. David's Day saw an important innovation. The School reassembled in the Guild Hall in the afternoon for a programme resembling the Welsh Noson Lawen. Mr. Harvey Williams directed the proceedings, which included the singing of well known folk songs and solos by the winners in the morning competitions. The winners of some of the literary competitions read their compositions.

The last item was a play, "The Poacher," by J. O. Francis, produced by Mr. Hugh Thomas with the following cast :—

Twmas Shon..... I. T. Williams
Marged Shon..... Robert Leonard
Dickey Bach Dwl..... Hadyn Evans
Dafydd Hughes..... Robin Lucas



"THE POACHER"

ATHLETICS.

THE annual School Sports took place on Thursday, 15th July at the I.T.C. Sports Ground. We wish to thank Major R. O. Crewe-Read, M.C., for use of the ground and also for having it prepared for the various events. We also wish to thank Miss A. B. Jones, M.A., Headmistress of the Girls' Grammar School for presenting the Staff Sports Cup to the winning House. Thanks are due to Mr. D. T. Havard for the organisation and to the other members of the staff who acted as judges.

The winning house this year was Theophilus who had been unsuccessful for so many years. They maintained the lead gained on standard points throughout the afternoon.

Improvement was shown in the comparatively new event, the Walk, all three records being broken. The high jumping standard also improved and two of the three records were broken. T. B. Millichip's beating of the senior weight record by nearly 5 feet was an admirable performance. In all, eight new records were set up. This, however, does not reflect the general standard of performance which was only average. Perhaps another term with some of the games period's devoted to athletics will raise this standard. The final result was :—

1. Theophilus	...	201½
2. Siddons	...	189½
3. Vaughan	...	131
4. Gam	...	111

JUNIOR SCHOOL.

100 Yards. Record : 12.3 secs. A. J. Short (T), 1940.

1, R. S. Samuel (V) ; 2, D. Evans (T) ; 3, B. F. Adams (T). Time : 12.0 secs.*

220 Yards. Record 28.2 secs. M. T. H. Style (G), 1948.

1, R. S. Samuel (V) ; 2, D. Evans (T) ; 3, B. F. Adams (T) and D. H. Davies (T). Time 30.26 secs.

Long Jump. Record, 16ft. 1½ ins. W. E. P. Price (V), 1951.

1, T. A. Gwynne (T) ; 2, S. J. Gallagher (S) ; 3, D. Evans (T) and B. F. Adams (T). Distance 14ft. 1 ins.

High Jump. Record 4ft. 5ins. W. E. P. Price (V), 1951, and T. C. Stephens (T), 1935.

1, T. A. Gwynne (T) ; 2, B. F. Adams (T) ; 3, G. A. H. Thomas (G). Height, 4ft. 5½ ins.*

Javelin. Record, 101ft. 7½ins. B. D. Davies (S), 1953.

1, D. Evans (T) ; 2, T. J. Ottewell (S) ; 3, B. F. Adams (T). Distance 94ft. 8ins.

660 Yards Walk. Record, 3 mins. 27.9 secs. D. H. Price (G), 1953.

1, G. A. H. Thomas (G) ; 2, T. J. Ottewell (S) ; 3, E. T. Morgan (T). Time, 3 mins. 5.5 secs.*

Relay (4 x 110 yards). Record, 56.0 secs. Siddons, 1953.

1, Siddons ; 2, Vaughan ; Time 55.4 secs.*

MIDDLE SCHOOL.

100 Yards. Record, 11.3 secs. M. T. H. Styles (G), 1950 and K. T. Smith (V), 1944.

1, G. L. Williams (T) ; 2, P. Richards (S) ; 3, T. G. Morgan (S). Time, 11.34 secs.

220 Yards. Record, 25.5 secs. A. B. Ottewell (S), 1952.

T. G. Morgan (S) ; 2, P. Richards (S) ; 3, T. I. V. Prosser (V). Time, 27.3 secs.

440 Yards. Record, 57.8 secs. T. G. Griffiths (V), 1949.

1, W. Perkins (S) ; 2, D. Boxhall (T) ; 3, J. G. Davies (T). Time 61.9 secs.

880 Yards. Record, 2 mins. 29.3 secs. R. Lucas (T), 1952.

1, W. A. Lewis (T) ; G. L. Williams (T) ; 3, B. T. Williams (S). Time, 2 mins. 38 secs.

880 Yards Walk. Record, 4 min. 16.0 secs. T. B. Millichip, (S) 1953.

1, B. T. Williams (S) ; 2, D. J. Williams (G) ; 3, J. G. Leonard (G). Time, 4 mins. 10.6 secs.*

Long Jump. Record, 19ft. 2ins. A. B. Ottewell (S), 1951.

