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## EDITORIAL.

THE many interesting events which have taken place during this school year have furnished our magazine with ample material which will, we trust, provide entertaining reading. We have endeavoured to make the magazine as informative as possible without, however, an excess of detail which would only result in boredom on the part of the reader. Our aim has been to produce an edition containing serious, purely informative and humorous matter—in short, a magazine that will cater for all tastes.

We have been requested, this year, to include something original in the magazine, and our novel feature, "What do you know?", though it might not appear a dramatic departure from convention, takes on a new significance when viewed in the light of the old adage, "Great oaks from little acorns grow."

A sparkle of humour is introduced by the revival of the feature entitled "Pop Tunes." We feel sure that all would like to see the continuance of this humorous contribution and we look forward to its becoming a regular feature of the magazine.



## SCHOOL NOTES.

**STAFF CHANGES.**—This new school year brought with it many staff changes. Mr. J. E. Davies, B.A., who had been in Brecon since 1946, left in July to take up the headmastership of Builth Wells Bi-lateral School. In his place we welcome a former pupil of the school Mr. A. R. Williams, M.A., who took charge of the English department.

Miss Enid Mitchell, B.A., who temporarily took charge of the French department in the absence of Mr. J. H. Williams, left at the end of the summer term. In her place we welcomed Mrs. W. Whitfield, B.A., who stayed with us until Christmas when Miss C. Culpeck, M.A., joined the staff in a temporary capacity.

In September, Mr. Dewi Davies, B.A., joined the staff as assistant Welsh master. This appointment is permanent and we wish him the best of luck in his new post.

Mr. P. G. Wright, B.Sc., who came to us in September, 1955, left at Christmas to take up a post in Carmarthen. In his place we welcome Mr. J. Thomas, B.Sc.

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**THE NEW SCHOOL.**—The last twelve months, or so, have seen the commencement of work on the new school. At last this dream of the future has been turned into a present reality. The project has already achieved latitude and altitude, and although work is momentarily slowed down for lack of water, it can safely be said that before long the pupils of Brecon Boys' Grammar School will be luxuriously reclining amidst palatial surroundings at Penlan.

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A number of senior pupils of the school visited the mental health exhibition recently given in the Guild Hall. The illustrative talks given by the staff of the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth, were much appreciated.

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On 10th April, 1957, several Sixth Formers, with a party of Sixth Formers from the Girl's School, attended a conference at the Grammar School at Ystradgynlais. The problem under discussion was "Feeding the World." The conference, arranged by U.N.E.S.C.O., proved very informative and enjoyable. The "Western Mail" photographer paid the party the compliment of taking their photograph and selecting it for inclusion in the next day's issue of the newspaper.

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Two notable achievements in the recent Breconshire Playwriting Competition were those of G. S. Porte who obtained first prize in the Junior Section with his "Prisoners at Large," and Mr. A. R. Williams who won the Senior Competition with his "Rock and Castle."

**THE SCHOOL PARTY.**—This year the annual joint school party was possibly the most memorable so far. Much of this outstanding success was due to a startling innovation introduced by the sixth form of the Boys' School. This was a variety programme, the success of which was due, to a large extent, to the unceasing labours of our head boy, R. Pritchard, who himself played a prominent part in the entertainment. Great amusement was aroused by the various acts, especially the one in which three brawny youths in frilly skirts, prepared to mime the Beverly Sisters recording of "Sisters," were placed in embarrassing straits by the failure of the recording machine. The difficulty was, however, overcome, and a grand finale was provided by a rollicking rock 'n roll session in which three soloists, with assistance from the sixth form chorus, gave renderings of Elvis Presley's "Heartbreak Hotel," Tommy Steele's "Rock with the Caveman," and Bill Haley's "Rock around the clock," during which it became obvious that all present, including members of the staff, were "real gone."

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A party of senior boys visited Maes-y-dderwen Comprehensive School, Ystradgynlais, to see Shakespeare's "As You Like It" performed by the Arts Council of Great Britain, on 14th March, 1957. Those who saw the play wish to thank Mr. Aneurin Williams for organising the trip.



**PREFECTS, 1956.**

G. Jones, G. A. H. Thomas, A. J. Jones, D. A. Thomas, T. A. Gwynne, D. T. Lewis, S. J. Pritchard, T. L. Powell, Mr. L. Lewis, R. Pritchard, Mr. Aneurin Rees (Headmaster), W. Griffiths, I. G. Prosser.



ADMISSION OF  
EMERITUS PROFESSOR JOHN EVANS, B.A.,  
AS AN  
HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH OF BRECON.

ON Tuesday, 22nd January, 1957, several members of the VI Form under the direction of Mr. L. Lewis, B.A., witnessed a rare and interesting spectacle at the Guild Hall when the Freedom of the Borough of Brecon was conferred on Emeritus Professor John Evans, B.A. The honour was conferred upon Professor Evans for his work in a religious, educational and cultural capacity. He was Professor of Biblical History at the Memorial College and had close associations with the Grammar School, serving as a Governor for very many years and as Chairman of Governors from 1921 to 1932.

ENVY.

There is in the blackest of emotion  
An aspect bright, commendable and fair.  
Viewing that which by greater men is done,  
We keenly to that thing aspire and dare  
What otherwise our minds had not conceived,  
But oh, may this goodness Envy never lose  
May our small minds of malice be relieved,  
And with astute discrimination choose  
That which shines amidst the abysmal deep—  
The good discernible in a passion  
Although appearing one foul fetid heap  
Which falls upon our mind in direful fashion.  
Envy that makes ~~no~~ aspirants is great,  
But envious hatred only enervates.

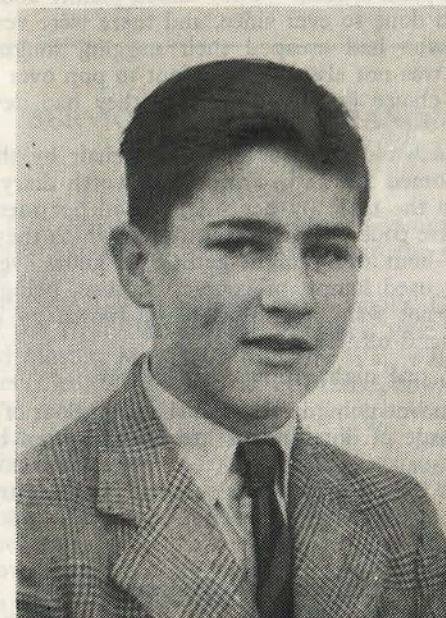
A. J. JONES.

*Teacher* : "Dai, why are you always late for school?"

*Dai* : "Well, sir, there's a sign on the road that says 'Go Slow. School ahead.'"

THE JACOB MORGAN PRIZE.

THIS year, the second year of the award, the Jacob Morgan prize for the boy who has done most for the school, both socially and academically, goes to Mr. Brynmor Like. This boy was not naturally gifted with prowess at games but he tried hard and secured for himself a place in Gam first eleven in both football and cricket and was picked as first reserve in the school's first Rugby XV which played Cyfarthfa Park last year.



On the academic side, however, he shone. He gained passes in eight subjects at Ordinary Level of the G.C.E. and then obtained an Advanced Level Certificate with distinctions in Mathematics and Physics and a pass in Chemistry. He obtained a place at Swansea University where he is now studying Physics.

R. B. WILLIAMS.

*Owen* : "Do you know that the Chemist up the road is selling axes?"

*Twm* : "No, what is he selling them for?"

*Owen* : "For splitting headaches, of course."



## THE LAMP.

THE two old ladies lived opposite to each other in top flats in a row of flat-roofed, dreary Victorian houses in a suburb of London. They were both well into the old-age-pensioner's decade but they were bright, sprightly old ladies for all that. Their friendship had sprung up on the day when they had both called into the butcher's shop together and had started berating the butcher on the quality, quantity and price of his meat. After they had completely intimidated the poor man they went away, rubbing their hands and talking vigorously on the benefits of plain speech. They talked plainly about everything that day and had done so ever since, and there were very few people in their street who had escaped their nagging tongues. Finding, however, that it was not always convenient to pop over to each other to convey their choice gossip of the day, they had devised another way.

Every night each old lady sat in her armchair by the window of her little two-roomed flat and, with a Woolworth diary in one hand and the lamp on the table by her side, passed her message through the night by morse code. This was a way in which they could spend a profitable half-hour every night getting to know everybody else's business. They used lamps, of course, because, being cautious old ladies, they did not want any fuses to be blown by switching the electric light on and off.

Unfortunately, one night, things went astray.

"Did I see someone going in through the front door of your house?" flashed the message of dots and dashes of light from the flat across way.

"I don't know! Yes! I can hear someone walking up the stairs," came the reply.

"I wonder who it is?"

"I'm not sure if he is not coming to my flat."

"Let me know who it is."

"Help . . ."

The message broke off, and the old lady across the street looked in amazement at the light which still burned, and then, more than ever alarmed when she saw the electric light go on, she rushed as quickly as her seventy-six years would allow down the stairs to the flat below, where, obtaining the use of the telephone, she rang for 999.

Ten minutes later a police car screeched up to the house across the street and two policemen rushed out and into the house. After another ten minutes the two policemen and the other old lady (the one who had signalled for help) came across the street and up to the old lady's flat. Unfortunately, this old lady had not meant to cause such upset, for if she had not been so surprised at the appearance of

her son in the doorway, home from abroad (where he had been on business), she would have finished her message and said, "Help me out with a packet of tea for tonight. I might be having visitors."

Was there a slight look of disappointment in the old woman's eyes when she was told this? It did not last for long. After the policemen had had a cup of tea and finished their telling-off they would be able to have a good chat over a cup of tea, and what news to tell the neighbours—"We had friends from Scotland Yard last night. Inspectors they were; called in for a cup of tea, you know."

G. S. PORTE.

## SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE.

ON Tuesday, 13th November, the Boys of the Grammar School joined with members of the Old Boys' Association in the Annual Remembrance Service.

The service, which was held in the School's Gynnasium, was conducted by the Head Master, Mr. A. Rees, M.S.C., A. INST.P. The previous Head Master, Mr. Jacob Morgan, M.A., was present, as was also the Rev. Geoffrey Davies, late of Brecon, now of Oystermouth. The Old Boys' Association was represented by Mr. George Davies (President), Mr. Prosser Roberts, B.A., Mr. H. C. Jones, B.A. (present Secretary of the Association), Mr. Bryan Williams and Mr. Val Morris (committee members).