1, G. L. Williams (T) ; 2, B. J. G. Bull (T) ; 3, T. G. Morgan (S). Distance, 16ft. 7ins.

High Jump. Record, 4ft. 10½ins. L. S. Davies (S), 1939.

R. F. Coles (V) ; 2, G. L. Williams (T) ; 3, J. G. Davies (T). Height, 4ft. 10ins.

Javelin. Record, 127ft. 7in. B. P. Richards (T), 1951.

1, B. D. Davies (S) ; 2, R. F. Coles (V) ; 3, T. I. V. Prosser (V). Distance, 111ft. 6½in.

Weight. Record, 41ft. 8½in. T. B. Millichip (S), 1953.

1, B. T. Williams (S) ; 2, P. Richards (S) ; 3, G. L. Williams (T), and W. G. Lambert (T). Distance 33ft.

Discus. Record, 102ft. B. P. Richards (T), 1950.

1, R. F. Coles (V) ; 2, W. G. Lambert (T) ; 3, B. T. Williams (S). Distance 87ft. 1½in.

Hop, Step and Jump. Record, 37ft. 11in. L. D. Davies (V), 1951.

1, G. L. Williams (T) ; 2, J. G. Leonard (G) ; 3, B. J. F. Bull (T), and J. G. Davies (T). Distance 33ft. 2ins.,

SENIOR SCHOOL.

100 Yards. Record, 10.4 secs. W. D. J. Priday (V), 1935.

1, A. B. Ottewell (S) ; 2, W. P. Roderick (V) ; 3, W. E. P. Price (V). Time, 10.6 secs.

220 Yards. Record, 24.8 secs. W. D. J. Priday (V), 1934.

1, A. B. Ottewell (S) ; 2, W. P. Roderick (V) ; 3, W. E. P. Price (V). Time, 25.46 secs.

440 Yards. Record, 56.0 secs. K. T. Smith (V), 1946.

1, W. P. Roderick (V) ; 2, A. B. Ottewell (S) ; 3, W. E. P. Price (V). Time, 57.5 secs.

880 Yards. Record, 2 mins. 17.6 secs. I. R. Davies (V), 1953.

R. Lucas (T) ; 2, W. Griffiths (V) ; 3, H. Moses (T). Time 2 min. 18.6 secs.

1 Mile. Record, 5 min. 7.0 secs. I. R. Davies (V), 1953.

1, I. L. James (S) ; 2, R. Lucas (T) ; 3, J. F. Stroud (T). Time, 5 min. 23.5 secs.

Mile Walk. Record, 9 min, 6.5 secs. A. Hepton (S), 1953.

1, A. Hepton (S) ; 2, J. Taylor ; 3, R. Lucas (T). Time 8 min. 40 secs.*

Long Jump. Record, 19ft. 8½ins. K. T. Smith (V), 1946.

1, A. B. Ottewell (S) ; 2, J. F. Stroud (T) ; 3, R. Lucas (T). Height, 18ft. 9ins.

High Jump. Record, 5ft. 0 ins. T. C. Griffiths (G), 1935 ; D. I. S. Pritchard (V), 1949 ; B. H. Powell (T), 1951.

1, R. Lucas (T) ; 2, A. Hepton (S) ; 3, T. D. B. George (T), A. B. Ottewell (S). Height, 5ft. ½in.*

Javelin. Record, 138ft. 9ins. L. V. G. Jones (V), 1951.

1, R. Lucas (T) ; 2, W. D. Vincent (G) ; 3, B. P. Richards (T). Distance, 113ft.

Weight. Record, 31ft. 9½ins. L. Hargest (G), 1950.

1, T. B. Millichip (S) ; 2, A. Hepton (S) ; 3, R. Lucas (T). Distance, 36ft. 6½ins.

Discus. Record, 93ft. 7ins. B. P. Richards (T), 1952.

1, W. D. Vincent (G) ; 2, B. Pritchard (V) ; 3, J. F. Stroud (T). Distance, 89ft. 10ins.

Hop, Step and Jump. Record, 40ft. 2 in. T. K. Jones (V), 1959.

1, T. D. B. George (T) ; 2, A. B. Ottewell (S) ; 3, B. P. Richards (T). Distance 37ft. 0 ins.

Relay (4 x 110 yards). Record, 50.7 secs. Siddons, 1953.

1, Siddons ; 2, Vaughan. Time, 50.8 secs.

*Denotes new record.

R. LUCAS.

THE COUNTY SPORTS, 1954.

THE Annual Championship Meeting of the Brecon and Radnor Counties Secondary Schools Amateur Athletic Association was held at Maes-y-dderwen on Saturday, 3rd July, 1954.

The ground arrangements were excellent and a heavy programme in which twelve schools competed was carried through without a hitch. Great credit is due to the organisers and judges for the large amount of work which they put in to make this meeting such a success. Our School, too, has reason to be proud of the fact that more than fifty per cent. of the Staff volunteer to help at the County Sports meeting each year.

This time, the performances of the School Athletics Team were not, perhaps, as good as usual. This was due to two factors. In the first place, less time than usual had been available for training because of unfavourable weather. Our greatest handicap, however, is the fact that our own School Sports are held at the very end of term and much later than the County Meeting. Selection of competitors thus becomes somewhat of a gamble with no definite performances on which one can rely. With examinations, athletics and cricket all competing for their fair share of time in the shortest term of the school year, it would seem that the time has come when the whole question of Summer term activities should be discussed at high level.

In spite of these difficulties, however, the School team made a brave attempt as the following results show :—

SENIOR.

100 yards	...	1st	A. B. Ottewell (equal record, 10.8 secs.)
440 yards	...	4th	W. P. Roderick
880 yards	...	4th	W. Griffiths.
Mile	...	4th	J. F. Stroud.
Mile Walk	...	1st	A. Hepton.
Long Jump	...	4th	J. F. Stroud.
Hop, Step and Jump	...	2nd	T. D. B. George.
High Jump	...	3rd	A. Hepton.
Discus	...	3rd	B. Pritchard
Cricket Ball	...	2nd	I. L. James.
Weight	...	2nd	T. B. Millichip.
Relay	...	2nd	

MIDDLE.

220 yards	...	3rd	J. G. Morgan
440 yards	...	4th	W. Perkins.
Half Mile Walk	...	3rd	J. G. J. Leonard.
220 yards	...	3rd	R. S. Samuel
Long Jump	...	3rd	(Tied) M. J. Lewis.
Hop, Step and Jump	...	4th	E. M. Lewis..
High Jump	...	3rd	T. A. Gwynne.
Javelin	...	4th	T. J. Ottewell.

At the close of the meeting the trophies were presented by Jacob Morgan, Esq., M.A., in the unavoidable absence of Alderman Idris Davies, J.P.

As a result of the meeting the following boys received their County Colours :—

- A. B. Ottewell (Third Award).
- T. B. Millichip (Second Award).
- A. Hepton (Second Award).

These three boys also competed in the National Championships Meeting at Cwmbran on Saturday, 10th July, 1954, when A. B. Ottewell had the special honour of captaining the Brecon and Radnor Team. He gained sixth place and a standard in the Senior 220 yards, while T. B. Millichip reached fifth place and was awarded a standard in the Senior Weight with a distance of 37ft. 7ins. In the Senior Mile Walk, A. Hepton, who had led the field for some time, was disqualified and walked off the track wondering when is a walk not a walk. Even though he erred on this occasion Hepton can look back on some good performances in the past.

The arrangements for 1955 are :—

County Meeting—Saturday, 2nd July, at Builth.

National Meeting—Saturday, 9th July, at Colwyn Bay.

H.P.R.

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CRICKET, 1954.

Captain : A. B. Ottewell. Vice-Captain : B. P. Richards.

Masters : Mr. C. Giles, Mr. J. H. Williams.

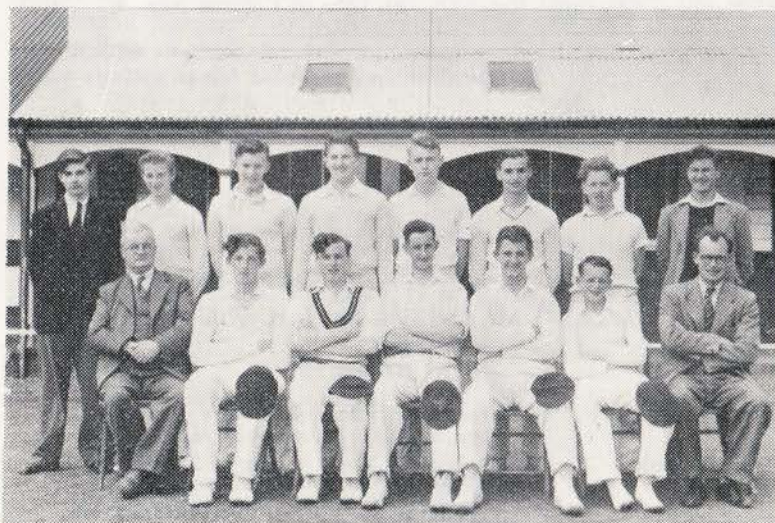
1st XI RESULTS.