The Headmaster began the service with the speech of remembrance, then the school choir sang the hymn "The Lord's My Shepherd." This was followed by the reading of the Proem by the Senior Master, Mr. L. Lewis, B.A. Then the whole congregation joined in the singing of the hymn "O God our Help in Ages Past." The Rev. Geoffrey Davies then read the lesson which was followed by the reading of the tribute by the Head Boy, R. Pritchard.

Dr. Price then read the Roll of Honour for the First World War, followed by that of the Second World War which was read by Mr. H. C. Jones, B.A. The two minutes' silence was then observed, followed by the singing of the Hymn "O Fryniau Caersalem."

Next in the order of service came the laying of the wreaths. The wreath from the Old Boys' Association was laid by the President, Mr. George Davies, and two from the School were laid by the Deputy Head Boy, T. L. Powell, and Gareth Jones, a representative of the lower school.

Prayers followed, conducted by the Rev. Geoffrey Davies, and the Service was brought to an end with the Lord's Prayer.



### USK AT DUSK.

Beside riversides when day is losing light,  
When monsters from secluded deeps  
Stir from sheltering willow's feet  
To catch the duns, which in summer heat  
Fall spent on the water in helpless flight.

The stately heron, his stomach filled,  
On lazy wings across the sky  
Towards the setting sun will fly.  
Till, in the distance by and by,  
A resting place he finds where corn was milled.

A host of things I find that me delight :  
The darting bat that trills its cry,  
The breeze in the alders that sadly sighs  
The death of day once more is nigh,  
Then silence. Darkness reigns supreme : the night.

D. H. R. LANE.

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### SUNSET.

The distant hills are tipped with fire  
A ball of flame rests on their brinks,  
And silently I gaze with awe  
As to the west it slowly sinks.

The world around me darker grows,  
And dark clouds sail across the sky,  
But still some rays of radiant light  
Shine out before the day does die.

But these, now, slowly fade away,  
And leave the world to take its sleep,  
But later when the lamps are lit  
The moon moves in to take a peep.

P. G. POWELL.

### BELGIUM, 1956.

At 9 p.m. on the night of Thursday, 27th July, a party of boys left Brecon bound for the English coast. Ten-thirty the following morning saw them safely aboard the channel steamer "Prins Albert." The crossing was completed in beautiful conditions and the full complement of the party disembarked at Ostend. A very streamlined omnibus transported us the short distance to our base at Blankenberge. After we had been shown our prospective headquarters for the week at the imposing Hotel du Buffet, the immediate result was that four boys were given a room in a neighbouring hotel. The small differences of opinion were soon cleared up and we lived in regal quarters.

The next day the more hardy ones and the economically minded decided to immerse themselves in the sea. They emerged rather the worse for wear having encountered some sharp concealed objects. Whenever a dip was decided upon in future we always chose the safer area where we had to pay to enter the sea.

Sunday found us in Ostende in the midst of a whirlwind. The visit to Brussels was next on our list and the journey was quickly accomplished on the wonderful autobahns. The ambitions of many of the party were satisfied in the capital city. On our homeward journey we visited Ghent.

Other places visited were the ancient town of Bruges and the seaside resort, Knokke. One dreary wet evening we visited a cinema where a cartoon film was the only thing worth noting. On our way back to the hotel we encountered a band of "Edwardian youths." Only the intervention of our leader, Mr. H. Thomas, prevented bloodshed. After taking numerous photos in the company of Madame, our two charming waitresses, traffic controllers and newspaper sellers, we began our homeward journey.

After a mercurial journey across London we somehow managed to scramble aboard our train looking rather bedraggled after our "Bannister" effort but nevertheless very happy as the result of a most enjoyable holiday.

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Sergeant : "If anything moves, you shoot."

Sentry : "Yes, sergeant, and if anything shoots, I move "



## VARSIITY REPORTS.

### ABERYSTWYTH.

THE report from Aberystwyth this year is of customary modesty. The College by the sea nurses two graduates, and two of the baser kind.

PETER JONES pursues his search for a Diploma in Dairying into its second year. Like Gareth Davies, the only fresher member, he came to Aber. some years after leaving school. Peter continues to serve the "Harriers," although that unenviable motor-bike seems to have lapsed into an expected silence.

GARETH DAVIES of Talgarth is a fresher member and Law student. He includes in his repertoire of achievements numerous sporting activities. I respect his confidences.

PETER HOLT, having attained the degree of B.A. with a 2A Honours in English last session, has passed gloriously into the untutored ranks of the Teachers' Training Department. He maintains his enthusiasm for sport and academics alike.

ALAN THOMAS, who last year likewise gained a B.A. Degree, with a 2A Honours in Welsh, is now conducting a dialectal study of Breconshire in pursuance of a further degree.

May we wish Mr. J. H. Williams and Dr. G. Price a very speedy return to health.

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### BANGOR.

TREVOR JONES : Trevor graduated in Chemistry last year and is now doing research in Agricultural Chemistry. His activities in College this year have been restricted by work, but he still plays table-tennis regularly and enjoys an occasional game of soccer.

ROY HOWELL. This is Roy's second year in College and he, like Trevor, is doing Agricultural Chemistry, which is his main subject, together with accessory Chemistry. His keen interest in his work is well reflected in his membership of both departmental societies.

DAVID O. P. JONES. After a prolonged period in hospital Dop returned to College in January. His absence interrupted his first year work and so he is continuing the same course of study this year in English, History and Economics. Though he has had to curb his activities, his high spirits and enthusiasm still make him a regular member of the Choral Society.

RONALD G. TUCKER. To my own surprise, I find myself studying two languages, neither of which I speak, namely Latin and Greek.

This year has allowed me more time to take part in student activities, and I have found my leisure hours absorbed by the Dramatic Society and Badminton Club.

RONALD G. TUCKER.

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### BIRMINGHAM.

THERE are, at present, two Old Boys studying at Birmingham University.

MICHAEL WILLIAMS, taking Chemistry, is in his final year and, judging by the fact that he is little seen, he is working fairly hard. He does not appear to have taken up seriously the time-wasting game of bridge but he tells me that he plays rugby regularly. Not content with playing rugby he frequently appears at the Saturday hops which bear quite a resemblance to a loose scrummage.

I myself play soccer regularly for the Engineers and find the hops much more of a contrast. I am taking the Civil Engineering course and find it quite tough but interesting.

ROBIN LUCAS.

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### BRISTOL.

ALTHOUGH the only old boy of the school at Bristol now, Dai is quite at home among the large number of Welsh students here.

Having passed the examinations at the end of the first year of the course, he is now practising the art of dentistry upon those braver members of the public who attend the University Dental Hospital for their treatment.

Dai does not see good old Breconshire as often as he would like to, as dental students have only six weeks holiday per year. Oh, to be at school again !

T. D. B. GEORGE.

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### CARDIFF.

THERE are eight students from Brecon Grammar School at present in Cardiff. All have widely varying studies and activities, and we are sure that they are doing their best to keep the Brecon flag flying high.

KEN JONES is a fourth year student who already has his degree ; this year he is pursuing a research course in Industrial Relations. He is an active member of College activities, and has the distinction of having represented Cardiff in the Inter-Universities Debating



Competition. He was one of the chief organisers of the Hungary Protest March, and he also ranks high on the committee of the Socialist Society. His standard of play at table tennis has also won him a place in the first team.

LESLIE BEVAN is now lecturing in Engineering at the Technical College. He is a rare visitor to the University, and is to be seen in the Union only on Mondays. He occasionally comes to a Wednesday evening "hop" but tells me that he prefers his week ends at home.

JOHN LLEWELLYN is now in his final year of Honours History. Even with this formidable task ahead he is not wholly absent from the social activities of the College. He is treasurer of both the History Society and the Golf Club, and has also appeared in the Golf team.

His work now limits his activities somewhat, and we all wish him the best of luck in his forthcoming examinations.

DAVID DAVIES is a second year student at present taking a course in Accountancy. He is a committee member of the Economics Society, and is also very fond of an occasional game of bridge. David plays squash and soccer with gusto, and is usually to be seen at the Union for the Saturday evening "hop." He appears to enjoy life in Cardiff very much.

DAVID THOMAS, in his first year at Cardiff, is studying Part One Engineering. He is a member of the Engineering Society and seems to have settled down well here.

David enjoys a game of squash or badminton, and attends the Saturday night dances in the Union. Since the recent spell of wet weather, I have noticed, he has now become "an umbrella man."

EDWARD REES left Brecon Grammar School in 1953 and came to live in Cardiff, where he attended Canton High School. He is now studying Part One English, Archaeology and History, and hopes to do Honours History next year.

Edward finds that his work limits his social movements, but he has joined the English and History Societies. It is pleasant to re-establish contact with him after four years.

FRANK FANTHAM left Brecon in 1950 and since then has taken his Ordinary and Higher National examinations. He has gained Graduate Membership of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, and is now taking Part One Engineering.

Frank regularly attends dancing classes and appears in Union on Saturday evenings.

JOHN WALLIS is at present struggling amid the intricacies of Part One English, Latin and Philosophy, with the hope of doing Honours English next year. His social activities have been limited to an

occasional game of chess, and he has represented the College First Team in table tennis.

He manages to ride his motor-cycle still, but enjoys a hot cup of tea after a chilly early morning trip from the hostel at Penarth.

O. J. WALLIS.

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#### KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON.

ONCE again, I remain the only representative of the school at King's, but this will be rectified next October when W. B. Tyler will enter into our midst. Having survived my first year, I am now preparing for my LL.B. Final Part I examination in June, which entails the study of four branches of English Law, including that which enters the public eye more than any other—Criminal Law.

This year I have become more politically conscious than in the past, and have followed the example of the great majority of law students in devoting some of my time to one of the political societies, in my case, the Liberal Club. I now serve on the Club committee, and among the various Club activities in which I have participated has been the touring of part of Chelsea for the purpose of canvassing on behalf of the Liberal Candidate in a local borough council bye-election.

As a student at King's, I am an ardent supporter of the college in its perennial rivalry with University College. Though I have not actively taken part in any of the mascot stealing expeditions, I have more than once entered into the scrimmages which always occur when the Gower Street men attempt either to capture our mascot, Reggie, the Red Lion, or to recapture their own mascot, Phineas, when he has entered our possession.

W. E. P. PRICE.

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#### SWANSEA.

At present there are ten Old Boys 'stationed' in this College, four of whom have obtained degrees and are at present on Teachers' Practical Courses. There were three Freshers admitted to the ranks at the opening of the session.