May 1st	...	v.	Aberdare. Home. Drawn.
			Aberdare 110. Brecon 90 for 6.
May 15th	...	v.	Brynmaur. Home. Won by 8 wks.
			Brynmaur 97 for 6. Brecon 103 for 2.
May 22nd	...	v.	Ystradgynlais. Home. Lost by 9 runs.
			Ystradgynlais 81. Brecon 72.
June 5th	...	v.	Cefn Coed. Home. Drawn.
			Brecon 95 for 5. Cefn Coed 52 for 7.
June 12th	...	v.	Ystradgynlais. Away. Lost by 9 wks.
			Brecon 53. Ystradgynlais 54 for 1.

June 19th	...	v.	Aberdare.	Away.	Drawn.	
			Aberdare 69.	Brecon 59 for 5.		
June 26th.	...	v.	Builth.	Home.	Lost by 3 wickets.	
			Brecon 42.	Builth 46 for 7.		
July 8th.	...	v.	Builth.	Away.	Drawn.	
			Builth 124 for 1.	Brecon 94 for 6.		
July 10th	...	v.	Llandrindod.	Home.	Won by 64 runs.	
			Brecon 88 for 6.	Llandrindod 24.		
July 12th	...	v.	Crickhowell Colts.	Away.	Won by 68 runs.	
			Brecon 91 for 3.	Crickhowell 23.		
July 13th.	...	v.	Staff XI.	Won by 70 runs.		
			School 82 for 3.	Staff 12		
July 14th.	...	v.	Old Boys XI.	Won by 7 wickets.		
			Old Boys 86.	School 91 for 3.		

This year the 1st XI had quite a successful run of matches. In this summer of poor weather we were very fortunate in playing all fixtures but one.

The enthusiasm of the players left much to be desired, particularly in the field. At least two more matches could have been won if the fielding had been of a higher standard. Batting was spasmodic though there were some excellent performances by E. G. Powell, G. L. Davies and B. P. Richards. Skilful bowling was shown by an



SCHOOL CRICKET 1st XI, 1954-55.

D. J. Chatfield (scorer), R. F. Coles, P. C. Pugh, D. Davies, G. L. Davies, A. C. Went, B. T. Williams, W. D. Vincent, The Headmaster, A. Hepton, E. G. Powell, A. B. Ottewell (capt.), B. P. Richards, T. J. Ralph, Mr. C. Giles.

apparent newcomer to the team, A. Hepton, who was staunchly backed up by B. P. Richards, and R. F. Coles of IIIa who is to be congratulated on some fine bowling performances. We have at last broken the Old Boys' run of success with a decisive win by 7 wickets.

The Breconshire Schools Cricket Association had an extremely successful season. The team won their three matches against Glamorgan, Pembroke and Carmarthen. B. P. Richards was appointed captain of the team. A. B. Ottewell was unfortunate in being unable to accompany the team on its two-day tour of Pembroke and Carmarthen due to a clash with the date of the Welsh National Schools Athletic Association meeting. E. G. Powell went on the tour instead and batted very soundly in both games.

The thanks of the School and the association are due to D. J. Chatfield who acted as scorer for both teams.

SCHOOL COLOURS.

Re-awards :—B. P. Richards, A. B. Ottewell, A. C. Went, E. G. Powell, P. C. Pugh, T. J. Ralph.

Awards :—A. Hepton, G. L. Davies, D. Davies, B. T. Williams, R. F. Coles.

Batting :—B. P. Richards, 32.8 ; G. L. Davies, 30.2 ; A. B. Ottewell, 16.3 ; E. G. Powell, 12.45 ; T. J. Ralph, 11.27.

Bowling :—B. P. Richards, 6.0 ; R. F. Coles, 6.45 ; A. Hepton, 6.7 ; G. L. Davies, 9.5 ; P. C. Pugh, 9.6 ; A. B. Ottewell, 19.8.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Senior 1st XI.

		Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
1.	Theophilus	...	3	3	0	6
2.	Siddons	...	3	1	1	3
3.	Vaughan	...	3	0	1	2
4.	Gam	...	3	0	2	1

Senior 2nd XI.

1.	Vaughan	...	3	2	0	1	5
2.	Siddons	...	3	2	1	0	4
3.	Theophilus	...	3	1	1	1	3
4.	Gam	...	3	0	3	0	0

Junior 1st XI.

1.	Siddons	...	3	3	0	0	6
2.	Vaughan	...	3	2	1	0	4
3.	Gam	...	3	1	2	0	2
4.	Theophilus	...	3	0	3	0	0

Junior 2nd XI.

1.	Gam	...	3	2	0	1	5
2.	Theophilus	...	3	1	0	2	4
3.	Vaughan	...	3	1	1	1	3
4.	Siddons	...	3	0	3	0	0

D. J. CHATFIELD, VI.

FOOTBALL SURVEY, 1954-55.

First XI Matches.

Captain : B. Pritchard. *Vice-Captain* : R. Lucas.

Masters : Mr. H. C. Jones, Mr. J. H. Williams.

	Venue	Result	For	Against
v. Builth G.S. ...	A	W	2	2
v. Hay Juniors ...	H	W	5	0
v. St. John's ...	H	L	2	4
v. Llandrindod G.S....	A	L	2	3
v. Llandrindod G.S....	H	D	3	1
v. Builth ...	H	W	3	1
v. Kington G.S. ...	A	L	3	5
v. Old Boys ...	H	W	5	4

Colours :

Re-awarded to : B. Pritchard, R. Lucas, W. Vincent.

New : B. S. Bell, W. Griffiths, B. Hicks, R. Pritchard, J. Taylor.



SCHOOL SOCCER 1st XI, 1954-55.

The Headmaster, R. Pritchard, B. T. Williams, B. Bell, J. Taylor, P. G. Hicks, Mr. H. C. Jones, G. L. Williams, R. Lucas, B. Pritchard (Capt.), W. D. Vincent, W. Griffiths, W. A. Lewis, H. Evans, J. G. Davies, T. L. Powell.

Junior XI Matches.

Captain : G. Jones.

	Venue	Result	For	Against
v. Mount St. Sec. M.	H	W	7	1
v. Kington G.S. ...	H	W	7	1
v. Builth G.S. ...	A	W	2	1
v. Llandrindod G.S....	H	L	1	4
v. Crickhowell S.M....	H	W	2	1
v. Builth G.S. ...	H	W	4	0
v. Kington G.S. ...	A	D	4	4

Six matches were cancelled as grounds were unfit for play either through excessive rainfall or frost and snow.



SCHOOL SOCCER JUNIOR XI, 1954-55.

The Headmaster, W. A. Evans, R. G. Young, E. M. Lewis, S. M. L. Waters, A. P. Richards, Mr. H. C. Jones, D. A. Gittins, S. J. Gallagher, G. Jones (Capt.), G. C. Williams, D. G. Powell, G. P. Griffiths, G. Eckley.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior 1st XI.

		P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		Points.
						F	A	
Theophilus	...	15	13	0	2	62	23	26
Vaughan	...	15	8	2	5	48	28	18
Gam	...	15	5	2	8	29	45	12
Siddons	...	15	1	2	12	20	63	4

Senior 2nd XI.

Theophilus	...	15	10	3	2	54	17	23
Vaughan	...	15	9	2	4	34	25	20
Siddons	...	15	4	4	7	21	13	12
Gam	...	15	2	1	12	11	47	5

Junior XI.

Gam	...	15	10	2	3	42	16	22
Siddons	...	15	8	2	5	20	18	18
Theophilus	...	15	5	3	7	18	26	13
Vaughan	...	15	3	1	11	14	34	7

BASKET BALL, 1954.

Senior I.

		Played	Won	Lost	F	A	Points
1. Theophilus	...	3	3	0	136	30	6
2. Siddons	...	3	2	1	67	102	4
3. Gam	...	3	1	2	60	75	2
4. Vaughan	...	3	0	3	27	83	0

Senior II.

1. Theophilus	...	2	2	0	45	18	4
2. Siddons	...	2	1	1	32	24	2
3. Vaughan	...	3	1	2	32	46	2
4. Gam	...	3	1	2	36	57	2

Junior I.

1. Gam	...	3	3	0	60	25	6
2. Siddons	...	3	2	1	93	25	4
3. Theophilus	...	3	1	2	24	75	2
4. Vaughan	...	3	0	3	40	92	0

Junior II.

1. Theophilus	...	3	3	0	53	12	6
2. Gam	...	3	2	1	35	21	4
3. Siddons	...	3	1	2	31	22	2
4. Vaughan	...	3	0	3	10	74	0

W. HARVEY WILLIAMS.

TOP TUNES.

The School	...	<i>This Ole House.</i>
Miss Th - m - s	...	<i>The Happy Wanderer.</i>
Mr. J. E. D - v - - s	...	<i>My tiny hands are frozen.</i>
Mr. H. C. J - n - s	...	<i>Walking my baby back home.</i>
Mr. J. H. W - ll - - ms	...	<i>Under the Bridges of Paris.</i>
D. D - v - - s	...	<i>Why does everybody call me . . . ?</i>
H. Ev - ns	...	<i>Take me back to the Black Hills.</i>
T. D. B. G - - rg -	...	<i>Why Worry ?</i>
R. M. H - w - ll	...	<i>I can't tell a Waltz from a Tango</i>
D. O. P. J - n - s	...	<i>Little things mean a lot.</i>
R. L - c - s	...	<i>Changing Partners.</i>
W. E. P. Pr - c -	...	<i>Old Father Thames.</i>
B. Pr - tch - rd	...	<i>Softly, Softly.</i>
W. P. R - d - r - ck	...	<i>I've got the world on a string.</i>
R. G. T - ck - r	...	<i>They try to tell us we're too young</i>

THE MOB.