J. J. A. BEVAN. Alan has obtained his B.A. Degree in Geography and is at present on a Teachers' Practical Course while in his fourth year at the College. His ultimate object, a Diploma in Education, means that he has to visit various schools in the vicinity as part of his training, with the result that he is rarely seen at Coll. His interests include Scouting, as a member of the College Rover Crew, and swimming. He is an active member of the Geological and Geographical Societies, although these activities are now limited by pressure of work.



D. M. JONES. Mansel has also obtained his Degree in History and is at present doing his Teachers' Practical. He is in his fourth year at this 'veritable establishment.' He is studying for his Diploma in Education and therefore his College activities are restricted. Together with Alan Bevan he frequents the local cinemas and is therefore, a member of that clan of "Holy Orders" who keep our cinemas running.

W. B. TYLER. Brian is a graduate of Lampeter College, having obtained his degree, and is now studying for his Teaching Diploma. His activities include periodic games of football for his Society, visits to the cinema and other places of entertainment.

D. L. JONES. David (Ginger) is also a graduate from Lampeter studying for his Teaching Diploma. As he is rarely seen at the College his activities are very much in dark. I hear that he is a member of various societies but he has not been able to support them actively.

L. PRITCHARD. Len is now in his third year and is pursuing an Honours course in Civil Engineering. Pressure of work limits his College activities, although he has an occasional game of football for the Engineering Society. He is a keen worker and we all wish him luck in his forthcoming exams.

A. C. WENT. Tony (Charlie to most of us) is in his third year, pursuing second Finals in Mechanics. 'Charlie' is a keen member of the Engineering Society's football team and captain of his side. He has also had a number of games for the College soccer team. He hopes eventually to take his Finals in Electrical Engineering.

W. P. RODERICK. Peter is now in his second year at Swansea studying Economics with Geography as an accessory subject. He hopes to take his Honours Degree in Economics. Peter plays the occasional game of football for his society, is a visitor to the College swimming baths, and would like to enter into other activities but is again restricted by his studies.

D. W. PULLING. David is a Fresher following a course in Chemical Engineering, Physics and Chemistry. He hopes to make Chemical Engineering his Honours subject. Although a fully fledged member of the Engineering Society's football team, David has decided to "hang up his boots" after recurring injuries on the football field. At present he has a suspected pulled cartilage. We wish him a speedy recovery and sincerely hope that he will be able to play again in the near future.

C. B. LIKE. Also a Fresher, Bryn is following a course in Physics, Pure Maths and Applied Maths at Subsidiary level. He is a member of the Physics and Mathematics Societies and of the Anglican Group in Neuadd Gilbertson, the new men's hall of residence. A keen swimmer, he is a frequent visitor to the College swimming baths. He hopes to take an honours degree in Physics.

J. F. STROUD. Also a Fresher, studying History, Economics and English, hoping to take a degree in History in June, 1959. In the

first term of this session he was a member of the College first table-tennis team and also takes part in boxing and athletics training. Pressure of work has forced him to withdraw from table-tennis and athletics, and his activities are now confined to boxing.

The three Freshers found things somewhat awe-inspiring and exciting at the opening of the session, but have now completely settled down and are progressing satisfactorily. They send their best wishes to Mr. Rees, the Staff, and all pupils, especially those who will be sitting their examinations in June.

J. F. STROUD.

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#### NOTTINGHAM.

ANTHONY HEPTON is now in his final year in the department of Horticulture, at the University of Nottingham, and says that he has had a wonderful time there and strongly recommends this University to any student who is looking for a sound higher education.

The main outlets for energy throughout the last session have been regular cricket and athletics throughout the summer term, and a little football with two hops a week in the winter terms. As he is leaving at the end of this session, he thinks that the College could do with a replacement from Brecon.

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#### CARMARTHEN.

AFTER one hundred and nine years Trinity College is about to surrender its proud boast of being an exclusively male preserve. In September, 1957, ladies are to be admitted to the College as students for the first time. We who are sitting our final examinations this June will be far away when the first females descend upon Trinity but Messrs. A. W. Lloyd, D. J. Meredith and W. E. B. White, who came to us last September, will be closely concerned with the changes which will inevitably follow upon this decision.

These three newcomers have settled down to College life very well and take an active part in the many cultural, social and sporting activities provided. P. D. Coombe, I. R. Davies, D. J. Dacey, B. H. Powell and W. A. Tovell complete their courses and all are contemplating taking Supplementary Courses in their various specialist subjects.

His many friends will be pleased to know that David Dacey is now happily married and has temporarily made his home at Brighton.

In conclusion, we at Trinity would like to wish every success to all those taking external examinations this year and also to extend a welcome to any of those contemplating entering the teaching profession.

W. A. TOVELL.



## PRIZE DAY.

THE School had for its guest speaker, on the Annual Prize Day in the Market Hall, Dr. Alexander Harvey, Principal of the College of Advanced Technology, Cardiff.

Dr. Harvey was introduced to the School and the large number of relatives and friends of the school gathered in the Hall by the Chairman of the Governors (Ald. Garnet Morris) who was supported by the Chairman of the Education Committee (Mr. David Lewis, M.B.E.), members of the Governors, Mr. J. V. Like, Col. J. G. Rees and officials of the Breconshire Education Committee.

Ald. Morris extended a warm welcome on behalf of the Schools and all who were present and gave a brief history of Dr. Harvey's career. Ald. Morris then said that he hoped the new Grammar School for the boys would soon be finished as work was going on very well. It was hoped that the school would be able to move in, in the Autumn of 1958.

The Chairman concluded by congratulating Miss Jones and Mr. Rees on the School W.J.E.C. results which he said had been extremely good.

Dr. Harvey, giving an address on careers, a topic never far from the minds of all schoolchildren, outlined briefly the three points we should look for in a job.

The first was, he thought, that it should be interesting, otherwise the person who entered it was going to suffer from a sense of frustration all his life. Dr. Harvey said that he knew of no more pitiable person than the one who took up a job for only the money, for who ever did was wasting half his life.

Dr. Harvey's second point was that the job must call for effort, for, as every one knows, a job requiring little effort gives little satisfaction.

His third point was that one must feel that the job was one worth while to the community and one which needed doing. He added that one might not be able to see what he was doing for the community; as easily as for example in an army camp where he felt that one could see the help one was giving; thus they were happier in themselves and did not hesitate to do any job.

Dr. Harvey then added that he thought that remuneration was not such an important factor today for practically any job worth doing was reasonably well paid.

The speaker concluded his very interesting talk by touching upon the careers open in the health services, the nursing profession and in businesses producing drugs and medical supplies. He added that many of these jobs could not get the right people. After wishing all pupils taking examinations this year success—a thought that commended him to all—he finished with an apt quotation from Shakespeare: "Tis not in mortals to commend success but we'll do more Sempronius, we'll deserve it."

## THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

Mr. Rees, beginning his Report said numbers had increased from 294 pupils in the beginning of the school year to 300 pupils this term a number which was a considerable increase on the 194 in 1953.

The Headmaster, after commenting on the W.J.E.C. results, spoke of the outstanding scholastic performance of the year, that of C. B. Like of Hay-on-Wye. He added that for his outstanding academic work and his loyalty and meritorious service to the School, he had been awarded the Jacob Morgan Merit Prize for the year.

The Grammar School, Mr. Rees thought, not only provided a sound education for a boy wishing to go on to University or other places of higher education, but helped to build up and mould his character.

He carried on to say that the qualities needed for a Grammar School boy were those of a high intellect, and a liberal endowment of courage and determination, a determination to see his work through to its logical conclusion no matter how long or rocky the path was. For as the boy progressed in the school he would be called upon to use all the qualities to solve successfully his problems.

Finally, if a boy was to succeed he should have a genuine love of learning for its own sake and last but not least he should be ready to stay at school long enough to benefit from his studies.

## PRIZE LIST.

Form IX	...	R. G. Macadam, T. M. Thirgood, H. J. Parry.
IA	...	P. P. Leworthy, R. A. Bastable, P. G. Powell, R. I. Adams.
IIX	...	J. D. Evans, E. J. Bromwell.
IIA	...	R. L. Gant, A. S. Dacey, T. G. Tuthill.
IVx	...	J. Sullivan, M. O. Jones.
IVA	...	R. M. James, A. S. Twist, R. E. Rowley.
2V Sc.	...	D. W. Jenkins, S. M. L. Waters.
2VA	...	E. T. Morgan, R. Gwyn Powell, D. Powell, R. W. Parry.
V	...	C. Bastin, E. Evans, D. T. Hales, K. B. Isaac, R. M. Jones, K. Jones, R. I. Webber.
V	...	T. L. Powell, B. Pritchard, J. F. Stroud, D. T. Thomas, O. J. Wallis, D. W. Pulling, J. Taylor, C. B. Like, J. L. James.

The School Choir, following the precedent set down in previous years, rendered to us a well known folk song. This year it was "Linden Lee," arranged by Vaughan Williams. The choir was led by Mr. John H. Thomas, under whose leadership the voices were blended in perfect harmony.



# GENERAL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS, 1956.

## ADVANCED LEVEL.

Griffiths, W.	... Biology
James, I. L.	... Physics, Chemistry
Like, C. B.	... Pure and Applied Mathematics (with distinction), Physics (with distinction), Chemistry
Lucas R.	... Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics.
Powell, T. L.	... Physics, Chemistry, Biology (with distinction).
Pritchard, B.	... English, History.
Pulling, D. W.	... Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry
Stroud, J. F.	... English, History, Geography.
Taylor, S.	... Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics.
Thomas, D. I.	... Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry
Wallis, O. J.	... English, Latin.

## ORDINARY LEVEL.

Bastin, C. E. J.	... English Language, *Welsh, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Art.
Davies, G. R.	... English Language, English Literature, *Welsh.
Evans, D.	... English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Chemistry, Woodwork, *§Welsh.
Evans, G. J.	... Commercial Subjects.
Evans, T. B.	... English Language, Woodwork, *§Welsh.
Gallagher, G. R.	... English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, §Welsh.
Gallagher, M. B. J.	... §English Language, §History.
Hales, D. J.	... English Literature, *Welsh, Geography, Mathematics Physics, Chemistry, §Welsh.
Hepton, B.	... English Language, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Isaac, K. B.	... English Language, English Literature, *Welsh, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Jobbins, A. S.	... English Literature, Welsh, History, §English Language, §Latin.
Jones, G. J. T.	... English Language, English Literature.
Jones, G.	... Mechanics.
Jones, I. L.	... English Language, History.
Jones, J. M.	... English Language, English Literature, *Welsh, *French, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry, §Physics.
Jones, K.	... English Language, English Literature, *Welsh, History, Geography, Chemistry.
Lambert, W. G. E.	... English Literature, Welsh, Mathematics.
Leonard, R. H.	... English Literature, History.
Lewis, D. T.	... Scripture Knowledge.
Lewis, E. M.	... English Literature, *Welsh o2, *French, Geography, Chemistry, History.
Parry, A. R.	... History, Geography, Chemistry.
Parry, D. J. A.	... History, §Geography.
Powell, D. G.	... English Language, English Literature, *Welsh, History, Mathematics.
Price, D. H.	... Welsh, History, Geography.

Samuel, R. S.	... *Welsh, Latin, Chemistry.
Thomas, G. A. H.	... Mechanics.
Weale, A. W.	... §English Language, §Geography.
Webber, R. I.	... English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry.
Williams, I. T.	... English Literature, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry, §Physics.
Williams, R. B.	... English Literature *Welsh, Physics, Chemistry.

\*Indicates a pass with oral proficiency in the subject.

§Indicates a pass at the November Examination.

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## ON LEAVING THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR PENLAN.

(with apologies to J. Keats).

Thou old and ravished hall of learned men !  
Thou mother of the famous and unknown,  
Antediluvian, true, but ne'er again  
A school like you, for years our second home.  
What atmosphere hung around thy walls,  
Enclosing B.A.'s, boys (and down-right fools)  
Who strove to live like one great family !  
What whispered secrets told within thy halls !  
What mad pursuits ! What struggles and what brawls !  
What shrieks and laughter ! what wild ecstasy !

Who are these coming to the torturer ?  
To whose small study, O awe-inspiring Head,  
Leads't thou that trembling boy with eyes upturned  
And trousers full of books—for cuts prepared ?  
What school is this which strangers come to find  
Upon old Cradoc Hill above Maendu  
All emptied of its boys and so forlorn !  
Now little school, thy rooms for evermore  
In solitude and dust will silent be,  
No hint of where thy scholars all have gone.

Exotic structure ! Eastern shape ! foul deed  
To leave th' initialled, plastered passages  
To face the ravages of mice and weed ;  
Thy edifice brings thoughts of other days  
(Tho' in those days we longed to get away !)  
And when in middle-age we shall return  
(In Rolls or Cadillac) we still shall find  
The dear old place where once we played and learned.  
And later still, when old and bent and grey,  
Look sadly on the school we left behind.

G. S. PORTE.



## THE SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD.

THE Annual St. David's Day Eisteddfod was again held at the Guild Hall, Brecon. Most of the seats were occupied by the boys and staff, but this year there was a large number of parents and friends present. The adjudicators were Prof. D. J. Davies, B.A., and Mr. Evan Evans for literature and music respectively. They performed their duties with the utmost efficiency and we were most grateful to them. As is customary, the Chairman was the Mayor of Brecon, Alderman W. J. Bevan.

The Eisteddfod was conducted throughout by Mr. Harvey Williams to whom high praise is due for the immense amount of work involved in its efficient organisation. The accompanist for the singing competitions was Mr. John Thomas, B.Sc., a member of the staff. The adjudicator for the piano competition was Mrs. D. J. Davies, who performed her task admirably.

This year the opening result showed a narrow lead for Theophilus. Vaughan soon forged ahead, however, to win the Eisteddfod by a decisive margin. Gam were second, and Theophilus a close third, leaving a struggling Siddons to bring up the arrear.

The final result was as follows :—

1. Vaughan	...	367
2. Gam	...	306½
3. Theophilus	...	291½
4. Siddons	...	262

Thanks are due to Mr. Roderick and Mr. Angel for scoring.

The Chair Poem is now an established feature of the School Eisteddfod, and the miniature Bardic Chair, so skillfully carved by Mr. L. C. Moses, was this year won by Alun J. Jones, of Vaughan. Prof. D. J. Davies, who judged the Chair competition, brought his adjudication to a climax when with a dignified air he announced the non-de-plume of the winning poet. Then, breaking the mounting suspense, the young bard rose, to be acclaimed with a roar of applause. The bard was gowned and escorted to the waiting chair with reverential tread by the poets who gained second and third places. Alun Jones, who answered to the non-de-plume of "Be-Bop Rockin' Presley" was then chaired in the traditional manner. The blaze of ancient tradition was brought to a fitting climax with the cries of "A Oes Heddwch?" and the stirring words of "Rhyfelgyrch Capten Morgan" which were effectively sung by E. M. Lewis. The second charring song was sung by Meirion Pennar Davies. After the singing, verses were read in honour of the young bard by the

Head Master (Llew o'r Llwchwr), Mr. Harvey Williams (Wil o'r Giedd), Mr. Hugh Thomas (Heweyn o Hafod) and Mr. Dewi Davies (Dewi o'r Fera).

During the afternoon a Comedy Play by J. O. Francis was performed. The actors who took part were Robert Pritchard, Robert Leonard, Twynog Williams and Raymond Parry who took the part of Dicky Bach Dwl. A large measure of thanks are due here to Mr. Hugh Thomas, who worked very hard in producing the play.

### SENIOR COMPETITIONS.

*Welsh Recitation* : "Melin Trefin."

1, D. T. Boxhall (T) ; 2, T. T. Price (S) ; 3, H. Owen (V).

*Essay* : "A Breconshire Village."

1, T. L. Powell (G) ; 2, R. S. Samuel (V) ; 3, G. S. Porte (V).

*Pianoforte Solo* : "Minuet" (from Beethoven's Sonata in G).

1, A. J. Jones (V) ; 2, G. Clayton (S) ; 3, D. A. Wilding (S).

*Landscape.*

1, T. B. Evans (G) ; 2, D. Powell (T) ; 3, B. R. Williams (S).

*Coloured Map of Wales* :

1, D. G. Powell (G) ; 2, R. Pritchard (V) and T. B. Evans (G).

*Short Story* : "The Lamp."

1, G. S. Porte (V) ; 2, E. M. Lewis (G) ; 3, D. T. Lewis (T).

*Humorous Poem* : "The Day I bought a Premium Bond."

1, G. S. Porte (V) ; 2, G. A. H. Thomas (G) ; 3, D. Powell (T).

*English Recitation* : "Nightingales."

1, A. J. Jones (V) ; 2, R. Pritchard (V) ; 3, D. T. Lewis (T).

*Handicraft in wood* :

1, M. R. Burr (T) ; 2, T. B. Evans (G) ; 3, I. T. G. Pritchard (G).

*Solo* : "Hwb i'r Galon" or "Yr Hen Wr Mwyn."

1, H. Owen (V) ; 2, T. T. Price (S) ; 3, M. J. Kelly (V).

*Welsh Recitation* (for boys with a good Welsh background) : "Cymni."

1, D. T. Lewis (T) ; 2, A. J. Jones (V) ; 3, D. Price (G).

*Poem* : "Envy."

1, A. J. Jones (V) ; 2, D. A. Thomas (S) ; 3, M. Waters (S).

### SIXTH FORM ONLY.

*Scripture Reading* : Ecclesiastes 12.

1, R. Pritchard (V) ; 2, A. J. Jones (V) and D. T. Lewis (T).

### OPEN COMPETITION.

*Parody* : "Resolution and Independence" or "Ode to a Grecian Urn" or "Lord Ullin's Daughter."

1, G. S. Porte (V) ; 2, A. R. Parry (G) ; 3, G. A. H. Thomas (G).



## MIDDLE COMPETITIONS.

- Essay* : "Easter"  
1, T. Moses (T) ; 2, G. C. Williams (G) ; 3, D. T. Boxhall (T).
- Landscape* : 1, T. H. Owen (V) ; 2, R. L. Evans (V) ; 3, D. T. Boxhall (T).
- Coloured Map of Wales* :  
1, B. Jones (V) ; 2, W. M. Jones (V) ; 3, H. W. Gittus (S).
- Short Story* : "The River Usk Mystery."  
1, R. L. Gant (V) ; 2, W. J. Griffiths (G) ; 3, A. S. Dacey (S).
- Poem* : "Sunrise."  
1, D. T. Davies (T) and T. Moses (T) ; 3, B. J. Mayers (V).
- Humorous Poem* : "I'm never going to shave."  
1, T. Moses (T) ; 2, R. L. Gant (V) ; 3, D. E. A. Barker (S).
- Handicraft in Wood* :  
1, B. Jones (V) ; 2, E. Joseph (S) ; 3, T. H. Owen (V).

## JUNIOR COMPETITIONS.

- Poem* : "Sunset".  
1, P. G. Powell (S) ; 2, G. Williams (V) ; 3, P. Malham (V).
- Pianoforte Solo* : "The Reaper's Song."  
1, D. Kendrick (G) ; 2, P. Evans (T) ; 3, A. Griffin (G).
- Essay* : "Welsh Dogs."  
1, C. Brown (S) ; 2, G. D. Gittus (S) ; 3, G. Williams (V).
- English Solo* : "The Cheerful Parrot."  
1, A. Griffin (G) ; 2, G. Giles (T) ; 3, B. Lewis (G).
- Humorous Poem* : "Come into my Study" or "Fish and Chips" or "When I go to College."  
1, G. H. Jones (V) ; 2, P. G. Powell (S) ; 3, D. G. Griffiths (S).
- Welsh Recitation* : "Y Ffordd Fawr."  
1, H. Lewis (G) ; 2, P. Powell (S) ; 3, A. J. Davies (S).
- Landscape* : 1, A. R. Frame (V) ; 2, L. Billington (G) ; 3, A. E. D. Jones (V).
- Coloured Map of Wales* :  
1, D. M. Adami (V) ; 2, L. L. Billington (G) ; 3, A. M. Pennar-Davies (S).
- English Recitation* : "March."  
1, G. Davies (V) ; 2, A. Griffin (G) ; 3, P. Powell (S).
- Welsh Solo* : "Doli."  
1, H. C. Lewis (G) ; 2, G. Giles (T) ; 3, R. H. Griffiths (G).
- Handicraft in Wood* :  
1, M. C. Davies (G) ; 2, R. P. Day (T) ; 3, P. G. Powell (S).
- Pictorial Craft* :  
1, D. M. Adami (V) ; 2, R. C. Humphreys (V) ; 3, K. Price (V).
- Welsh Recitation* : (for Juniors who speak Welsh fluently) : "Gwenoliaid" or "Ehedydd Bach."  
1, G. Davies (V) ; 2, M. Roderick (S) ; 3, M. Pennar-Davies (S).