THE MOUNTAIN.

How the mountain lures me, calls me,
In summer when my day's work's done,
Standing there so proud, majestic,
Cloth'd in the rays of the setting sun.

In winter too it watches o'er me,
Warmly clad in pure white snow,
Acting as a mighty bulwark
'Gainst the stormy winds that blow.

Slowly shedding winter's clothing,
Donning springtime's vivid green,
Gazing down upon the valley,
Watching nature's changing scene.

Always from life's many wand'rings
To its peak I turn my eyes,
Standing as a silent witness,
Tow'ring up against the skies.

D. P. JONES, IIIA.

THE BEACONS.

Where else on all this lonely sphere,
Gyrating, circling round the sun,
Can mortal elevate his eyes
When all his tedious work is done
To see, as if in dream sublime,
Against th'infinite gloomy haze
Such beauty, such magnificence,
Existing since the first of days.

Indeed, these silent sentinels,
Serene, majestic, dominant
O'er countless leagues of fruitful land,
So statuesque, so prominent,
Can ne'er be matched by ought that lies
In any far-off, mystic land.
These mountains tall may well remain
When all else is reduced to sand.

T. D. B. GEORGE, VI.

THE STAFF CRICKET MATCH.

Can we forget that Fatal Day
When Staff the Scholars had to play?
These learned men who teach us all
Just could not handle bat and ball.

Biceps creak and stomachs rumble;
Catches come and wickets tumble.
In and out like Shôn and Shan
Our hapless band of masters ran.

In fairness to their case, we add
Ten men and true were all they had.
What would have happened, who can tell,
But for the lion-hearted Bell?

The ducks were flying on that day,
And to complete our roundelay,
Staff—three runs, twelve their total score!
So—three from twelve? We say no more.

O. J. WALLIS, VI.

THE BEACONS.

They stand, the mighty guardians of the vale,
As steadfast as that boastful Saxon lord,
Whose feet the heedless waves in wrath assail,
The first to disregard his potent word;
For while succeeding generations pass
From dust to dust, with nature's transient forms,
They ever shall remain, a timeless mass,
Unscath'd by summer's heat or winter's storms.
May their unfading memory revive
My disillusion'd heart, in future years,
As on life's troubled trail I vainly strive
To combat, unprotected, countless fears;
These remnants of God's earthly paradise
Will surely give me strength again to rise.

W. E. P. PRICE, VI.

PARODY.

(With apologies to William Wordsworth).

I clambered lonely as a cloud
Which soars up high 'bove Brecon's vue,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of shirts, some red, some blue!
Beside the hedge, and on the green,
What were these things? What did this mean?

Continuous as the gales that blew
And whistled round the frozen field,
They chased the ball, but little knew,
The ref. had come, their fate was sealed.
Twenty or more saw I up there
Mid'st ling'ring snows and scanty air.

The buzzards round them flapped, but they
Were playing soccer, oh what bliss!
One could not help but watch them play
In such a wilderness as this.
I gazed and wisely then I sought
The School, far from their wintry sport.

For oft, when in my desk I sit,
In vacant inattentive mood,
Back to that pitch my mind will flit,
Which is the bliss of solitude
But suddenly my frame doth creak!
I'm due for Pendre pitch next week!

O. J. WALLIS, VI.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Mirabile dictu! The Association has now celebrated its fifth birthday and is, in many ways, still going strong. It might not be amiss, therefore, to glance back over those five years to see what we have achieved and where lies our weakness.

We may surely regard as one of our consistent achievements the fact that we have enrolled 445 members, and although some have since fallen by the wayside our membership is still in a healthy state. We also view with pride the successful Dinners which have now become established as our main annual re-union. Some of our dances, too, have brought together long-lost friends, whilst the organisation of the Old Boys' Football and Cricket matches in the hands of enthusiastic Old Boys has led to stronger teams and better results. Due partly to the existence of the Association but chiefly to the generosity and good offices of certain Old Boys the School has gained some valuable trophies for competition.

Then there are two events which call for special mention. Every member will recall with pride and satisfaction how we succeeded in a comparatively short time in providing a worthy memorial to the Old Boys who gave their lives in the service of their country. Whatever vicissitudes the Association may pass through in years to come this act of commemoration, which we considered to be our first duty, will remain as ample evidence of our early vitality and sincere endeavour.