D. T. LEWIS, VIa.  
A. J. JONES, VIa.

## RUGBY REPORT, Christmas Term, 1956.

THIS season saw the introduction of Rugby into the School and it is understandable that no spectacular results could be expected from the School teams. Nevertheless, the three teams have had a successful first season.

1956	Opposition	Venue	Result	Score
<b>SENIOR XV.</b> Captained by R. Pritchard.				
Sept. 29th	Ystalyfera 2nd XV	Away	Lost	5 — 14
Oct. 6th	Builth Wells 1st XV	Home	Won	6 — 0
Oct. 13th	Brynmawr 'A' XV	Home	Lost	10 — 16
Oct. 27th	Vaynor and Penderyn 1st XV	Home	Won	12 — 6
Nov. 17th	Builth Wells 1st XV	Away	Lost	6 — 8
Nov. 24th	Maesydderwen 2nd XV	Away	Lost	0 — 11

### JUNIOR XV (under 14). Captained by M. O. Jones, LV Sc.

Oct. 6th	Builth Wells under 14 XV	Home	Won	6 — 0
Oct. 16th	Aman under 14 XV	Home	Won	3 — 0
Nov. 17th	Builth Wells under 14 XV	Away	Won	21 — 3
Nov. 24th	Mardy House under 14 XV	Home	Won	6 — 3
Dec. 8th	Mardy House XV	Away	Lost	0 — 6
Dec. 1st	Gadlys under 14 XV	Home	Lost	0 — 6
Oct. 27th	Llandrindod under 14 XV	Home	Lost	0 — 3

### JUNIOR (under 13 XV). Captained by J. Bowles, IIX.

Nov. 24th	Mardy House under 13 XV	Home	Won	6 — 3
Dec. 8th	Mardy House under 13 XV	Away	Lost	0 — 3
Dec. 1st.	Gadlys under 13 XV	Home	Drawn	3 — 3

School Colours for Rugby have been awarded this year to the following boys :  
T. L. Powell, W. Griffiths, M. R. Burr, G. A. H. Thomas, B. F. Adams, G. Jones, P. Gittins, D. Lane, H. David, I. T. Williams, E. M. Lewis, D. A. Thomas, S. J. Pritchard, R. Pritchard.

For the first game of the season the Seniors were away to the Ystalyfera 2nd XV and were defeated 14—5.

It was evident from this game that we were sadly lacking in experience and stamina.

For the second game Builth were our guests at Brecon. This was to prove a very interesting game, for Builth, like us, are new to the game of Rugby. We won 6—0.

In our next match we came up against stiff opposition when we were home to a mixed 1st and 2nd Brynmawr XV. The hope of success on this occasion was very slim for the very thought of John Puddle, a Welsh Youth International, sent an icy chill up one's back, but the game proved to be more exciting and entertaining than was hoped. We lost 16—10. We were still lacking in experience and ability but we improved with every game.

The return match with Builth proved more interesting than the first. Builth won 8—6, but from this game it was evident that the



rivalry which had existed between the two schools in Soccer was to be continued in Rugby. Naturally, Mr. Ewart Davies was very pleased with the result, but this was not all, for the Juniors won their game by the convincing score of 21—3. This was the best game of season for the Juniors for they played with determination and confidence. Their passing and tackling were first class.

We expected some stiff opposition from Vaynor and Penderyn S.S. when they visited the School field, in so far as they are a Rugby school of many years' standing. In this match, however, the school team excelled themselves and were worthy winners by 12 points to 6.

The last game of the season against Maesydderwen 2nd XV was very disappointing. We lost 11—0 ; for the first time we had failed to score.



**SCHOOL RUGBY 1st XV, 1956-57.**

G. P. Gittins, B. F. Adams, D. Lane, H. David, D. G. Powell, S. J. Pritchard, E. M. Lewis, D. A. Thomas, D. Evans, M. Burr, G. Jones, T. L. Powell, Mr. R. Arthur, R. Pritchard (Capt.), Mr. Aneurin Rees (Headmaster), W. Griffiths, G. A. H. Thomas

The under 14 XV were successful in their two games against Builth. They defeated, also, Aman and S.S. Mardy House. They drew with Gadlys S.S. and lost to Llandrindod and in the return match with Mardy House.

The under 13 XV beat Mardy House in the first game, lost the return ; they also lost to Gadlys S.S.

Although Rugby is still in the experimental stage, it has clearly made rapid developments in its first season in the school. The teams

have gained recognition and assistance from the Welsh Rugby Union, which is good not only for prestige but also for finances. It is also apparent that Rugby has its advantages for it has opened the door to new fixtures in South Wales while we still maintain keen rivalry with old opponents like Builth and Llandrindod.

The credit for this rapid development must be given to Mr. Arthur. He has worked hard arranging fixtures and teaching the laws of the game. The fact that during the first season he had three teams representing the School is evidence enough of his hard work and determination. It is a pity that the results could not have been more favourable for him. We must also thank the Staff for giving up Saturday mornings to referee and support the teams. A word of thanks must also go to the Stock Room boys for looking after the equipment.

To the teams, also, thanks and congratulations. They have accepted the new game and have played it to the best of their ability. Their sportsmanship and general behaviour have been unquestionably first class.

#### HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITION,

The Joint House Championship Rugby was won this year by Gam.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Total
Gam	...	7	7	0	0	89	21 14
Vaughan	...	7	5	2	0	90	29 10
Siddons	...	7	1	5	1	21	84 3
Theophilus	...	7	0	6	1	15	81 1

House Captain : T. L. Powell.  
Senior Rugby Captain : G. A. H. Thomas.  
Middle Rugby Captain : G. I. G. Jones.  
Junior Rugby Captain : D. J. Jones.

R. PRITCHARD.

#### DO YOU KNOW . . ?

1. Who or what was Mungo Park ?
2. What is the collective noun for a seal colony ?
3. When was the first Christmas card sent ?
4. What are the names of the mountains which flank Pen-y-fan ?
5. What was the name of the ancient who killed himself by drinking Hemlock ?
6. What does UNESCO stand for ?
7. Where does Turpentine come from ?
8. Where is Timbucktu ?
9. Who plays Bluebottle in the Goon Show ?
10. Who holds the world air speed record ?

Answers on page 35.



## FOOTBALL REPORT, 1956-57,

*Captain* : R. Pritchard.

*Master* : Mr. R. Arthur.

THE first eleven have enjoyed yet another successful season. The success may be attributed to team work rather than individualism. Because of the shortage of fixtures soccer was confined to the Easter term. The most outstanding performances included a 6—2 win over Builth and a 7—2 defeat of Presteigne. This year the attraction of the Old Boys' match was enhanced by the use of the Rich Field whose managing committee we wish to thank. Although the School lost this game by 5 goals to 2, this was their best performance of the season. Mr. Beverley Jones (President of the Old Boys' Association), an ex-Cardiff City player, kicked off. The referee was Mr. Gethin Griffiths, another Old Boy.



**SCHOOL SOCCER 1st XI, 1956-57.**

D. A. Gittins, D. J. Parry, D. H. Price, E. M. Lewis, M. Waters, D. A. Thomas, G. A. H. Thomas, M. Gallagher, G. Jones, T. L. Powell, Mr. R. Arthur, R. Pritchard (Capt.), Mr. Aneurin Rees (Headmaster), W. Griffiths, S. J. Pritchard.

## FIRST ELEVEN RESULTS.

1957	Opponents	Venue	Result	Score
Jan. 12th	Llandrindod	Away	Won	7 — 3
Jan. 26th	Builth	Away	Lost	4 — 2
Feb. 23rd	Llandrindod	Home	Won	2 — 1
March 2nd	Kington	Home	Lost	3 — 2
March 23rd	Kington	Away	Won	4 — 3
March 30th	Builth	Home	Won	6 — 2
April 6th	Presteigne	Away	Won	7 — 2
April 10th	Old Boys	Home	Lost	5 — 2

*Highest Scorers* : W. Griffiths, 12 ; G. Jones, 10.

*Colour Awards* :

3rd Award : R. Pritchard, W. Griffiths.

Re-Award : T. L. Powell, G. Jones, S. J. Gallagher.

Awards : M. Waters, D. J. Parry G. A. H. Thomas, E. M. Lewis.

## JUNIOR ELEVEN RESULTS.

1957	Opponents	Venue	Result	Score
Jan. 12th	Llandrindod	Away	Lost	8 — 0
Jan. 26th	Builth	Away	Won	7 — 1
Feb. 23rd	Llandrindod	Home	Drawn	1 — 1
March 2nd	Kington	Away	Lost	2 — 1
March 23rd	Kington	Away	Drawn	3 — 3
March 30th	Builth	Home	Lost	2 — 1
April 6th	Presteigne	Away	Lost	1 — 0

*Highest Scorer* : J. G. Tuthill, 6.

## HOUSE SOCCER, 1957.

Junior.					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Theophilus	... 3	3	—	—	6
Vaughan	... 3	1	1	1	3
Siddons	... 3	—	1	2	2
Gam	... 3	—	2	1	1
Middle					
Theo	... 3	1	—	2	4
Gam	... 3	2	1	—	4
Vaughan	... 3	1	1	1	3
Siddons	... 3	—	2	1	1
Senior.					
Gam	... 3	3	—	—	6
Vaughan	... 3	2	1	—	4
Theophilus	... 3	1	2	—	2
Siddons	... 3	—	3	—	0

Final Positions	Theophilus	... 12 points
	Gam	... 11 points
	Vaughan	... 10 points
	Siddons	... 3 points

W. GRIFFITHS, VI Sc.



## CRICKET, 1956.

Captain : O. J. Wallis. Vice-Captain : T. L. Powell.

Master : Mr. C. Giles.

### 1st XI RESULTS.

21st April	...	v.	Ystradgynlais. Away. Lost by 8 wickets. Brecon 66. Ystradgynlais 75 for 2.
28th April	...	v.	Aberdare. Away. Time Limit. Won by 21 runs. Aberdare 68 for 9. Brecon 89 for 5.
5th May	...	v.	Brynawr. Away. Time Limit. Lost by 8 wickets. Brecon 37. Brynawr 40 for 2.
12th May	...	v.	Aberdare. Home. Time limit. Lost by 6 wickets. Brecon 37. Aberdare 41 for 4.
23rd May	...	v.	Christ College 2nd XI. Away. Lost by 6 wickets. Brecon 47. Christ College 49 for 4.
26th May	...	v.	Brynawr. Home. Drawn. Brecon 80. Brynawr 74 for 8.
2nd June	...	v.	Llandrindod. Home. Lost by 7 wickets. Brecon 38. Llandrindod 40 for 3.
16th June	...	v.	Vaynor and Penderyn. Home. Time limit. Lost by 7 runs. Vaynor 68 for 7. Brecon 61 for 8.
30th June	...	v.	Llandrindod. Away. Lost by 55 runs. Llandrindod 98. Brecon 43.
3rd July	...	v.	Crickhowell Colts. Away. Drawn. Brecon 76 for 5 decl. Crickhowell 32 for 9.



SCHOOL CRICKET XI, 1956.

Mr. Aneurin Rees (Headmaster), G. Curtis, M. Waters, W. M. Jones, G. A. H. Thomas, G. Jones, M. Burr, D. G. Powell, Mr. C. Giles, G. Eckley, D. W. Pulling, B. S. Bell, O. J. Wallis (Capt.), D. J. A. Parry, D. A. Thomas, B. Hepton.

9th July	...	v.	Bridgend. Away. Lost by 8 wickets. Brecon 63. Bridgend 64 for 2.
10th July	...	v.	Old Boys. Home. Lost by 8 runs. Old Boys 60. School 52.
12th July	...	v.	Staff. Home. Won by 6 wickets. Staff 62. School 63 for 4.

This year the 1st XI were not so successful as usual, mainly because of the team's youthfulness and also because of some unaccountable lapses in fielding and batting. It is hoped that during the 1957 season this team will have developed and will show a considerable improvement.

We must extend our congratulations to the following boys :—  
T. L. Powell, D. W. Pulling, B. Hepton and D. A. Thomas on being chosen to represent the County.

### SCHOOL COLOURS.

Awards : O. J. Wallis, B. Hepton, D. J. A. Parry.  
Batting : D. J. A. Parry, 17.5 ; T. L. Powell, 9.8.  
Bowling : B. Hepton, 6.5 ; D. Pulling, 10 ; B. S. Bell, 8.

### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

1. Gam	...	71%	3. Vaughan	...	38%
2. Theophilus	...	54%	4. Siddons	...	33%

G. JONES, VI Science.

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### INDIVIDUAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

T. L. Powell ... Gam

### TOP TUNES.

Mr. H. W - l l - a - s	...	<i>Friendly Persuasion</i>
D. A. T - o - a s	...	<i>Don't ever leave me.</i>
Mr. C. G - l - s	...	<i>Cricket, lovely cricket.</i>
A. J. J - n - s	...	<i>I'm gonna rock this joint tonight.</i>
Mr. G. A - g - l l	...	<i>Look homeward, angel.</i>
R. B. W - l l - a - s	...	<i>Gone Fishing</i>
Mr. H. T - o - a s	...	<i>Rock with the caveman.</i>
E. M. L - w - s	...	<i>Cigarettes, and whisky and wild wild women.</i>
Mr. J. H. W - l l - a - s	...	<i>Get well, soon.</i>
I. G. Pr - s s - r	...	<i>Hen Wlad fy nhadau.</i>
Miss C. C - l p - c k	...	<i>Cindy, oh Cindy.</i>
Dr. Pr - c e	...	<i>Don't rock the doc. (adapted).</i>

THE MOB.



## COUNTY SPORTS.

THE Annual Championship Meeting of the Brecon and Radnor Secondary Schools Amateur Athletic Association was held on the School Field, Builth Wells, on Saturday, 7th July, 1956.

A heavy programme, in which twelve schools competed, was carried through without a hitch, largely because of fine organisation prior to the day of Meeting.

The School Athletics team this year, put up an excellent performance and in the Middle Section won the Shield. In the Senior they came second and the Juniors put up a creditable performance to come third. Individual performances were also good and we must thank Mr. R. Arthur for his help in preparing the competitors, as a result of which the standard of the school performances was raised considerably as the following results show.

### SENIOR.

100 yds.	1st A. Edwards	1 Mile	3rd I. L. James
220 yds.	1st A. Edwards	Relay	1st
440 yds.	3rd W. Griffiths	880 yds.	2nd R. Lucas.
120 yds. Hurdles	3rd D. A. Thomas	Long Jump	3rd J. A. Stroud
High Jump	4th R. Lucas	Weight	4th J. A. Stroud
Discus	3rd B. Pritchard	Pole Vault	3rd I. L. James
	Hop, Step and Jump	4th W. Griffiths	

### MIDDLE.

100 yds.	2nd R. S. Samuel (broke record in heats).		
220 yds.	1st R. S. Samuel	High Jump	3rd B. F. Adams
440 yds.	3rd B. F. Adams	Long Jump	3rd A. P. Richards
880 yds.	3rd G. A. H. Thomas	Pole Vault	4th D. Reardon
10 miles	3rd R. N. Speake	Javelin	2nd D. Evans
Weight	1st D. Lane	Discus	3rd D. Lane
	Hop, Step and Jump	1st E. M. Lewis.	

### JUNIOR.

100 yds.	2nd M. O. Jones	High Jump	2nd D. Gould
Weight	2nd D. Gould	Cricket Ball	2nd T. Thomas
Javelin	2nd T. Thomas	Relay	1st.

At the National Championship Meeting in Swansea, later in the month, no fewer than 8 Brecon boys were chosen to represent the County, namely, A. E. Edwards, who came first in the 220 yds. Middle; W. Griffiths, F. M. Lewis, D. Lane, R. Samuel, M. O. Jones, A. P. Richards, B. F. Adams

The achievement of A. Edwards in the 220 yds. Middle event deserves special notice as it is the first ever track event that Breconshire has won since the formation of the Brecon and Radnor Secondary Schools Amateur Athletic Association in 1946.

## ATHLETICS.

THE Annual School Sports took place on Thursday, 11th July, at the I.T.C. Sports Ground. We wish to thank Major G. Egerton for permission to use the Ground and also for having prepared it to suit the various events. We also wish to thank Mrs. A. Rees, wife of the Head Master, who presented the Staff Cup to the captain of the winning House. Thanks are due to Mr. R. Arthur, who organised the sports, and to the members of the Staff who assisted as officials, judges and recorders.

This year the House with most aggregate points was Theo. and R. Lucas received the trophy on behalf of the House.

New events were introduced this year and although these somewhat lengthened the programme they were accepted with great appreciation. Hurdles were introduced in all four classes and the pole vault was introduced into all classes except the Minor. The "weight" and Discus were introduced in the Junior section.

The standard of Athletics has risen somewhat in the School and in the 1956 Meeting nine records were either equalled or broken. Six new records were established in the Minor class which experienced its first year in Brecon. Mr. Arthur's expert advice undoubtedly boosted the standard of our athletics.

### MINOR RESULTS (New Age Group).

100 Yards. Record, 13.4 secs. R. Adams (T), 1956.  
1, R. Adams (T); 2, J. Bowles (S); 3, G. J. Williams (V).

Cricket Ball. Record 136ft. 11½ ins. B. Hicks (T), 1956.  
1, B. Hicks (T); 2, J. Bowles (S); 3, D. Jones (G).

High Jump. Record 3ft. 10ins. D. J. Jones (G), 1956.  
1, D. J. Jones (G); 2, G. James (G); 3, R. Adams (T).

Long Jump. Record 13ft. 1½ ins. J. Bowles (S), 1956.  
1, J. Bowles (S); 2, R. Adams (T); 3, D. Jones (G).

220 Yards. Record, 32.0 secs. R. Adams (T), 1956.  
1, R. Adams, 2, J. Bowles (S); 3, G. J. Williams (V).

Relay (4 x 110). Record 65.1 secs. Theo. 1956.  
1, Theo. 2, Siddons. 3, Gam.

### JUNIOR RESULTS.

100 Yards. Record 12.0 secs. R. S. Samuel (V), 1954.  
1, M. O. Jones (V); 2, T. Thomas (G); 3, J. D. Evans (T).  
Time 12.4 secs.

220 Yards. Record, 27.2 secs. B. F. Adams (T), 1955.  
1, T. Thomas (G); 2, M. O. Jones (V); 3, D. Gould (S).  
Time: 28.2 secs.



*High Jump.* Record, 4ft. 9ins. B. F. Adams (T), 1955.  
1. M. O. Jones (V) ; 2, D. Gould (S) ; 3, D. Powell (T).  
Height : 4ft. 4ins.

*Long Jump.* Record, 16ft. 1½ins. W. E. P. Price (V), 1951.  
1, T. Moses (T) ; 2, J. Pearson (V) ; 3, D. M. Gittins (T).  
Distance 13ft 11ins.

*Pole Vault.* Record 6ft 3ins. J. Pearson (V), 1956. New event.  
1, J. Pearson (V) ; 2, J. Jones (G) ; 3, D. Keddlle (G).

*75 Yards Hurdles.* Record, 12.8 secs. T. Moses (T), 1956. New event.  
1, T. Moses (T) ; 2, D. Price (G) ; 3, D. Rowley (S).

*Discus.* Record 76ft. D. Gould (S), 1956. New event.  
1, D. Gould (S) ; 2, D. Powell (T) ; 3, D. M. Gittins (T).

*Weight.* Record 38ft 6ins. D. Gould (S), 1956. New event.  
1. D. Gould (S) ; 2, R. Brown (G) ; 3, D. Powell (T).

*Javelin.* Record 103 ft 6½ins. W. M. Jones (V), 1955.  
1, T. Thomas (G) ; 2, R. Spencer (T) ; 3, C. Ottewell (S).  
Distance 111ft 3½ins.\*

*Relay.* Record 55.4 secs. Siddons, 1955.  
1, Theo. 2, Vaughan 3, Siddons. Time 55.5 secs.

#### INTER.

*100 Yards.* Record 11.3 secs. M. Styles (G), 1950 and K. S. Smith (V), 1940  
1, R. S. Samuel (V) ; 2, D. J. A. Parry (S) ; 3, D. Evans (T).  
Time 11.3 (equals record).

*220 Yards.* Record 25.5 secs. A. B. Ottewell, (S), 1952.  
1, R. S. Samuel (V) ; 2, B. F. Adams (T) ; 3, A. P. Richards (S).  
Time, 26.4 secs.

*440 Yards.* Record, 57.8 secs. J. G. Griffiths (V), 1949.  
1, G. A. H. Thomas (G) ; 2, B. F. Adams (T) ; 3, D. Lane (S).  
Time, 59.6 secs.