Last summer, the Association had the pleasure of showing in a tangible way their high regard and respect for Mr. Jacob Morgan, who was retiring after twenty-five years as Headmaster. Although we claim no credit for the enthusiastic response on this occasion, we are pleased that so many Old Boys wrote to express their gratitude to the Association for giving them the opportunity of uniting in this tribute to Mr. Morgan.

Let us now consider our shortcomings. Some of us are disturbed that this child of five years still needs as much attention from its nursemaids as it did during its first year. We view with concern the fact that never more than twenty-five members attend our Annual General Meetings, and that so many local Old Boys seldom, if ever, appear at our Annual Dinners. The added work and expense of collecting subscriptions from forgetful members has now become a serious problem which will have to be solved in the near future. It is said that people forget only those things in which they are not interested, but we hope that the saying does not apply in this case.

Nevertheless, we do appeal to all members to take an active part in the work of the Association and to further its progress by their ready co-operation. For, as we have said before, the Association will survive just as long as the Old Boys themselves are interested.

We now turn to the activities of the last year. Our main event was the Presentation Ceremony on 9th July, 1954, to Mr. Jacob Morgan, when he was presented with a very handsome Television Set and an album containing the names of the contributors. The ceremony which was held in the School Gymnasium, was very well attended and was presided over by Mr. C. B. Palmer. The presentation was made by Mr. E. B. Powell, M.B.E., and further tributes to Mr. Morgan were paid by Mr. David Lewis, M.B.E., Minor Canon D. G. G. Davies, Mr. B. R. C. Williams and Mr. F. M. Thomas. Afterwards, the company enjoyed excellent refreshments prepared by the ladies to whom we are indebted for their willing assistance. At the time of writing Mr. Morgan is convalescing after a serious operation and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Last December, in collaboration with the Old Girls' Association, we held a dance at the Wellington Hotel. Although it was not exactly a re-union dance it provided both associations with a welcome addition to their funds.

The Fifth Annual General Meeting was held at the Cafe Royal on Friday, 28th January, 1955, under the presidency of the retiring president, Mr. E. B. Powell, M.B.E., who very generously provided refreshments for the faithful members who attended. At this meeting the following Officers and Committee were elected:—President, Mr. F. M. Thomas; Vice-Presidents, The Headmaster and Mr. G. W. Davies, J.P.; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. Prosser Roberts; Honorary Assistant Secretary, Mr. B. R. C. Williams; Committee, Minor Canon D. G. G. Davies, Messrs. I. E. Breeze, L. S. Davies, C. N. Fluck, S. E. Jenkins, D. J. Jones, F. B. Jones, W. Ifor Jones, J.P., Garnet Morris, O. V. Owen, G. Poole, R. J. Priday, D. G. A. Smith, L. R. Williams. Ex-Officio, Messrs. E. B. Powell, M.B.E. and C. B. Palmer. At the first meeting of the Committee, Minor Canon D. G. G. Davies was elected Chairman and Mr. L. R. Williams, Vice-Chairman.

Our Annual Dinner—the Sixth—was held at the Cafe Royal, on Saturday, 2nd April, 1955, with the President, Mr. F. M. Thomas, in the chair. The Guests were His Worship the Mayor of Brecon (Councillor John de Winton, M.A., J.P.), Mr. Ifor B. Powell, B.A. (Lecturer in History at University College, Cardiff, and an Old Boy of the School), Mr. John Morgan (Editor of the "Brecon and Radnor Express") and Mr. David Davies (the Senior Prefect of the School). The attendance again was good and a number of Old Boys had travelled long distances to be present. The accompanists were Messrs. B. R. C. Williams and A. A. Preece.

The annual Cricket Match was played last July when the School won by seven wickets. The December Soccer match had to be cancelled, but on 6th April this year a very good game ended in a win for the School by five goals to four.

Before we conclude this report it is our pleasure to extend a very warm welcome on behalf of the Association to Mr. Aneurin Rees who, as Headmaster, becomes one of our Vice-Presidents. He has already taken part in our deliberations and has shown both by word and deed that the Association can always rely on his encouragement and support. Mr. Rees has, on more than one occasion, expressed his wish that Old Boys should continue to re-visit the School from time to time—and we trust that they will accept that invitation. Last November the Officers of the Association had the honour of taking part in a very impressive Remembrance Service at the School when the President, Mr. E. B. Powell, placed a wreath on the War Memorial Tablet, and the names of the Fallen were read. We are most grateful to the Headmaster for this privilege.

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NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

THE following items of news have been brought to our notice. Once again, we urge Old Boys to keep us informed of suitable material for the next number of the Magazine.

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PERSONAL.

BIRTHS :

- To D.G.A. and Mrs. Smith, on 30th July, 1954, a son, Norman Paul.
- To E.W. and Mrs. Smith, on 30th May, 1954, a daughter, Janine Ann.
- To R.J. and Mrs. Stone, on 15th February, 1955, twin sons, Richard and Timothy.
- To W.P. and Mrs. Thomas, on 18th April, 1954, a daughter, Elizabeth Sian.