*880 Yards.* Record, 2 mins. 29.3 secs. R. Lucas, 1952.  
1, G. A. H. Thomas (V) ; 2, J. Miles (S) ; 3, B. Mayers (V).  
Time, 2 mins 20.5 secs.\*

*High Jump.* Record, 4ft. 10½ins. L. S. Davies (S), 1939.  
1, B. F. Adams (T) ; 2, R. M. Speake (V) ; 3, R. Prosser (V).  
Height, 4ft. 11 ins.\*

*Long Jump.* Record 19ft 2ins. A. B. Ottewell (S), 1951.  
1, A. P. Richards (S) ; 2, B. F. Adams (T) ; 3, E. M. Lewis (G).  
Distance, 16ft. 4ins.

*Hop, Step and Jump.* Record, 37ft. 11ins. L. D. Davies (V), 1951.  
1, E. M. Lewis (G) ; 2, R. Speake (V) ; 3, G. Jones (V).  
Distance 35ft. 1½ins.

*Weight.* Record, 41ft 8½ins. T. B. Millichip (S), 1954.  
1, D. Lane (S) ; 2, D. Evans (T) ; 3, G. A. H. Thomas (G).  
Distance, 43ft. 5ins.\*

*Javelin.* Record, 127ft. 7ins. B. P. Richards, 1951 (T).  
1, D. Evans (T) ; 2, G. P. Gittins (T) ; 3, J. Rowberry (G).  
Distance 109ft 1½ins.

*Discus.* Record, 102ft. B. P. Richards (T), 1950.  
1, D. Lane (S) ; 2, T. D. J. Davies (V) ; 3, G. C. Williams (G).  
Distance 116ft. 4½ins.\*

*110 Yards Hurdles.* Record, 17.3 secs. R. Speake (V), 1956. New event.  
1, R. S. Speake (V) ; 2, R. Rees (G) ; 3, J. Miles (G).  
Time, 17.3 secs.

*Pole Vault.* New event and new Record.  
1, D. Reardon (T) ; 2, S. J. Gallagher (S) ; 3, D. G. Powell (T).  
Height, 8ft. 1½ins.

#### SENIOR.

*100 Yards.* Record, 10.4 secs. W. D. J. Priday (V), 1935.  
1, A. Edwards (T) ; 2, W. G. Griffiths (V) ; 3, R. B. Williams (S).  
Time, 10.9 secs.

*220 Yards.* Record, 24.5 secs. W. P. Roderick (V), 1955.  
1, A. Edwards (T) ; 2, D. Taylor (T) ; 3, R. B. Williams (S).  
Time, 24.7 secs.

*120 Yards Hurdles.* Record 18.4 secs. D. A. Thomas (S), 1956. New event  
1, D. A. Thomas (S) ; 2, J. Wallis (T).

*440 Yards.* Record, 56 secs. K. T. Smith (V), 1946.  
1, J. Stroud (T) ; 2, W. Griffiths (V) ; 3, J. Taylor (T).  
Time, 56.4 secs.

*880 Yards.* Record, 2 mins. 16.7 secs. R. Lucas (T), 1955.  
1, R. Lucas (T) ; 2, I. G. Prosser (V) ; 3, C. B. Like (G).  
Time, 2 mins. 13.4 secs.\*

*1 Mile.* Record, 5 mins. 7 secs. I. R. Davies (V), 1953.  
1, I. J. James (S) ; 2, R. Pritchard (V) ; 3, T. Williams (V).  
Time, 5 mins. 38 secs.

*Javelin.* Record, 140ft. 5½ins. W. D. Vincent (G), 1955.  
1, R. Lucas (T) ; 2, B. Pritchard (V) ; 3, D. T. Lewis (T).  
Distance 114ft. 1½ins.

*Discus.* Record, 98ft 2½ins. B. T. Williams (S), 1955.  
1, J. Stroud (T) ; 2, B. Pritchard (V) ; 3, D. I. Thomas (V).  
Distance, 92ft. 2½ins.

*Weight.* Record, 36ft. 6½ins. T. B. Millichap (S), 1954.  
1, J. Taylor (T) ; 2, B. Pritchard (V) ; 3, R. Pritchard (V).  
Distance, 31ft. 7 ins.

*High Jump.* Record, 5ft. 2½ins. R. Lucas (T), 1955.  
1, R. Lucas (T) ; 2, W. Griffiths (V) ; 3, J. Wallis (T).  
Height, 5ft. 3ins.

*Long Jump.* Record, 19ft. 8½ins. K. T. Smith (V), 1946.  
1, J. Stroud (T) ; 2, B. Pritchard (V) ; 3, T. L. Powell (G).  
Distance, 17ft 8ins.

*Hop, Step and Jump.* Record, 40ft 2ins. T. K. Jones (V), 1950.  
1, J. Stroud (T) ; 2, W. Griffiths (V) ; 3, I. L. James (S).  
Distance, 36ft. 9½ins.

*Pole Vault.* Record, 8ft 2ins. I. L. James (S), 1956.  
1, I. L. James (S) ; 2, I. G. Prosser (V) ; 3, D. T. Lewis (T).  
Height, 8ft. 2ins.

*Relay.* Record, 50.5 secs. Vaughan, 1955.  
1. Theo. 2, Vaughan. 3, Siddons.  
Time 48.8 secs.\*



## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES.

### BADMINTON CLUB.

*Club Motto : Windsor hit his head on the wall bars.*

CAPTAIN : T. L. POWELL.

SECRETARY : G. A. H. THOMAS.

THIS year the standard of Badminton has improved considerably and it was hoped to play matches against other schools and outside clubs, but for various reasons only one game was played. This resulted in our beating the Girls' School, 9—0.

The School Badminton Championship was won by T. L. Powell with G. A. H. Thomas as runner-up.

### FILM CLUB.

SECRETARY : R. B. WILLIAMS.

THIS year the Film Club seems to have gone into hibernation, for it showed no films of its own. It did, however, show a school film, "Tom Brown's Schooldays," which met with great success at all levels of the school. This film, which starred the late Robert Newton as Dr. Arnold, is, as most of you know, the portrait of life in a big public school during the first half of the 19th century. After seeing the film the scholars of the B.B.C.G.S. decided that school conditions today were so much better than those portrayed in the film that they went about in a rosy daze for nearly a week rejoicing in their good fortune.

### Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG.

CHAIRMAN : D. T. LEWIS.

THE Society has held two meetings.

The first meeting took the form of a debate. The motion before the Society was "The Welsh language is dying." R. W. Parry and C. A. Lewis spoke in defence of the motion and M. R. Burr and E. T. Morgan opposed it. When the vote was taken at the end it was found that the motion had been carried by a small majority.

A film called "Y Noson Lawen" was shown at the second meeting.

In October the members of the Society went to Aberystwyth and were shown around the Welsh National Library by Mr. Bryn Williams to whom we extend our thanks.

A branch of the Urdd has been set up in the School by Mr. Dewi Davies. It is pleasing to note that most of the members of this Society have joined the Urdd.

## SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT : MR. C. E. G. RODERICK.

CHAIRMAN : G. JONES.

SECRETARY : W. GRIFFITHS.

THIS was probably the most successful school society this year. The following are among the outstanding meetings :—

23rd February, 1957.—Mr. J. Morgan, retiring president, addressed the meeting on "Water."

8th March, 1957.—A party of about thirty members visited Teddington Aircraft Controls at Cefn Coed. This visit was very much appreciated.

22nd March, 1957.—Three scientific films were shown.

It is hoped that the present enthusiasm for this society will continue.

### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

THIS year the Literary and Debating Society commanded such a large following that it had to be divided into two sections. The discussions of both sections were characterised by keen enthusiasm which was little to be wondered at in view of the controversial nature of the topics which consisted of the following :

The first group discussed :

"Rock and Roll is a cause of juvenile delinquency."

"Capital punishment should be retained."

"Blood sports should be abolished."

The second group discussed :

"We deplore the growing influence of America on this country."

"The British Press is an enemy to truth."

### Answers to "DO YOU KNOW".

- 1, Explorer.      2, Rookery.      3, 1844.      4, Corn Du and Cribyn.
- 5, Socrates.
- 6, United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organisation.
- 7, Coniferous trees.      8, French West Africa.
- 9, Peter Sellars.      10, Peter Twist.



## CWRS Y CILGWYN.

TREF fechan sy'n ceisio ymguddio ar lannau'r afon Emlyn, heb fod ymhell o'r Afon Teifi yw Castell Newydd Emyln. Rhanna'r afon Emlyn y dref yn ddwy, un hanner yn Sir Aberteifi, a'r llall yn Sir Gaerfyrddin. Yn edrych i lawr o fryncyn yn y naill Sir, ar y Castell yn y Sir arall y mae hen blas urddasol ag iddo olygfa hyfryd o'r holl dref. Dyma'r Cilgwyn.

Wrth gerdded i mewn dryw'r hen gynteddau gallwn synhwyro henaint o'm hamgylch. Bron na allwn glywed llais dwfn yr hen ysgwier Fitzwilliam a sibrwd y sidan pan gerddai 'i wraig drwy'r ystafelloedd. Ond diflannodd y meddyliau hyn yn fuan, pan glywais leisiau ieuainc a mwy modern o lawer yn taro ar furiau's hen ystafelloedd; ac yn union wedi hynny, yr oeddwn i yn eu canol, yn siarad a chwerthin yn neuadd fawr y plas, a Fitzwilliam ei hun yn edrych i lawr arnom o fur yr ystafell. Yr oeddwn wedi cyrraedd.

Yn gyntaf fe'n croesawyd ni gan y Dr. Henry Lewis, a chyn bo hir yr oeddem i gyd yn adnabod ein gilydd, ac yn barod i fwynhau'r Cwrs. Rhannwyd y Cwrs yn dri chylch, sef - y cylch Barddoni, cylch y Ddrama, a chylch y Cydadrodd. Yr oedd gwaith y cylchoedd yn mynd ymlaen drwy'r wythnos, ond weithiau, fodd bynnag, cawsom ddarlithiau ar nifer o bynciau diddorol.

Gwnaeth yr Athro Thomas Jones y Mabinogion yn fyw iawn inni. Fe fu'r Dr. Kate Roberts wrthi'n bysur yn esbonio crefft y Stori Fer, a chawsom nifer o ddarlithiau diddorol eraill.

Yn yr hwyr cawsom sbri a llawenydd trwy gynnal Noson Lawen, Eisteddfod, Dawnsio Gwerin, neu ryw ganu gyda'n gilydd o amgylch y piano.

Yr oedd yn brofiad newydd i mi i symud ymhlith nifer o fechgyn a merched ieuainc nad oeddynt yn siarad yr un iaith ond y Gymraeg ar y Cwrs. Yn y Cilgwyn cefais y ffrainc o fod newm awyrgylch hollol Gymreig, i ymuno a phethau Cymreig a hefyd i gael cipolwg ar hen ddiwylliant Cymru. Wrth ymadael a'r Cilgwyn teimlais ryw ddiddordeb newydd ym mhethau Cymreig; a phe gofynnai rhywun i mi, "Beth yw'r achos am hyn?" byddai'n rhaid imi ddweud, "Asbri'r Cilgwyn, wrth gwrs."

D. T. LEWIS, VIa.

## THE DAY I BOUGHT A PREMIUM BOND.

One day as sitting down to tea,  
I read the "Evening News"  
And in between my crumbs and drink  
I learned the paper's views.

One little item caught my eye,  
An ad. for Premium Bonds;  
One thousand pounds came floating down  
While wizards waved their wands.

The lucky man his fortune saw,  
And cried aloud in joy,  
"Now thanks, to this, I'm made for life  
Hooray, and Mac's the boy!"

This little story caught my eye  
And with a bound I jumped  
For hat and coat, out to the bank  
Upon the door I thumped.

But all in vain; the Bank was closed,  
And so I went away,  
And after eight long sleepless hours  
Again returned next day.

Three score I bought and took them home,  
To hide inside the house,  
(Tho' when I later looked for them,  
They'd been gnawed by a mouse).

It's mattered little yet. So far,  
My number's not turned up,  
And now that thousands have been bought  
There's not much chance of luck.

To those who think of buying one,  
I offer this advice,  
Don't waste your cash, go out to town,  
Buy something really nice.

G. S. PORTE.



### FISH AND CHIPS.

Fish and chips I love to eat,  
While sitting on the garden seat.  
They have a most delicious taste  
And not a morsel do I waste.

Across the way, there is a shop,  
Where all we rascals daily stop.  
Old Mr. Price doles out his chips,  
Midst sound of many smacking lips.

"Throw us the salt," cries old Big Ben ;  
Not quite so fast," shouts Jenny Wren ;  
"Here's the vinegar—now not too much,  
Else spoilt they'll be," bawled slim Sue Hutch.

Then "hush" there is, and all is still,  
Whilst all of us pay up our bill  
Then out of doors each gaily skips  
With just one fish and six of chips.

To the garden seat I wend my way,  
And eat and eat 'til skies turn grey,  
For, as you know, I love to eat  
Fish and chips on the garden seat.

G. H. JONES.

### OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

MUCH of the information given in these notes has already appeared in the Annual Report, but it is felt that the repetition here is worthwhile as the magazine has a wide circulation amongst those who will in future become members of the Association.



*This Year's President : MR. F. BEVERLEY JONES.*

The Seventh Annual General Meeting was held at the Cafe Royal, Brecon, on Friday, 27th January, 1957, when Mr. G. W. Davies, J.P., presided. At this meeting the following officers and committee members were elected :—President, Mr. F. Beverley Jones ; Vice-President, Mr. W. B. Hargest ; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. C. Jones ; Assistant Secretary, Mr. D. G. A. Smith ; Honorary Auditor, Mr. E. I. Rowlands. Committee members :—Alderman G. Morris, Messrs. O. V. Owen, E. I. Rowlands, T. G. Winstone, B. R. C. Williams, W. M. Peters, W. I. Jones, J.P., W. J. J. Morris, A. R. Williams, G. Poole, C. B. Palmer, F. M. Thomas, L. S. Davies, E. B. Powell, M.B.E., P. Davies. Ex-Officio : G. W. Davies, J.P., L. R. Williams.



At the first meeting of the Committee, Mr. G. Poole was elected Chairman and Mr. T. G. Winstone vice-chairman.

At the meeting, the Headmaster, Mr. Aneurin Rees, remarked that there was only one trophy available in the School for the athletic sports, and said that he would like if possible to have a trophy to be awarded to the junior and middle sections. Mr. G. W. Davies, the retiring President, at once offered to present a cup for the junior competition. This generous offer was gratefully accepted by the Headmaster.

It is pleasant to record that the gap in the middle competition has also been filled. Mr. D. J. Powell, now of Abergavenny, has also very generously donated a cup to the School. Mr. Powell is not an Old Boy of the School but can claim the distinction of having had up to the present four sons and one grandson at the School. One, Mr. E. B. Powell, is of course an active member of the Committee of the Association.

The Eighth Annual Dinner was held at the Cafe Royal, Brecon, on Saturday, 17th April, 1957. The guests this year were His Worship the Mayor of Brecon (Alderman W. J. Bevan, J.P.), Alderman Tudor Watkins, M.P., Mr. Robert Pritchard (Head Boy), and Mr. John Morgan (Editor of the "Brecon and Radnor Express.") The success of the dinner was for a short while in jeopardy, as Mr. Alun Williams, the principal guest, was forced to cancel his engagement. At only a few hours' notice Alderman Tudor Watkins consented to speak at the dinner, which was as a result as successful as usual. We should like to record here our most sincere thanks to Mr. Watkins for his courtesy.

In September, 1956, the Association's presentation to Mr. Prosser Roberts was made at a social evening held at the School. This was followed a week later by a dance held at the Castle of Brecon Hotel in conjunction with the Old Girls' Association.

In football and cricket the Association's matches against the School continued the victorious progress of the very good teams fielded by the Association in the previous year. In July, 1956, the Old Boys' Cricket XI, led by Mr. W. P. Thomas, beat the School XI by 8 runs. One of the umpires for the match was the Vice-President, Mr. F. Beverley Jones. As President for 1957, Mr. Jones kicked-off at the football match played against the School on 10th April, 1957. Once again the Old Boys' team showed great skill and beat the School XI by five goals to two.

At these matches and at the School Sports the Association was represented by the President and other officers, including the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. L. R. Williams.

At the Armistice Day Service, held at the School, the Rev. D. G. G. Davies conducted the prayers and the President, Mr. G. W. Davies, laid a wreath of poppies on the Memorial Tablet.

In December, 1956, the President and other members attended the School Carol Service which was held at Bethel Chapel.

The attendance of Old Boys at such functions as these serves to strengthen the bonds between the School and the Association. We should like to thank all those members who were able to be present at such affairs.

As many members are aware the new school buildings at Penlan should be ready for occupation in September next year. The Committee will, during the course of this year, discuss ways and means of marking the beginning of this new phase in the life of the School. We sincerely hope that all members will actively support any activities that may be arranged.

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#### NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

We wish to congratulate

Mr. I. E. R. Morgan (1909—1911) on being elected, for the second time, Mayor of the Borough of Brecon.

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V. Howells is at present Senior Mathematics Master at Botley County School, Oxford.

D. P. Morgan is now teaching at Shard End, Birmingham, after qualifying at Caerleon Training College. He is the first Old Boy to study at Caerleon for a number of years.

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#### PERSONAL.

##### MARRIAGES :

D. J. Dacey to Miss Avril Bulmer, on 1st September, 1956, at St. Peter's Church, Stockton-on-Tees.

J. Davies to Miss Gloria Dacey, on 13th October, 1956 at St. David's Church, Brecon.

C. Hawker to Miss Peggy Probert, on 30th March, 1957, at Llan-gorse Church.

V. Howells to Miss Elaine Watterson, on 2nd January, 1957, at Onchan Church, Isle of Man.

A. B. Winstone to Miss Dilys H. Pryse Jones, on 11th August, 1956, at Bethel Church, Brecon.



#### BIRTHS :

To B. and Mrs. Devereux, on 18th January, 1957, twin daughters, Lynne and Julie.

To A. A. and Mrs. Jones, on 17th October, 1956, a son Glyn Simon.

To G. B. and Mrs. Jones, on 14th December, 1956, a son, Christopher Neil.

To J. D. E. and Mrs. Jones, on 9th April, 1957, a son Laurence Duncan James.

To T. J. and Mrs. Jones, on 9th April, 1956, a daughter, Nicola.

To W. V. and Mrs. Morris, on 6th July, 1956, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann.

#### ENGAGEMENTS :

D. P. Morgan to Miss Marion Sutherland, of Sketty, Swansea.

#### DEATHS :

We regret to record the deaths of three members.

Mr. W. V. Jones, died on 6th March, 1957, at Crickhowell Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Garfield Powell, died on 23rd March, 1956, at Cardiff Royal Infirmary.

Dr. W. S. Russell Thomas, died on 21st March, 1957.

#### Members who have joined since 31st March, 1956.

G. Angell (Staff)

B. Bell (1953-56)

G. R. Davies (1951-56)

W. Devereux (1947-50)

G. J. Evans (1950-1956)

P. O. Evans (1947-54)

C. Giles (Staff)

D. James (1949-56)

C. B. Like (1949-56)

J. I. Morgan (

D. J. A. Parry (1951-56)

K. Jones (1951-56)

C. V. Pierce (1923-27)

I. Pugh

D. W. Pulling (1950-56)

C. E. Roderick (Staff)

J. F. Stroud (1950-56)

J. Taylor (1948-56)

D. I. Thomas (1949-56)

J. D. H. Thomas (Staff)

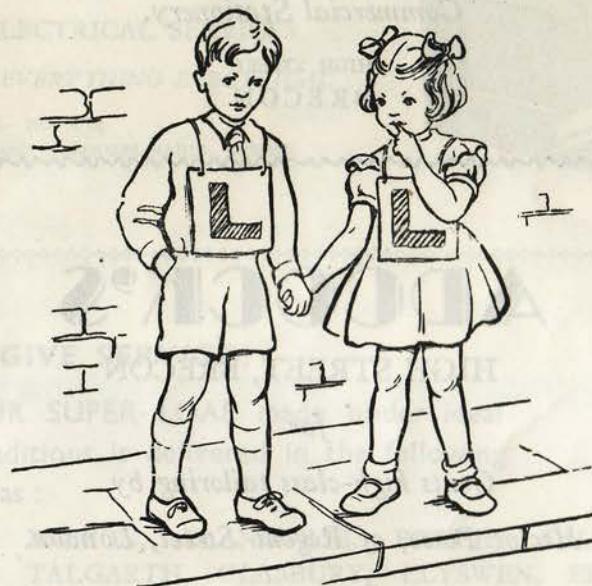
O. J. Wallis (1951-56)

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