ENGAGEMENTS :

- J. D. Cqombe to Miss Beti Walters-Richards, of Abercrave.
- R. G. Hill to Miss Adrienne Mary Davies, of Porthcawl.
- R. L. Howells to Miss Edith Barbara Davies, of Crickhowell.
- P. A. Thomas to Miss Myrna M. Williams, of Llanelly.

MARRIAGES :

- I. E. Breeze to Miss Edna May Boucher, on 28th August, 1954, at St. Mary's Church, Clifford, Herefordshire.
- J. M. Butler to Miss Cynthia Primrose Quarrell, on 28th August, 1954, at St. Hilary's Parish Church, Erbistock, Wrexham.
- L. S. Hall to Miss Jean Nicholas, on 23rd October, 1954, at St. Mary's Church, Tenby.
- D. R. Jones to Miss Mary Bronwen Davies, on 17th April, 1954, at Bethel C.M. Church, Brecon.
- G. Perkins to Miss Rosemary June Powell, on 19th February, 1955, at St. David's Church, Brecon.
- J. G. Robinson to Miss Joan Merryweather, on 19th April, 1954, at the Methodist Church, Barton-on-Sea, Hants.
- G. Slater to Miss Elizabeth Ann Shepherd, on 22nd January, 1955, at St. Peter's-in-the-Forest, Walthamstow, London.

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DEATH :

- T. J. Badgett (1897-99) on 29th January, 1955, at his home in Twickenham. A native of Llangynidr, Mr. Badgett qualified as a chemist and was in business in Newport up to the time of his retirement. He was a Past President of the Newport and Monmouthshire Chemists' Association and a Past Chairman of the Newport Insurance Committee.

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GENERAL.

WE WISH TO CONGRATULATE :

- D. E. J. Ashcroft (1936-41) on his appointment as Senior Accountancy Assistant in the Finance Department of the Caernarvon and Anglesey Hospital Management Committee.
- C. Carr (1937-42) on being promoted to Stationmaster at Nantybwch.
- D. G. G. Davies (1935-40) who will shortly take up work in the parish of Oystermouth with special responsibility for the new housing estate at West Cross. We regret, however, the loss of his services as Chairman and Committee member.

- G. W. Davies (1910-13) who is this year's Vice-President of the Association, on being appointed a Justice of the Peace.
- J. E. J. Davies (1937-42) on his appointment as Headmaster of Hermon C.P. School, Pembrokeshire.
- R. G. Goodship (1928-33) on being appointed Headmaster of the Salisbury Highbury Avenue County Junior and Infants' School.
- R. Newbury (1934-40) on being appointed Vicar of Glaschw with Rhulen and Cregrina.
- T. C. Thomas (1910-15) on his many successes as playwright and producer.
- O. T. Wallis (1906-10), Rector of Llanfihangel Talyllyn, on being appointed Rural Dean of Brecon I.

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ASSOCIATION NOTES.

List of Members who have joined since 31st March, 1954.

Badgett, T. J. (1897-99)	Powell, E. G. (1947-54)
Dacey, D. J. (1947-52)	Friday, W. D. J. (1933-36)
Davies, G. L. (1947-54)	Pritchard, L. (1947-54)
Davies, J. P. (1946-54)	Prytherch, G. (1951-55)
Devereux, B. (1949-52)	Pugh, P. C. (1949-54)
Edwards, R. P. (1928-32)	Randall, P. J. (1944-48)
Evans, H. (1948-55)	Rees, A. (Headmaster)
Gerrish, P. T. E. (1952-54)	Richards, B. P. (1947-54)
Griffiths, I. R. (1950-54)	Richards, P. (1951-54)
Hepton, A. (1947-54)	Samuel, H. G. (1910-14)
Hopkins, D. T. (1924-31)	Smith, E. W. (1940-44)
Jones, B. (1932-35)	Smith, R. W. (1948-54)
Lloyd, A. W. (1947-54)	Sullivan, V. M. (1949-54)
Mapp, E. R. (1933-37)	Tagg, G. H. (1943-48)
Millichip, T. B. (1949-54)	Thomas, D. B. (1947-54)
Millington, J. (1949-54)	Thompson, P. T. (1941-45)
Morgan, J. G. (1950-54)	Twist, P. D. (1952-54)
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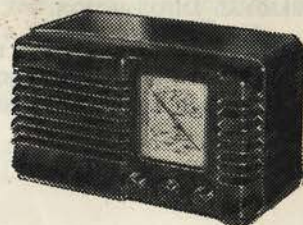
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